Ithaca April 2 1868

Dear Brother

I have been home one week and am some what disappointed in not hearing from you and learning what the prospect is about finishing the Erie & Michigan line, It looks to me to be a matter of some Concequence that it should be finished as soon as posible in order to secure the business at the Opening of Navigation, likewise if Mr O'Reillys line is closed up between Buf & Erie it is important that our line should be Completed I think there is wire Enough at Buf Erie & Cleveland to reach from Erie to Cleveland & it will soon be all Sattlered, the second lot of poles will all be on the ground west of Erie as far as Cleveland so that we Can Commence seting up by the 10 of this month and as I wrote you before it is important that the Extra poles between Buf & Erie should be Set as soon as posible We must have funds before we Can do any thing further. I want some money to use on my own account while I am at Ithaca Say $200

We have a fine daughter 2 weeks old yesterday & Bet is very smart so that I shall be able to leave probably as soon as I Get funds please let me hear from you immediately on the receipt of this letter Mr Allen is getting smart and wants

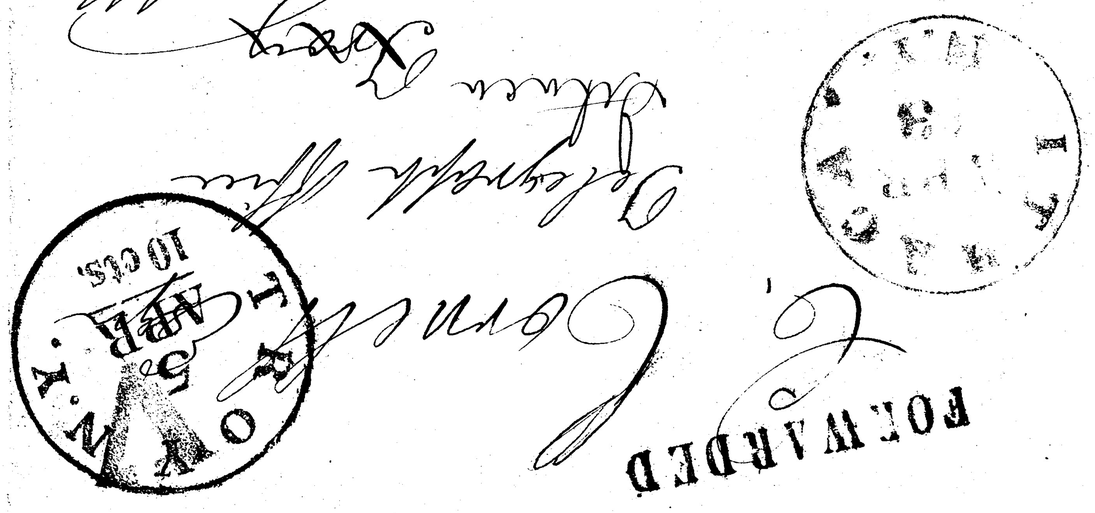
to know if you have done any thing on
the line on which he was Engaged or whether
you have have heard any things from the
Stock holders I understand that Magoun has
or is about starting for Albany I dont know
what luck he has had in getting Stock on N.Y. & Erie
I saw Mr Livingston of the firm of Livingston & Fargo
who told me that Mr O'Reilly told him he was agoing to build
a line of Telegraph on the B'uf & Albany R.R. thence
to N.Y. and that he had the Stock already taken
for the purpose

I am inclined to think that he ~~will~~ and his
Associates will give the Patentees a good deal of
trouble before they get the matter settled
I was at your house to day your babe is much
better how soon do you Expect to be at Athens

Yours respectfully
Geo E. Cornell

E. Cornell

E. B. Cornell
Apl 2/48



South Bend Ia 2d Apl 1848

Dear Sir

I expected to have closed up our line last night from Kalamazoo to Mich and would have done so, had it not been for a hard rain all day on Friday which prevented our doing any thing that day - on Thursday, with Six hands, I put up twelve miles. Yesterday Six miles from Stils this way - the brush were so very thick that we could not make much headway, altho we had four men cutting the way for us. Tomorrow we will close up the balance of four miles between here and Stils, and about the same distance this side of St. Cif - I left Wood & Northrop at Stils yesterday to put up the Posts there, and start that office - They both came up here on foot last night and say the Relay is defective and

they could not make it work. I brought one of Pluess Relays to Detroit which Hawkins took to Milwaukee we can telegraph from here to-morrow night and get that in a few days. I think it would be well to have two or three of Pluess Relays of ours sent to Detroit, as one or more may be destroyed this summer.

