Mich. City 16 Apl 1848

Dear Sir

We have had some difficulty in getting our line to work well from Detroit to Milwaukee. The trouble was between South Port and Milwaukee, and caused by the imperfect manner in which the wire was mended, when broken. We found three places where the wire was coiled together, the loop, a ring being an inch or more across. As soon as it was properly mended so as to form a connection, & the batteries at Milwaukee & Chicago put up in the same way as those East. We have no difficulty in working through. Yesterday & day before it worked well, and the business is increasing every day. As soon as all the steam boats get started, I believe we will have just as much business as the line can do, and work twelve hours a day. The stock will be better than money if we can keep it —

Wilson will come tomorrow or next day for Galena & St Louis - I think he will do all that any man could, but you must not be disappointed if he is not being able to get the stock taken, as the RR takes have got every man's purse in this Country with only one or two Exceptions on their side, and have obtained subscriptions to a large amount on the Galena line, some portion of which have been paid. Until we can get some legal decision in our favour, it will be hard work to get much money: but I am for making a desperate fight, and do them all the harm we can, if we get nothing ourselves -

Since I saw him, the young man left in charge of this office has moved it, and created a good deal of dissatisfaction. I think I can still the tempest without its doing much harm -

I collected at South Port $52 of a firm that had paid nothing, and will not buy any more—
I got $25 for Smith at Chicago $100.
Thos Dyer $52. N.L. Newbury $30. as a donation - I think I will get $50 more of Brand the broker—
Jones, our Collector at Chicago, was sick, I think he will be out again Monday, and can collect about four hundred dollars more—
What I can get at this house I do not know. I will close it up here tomorrow. If I can get four or five hundred, as I expect. I will send it by Jackson to Mosch, and have him and Jackson go to work on the line from Detroit East.
I have not heard from you since I got your encloseing letter, or copy of letter from Smith—
Maje Brown of this city who agreed to go on the line from Toledo to St Louis has been sick— Thinks he will be well enough to go Tuesday or Wednesday of this week.

Ravilious went to Detroit, or rather to Ypsilanti, last night, & will be at Detroit Monday night. Tillotson will go on over to Milwaukee & close up all the stock business, and get all the money I can: but I have been disappointed and angered every time I have tried to collect money on this line. It has been a most tedious and perplexing job from the beginning. The building of the line has cost nearly twice as much as it ought to cost, partly in consequence of our want of experience, and partly from being done in the winter at great expense for freight. I think we will profit by experience, and build in future for a great deal less money

I want to go to Lay Fayette with Major Brown, if he is well enough to go on Tuesday. and if not, I will return to Detroit & home for my family. As soon as I get location at Detroit. I had better go on the route from Toledo to St Louis myself. if Major Brown does not get the Stock taken.

Yours truly J J Speed

J J Speed Apl 16/48

This agreement witnaeth that Alfred Hartwell has agreed to furnish and deliver along the turnpike road a sufficient number of Hemlock white & yellow oak and Chestnut Telegraph poles to reach from Mr Wheets house runing East to Mr Norrises Tavern at the rate of 40 to the mile or 8 rods apart ~~along the~~ said poles are to be 25 feet long and 5 inches in diameter at the small end and to be delivered by the 10 of October next for which Messrs Cornell & Speed agrees to pay 35 Cts Each in 20 days after delivered according to the above agreement. the Hemlock is to be peeld

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Red on the above agreement Per E.B. Cornell

thirty nine dollars and fifty five Alfred Hartwell

cts in full for 113 poles at 35 cts

Each April 17 1849 for Alfred Hartwell

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Mr Hartwells
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From the Office of the New-York, Albany & Buffalo Telegraph Co.

Genesee St., opposite the Bank of Auburn.

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By Telegraph from .....

For .....

New York Nov 5th
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thirty dollars for
Yours. D. O. Griffin

Dr O. Griffin
Apl 17./48

Detroit april 18th 1848

Dear Sir

I found your favor of the 30th ult at Chicago on Saturday last just as I returned from Milwaukee having at last succeeded in connecting that city with this.

Col S. has probably advised you previously of the completion of the line, You see we can do things, if putting up 12 miles per day is anything. The 100 miles from Mich. City to Kalamazoo was put up in about 10 days & the line works now very well. We have rather a hard set of operators & the necessity of some rather strick rules had become so apparent that at the request of Col. S. I got up the short system on the first page, to be used until some other is prepared. I got in last night & this morning we commenced & although the line does not work very well now on account of the rain - yet the plan saves us from the nuisance of "breaking". This is a long line & with a large number of offices & with so many obstacles to encounter that at many times it would have been much easier to have given up than to attempt to remedy a defect which we knew existed somewhere but which had hitherto defied discovery. For a long time (a day or two) after the completion of the line all was confusion. I came to Chicago & we could get only to Mich. City. After going to Niles & "fixing" a little we found that by using ground wire I could talk either way but could not join the lines - On inquiry I found I had been misinformed as to the poles of the battery. On changing them Detroit worked with Chicago but could get no farther. I then went to Chicago & then to Milwaukee & finally the "city of Bricks" & the "city of the straits" were joined in bonds that I hope will be seldom broken. The work is done but harder labour I never performed & the perplexity ~~to~~ which to some

extent I have undergone as considerable responsibility has been thrown on me — has been very annoying — What was not "in the bond".

I have been so much engaged out of doors that no opportunity has been presented for experiment with battery. But I am satisfied if a perfect insu-lation can be obtained & a perfect connection should exist throughout the line, that a small battery would answer for the whole line. But it seems almost impos-sible to obtain that state of things for if you are not watch-ing every man in every thing he does, — some thing will be neglected or slighted. If the iron caps were properly put on they would work well for the insulation is as good as can be desired — but no dependence can be placed in having the cap or the wire properly secured. I like very well a cap got up by Ked. S. the other day for 2 reasons — the insulation is good & the cap can be fastened to the pole by an iron arm & another advantage it possesses is that the greatest blockhead can not put up the wire without doing it as it is intended to be done. What progress has been made on the Buffalo & Detroit section? If that line was now in operation we could get not only our share of business but all that which has to be done on rainy days. On the Detroit & Milwaukee section there is a great deal bad insulation & there are occasions con-tinually occuring which bother the line. Some are trifling but it seems impossible to remedy them without visiting them

Yours truly S. Rearland

Business Hours will hereafter commence at 8 o'clock, Detroit Time.

At the opening of business, each Office in rotation, commencing at Milwaukee, forwards to Detroit the receipts of the day previous, as they appear on the books of the Office, under the different heads.

At 9 o'clock, the Morning Report will be transmitted; and each office taking it will be notified by the repetition of the figure 6, which should be answered by each office, viz.: "6" and signature. After report, Detroit sends to Milwaukee all communications for that office, and receives all those intended for Detroit—the same with regard to all the other offices on the line, in rotation, closing with Ypsilanti. Milwaukee is to take the circuit when notified by Detroit, and commencing with Racine, transacts all business between Milwaukee and the other stations on the line, in regular order. Racine, when notified, takes the circuit, and commencing with Southport, pursues the same plan; and thus each station, in regular order, takes the circuit, and commencing with the first office eastward, transacts his business.

