Rutland Vt. Aug. 1st 1848.

E. Cornell Esq

Dr Sir.

Your favor of 25th July came duly to hand and ought should have answered before now had not other business occupied our time — [redacted] knowing that you or any one else had in contemplation the building of a line from this point to Boston or some point connecting with Boston. We addressed letters to Prof. Morse & Mr Smith, in answer to which we was referred to you. We were recommended to start a line towards Boston by some of the prominent men of this place, they thinking that we were the best prepared to Enter into it of any one they knew of, not knowing that you had a line in contemplation. We addressed a letter to Mr Prentis of Keene but he gave us no encouragement of help in that place. (one of the largest places between here & Boston on this rout) but I am satisfied that he does not understand the matter. he thinks it would not pay & cites the Boston & Lowell line as proof. that I consider as no proof at all for it is in the first place a short distance & cars running almost hourly. & aside from that it only had two offices. & could only do such business & could not be done by the hourly passing of cars from one city to the other. & any sane man would not say that it could pay — I consider that

telegraphs in order to succeed. Should connect remote portions of the County & a line from this point to Boston would be the best & cheapest medium of communication with the great west. the North & Canada. I think that the three Rail Road Corporations might be induced to do something for the line, provided it should go by the way of Fitchburgh viz the Fitchburgh, Cheshire & Rutland & Burlington.

So far as to our assisting we would say that we are so situated that one of us might enter into the project at once, provided your propositions should be acceptable, please make us one at your earliest convenience

Very Truly Yours

Stoddard & Goodwin.

per Stoddard

ERIE AND MICHIGAN TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

Notice and Returns.

The following articles will hereafter be supplied your Office from the Detroit Office, and you will give timely notice of any, wanted at your station :—

Zincs, Porous Cups, Tumblers, Platinas, Mercury, Nitric and Sulphuric Acids, Copper and Iron Wire, Rolls Paper for Register, Letter, Cap and Blotting Paper, Envelops, Blank Communications, Blank Books, Wafers, Pencils, and all other articles and Stationery needed in your Office, except Ink, which you will purchase by the pint.

You will report to the Detroit Office on the first of September, first of November, first of January, first of March, first of May and first of July, the amount and number of the following articles on hand at your Office.

DETROIT, August 2, 1848.

J. J. SPEED, JR., *President.*

Articles on hand at the E. & M. Telegraph Office, at

No.	
	Registers,
	Relays,
	Keys,
	Clocks,
	Desks,
	Tables,
	Chairs,
	Stools,
	Beds and Bedding,
	Towels,
	Bedsteads,
	Tubs,
	Pails,
	Wash Basins,
	Pitchers,
	Tumblers,
	Plates,
	Bowls,
	Sprinkling Pots,
	Lamps,
	Candlesticks,
	Lamp Fillers,
	Counter Brushes,
	Brush for Zincs,

No.	
	Brooms,
	Shovel and Tongs,
	Stoves and Pipe,
	Ash Kettles or Pans,
	Hammers,
	Hatchets,
	Axes,
	Shovels,
	Spades,
	Crow Bars,
	Post Augurs,
	Dirt Spoons,
	Blocks and Fall,
	Climbers,
	Augurs,
	Gimblets,
	Plyers,
	Pincers,
	Screw Drivers,
	Scissors,
	Files,
	Letter Stamps,
	Envelope Stamps,
	Ink Stands,

No.	
	Sand Boxes,
	Lead Pencils,
	Slates,
	Rolls Register Paper,
	Quires Letter Paper,
	" Cap "
	Sheets Blotting Paper,
	Envelopes,
	Blank Communications,
	Blank Books,
	Weekly Blank Returns,
	Bi-Monthly " "
	Cups in Battery,
	Zincs, not in use,
	Loose Platinas, or pieces,
	Porous Cups, not in use,
	Acid Bottles,
	lbs. Iron Wire,
	" Copper "
	" Mercury,
	" Nitric Acid,
	" Sulphuric Acid,
oz.	Wafers.

North Adams Aug 2, 1848

I hereby agree to deliver Telegraph poles between the Scrib bridge near Williamstown and the bridge in South Adams being a distance of about 12 miles, to commence 176 feet from said bridge in Williamstown and to be stood at distances of 176 feet apart, on said road and of the following dimentions, viz Said poles to be 25 feet long & 5 inches in diameter at the top or small end and to be Either White Oak, Chesnut Oak, Yellow Oak, Chesnut Hemlock, or Butternut, to be straight well trimmed and peeled, Said poles to be delivered on or before the 15th of August next for which E. Cornell agrees to offset against Stock taken by the undersigned in the Vermont & Canad Telegraph Company to the amount of said poles, for which he agrees to allow as high a price as he pays for any other lot of poles on said

L. C Thayer

E Cornell

Jun Johnson McKinney

BANK OF POULTNEY,

WEST POULTNEY, VT., Augt. 2 1848.

