Recd Nov 15 — Cleveland

Cayuga Lake 9. Nov 1848.

My Dear Alonzo

Your favour of 29th Oct was rec'd on my arrival from the East, and was glad to hear from you, also glad to hear that your business continues to be good.

I hope Speed will get the line insulated soon so that you can work through from Buff to Detroit.

I have been home for five days during the Election, and hope all parts of the County have done as well as Tompkins Co has.

I have not seen any of the Dryden boys they have been attending Election I suppose as Dryden gave a majority for VanBuren.

Mother and the Children are well Mary remains alone, and grows finally. Frank has been to Dryden 3 weeks past & stays yet.

I am on my way to Louisville to locate west end of line, the work on which is going on finally.

Excuse me for not writing more at this time & give my respects to Johnathon, I suppose he will visit home soon.

Yours Respectfully

E. Cornell

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E Cornell
Cayuga Lake Nov 9 48

Milwaukee, Nov. 9, 1848.

To E. Cornell, Esq. Ithaca, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Your several despatches have been received — also the first lot of wire, with 3 boxes of clamps. We have also received two Registers, &c. I am also advised by Col. Speed that there are 12 gross of caps at Detroit which he sends on by first conveyance. I have not been advised as to the time when, or the channel through which I might expect the wire for the balance of my line to Janesville, and also for Madison.

It is now the 9th of the month, a week after the time I engaged to send you $300. Contingencies in regard to business, adverse, far beyond calculation, in this section of country, have intervened to prevent me from keeping my promise good in this particular. Another week will not pass over, I feel assured, without a remittance.

The weather has been so bad — raining, hailing, snowing, freezing & blowing, that we have been retarded about two weeks in getting up the first section of our line. I filled up the office here yesterday for the Western line, and expect to be working to Waukesha on Tuesday, when I go to-morrow.

I shall advise you when we get to work from the Wis operator.

Very truly Yours

M. Deam Walton

W. D. Wilson
9. Nov 1848

1868 Baily & Masters

June 17.	To Cash	of D T Moloon	40.00
July 3.	"	" T. C Bk —	40.00
	"	" Thos Reid	29.81
Aug 17 —	"	Cash	41.63
Sept 12	"	Cash	50.00
			$201.44

By Setting 886 feet 28 Ct Each 148.08

$46,64

Rec Ithaca Nov 9 1868 from E. Cornell Twenty three dollars and forty two cents in full for balance of above a/c.

James Beaby
by A Crozier

Mr Boardman Will You Please Draw one half of the above balance to Jas. Baily and one half to William Masters or his Father Jas Masters for them, and let them Sign the obe receipt for the same, Ithaca Nov 9. 1868. E. Cornell

Albion Nov 9th 1848.

My Dear Brother

As I have risen this afternoon I will give you an explination for my living in this place and not staying in the Buffalo office as I expected to have done — On my arival at that office I found Col Spurr there who thought there was no chance for me on that line as he said my writing & Spelling is too poor for doing the bisiness of the Buffalo office and if that is the case I concluded the quicker I left the office the better and on thursday of last week I started on board the Steamer Louisiana for Detroit and from there to this place where I arrived on Saturday — I found the folks all well and they appear to be doing well — Mat was not at home but came home to Election and has now gone next spraising and settling up the business

What do you think the prospects are for my carrying on the Pottery business next Spring in Ithaca? — I think there is a chance for making money there & it is a pitty to have the property laying idle

As thay could just as well be sum
or eight hundred dollars made thro
sum year as thay can it as it is— I was
talking with Father about it when I
came from home & he seemed to think
he could not give it up but it is the best
thing he can do with it and if he will ac-
ept of my offer which is more than he will
ever realize for it unless he does aid if you
will assist me in getting started I would
take hold of it in the Spring as I think
thare there is no doubt but what I could
pay for it in a few years— please write
me immediately on the reception of this
and let me know your opinion & mind
on the subject—

Yours Respectfully

John N. Conell

E. Conell Ithaca

Mark—

Office of the New York, Albany & Buffalo Telegraph Co.
Utica, November 10 1848.