When Ann Arbor has closed, Detroit then commences with Milwaukee, and the same round is repeated as often as possible, in order to give all the offices an equal chance. Each communication should be numbered, and the office receiving them should acknowledge them, with the number of the last one.

Any office not replying, after having been called six times, will be passed, to take its place in the next round, in order that other offices may not suffer by the delay of any *one*.

Great care should be taken in each office in keeping the circuit closed, and great caution should be exercised in the use of the ground wire.

This system should not be interrupted, except in the following cases, viz.: when the life of individuals—the public safety—or the apprehension of criminals—may be endangered by delay.

If an office is interrupted when doing business, it would be well to see who has caused it, in order to prevent trouble in the future from the same source.

The Relay Magnet should be protected, during thunder storms, by connecting the two brass screws which receive the main wire. This can be done with a piece of copper wire. The connection should always be made during the night and whenever there is reason for supposing the coils to be broken.

Every communication—reports—the amount of receipts, as well as all business passing over the line, should be considered, in the strictest sense of the word, CONFIDENTIAL and PRIVATE.

The address of communications should contain street and number, if known, so that there may be no delay in delivery, and the messenger should be directed to get answers, if any are required.

The following are the calls of the different stations :—

De.—Detroit,	Ks.—Jackson,	Ba.—Battle Creek,	Su.—South Bend,	Rc.—Racine,
Yp.—Ypsilanti,	Al.—Albion,	Zo.—Kalamazoo,	Ty.—Michigan City,	S.—Southport,
Ar.—Ann Arbor,	Mr.—Marshall,	Ni.—Niles,	Ch.—Chicago,	Au.—Milwaukee.

Burlington April 18th 1848

E Cunell Esq
Dear Sir

Their seems to be much feeling on the part of many of the Stockholders in our Co. in relation to the Patents, which has not yet been received; and from what has transpired within a few days I cannot in justice to myself and the Trustees longer delay urging the matter upon you.

Reports of a character highly discreditable to them Authors are in circulation - that the Patentees have not yet been paid. and that they refuse to give up the Title to the line. — and further that they threaten to lay an injunction on its operations, unless payment be made forthwith, these upon the Trustees do not believe to be true, but you are too well aware of the discordant materials of which the Co. is composed not to know that advantage would be taken of any thing which could cast censure upon its Officers. The Stockholders claim to have fulfilled their part of the Contract and of course claim of the Contractor a reciprocal fulfillment.

The above suggestions are made on behalf of Mr Peck and Myself, and presume you will hear from the Pres. on the subject and hope you will find it convenient to forward the Patent at once

Very Truly
Your Obt Svt H. H. Rice

Edmonds Esq

My Dear Sir & Friend

I presume you may feel interested to learn of the Austin line I cannot give very definite information. I can say the Stock for the portion to White River is safe and this is over one half of the line through Vermont All the stock is done by a responsible person but we can not count on the eastern portion through N.H. to get it distributed the Lower Line is a <u>Concern</u> and even if it not for that we should have had the Stock up long ago Warner says it is all safe I wish you would keep me advised of your whereabouts as I shall want to order this room with you attend to the Patent for this line soon

Yours

N. J. Rice

P. S. On line is doing well Paying 6 per cent

H G Rice
Apl 18 1848

Havana Tues Evg Aprl 18th 48

Dear Sir—

I have spent most of the day at Jeffmon. I think I could raise there $2000, but as that is the utmost I have taken nothing there as yet on the books Settlers owe me $1000, but wants to consult his counsel on certain matters

I have not much hope of this place. They have just raised here $10,000 on this R R to Elmira— I have met some of their leading men this Evening and am going around in the morning to see them personally and if they dont come to the mark will try Jeffmon again Both places utterly refuse to unite in this matter.

The Elmira people I understand are working up and want the line there.

Yours Respectfully
WM C Humphrey

E. Connell Esqr

E. Cornell Esqr

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W. R. Humphrey
Apl 18. /48

Buffalo April 19 1865

Dear Brother

On my arrival I found that I could not get any money of Mr Parker, and as I have to pay the Expenses of soldering the wire here I shall not have funds to do anything about putting up wire & paying freight &c therefor it is needless for me to go on to Erie until there is some arangements for funds

Mr Parker says he cannot get a dollar at the banks on the best paper in Buffalo, he says he gave you credit for the amt which I advanced and there is still his due some $60- and he cant-sais any funds for me. I hope there can be some orangements made so that I can go ahead with this line, Mr Allen says he is somewhere in debt and will have to refuse Communications ~~from~~ other lines as he cant pay for them and that he will have to go somewhere where he can get Money Enough to pay for his bond &c

Enclosed I send you the bill of all the Stages and wire received by Railroad with the Charges Mr Parker says the R R Co have over Charged on some lots of wire and that he spoke to them about it they told him that it must be arranged at the other End as the Contract was made there &c

Let me hear from you as soon as possible

Yours &c

E. B. Cornell

To E Cornell

Telegraph Office Montreal
Wednesday April 19th 1848

My dear Father

By your request of last evening I write you a few lines informing you about the river crossing &c and I have but a few moments to do it in you must excuse a hasty sketch— Yours of the 10th inst was received on monday morning in which you say you have heard nothing from me— I have written you four or five letters since you left this city and directed to Troy as you directed me to— I saw Griffin on Monday as I told you last ev who told me that they were geting along very well indeed with the mast and if no ill luck attended them they would have them across the river by the seventh of May at farthest. Capt Murray will have his part done next week— and the remainder is progressing rapidly— The Trustees furnish funds so there is no delay in that respect— The stock is good and in good demand but none in Market— Enquired for daily We are at present just about paying expenses and I think the remainder of the time until the line is completed we shall more than do it— business improving— I will have Griffin write you particularly when I see him— Watter is here doing not much of any thing— he will finish all he will be required to do this week— and then I should think there was no necessity of his staying to assist Griffin in suspending the wire— Uncle O.B. says he has not earned his board since the last December— he having nothing to do

He may however go to work with Griffin this morning— please write me immediately particularly. I should like to see you here soon. Write often & more time now— will write again. If you come soon please let me know by Tel when you start

Yours affectionately

A. P. Cornell

P. Cornell

Esq

P. B. Cornell
April 19 1865

Union Springs June 9th 1848

Respected Friend
E. Cornell

Thy letter of the 15th Inst came to hand yesterday and I find that thou art anxious about the break on this line which took place on the 13th — Our man went out on the 14th and returned without finding any break but as the wire was off of two poles and laying on the fence in one place, he thought that would prevent operation, but finding the wires did not work, he went ~~out on the 15th accompanied~~ all whole to the end of this route, but feeling anxious; he kept on about 40 rods and found the break on the Ithaca route — There has been no break on our route but what has been attended to immediately, perhaps the man at Ithaca does not come to what we call ~~Lodge~~ Ogdens there are two roads leading to this Ferry, we go to the four corners where there is a white house on the east side of the way on the South east Corner — In haste

Thy Friend Chas W. Copland

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UNION SPRINGS
APR 1 48

E. Cornell
Troy
Telegraph Office
New York

Chas. W. Howland
Apl 19/48



Til Office Buffalo Apr 19. 1868

Mr Connell

Dear Sir- Your Letter by favor of your Brother was Received this morning and agreeably to your request in it I write by to-days Mail in relation to the situation of busines here with me.

