This Agreement Witnesseth, That I, Jezrell Dewitt

agree to sell to EZRA CORNELL, One hundred —— TELEGRAPH POLES, twenty-five feet long, five inches in diameter, clear of bark at small end,—of Cedar, Tamarac, White Oak, Chesnut, Butternut, Black Ash, or Hemlock peeled. Said Poles to be delivered along the Public Highway, from the Six mile mark, near the gate kept by D. Adams, on the Milford & Owego turnpike thence west 2½ miles, at the distance of one hundred and thirty-two feet apart, for the sum of fifteen cents —— each, payable on the delivery of said Poles, and fulfilment of this contract; and the said CORNELL agrees to pay the above named price for said Poles, when so delivered. To be delivered by the 12th of August 1848

Brooklyn Township Pa, July 15th 1848. Jezrell Dewitt

Ezra Cornell

per S. H. Herbert

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Montrose to Carbondale

Dewitt 100

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This Agreement Witnesseth, That I, Isaac Smith

agree to sell to EZRA CORNELL, Forty four TELEGRAPH POLES, twenty-five feet long, five inches in diameter, clear of bark at small end,—of Cedar, Tamarac, White Oak, Chesnut, Butternut, Black Ash, or Hemlock peeled. Said Poles to be delivered along the Public Highway, from the said Smiths barn on the Milford & Owego turnpike, west to the meeting house at the distance of one hundred and thirty-two feet apart, for the sum of fifteen cents each, payable on the delivery of said Poles, and fulfilment of this contract; and the said CORNELL agrees to pay the above named price for said Poles, when so delivered. To be delivered by the 12th of August 1848

Brooklyn Township Pa. July 15th 1848

Isaac Smith
Ezra Cornell
per J. W. Hurlbut

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Montrose to Carbondale

Smith 44

15
210
44
660

Received the
Contract Pay
in full for
45 Telegraph
Poles at 15 cts $6,60

Feb 9 1849 — Isaac Smith

44
15
6,60

This Agreement Witnesseth, That I, G. W. Palmer

agree to sell to EZRA CORNELL, Seventy-six ——— TELEGRAPH POLES, twenty-five feet long, five inches in diameter, clear of bark at small end,—of Cedar, Tamarac, White Oak, Chesnut, Butternut, Black Ash, or Hemlock peeled. Said Poles to be delivered along the Public Highway, from the Universalist Meeting house on the Milford & Owego Turnpike West to the six mile marks at the distance of one hundred and thirty-two feet apart, for the sum of fifteen cents ——— each, payable on the delivery of said Poles, and fulfilment of this contract; and the said CORNELL agrees to pay the above named price for said Poles, when so delivered. To be delivered by the 12th of August 1848

Brooklyn Township Pa July 15th 1848.

G. W. Palmer

Ezra Cornell

per G. W. Hurlbut

3

Montrose to Carbondale

Palmer 76

15
380
76
1140

Recd on the within Contract Pay in full for Seventy Six Telegraph Poles at 15 cts — $11.40
" " interest 10
$11.50

Feb 9. 1849 G. W. Palmer

76
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11.40

This Agreement Witnesseth, That I, Lorenzo Sweet

agree to sell to EZRA CORNELL, One hundred ——— TELEGRAPH POLES, twenty-five feet long, five inches in diameter, clear of bark at small end,—of Cedar, Tamarac, White Oak, Chesnut, Butternut, Black Ash, or Hemlock peeled. Said Poles to be delivered along the Public Highway, from the barn of P. Smith 2½ miles East on the Milford & Owego Turnpike at the distance of one hundred and thirty-two feet apart, for the sum of fifteen cents ——— each, payable on the delivery of said Poles, and fulfilment of this contract; and the said CORNELL agrees to pay the above named price for said Poles, when so delivered. To be delivered by the 12th of August 1848

Hartford Town Ship Pa July 15th 1848.

Lorenzo Sweet

Ezra Cornell

per A. H. Burbank

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Montrose to Carbondale

Sweet 100

Recd on the within Contract Pay in full for 100 Telegraph Poles at 15 cts each $15.00

Feb 10th 1849

Lorenzo Sweet

100
15
15.00

This Agreement Witnesseth, That I, Joseph Partrous agree to sell to EZRA CORNELL, One-hundred & forty TELEGRAPH POLES, twenty-five feet long, five inches in diameter, clear of bark at small end,—of Cedar, Tamarac, White Oak, Chesnut, Butternut, Black Ash, or Hemlock peeled. Said Poles to be delivered along the Public Highway, from the Court-house in Montrose East on the Milford & Owego turnpike 3½ miles at the distance of one hundred and thirty-two feet apart, for the sum of Fifteen cents each, payable on the delivery of said Poles, and fulfilment of this contract; and the said CORNELL agrees to pay the above named price for said Poles, when so delivered. To be delivered by the 12th of August 1848

Bridgewater township Pa July 15th 1848.

