Rutland 10th Oct. 1848

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 9th inst reached us this morning, & in reply will say that one of us can enter upon the business at any time you like; but before doing so we should want to know what your proposition would be for us should not want to work 6 or 8 months and then not han any thing for our labour— We do not wish you to think that we suppose you would share as— but this is what we mean— If we should enter upon this project & should fail to secure the full amount— we should not want to lose all we had done— Still with your influence & that of Mr Smith of Boston we think that the stock could be easely enough obtained, although money is scarce— Could you not make a visit with us on the proposed line the same as you did, & then draw on us to follow up smartly & obtain the stock. Please make us a proposition of what you can & will do— We should certainly like to do the work or superintend under you— We think we could make a line that the most interesting Trustees would accept— Please answer

Yours Truly Stoddard & Goakin

Rec'd Oct 13
Answ

Cayuga Lake Oct 11. 1848

My Dear Alanzo

I have been at home 1½ days and am again off for the east. I have found ~~left~~ our folks all well, little Mary is getting as beautiful as knowed by and as plump as a grub. Elizabeth is attending School and the boys are getting cuts.

Mary Gifford will leave in a few days for Auburn where she goes to work at the trade the afforesaid wrote.

I did not see any Dryden folks but heard that they are all well.

In Politicks the Fox sticks. Brags the roast but I have the utmost confidence that old Zack will carry the County of Tompkins & State of N.Y. and hope he will sweep the Stakes in Ohio.

It is said that Gen Cass will not get many votes in Tompkins, but I think he will get more than the friends of the other Candidates are willing to accord him.

I have ordered 4 Jugs Plaf Cafs to Erie & Grafs to Detroit, please inform Mr Speed, it may be some days before they will be on as the

the Order only goes forward to day by Mail.

I have also ordered 20 Grafs of Corn for W. D. Wilson Milwaukee, and shall send him word to Rock Jonesville, if not Madison Wisconsin.

I rec'd a letter from H. H. Whitney to day that looks more encouraging than his letters usually do. He promises to send me a Thousand dollars soon, and more soon after.

A tall Swede Schooner went down the rapids & broke the main, but before she could broke it cut off the mast and came over bringing the topmost of the mast, this argues well for the strength of steel rails. I have more confidence in that Company than heretofore.

I suggest to Luther Curtis, will he go Pike to go to Bur. Ht. wants what he can get of us, that is the only offer without condition, I hope Allen will improve and you must be particularly careful not to do any thing to irritate him or give cause of complaint.

Holmes goes to Jefferson on Monday to start a Jacky of hands to set up poles from J. to Both,

Ld. Burton is now Corbondale Pa E B C

and Rutkam working from N.Y. to Berkshill
O. S. W. M. L. W & Corry all well —
Write me at Newburgh N.Y. — I will
write you again after the Argument of
the injunction case at Albany which
takes place soon.

Yours Affectionately
E. Corell

ABC

Cayuga N.Y.
Oct-11.

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A. B. Cornell Esq
Cleveland
Ohio

J. B. Cornell
Cayuga Lith
Oct 11 1848

O Connell Esq

Pittsfield Oct 11th 1848

Dear Sir

Yours of the 8th inst dated at Troy just came to hand & in answer I leave to state that the $1200 to Wells & Co No 70 Wall St will be paid as your request undoubtedly as Power is now on a line of Collection

I am happy to learn that the corn will be soon forth coming & after the Cash & glass I as yet hear nothing.

You say that you go to Utica to night will be on this line this week I cannot conceive how you will be able to do it but hope you will

You will hear from me as soon as I get at Gt Barrington. I am desirous of seeing you here

Parsons near Litchfield & Paris will be at Barrington about Saturday

I am in haste

Yours Truly

Olcott

H E Dunn

Dear Sir Detroit 11 Oct 1848

I am in hopes that I have got over the Shakes. I have had no chills or fever for several days and feel pretty well again. I shall go to Toledo tomorrow or the day after, and to all our offices as far as Cleveland, and perhaps to Buffalo. I have paid quite a number of the most noisy fole men & others that had bills apt us, and will continue to silence that kind of artillery as fast as I can get the means of doing so.

Smith wrote to me some time ago wishing me to send him an a/c of the Stock Spent and the amt which will be going to him under the contract. I have delayed doing so, because I do not know what amt he will be entitled to <u>extra</u>. I think we had better have the buy for extra locks, Cash. getting right of way, collecting &c &c in Cash out of the rests of the line. Those items on the West end as settled by Tillotson with the Trustees amts to $8920. We must at all events charge enough of the a/c as <u>Cash</u> to balance the amt we are using to complete the Eastern End, and buy all the debts. If the Company buy us in Cash out of the rests of the line. The amt of Stock to be spent to Smith will be only