E. Cornell Esq.

Sir,

By your favor of 8th inst, came to hand, its contents noticed; and, without wasting over a month, will proceed to answer it. — You say "you do not pretend to be a Telegraph Co." — Above me to say that what I desire you and myself to be the balance due from your Company for Operating Reports and proportion of Rebate Office Salary and Expenses, irrespective of what is due to the Hibbard & Balance in Connection — rectified; — Hereby there may be some sort about it, and if so we are ready to correct it; but it seemed to me, that you would have done the thing up in a much more Gentlemanly like manner in pointing out any error that may exist in our account, than by closing your Communication by the use of that State such term as "pretend" by a Person, who while he professes "might makes right", to a great extent his guide. —

You say "the Utica & Schenectady Rail Road is right and will not submit to wrong". Let us see how this corresponds with your Act; for by your Act we learn what they are, — on 1st February 1847 (all previous to that time having been settled) you & Connected taking Reports from Main Line, with a proviso understanding with you, that we were to receive $100 a year, payable quarterly. — You have repeatedly made excuse because it was not paid, and assured me it should be. — The accounts have been rendered three times, and sometimes you have favored us with an answer and at other times you have not, — do you call this right? Again this Company has been

out money for Office rent Operators Salary and contingent Expenses for about 1 Year and 9 months for your Line, call you this right? and now you talk about asking nothing but what is right, when the $ is asked for, instead of showing the wrong, if there is any.

You mention something about Communication, I do not know of any unsettled ones except on the last on a two months business.—

Mr Gilbert says in Nov. 7th "the Ithaca Line has not remitted their balance $35.08".—

You say "the Stockholders are responsible and you will give me their names" this is not necessary, for if your State of right will not actuate you in settling a Bill; a very considerable part of which you have collected from the press long since; then we know where to find you, and one man is as good as a dozen: but this will be the last resort, and then only by an order of the Board, after the whole facts have been submitted to their consideration.— But it seems to me that this matter may be amicably settled.—

You say "You will occupy a Seperate Office, with pleasure"; perhaps that will be best, for if you can find any body in Auburn to furnish you an Office rent free, and an Operator can be got to attend to your business for nothing, it will be a great desideratum in Telegraphing.—

Finally after all I trust when you come to give this subject a "Sunday Sober thought" the business may be settled without difficulty.—

Yours Respectfully

S. F. B. Morse

F. S. Faxton
10 Nov 1848

UTICA
Nov 11
N.Y.

E. Cornell Esqr.
Auburn
Utica Auburn Telegraph Co.
Utica





Co. Speed

Detroit Nov. 10. '48

My dear Son,

I sent a letter to Mr Dunham last Sunday, relative to some business between Sandusky City & Cleveland Office, I hereth sent you Mr Stebbins letter as also Mr Dunham's, Execute for the Supt. I wish you would look into the matter with a little Care and if such is to be the management I can not how soon come and assume the responsibility of managing the affairs of the line, aside from myself. I am fast convinced to do it in that way.

Mr D. said to me one evening at that time he had two Comp. togo south, but had no money to pay. I told the boys in the office, here to tell him to borrow it or get it in some way I think they did he replied he could not, and then told him if they would not trust him at other office, he would have to keep the Comp. till they could turn it. In looking over this Sicky Supt. I find charged as follows.

Oct 17 I. Dunham $13. C.H Speed $5.50 M. Jackson $5. Capt $3.—
24 Chs. H. Speed $6.31 A.B. Cornell $5.56 I. Dunham $5.— Rest $27.92
31 I. Dunham $6. A.B. Cornell $20. M. Jackson $15.

about the 20th I sent Charles about $15.—

I now have since I commenced on the line Jan. 1847. but the time I could not raise 30$ to keep along the affairs of the Co. when I do & the business suffers from it in this way let it all go by the board, such things as this with a vast many other

Mr Dunham
at the Lower Town
Cleveland
Buffalo Plaza
Ohio.

And correction. and Conn "On man power" as Smith, says to you, must do it, or a fizz take the grand E V M S Line of 800 M. and its prosperity.

I make no complaints of any faults in any on or more Operators— there may be no cause for any, and if you or word, Why then all must be right as it is.