Joseph Partrous

Ezra Cornell

Witness D. W. Hurlburt

This man agree to get 10 poles 30 feet long for which I agreed to pay 16 cts each instead of 15 - on this whole Contract. So his is not entitled to any Extra pay -

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Mayntrose & Carbondale

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780
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J. G. Bristol
Papers
1849 & 50

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Brooklyn Township Pa July 15th 1848. Jezrell Dewitt

Ezra Cornell
per, J. W. Hurlbut

Recd Pay in full
on the within Contract
for 100 Telegraph Poles
Feb 15 cts — $15 00
Feb 6, 1849 J. Jezreel Dewitt

Buffalo July 15 1848

My Dear Father

I wrote you at Ithaca yesterday and received your favor of the 13th inst this morning, and as you will not get mine of yesterday as soon as if I were to write you at Troy today I do so. I am very glad you ordered more batery as we need it very much. The Line worked so horribly I advised Eur & Fairville to take a tour on the Line & see if they could not improve it some which they did yesterday and Fairville informs me that he put it up in three places and Eur has not yet returned and the Line works enough better this morning to pay all costs. It is very true that the more batery we put on the better it will be but it would do it the most good to have it put in order. The lightning is very troublesom, and the idea occured to me yesterday that if it would not be too expensive that it would be a great improvment to cover our fourth Gutta Percha. which would indurate it much better and I think nearly protect it from the lightning. What is your opinion of it. If it would not be too expensive I can not see why it would not be far preferable. You know it would require but a slight coating. How much do you imagine would be the expence per mile? We are fast gaining the confidence of the Buffalo public on our evenings, and I think although our Line is so very bad we do business much more here. but I wish it was so we

could do still better for them.
What was Gov Sewards success in New York on
Monday 10th inst. before the supreme court? I see
nothing of it in the papers as yet.
When do you think you shall be here and go West.
I hear nothing about the prospect of a completion
of the Sim. hope to soon. Allen is quite ill
yesterday and to day and has not been in the
office.
Please write fully when convenient
Truly Your Son
A. B. Cornell

S. Cornell
Esq

A B Cornell
Esq
Sept 15th 1858

July 15th 1848.

My dear Sir I received your letter dated July 5th and had not time to reply to it until now you stated that you wanted to know the demand I had against you Brother I will relate to you the circumstance it is for poles that I delivered along your line the amount of them was one hundred and fourty one poles for which am to or rather was to receve thirty five cents per pole by the first of June last but your Brother had not the funds at that time. the poles were distributed between Erie and Swans tavern distance of nine miles my contract reads this manner Edwin Willis of millcreek Erie Cont Pa made this the sixteenth day of March 1848 said E Willis agrees to furnish for E. Cornell Teligaph poles to be delivered the first of april next on the Stage road rining from Erie to walnutcreek one to be left between each and every two poles now erected on said road for which Mr E Cornell agees to pay the above prices Signed

I will leave the article with the young man in the office if the money be paid immediately if not there will be trouble I can send the contract in your letter if required

E Cornell
Jno J Dunham
Edwin Willis

Obedient

141
35
705
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Ithaca July 15 1848

Tompkins Co

Mr Cobb

Dear Sir

Mr Robbins worked 35 days at 1$ per day making $35.75 and $3.00 borrowed money making in all $44.75 I payed him $35.25 leaving his due $11.50 which I want you to pay him, if you have not the money you Can ask Dunham to send you 11 dollars & state to him what it is for. You Can tell Mr R that I have allowed him for the full time and something over according to the Talk I had with him by Telegraph Through you, you recollect what I said to him in reference to getting home after we got done work, that I would pay his Expenses back but not pay him for his time I have however allowed him for 1 days work (10$) on his return besides paying his Expenses

I believe however there was some Expense which he was too between Cleveland and Ashtabula which I have no account of, what ever that is you can pay him

I want the P.M. for the East End of the N.Y. & Erie line

Yours in haste, E.B. Cornell

Rec'd Aug 12th 1848. From E. Cornell thirteen dollars on account of labour on the Erie & Michigan telegraph which is in full of all demands against said Cornell - or said Telegraph Company.

Wilfred Robbins

W. Robbins Bert
Aug 12 1869
E & M Oil Co

Lower Sandusky July 16th 1848

Dear Sir

I recd yours of June 27th and Aug 3 yesterday - forwarded from Detroit

The state of wire for the M.O.R. line at 6½ ¢ and 60 lbs at in Stock is capital, and as you know got them in for cash, it will take but one more post with to make it 20 ¢ in Stock -