$125 per Mile, and the $30 per mile -
How much shall we charge for the thirty
extra (rods) ½ mile on the East end? How much for
cuts, getting right of way &c - I do not see
as we can charge for collecting, as we
have collecting 0000 - except out of your
pocket, and what I have borrowed and
begged - The East end will be complete in
a few days - Shall Dillotson settle that ape
with Trustin? We must have all the money
we can get to pay on our debts untie, they
are all paid, and as there is a large
amt due us from the Company I think
we may as well consider it due in such
as to take it in stock, and over the Company
for the amt we are using to complete
the East end & pay debts - What say you,
is it not right to do so -

Yours truly

J. J. Gunn Jr

We are getting our accounts systematized
as rapidly as we can: but my sickness, and
Dillotsons absence, has prevented our getting
them in perfect shape yet. I send you
on other page a statement of rents due
you which you can form some idea of
our business - But as I have been down
& there is should have been I have been
lost a great deal of business & consequently

Sept 1st $150.80

Reports Say	12.	$162.80		
Sept 12	123.62 + $12 =	135.62		
" 4th	139.04 " 12 =	151.04	Painsville Erie & Fendonia Estimated at $3-	
" 5th	125.10 " "	137.10		
" 6th	116.42 "	128.42	South Park is left out in this say add $3.	
" 7th	109.31 "	121.31		
" 8th	162.35 "	174.35	Fendonia & Erie Estimated at $12.00	
" 9th	114.82 "	126.82	do do do — 2,00	
" 11th	118.39 "	130.39	Cleveland Estimated at $8.	
" 12th	107.50 " "	119.50		
" 13th	99.28 " "	121 28		
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I thought I could give you the whole months of Sept at any rate; but I find that Buffalo Cleveland & Milwaukee all bash onto their reports. I know telegraphing them & scolding enough if it does any good they will spur ah a little and not get so far behind with their books— Then was some time in September that our line worked bad and we did not do much: but with the exception of those rainy days I think the last half of the month of Sept was as good as the first half— for a week past the line has worked well and we have done a good business average I think over 150. I will send you a continuation of Statement when I get it

Harrytown Oct 11 1848

Dear Brother

I found Pinkham with 14 hands and within 2 miles of this place Hopkins poles I see are very small and he should be docked on them when you pay for them for he gets enough for them for them to be full up to the contract

I rec'd a line or rather took one out of the Office at N.B. for you from Bristol which I will send with this. I requested you in a former letter to write me at Peekskill that will not be necessary as I shall go up to Newburg Saturday where I hope to meet you Monday if you dont intend to get there by that time write me there

Yours &c E B Cornell

Geo E Cornell

Ps Since writing the above I have been over the line to where the Hopkins contract comm=ed the poles are all on dont about 1 mile Mr Pod who took 2 miles came near letting his poles to Hopkins today the time having expired when he was to have his pay I got him to hold on till next week he said if he could have his pay next week we could have the poles otherways he should sell them. it will be about 40 dollars, he has about 30 poles cut but says he must have 5/- for them I think I shall take them. the other contracts are all done here and they want their pay

Yours &c EBC

Detroit 12 Oct 1848

Dear Sir

I read your letter enclosing one to Patterson in relation to Westfield office. Had your plan would work, but not in practice I have no doubt: but there is no more probability of getting the Westfield People into it, than there is of getting them to build a separate independent line all the way to Newyork I have been a year Negociating with Westfield about an Office, and I count ten thousand dollars to silence some of the men who are bawling about this Jury for poles & board bills; but I can fight them off as I have done. I hardly think they will cut our poles down, altho they threaten to do so, and I think they have actually cut the wire a number of times: but we will soon be done expending money for Labor on the line, and then all we can get will go to reduce liabilities. The Patentee reserve the right to say when we shall have a second wire & we conceive have no right to make such an agreement with the Westfield People without Smith's consent: but no matter about his consent, it is useless to speak any more time or paper on that subject, it can't be done — and if it could I should question its expediency —

I have had a long negociation with LaPorte Hosbe about an office there, & a side line from Mecity- They want to be in the main line, which I refuse to agree to, and the whole thing will end, for the present, in words. The operators have some arrangements to make for Winter, requiring funds. We have to have stoves in all the offices, not provided with them, and of the whole amt collected, one third or over, is collected at twenty five or more small offices where the expenses are fully equal to the receipts. So that we do not have as much money to use on the line, in payment of debts, or for construction purposes, as our daily rects, would seem to indicate-

I think the time will soon come when we will require a second wire from here to Buffalo. As soon as the Pirates are out of the way we will have more than we can do with one wire, at certain seasons of the year- and our true policy will be to put up a second wire as soon as we can, using one for the way business & accommodating just such places as Westfield- Ashtabula- Conneaut- &c I would have serious objections to your plan of letting them control the wire on our lines: but as no body will furnish funds for such purpose at present, there is time enough to discuss that matter-

Yours truly

J. D. Shaw Jr

Detroit 13 Oct 1848

Dear Sir

Your favour of the 11th came today - you say you have sent word to Cobb to pay the rent collected at Fredonia to me - If you will sign the bond I sent you, and allow me to put $1000 at Westfield, we can get along without the Fredonia subscription, and you will need it more too before you see Lake Erie with your North eyes - You may have until 1st of April next, instead of 1st January to complete that line and if you get it done by that time & the debt paid, you will do well I will go West as soon as I can and leave something of Ribbon operations.