Last month I received for Boss only $3.09 and thus far this about $5.50- I owe to the Ny Line for busines last month $10.74 and about $10.00 this month so far-

I was obliged to borrow of Otis to pay my board &c $25- This brings me up to the present in about this shape

Rec'vd of O.C. Wood for self & Co	$ 25.00
For busines over My Line up to present	20.00
One Ream of Blanks by Sheds over	7.00
Balance of Lumber for Office	2.48
	$ 54.48

This is a rough calculation but right to a Dollar or Two, and it is under if not right Out of all the money passed through my hands I have only used some $20- and that has been to pay for Board &c I am sure I would like & have to my utmost been economical but how can I prevent being hard pushed when we must have Acid (at a dear rate too) & light &

stationary &c - & here let me say I am using my
own materials Inkstands - sand boxes Quills Paper &c
and have worked many a day - without the
least shadh of fire. (why? had no wood nor
means to get it)

I only ask what is right if I can only pay
my way till I can do better I will be satisfied
but I cannot possibly own. I dont take in
but a few shillings per day at most and often
not a cent & I cant get credit of the Co. him
much longer. Even now Otis advances funds
for our line to do outings. It is asking too
much of him & I dont see how I am to get
along under such circumtances

It would take now about $600 - to bring
me up square with the world here, and
not have anything left then to go on with.

If the line could be at work to Detroit I am
sure we could rush far ahead - for Otis
says he has from $10 to 20 per day for the other
line beyond Erie. He gives us all this side
of Erie. We should get some outings too from
the Canada line to go west -

I have curtailed every way I can possibly
have kept cool & not dropped a word to any
body about how hard we are pushed - nor
do I wish to now.

The public are getting very much dissatisfied

about the tardiness of our line connecting with the west end through Michigan. Fears are entertained that we dont design to have a line very soon &c.

Now is just the time we could raise our reputation and place the character of our line on a footing that could not be shaken by the other line even were they to succeed in maintaining their claims.

Their line does not work well at all. They dont pretend to write through direct to Detroit at all, but re-write at Cleveland. The public too are very much disgusted in the way they do business and are when me every day to know when they can give us their business.

If our line works as successful when complete as it does now, I will warrant you about all the business for 3 cents. I dont think either I am the best operator in existence but I can raise on the other line 100 times of their business sure. Now we furnish all the Erie papers with Reports & I flatter myself that we will continue to secure the Bigs in all the towns as we proceed west.

I am aware that it is hard to raise funds just now but still it does not lessen the want of it here. All that Dunham Cobb can take in they have too use to keep their offices going. I leave this matter of funds with you and you can act your

own judgment about it.

I have some private matters that I must have means to satisfy - if I use my time & services in telegraphing I must look to it, for such support.

I regret that we are all situated just as we are - hope we may never be placed so again -

Please reply on receipt of this as I must raise means for private use some way & what to do to manage our business operations is more than I can tell. I shall have to close the office for all I know -

I should like to be informed more definite about my salary too soon - if you are prepared to say - I know it looks hard now but if we ever get through to Detroit this office will have plenty to do - I would like to know about how much I may expect & must have what I told you last winter when I saw you at Ithaca - and how much better can you do by me - This is probably the most important office there will be on the line - and I think it ought to pay a tolerably good salary - If I am not capable to discharge the duties satisfactorily I don't want to remain - if I am I think I should have as much as others in offices of no more importance - If the line pays as I anticipate it will, I will take some stock for pay -

make myself a part of the line - I am desirous to
arrange in some way that I can make this
my settled place of business wish to remain in
your employ if all can be so arranged -
But I am too lengthy now - Please
Reply on these subjects by return of mail if poss-
ible - Very much oblige
Yours very Respectfully
W. D. Allen

New England Glass Co
20th April 1848

Mr E Connell

Dr Sir

We have not been favoured with any advices for a long time — your last letter informed us that the money for the balance of our account would be remitted in a few days — It would be very acceptable to us at this time — Your attention to it will oblige

Your Obdt Servt

Joseph N Howe Agent

J. N. Howe
20 April 1828

Buffalo Apl 20 1848

Dear Brother

I have not heard from mr Speed yet as the line is down west of Ashtabula I learn by Mr McKay who saw the Judge (before whom Gov Guard is presenting our Claims) so he that Mr Guard had been for a number of days before him in reference to the matter and multiplicity of busness prevented him from attending to his case. but Mr McKay thought that the busness was all fixed before this time, I hope you will inform me as soon as you hear what the result is I saw Parker again to day he thinks he will try and let me have $25 this week if he does I shall go on to Erie & Commence putting up the wire but that will not go far and I shall depend on your sending me some at Erie as soon as posible, it has taken all you let me have to pay bord & the men who helped but the wire together so that I have not Enough to pay fare to Erie

You are not aware of the ammount of busness we should do if our line was through to Detroit for the other line is not in opperation one half of the time to Detroit Our line has not been broken since we started pleas write me at Erie

Yours Respectfully
D C Cornell

D C Cornell

E B Cornell

Apl 20 1848

Athens April 20th 1848

Dear Sir

I was engaged until late last evening at Jefferson so that I could not give you an evening sheet.

After making a fair trial at Bowerman with no prospect of success and they refusing entirely to have any thing to do with the matter if any stock was held at Jefferson and the Jeffersonites reciprocating fully their feelings. I determined to confine my efforts to Jefferson. I have raised three $200 and they are good for at least $500 more, and some think can be had at Bindett when Baker returns - What they sign at Jefferson is on the express condition, that the Co open and maintain an office there and I have given them a written stipulation to that effect - stipulating also that if in case they cannot raise the $300, and that if the Co notwithstanding think it their interest to take up with the smaller amount, the Co can do so, but the payment will be made only on the above conditions - I think they have done well considering the size of the place -

I leave to morrow morning for Newburgh by the way of Albany - expect to visit Rensalaer (over)

Howland has just been to see me in Wating to posts. He says you told him you had left that matter with me, I dont recollect any thing of the kind - however I told him to go ahead as far as Jefferson - but I have told him nothing as to the time when. I wish you would write to me on the subject at Sunbury and I will write to him more fully. What is his first name?

Yours

W. R. Humphreys

April 26 1852

Erie Friday Apr 21st 1848
Office of the Erie & Mich. Rl Co

Dear Brother Ezra

Your letter of Cayuga Lake reached me this morning, & glad was the reception. You was thoughtless I guess or you would have told me more particularly about your health & family, & how sister Cara B was, when you last saw or heard from her. The last news I have is that she was very sick with a fever but hoped to get better soon.

What did you do or conclude about a Home Cemetery? Did You go up to Dayden & spare time to look into that matter or not I am anxious to learn.