The small wire you ask reaches much further to the 100 lb than we expected, and we will have more or quite five tons left, which will reach from Detroit to Monroe, and just as soon as we can raise the wind Wood will go to work and put up the additional pole and put the wire on.

With what money I have when I get to Detroit, and $100 sent me from Chicago, I have been able to buy all that was required to get through. I must now go at it and get enough to buy

our debts and as much more as we can. Tillotson will go to Rock Island and close up the stock. I will go to Ill, City and get all I can there, and then go to Lafayette, Indianapolis St Louis and up to Chicago. take Townsend with me, and leave him to get stock subscribers, if he can, and if he cannot, to make a noise, and frighten our Subscribers off if possible. I hope Lyon Lucas will be able to burst their bribe on Buffer. That would do us great service.

I will write to W. S. Wilson, and have Tillotson make an arrangement with him to go to Galena & down the Illinois. I will see him myself if I can. It is a troublesome job to have to go back to Ithaca to get my family on: but I will have matters in as good shape as I can, and be absent but a few weeks.

Yours truly

J. J. Strang

I need more help here. I cannot be every where myself. If I cannot get Nelson to go South I must get some one else. The Buffalo line also requires attention I did not have time to converse Chadbourne as I intended by Lowe. Some one should be there, and settle for the hops that have been delivered and get the balance, if you can contrive any way to buy for them.

If OR is shut up at Buffalo, we can get all the funds we want on the line, but as it now is, it is no go. I wish you have some one to put in your place a few days, and come on that line yourself you can how utterly impossible it is for me to attend to all our interests from St Louis to Buffalo. Tillotson is capital at figuring: but is of no great use in a fight. One Village is field enough for him.

Yours truly

J J Speed

L. J. Speed & Co

E. Cornell, Esq.

Detroit April 3rd 48

My dear Sir.

I received yours of the 12th Ult. (I presume it should be March) on the first inst.—

You doubtless will think very strange at my being here yet but so it is, I am obeying instructions, and know not when our line is to be completed or when I shall get away, I wrote you the 18th Ult. — Col. Speed arrived here on the 21st Ult. over one day and then went next to complete the gap, since which time I have not heard from him, I presume the line is all up and this, but we can get nothing west of Wilmington although they have a good circuit west and have had for two days— I hope to talk through before the next 24 hours passes, — When Col. S. was here it was thought best I should remain here till Staviland could come from Milwaukie and keep things as straight as possible our reputation here did not stand very high, there is now a good feeling getting up towards us and by the time the line is done East and West, we will "check Mate" Ely, and all his troops here, he with some others are here going it all they know how, but he is unpopular with many and his line works bad, for 4 days they have had no report—

Staviland was here a week ago yesterday but was obliged to return to Milwaukie again to straighten up things, and I wrote by him to Col. S— and advised him to write Wilson at once— I have letters from our Collectors at Chicago and Milwaukie, but only $30. in Money, they cannot collect they say, and all are grumbling because our line is not done— Do you see what a fix we are got in, the prospect of sending you funds to pay our freight bill is yet unpaid to the amount of $250. besides the $250. borrowed, —

I am getting up a list of articles of Specification and agreement here as revised by Col. Speed calculated to assure (by filling up) for any time you may start hereafter, but if all work as slow as we have on this line is little use in starting new ones— as soon as they are done however I will send you some as they may be of use to you at the East, where something can be done—

I still hope to get away from here this week,

but cannot till Staviland returns as there is no one
here but little Stoyt, Northrop, started for Niles last week,
he have rather a hard lot of operators on the line side
from Staviland & Stoyt and it is necessary that Mr Staviland
or some one should be here to keep them straight - The
business between here and Kalamazoo is a "pickaninny affair"
and does not pay expenses at present -

Howard gets nothing yet from any one
whom he can prevail against O'Reilly & Co. - he has
written Sam Vandivers, and Co. S. did the same when he was
here, but nothing comes -

