Pittsfield June 23' 48

O Cornell Esqr

Dear Sir

At this moment received a
a letter from J. C. Wildman Esqr of Danbury Conn
stateing that they (meaning himself and two others) had
succeeded in raising the subscription to the Stock of the
Conn. & V. V. Rail Company to $1200 and that he did
not believe that that amount could be increased

Please inform me whether
the $1200 shall or shall not be accepted and they
notified whenever a call for a meeting takes place

Things look squally
here in many respects as I am out of funds or at least
not sufficient to pay my bill here and nothing doing
in the way of Subscriptions

Let me hear from
you as soon as possible

Yours truly & sincerely
Your Obt Servt
Olin E. Allen

S. Cornell Esq
Troy N.Y.

P.S. Nothing as yet from Williamstown

Allen

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PITTSFIELD
JUN
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Mass.

E. Cornell. Esqr
Troy
N.Yk

O.C. Allen
24. June 48

Detroit 23d June 1848

Dear Sir

I send yours of the 18th from Troy today, and altho I know that Kendall had no right to make an arrangement with the "Pirates" as he calls them, still I confess that your letter has relieved my mind, for as the man said by the bull, "I don't not what the devil, critter may do". Kendall may make admissions to O'Reilly, and recognise his illegal proceedings in such a way as to prejudice Smith's Cause, when the trial comes on: but he has said so much in print, that I think he will hardly dare to turn Judas now, and as to his making any bargain with Fenton, to surrender our building the N.Y. & Erie line, it is out of the question - the papers which you and I witnessed in New York, settle that matter.

You say we had better adjourn our meeting, as we cannot complete the line in time. It may be so: but we dare come might meet it, if the line servicing this work. The meeting was adjourned to the 1st Wednesday in July

by the Stockholders, and I doubt the right of the Trustees to make an other adjournment. The only way in which it can be done, will be to meet on the day appointed, and then adjourn. Which we can do. and if neither you or Smith are here, we will adjourn until Wednesday the 13th that is, for one week. I hope you and Smith will both be here, one of you must be. I have been waiting two days for word to return from the West: but he does not come. I will go on Monday back to Ohio, and will fight our way through without drawing on you: but the way I get down for pity's sake would be annoying, if I was not used it. Habit is second nature. Chew tobacco it would make you sick-

Your reasoning in favour of Mills is sound reason, and good morality, and altho Howard decided as I vote you, I have continued Mills in the office at Milwaukee, and intended to send him to Sandusky City as soon as we reach there. I believe his assertions is sincere.

The Money market will grow better very soon, and Money will be abundant in the fall. Could we even get an decision agt. the OR tube, we

Cortes command all the means we want—
You do not say one word about Sewards
movements, or the cause of the delay. What
is Smith thinking of? What is the object
in getting an other Contract, or a new
Specification? How long will it take?
Why dont Smith write me? I have written
him a dozen letters and never am reply—
ing he seems about the Store dept?
I know nothing else about which to
complain—
Wilson has drawn on me for fifty days
which I must pay the 15th inst. He is
fighting the Indians as well as any one
possibly could: but I fear that he will
not be able to get any Stock taken by
us. I have Enclosed a letter rec'd from
him today, which you can forward
to Smith if you think best.

Yours truly

J. D. Speed Jr

Mr E. Cornell
Troy

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G. Abbott
23 Jan 1880

The Bell lightning has troubles us two days of this week all day. besides two breaks between Kalamazoo and Mich City.

When our line was finished, all the brush was cut away which was any menace to it: but it has proven of this Storm so as to kill in many places: and we have considerable chopping to do, to clear the line, so as to make it work well in a wet day — Would not the Gutta Percha Coating, on a small wire, make a better line than a large wire unprotected? The Coating would add much to the strength of the wire — dispense with caps — cure the wicked lightning & save cutting shade trees. Had you not better examine the matter before building 30 miles?

Portland June 24 46

Dear Mr.

As my return last evening I found your letter awaiting Mr. Dow. I have re-written it to correct some errors & simply fully all you need & enclose it to you.

I know not what is the foundation of the Pirates story of a settlement. Most writers rise about it with expressions of suspicion & abhorrence.

I have no doubt the gutta percha is a perfect insulator - But the utmost care is needed to put it on - for of course a pin hole defeats de- [illegible] the whole - like a pin hole in the heart of a man.

I enclose you a charter that you may organize under in Massachusetts, which I hold the control of - & has cost me to organize, and keep alive about $150 - It does give the right of way - but it protects your parts when up, & takes away personal liability except as in ordinary corpora-

tions - You can have this charter if deemed necessary, by refunding my expenses - & I think if the Coy. be incorporated, I can get Windsor to take his share of stock, if we can't get money. I have got him to do so with Halifax Line -

The R.R. Coy. (Lot. R.) are hostile, because I wont severously to them. I have offered the line me will from Worcester to Sy. at 150 per mile, & make it a side line - would it not be well for you to take it up at that price, & run your line from Pittsfield to Sy. - & thus bring into you and both the Pittsfield influence & the R.R. Influence? I will then keep up your connection with N. York - at Springfield, & with Boston at Worcester? I will turn it in & take stock in your company for it at $200 per mile -