I left Detroit three weeks ago tomorrow and expected to have returned in one week, and that our line would be done by the 12th but here I am yet, and the line not completed - When I left Sandusky City two weeks ago next Tuesday, the office was opened, and doing business with the East, Town Anderson, Morris Anderson, E. B. Comelle Fish, Cornell, Foreman, King, Anderson, Foreman, were all there - The distance from Sandusky City to this place is 25 miles - From here to Vienna, where we left off putting up wire from the East is 55 miles. I told them that I would just as the poles which were not up, and just run the wire to this place, as soon as they could reach here - I got my wire on to this place last night, but it is still to be put up from here to Cedar Creek 20 miles - The poles are all up but about one mile - Fish got hurt in falling from a pole, as he writes me, and that is the reason why but five miles of wire has been put up since I left Sandusky City - I would have been through to Sandusky City before this time, if it had not

been for the unprecedented rain which we have had here. For fifteen days before yesterday it has rained every day, and nearly the way here. The whole Country from here to Detroit is under water, and between here and Toledo, the men have had to wade in the water up to their arms in many places to get to the fields. I have been out as water carrier make me all the week, until yesterday, so that the continued rain did not stop us: but it was so bad that we could not make much progress. I never worked as hard for the same length of time in my life, and never was exposed to the weather as much before or half as dirty; but I have felt well, and eat cold pork and beans, and drank rain water. Bad as it has been for us the farmers have suffered much more, as great quantities of hay and grain are floating in the fields, when it was cut, and much of the standing wheat is sprouted. The consequence is that hands are now in great demand. and almost any farm hand for a few days, to secure such crops as are worth saving. In fact every man can win will be commanded, and I should not try to get out the bolts that are out until the harvest is over.

Allen made a miserable job in contracting for bolts through here. The best he paid was 30 cents, and as high as 40 & allowing them to get white ash & Sycamore. The whole of the 30 bolts to the mile are up from five miles East of Edinburgh to 2 miles West of this place about 100 miles, and I have contracted to have the 15 bolts to the mile delivered from here to Macomb & Set 5 feet each

at 4/- per pole, expecting about two miles of
work, and for that I am to buy 6/- per rod
pole and setting. The poles from Maumee to
Toledo I have contracted for at 2/- each, to be
not less than 5 inches at the small end. From
Toledo to Monroe I had to buy 50¢ each, as
Allen had agreed to buy 40¢ ea, and the O'Brien take
50¢ each.

Mr Boyle shall have some money soon,
but he must work on until we get the line
done, and the offices opened. I put an office
at this place, and I am to have $300 each
as a bonus, with a promise to rush the office
open one year, and as much longer as it
will pay expenses. At Maumee I also open
an office, and get $700 to 800 on a loan
of one year. They have, three hundred &
will pay the balance as soon as the office
the office. Perrysburg is one mile this side of
Maumee, and Miami one mile West
of Maumee, & think the three towns will
support an office any rate, as there are
four flouring Mills now in operation
at Maumee, and two more going up -
That will be the point of connection with
the line from St Louis by way of the Canal
instead of Toledo -

Wilcox came from Milwaukie
to Sandusky to meet me, and not finding me
there came to Sandusky City & there have
yesterday - He has had a hard fight, and
ah hill work of it. but feels well, and says
the O'Reilly tribe are on their last legs and
hard up - He thinks he can screw, or rather

I will write to Hamilton & have him send the
Letter and work here
to Maumee & there to complete this line
and put each in repair to
Defiance and open
Toledo -

shu second $75 hr mile for 220 miles. from Milwaukee
to Madison and from Chicago to Rockford.
He wanted authority to give a guarantee to
his subscribers that in case O'Reilly took this line
away from them they should have their money
back and hat. I gave him a power of attorney
to give them such a bond for Smith, and
[illegible]

Geo. Wheeler
Rockford
Ill.

[illegible]
16 Jun

will must send a copy to Columbus.
I cannot go to Columbus this week, and do not
see that it is important for me to do so. If Smith
is there I could do no good and my services,
I fancy are indispensable here. I have not
heard from Howard or Wood but have note both
of them to adjourn our meeting until the 1st Monday
in August. The directors must be chosen and
that day. The public think we are making obstinate help
it. no need of notice sent to each Subscriber - you must be
at Detroit at the meeting.

Yours truly J. J. Smith

Lawn Sandusky July 16th. 1846

My dear Sir

Yours of June 30th. reached me yesterday.
I have had a terrible hard struggle to get this line
through. It has rained in this County every day for
fifteen days before yesterday and the black Swamp
is under water. The mean time had to wade in
the water up to the arms, and I have been as wet
as water could make me five days of last week and
three days of the week before. I never worked so
hard or was so much refreshed before in my life
but I have felt well and determined to push this
line through at all hazards. I commenced at Vienna
12 miles West of Toledo one week ago last Wednesday 55 miles
from here. I have had 7 Sundays put up about 5 miles
of poles and put the wire on to this place last
night. We have 18 miles to put up yet. but Morris Dodson
is coming this way from Sandusky City by Tuesday
night & think we will be through. I shall go from
here and at Monroe, which will take me one
of this week after we get down the wire, and I have
so much confidence by Saturday or Sunday next
our meeting will positively go off the first Wednesday
in August and before you will be on hand.
Wilson Curne here yesterday to see me. He wanted
some advice, and a guarrentee to buy back
to his subscribers if O R Tel. take away this line.
He pulls crack, and I dare all he can take
down. He says he has secured $75 hundred
for 220 miles.
The time with O R Tel comes off at Columbus this
week, unless they succeed before.
I have a bushel of letters to answer
to day & have no time to say more.
Yours truly J. D. Peters
Jr
Jabez A. Fay