Whatever I can do I will to forward
the general interest, but we make slow headway, and I
fear you will say we had all better go to sawing wood
and give up Telegraphing -

If we do not get through to Chicago
by the 6th - it will be bad business -

If you get means I hope you will
have the line from here to Buffalo put ahead, but you have
made up your mind by this time that we are a poor set
of d—s to help you. I think -

Very truly &c
D. T. Tillotson

D. T. Tillotson
April 8 /64

Lee Apl 4th 1848

Cornell Dear Sir

I am Telegraphic Commn"
from Schenectada I rec'd this morning and in ans"
I have to say that I arrived at Pittsfield yesterday
afternoon after having conferred with the subscribers
of North Adams upon the subject of paying over their
subscriptions and having the line built from this
place to Bennington immediately & C & C They will
not consent to make any change from the first
understanding at present. they want a connection
with Vermont

In the event of not succeeding in getting
the line thro" to Ridgefield I am inclined to think
they would go the route to Northampton via of
Greenfield & C All are much in favour of a union
with the Northern Lines and the Pittsfield people
say that there should be a guarantee to that effect
with this they have decided not to take any Stock
They have abdicated the taking of T. L. Stock
in this Portion and have treated the matter very
unfairly having first stated that they wanted a
T. L. and held out the idea if they could not
get this Cross Line they would patronize this
Line

Mr Plunkett intimated that the P.R. cost only $311 instead of $100 as I had stated.

I believe Power is playing the Possum as he followed me to North Adams and was quite busy with subscriptions. I hope you will not pay any regard to him.

The North Adams people stated that Pittsfield was determined to defeat the project if possible.

I shall make a demonstration tomorrow evening after which I will write more fully. I have the promise of Williamstown and hers with Lee subscriptions will be equivalent to Pittsfield. (I have no doubts of Williamstown and have hopes of Lee).

I am Yours
O E Allen

P.S.

Power is strictly a Sallenite man and not in the fortune which was supposed. I think the opposition against the Pittsfield subscriptions in hopes of making something out of it. He is out of employment and is very desirous of getting something to do.

Yours
Allen

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Ezra Cornell Esqr
Ithaca
Tompkins Co
N.Y.

O. E. Allen
4. Apl 1848

Troy April 4th/48

Mr E. Connell

Dr Sir

I started towards Bennington shortly after you left Saturday to see Gardener & Gates about the wire. On the way I saw Mr Swan he says he has never recivd a cent for carting wire and was rather displeased to think that we wanted the wire until it was paid for he also denied telling me that he was to have it at Hosick Corners but would not say that I could not take the wire I then went to Gates he told me he should not prevent any persons taking the wire and said that if the boys had insisted on taking it that he should not of been in the way I then sent word to Harrington to make a bargain with some Bennington team to bring it to Troy which he will do the first opertunity

I then thought it best to trace out the waggon of Mc Coys if possible as I had received a line from Shaftsbury stating that the men came on with ~~the~~ This I have done to my satisfaction & I think it can be found in Mc Coy yard I have got Stone to keep a look out for it I traced it ~~this~~ side of the Valley tavern with the man the next I heard was that he had the horse & no waggon

then I found that Mc Coy went up as he said after a waggon and Shay that had been left above soon after he came back with a 1 horse Shay (the boys left one and took the waggon at pittsburg) in his waggon & a 1 horse waggon tied behind, so that you can come to your own conclusions, he was uneasy when I went out and as soon as I returned he came to me to know if I had found the waggon I have kept my investigation from him

He refused to make out a bill till here are here ready to cash it & says if you do not send money to pay him he will send it to Ithaca as he hears you have real estate there and try & secure it he is a very slipery fellow

Now for the horse the Landlord at Arlington says that when he stopt there there was a gathering in his head or throat that broke & discharged it smelled very bad Cole at Shaftsbury says that he stopt there but all he knows is what he heard his hostler say that was that it was some disease, that it stunk enough to knock one down that the stench was in the stable for a number of days he (Cole) says that when his man returns (which will be the last of may or 1st of June) he will describe it as it was Now it appears to me if the horse died (which we have no proof of) of a disease which horses are subject to that he cannot get any thing for him, I would not pay such a man one cent more than I was obliged to

Gardener says he has not received a letter
from you but if you will write him
he is ready to make all right
The Cups was shipt to Jersey city last
Saturday April 1rst
Yours &c S. A. Holmes

Phil. April 6th/48

E. Cornell Esq or Sir

I have been waiting for some months expecting daily to hear from you on the subject of my account - when I last advised you for a payment I told you I would wait three months for the balance on certain conditions which you complied with - that three months expired about January other three Months has elapsed and I hear [redacted] from you.