& thus unite all interests - R.R. road - Pittsfield & our own - You will then connect at Worcester & at Springfield, on the terms we have agreed heretofore for a single connexion at Bridgeport. In this way, I doubt not you can get Pittsfield to route with you, & also R.R. Coy. - Barnes, I think, will jump at the chance & secure all the lines thereby, that he wants - It will be a capital arrangement all round. Only you must not forget, in shaping the arrangement between your Canada & Vt. Coy. & ours, you make the agreement & rights reciprocal & equal - & not leave it for the Canada Coy. to take outward Cons. from the Buffalo line, starting from N.Y. - & thus cutting us out of outward business, while it seems to itself all inward business in return over our line free of charge. The terms & obligations must be mutual & exclusive, while the lines are in working order. Yours truly T. D. Smith

E. Connell Coy

Erie June 24—1848=

My dear Sir I have a little Spare time to see to matters now and I that as you ware at the east that you mould be mare likely to now Sam thing about yans money and if you can get it it will oblige me verry much. I hav Paid the other man for his help and I think know you are intitled to pay me immediately of not I will see if there is not A way to compell men to be punctual I had the contract an my part fullfill one day before the time expired and you are some time behined look at the matter your self

Edwin Willis

Edwin Willis
24 Jan 1868
to E. B. Cornell

Rochester June 25-th 1848
6 o'clock P.M.

Most Dear Bro. Sister

As I have an opportunity to write a few words by Mr Gilbert (Auburn) I will improve it with the hope that you will rec.d it to-morrow & that it will contain more particulars than you will get by Telegraph — I arrived here at 5 P.M. yesterday and found Ed in a more comfortable situation than I was expecting to find him — His fever is now checked and although his mind is still in a very bad state it is more quiet than since he was taken sick — His nervous system is very much agitated but it appears to get every hour more steady and less tremulous — He does not yet think that he has rested or slept any since he was taken sick but ~~last~~ he was in a disturbed sleep nearly the whole of last night. We think he will recover unless some unexpected change should take place but the nature of his disease is such that it must be many weeks and indeed I do not think you need

expect to see him at home for a long time — And I presume all will be in favor of his not returning again to his business — I am not sure where he will return to Canada but now think I shall not go until he is quite out of danger and his mind in a better state — although my business never required my attention more than at present as a/c of 4 of us being called off by sickness. ——

In consequence of having been in such a wretched state of suspense about Otis I have reflected but little upon the subject to which you called my attention in Montreal but might do if M.L. and family should have their health so that he could give it his attention. It can be so managed, I am sure as to pay expenses and a handsome interest. —— If they should not be well to attend to it I fear it would increase your business & cares too much although you might perhaps get a good man to take charge of it —

Mother wishes you to say to Sisters Emily & Cara not to undertake to do too much work rather let it go undone than take the risk of making themselves sick — Mother will undoubtedly be obliged to remain here for some weeks. —

You need not borrow trouble about Otis as I hope in a few days we will be able to report him quite out of danger — He is very restless and has to be turned from one side of the bed to the other continually — It is too dark to see my writing longer & I will close.

Yours with the most affectionate regards
O. S. Rose

O. S. Wood
25 June 1918

Ft Reno
June 25th 1868

Dear Cornell, I left Rion du
Loup last night but up & left
him Butler was shoeing, I saw
him to day 46 Miles from Loup.
he will soon be up any time any
Wednesday next & on Friday night
or Saturday at latest he shall be
finished up above R. du L. Thanks to
our maker - I gave B $100. to begin on
at P. L. & found him to day with $14. on left
of it - His party has been detained with lame
Boles &c I wish you to acquaint your
Father I am in want of a draft for $2,000
before I attempt leaving R du L. I have
now barely money enough to finish this
part - Unless the draft does come this
week he shall be obliged to stay at R du L
14 Men of us until it does - I hope therefore
you will not delay sending him word -
Why dont you answer my letter of last Sabbath?

Or are you waiting for something
new or is your time all taken up
with the damsels at St Johns —
I have rode 95 Miles to day in a tobaggon
& am very tired Or excuse if I draw
to a close. I have not heard from 2
since I left. Do come down & bring my
Rib along with you — I dont forget
draft — Love to all
Not forgetting O. S. + Miss W —
+ Hendrick —
H. W. G. is in a great stew for his
Batteries do send him a letter at
R. du L. Pidgeons are scarce
Please bring me a Br of Cutting Pliers
+ hand Vice — Yours Everlastingly
Isaac H. Cutter
Do write soon if
you are not on duty —
Or soon to be