We will use about Six Drops of the Glass you have sent for us - If I had only been sick I would have made enough out of the little glass dies, but that has not been done, and I am glad of the Glass Knobs - I shall go to Buffalo the early part of the week - should have gone this week but Haviland went to Chicago and did not get back until last night

Our line has worked admirably

this week and we have done a
capitue business - If the O'Reilly
line from here to Ben does any
thing like as much as we are doing
the whole business must be capitue
when we get them out of the way -
I suppose Seward Bins off his game
on Monday certain. Let me know
by Telegraph if there is an other Joggle.

Yours Truly

S. J. Shurtleff

P.S.

I am over the hills - Eat as
much as you, and feel pretty well

S. J. Shurtleff
1203 - Act 4th

Cleveland O. 13 Oct 1848

My Dear Father

Your two letters one dated Oct 9th & the othe Cayuga Lake Oct 11th and both mailed at the "bridge" Oct 11th were received this afternoon. glad to hear that you are well and the rest of our friends are all enjoying a good degree of health. and also to hear that you had ordered the glass caps for the completion of the Line as it is much required as Mr M Jackson informs me there are some forty miles of the Line between this city and Buffalo entirely without caps it is no ~~more~~ wonder that the Line works ~~so~~ badly in wet weather but is more of a wonder to me that it works at all in any kind of weather. I guess it would have been Cheaper to have strung wire along the ground and had no poles as I think it might possibly work some in dry weather and it could work no worse in wet weather than it now does when we have a little shower - we have but dry enough to burn a common fire up nearly and then in a wet time we sometimes have to repeat three between here and Buffalo - and then it is a hard case. sometimes "wont go at all" but when in adjustment with the dry weather it goes very well but not as it

should work by any means- but I hope when the caps come Jackson will put them on without delay. We do a stiff business and need and must have a good line in order to sustain it and if we have a line which we can depend our already good business will increase daily. and there is no reason under the sun that I can see why we should not have a good line- one of the best in the country- taking into consideration the route through which it passes. The opposition Line Co. have a very good line- (but not as good as ours would be were it completed) and unless there mine is broken the can work regularly unless it is some extraordinary case- therefor the have the advantage of us- I will venture to say that since the first of Sept we have laid them over $40- for sending business for us between here and Detroit when we have been unable to do it our selves- and when they are down they go to work & put it up and not wait & do their business by mail. or pay out all their money to some body else to do it. and with our folks it seems to be just exactly opposite- Last monday the line was broken within five miles of Lower Sandusky and it was half past two before we were at work with Detroit & it was broken on Sunday. We kept urging him to find out but but that it was not broken & would not go until about 11 o'clock then he said he was going to rest & get his dinner before

going any way. do you see there was all that delay & a great deal lost when it might & should have been up by ten at latest - had the operator not been afraid of standing on dollar for a horse & depend on the ~~to~~ mind to put it up (for sure nothing else could have been expected to do it) but that evil can be remedied - And in the next place I am confident that the Co is loosing money every day certain persons are in their employ - I shall express my self plainly candidly & impartially - & assure you I shall not speak of any operator for the purpose of injuring them or of gratifying any self motive, but with one view and one only - that of doing justice to & for the interests of the Co - The leading and hardest case Allen of the Buffalo office. I know you are well aware of the fact but I will give you some particulars concerning it - until this P.M. A has not been in his office or at least at the Key since monday last. he pretends that he has been ill - but I do not know how much so - & Fish has been there as operator - & most wretched work he has made of it too - heretofore we have in the eastern circuit ~~had~~ no particular plan of operating but those who had business do it. which when we had nothing to do worked very well. but assoon as Buffalo & this office began using the circuit for two or three hours or more steadily the smaller offices would when they had business knock us & do it. & they could not be blamed for it as we have sometimes done between here & Buffalo steadily for six hours & it would

perhaps be a great while before they could
have a chance— and during this week the
intermediate offices have done big business &
they would bunk very often & make a great deal
confusion & yesterday I proposed that we
should work as they do on the return circuit
Which is the way we used to work on the Troy
Line— For instance Buff begin & send his business
all off the gin circuit to Fredonia & if he has
business do it if not gin circuit to Erie &
so on up this way to the office & send out gin
Circuit to Buffalo & so on in rotation— Then
all would have an equal chance & then they
can all depend upon it & there is no breaking.
and they are all in favor of it— Cobb was pro
gins for it & Budd at Painsville & Tyler was both
gently in favor of it— & Fish also & so we
agreed to work in that way and it went off
finely— until this pm— When Allen came
in the office— & the circuit was going the
rounds & all doing business regular he broke
& called Erie & commenced sending business.
When he got through & Painsville gave me the
circuit— (to whom it belongs when working) I asked
a why he did it. & asked him if he did not
know the agreement of yesterday— He said Fish
had told him of it but he thought it was a
foolish & useless plan & he would go no such
thing— I asked him to explain himself & told