Spend
July 16. '48

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Mr. D. T. Tillotson

New Burg
Orange Co
New York

This Agreement Witnesseth, That I D. H. Wade

agree to sell to EZRA CORNELL, Four hundred TELEGRAPH POLES, twenty-five feet long, five inches in diameter, clear of bark at small end,—of Cedar, Tamarac, White Oak, Chesnut, Butternut, Black Ash, or Hemlock peeled. Said poles to be delivered along the public Highway, from the East side of Russels line, toward Carbondale, on the Milford & Owego turnpike at the forks of the new road thence along said new road to Brownells house at the distance of one hundred and thirty-two feet apart, for the sum of twenty cents each, payable on delivery of said Poles, and fulfilment of this contract; and the said CORNELL agrees to pay the above named price for said Poles, when so delivered. To be delivered by the 12th of August 1848

Lenox Township Pa July 17th 1848.

D H Wade
Ezra Cornell
per D. H. Wade

Witness {
Levi Davis

This Agreement Witnesseth, That I, Billings Burdick jun agree to sell to EZRA CORNELL, One hundred _____ TELEGRAPH POLES, twenty-five feet long, five inches in diameter, clear of bark at small end,—of Cedar, Tamarac, White Oak, Chesnut, Butternut, Black Ash, or Hemlock peeled. Said Poles to be delivered along the Public Highway, from the termination of Callenders contract, East toward Carbondale 2½ m'l'es at the distance of one hundred and thirty-two feet apart, for the sum of fifteen cents _____ each, payable on the delivery of said Poles, and fulfilment of this contract; and the said CORNELL agrees to pay the above named price for said Poles, when so delivered. To be delivered by the 12th of August 1848

Greenfield Township Pa July 17th 1848.

Billings Burdick Jun

Ezra Cornell

per J. W. Hurlbut

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Montrose to Carbondale

Burdick 100
15
500
100
1500

Recd on the within Contract Payment full for 100 Telegraph Poles at 15 cts — $15.00

Feb 21, 1849

Billings Burdick Dr

86 1 B U
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125
37
162 130 Pins
25
187
73
262
18
280

100
15
1500

This Agreement Witnesseth, That I, James M. Callender

agree to sell to EZRA CORNELL, One-hundred —— TELEGRAPH POLES, twenty-five feet long, five inches in diameter, clear of bark at small end,—of Cedar, Tamarac, White Oak, Chesnut, Butternut, Black Ash, or Hemlock peeled. Said Poles to be delivered along the Public Highway, from the house of G. Brownell, East toward Carbondale 2½ miles at the distance of one hundred and thirty-two feet apart, for the sum of fifteen cents — each, payable on the delivery of said Poles, and fulfilment of this contract; and the said CORNELL agrees to pay the above named price for said Poles, when so delivered. To be delivered by the 12th of August 1848

Clifford township Pa July 17th 1848.

James M. Callender

Ezra Cornell

per. P. W. Kirtland

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Morris & Carbondale

Callender 100
16
600
100
1600

Received in the within
Contract Pay in full
per Telegraph Bills
100 at 16 A. $16.00
July 21 1849
James M Callender

100
16
16.00

This Agreement Witnesseth, That I, D. H. Wade

agree to sell to EZRA CORNELL, Four hundred —— TELEGRAPH POLES, twenty-five feet long, five inches in diameter, clear of bark at small end,—of Cedar, Tamarac, White Oak, Chesnut, Butternut, Black Ash, or Hemlock peeled. Said Poles to be delivered along the Public Highway, from the East side of Russell Line, Howard Carbondale on the Milford & Owego Turnpike to the forks of the new road, thence along said new road to Bronnels house at the distance of one hundred and thirty-two feet apart, for the sum of Twenty cents —— each, payable on the delivery of said Poles, and fulfilment of this contract; and the said CORNELL agrees to pay the above named price for said Poles, when so delivered. To be delivered by the 12th of August 1848

Lenox Township Pa July 17th 1848.

D. H. Wade

Ezra Cornell
per. J. W. Hurlburt

Witness {
Levi Davis

Montrose & Carbondale

Made 400

Due on the within
Contract Pay in
full for 400 Telegraph
Poles at 20 cts Pr Pole
Leroy Catt 9 1848
Amount $80.00

D H Wade

Troy 17th " July 1848

My Dear Alonzo

I returned last eve from Whitehall and this morning found your favour of the 12th inst.