Your inquiries in relation to business matters with us seem to indicate that you have a smattering of our difficulties already & without Exaggerating I will tell you so far as I am concerned that I think we shall live our way through by & by. When E B left & at the time this Office was opened I had about $15. I went on & fitted up for business as properly & Economically as I could, & now I am in debt about $18. I have on hand $23. due for $5. and have paid my board bill nearly up to this time at 2,25

per week in a first-rate private family. Aside from that I have not expended a dollar for private use. but I have been very unfortunate in getting good Nitric Acid. & they charge from 2 to 3/6 per lb. and as they began to grow short they diluted, & then charged

Parsons, the operator in O'Reilly's has happened to buy a jar of some 5 lbs which proved to be the best in town good for any thing. & now he lends me, to keep along till they send some from Buffalo I think he is very accommodating

Before I forget it any longer I want to know about that $3. dollars which you paid Dr Filch of N.Y. for those books which you bot for me. Did I, or have I ever paid you for it? Amid all of my mental suffering I have forgotten that, & want you to charge me, & regard it as pure forgetfulness. & I will try to satisfy you some day

E B is now in Buffalo & I have a talk with him every few minutes. It seems that he & Allen are pretty well cramped for funds & one reason of Allen's tightness is on account of our sending considerable business to go beyond Buffalo which never gets any answers & that draws out him more than his returns. I guess Cobb at Fredonia will live & so can I but I think Allen's birth is not a desirable one at present. My cash acct since this os was opened which was the 20th march, are about $45.

The Propeller "Cleveland" I just-heard went-to the bottom on Lake Mich" last-tuesday & all her passengers, number not-known

The feeling of the people here seem to be somewhat divided in relation to these 2 lines, but-from what I can discover I think we have no reason to complain, they getting started first-of course had some advantage, but-after all I have succeeded in getting the patronage of the Press, There are 4 weekly papers published here, 3 of them take Rep-here & the other dont think it-can afford it, consequently dont-take any, any where, The other Offs charged $6. pr week $1. for each Rep, & to each & every Editor that might-copy it, but-I charge 5 cts a Rep-according to Speeds orders, but-am not-certain whether he meant-5 cts for each Rep-& let-as many copy it-as pleased, or charge each Editor so much, Cobb understood it-to charge but-5 cts for each Rep-any how

I wrote to Speed some 3 weeks since requesting information but-have not-heard from since he left-here going west, So now I sell one regular Rep-every day for 5 cts & if an arrival or any thing else, like Election returns, happens to be announced at a different-hour from regular Rep-time, the Eds take it-, issue an extra & pay me 5 cts each, One at-least-& perhaps 2 bulletins will be issued on & after the first-of May & I want particular directions how much to charge before that time, You will please write me a letter in full & detail immediately if possible Your genuine friend

E Cornell Esq

J Dunham

P.S. My health I cannot report as I wish I could. I eat heartily & travel on foot from 3 to 4 miles each day but after all I cannot get rid of that pain in my breast & between my shoulders. It has troubled me within the past week than it ever did before. Still I am determined continue my exercise & rest as much as possible & see if I can master it. A L Tyler is here with me & progressing pretty well. He is deficient in an acquaintance with business matters & customs, like myself, but he is a fine sterling young man & will make one of the right kind

Sat morn Apr 22 Not by way of complaint but information. I will tell what occurred here last P.M. My breast felt so bad after tea that I felt it necessary to take a walk, & did so & was absent nearly 2 hours. In the meantime Allen had revd the announcement & Report from the "Sarah Sands". He told me when I came that had I been at my place I might have had some foreign news but it was too late then. I told him my extreme necessity for exercise & was very sorry it happened so, & asked him to give it me then but he refused saying he was not going to set up beyond his usual hour to send Rep when he had it around so long. I told him I should get at least 50 for it & perhaps 150 Will he should not set up for 50 any how, but after a long time I prevailed on him to let me have it, & when he got thro it was just 26 mins past 8 PM. Our hours for opening are 8 AM & for closing 8 PM. I have disagreed with him about closing & telling him that all business shops kept open till 9 Oclock but he will have his own way in every point of disagreement, & so I let him go without expressing much dissatisfaction or any hard feelings for I am determined to get along some how without my being the instigator or generater of such little petty troubles. But I must say I think he has too many "I wants". I dont want you to consider this fault-finding but as a confidential Brother I have apprized you, Cobb stands where I do Yours in haste I Dunham

Dear Sir
What I am
I Dunham
Apl 21/65

W. Elwell

New York April 21. 1848.

Dear Sir

W. Hallock the Deputy Collector came down about the 1st of April and took account of Furs the Amt is some $80 Acct. what shall I do with him I will try the Claim for the rest I am Yours with Esq also W. E Hedden Collector for the Amt of Telegraph Wrote Wm May 60 3/4 c 1/— $75.38 shall I pay him

Your Note Shaw all ben protested & also no Your Check for $750 & how come to see a Remittance from you, but can shall not let your Name be protested

Your Respectfully

Millet & Dey

Wells & Co

Rec'd 1850 Apl 21 /49

Ithaca April 22° 1848

Dear Sir

I made all my arrangements to leave here yesterday, (Friday); but on Thursday P.M. I was informed by Telegraph of a meeting here of our R.R. directors on Friday, and as some of them came from a distance, and no quorum could be had unless I remained, I had to stay; and especially as we were at this meeting to decide upon matters of great importance. We were together Friday and to day, and have voted to increase our Capital $300.m and go on and relay the road - and we have got to make a determination at once on other final projects will get ahead of us and hinder us in operating in N.Y. in the way of raising money & I am now the Sec'y of the Co, and as such various duties devolve on me which cannot be put off and which will detain me here. So that it will be impossible for me to go to Newburgh and the other places to talked about; at all events I should be detained until it will be too late for me to be of any service to you. I regret this very much, as I have taken great interest in the success of your enterprise, and felt confident I could accomplish as much at Newburgh. Go here to as any one, having a pretty general acquaintance in these towns But I dont think that you or any other energetic man will have any difficulty

Allow me to refer you in Newburgh to Mr Husbands the late Shaker, or to Major Crawford or to Mr Ramsdell the son in law of Miss Powell. Ramsdell is a director in the Erie R.R. and whatever he takes hold of must go ahead. I should think stock could be got at Middletown seven miles from Goshen. There is money enough in any of those places to raise any amount they take a notion to

I have sent by Express to you the subscription book you left with me and also a lot of our Articles of association

Whatever I can do for you here I will do with pleasure and I would like to have occasionally how your line progresses. I think it would be advisable to give Howland some specific instructions as soon as convenient

Your Respectfully
W.F.C. Humphreys

Wm F. Humphreys
Supt. E.R.R.

E Cornell Esqr

Marshall 23d Apl. 1878

Dear Sir

You have had a letter I believe to operate in Thurs & have - Have had letter agents to help you - Have manager letter, Thurs & have, & you have had a curse have, ugly, stumpy, muddy, whistle road to travel for the last twelve months - It does really seem as tho I could get nothing done unless I do it myself - Thus have been an dollar obtained here since last June, but what I have collected myself, & been with those who did get it - I can go to any place on earth line and always get a little; but as soon as I leave they stop buying and refuse to pay - I take Tillotson to get some one at Detroit to aide Hoyt, and go himself to collecting; but he thought it would not do to trust any one in the office but Havilland or himself, and he has been at Detroit until this last week - He has now gone to Milwaukee and will close as fast as he can - I have collected enough to buy for knitting, cutting & enough to buy for knitting up

the last on mile of wire; but I must now collect enough to enable Wood to pay what he owes on this line, which is now $1700, and the men who are entitled to it are dunning him every day. I go with Collins or Ira Victor this week to all the places in this State and will make an earnest last effort to my subscribers. I do not promise to get even enough to relieve Wood. I will do my best. We have had a terrible storm. Broke down our line in many places. We did not get all ourselves until yesterday. I think working the lines in reaching the line must be down, and I hope we will now be able to work a long time without interruption. Wilson has gone on the line between St Louis & Chicago, and Major Bowes on the route from St Louis to Toledo. They are both good men. Wilson the best by far. I have given them $100 each for expenses. They could not go without.