E Bancroft Esq.

Sir,

Your favor of the 29 ult. is received. Mr. Sartin is anxiously awaiting the arrival of the instrument for his use - No one is putting up wire as I can learn at either end of the line - Mr Mowry & Mr Ferland left here this morning. The say there are no poles set for twelve miles south of Union Village

Mr Jones has drawn on me for one Hundred Dollars - The shareholders pay up slowly and some not at all

I will explain to those who have furnished poles as requested when I may see them -

Your Obedient Servant,

M Leland Cashier.

Mr. Clerk
Dear Sir
Aug 18th

Copy of Record

Meeting of Stockholders August 2d. 1848

At a Meeting of the Stockholders of the Erie and Michigan Telegraph Company, held at their Office in the City of Detroit on Wednesday August 2d. 1848. Pursuant to adjournment, the following Offices were duly Elected for the Present year, they having received all the Votes given.

John I. Speed Jr of Detroit, President.

Benjamin Hollett	"	Penfield
William B. Ogden	"	Chicago
John B. Smith	"	Milwaukee
Orsby Leeds	"	Michigans City.
D. S. Walbridge	"	Kalamazoo.
Ezra Cornell	"	Ithaca
Isaac M. Howard	"	Detroit
Toner Jackson	"	Cleveland

} Directors

John Jr. Speed Jr Treasurer.

D. T. Tillotson Secretary.

On motion it was Resolved by the Stockholders, that Isaac M Howard and Levi Hubbell, be each allowed two Shares of the Capital Stock of the said Company, for Services as Trustees, to the present time and that Martin B. Wood, be allowed Shares for his Services as one of the Trustees of said Company.

adjourned sine die.

D. T. Tillotson Secty. I. I. Speed Jr President

Meeting of Directors, August 2d. 1848.

At a Meeting of Directors of the Erie & Michigan Telegraph Company, held at their office in the city of Detroit August 2d. 1848.

Present, John J. Speed Jr. Benjamin Hallett, Ezra Cornell, Jacob M. Howard & Tower Jackson.

Resolved, That an Executive committee of three Directors be appointed by this board, whose duty it shall be to superintend the immediate operations of the Company, appoint its operators, and other necessary officers to perform the work of the line, regulate the salaries of the officers &c. and perform such other duties as may become necessary in carrying on the operations of the Company. Said Committee to report to the Directors whenever required, and their actions submitted for approval.

The following were appointed such Executive Committee.

John J. Speed Jr. Jacob M. Howard & Benjamin Hallett.

Resolved, That the following be allowed to send their communications over this line free, and that none others except the officers of this Company be so authorized unless by further orders, viz, The Michigan Central Rail Road Company, according to the original understanding with said Company, Livingston & Fargo's Express, Humphry and his Stage Company, and the Chicago & St Joseph Steam Boat Company, so long as the President of this Company shall think it expedient and equitable, and that the officers of this Company be required to keep as accurate an account as possible of communications so sent by this line and of the services rendered by said other companies for this Company.

Resolved, That the following Tariff of prices be adopted by the Erie and Michigan Telegraph Company on 15 words,

(Here follows list of prices from place to place)

exclusive of date, signature and address, and for each additional word in a communication, where the price exceeds 15 cts. and does not exceed 30 cts 1 cent will be added, where the price exceeds 30 cts and does not exceed 45 cts. 2 cts be added, where the price exceeds 45 cts and does not exceed 60 cts 3 cts be added, where the price exceeds 60 cts and does not exceed 75 cts 4 cents be added, where the price exceeds 75 cts 5 cts per ~~for~~ each figure will count the same as a word.

D. T. Tillotson Secty.

Erie & Michigan Telegraph Office
Detroit 8. Augt 1848.

To
O. T. Dillotson,
Sir,

We hereby appoint you Superinten=dent of the Erie and Michigan Telegraph Co. with full power to make such arrangements respecting the change, location, and Rent of offices, Salary of Operators, and repair of line as you may deem proper.

A. A. Sheafe Jr. } President
Benj^a Follett } Exa. Coms.
A. M. Howard. } of Detroit.

Copy of Proceedings
of the E. & M. Tel. Co.
Aug. 2nd 1848. and
appointment of Super-
intendent Augt. 8. '48.