We have had thus far a very busey and profitable nuts business at Detroit and next thing have brought Columbia well Managed. to the satisfaction of both I think, if not the record could not better it. We raised $600. for Election Reports, and have done a vast deal of private business—

We furnished up to last night our own line to the Editors & others the earliest Election reports. the whole 5 Editors had their reporters during the first & second days Nights Copying from us and libel upon us for the news—

With great regard &c

C. F. Dittoson

Dr. F. Dittoson
Room 10. Hall
Minneapolis & St Louis
Railroad

Cleveland 10th Nov 1848

Dear Sir

Allow me to congratulate you on
two important Events, first the Election
of old Zack, and Second, but not less
important, the fact that we have this
day worked through for the first time
from Detroit to Buffalo as well as we
ever worked from here to Buffalo.
The Erie & Michigan line is now complete
with thirty poles to the mile and very Cap
ed and works as beautifully as any line
ever did, and which is of as much im-
portance to you and me the business
is good, and if attended to as it should
be it will increase until we will have
more than can be done with one wire.

I am paying off debts as fast as possible
have paid near four hundred dollars
this week. but have just been dunned
and damned because I could not pay
55 more that is due for poles. The fellow
went off in a good humour at last by
my making new promises, and agreeing
with him fully that he had been used
badly and had a perfect right to get mad
and swear as much as he chose—

As regards the Erie & Pittsburgh Railroad, arrangements are made for the completion of the road to Erie; which is to be finished by the 1st of May next, and will be worth to us

$52 per mile for the line; which is fully worth to us

I received your letter from Bath a Sun 6th today - Your Brother John has doubtless written you. He concluded to go to Albion and go to school during the winter, which I thought was a judicious decision: but left the whole matter to him to do as he thought most advisable. I have him $10. which was all he needed just then As to the Prudonia Lot. I now know that they had subscribed $2000 for us, until I was told so by Pew, who said at the same time that they had concluded not to pay it to us, as they could get an office from A&R without paying. They wrote to me to know what assurances I could give them, if they raised the cash I required, that the office should remain there, I told I had no power to guarantee the continuance of the office, as the directors could do as they chose; but would doubtless continue the office as long as it could pay. The truth is they have always entertained some objection which defeated the arrangement made with them and I do not feel under any present obligations to them. I saw Pew at Erie last Sunday and let him have $25. He thinks he will succeed. I told him that

He might make any arrangement with the Westfield or Fredonia people he thought most for his advantage, that he could unite with us or Westfield, thereby securing them an office, & they could subscribe liberally to his stock.

I have not expected that you would be able to complete the N Y & Erie line before spring. You have accomplished more than almost any other man living could have done, in getting the money to buy for wire &c, and if you get the N Y & Erie done by the first of June you will be entitled to our warmest edgements for perseverance and talent, in the accomplishment of an undertaking that most good business men would have failed in - If you go by way of Danville I suppose you leave Elmira and coming out - I have never been to Danville; but I doubt not the business will be quite as good on that route as by Elmira, and we secure the Elmira business by the side line to Athens any how -

As our P M line is now done, will it not be well to have a settlement of your a/c as Contractor with the Trustees? Shall Littlejohn settle it? and what shall

can call the extra pole - Shall we dump
any thing for extra cap? Let us know
your views or authorize Tillotson
to settle as we
think proper -

Nothing to Mr Burnham today. I find that
he has been expecting Fifty Hundred
dollars in gross, and basis that expectation
on what you told him when he conclude
to come on our line - I told him that it was
more than we could afford to pay, and
One Hundred dollars more than any one
Else had on the line - that I was disposed
to fulfil any engagements which you
may have made: but would not agree
to pay over five hundred per mile
future - Burnham is going home, and
whether he will return or not he has
not said - I suppose not, unless we
pay Six Hundred dollars per mile, and
that is too much - Burnham is a very
clever, trusty man, but by no means
a good business man, and is not worth
over five hundred at the farthest, and
that I consider liberal almost to a fault,
as I think I could get plenty of operators
quite as good as he is for four hundred,
but I was disposed to pay him liberally and
call it fine - If from what you said to
him you think we ought to pay more per