J H Cutter
St Rocks June 25 48

Telegraph Office
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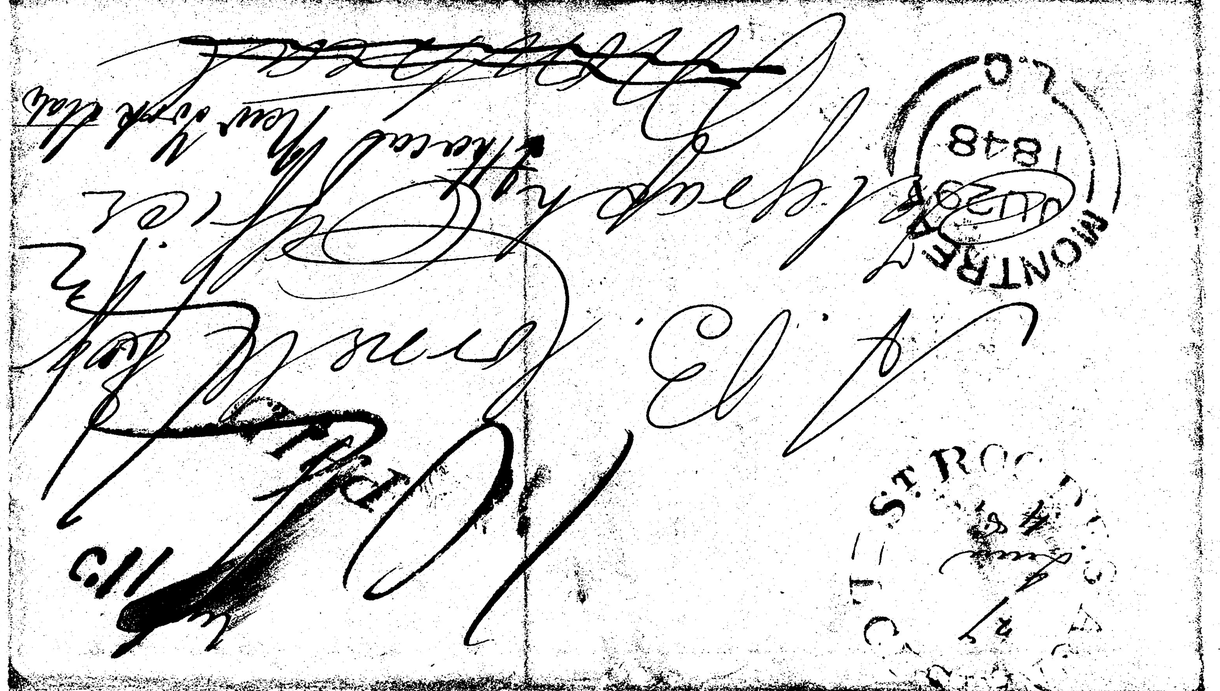
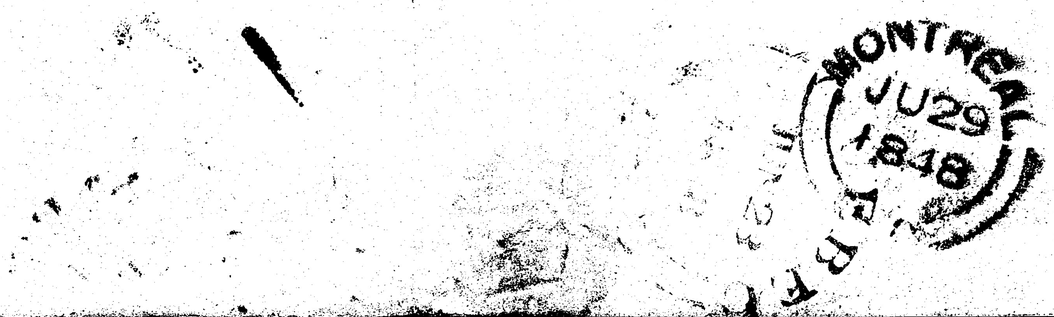






Jefferson June 26. 1848

Dear Sir

I understand that Mr Turrell has been making application for the Telegraph office at this place and intends taking the office down the Street further than we wish to have it,

When Mr Humphrey was here I believe when you was here it was understood that the office should be kept in the Post office room. which will be the most convenient room in the place,

The P M. is quite willing to have it in his office and thinks will qualify himself to take charge of it

I have more interest in this matter than any other one in this place and cannot wish to do any thing that would injure the Co in any way

I hope you will let me know before the office is located. as it would not meet the wishes of those wishing to located other than in the P. Office room and I feel under obligations to him in this matter as he furnishes the funds. without which we could not have had an office here. and I wish to please him in this matter as far as can be done consistently with the interests of the Com'y

I write to you about this matter as your are better acequainted with this matter and our place that the Trustees and ask you influence with them Respectfully Yours &c

Orlando Hurd

Orlando Hurd
26 June 1815

Salem June 26. 1848.

Dear Sir,

I accomplished nothing last week that is, nothing in the way of results, After we parted at Schuylerville I visited Glenn's Falls & Sandy Hill, But I found very much to my disappointment that the minds of the people in those places were not prepared for the project, I believe however that I succeded in interesting several gent in those villages in the enterprize who will do all in their power to forward it — I was taken sick & obliged to leave unexpectedly, I am quite unwell to day, I returned by the way of Schuylerville — I had energy enough to call upon Mr Dillingham, He informed me, that there were 3 or 4 Gentlemen, residing in the place, that they had been unable to see, on account of their absence from home, that they would be at home early this week, & that then they would determin the matter, & inform me thereof —

I will write you again this week

Yours respectfully

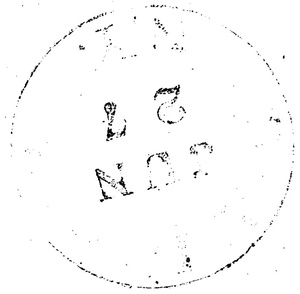
John A. McFarland —

Prof Ezra Cornell Esqr
Ithaca,

J. H. McFarland
27 June 1848

Ezra Cornell Esqr.
Ithaca
Tompkins Co.
New York





BANK OF POULTNEY,

WEST POULTNEY, VT., June 26 1848.

E Bowell Esq.

Sir,

The amount of funds to the credit of Le Ray Mowry Esq Trustee of the Troy & Whitehall Turnpike Co and subject to his order is Seven Hundred fifty Dollars — $750

Thomas H Lee

Wm Mowry

Cash

Your Obedient Servant,

Cashier.

M. Clark
Pottery
27 July 1848

Ezra Cornell Esq
Office
N.Y.