I am therefore induced to write you for a settlement. I am much in want of money and shall expect you to forward my balance

at an early date. The account now due to say nothing of Interest which I consider myself justly entitled to is about $75.00 you have my bill—

Please let one hear from you by an early mail

Very Respectly Yours

L. D. Parker

L. D. Parker April 6/48

All Communications
Strictly Confidential.

Magnetic Telegraph Office,

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

Ithaca April 7th 1848.

Received by Telegraph from Montreal

To Mr E Corning

The Trustees have not had time to send you any Money for Monday. You can draw on them for one thousand dollars at fifteen days Sight we are making Payment to Griffin

A. A. Whitney

Mr McGown is in Boston

Sy J. A. J.

N. A. Mutiny
7 April 1858

E. Connell Esq
Ithaca N.Y.

Albany Apl 8 1808

Dr Sir

I arrived here on the 28 I was so unwell from Exposure that I found it impossible to proceed any farther than Jefferson.

I telegraphed to you at Troy some days ago / and hearing nothing from you I went there yesturday & was informed of you being in Ithaca. should you recieve this while in Ithaca I wish you would send a copy of the printed articles of Association to D E Sill Esq Ellicottville
Lewis Skorkey Angelica
Thos Reynolds Hornellsville
John Magee Bath

There will be in Each of those places Subscriptions to Stock to the Amt of $2000 or an equivalent by way of bonus, as proposed by Col Speed to the people of Fredonica who have taken $2000 Stock.

The Committees in the several villages are pledged to this on the Condition that they be obtained

the Construction of the line and stations at this places.

They were afraid of the personal liabelity as a general thing and the most that could be done was a pledge of the Committee appointed by the Meeting that any reasonable requirement proportionate with the wealth & business of the places would be done. This they will reduce to figures and papers in any available form at any undertaking of the Enterprise.

I have a memorandum & minutes of my proceedings & many hand

I do not feel disposed to do any thing at Jefferson or Havana being so near Genesee &c.

My health is somewhat improved but is yet very poor.

Yours &c

D. M. Gowen

E Connell Esq

Mr. Gowen Mch 5/48

L. C. Whitney

Batterville April 11th 1848

Dr E Connelly

Dear Sir

We forward you a Statement of your Acc on 13th Jan last showing a Balance due us of £79.82. Since that time we have not had the pleasure of hearing from you this account has been of long Standing which you oblige us by immediately remitting us the same either in Cash or by Note to suit your own convenience we wish to close up our transactions & your compliance will greatly oblige

Your Friends

A Rigby

Hodgdon & Thomas

Stephens & Thomas
11 Apl 1848

Milwaukee 11 April 1848

Dear Sir

I have not written you for some days as I had not accomplished any thing, and had nothing to tell, our line is now working tolerably well, but the wire is on the ground some where this side of Chicago. Jackson is comeing on the line and putting it in order. The business will be all we ever anticipated. The public blow off some steam because we refuse to take com. for O&R line. I tell them we will accommodate them as soon as we can, but cannot be induced to pay a man for violating our rights. We send Com. to any one in Detroit, to whom they choose to direct them, and the person to whom they are sent does with them as he choses. It will add much to our receipts when we can reach Buffalo.