As I wrote you sometime ago, Jackson has gone to work on the line from Cleveland this way. He has $500 of money belonging to his wife

which he will owe, and get it back when he can. If I could get a two dollars for Wood to buy the board bill of his hands, he would put up the wire we had left from Detroit to Monroe. But how, or when I am to get funds to buy what Wood owes, is uncertain. I hate to put it out any subscribers this week. but it is like pulling out their eye teeth to get a ten dollar bill out of them. I hope Littleton will be able to get some funds at Kalamazoo, South Bend Racine & Chicago: but I fear he will not get much. The fact is our subscribers are either poor or indifferent men, with some honorable exceptions, who have hard times, and the money went long ago. The collecting of Factory stock was children play compared with this, as we dread those who could buy and would not: but Howard & Hubbell both say that we could get back in a short time all that is coming to us. There is no promise to pay in the books.

I owe the Bankers $15 to renew my note at the Bank. I owe Wood $20 - and have not a cent to pay it. Starr called to get his Express money - I had not a cent to pay him. I owe Littleton $10 - and have not a cent to pay him. I owe Bronson $5 - and have not a cent to pay him. I owe Wood $5 - and have not a cent to pay him. I owe Starr $5 - and have not a cent to pay him. I owe Littleton $5

It would be an awful calamity for
you notes to be protested, as you now
have a Credit which is equal to a
large capital, but what you can do
to prevent it, I know not, unless Smith
will endorse your Note and you can
get a loan of the Merchants, or some
one else - Smith would undoubtedly
endorse for you, if he could not let
you have the money, and with Smiths
Endorsement and (Benjn Wood, if
You can get it) you might make a
raise, for Friendly purposes, as these -
If O R can be shut up at Buffalo, we
can get fine to run thro' and connect
between Buffalo and Detroit. I could
also get an Act thro' the Canada
Parliament as soon as we can close
his stock at Buffalo -
Our customers scold & growl
like an old hen because we refuse
to take cows to be sent over the O R line -
I tell them our line will be done 1st May -
I must be at home soon after 1st May
as my family will be all ready to leave for Detroit.

Yours truly S Edwards

Your Uncle Chas is getting quite
Patriarchal, & writes us pretty often -
Aunty & Frank are well -
Ruth has left -

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S. F. Speed
Esq
Louisville
Ky

Washington April 24th 1848

E. Bonnell Esqr.

Dear Sir, Your letter of the 17th inst. is at hand.

It will be agreeable to me to give you additional contracts; but we had better square up as we go along. Mr. Smith has neither paid nor agreed to pay the bal. ance due Mr. Nail on the Troy and Canada junction line nor has the amount due Org, Morse been received as required in the enclosed copy of my letter to you dated 3d inst.

Close up these matters and I will be ready to negotiate with you

Very respectfully
Amos Kendall

Troy N.Y.

N. B. The amount due Nail according to your statement is $1,341.25
due Morse 2.375

Amos Kendall

March 3 & Apl 24

1828

Office of B. N. American
Electric Tel Association
Dublin 26th April 1848.

Dear Sir.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your telegraphic communications of the 22nd inst, and am directed to inform you, in reply, that the Directors are unable to comply with your request with respect to wire.

As regards the completion of the line to Metis, they I am to intimate their readiness to fulfil their share of the contract; it therefore rests with you to take action.

I remain, Dear Sir
Your Obedt Servt
J. Stirling
Sec.

Ezra Cornell Esqr

W. Kimbin
25 Apl 1868

Montreal April 27th 1848

My Dear Father-

Enclosed you will receive two letters- one from Uncle E B C Buffalo and the other from Dr Simmins Secy &c Quebec which took the liberty to open and tear off the out side sheet for the purpose of making a lighter letter. I telegraphed you today to New York about the Quebec people not being able to let you have any wire.

Since you left our line has been working finely and without interruption- and we were soon O.K. after you left. as soon as I went in the office after you left Lapraire I found it all right and the were working nicely- I called Troy and sent two cons (which I did not happen to let you carry to St Johns and recd two from him and one from Rutland ton and then New York commenced sending the report and we got about half a page and then we were down- and I could get nothing for some time and about half past four there was an extra engine going to St Johns upon which I stepped and went to St J- I found the Line all right between the two places ands when I got to J I found Cutter in the office having just came from off the Line south which way he had been nine miles looking for a break. I tried the instruments but could get nothing either way. I then applied the local battery to the relay, but found no current through it and then I immedately took the magnet a part and unwound one of the coils and found the small wire burnt off. (which was done the night before during the Thunder storm) I then put another magnet in the circuit and in five minutes after going in the office I was working nicely

with Barry. I then took out the ground leach and found N.Y. sending the report. Sutter tells me there were no breaks in the wire between Lafayette and St Johns- but one or two holes pretty badly mutilated by the lightning. The time that we worked with Troy and we received part of the report was at a time when Cutter went out of the office and had his main wire connected, and when he came in again he disconnected them which broke us. I then showed Cutter how to throw his relay out of the circuit to prevent it from being injured in a like manner again which it appears he did not know any thing about and in fact he knows but very little about an instrument any way you can fix it. a few minutes after I got thru Operator from St Albans came in he having come in search of the difficulty and under Professors orders he came on to he found the difficulty.

Please let me hear from you soon and write to me often. I will write you again soon.

Your Affectionate Son

A B Cornell

E Cornell

Troy

A B Cornell
Apl 27 1848

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G Cornell Esq
Care Mr S Woods Esq
Troy Canada Telegraph Office
Troy N.Y.

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Detroits April 27. 1848

Mr E. Cornell

Dear Sir

Yours of 17th inst was duly rec'd we have given you our bill not less than three times, particulars of your account & now again submit the following being a part of the Balance due us and which you have stated was correct & would settle it also.