North Adams Mass
Augt 4. 1848

Mr Sewell

Dr Sir

When Mr O. E. Allen was here first making an effort to establish a Telegraph line from Pennington to Bridgeport thro Adams - I felt a great interest in the matter and wished to see him succeed in his effort I did what I could to forward it and subscribed for stock to the amount of $200 - at the time I subscribed I had no doubt but what I should be able to take it but the matter was delayed for some time and the people generally has given up having a line - because it was lingering along in such a way and on account of the Pittsfield people being so indifferent in regard to it -

Now my principal reason for not being able to take the stock is this that I am in debt and have not the money and have not yet rec'd what was and is still due me - and it it is impossible for me to get it - I wrote to Mr Allen on the subject he said it was not for him to say whether I might or not be released - Now sir I have made a fair open statement of the matter and as I understood you or you

Company at the first meeting in Lenox offered to take more of the stock I thought you would not object to releasing me -

I know you would not object if you knew the circumstances as you were situated as I am - will you know enough to answer this immediately - the other Subscribers I believe are intending to pay in as Called upon hoping you will consider my Case favorably and write me soon

I am Yours Respy

J. D. Dimmick

C. J. Tillinghast
Esq
Hartford Conn

P. S. If you should insist on my taking the stock (which I hope will not be the case) I see no way for me only to give you my note payable at some future time - you will please write me also the manner of the Clerks appointments also the average salary paid them

J. D. D.

This agreement witnesseth that Alexander E Tompkins Has agreed to furnish and deliver White oak yellow Oak & Chestnut Telegraph poles sufficient to fill the space running from Whitesboro depot to Marten Smiths Hotel said poles to be 25 feet long and 5 inches in diameter at the small End ~~as straight as~~ is and well trimed and to be left along the road about 8 rods apart said poles to be delivered by the 10th of September for which Myers Cornell & Speed agrees to pay five shillings a piece on the acceptance of the poles and the poles to be the property of said Tompkins intill said poles and that to be in thirty days after delivery on said Road

Witness
August 4 1845

Cornell Speed
per E B Cornell

Alex C Tompkins

Sandy Tompkins
6 miles
No 21

Alex Tompkins
Contract

136 Poles from
Tavern in Tarry
Town to Halls
Tavern
113 poles from
Halls to White
Plains —

113
136
40/249
6-9 — 249
5
8/1245
155.63
100
55.63

"Erie" of Michigan, Sel. Offin
Buff. Aug 24. '48

My Friend

Your letter of 22d date reached me this morning — Happy to hear that the passage was not productive of seasickness to you; for it is not a very agreeable travelling companion ——

I enclosed you a letter yesterday morning, and also another this morning from Dunbee = Hope they will reach you in time = The election on Wednesday must have been a very exciting affair — but I suppose Erie this "mountain has ceased its labors = Business has been good for a day or two past = Tuesday 38 boats. "E & M Receipts $17.80 "Rec. $7.35

Wednesday 61 " " 44.47 9.04

Thursday 51 " 32.14 17.81

Hope we may be enabled to "persist in the good work so gloriously begun" = Day before yesterday the line was down between "F. & "R." & was not repaired till nearly on night — Yet we made after all trouble a good days work = We did not get through till almost the "witching hour" of twelve = We lost a lot of boats that day, but such is one of the many uncertainties of the trade = Mr Allen went yesterday and testified to the facts set forth in the affidavit your father drew up. —— All well — Had a letter from Ithaca this morning. there will be quite a number here from that place on the 9th inst = Byron's Com. was forwarded to Ithaca this morning — No time to write more = If your stay is protracted after this, may let me hear from you often — Please give my compliments to your father — Col. S. D. H. Haviland — Hoyt &c

Do as I'd be = Very Respectfully Yr. Grant Morgan —

E. Grant. Morgan
Aug 4th 1818

This agreement witness that Thomas Horton has agreed to furnish and deliver White Oak and Chestnut Tellegraph poles suffecent to fill the space from Abraham Leggetts House to Martin Smiths Hotel said poles to 25 feet long and 5 inches in diameter at the small end straight and well trimed and to be left along the turnpike at the distance of 8 rods apart and to be delivered by the 10 of September for which Mess Cornell and Speed agrees to pay said Horton four shillings a peace in 30 days after delivered acording to the above agreement