Yours truly L Shurtleff

The train that left Mankato
at 10 A.M. will arrive at
Winona about 6 P.M. I
will not call on you, but
will see you at the office
in the morning

Fredonia November 11/48

Dear Sir

I understand by Mr Cobb of this place that there is to be a Telegraph line completed between the city of New York intersecting at this village the Erie & Michigan line. Hearing heard from him also that it will need another operator in order to accomplish the duties of the office. After having three years experience in the mercantile business in the city of Buffalo, I consider myself competent to transact the various duties which could involve upon a person acting in this capacity. For the past year I have attended the Academy in this place & am now ready to enter upon some occupation whereby I can gain an honest livelihood. If recommends would aid me any in getting this situation. both as regards moral character & business qualifications I can produce that kind which I presume will be satisfactory to you. If you see fit to comply with my desires I will at once commence to learn the art & after

having acquired sufficient knowledge to operate I should then want a salary, I therefore ask you for the situation & if tendered to me on the same terms given to Mr. Cobb this year— I will do whatever in my power to advance & promote the best interests of the company

Your humble servant

Mr. E. Cornell. Ithica

Cyrus. Clark

Salem Canal 11 Nov 1848

Dear Sir

What shall we do for Satan this winter? I am told we can get a good article at Jamaica for 12½¢ per lb. & have written to the Mess[rs] Ashburton to let me know the price. If you will let us know what you have to pay for it at the East, we can then judge of the propriety of ordering from Jamaica. Perhaps you would let your son at B know what the price is in Boston as soon as you can, that we may have time to get word by from Jamaica before the close of navigation, if it is the best place to get it.

Dunham started for home yesterday as I wrote you. I also wrote you that he wanted $600 for you, and that I was unwilling to buy him that price. The more I reflect on the subject the more unwilling I am to buy him even $500. Your son at B. will remain here if you have no objections, as I had rather have him than two like Dunhams. At the Dunhams

is a very clever man and means to do just as well as he knows how, he is by no means a good business man. He does not know how to make an account or keep a set of books. There has been no safe kept at this office with anyone except the cash book, and to find out what is due the Mexicans, or any one else in the office, it would be necessary to go back to the opening of the office and pick out the items charged to each ~~[illegible]~~, or rather Creditor to cash, on the cash book. Lenehan made a statement of his case and handed it to me, but he stated no time on it and I handed it back to him to correct. He did not give it back to me, or if he did I cannot find it, and there is no possibility of finding out from the books the amt which he has used, without taking the cash book and picking out the amt. Credited cash as paid to Lenehan since the office was opened, which would take a person book keeping many days, or at any rate longer than I want to hunt to see how an office stands. I have bought a blank book and will have all the facts written up. The summing up of this whole matter is this. I want you to tell Lenehan

that he had better go with Mr Brough
on the Montreal line, and let him
have Manzo to manage this office
In coming through from Buffalo to
Detroit as we have done yesterday
and today, altho it has rained
here nearly all day, we dispense
with two operators, or one operator
and our Copyist in this office,
You see, a good bookkeeper, and
a good Shipper, will do up the
business here just right.
I have got up my Cap in first rate order
and will send you one. If you don't
call it a nice thing I am awfully
deceived. I intend putting up some
few of them at the turns & Corners
where the wind is most likely to get off.
The cap & clasp &c will cost about 20¢
and if you had some of them to put
on the corners in your line you would
have less trouble in keeping the wire up.
On the whole I am in good Spirits and
entirely over the shakes, and mean to do
something this winter any how
Case, nor your honor, I can by any
possibility get the contract to build a line
from Louisville to Cincinnati, unless a
large part of the work can be taken in
Cincinnati,

and I do not believe the Cincinnati people care enough about a line thereto take stock; but in that I may be mistaken time will show. I predict that Cass will fizzle out unless Smith furnishes the funds. Just as soon as the case is decided in our favor at Buffalo I am persuaded that I can get up the Toledo & St Louis line - at any rate I will try.