Jany 8. 1846. 10½ Oz Jas Mas for Rec'd	@	10.50
8 Reels	@	8.00
6 Vs Solder	@	1.50
Alcohol, Acid & Sc		2.75
		$22.75

This is the account which you wish to get from Mr Clark, as the other items are as you have before stated your own. We will do all we can to please you & make it all even & owing in if of any service to you. but it is rather a troublesome job to go over accounts of long standing, do often, nevertheless if you say so we will do so, any thing to make it satisfactory, and any time you choose to pay it, only let us bring it to a close & oblige Yours truly

Stephens & Storey

The whole amount due as per acc
rendered Jany 13th 48 is $179.80 One hundred & seventy nine Dollars & eighty cents

Ghulam Mustafa
Dr. Abdul Ghani

2 Oct
1940

3 Oct
Lahore

Orwell 28th apl 1848

17.500

Sir,

Yrs of the 24th inst is recd. I should think it would be worth from three to five dollars pr day & expenses to procure subscriptions for stock over the lake - I will undertake to take it for $25. pr week & expenses for the first two weeks or at ~~the same rate~~ if the rate of $5. pr day & expenses if I get the stock taken in Platts burgh in a less time than two weeks. If it takes over two weeks I will do it for $25. pr week & expenses for the first two weeks and at the rate of three dollars ($3.00) pr day & expenses for all the time it takes over ~~two~~ weeks. Thirty dollars to be advanced and the balance to be paid when the surveys are rendered - I should like to enter upon the business as soon as possible if you conclude to employ me - The is a favorable time now and the sooner the business is undertaken the better. Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience on the subject - The sum I think you ought to have made the proposition first yourself as you know what is usual better than I do - And if you wish me to make

my compensation in a measure depends upon the success of the enterprise. I will do it in that way if your proposition is satisfactory - Please write

In haste yrs
very respectfully,
Henry Hall

E. Cornell Esq.
Ithaca
N.Y.

Henry Hall
Steam Boiler
Oct 28 1864

Apr. 28/48

In Copy of yr letter to CBC at Erie Apl 28. 48. I find mention of enclosure therein of $100. On your a/c with him I find no such item chgd at or near that date.

In Copy of letter to CBC at Command'r O. May 22'48 you say "you family are well. I saw them this am. I have given your wife $15." on the same date (May 22'48) you have him chge $5 yr wife $5. how is that?

Your letter dated Jan Oct 30 47. to CBC at Erie says "I have sent your wife $20. ~~I think the same~~ Do yr a/c you have him chge Oct 8. 47 $20. & Sept 27. $20. should he be chge $20 more or is it one of the items I mention.

Oct 9 you write him from Ivy to Ithaca directing him to go on the E & N line & go to work. this appears to be his commencement there.

~~Oct 5~~ VV A

11900
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58.

E B C Mead
Cost Credits

Edmund Burke
28. Aug 1848

U. S. PATENT OFFICE,

Washington, Aug. 28 – 1848

SIR:

Your assignment — *has been received, and will be recorded* in its turn *on receipt of the fees,* $2 *which you will please remit in specie,*

I am, very respectfully, yours, &c.,

EDMUND BURKE,

Comm'r of Patents.

E. Cornell. Esq
Ithaca
N. York

NOTE.—The rate of fees taxed by law for recording assignments, &c., are as follows:

On all assignments, &c., containing not over 300 words, - -	$1 00
" " " more than 300 and not over 1,000 words	2 00
" " " more than 1,000 words, - - -	3 00

which fees, in all cases, are required to be paid in advance in specie.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS CONFIDENTIAL.

Erie and Michigan Telegraph Company.

Office in Williams' Block, opposite the Court House,

Erie, April 29 1848, 8 *o'clock,* 30 *min.* A *M.*

VIA TELEGRAPH *from* Cleveland

To Mr E B Cornell Esq

Three times now have
the wires of the line of the
Tel just up by you between
Buffalo & Erie come in con-
tact with those of the Lake
Erie line so as to prevent our
working. This is extremely
to be regretted, & I am assur
does not been intentional but
from a fault in the construction
of your line. In some cases
it was under ours. You may
perhaps know that we have the

"right of way" wherever our line has been, & ~~has~~ preempted the ground wherein I claim

I have therefor to request you immediately to remove your line wherein I ~~claim~~ claim within above or below ours

A. B. Ely

Ely A

W. Va. Ely.
Dec 1880
Sept. the 18th

Northfield Apl. 29 1838

E. P. Lowell Esq.

Sir Your favr. of the 27th Inst was duly rec.d and I hasten to reply. that immediately after you left this place I advised with some of our prominent citizens in regard to your proposal to open a Telegraph Office in this Village. and on the 24th Inst. I addressed a letter to Mr Spud, of Detroit and have this day rec.d a his answer from Marshall Mich which I think favorably of. and that it will meet the views of our citizens with some amendments and have no doubt but all the preliminaries can be settled at an interview and how suggest. would it not be well for You to visit us for that purpose?

I Shall confer with those most interested in the project and the matter will be under advisement in their hands until we see You or hear further from You or Col Spud

Yours &c.

T. J. Camp

G. T. Comp
to CBC
Apl 29. 1868

Dollars $2000.

New York April 29 — 1848.

Fifteen days after sight pray to the order of Mess Wells & Co^n^ two thousand dollars for value rec^d^ & charge same to acct of

Your Obt Stn

Signed/ E. Cornell

To William Workman
Charles Lindsay
H. H. Whitney
Trustees of the Montreal
Telegraph Company.

Endorsed/ Pay Mr^n^ Geo Bent or order

signed/ Wells & Co^n^

OFFICE twelfth day of the month of September in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty eight at the request of George Bent, of the city of Montreal, Commission Agent, holder of the original bill or draught whereof a true copy is above written, We the undersigned Public Notaries, for that part of the Province of Canada heretofore constituting the Province of Lower Canada, residing in the said City of Montreal, in the said Province, went to the respective Offices in Montreal aforesaid, of William Workman, Charles Lindsay and H. H. Whitney, and also to the Office in Montreal of the Montreal Telegraph Company, the said William Workman, Charles Lindsay and H. H. Whitney, Trustees of the Montreal Telegraph Company being the parties on whom the said original bill is drawn, and we found the office of the said Charles Lindsay shut

up

up, but speaking at the other above mentioned offices to wit: at the office of the said William Workman to himself and at the office of the said H. H. Whitney, to his clerk, and at the office of the Montreal Telegraph Company, to a reasonable person in charge of the said offices, we exhibited unto them the said original bill and demanded payment thereof, the time therein limited being elapsed: Whereunto they answered to wit: the said William Workman "I know nothing about this bill;" the clerk of the said H. H. Whitney: "Mr. Whitney is absent;" and the person in charge of the office of the Montreal Telegraph Company "none of the trustees are in."

All of which said answers being unsatisfactory, We the said Notaries, at the request aforesaid; have protested, and by these presents do most solemnly protest, as well against the drawer and drawees of the said original bill as against all others whom it doth, shall or may concern for all exchanges and all costs, charges, damages and interest suffered or to be suffered for want of payment of the said Bill.

Done and Protested at Montreal aforesaid the day and year first above written.

In testimony of the premises, we have signed in duplicate, under number two thousand and nineteen of the original deeds of L. Doucet one of the undersigned Notaries.

C. J. McGinnis N.P. L. Doucet N.P.

And afterwards, to wit: on the thirteenth day of September in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty eight, at the request of George

Bent

Bent, named in the Protest on the other side written, I the the undersigned Public Notaries purposely went to the Montreal Post Office, where speaking to a reasonable person being a clerk in the said Post Office, we delivered unto him a true copy of the said protest and a duplicate of the notice immediately following these presents, to be forwarded by mail to Mr. E. Cornell, New York, drawer of the original Bill or draught mentioned in the said Protest, in order that he may not plead ignorance of the premises.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto signed & subscribed our name, on the day month and year first before written, in duplicate. And we have prepaid the postage on said copy so forwarded as aforesaid as far as the United States lines.

C. J. Cajmeau N.P. J. Doucet N.P.

Montreal 13 September 1848.