as the reason it was not right, will he said then was no use of it + he would do nothing of which then was no use— then Cobb + Buell + Sylvester gave their opinion as gently in favor of it and said they would not give it up without trying it longer— with any good feeling— We then asked A— if he would not try it a day or two if the majority were in favor of it— then if it was not better than the old plan & for one would forsake it immediately + go back— Will he would so do that he cared was no use— We talked with him nearly two hours + he finally agreed to try it a day or two saying that he had rather do that than spend all day talking about it— If he could convince us why it was not best but business would not allow it. ~~I told~~ and that was his only excuse— the only one we have been able to get from him— The truth is his only reason for refusing to agree was his stubbornness + wishing to be contrary— and he knows it is the best thing or he could give some reason for not thinking so— but now he has not time to explain himself— Then another thing— one day last week the sun had been out of order most + the business was all coming down in a heap— + I was sending to him— just about dinner time + he broke + said stop for me— I told him I had but an hour + a letter to write that first— but no he would not go without his meals or be late for any

body or anything- perhaps such instances as that have occured- I have seen ~~Root~~ opposed him ~~now~~ but submit when it was not too bad- — One thing is certain some one must be sent there to do the business or the line fails- Then as for Fish's being there it is a perfect nuisance- there is no more busi ness there on ~~co~~ operation & a good book keeper can do with perfect ease- at least I would venture to take that responsibility & warrant the business bring done a great deal better & quicker that it now is- and Fish is worse than nothing- he is the poorest operator I ever saw without any exceptions- the other day he was over 15 mins sending a com of 18 words & I did not bank him once- because he could not read the writing & there is 5 times the time occupied by him in sending or any that ~~it~~ is necessary- & beside it is unsafe for him to be there As he has made seven al mistakes already- — — but enough of this now- business has been very good this week for this office indeed- the state election has helped it a good deal- for the six days of the week past the following is the amount-

Monday	no. coms 63.	total amt- $25.03	cash $12.02
Tuesday	48	23,76	11.86
Wednesday	65-	36,45	14,13
Thursday	54	23,97	6,78
Friday	62	28,03	7 98
Total	292	$137,24	$52,77
Average per day	58	27,45-	10,55-

pretty good business I think & I think the other ~~office~~ Line is doing nearly if not quite as much as we— I think this will be a good office when it has the bus properly belonging to it— I rather think the Line is doing nearly as much as the Troy— Line— I suppose they would laugh at the idea of sending 75 cows without letting go the Key— but I have done it on this Line— there is hardly a day but what we send 25 or 30 in on string— frequently 40— however I am much gratified to hear your prospects are good from that quarter— Whitney Ker— I4 is now one o'clock a.m, or I would try to ans your letter in full but I am too knowing already— My health was never better— Plum write fully about the decision on monday if it is not just off— good morning—

Your affectionate bro

C. P. B. Cornell

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E Cornell Esq

Quebec 13th Octr 1848

E. Cornell Esqr

Dear Sir

I was duly favored with yours of 3d Inst which I immediately handed to Mr G.O. Stuart & I have only this morning received his answer - He writes - "Mr Cornells" "letter has reference to a suit brought by a" "Man of the name of Richard for balance" "due on a Pole Contract - Mr Cutter was" "sued instead of Cornell and there was a" "question as to whether Cutter could be made" "personally answerable upon the Contract" - "Mr Cornell" "is in error in supposing that I was a Director" "or President of the Association when the" "defence was handed me by Mr Cutter." "I had previously resigned" -

I enclose Copy of an account handed in by Mr Cutter amounting to £111.10.8.

In regard to the balance still due to You by the Association I do not for my part see any mode of settling it promptly unless You will Consent to take payment in stock - The Board are in Confidence & Speculation of leaving Town with the Expence to Carrying the Line through New Brunswick.

I candidly admit that I see little prospect of raising the requisite funds here

If raised elsewhere it would only be just to give the holders of stock raised to complete the work a decided preference over the original subscribers

time not permitting the Board to be called together I do not wish you to consider this letter as official but I believe it expresses the views of my Co Directors

Yours Very Truly
J. Gillespie Jr

I am Dear Sir

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58.80
19.80
1561
91.80

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Copy

Mr. E. Cornell in a/c with the following persons
Viz

Mr Inchance of St. Andre balance of Pole contract		£22.19.0
Law expenses on account of ditto	19.16.6	21. 2. 0
Balance of Chouinards' Contract of St. Jean Port Joly		12. 0. 0
Bill of mens expenses at R. du Loup	5-10-7	5. 0. 0
at 3 Pistoles difference of Horses	7-15-0	5. 0. 0
Bill of mens expenses at Point Levi		4.16. 6
Albion Hotel E. Cornells Bill		19. 9
I. H. Cutter Balance of Salary		39. 13. 5
		£111.10.8