Yours truly

J. J. Speed Jr

11 Nov 1882

New York March 11. 1848

Dr Sir

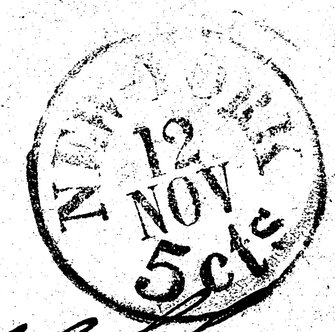
Mr Beebee says that he has paid the money you paid him verbally to Mr Allen & you must arrange to pay on my beg of least $250 at once.

W. H. Allen is urgent for his interest

Yours Truly

J. O. Brunt

J. Blunt
12 Nov 1848



Mr E. Cornell

Troy
N.Y.

Newburg Nov 12 85

Dear Brother

I have been very much bothered about those tools. after Mr Witter came down I could not learn any thing about the tools from Albany and I therefore got 4 teams and had the men furnish their own shovels and with the spoons I got made I set a gang to work and then when I got your line. I went in search of the tools which I found at N.Y. and have got them here. We have a heavy snow storm here the snow is now 5 inches deep and still falling. I think we had better ~~that~~ another gang of men to work at the forks of the road to go Towards Goshen and by the by what shall I do in reference to Mr Nichols objection to our useing those road, I have not seen him since you were here Pinkham is at work between Sugarloaf and Peekskill with 7 men the poles are being got on as fast as possible I wrote you in a previous letter that our contract on that route would not be disturbed until they were paid for they will be all hauled out ready and put on the road in 2 days after paid for. there will be about 60 or 80 of them

I have just received a line from Bristol in reference to the poles East of Big Edy it appears that the natives up there on the barrens think that the N.P.R.R. Co are going to cause the city of N.Y. to be Extended and take within its embrace there whole country therefore they must have N.Y. prices even for there Hemlock timber

I have written to the men who I supposed would get the poles reasonable but it seems they mean to take the advantage of our necessity I recd a line from one man who said he would get 150 for 50 cts and no less as it was a good deal of work to peal them. I wrote back that if he would get them for 37½ (my first offer) he need not peel them. and wished for him to let me know imm I have not heard from him but think he will get them. his is one of the Contracts some 10 miles this side of the Edy. he was not at home when I was there and I left a line for him and supposed he had accepted it &c

I am reference to funds I am out and must have some as soon as possible

Please write me on the receipt of this

E Cornell & Co Yours with Respect E B Cornell

PS we have got about 3 mils of poles
up here. Send your Bristol letter

E. B. Correll
Nov 12. 1864

E. Cornell Esqr
Ithaca

Binghamton Nov. 13th 1848

E Cornell Esq

Dr Sir

Yours of the 21st Oct was rec'd, You say the "Ithaca & Auburn line have to pay daily to the N.Y & Buf. line for sending our business over that line" - We were not aware of any such agreement, we supposed we were accountable only to their line, & not to yours, for our busines over that line & we have paid all that we have been call'd on for, except the $4.05 which you say was a balance due them the 30th of August last -

Your claim from us for the Ithaca & Auburn line $47.43 for our business on that line up to Oct 28th 1848 which may be all right, but we have never rec'd any-thing from the Ithaca office, collected there for us, and did not know but you had applied there receipts to that payment - As for the arrangement about News-Papers, I cannot recollect positively what Mr Eddy said about them - When Mr Eddy returns, which I suppose will be shortly, we will have all of those matters settled up

Yours &c
Myron Merrill

Newburg Nov 13 1848

Dear Brother

The men who got the poles here at Newburg have called on me for there money it is now due & they are depending on it- to pay a note in the bank the amount is $187,62 they say they must have it next week wethout fale

I have also need a line from Mr Brundage stating that he would soon have the poles all on between Middletown & Goshen and that he was in want of some money very much

The other Contracts between here and Goshen are due. I mention these facts that you may make your arrangements according, if you cannot be here by the first of next week write me in reference to funds, I suppose Pinkham is out of money and in fact he wrote me that he was out of money. the snow is fast disappearing here and I think we shall have good weather again in a few days

Yours of the 10th was rec'd this morning Glad to hear that Burdick is released

Yours respectfully E.B. Cornell

Pittsfield. 13th Nov. 1848.