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Answered July 3 – 1848 &
Sent Note for $100 – payable
at the Bank of Troy at 90 days from 21st June 1848

Mr Ezra. Cornell

Dr Sir

I was very much disappointed in not seeing you when upon here yesterday. You must have known that I wished to see you on this as I told you when I last see you of the importance of my having some means immediately.

I have been told that you will not use these parts again in some time, that your business will call you as far away before you return, therefore on the receipt of this I hope you will enclose me your note payable at some Bank in this city, to the order of Eddy & Mann at sixty or ninety days. Please attend to this matter as it is of the utmost importance to me – I do not fix the amt. I will leave that to you as you know the time & the family affected – I hope this will meet the attention that I will always be ready to give any request from you

Yours truly
Geo W Adams

Pittsfield June 26 '48

Dear Sir

In prospect at this point as yet is quite dull and I have but little confidence in getting even $3000 yet I am bound to try it on thoroughly and see what the final result may be—

In case I do not succeed in obtaining the requisite amount here I shall call the meeting at Lenox six miles from this place and instead of the 7th I shall be compelled to make the time the 11th of July and would not miss having you attend upon any account. You will see the necessity of doing so when it is expected by all of the subscribers that they will have an opportunity at that time of conferring with you

This point will be as readily reached on Pittsfield for when you arrive at Pittsfield all you will have to do will be to step into the Stage and ride down to Lenox. Although there is a bare possibility of Pittsfield being the meeting point yet

I am in Haste

Your Obt Servt
Elvin E Allen

D. Ewell
Troy N.Y.

P.S write me immediately

O. E. Allen
26 June 1848

New York June 26. 1868

Mr Cornell.

Dear Sir

We find on signing among the
line men that we can furnish you English wire
No 10. at the price you have named 7¼ - it is about
the same weight - and if you would give it the preference
write us on receipt of this.
The Screw Company will fill your order at 7¼.
Mr Bell leaves this afternoon for Buffalo -

Yours truly
Wells & Co

P.S. Since you a letter which was left in
this Office - for you

Wells & Co &
H. Wells —
26 June 1848

Erie and Michigan Telegraph Office, Apollo Hall.

FROM BUFFALO TO MILWAUKIE.

By Telegraph from

June 2 / 1848, 6 o'clock A M.

To Dear Ezra Cleveland.

Yours from the Steamer "~~Ithaca~~" duly rcvd. Yesterday was a day of serious perplexity. I dont think my patient has been more thoroughly tried in a year. But now I am entirely by God & feel it my duty as requested to inform you that this Line is losing credit at a rapid rate so long as McAllen is the man to send Resp. When I am doing my utmost to get it out fast. then ask him to repeat - he is by far to petulent. imprudent. indesreedent. uncouth. profane. & unequalled for lan

George & Steph are middle of Ref
when Eds are in great hurry to go
press to spin out long talk. We
I am ashamed & disgusted. I
have tried to forward our hum to
not use such expressions, but
he replies that "that is my
own privilege" I am pleas-
antly situated here. & business
fair. Cash rets averaging $5 or $6 p.
day, but Ref business goes ex-
ceedingly unpleasant.
The other boy will prob
ably not find fault with him
to you as they fear of losing their
situations being new beginners
Pray let something be done
by
Yours truly in haste
J Duncan

Pittsfield June 27'48

Dear Sir

Your of the 24th inst dated at Troy I received last evening in which I found remittance of $20. & for which I am much obliged

In day I am preparing notices for the meeting which will take place at Lenox. 6. miles from this on the 11th day of July instead of the 7th as I could not arrange business so as to make the Call earlier than the 11th and be as well prepared

I sincerely hope and ~~shall~~ expect that you will attend without fail for I conceive your presence to be very important to assist in making the arrangements for the Construction of the Line

You ask the reason of my not writing what had been done at this place & in answer I would say that the only reason I can assign is that there has been nothing done worth reporting — The subscription stood last evening at $12111 with a prospect of it being increased somewhat to day — I gave the Book to Mr Russel last evening to circulate amongst his friends & those who he thinks he can influence and shall wait patiently hoping to see a pleasing result — I do not see that I can go below until after the meeting & I cannot now see that there will be any necessity of it from the fact that after the Line is in progress of Construction it will have an influence upon other places & this liquor

You do not say which way you go from Ithaca but wish me to write so that you can hear from me before leaving.

I repeat again that I hope you will not fail to be on hand at the meeting at Genoa the 11th of July.

If you can conveniently call and see my folks I wish you would do so and inform my wife that the Note is paid & that I shall be home some time if ever.

Enclosed please find form of notice which I believe conforms in all respects to the Statute of Association

Yours Truly

C. E. Allen

H. E. Ithaca

N. Y.



JUN 27 Mass.

Cornell Esqr
Ithaca
Tompkins Co
N.Y.

O. E. Allen
June 29-1838

Burlington June 27. 1848

Dear Sir I have just returned from the South & find your letter of 23 June — I am surprised to find you are laboring under such a mistake in regard to my act — I think if you will see Stone he will explain to you the whole matter As to an order you speak of as having been given by J. Stones I know nothing of — if any way I am to pay over collected any money from you then on my act against you I never did — Mr. Stone will inform you that he paid me for his board & also Mr. Holmes from Ithaca paid me for his which he will inform you of & tell you my act is for every bill while at work south of this place & also north of this place & drawing cash from the dock except a small act of board but Jotham Sutton — You can if you please forward me a check of the amount by directing to Professor Benedict

Yours Respectfully

R. M. Adams

C. Cornell Esq

Troy June 28 /48

E. Connell

Dr Sir

We have got nearly through Lansingburg with poles, to day will take us to the turnpike. There is something of a stir about our office, there [illegible] a number spoken to me about it and say that they must have one, I have paid but little attention to them & thought the best way for me was not give much encouragement & refer them to you.