I hereby certify the above Bill is correct & is still due

Quebec 9th Oct 1848

Sd/ Isaac H. Cutter

Chouinards

a/c in full of all demands to this date

A Gillispie Jr
13 Oct 1848

Westfield Oct 14. 1848

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 8th Inst is at hand. This is the third proposition to the citizens of Westfield in regard to locating a Telegraph station at this place. The first was that we should take two thousand dollars stock in the company. That amount was promptly taken, but the line was put in operation, without the payment of stock being called for, or a station located in our village. The second was that we should raise by subscription three hundred dollars, or loan to the company, with satisfactory security, one thousand dollars, for a specified time. When the man, who had charge of setting the last posts, called to know the conclusion to which the citizens had come. he was informed that the loan of $1000. would be made. Your proposition is less favorable than either of the others, and those with whom I have conversed manifest no disposition to accede to it

Very Respectfully Yours

Geo. W. Patterson

Portland Oct 14., 1848

Dear Sir we are very much in want of our money for getting your poles on the telegraph line from Indiana to the line of Pennsylvania you will therefore answer immediately

yours with respect — Wm D. Gallman

To E. Connell Esqr

Direct to Portland Chautauque Co N.Y.

Portland Mass
Oct 15th

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Ezra Cornell Esqr
Ithica
Tompkins Co
N Y

Attn A D Tillman
14 Oct 1848

Rutland Vt. 14 Oct. 1848

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 12th inst. came to hand this morning— We think it would not be advizable to go to work on the terms offered, still we think if we could see you we might without any difficulty make a satisfactory arrangement with you & on that would be of mutual benefit— One of us would be glad to make a stumping trip with you at any time, provided you could give us a day or two notice, after which we both might be better able to judge of what could be done— Can you not make such a trip with us before many weeks or if not cannot you visit Rutland. We have not been wholly idle & we think we should be justified in saying that the R R. corporations would if necessary take stock— I mean the Rut & Bur Co & the Cheshire & also the Fitchburgh provided the line should go that way, & the majority with whom we have conversed would prefer that line— Please answer—

Truly yours Stoddard & Gookin

Monday A. M
October 16. 1848

To the Agent (or Agents)
of the Magnetic Tel. Co.

Sir.

The Road opposite my premises, runs so close to my line, that there is scarcely room for a ditch; and to place the poles for the Magnetic Telegraph on the West side of the Road, will not only be a serious incumbrance but an absolute injury, because it would be requisite to trim off the limbs of some very fine trees on my premises, as also on the premises immediately North and South of me; - while, on the opposite or East side of the Road, there is abundance of room for a dozen lines of Telegraphs without injury to any

body. The best interests of your company therefore, as well as the interests of the comfort of the community, clearly dictate, that your hands off which you wish to be heard, should be put up at the Cash sir of the road through what is known as the "Burtman woods;" and as the offense is known to the Ill. Company will not stand twenty five cents, I cannot doubt but that it is an attempt to entirely offend it for the good will of the Community through which it passes, you will endeavor to accommodate them even if it should work, as you alledge a hardship, be entirely "convenient". In haste, I protest against any of the Cash sir hands at the west side of

the road offront my premises, when there is no necessity for them big. to react to my injury, which they may be placed with equal facility a the offside side of the road, without annoying & injuring any body. - If you are disposed to comply the wishes of your Company, you will not place any posts to the west of the road through the "Belsen woods," in the formation of which any Citizen in this vicinity feels a deep interest.

Any ~~of~~ offence which may be viewed ~~of~~ this, in running you line to the East, instead of the west of the road opposite me, I will cheerfully pay.

Yrs Obedt. Svt
J. Walter Webb.

Jas. Watson Mob
Oct 15, 1868

New York Oct 16th 1848

Mr Ezra Cornell

Sir

On Saturday you informed you wished to purchase some Berlin tons No 10 drawing, at the time I thought we could not furnish it so soon as you wanted it, that is by Nov 1st, but this morning I learn from my partner that we can do so, and if you have not already bought will agree to furnish Berlin tons, or lips should you want, at 6 1/3 cents cash or ~~in~~ 30 days, delivered in N York but if you prefer to have it in Albany will allow you $3 per ton on the lot which would be the rate of freight to N York and a little more, should you prefer No 9 wire will put it to you at 6 cents same terms of payment and delivery. If you should conclude to buy of us we will give you a first rate article.