Mr Connell.

Sir

Yours of 5th inst. Batt.

I rec'd in due course of mail.
a parcel (the 1st.) of Castings & the 2d Shipment
of Glass. was rec'd at State Line. on Friday last.
& to day rec'd. here. the 3d parcel of Box 5
here. = to say 3 Tons. Mr Allen left here.
on Tuesday last. for the Southern extremity of
the Line. I start tomorrow. for. the
purpose. of collecting all that C. can. at this
time & shall. after the close of the Mill. place
the amt. into Messrs Mills & Co. Stock.
to your Cr. it is ~~not~~ difficult indeed to get
cash. from any one at present. for any pur-
pose. Allen had not yet left. with me. the
names. (or. Subscription papers). for Stock. Sub-
scribed. since July 25th. consequently. I can-
not. know. what to call on. South of. Litchfield.
& at same time. I cannot. notify them. of our
calls. I asked Mr Allen for them. on his return
Most. of our Subscriptions. are each payable
of the amt as they represented. at Gt Barr-
ington. July 25th. the. additional. Subscription
papers. I am. possibly. make good all the
deficiencies.

at No Adams ... are here or in other parts ready to pay

	C. S. Freeman	Subs	200 Dolls	
" Pittsfield	Chas Montague	"	50	
	T. M. Roberts	"	50	
	M. H. Tyler	"	200	
	M. S. Wells	"	50	
	Thad Clapp 3rd	"	50	
	William Keene	"	50 = 450	
Lee.	A B. allen	"	50	
	L. D. Bacon	"	50	1100
Barrington	A & A B Russell	"	3000	
	Gimy Partridge	"	3000	
	C. C Brake		50	
	A. D. Cushing		50	9100
Salisbury.	Say in Sale			500

At Williamstown. in Stock Sale to raise. Say only 3000 $. I will that they pay a Station at Mr Adams nothing at Hoosick Stock Bridge only 350 $. at Eagle Mill. nothing at Wells Village nothing. I can give this particular so that if you can live otherways informed. or can make any calculations. in what section you like our hopes that you may now be corrected

You may expect. I will again write you. on the last of this week. for the mean time. in all. yours at the Election of Gen Taylor. at our next. Pitt

Yours respectfully

W. D. Peters

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Mrs E. Cornell
Troy
N York

NOV 14 Mass.

Mrs H Cowen
13. Nov 1848

Office of the
Montreal Telegraph Co
Montreal 13. Nov 1848

Dear Brother

I do not know when a letter will find you on a/c of your Changeableness but as I have an opportunity to send it – home I will do so.—
During the last week the Prov Line has experienced a sad pull back by the breaking of the wire at the St Lawrence & the delay of a whole week in getting it repaired. – The excuse for the delay appears to be in consequence of the wind blowing too strong to get it up and I believe it is the opinion of the men that if it gets down 2 weeks later than this that it will remain down until Spring – We had a west Snow Storm on Sunday week which accumulated upon the wire and caused the break. I do not believe it will stand the winter in which Case they will be obliged to go to Lapraire. —
The trustees are becoming so much dissatisfied with Barry that I think they will soon give him notice to look for business elsewhere — —
When I rec.d your letter I immediately applied to Whitney about payment

for the horse and he informed me that O'Connor had already been paid all that was due to him with the exception of about $30. and that he would keep back but he says O'Connor thinks he will not keep the horse but ship you for his keeping.— If I can get anything out of them for the horse I will do it.— Continue I have not been direct you but use the orders upon him.—
You made a great mistake in threatening to cut off this Co. from the Boy Since as some of the Wickholders had already found fault with the Trustees for not having secured the right of Connection from the Trustees, and it only exasperates them and will cause them to do all in their power to embarrass you — knowing that it is as much the interest of the Boy and of the Since to work with this end as it is for the interest of the Montreal end.— Whitney said to me he did not think it would be well for the thread to be repeated.—
According to his data which he has picked up he allows you liberally for the length of the Since and if yours does not agree with his I can see no other reasonable way of settling the difference but by measurement.—