I have been making great efforts to find the right man to go on the St Louis line, and get their subscribers, and fight off the intruders. I am happy to inform you that I have this day closed an agreement with Genl Wm Duane Wilson of this City, Editor Daily Sentinel, Member of the Presbyterian Meeting, Odd Fellow &c. He goes immediately

to Galena and thence down the river to to St. Louis, armed and equiped with articles of association ready for subscription if any can be had. I have given him a letter of instructions, requesting him to do all in his power to prevent the payment to O R & Co of any more money, and to get all subscribers he can on our books, at the rate of two hundred dollars per Mile including the Patent. He has also articles ready for the route from Galena here or from Galena to Chicago as may be found most feasible.
I have signed the articles for you as well as myself, and the Letter of instruction as attorney for Smith also. Thus binding you and Smith too, as far as I can, to ratify and confirm every act which I have in my letter of instructions directed him to do. I have agreed to pay him a salary of $1500 per year and his expences, & at that rate as long as he is in our employ, and if he gets the whole amount of Stock subscribed and have, me one to give him five thousand dollars. To send a second rate ~~from~~ would be ~~of~~ no use at all, as it would be money thrown away - It will take some one who is somebody, to either stop O R from getting funds, or ~~get~~ any assistance. I think Nelson

will do both. At all events if he cannot, it will be impossible for me to get any one who can, and Smith may send on his man as soon as he pleases after Wilson fails. I have also employed a Mr Bowen of Michigan City, who will make an agent on the line from St Louis to Toledo. I go with him the first of the week as far as Lay Fayette, He will go to Indianapolis & thence to St Louis. I will return to Detroit and home, as near the 1st of May as I can, after my friends Howard has rented a house for me at Detroit. Haviland has been obliged to visit all the offices to get the boys right and Tillotson is still at Detroit, I will get Haviland back as soon as possible and have Tillotson close up our stock and put all the odds and ends together. I fear that we will not be able to get much money to send you. I have to let Mr Wilson have $100 to pay Express I will also have to furnish Bowen with money to pay his expenses Wood order near or quite $2000, and that will take all or nearly all that can be collected. If I could do half a dozen things at once, I would attend to collections and get more than can be had without, my own

But you and Smith & Kendall are all urging me to attend to the line South, and I cannot do both myself and get my Journey to Detroit the 1st of May - Jackson has about $500 or rather his wife has that unit and Jackson is willing to see it in putting up the wire about Cleveland I should make a bargain with him to return to Cleveland at once and so to putting poles as long as his money lasts, and run the risque of getting more. I will also get Wood started putting up the wire now at Detroit, which will reach Monroe if it is possible to get means to buy Expenses - We can make the hands wait until the line is done. I have only got $100 here for Milan $105 at Mich City paid out on the line and $100 at Chicago, which is all gone. I hope to get two or three hundred more at Chicago and five or six hundred at Michigan City, but Wood will needs all and more too to buy up - Elliston will soon be at Cleveland and close up and let you know the worst of it.

Yours truly J. D. Reed

Thurs's Correspondence
Boyle Ellicott
Reed
Jackson
Smith
Kendall
Cleveland
Detroit
Michigan City
Chicago
Milan
Monroe

Office No 10 Wall Street
New York Apl 11. 1848

E Connell Esqr

Dr Sir

Your of Yesterday, with Dft for One thousand Dollars at 15 days Sight I have in vain to get the Money on at any price: but 3/pc Com exchange Making 6/pc discount was of no use. I could not get the Cash -

The Amount of Your liabilities here this month are $3328.66 for which we have in hand some $300. - This Dft we shall not get until the first of May or thereabouts - Now I wish You to look at this matter as it stands - You are injuring my business & Credit, and for what? - to accommodate You; And instead of starting at once for Montreal or Northern line for resources to meet Your liabilities, You tell me to do the best I can, and You go to work to get up Stock on another line - This appears to me to be all wrong - Your first duty is and was to protect Your endorser and this You could do, and can now, by going south and raising Money - If it is possible for You to get any out of Your Banks in Ithaca do so at once and remit me - If You cannot do this, remit me any Stocks You may have that I can procure the Money on -

I think You had some Buffalo & Southern Telegraph Stock - this might enable me to get along for a short time -

The fact is, Connell, I must help this month, and the most on my own account and am ill able to aid You - The purchase of Mrs Livingstons interest in my business will cramp me badly, and I must stop on the balance of Your Notes unless I can be placed

in Sound to Meet them - I trust You will have me Sent this terrible necessity by Your usual prompt and energetic action -

Let me hear from You at once that I may know what to rely upon -

Truly Yours

Henry Wells

Gen. Wells April 11 1861

12 March 48

Bro L

I will give you reasons
to forward your entrance - I
think your selection would
a good one - I think the trustees
here would feel pleased when
understood - also those among
the Laii - Jesus come in my
absence to much look
my study