We can also furnish No 9 in coils lengths at 7 cents but should want say a week more time to get off an order of 7 tons

If you order of us please direct to Washburn, Moen & Co. Worcester, Mass

Very respectfully yours
J L Moen

P.S. We should advise you to buy annealed wire

L. P. Blow
Oct. 16. 1848

Binghamton Oct. 16/48

E. Cornell Esq

Dr Sir

Yours of the 11th Inst. was recd the 14th — in I have made enquiry of Mr. Superintendent Geo. Cook, respecting the Statement of our indebtedness to the Ithaca Institution Bank, & also respecting the payment of that Indebtedness, & am informed as I supposed I should be, that a Statement had been sent; and that payment had been made for all that had been called for — Mr Cook has had charge of the Office & has called on me to know if he should send the amt called for from the Ithaca Office, & I have universally said yes if that amt was due according to our Books. — He says he has communicated with Mr St. John this day in regard to the receipt of the money he sent & waits for answer that it was received & that you had not inquired of him respecting it. but that he had not received the Statement. — Mr Cook says that at the time Mr. St. J called for it Mr Johnson the former Superintendent had the Books, & was absent at the time, but on his return he got the Book, made out the receipt & sent it back he can show by Mr Johnson. but he says he will make it out again & send it to Yours &c

Myron Merrill

Mayor Merrill
Oct 16. 1918

Sandy Hook Oct 16 1848

Mr E Cornell

Dear Sir —

I understand from Jas Adams that he came you on Saturday after you left me and that he informed you that I would take us a day or two to scale No 11. but afterwards me Could give you a ton a day until the order was Completed We have begun upon it and will finish it as soon as possible — You had better send persons down with orders to Shelving — To prevent any misunderstanding, I will mention the terms upon which you are to have them viz 1st of term — Two Seven eights per quarter Cents per pound — Three thousand dollars to be paid on the 1st of Nov. The same on the 1st of Dec — and the balance on the 1st of January — Fifteen per Ct of the amount I am to take in the stock of the N Y & E Telegraph Co —

Truly Yours
Charles Ely

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Buffalo	52	....	20	....		
New York, Rochester, Canandaigua, Auburn, Geneva, Syracuse	37	....	15	....	Boston, Worcester, Springfield, Hartford, New Haven, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington,	New Orleans, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Detroit, Milwaukie, Chicago.
Utica, Poughkeepsie, Rome, Little Falls, Schenectady, Albany, Hudson	27	....	10	....		

New York, Albany & Buffalo Telegraph Office, Atheneum Building,

TROY, Oct 17 1848.

By Telegraph, from Boston

To E. Comstock

Troy

Six bbls containing
eight half gross of the
above were sent to Fa
Oct 10 Directed to E. Comstock
by Rail Road to Albany
thence the canal

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F. M. Town

D. K.

I hereby agree to deliver Jefry Chesebrough Oak or Chestnut Telegraph Poles on the turnpike commencing at a stake standing near Mr Thompsons inn in Waterbury and delivered on the turnpike towards Naugatuck leaving one pole at each stake on said road as far as they may reach — Said poles to be 25 feet in length and five inches in diameter at the top or small End and to be sound straight well trimed and delivered on or before the 25th of Oct next for which E Connell agrees to pay Nor Nichols the sum of Forty five cents a piece on or about the time said poles are delivered

Norges Nichols
E Connell
Per J McKinney

Waterbury Oct 17th 48

Nicholz
No 9

Naugatuc Oct 17th 18

E. Parrell Esq

Dear Sir

I just recd a line from Mr Wood in which he said you requested me to write you at New York and give a full description of my doings on the "Yankeeland" This I think would be a long and tedious task and almost a useless one too as I suppose Mr Allen has given you from time to time sections of my proceedings so that it would be useless to go into the details at any rate but suffice it to say that I have the Jobs contracted within a short distance of this place — I count them from two miles north of Litchfield to Waterbury (the distance of about 18 miles) for 37½ cents a piece Through this place and to New Haven I expect to have to pay more as timber is considerable scarce — I am placed at present (as I have been several times before) in what I term "talking place" — Sir as you see I can go no farther than this place until the road is located and as I understand it it is not as yet determined whether the line runs through Bermingham or whether it runs direct to New Haven — the distance via Bermingham is some 5 miles farther — the distance from there to New Haven direct I understand is 17 miles

The location of the road if I understand it
in short is this — Allen was down to Birmingham
two weeks since to get the stock taken and
left the matter with some man there who
was to write him at Waterbury but as yet
nothing has been heard from them — I have
been thinking I had better go down there
to morrow and see what they mean to do
but now will wait until I hear from you
which will be immediately on the receipt
of this I hope — Mr Davis you wished me
to finish contracting soon as possible — that
I could do very soon if the line was only
located but you must notify me my every
-thing — I suppose Allen that given you
a full description of the changed route via
West Cornwall in which I was detained some
two weeks owing the folks and so I will
say nothing about it

Ironson I understand is
now South of Litchfield and unless this
road is settled soon he will be down
here before I can get the pass on

I wish you to write me on
the receipt of this at this place and tell
me what to do — or if you leave it with
Mr Allen write him to direct soon for
I am getting quite tired of doing business
in this way

I have talked with the people of this
about having a Station here but think
it will be no go as the most will
not raise more than 200 dols — will it
be for your interest to accept that? please
answer — This is a very thriving little place