We have but work with hands former will come along & offer more & board them we can pay & the only hands we can get is raw irish and you want one to even to tell them what to do. Bronson proposed last night to go on and assist in this gang & pay him what I please. I do not like this but we can use him to good advantage as long as we have to keep this kind of hands & in fact he is short and it is necessary for him to do something. Finch is going on the north end of line to work & wants pay

I have not been north yet therefore cannot tell how they get along. Shall be in a few days or as soon as I can get the boys straight

The box of caps came this Morning & you had better Ship the balance by canal for you can never tell what the freight will be. The last 500 the freigh was $3,45 this 500 $5,28 over one ct per bb & it would of got sooner by Canall & when you ask why it is so all you get for your pains is abuse

It is hard work for me to write this morning, the pain is so much for my nerves

A. L. Sayre tells Cornell that he have got a big nose again & was very sick one, two days as when he was here

Write Yours Truly Wm Harvey

Dr Sir Adams
Express

Kamouraska 90 miles
from Point Levy June 28th 1848

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 22 inst I dece yesterday, the draft came just in time but am sorry it is not for double the amount; the Adm would have paid it as readily. I am sorry to hear Alonza is ill but hope before this he is able to go home with you. I sent Nutter his letter this morning but learn this evening that he is on his way down having completed his half of the distance between P.L. & R. du L, my gang would have met to day had it not been a holiday. We shall have it done to-morrow night 3 miles below R du L. We are doing the work well but it costs more than you expected, especially Nutters gang. He has had to pay about double for his mens board that I have. Of $100, I gave him at Starting in the first 44 miles it cost him $96.00, We put up 22 extra poles at P. Levy to bring the wire down to the village. I gave him some more funds Sunday last. I was obliged owing to Gisborne brother not leaving the wire exactly as ordered to send up 9 Bundles from here to Nutter. In the Statement I gave you last Fall the braces were not included, they amt to over $100,00 & my book a/c of $280 some cts was not included either: To figure all up I shall require over $300 more. Out of last draft I shall pay $300.00 on pole

Contracts below R du L & the balance will hardly suffice to complete the line but I shall have to make it answer & should I be short shall have to run my face. The lower Contractors will feel hard at being obliged to wait longer for their money. We have not wire sufficient to reach Rivière, The Adm has kept 9 miles of wire to go round Canoe if they decide upon doing so. Gisborne is still C.H. & it is to be hoped he will continue So a fortnight longer. I hear Torrey has been offered the Montreal Office of the Troy Line, he refuses the 2 Offices at $600.00 How is it, please inform me & when do you intend being in Quebec. I will write you from R du Loup & will address you at Burlington as requested. Keps to Alanzo Mr. L & C Washington Torrey & Gisborne tell that Saturday Morning by Lightning. I has put up his Battery at R Loup & will be in P L Office Saturday Morn — Excuse these Hieroglyphics my fingers are badly swollen being cut up by this hard wire. From R du L down we shall carry poles & put up with the three Gangs 9 Miles per day. The Caps & Pins being at Rimouski 60 miles below will detain us about a day — No word of opposition between 2 & Montreal nor anything said by the Blue Noses of meeting this line —

Adieu, dear Sir

Yours truly

Isaac H Cutler

E Cornell Esq

Utica

204 miles @ 54 per mile = $11.016.00
Cr Cash & M.L. Wood A/C 6.224.00
4,792.00

June 21 Cash A/C E.C $600-
" Off Cutter 1000.
22 " " 600 2,200.00
$2,592.00

Cutters a/c Sales due $412.65
Braces " 100.00
$1.512.65
Cutting up skins 400.00
1,912,65
Cutters book a/c 280.00
2,192,

Cash on hand as per Statement
Cost Sale $37.40
Cash of E.C in Feb 48, 120.00
Off June 1000.00
" June 22- 500.00 1,987.40
1,285,25

In a fortnight if we have good sale will draw the line finish weather at will draw the line finish
I will address you at the Officer Barracks
from Cincinnati.-

J. H. Cutter
June 28, 1848

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~~Paid 1/2~~

C. Cornell Esq
Mica
Tioga Co
N.Y.

25 June 1848

MONTREAL
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Thursday June 21st

Mr Cornell I received your letter Last night— I am on my way down. Reached St Johns yesterday morning. (59 miles from Quebec) the first week I could not do much for want of funds did not get any untill saturday I put up 22 poles over that hill at Pt Levi I think they cost more than you will get. had to Brace them all for it is all Ledge. the poles on this line I find in a bad State first 20 miles we had to reset 5 & bank some 10 or 12 since that time it has been to down bad some day have found 5 & 6 down in one place on Thursday last we found 10 down in one place one mile above St Johns had to bank one mile but I here they stand better below, with 4 men I can put up 6 or 7 miles per day if I did not have the poles to fix first work put up 25 miles with green hands with the exception of one of Mr Bowtre hands pay him $15.00 per month the ~~two~~ two french men $10 ½ boy $8.00 have to pay big price for board on the upper end not so much down here we shall soon get through if the poles are up so Osborne says he shall be very struck with us he is not to be trifled with, but I think we can please him. good morning Mr C. from

Yours &c

John Nutter

John Sutter
June 29. 1848
Bear Dubce



Erie June 30th 1848
Ofs Erie & Mich Tel Co

Dear Sir

Feeling interested in the credit of this Telegraph line I have taken the liberty to inform you in relation to some things that I think are tending to injure its reputation.