If you can ascertain the kind of wire & height of masts - and the Lay across the Hudson river I wish you would let me know - also the weight of the wire. - I would also like a small specimen of the paper of Bain's & Houses Telegraphs if you have them. - I had my samples stolen last Spring. -

The "Gutta Percha" at the Canal bridge has got out of order, I do not know in what way, but we last the report in Consequence last evening. -

Philip Hopkins will be the bearer of this letter, as he goes home to spend the winter in Study. - He leaves the Sem with as high honors as any one Could obtain from the Station he has been holding. I have never been better pleased with an Operator and never have seen one more attentive and prompt. - I hope he will be able to get as good a place as he deserves should he be inclined to resume the business again in Spring.

The articles which you sent here for publication, Whitney had inserted in the Courier a Copy of which I sent to Ithaca. - It is Capital. - We will have another from Canada soon in Morses defence. - Am very well & heard from Otis yesterday at Union Village en route to Whitehall Yours afftly S. Wood

Cleveland office Nov 13th 1848

My Dear Father I have bin rather delinquent again which has bin my general complaint for several weeks past & undoubtedly you think it is geting to be an old story so I will not attempt any excuses but in future I think I shall be a little more prompt as I shall not be so closely confined at my instrument as since last friday morning the Line has bin working most perfectly in one circuit from Buffalo to Detroit. which reduces the duties of this office at least two thirds— we took out ground wire here at eleven am on friday told De to call Bu who answered the first time called they immediately commenced doing business & there has bin not interuption since which I presume is good news to you. Uncle J Dunham left for home on friday evening last and Charley Shed goes to Detroit by the first boat leaving me alone in this office with a book keeper who will be Mr Lee who was in Detroit office when we were there last summer) after this week. which is quite a reduction of expense of the Line & delay of business & quite an improvement to the Co— As Coldfoot wrote you on Saturday he says he thinks I had better remain in this office till next spring— I told him I was willing to do what he

thought best. He then said he wanted me to remain here which I shall probably do until spring— What do you think of that?— Do you think it a good plan? Cold Spud has been here for afew days past & is now waiting for a boat to Detroit & he feels well & think the Line works so well— & also to know that— We are to have another Whig President. The Line has worked admirably throughout the entire length during the last week past, with the exception of the early part of Tuesday when the two lines were crossed between here & Buffalo— but we got it straight about 3 pm so we had all business off before election returns commenced— & before we stopped at 4 the next morning we had the returns of some 15 states— we had Chicago returns at 5 pm— NY & Boston each by four seven or rather the probable vote— at one am. we got Richmond Virginia via Cincinatti St Louis & Chicago— pretty quick that— at 9 pm we had Lthaca & at twelve we had five towns in old Tompkins— that is not all our receipts for such returns were on the line $800 Chicago & Milwaukii $50— each— other offices expense on Buffalo & Erie $25— Toledo $35— so you see we did not lose much by it— I believe they figure on acts last week at about $1300— although not all in yet— I will be able to tell you in my next if agreeds nothing

from other quarters — I will give you a few below —
from Nov 8th to 11th inclusive —

Chicago —	comes	$1 89.62	Reports	$30. total $240.
Detroit	do	125.	do	25 " 150.
Toledo	do	70.	do	35 105.
Cleveland		70.	—	70.
Painsville				35.

Averaging Chicago Sunday $40 — Dt 25. Toledo 17.
Cleveland 12. Painsville 6 — — You see this office is rather behind however it was a good week — but we got nothing for report. the Toledo office is one of the best offices on the line — today our nets about six dollars — Toledo $10 —
The other line is getting the business here on account of having so many stockholders here is the reason — but if they are used up I think we shall have a portion which they now have — This section of our line now is fully occupied — & I believe had we all the business we could not do it on one wire — Please let me know fully what's going on in the way of trade or compromise — & the prospect by letter — it is now just 12 pm & you will please excuse me — will write again soon & not in so much haste — You please write soon — Good night

Your Affectionate Son
E Cornell

A. P. Cornell

Please excuse haste mistakes & scratching &

Wednesday 14th Nov. 1848.