The dificulty with your line must arise from the want of trimming the four cops that an broken i not a sufficient cause for the trouble if you have funds enough to pay the expense you had better see if you cannot get a trusty man to go over the line and trim all the limbs away that can touch the wire in any way. And were they hop. through shade trees he must get permission of the owners of the Trees - and humour the dificult cases as well as possible -

We should put up the ballance of the poles if we had the funds to do it with but have not and must do the best we can until we can accomplish all we desire - There must be a gaurdy of the Glass cops on the line with which broken ones must be supplied at present.

I hope when Cleveland gets over

battery on and the ballance all pull together that you will work through without much difficulty-

I have not heard from Gov Seward since I saw you, dont know what he is about but presume all will be well in due time-

I hope you will use every exertion to get the work off as well as it can be done, and be very careful that mistakes do not occur.

I have not seen Hubbard & or Corwin this morning - they are quite smart when I went with last Thursday -

Business here is going along quite well - Rales nearly all set on Troy & Mitchell him -

With Affectionate Regard from
E. Corrill

A B C

I P.M I open this to acknowledge
yours of 15th just rec'd

Gutta Percha will not do for the purpose
you suggest. It will not stand the sun
when exposed — and you cannot insulate
against lightning. The only way to get rid
of it is to conduct it off before it reaches
the Office. The fixing of the wire
your mention is the best way to support
it, you say nothing about bushings
of the line or rest in any of your
letter how much on the rest —

I can't tell when I shall go west
I am waiting to hear from Speed to
know where the line will be done
and when the meeting is to be.

Yours &c
E

Dodge Engineer Dayton Ohio

A B Cornell Esq
Buffalo
N.Y.

E Cornell
Troy 27 July 1848

Cleveland Mond Ruby 17/48
Offs of the Erie & Mich Tel Co

Dear Ezra

I am anxious to inform you of the happy change that has taken place on our line within a few days past. Since Alonzo came to Buffalo matters & things have assumed a very tone. He has been the means of the Buffalo Bat being Enlarged whereas heretofore Allen that it large enough. & I sent for more powers cups to be forwarded here from Sandusky & as there were no grips any where on the line to spare I ordered some made here in the city & then by shaving what Platinas I had, was able to double the size of our Bat & now it goes finely

Last Friday I advised Erie & Painesville to close their offs go out & repair Line believing it to be for the Credit of the Line & Co for them to do so. They did so & found rods & rods of mis on the ground tho we were still at work but repeating from offs to offs

Alonzo sent thro a list of rules & regulations on Saturday last for us to be governed by (it something farther from head quarters which gave our Eds a wide Break of joy) I assure you. Allen being sick & Alonzo having charge of the offs

he deemed it of paramount importance to have some mark to come by, & to which he might expect others to come in relation to Resp. His suggestions were concise but very comprehensive & just what was needed in our state of confusion

Yours as ever W Dunham

P.S. I learned last that you had forwarded some tynes & platinas. Was very sorry I could not have known it a few days earlier. The platinas arrived this PM but tynes are behind yet. Haveland sent down word for me to forward him some platinas if any to spare & I have forwarded to him in high anticipation of seeing you soon

July 14th
W. Dunham

Mr E. Cornell,

Goshen July 17. 48.

Dear Sir,

You wanted me to write you daily, I have not done so, yet I have written oftner than I had any thing interesting to say- after I left Stonsdale Saturday Morning I found a most terrible hilly rocky country to Milford 34 Miles, from there to Port Jervis the route would be good 8 Miles I left Port Jervis this morning by Rail Road for Middletown 21 Miles - and the route by the R.R. is such a complete bed of solid rock for about half the entire distance that it will be perfectly impossible to set a pole - I now am of opinion, we must leave the R.R. route entirely at Middletown and cross the Mountains to what is called Bigfoldy and from there to Stonsdale the distance is a little less and I am told it will be the best route it certainly cannot be worse I think - but before the poles are contracted for this side of Stonsdale it will be necessary for some one to make it their particular business to go over and examine thoroughly this different routes - I shall write Hurlbert not to contract any poles between Stonsdale and this place and my opinion is he had better return to Ithaca after filling up from Binghamton to Stonsdale unless you have confidence in him to go on & survey the route from there to Newburgh & so on - if so you must

instruct him at Carbondale & Stroudsburg as I shall
write him to hold up there - and now as to our prospects
for stock, they are anything but bright at Milford
& Port Jervis nothing can be done & stations could not
be sustained if located there - at Middletown I think
we can do something after getting the subject before the
citizens, but nothing had been done there previous to my
when I opened the subject to a number of the influential
men, and had a long talk with the Vice President and
Cashier of the Bank, I left some articles of association with
them which they agreed to distribute and talk with
their friends on the subject - On my arrival had I
presented my credentials to Mr Conway, and found he
had done nothing, he said he would in some of the
citizens this evening and take me around among them
to morrow - I told you I wished you to get some
statistical circulars, esp for circulation, but as the whole
matter is so new to all, and I cannot wait for them
I am getting 200 printed had which I think will do
as a substitute, I shall send some to different places on
the line from hope they will do good, before I see
them all, particularly at West point, Peekskill & Sing Sing.
I have sent you Hamm & Co's Bonds for signature and if
they do not meet your approbation when you see them
you will have to disavow them and charge it upon
me - I will send you some at Ithaca - The Editor who
is printing them here says their citizens are slow
about taking hold of an enterprise and he thinks I