In the business of sending communications there is no cause of complaint, as that I think is done promptly and accurately But in reference to reports. We have no arrangement by which we can get NG report before it is published in Buffalo Neither have we any regular hour for sending it. And often when sending report Mr Allen will if interrupted fly into a passion and stop to give some of us a lecture A day before yesterday Sir Stop pressed entirely and told Mr Dunham when he got to the Courier read his writing & could get his instrument adjusted he would send the rest of it & kept some five or six editors waiting till he got ready to go on. And as all the reports for this place are now taken at this office I feel anxious to have some better arrangement, as the operator in the other office has taken pains to inform them that he can furnish them with report

A. J. Tyler
Erie June 30th 1848

an hour or two sooner than I can. Still their sympathies are with this line & they will do all that can reasonably be expected to support it. And another thing that was at the time very mortifying to myself & to the patrons of this line, The news of every nomination was received at the other Office some time before we could get it through on this line. Much I think was occasioned at least in two instances by Mr Allen not being willing to remain in the Office until late in the evening And it was suggested by some of the people here that if Mr Dunham had been in Buffalo we would not been beaten. And I think myself if Mr Dunham & Mr Allen could change places it would be very much for the advantage of the line. I have said nothing to Mr Dunham about it and do not know as it would meet his wishes. Neither have I anything personaly against Mr Allen, he is a very good operator, and has always treated me with respect, And I have written this with no other motive than to forward the interest of the Company. Should you have suggestions to make I Should be very happy to receive them

Yours with respect

A. Seyler

Mr. E. Cornell

New York 30th June 1848

Dear Sir

I am favored in the due Receipt of your Letter of the 27th Curr with the $500 in Closed in Country Bank Notes and I hence Endorsed on your Contract four Hundred & ninety Six 60/100 dollars being the proceeds of the Same in Current funds which is a little better than buying a Bank draft at your Bank but although your remittance Came Safe yet allow me to suggest that you run too much hazard by remitting in that way. It is better & entirely safe to buy a N.Y. draft payable to my order here, otherwise you risk the Post office as well as the good faith of the party to whom addressed.

$500
496.60
$3.40

$20
1.25
.75

When your other payments are made I forgot the interest & the discount of the Note. The interest amount for that payment and this do they may be adjusted when we close the agreement.

Mr Merritt has got his appeal aforesaid & I shall be at your House on Monday next to argue it over again. There can be no doubt of the result in favor of Mr Allen. The appeal is only for delay and you will be entirely safe in any possible event I shall hence the pleasure to forward you the

Yours Truly
E. C. Cramer

E. Cornell Esq
Ithica

A. Mann Jr
30 June 1808

June 1848

Any dear Sis

I have purposed writing to you ever since Mr Livingston's death and regret not doing so but I had hoped your own good feelings would prompt you to give me information concerning all unsettled business between Mr Livingston and yourself at that time Mr Wells' doubtless deceived me respecting your views of the matter more or less at least I suppose so judging by the rest of his conduct, that matters not however his time will come as it will to all that dare strive with that All Righteous one who has especially declared himself to be the God of the Fatherless and the Widows Mr Livingston assured me that L & Wells would make from 5 to 8 thousand dollars in the last Telegraph line yourself and he were building and there are those who know the stock was all secured at the time of his death and papers to prove it if necessary — If his should have been seen to long ago but at the time of my deep affliction I was not myself I was completly stunned surely no one of you can be more likely to live or had better prospects opening before him than my husband only in the prime of manhood with every thing to live for and completely idolized by us his beloved family. I beg of you Sis to lay his case at your own door and think a little how he

would have acted toward you had the reverse happened surely you could be no stranger to his feeling heart or his unbounded generosity, no one could lay one sparkle of meanness to his charge and sure must be the spirit which could so calmly prepare to meet its God—

Now my dear sir I do not know that this letter will make any difference to me or my little children and I may have written too much from a wounded heart but I am a plain matter of fact woman and am apt to call things by their <u>right names</u> wrong is never right with me or right wrong, I am not used to wind in and out to gain favor and it is I am afraid too late to learn to do so. If it is at all possible that my little ones can be benefited by their fathers exertions (and I trust to your generosity on this point) I shall be ever thankful as it will add to <u>their comfort</u> as to myself happiness died to me with the last breath of my husband— I should like much to hear from you if you would be kind enough to take the trouble

C Livingston

Mrs C Livingston
June 1848

Trustees of Erie & Michigan Telegraph Co.