Yours respectfully &c
John McKinney

E Connell esq
New York City

Ida
dist

John McKinney
17th Aug. 1848

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1847

Mr Ezra Cornell to Wm Ogden

Dec 17th to 2½ days white Leal 1/6 — 4.7½

" to drawing Poles & P.P. — 1.00

14 " to do do do Set — 1.00

21 — to do do Ladder Pick — 50

" to do do Ladder 1 pr & P. — 1.50

25 " to taking 60 Bundles of wire to & Penny — 17.00

" to taking Ladder — .50

" to Cap Hill 1 Box 82 Swifts Jacks — 1.00

" to Shanning 1 Loft of wire from Dock — 1.50

26 " to taking 3 Loads of stone to Dock — 1.50

" to Cranmore 1 Boy & Cart to do 8 — 50

" to taking 2½ loads Rock to do — 1.50

28 — to Team & Man 1 day Pittstown work — 4.00

29 " to Men & Team 2½ days & Expenses do work — 9.65

" to Man & Team 1 day taking out Anchors & Jacks — 4.00

Jany 5 to taking 13 hundred to Manchester — 8.50

" to Carrying 15.00 lbs Boxes & Tools to do — 9.00

" to Cash Pd to Miles Ferriage — .92

" to 2 days Labour 22 of Dec and work at Hill 1 day at 8 — 1.25

" to Amt Brought forward 123.00

" to 3 days work 23 days — at 14 of January 1848 at 8 — 3 x 23.00

" to Ref Jed Jany 18 — Coal to 1 Log — x 100.00

" to 1 Black Leather Curtain 16/ — x 2.00

" to 1 wagon & Crate — x 3.00

Sept 1 to 1 one Log Raising — x 16.00

26 — to 1 Rower Brook in Clay — x 6.00

" to 1 one Log Lumber wagon 400 days 4/ x 50 — 100.00

July 1848 — to 2 Spanters Bordi 4 days x 2.00

$389.04

20.00

$409.04

Settled Oct 19 — 1848

McCoys Horse & Sleigh or wagon was used from 23 Dec to the 13th of Jan 1868 — 19 days at $— Sent home from Rutland on the morning of 14 Jan McCoys Boy says in letter that the horse arrived on the 18th of Jan — Say 4 days going home would make 23 days in all = $23— instead of $123 50 / 183

William Dunk worked 19¾ days from Dec 25 to Jan 14 at $— is $19.75 his amt pd for his board $9.79 — leaving due McCoy on acc of his labour $9.96 instead of $23 as McCoy claims —

The Horse was used well when with us, but had a running at the nose which indicated the Glanders — the disorder with which he died — if the horse had been sound and free from the Glanders Holmes would estimate him at $50.— but with the Glanders he was worthless.

Hon Stone says McCoy had to take one of his other horses out of the team in consiquence of his having caught the Glanders of this Horse that we had.

Hon Miller being near McCoys knows about it —

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
D. D. Merrill

McCoy Bill

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From Albany to	NUMBER OF WORDS.																	
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ALBANY, Oct 18th 1848.

Office No. 2, first Floor, Exchange Building.

By Telegraph from NY

For O Hamlin

I have 40 to 50

tons ready

O Eby

New York Oct 18. 1848

Dr Sir

It is necessary that you should make a payment on or before your contract of purchase of Ithaca to the extent of $250 being something over the interest due on the same.

It is intended to pay the interest due on my bond & mortgage held by Munn, which falls due on the 1st Nov. The funds shall be in hand here by that day

Yours

J Bruce

Mr E. Connell

J. Blunt
18. Oct 1848

Ithaca Oct 18th /48

Mr E. Cornell

Dear Sir

I have just returned from Jefferson & found things differently situated from what I expected, in the first place there was no poles on from Jefferson to Baltic & in the next place the stockholders are backward about paying in their instalment on account of the wire not being up to that place. Hurd has paid his & says that there will be no difficulty about it after the wire is up. He starts for Albany, Monday & probably I cannot get any more funds until he returns. I send you a draft for $150. if you want me to send the balance let me know & I will do so. I keep a part on account of my not getting more as soon as I shall want it in going on with the work I have let some contracts for poles 2nd time others are getting on their poles

Glass not come. Write me at Empire & P.M. will forward to me imm,

Yours in haste S. Cy Holmes

E, Cornell

PS Shall I use the ash pins turned by Leonard or get oak turned

Received of E. Correll a paper containing an assignment from Francis O. Smith for himself and Morse & Vail of the patent right for Morse's Telegraph on the line from Troy to Whitehall which is known as the Troy & Whitehall Telegraph Association—

Said paper to be held in trust for said E. Correll & the Trustees of said Troy & Whitehall Telegraph Association, and the said paper is to be delivered to LeRoy Mowry Esq. who is one of said Trustees, whenever said Mowry or the said Trustees settle with said Correll for constructing said line of Telegraph as stipulated & provided in the said Articles of Association of the "Troy & Whitehall Telegraph Association" and notice of said settlement is given by said Correll — or when said Trustees or said Mowry pursuant said Corrells order for the same, but if said Trustees do not settle for said construction with said Correll within a reasonable time, then said paper is to be returned to said Correll