Did not anticipate much interest taken here I will however find out without taking his opinion—
I have not heard word from you or Col. Speed since
I am yet and am very anxious to get a word even
if it is censure, as that would shew me a little in
my tribulations to know that you had not forgotten
me— I enquire at every Post office most to Postmaster
at Rich Burgh
r last week to forward me letters, but get none— I
wish we could see each other at Richburgh or some
other point and determine on Council what was
best for Stanbert to do. It is getting dark and I
will close—if any good comes up tomorrow will
write again—

Yours truly
C. F. Tillotson

Cincinnati July 17th 1848

President

Dear Sir

Soup answered [illegible] 14th Inst.
Shall have [illegible] for 14 Bundles of
[illegible] Bundles Rig [illegible] instead of 30 as [illegible]
Directions. In Mr Gibbons letter to you
of this days date he makes an absurd
statement when he says the Contractors
have kept done of the wire as collateral
security. such is not the case for none
of the Pole Contractors have had any
thing to do with the wire in any manner
whatever & moreover had this Brother
delivered the wire according to his
list I should not have been obliged to
trouble you about it.
You will please the Kindness to remain
to send per next Steamer that more
leaves for Dudley 14 Bundles Rig Yours Obt Servt
as we still require that #nt to complete the line

I. H. Cutler
to President
1848

Rimowski

Copy of Letter to
President & Directors
Tel Assn
July 17th 1848

83 John St. New York
July 17th 1848

Mr. E. Connelly
Troy

Dr Sir

The morning after you left New York we called at Miss[rs] Wells & Co office, to learn your determination with respect to the 6 casks #9 Telegraph Wire, shipped as balance of your order buy, and was shewn your written proposal, to take the same, if we were willing to extend the credit to Six Months,

We then accepted your proposition, desirous of settling every transaction, in an obliging manner.

Since then, we have been waiting your expected arrival in New York, to give us Miss[rs] Wells & Co acceptance for the Invoice agreeable to the terms of the Sale,

Miss[rs] Wells & Co refuse, to give us their acceptance without the payment of a Commission, which forms no part of our agreement with you —

You will please arrange this matter with them, per return of mail,

and Oblige
Yr Respectfully
James P. Kirby & Co.

Buffalo July 17th 1848.

My Dear Father.

You may think I trouble you very often but I suppose you are anxious to hear the prospects in this quarter often, which is my excuse for writing so often. Nothing very particular has happened since I last wrote you. but I have seen a little more of Albert which pretty fully convinces me that the opinion I have already formed of him is about right. He has as I wrote you been a little unwell and was out of the office on Friday and Saturday. This morning he was on hand again and seemed as though any thing did not suit him. I showed him the orders I sent up the Line the other day (a copy of which I sent to you). He then made the remark that he thought I assumed considerable responsibility here I told him no more than was my duty. he then wished to know who had charge of the office and if he I came here to do that he would leave at any time you chose. I told him I had heard nothing about that but had simply been cut him by you to aid him & you had directed me about reports &c & I had told him but he did not seem to notice it & I felt it my duty to assume the responsibility. he made several remarks. and saying that if you were not satisfied with him he would leave at

any time. I kept perfectly cool and acted as though what he said was of no consequence. I treat him with all respect & do every thing to try to please him but alas- all in vain. If I were like some he would get a talking to once in a while. But I find it is more comfortable to be cool than heated. He frequently insults me as some would pay but I think his short sightedness is to be pitied, and he is just so on the Line. I have interfered with nothing but reports. & Uncle Jonathan said when I came here the hopes that were going back to OR Line but we have gained the ascendancy again. he says I assure you he has no cause for acting as he does unless it is jealousy of some body & I cant tell who.

Now I leave you to make your own mind. I think there will be no need of my staying a great while longer. I hope to see you here soon. Please write me soon as you get this.

Truly Yours

A. B. Conner

C. C.

This Agreement Witnesseth, That I, John W. Durfee

agree to sell to EZRA CORNELL, Four hundred & twenty TELEGRAPH POLES, forty of said poles to be 30 feet long & said forty to be left in the village of Carbondale the remainder twenty-five feet long, five inches in diameter, clear of bark at small end,—of Cedar, Tamarac, White Oak, Chesnut, Butternut, Black Ash, or Hemlock peeled. Said Poles to be delivered along the Public Highway, from the or near the gate on the Clifford turnpike (4½ miles from Carbondale) to Thomas Clark's Mountain towards Honesdale at the distance of one hundred and thirty-two feet apart, for the sum of twenty cents each, payable on the delivery of said Poles, and fulfilment of this contract; and the said CORNELL agrees to pay the above named price for said Poles, when so delivered. To be delivered by the 12th of August 1848

Carbondale
Luzerne Co. Pa, July 18th 1848.