1848 To Ezra Cornell "Contractor"

July 1	For constructing 398 Miles line of Telegraph with necessary Registers, Magnets Battery &c for 12 Offices from Detroit to Buffalo as per Contract at $ 125 pr Mile			49.750.
"	3980 Extra Poles & Setting same there being 30 per Mile instead of 20 as contracted for in Articles of Association	@ 80¢	3.184.	
"	3980 Extra Caps	@ 6¢	238.80	
"	Extra Expense putting up Wire & Caps on 3980 Poles	@ 13¢	477.60	3.900.40
"	Expenses & Time incurred in Examination and obtaining right of way		140. "	
"	Fitting up 12 Offices at average cost of $70. Each which includes Tools Wire &c for Repairs Furniture Fixtures &c		840. "	980. "
				54.630.40

Erie & Lake Shore Road

Having examined the above bill made out by Ezra Cornell contractor against the Trustees of Erie & Michigan Telegraph Co. We do hereby certify that we think it to be correct and Equitable and are disposed to audit the same for Fifty four thousand Six hundred and thirty 40/100 dollars

Detroit July 1 1848

Trustees.
E & M Tel. Co.
Company

Mr. E. Cornell on other side is your acct as I have presented it for approval to Trustees Mr Howard has signed O.K. & I have sent it west for Mr. Ward & Genl Hubbell to affix their signatures. In looking over distances from Buffalo to this city. I could not well differ it I have however made the amount $54.630.40 instead of $54.455.40 which was evidently wrong, increased difference $175.— I trust the alteration will meet your appreciation. Please keep this copy as I shall so record it if approved by the Trustees

D. J. Tillotson

S. S. Speed Dr. bill $59.670.80
deduct as cash item 2.704.48 $56.966.32
E. Cornell bill $54.630.40
deduct as cash item 980.00 $53.650.40
$110.616.72
Recd from Sub. $24.376.00
$86.240.72
Deduct 812 Ms. $30 for Smith $24.360.00
$61.880.72 Due by S in stock
added Cash Items $3.684.48 " by S in cash
Leaves for by S advances in all $65.565.20

Amt. bill as brot from Ithaca was $54.455.40

Copy
E. Cornell a/c
vs
Trustees E & M T. Co

New York .. Sept. 1. 1848-

Mr Cornell.

Dear Sir

I wrote you from this in relation to your order for Wine - But as we have received no reply - we are led to suppose the letter is still at Ithaca..

The import of the letter is as follows -

We can fill your order, with English Wine N°. 11. which shall cost equal to American N° 11. as per accounts if you think it will answer - We want your answer by Monday morning, as the vessel is now discharging and. a prettys item can be saved if Wine is on board to be forwarded at once to destination - + thus save. the Cartage & handling -

Yours truly Wells & Co

P. S. Mr Cornell understands we will make a little on our Commissions by purchasing - This big business. instead of American N° 11. as order by him but we do not conceive that is of any importance to him - as he will be equally well off

Wells

Wells & Co
July 1, 1848

E. Connell. Esqr.

Frw

Dear Sir.

Yours of the 29th ult before us and the contents have our attention. we will sell you

75. Tons No 9. Fil Wire. 6ct Cash. 6¼. 4 mos
19. do No 10. do do . 6.30 Cash. 6½. 4 do
10. do No 11. do do . 6.60/100 Cash. 6¾ 4 mos

We can furnish the above quantity as soon as you will want it. and although the price is very low. hope you will give us your orders. We hope to hear from you per return mail.

And Remain
Respectfully Yours
Wadsworth Schuldz

New York, July 1st. 1848.

4/6 6-

4600 00
3.680.00

50 40
12.00 —

P— 12,00
Sil — 9.00
M — 13.20
Coke. 3.00
Pin — .60
Lint. 6.00
Exp M. 2 00
45.80 —

Trustees Erie & Michigan Telegraph Company

1848

To Ezra Cornell

July 1 For Constructing 398 M. Telegraph from Buffalo to Ottawa as per Articles of Agreement & Specification 725 ₩ Pr Mile — $49.300

16 Extra Poles for Mile 3980 Pieces 80 ₩ 5184

10 — Caps — " — 6 238.80

Cost of Putting up Caps & Poles on 3980 Poles — 12 47.60

Cost of Procuring Obtaining Right of Way — 63 105.—

Fitting up 10 Offices with the necessary Tools &c on hand — 10 00.—

49.300

4.0480

54.4530

Am on hand for Repairs I will get about the quantity as the diff. Offices go I go through O. F. D.

62
25
310
186
25
48.100

24.100
24
484
48.100
52.100

59.670.88
54.455.40
114126.28
52 100
62026

Copy a/c of Trustees
for Buffalo & Detroit
Station

ITHACA, N. Y. July 5th, 1848.