E. Cornell Esqr.

Dear Sir,

Since you were at Dansville, I have succeeded in raising the Telegraph subscription to $1900 — I left Dansville on the 11th inst. and will not return until Saturday next. The subscription I left in Mr. Woodruff's hands, and hope he will take pains to increase the amount. If he ~~has done~~ does nothing, on my return I will make another effort, and at all events will promise $2000 stock from Dansville, and perhaps I can get a two or three hundred more. — We cannot raise $3000, and if that ain't is necepary to bring the line our way, it must pass by us. — If a line is to be built from Canada to your line, would not the Canada line be shortened enough by bringing your line to Dansville, and making the junction there, to pay the extra expense of coming to Dansville? If you will take pains to ascertain the ain't of busines transacted at our place, you will hesitate some time before you decide to pass by us, and locate your line through the insignificant towns south of us.

In haste, Yours truly

Chas. Richard

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Dear Sir

An wife has been attacked and was frequently sworn that the hotel should not be shut up until they had their pay, and that I should not leave the place until I paid them accounts &c but I have now been actually arrested on by the constable until today - This afternoon a long, lank, lean, red haired, whisky face looking fellow called at the office and said he wanted to speak with me - I went outside to him and he said he had a Capias for me - That I must go with him before a Justice, which I quietly assented to. At the Justices Off. I found one of our hotel men, and after a few minutes talk with him he concluded to discharge me from arrest, and pay his own cost - Took a note for the amt due him in 60 days and must have satisfied that he would get his pay, and any he tried to force me to pay by law -

The Lion works beautifully from Buffalo to Detroit, and we have almost

as much as we could on this East-
end. I do not know as we can do quite
as much business to use the line in
one circuit, as to work in two circuit
as we have heretofore: but it is much
more satisfactory to our customers West of
this place, and at Toledo & Detroit we
will get more business from the O Riv
line than if both lines were to have been
Our right have been very good
Fortune will send you ~~the~~ best
fair Cash rate. You will see that we
will soon have the means of buying
the balance of our Pole debts; and
not be subject to arrest at every turn
we go through - I am certain that
I can get the means to buy before
they can sell any of our property
if they should begin tomorrow, and
could find any thing to attach - We
are out of the Woods, or so near out
that I am disposed to Crow -
I have been figuring up with Lathrop
to-day, and find that the balance
due for Poles, Labor, &c is about
two thousand dollars, and the line
is done 30 Poles to the mile all the way
and the cuts (such as they are) all
on -

I can get the money to buy the balance due without getting any more of you, or from your 4½ funds at Fredonia, and we can soon buy back some to help you on that—by you count it— I wrote to Smith that I should use the cent allowed me by our Trustees on the West End for Extras, in completing this East End— I did not tell him the cent; and when he finds out how much it is, he will blame us: but if he is allowed his $30 per mile, (and, we shall ratify any bargain he may make with the Pirates, giving them $30 per mile for what is not worth one half the money to us) he must not complain of our using funds to complete the line, and being allowed a liberal price for the extra work— You have the use as settled by Tillotson with the Trustees— Show it to Smith some time when he is in a good humor, and tell him you understand I am using the funds of the Company and mean to apply it towards the payment of the extra price allowed me— I go to Detroit on the boat which is expected here in a few hours.

Yours truly

J. B. Strauss

I sent you a letter from Tillotson, and a note from Lenihan, showing one of a dozen many little matters going to prove that Lenihan is not worth $100 to us. If he could let any line of this office thru day (as Tillotson of Sandusky City says,) because he had not money to buy the O'Reilly line, and had not financial ability Enough to get it, or put Trustee, he has not capacity Enough to manage advantageously this office.

I have not the least fear of Mangos not managing the office well. With a few years more experience, I doubt not he will be equal to the best of them, and does not lack much of it now. as he is as good an operator, as the best, and a few better business men & better judge of human nature than most men ten years older. Rich Lenihan and let me have Mangos —

I think Lenihan $150 could take pulling teeth, as the hole was stood gaping for it; but he said he must have it, ~~and~~ I will send him the balance due him as soon as I find out how much it is — If you promise $600 to be it for the half but not any longer