J. W. Durfee
Ezra Cornell
per H. H. Hurlbut

Witness
John Kennedy

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Montrose to Carbondale & Honesdale

Durfee 420
20
8400

Recd on the within contract
Pay in full for
Poles 420 at 20 cts
each — — $84.00
Feb 27 1849
J K Durfee

86 00
84 00

420
20
$84.00

This Agreement Witnesseth, That I, George Hubbard agree to sell to EZRA CORNELL, One hundred ——— TELEGRAPH POLES, twenty-five feet long, five inches in diameter, clear of bark at small end,—of Cedar, Tamarac, White Oak, Chesnut, Butternut, Black Ash, or Hemlock peeled. Said Poles to be delivered along the Public Highway, from the Wayne Mount Forward Honeedale 2½ miles ——— at the distance of one hundred and thirty-two feet apart, for the sum of fifteen cents ——— each, payable on the delivery of said Poles, and fulfilment of this contract; and the said CORNELL agrees to pay the above named price for said Poles, when so delivered. To be delivered by the 12th of August 1848

Canaan Township Pa, July 18th 1848.

George Hubbard
Ezra Cornell
per. J. W. Hurlburt

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Montrose to Carbondale &
Honesdale

Hubbard 100

15
500
100
1500

Recd on the
Nethin Contract
Pay in full
for 100 Telegraph
Poles at 15 & 15.00
Feb 28 1849
George Hubbard

To Paid for 4
Long Poles 30 ft $1.00
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100
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This Agreement Witnesseth, That I, Robert Balany agree to sell to EZRA CORNELL, One hundred twenty TELEGRAPH POLES, twenty-five feet long, five inches in diameter, clear of bark at small end,—of Cedar, Tamarac, White Oak, Chesnut, Butternut, Black Ash, or Hemlock peeled. Said Poles to be delivered along the Public Highway, from the Termination of Hubbards contract, Toward Honeoleh 2½ miles at the distance of one hundred and thirty-two feet apart, for the sum of fifteen cents each, payable on the delivery of said Poles, and fulfilment of this contract; and the said CORNELL agrees to pay the above named price for said Poles, when so delivered. To be delivered by the 12th of August 1848

Conean Township Pa, July 18th 1848.

Witness
Reuben Lacy

Robert Balany
Ezra Cornell
per P. V. Hurlbut

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Montrose to Carbondale &
Honesdale
Balamy 120

$$\begin{array}{r} 15 \\ \hline 600 \\ 120 \\ \hline 1800 \end{array}$$

Recd on the within
Contract Pay in
full for 120 Telegraph
Poles at 15 cts $18.00
Feb 27, 1849

Robert Ballamy

Paid Mr Balmy
for 2.30 ft Poles 3/$.75

120
150
1800

J. M. L. & M. Scovell	$400—
A. Burchett	200
Geo. Kendrick	100
Holckhiso Mccoman Mfg Co	200
W. R. Hitchcock	50
J. C. Routh	50
B. D. Faust Jr.	50
D. F. Mallory	10
2 Farmers for Petersburg Corp. C.	200

I hereby agree that if the citizens of Petersburg
subscribe Four to the Stock of the Ocoee
R.R. Co that I will Establish a Store
at Petersburg — and if the said is not
Subscribed so as to entitle them to a
Station I will not ask for the
Equipment of any Such Subscription
as may be made —

Petersburg, July 14th 1886. E. Cowan
for A. L. Allen & Co

Phil Rent $1000
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Repairer 400 3400

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Opr 400
Asst 100 1100

Wilmington do 800

Balt Rent 1000
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2 do 800
1 do 300
2 Mess — 300
Repr 400 3500

Wash Rent 1000
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2 Ass 800
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2 do 300
Repr 400
Batt 200 4200

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Supt 2000
Station 1700
25000

My Opr Rent 1.000
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Asst — 700
2 do $300 — 1200
5 Mess — 1.000
Batt & Repr Man 500
Battery 200 5000

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Opr 500
Messenger 100. 900

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Elizabethtown do 900

Mr Brunswick — 900

Trenton Rent 300
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Office of the Troy and Canada Junction Telegraph Company,
ATHENÆUM BUILDING.

TARIFF OF PRICES.

From Troy to	*For 15 words or under, exclusive of address and signiture.*
Bennington, Manchester, Rutland, Castleton, Whitehall,	**25 cents.** Each additional word 2 cents.
Orwell, Middlebury, Vergennes, Burlington, St. Albans,	**30 cents.** Each additional word 2 cents.
St. Johns, Montreal,	**50 cents.** Each additional word 3 cents.