W McCormick

E. Connell
Buckingham
Troy
New York

H. L. Ellsworth
Apl 12 /48

Mrs Lucy
Mary
C. Downes Esq

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We the undersigned do certify that we have associated ourselves under "An act to provide for the incorporation & regulation of Telegraph companies" passed April 12 1848. for the purpose of constructing & working a line of Telegraph on the route from the City of New York to Dunkirk in the County of Chautauque passing through Newburg. Binghampton Utica Jefferson. Dansville Auburn & Pike & such other places as the said Association may judge it convenient to pass through in the State of New York

The name to designate such Association by which the same shall be known shall be "The New York & Erie Telegraph Company"

The Capital Stock of said Association shall be five thousand Dollars and it shall be divided into one hundred Shares of fifty Dollars each

The ~~manner~~ ~~of calling~~ ~~of the Meetings~~ & the Manner of ~~filling Vacancies~~ by which the powers & property of the Association may be exercised from time to time by resolution of the board of Directors to an amount not exceeding one hundred & fifty thousand Dollars & the number of the Shares holders not exceeding five hundred

The names & places of residence of the Shareholders & the number of Shares held by each of them respectively are as follows -

O. P. Postman	6. Shares	Ithaca
L C Woodruff	6. Shares	Dansville
H Conrad	6 Shares	Ithaca
L. S. Fuller	4 Shares	do
A Hunt.	94 Shares	Jefferson
E. P Bagley	9 Shares	Dundee
N. T. Millard	6 Shares	Ithaca
E Comer	29 Shares	do

The said Association shall Commence on the day of December 1850 & terminate on the first day of January 1900 -

Ithaca Apl 12th 1848

Dear Sir

I am just in rec^t of a letter from Mr McGowin informing me that you are on a committee appointed to obtain Subscriptions to the Stock of the New York Erie Telegraph Company in your Village, and he requests me to forward a copy of our printed Articles of Association, which I herewith enclose.

Mr M^c Gowin informs me the the committee in the Several Villages has Subscribed $2000, of the Stock for their respective towns or villages - from which I infer that he only asked to have that amt Subscribed, if this is so he has made a mistake, as it will be necessary for us to get $3000. of Stock taken in each Village when it is proposed to Establish an office which will only provide for half the Stock, the ballance. I can get Subscribed in New York - Albany &c. At this place $5,000 has been Subscribed to the Stock, and I have incouragement that 5 or 10,000 $ more will be taken here by our monied men as an investment, as the Enterprise is good for its being a desirable investment.

I obtained from the Books of the New York Albany & Buffalo Telegraph Co (in which I am a Stockholder)

a few days since the following Statement of the business of that Company during the year 1847- and the three first months of the Current year.

Received from	New York office for year 1847			$15.059.57
"	Albany	"	" "	8.150.10
"	Troy	"	" "	3.523.57
"	Utica	"	" "	1.857.08
"	Auburn	"	" "	1609 67
"	Syracuse	"	" "	1825.38
"	Rochester	"	" "	3876.24
"	Buffalo	"	" "	7.275 04
"	All other Offices			5.652.04
				$48.803.22

Disbursements

Expences of working the line Repairs & Salaries	$23.508.51
Extraordinary Expences-	557.02
Amt collected for & pd to other lines	3.203.03
Amt dividend 8 p/cent	12.852.00
Amt paid for New Wire to rebuild the line-	8.482 86
	$48.803.22

It will be recollected that this was one of the badly built lines on which light Copper wire was used & hence the necessity for the new return for which the item of $8.482.86 was pd- by the first of July of the present year this Company will have substituted a No 10 iron wire for the No 16 Copper wire originally used: when the line will become more reliable and much more profitable.