I am requested by Mr. George Bent, of Montreal, Commission agents to inform you and you are hereby notified that the original Bill or Draught, whereof a true copy is on the other side written for the sum of $2000 drawn by you upon William Workman, Charles Lindsay & W. H. Whiting Trustees of the Montreal Telegraph Company payable to the order of Messrs Wells & Co endorsed by them, was at the request of George Bent aforesaid, protested for non payment, on the twelfth day of the present month of September and the holder of the said Bill holds you bound as drawer thereof, and looks to you for the payment of the same, with interest and costs. And in order that you may not pretend ignorance in the premises, I herewith send you a copy of the said Protest.

Yours &c

J. Doucet N.P.

To Mr. E. Cornell
New York

№ 2019.

12 September 1848.

Protest

at the request of
Mr. George Bent
of a Bill drawn by
C. Cornell upon
the Trustees of the
Montreal Telegraph
Company.

Duplicate. Y. Doucet Ntp.

Expenses £2. 0. 0

New York April 29 1848.

Dollars $ 2000

Fifteen days after sight pay to the order of Messrs Wells & Co^a Two Thousand Dollars for value rec^d & charge same to acc^t of

Your Ob^t Sv^t

Signed E. Cornell.

To William Workman
Charles Lindsay
H. H. Whitney
Trustees of the Montreal
Telegraph Company

Endorsed Pay Mr. Geo. Bent or order
signed Wells & Co^a

On this twelfth day of the Month of September in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight at the request of George Bent of the city of Montreal, Commission agent, holder of the original bill or draught ~~holder of the original Promissory Note~~, whereof a true copy is above written, we, the undersigned Public Notaries, for that part of the Province of Canada heretofore constituting the Province of Lower Canada, residing in the said City of Montreal, in the said Province, went to the respective offices in Montreal aforesaid of William Workman, Charles Lindsay and H. H. Whitney, and also to the office in Montreal of the Montreal Telegraph Company, the said William Workman Charles Lindsay and H. H. Whitney, Trustees of the Montreal Telegraph Company being the parties on whom the said original bill is drawn, and we found the office of the said Charles Lindsay shut up but speaking at the other above mentioned ~~by whom the said original Note is drawn, made the same payable~~, where being and speaking to Offices, to wit: at the office of the said William Workman to himself and at the Office of the said H. H. Whitney, to his clerk and at the office of the Montreal Telegraph Company to a reasonable person in charge of the said office we exhibited unto them the said original bill, and demanded payment thereof, the time therein limited being elapsed; WHEREUNTO they answered, to wit: the said William Workman "I know nothing about this bill." the Clerk of the said H. H. Whitney: "Mr. Whitney is absent." and the person in charge of the office of the Montreal Telegraph Company: "None of the trustees are in." All of which said answers being unsatisfactory, ~~Wherefore~~, we, the said Notaries, at the request aforesaid, have protested, and by these presents do most solemnly protest, as well against the drawer and endorser of the said original Note, as against all others whom it doth, shall, or may concern, for all costs, charges, damages, and interest, suffered or to be suffered for want of payment of the said Note.

Done and Protested, at Montreal, aforesaid, the day and year first above written.

IN TESTIMONY OF THE PREMISES WE HAVE SIGNED IN DUPLICATE, under number two thousand & nineteen of the original deeds of T. Doucet one of the undersigned Notaries. Twenty four deletions are null.

Signed C. F. Papineau N.P. & T. Doucet N.P.

True Copy
T. Doucet N.P.

And afterwards, to wit: on the day of
in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty- at the request of

named in the Protest on the other side written, we, the undersigned Public Notaries, purposely went to the

Endorser of the Promissory Note mentioned in the said Protest, and there being, and speaking to a reasonable person of and in the said , we did notify and signify to

the said Protest, declaring, by speaking as aforesaid, that the holder of the said Note, will hold bound and look to for the payment of the said Note, with interest and costs;

And, of the said Protest, and of these presents, a true copy was by us left with the said

in order that may not plead ignorance of the premises. In testimony whereof, we have hereunto signed and subscribed our name, on the day, month and year first before written, in duplicate.

Montreal, 13 September 1848

I am requested by Mr. George Bent of Montreal Commission agent to inform you, and you are hereby notified that the original bill or draught ~~to inform you, and you are hereby notified, that the original Promissory Note~~, whereof a true copy is on the other side written, for the sum of £2000 drawn by you upon Wilkinson, Lindsay & Co. & Whitney, Masters of ~~to — — order~~ the Montreal Telegraph Company, ~~endorsed by~~ payable to the order of Messrs. Wells & Co & endorsed by them was, at the request of George Bent aforesaid, protested for non-payment, on the twelfth day of the present month of September and the holders of the said Bill hold you bound, as Drawer thereof, and look to you for the payment of the same, with interest and costs. And in order that you may not pretend ignorance in the premises, I herewith send you a copy of the said Protest. Seventeen words deleted are null.

Yours, &c.

To

Mr. E. Cornell
New York

G. Doucet, N.P.

ADVERTISED 4 CLS.

Mr. E. Cornell

New York.

MONTREAL
SP 13
1848
L.C.



T. Doucett
15 Sept 1848
Sgt Polstein

New York April 29 1848

Dollars 2000 $ Fifteen days after sight pay to the order of Messrs Wells & Co Two Thousand Dollars for value Rec^d & charge same to acct of Your Obt Sts

(Signed) E. Connell

(Endorsed) Pay the Order of Bent or order Wells & Co

a true copy

John Nelson Isaacson

To William Workman
Charles Lindsey
H. H. Whitney
Trustees of the Montreal
Telegraph Company

N.P.

On this day the Twenty fifth of August in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight Hundred and Forty eight at the request of George Bent of the City of Montreal in the Province of Canada Commission Agent holder of the original Bill whereof a true copy is above written. we. the undersigned Public Notaries duly commissioned and sworn in and for that part of the Province of Canada heretofore constituting the Province of Lower Canada residing in the City of Montreal. went to the respective offices in the said City of Montreal of William Workman Charles Lindsey and H. H. Whitney. and also to the office in the said City of Montreal of the Montreal Telegraph Company - the said William Workman Charles Lindsey and H. H. Whitney Trustees of the Montreal Telegraph Company being the persons upon whom the said original bill is drawn and speaking at the said office of the said William Workman to Mr Thomas Workman and at the office of the said Charles Lindsey to the said Charles Lindsey in person. and

at

at the office of the said H. H. Whitney, to the said H. H. Whitney in person, - and at the office of the said Montreal Telegraph Company to a person in the employment of the said Montreal Telegraph Company, we exhibited unto each of them the said original Bill and demanded acceptance thereof the time thereon limited being elapsed, whereunto they respectively answered

"We cannot accept that Bill"

Wherefore we the said Notaries at the request aforesaid have protested and by these presents do solemnly protest as well against the drawer drawees and endorser of the said original Bill as against all others whom it may concern for exchange, and all costs charges damages and interests suffered and to be suffered for want of acceptance of the said Bill.-

Done and protested at Montreal aforesaid on the day and year above written in duplicate under the number Seven Hundred and Ninety.-

In test. Veritatis

J. Doucet N.P.

John Melder Isaacson

N.P.