A reduction of one third is made for all words over one hundred in a single communication.

Communications to be Mailed or to be transferred to other Telegraphic lines, will be faithfully and promptly attended to; but the companies owning this line will not be in any way responsible for inaccuracy or remissness which does not occur on their own line.

All communications must be *prepaid.*

Messenger's fee, *two cents,* for any distance not above one mile; beyond that distance, what is reasonable.

All Communications strictly confidential.

Troy, _____ 1848.

Via Tel. from Buffalo

To E Cornell Troy

This is the first I have heard about the emigrant ship. Cutter getting along well with the line they will not accept it till you repair the holes — the line has been in operation

from Point Leon to
R DeSoup They are
to have a meeting this
Evening to decide
whether they will accept
the lines — they are
anxious to use the
Line Car — as R De
Soup will let you
know the result of the
Meeting

Yours
A. L. Tovey

Carbondale, July 18th 1848

Mr. E. Connell.

Sir, I have completed contracts to within 10 miles of Honesdale, & owing to the busy season of the year I have been obliged to give more than I expected to, In two instances I have paid 25¢ otherwise 20¢ is the highest, & none less than 15¢. The average is about 18½ cents. each, The contracts all read "payable on delivery &c". Mr Tillotson told me not to alter them & I have been able to contract from one to two cents pr. pole cheaper by not altering. I have passed over, each road three time; The first time I could do nothing with the people, they had such big ideas of the Telegraph that they thought 50¢ a small price for poles, The contracts from Binghamton to Montrose are all to be completed by the first of August, from Montrose to Carbondale & Honesdale by the 12th Aug.

I have received no line from you as yet, & my funds have nearly run ashore, by being obliged to purchase a few necessary articles that I forgot to bring from home with me. I have enough to last a week by close economy

write to me at Port- Jervis, I have not
seen Dillottson since the 9th. Let me know
whether I pay more than you expected or not.
From 12½ to 16 Q would have got the poles I think
except at this season, I shall get through
to Honesdale to-day,

Respectfully

E, Connelly

S. M. Hurlbut

S. M. Hurlbut
18 July 1868

Greenwich July 18. 1848

E. Cornell Esqr

Dear Sir—

I rec'd your favor of the 16th and in reply would say I have two dozen points in Bath & 60 Bank—Fifteen hundred and thirty four dolls— Which you are at liberty to draw on me for at sight—or I will send you a Draft— There is some 300 dolls. more that I expect will be paid in during the present week—

I find the Stockholders are getting somewhat impatient to have the line put in operation as soon as practicable. and I think it will be well for the Trustees to go through the line soon and appoint the Operators and let them be learning so as to take charge of the line as soon as it is completed—

Cannot you make arrangements for the Operator at Troy and Whitehall on better terms than the Trustees— If so write me and I will only appoint them for the intermediate places— I expected Mr McFarland down on Monday to go to Schuylerville but he has not made his appearance yet— I do not hear any thing from them yet—

Yours Truly in haste

S. Rey Morey

Lt Roy Abbott
18th Inf. Mich.

Camp Thomas Ga.
Aug 7th

This Agreement Witnesseth, That I, Henry Eade

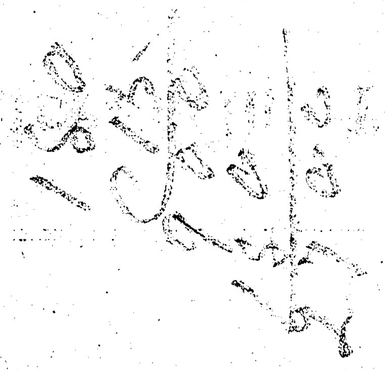
agree to sell to EZRA CORNELL, One hundred & Eighty TELEGRAPH POLES,
& fifty thirty-four-long
130 twenty-five feet long, five inches in diameter, clear of bark at small end,—of Cedar, Tamarac, White Oak, Chesnut, Butternut, Black Ash, or Hemlock peeled. Said Poles to be delivered along the Public Highway, from the Stage house in Honesdale, toward Carbondale, to Bulamy's contract (4½ miles) at the distance of one hundred and thirty-two feet apart, for the sum of Fifteen cents for the 25 feet poles and Fifteen cents for the 30 ft each, payable on the delivery of said Poles, and fulfilment of this contract; and the said CORNELL agrees to pay the above named price for said Poles, when so delivered. To be delivered by the 12th of August 1848

Bompton Township Pa July 19th 1848.

Henry Eade

Witness
Phineas Arnold

Ezra Cornell
per S. H. Hurlbut



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Montrose to Carbondale & Honesdale

Eade 180

15
900
180
2700

Recd on the within Contract Pay in full for Telegraph Poles delivered by me Amount $27 30 cts Feb 28 1849 Henry Eade by Ann Eade his Wife