Troy Oct. 19th 1848 Wm Noyes

Wm Noyes Rcts
For Assignment
of Patent.
Troy & Whitehall

This agreement witnesseth that Wm W Dod has agreed to furnish and deliver white oak Rock Oack & Chestnut Telegraph poles sufficient to fill the space from Abraham Leggetts House to the plank bridge north and poles to be 25 feet long and 5 inches in diameter at the small End Straight and well Trimed and to be delivered by the first of September for which Messrs Cornell & Speed agrees to pay said Dod four shillings in 30 days after delivered according to the above agreement said poles to be left 8 rods apart along the turnpike road running from Tarrytown to Sing Sing. Mount pleasant 5th Aug 1848

Wm W. Dodd
Cornell & Speed
per E B. Cornell

Rec'd on the above Contract thirty dollars in full for 60 Telegraph poles at 4/ each
Singsing Oct 19/48

Wm W. Dodd

Godds
Contract
dongding PO
1½ miles
No 24

Carbondale Oct 19 1848

Dear Ezra your of 11 inst written at Ithaca & mailed at Cayuga I red yesterday & I hasten to answer it the first opperturnity I wrote you A week ago last Sabbath giveing you Particulars with regard to business &c & the Thursday before I wrote you which two letters I presume you have red before this time although you say nothing about them in your Letter of 11 inst I stated in one of them the Amount Rec'd of St John also what I red after and what I Paid Waide and the way I had him Situated about help that My first hands after Paying them off had left & I had to go to Carbondale & get others that I had to Pay Mr Board &c &c I get along tolerably well with the new hands but for the last 3 or 4 days it has gone rather hard Burdick & Burpee had not got only Part of their Poles out and the consequence was we had to Put up green Poles & Very Large Some of them So much So that it was as much as Six & Seven men Could do to raise them and makes A good deal of difference about getting Along the number of Poles that we Set ranges from 46 to 66 Pr day according to ground and kept off Poles the Mountain into Carbondale has been A hard Place but we have had A good many Slush I Some the Poles Set into the edge of the Village near the Rail road Bridge

and Shall urge it Along as fast as I Can the
whole number of Poles as I have the minutts that I have set
is 2051 in all there is Some of the Poles between this
and Hannodale that are not fit to use but I think
I have got the Men Stired up Sufficiently so
that I Shall not be detained for the want of Poles
Some days I have 14 hands Some days 16 it Seems to
Cost A good deal for what we do but I manage
as well as I know how & the Men work well but Such
A dressed Country as this is to Set Poles in it
goes Slow the best I Can do in your letter of
11st you Say I Can get what funds I want of
St. John in A letter written by E. B. By your request
which I rec'd this evening you Say I Can get the money
at Carbondale & Hanobdale I do not Know who
to Apply to in this Place and as for Honesdale
when I was down there the first of the week I got
A Part of the Order you Sent Me as Minor I
was allowed up & in act for Board and I dare
not Call on St. John for any More until I
hear from you I have Some $25 of this left and whether
this will Last till I hear from you is A question
but I Shall hurry A Staff upperlip and Stick
up the Poles as long as I Can get the dust and when
I Can't do that Make fair Promises go as fair as
I Can this is the way I have to manage with those that have
furnished Poles Some of them are very impatient
about their Pay Some of them Could hardly wait
until they got the Last Pole on the ground before
they dunned me for the money I tell them I expect to

hear from Mr Carnell Soon in relation to the matter and Possify them as well as I Can the People of this town are getting Some what awake in relation to having an office in this Place and from Present appearances if you Could be here I Should ~~~~ think there would not be much trouble in getting the Balance of Stock, you will Please wright me Soon and direct to Waymart Cromptan or Honesdale and after you you intend to have me Set the Poles below Honesdale I want to know the names of the men that got the Pole cart from Honesdale in About 10 days I have to Pay my bonces again their Board & Pay as we go you will Please wright me after you gin me Such directions as May think best and I hope you will be able to read this letter as I B Lazy you mind him to tell me to wright So you Could read it Some Patience and study it out as I have to yours Some times when you are in A great hurry I think of nothing more that will interest you

P S I am much Bothered to get Pins as there is no oak timber I can get them turned of red Birch this is good timber to Stand the weather & Strong wright me if you think they will do

Yours Truly

Please direct your first J. S. Bristol
Letter to Waymart
& Carnell 1295
as I Shall be more at that Place than the other
Please ~~~~ you can the rest of this

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E. Cornell Esqr

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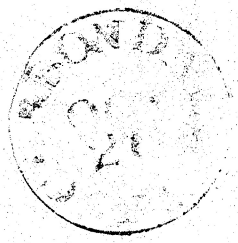

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Orange Co

N York

J. S. Bristol
Oct 19 1859