Afterward on this day the Twenty fifth of August one Thousand eight Hundred and Forty eight we the same Notaries at the like request did give notice in writing of the within Protest to E. Connell drawer of the bill in the said Protest referred to by a personal delivery and service of the said Notice at the Post Office in the said City of Montreal, speaking to a clerk in the said

said Post Office the said Notice addressed
to the said E. Connell as follows to wit -

To Mr E. Connell
New York

whereof we have granted the present acte
to serve when and where occasion may
require for all legal purposes

Done at Montreal and passed
by us Notaries in testimony of the
premises (in duplicate) under the
number Seven Hundred and Ninety one

John Nelder Isaacson

P. Doucet, N.P.

N.P.

Nos 7908791

25th August 1848

Protest

at the request of

Mr George Bent

for non-acceptance of a bill

drawn by

E. Cornell

on

William Workman et al

Trustees of Mon: Telegraph Company

Duplicate

John Helder Isaacson Mtr

Montreal

Paid 15/- 4

To Messrs Kellock & Connell —

We have received the annexed statement of your claim made to us respecting the differences between you & the Telegraph Co's clerk Mr Wallace and we award that the said Telegraph Co do pay to you the sum of Twenty five dollars in full of all claims & demands between you & them up to this date

Newyork January 16. 1847 —

Francis B. Smith
Thomas W. Patrick

James C Hallecks Rect

Detroit 30 Apl 1848

Dear Sir

When I got to Marshall I
saw a Teth with Capt Collins and
Jas Tillotson. I endeavored that I
would go back to L.O. and stop at
all the places on the line and help
close up - as I obtained the subscriptions
I thought I might do better than they
could in getting buy - I soon found
that it was impossible to get money
the merchants have just gone to the
City and deemed those little towns
of merit very dull - I concluded
to close up the business, and when
the men come good take their notes
payable in 10. 20. 30. or 40 days with interest
We got notes at L.O. for $216 - Cash $45 -
Webster at L.O. was not at home - He owes
$25 on our share. When you come
back if you can see him, close it
Capt Whitcomb at L.O. owes $15. When
he will pay when he can be found

Mrs Hamm - do not en them on your return can attend to it when he pos

#5 - Potts #280 - Marshall #210 in cash
Jackson about #280
and notes - Ann Arbor #275 - cash
(about #20) notes #250 (Collins has that a/c)
Collins will close up at Y[illegible]. on his
return home, we will get about
#150 there - I have all Woods debts at
Z.O. and Battle Creek amounting to
about #200 - & #200 on his notes at
Jackson - He still owes #1447 - which
can be paid out of the avails of
the notes we have - If you can
get any money over expenses I think
it will be best to use it to last the
win up we have from here to
Monroe - Cornell wants any dollar
we can collect - but we cannot get
Enough to do him any good, and a
few dollars in money will pay the
expenses of the hands in putting up
this wine - Wood says that they will
all write on this beg - if this expenses
can be paid

We can get $10 to 15 a day as [illegible]
office, and we will use all [illegible]
can get, and put up all the [illegible]
we have. I may have to go to [illegible]
Boston to see Smith in order to [illegible]
means to complete the line to [illegible]
I hear that Connell will not [illegible]
to get the wire running we [illegible]
get the hands to put it up.
O'R line is in bad order, it does
not work one half the time, and
the way the bubbles come the
whole current is not down. I think
we can raise the money on the
line soon, if they do not do better
than they have done.
I cannot know what Summer has
done. Expect to hear every day that
he has struck ile this shot at Buffalo.
I go from here tomorrow or next day
after my business

Yours truly

F. O'Reilly

Dear Sir $955 due at South Bend, all good
but $90 - get notes. There is a basic amt
due on bills. (And mem divis, and
contingt) do the best you can with
them and take notes when they are
paid - at the two places I think we
can get near $1500 which will be
basic - Lewis Morrell owes the Keator
at South Bend, and Lewis basic for me
as the LaBunk $200. I pain Keator
$62 last winter, and must pay him the
balance of 162 out of the amt collected
at South Bend - There is a small amt
due on South Bend for tanning wine
&c. which Mr K understands and
has probably mine before this time.

Yours
Spear
Oct 30. 48

Detroit 30 April 1848

Dear Sir

I have now been out on the lines from Milwaukie here, and have almost all our subscriptions, and have drawn up the subscription at Kalamazoo, Battle Creek, Marshall Jackson & Ann Arbor, got up them one hundred dollars money, and $1100 in notes which are good, and will be paid - We will get about as much more West of Kalamazoo. Tillotson is now closing up them. I have collected and have since I came out - near $2000.

Have still owing according to his memorandum $1447, which can be paid out of the avails of the notes we will have, and say 1000 dollars besides, which cannot all be collected in less than six months, but will be all paid with interest. This is about four thousand dollars less than I anticipated we would get, and that much less than we

tobe you or could buy on the
min: but so it is, and with all the
efforts that I have been able to make
I could do no better. There was $150
subscribers here, none of which has
been paid, and some of which
can be collected until we get
our line down to Buffalo, and
for the Points out the way. The
subscription here is consequently of
little or no use to us. This is a dis-
astrous result, and one which I
did not anticipate; but one which
no exertions of mine could prevent.
Have there been no difficulty with
the OR tribe my subscribers would
have paid, but they consider themselves
by that as an excuse for not doing so.
You say Mr Lowrie has taken too much
and done no good, and that I set
him a bad example by having
two ways of doing a thing. But
I did not tell Mack to try more

more than one way, that was to get the stock subscribed. I did make the Fredonia people two offers: but it was done to induce them to do as I asked, which was to subscribe $2000 to our stock, which they did, and which I was confident they would do when I made them the offer to subscribe for them, if they would give $500 additional. You certainly did wonders as I knew if your subs. are not like ours, useful only as decoy ducks to lure a balloon into a scrape— I expect to leave here Tuesday even ge to return after my family. If you can use them I would be glad, as you must direct what course we shall steer in this night of financial darkness— We will get some money out of our business— The offices at Chicago and Milwaukee & here are doing well & evidently increasing

Yours truly J. J. Strobridge

I see from the Milwaukee papers that Nelson has sold his interest in the Sentinel to his partner Saul Ring and "engages with the magnetic Telegraph Co". I think he is a capital man for us, and the best man by our use that can be found. Keeping the mountains but my dear Sir I will take you down to get much money on there lines when we have to fight O.R.- You say he gets money and we can too. I admit that we can get as much as he can on any route: but the chance is that neither get any.-

9 Stanwix St
30 April

I think I can go any route in any country and with a fair chance get as much as he can: but I am also confident that neither of us could get enough to build the line on most routes in the west when we both dish each other as he have we could. I do not consider

only chance is the line is called over-
ridden with debt &c.

Jefferson Monday Eve

Dear Sir

I got here about noon & have spent the whole day in our matters I find a deadly feud between this place & Havana — they will not unite and the suit must be got in one place or the other — I think Watkins will go half if the citizens will do the remainder — and they seem inclined to go it — I went to Havana & startled things there — they have a public meeting them to-night — I think between them both the amount will be raised — they say if it goes it must go there and they say the same here — but I am confounded & tired & sleepy as I started before day light this morning —

I write what I can this morning to-night —

Yours

M R Humphrey

E. Comels Esqr

My brother & aunt & the Mississippi Planters Bank

W R Humphrey
Apl /48