SIR,

Allow us to call your attention to the **New-York and Erie Telegraph Line**, which we are about constructing under "Morses' Patent," and which, when completed, will extend from the city of New-York to the village of Fredonia, in Chatauque county, taking in its course the following important places in the Southern counties of the state of New York, and the Northern counties of Pennsylvania, viz: Sing-Sing, Peeks-kill, West Point, Newburgh, Goshen, Middletown, Honesdale, Carbondale, Montrose, Binghamton, Owego, Ithaca, Jefferson, Bath, Hornellsville and Angelica. It will be about 500 miles in extent. It will connect at Fredonia with the Erie and Michigan line already completed from Buffalo, via Cleveland, Detroit and Chicago to Milwaukee, 800 miles. There is also nearly completed, a line from Chicago to St. Louis, which intersects lines from St. Louis to New Orleans and other stations of the great Mississippi valley. Another line is now being put under contract from Milwaukee to Galena and the mineral regions of the north west, thus bringing the whole vast west into Telegraphic connection with the Atlantic cities, the New England States, the Canadas and Nova Scotia. *The New York and Erie Line* will be the great channel of communication from East to West: and will accommodate over six millions of inhabitants, including the territory it passes over, together with the various lines it connects with at the East and West, and the many latteral or side lines that are completed and in contemplation, and that must necessarily be constructed to serve the wants of the public. The capacity of this line with a single wire, will be sufficient to earn $150 per day—the expenses cannot exceed $40 per day, thus affording a daily profit of $110, or about $34,000 annually. The capital stock of the Company, with a single wire, is $250 per mile, (including the patent) and computing the distance at 500 miles, the whole amount of capital would be $125,000. The line will be constructed very permanently, so as to enable the company to add additional wires whenever the business shall require them, and it is confidently believed that a second one will be needed immediately, the cost of which would add to the capital $100 per mile, making the whole amount of capital of the Company, with two wires, $175,000. The capacity of the line for business, will then be doubled, and the expenses will not be increased but about one third, or at most one half, for working the second wire, inasmuch as the rents of offices, fuel, lights, general superintendance, &c. would be the same, and the clerks would not have to be increased, except at New York and Fredonia, consequently the expense of working the line with two wires instead of one, would be the extra expense of battery and the additional stationary required for the extra business. Computing the business of the line working with two wires at $300 per day, and the expenses at $60, it would afford a net daily income of $240, or about $74,000 per year. Many who are unacquainted with the Telegraph business, will come to the hasty conclusion that this is all fiction, but our experience, knowing what we do of the business, and the profits of other lines already established, enables us to be fully persuaded that this line can and we confidently believe will, do all we have anticipated in the foregoing. This line must become the great central thoroughfare for Telegraphic connection between the Eastern states and the Canadas, and the great and growing west, and be to Telegraphic lines in the United States, what the Erie Canal is to Canals, the greatest and most productive of all others. A STATION in your place, we think, will be beneficial to your business and social community, and we trust you will take an interest in the enterprise, and take such an amount of stock as your good judgment may dictate, as it is desirable to have it distributed among the influential and business citizens of the different towns in which locations are made, thereby securing the business and good will, which is always desirable to make any business profitable and useful. Intending to call upon you personally, or by our agent, we are, very respectfully your obedient servants,

E. CORNELL,
J. J. SPEED. Jr.

Erie & Mich Tel—
from Bu to Se—
a/c with Trustees

Washington July 1st 1844

G. Cornell Esq.

Dear Sir, I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 27th ult. inclosing draft for $741.25 on account of note due A. Nail. The amount stands thus:

Amount of note dated May 1st $1341:25
Interest two months $15.65 v
Deduct interest on $500
paid 14th ult, ½ month — 1.46 v v 14:19
v $1.355:44

Paid 14th June $500
1st July 741:25 1.241:25
Still due v $114:19

I have heard nothing from Mr. Smith in relation to the $100

The whole of the securities pledged to me were for the whole of both Debts, Moneys as well as Notes, and cannot be divided.

Very respectfully
Amos Kendall

Ithaca N.Y.

A Kendall
July 1. 1918
Rect of $741-25

Sandusky City 2d July '46

Dear Sir

Your letter from Montrose was presented to me Immediately upon this day's meeting. We have adjourned our meeting to the 12th that is to say, I have notified all those who would be likely to attend that we did adjourn to that day - and as the 12th is so near the 15th you must be on hand on the 12th as Hubbard & Otis can substitute for us at Cleveland that day - & must be at Columbus the 17th or myself Smith, to attend the trial which Andrews says is to be on hand then & then - I think the Court will sit even if Judge Smith visits me to be there, and says we will reach the Indictment "to the bitter end" - Smith Kinsman & Morse are all to be at Columbus: If you can Show the time you had better be at Columbus too - but you must be at Cleveland any way on the 12th -

We opened the office at Salmon Friday noon - Sat early and afternoon Saturday - Sunday & Expect doing - The office at Salmon will pay rent - The mine is 9 miles within a mile of this town and will be brought into the office tomorrow -

The last of the ore (9½ tons) just arrived here - I have [illegible] with me 6 horses for 2 days, just mean to know the ore connected with Leesia by Saturday night - I will be lucky in debt; but the ore must go up and I am fighter through, leaving the pay for future consumption -

I can get twice the outlay work done by having an hand myself - There is only one more in the works before [illegible] -

Yours truly

J. B. Gleason

July 20 –
Aug 20 –
Sept 20 –
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Mr. E. Cornell
Ithaca
N York

BUFFALO
JUL 4
N.Y.

J. J. Speedy
July 2, 1848

Dear Sir — Montreal July 3. 1848

I receivd Yours per White Hall Steamer.

You probably will be pleased to hear that the work is finished and the Trustees are much pleased with it although entertaining some fears of it standing

On Saturday at 12 Oclock I commenced crossing the Main Channel and at 1/2 Oclock pm was ready to admit Boats

under m the British Queen and Whitney pushed favourable thinking it high enough to admit all clafses of Vessels so far so good

There is no use of complaining of the Trustees but I will merely state that they are a set of Jackasses

I shall be in M. York. by Friday

Yours Respectfully

Chas. D. Gaffney

Ulysses July 3. 1848.

Friend Cornell.

Allow me to introduce to you my friend John. W. Hurlbut who has always lived near us and who bears a good reputation as to Moral caracter truth & veracity and who has been been engaged more or less in publick business and has always as far as my knowledge extends given good satisfaction. — — I think any business you may [redacted] intrust in his hands will be well and promptly attended to

Yours &c. Sad. L. Thomas

Mr. E. Cornell,

Jas. L. Thomas
July 3. 1848
Introducing
J. W. Hurtbut