The nets for Jan & Feb & March of this year has exceded those of the corrisponding months of last year full one thousand dollars per month, while the Expenses have been lessened, so that the Earning of the Company thus for this year over and above expenses is at the rate of 20 per ct per annum on a Capital of $366 per Mile —

The Capital of the N.Y & Erie line will be only $250. per Mile with a Structure of 240 feet to the Mile of much larger size than heretofore used and one size larger min than is used by the N.Y. A. & B. Co — We also have an arrangement that secures to the N.Y & Erie line the business that originates on the Erie & Michigan line for the East and on the N.Y & Boston line for the West,

~~Both~~ the above Statements of facts, you will see that there is a reasonable prospect that the N.Y & Erie Stock will be very desirable as an investment,

Please present this subject to your citizens and let them act upon it as early as convenient, as I am desirous of getting to work at building the line as soon as the amt Subscribed will justify it, I hope to have the line completed by the first of Sept,

Please write me here, and forward your Subscriptions to this place Very Respectfully

D. L Sill Esq

E. Corell

E Cornell copy
to D Sill

Ivoy April 14 /48

Mr E. Connell

Deer Sir I have this morning seen a pettifogger prowl. Nosier and by what I could get from him it is the intention of Swaran to attatch that wire if I had of known the cunt due him I should of tendered it to him but told him that you had written me that you was willing to pay the cunt agreed, and had ordered Nutter to do so but Swann would not take that unless he had more anser if Swan would come down when you was here you would settle with out diffeculty what he will now do I do not know

Stone has at last found the waggon in Mc Leys possession we have both been watching his premesis ever since I wrote you but it has not been in sight a day or two ago Stone saw him drawing a waggon with a few shingles in it and found it was the long lost waggon

It appears that Bronsons is waiting for the White Hall line to [redacted] reed so that he can contrevet the poles Stone is also waiting

here for work. Have you not enough here to let me go on the N Y & Erie line it would probably bring me occasionally home and would be much pleasanter for me I having my horse here and can travel cheap.

But you must do as you see fit if I can be of more service to you here than there then I am willing to stay but if you need let me stay there until the line was ready it would save a good deal of expence but I suppose it is almost impossible to tell to a day when stock will be taken

I do not know your business or Circulations but if these suggestions should meet your views exactly if not I shall be disappointed but it is not pleasant for me being on expence and knowing at the same time that I am not benefiting you to the amt.

Yours &c S. A. Holmes

E. Cornell

S A Holmes
April 1st 1869

P.S. I sent to Harrington the wire sent to [redacted] Tues he said the record was so bad they charge him double price and thought best to wait but that it may be down to day as I see by a corn from there that his brother serves comes down to day and he is to see for them S. A. Holmes

Antelope 15 April 1878

Dear Sir

I send you by Haviland one Hundred & fifty dollars to pay Lewis, if We could bring any more cattle I may as well keep to Detroit, I have only been able to collect what money I paid down Jacksons, and $100 note, Price Wilson for his expenses. I will have to furnish the Powers with money to pay his expenses. Only $100. Well I may not be able to get more than $150 or $200 at Steele's Cafe but I have hopes. There are three or four hundred dollars more collected here, and I think Mefons will be able to get it before you will get here. Judge Hale did not have any money at home, I owe some little more myself to get home but it was of no use for me to stay to get it. Something more can be got at Ruenos. I think two hundred dollars each with - I got the one of $52. $12.50 of W H Lathrop. Firm of King, Connor & Co

and $20 from the other two partners of the same firm — W. D. Mendal & Bro — & as Mendal dare not buy any thing, the right to sue them, and I could not, since paying the bills of costs to have him dead. Would it not be well to commence a suit against some Macon Jew, and let him employ a lawyer, and then discontinue it, if they put out, but I think the suit would buy Judge Hale wants to see done at Port Royal, and I would have no objection to having him protected if he will do any harm. I would not mind paying a small bill of costs in order to make them pay a lawyer to defend the suit.

I do not see how I can to get my family & restraint unless I can get three or four hundred dollars to pay expenses, and turn little debts, but be that as it may, all I can do is to get all we can and then conclude how we had better use it. I think you

had better come on at once to Milwaukee and close up as fast as you can. Let Collins close up in Michigan. I will endeavour to close up at Michigan City. Wells has moved the office at Ft. Wayne. I left, and raised a storm. I may have some trouble in quieting it. I want to go on Tuesday with Major Bowen to Lay Fayette, and hope to get to Lee. about 1st May. I shall leave Detroit for Hornellsville as soon after the first as I can. The line is now all O.K. and it will fully equal your Estimate.

Yours truly

J. J. Speed Jr

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