Mount Plesant 5 August 48/

Cornell & Speed
per E B Cornell

Thomas Horton

135
67.50

Rec'd — Sixty Seven dollars and fifty cents in full for the within contract —

31 Oct 1848

Thorton

Thos Horton
Rect for poles
$67.50 — Nov 1. 1848

This agreement witnesseth that Charles Hopkins has agreed to furnish and deliver Whitebark & Chestnut Telegraph poles sufficient to fill the space between Peekskill and a plank bridge 1½ miles south of Singsing village. Said poles are to be 25 feet long and 5 inches in diameter at the small end, straight and well trimmed and to be left 8 rods apart along the turnpike road running from Peekskill to Singsing, and said poles to be delivered by the first of September for which Messrs Connell & Speed agrees to pay four shillings apiece in 30 days after delivered according to the above Contract

Peekskill 5 August /48

Chas. E Hopkins

Connell & Speed

per E.B. Connell

Chas. E Hopkins
Contractor for Poles,
Peekskill

Whitehall August the 6 1840

Dear Sir I recieved your letter of the 29
I see that you did not understand
me about the poles I didnot understand
you that you Wanted the billes of all the
mens labour but I han the bills and Reci of
all the Men that worked monline I paid one
A Dollar a Day for men to dig and paid
Second Bos one dollar and twenty five Cents
a day the bill of all expenes is one
hundred and twenty too dollars I han had one
hundred and twenty fine Dollars, I should
han sent befor if I had not expeted you to
Whitehall to settel with me I han counted
the poles from poultney to Whitehall the nrumber is

that S Wilson got is one hundred and ten poles
at fifty thee Cents a peas and Chilo Parcks of
Whitehall got one hundred and Seventy Seven at
the same prise if you send the money before you
Cum you can send it to me or parcks it dosnot
make aney diferanc Which of them you send up to. S thenk
if you are Coom to Whitehall son that you had beter
Weight untill you Cum to pay them yourself yours Respect

(Finch)

E Cornell Esq

H. Finch
Co. Ct. Aug. 1848

Lectivil 4 of Augt. 1848

Mr. Loomis

Dear Sir

I have really been so much engaged in getting our line completed from this City to Buffalo that I have had no time to visit your place as I intended - Mr Elwell who is equally interested with me in the business, is going to Fredonia, and may stop at Westfield, and if you are not inclined to cut our acquaintance, and trust to the Xtrick tide for telegraphic accommodations I doubt not Mr Connell will offer you satisfactory terms

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
J. D. Sperry

Lenox August 8th 18

We or Either of us hereby agree to deliver Telegraph Poles on the Stage route between Pitts field and Lenox Court House of the following dimensions Said Poles to be either Hemlock Black ash Elm or Tamarack and to be twenty five feet long and nine inches in diameter at the top or small end to be strived on said route at a distance of 176 feet apart Commencing 176 feet from the Berkshire House in Pittsfield and End at the Court House in Lenox Said Poles to be straight well trimed & peeled and to be delivered on or before the 25th August next for which E Connell agrees to pay the undersigned when so delivered the sum of forty cents apiece

E Connell
Per John McKinney

Thomas J. Sawyer
David W. Perry

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195
40
78,00

18 40
7200

121

Sewey
7th

Received Lenox
Dec 19 48 of
O. E. Allen seventy
Eight Dollars in full
for 195 Tel Poles
at 40 cts ea as
per Contract

195
40
$78.00

Chauncey E Sey

Erie & Mich Telegraph Office
Detroit 8 Augt. 1848

To O. T. Pittobow
Sir

We hereby appoint you Superintendent of the Erie & Mich. Telegraph Line with full power to make such arrangements respecting the charge, location, & Rent of Offices, Salary of Operators & repairs of Line as you may deem proper.

Jno Griggs Jr. } President
Ely Galleb } Ex. Com.
F. W. Howard } of Directors

Appointment of
Superintendent by
Ex Com Augt. 8. 48

Salem Aug 8, 1848.

Dear Sir,

I called upon Dr Wright of Middle Granville in relation to the matter you wrote me about — He says his agreement with Mr Adams was to the effect that He (Adams) was to pay the instalments on the stock when called for, and that whenever a Station should be established at Middle Granville He (the Doct) would pay Mr Adams $10, & have the Stock transfered — The Doct says he is ready & will fulfil the agreement on his part, but insists that he has nothing to do until a Station is established at Middle Granville —

The Schuylerville folks say they can only raise $500 — so nothing has been done with them —

We have appointed Clerks & operators at all the Stations, except Granville & Poultney, — we have appointed, at

Middle Granville	George W Porter	at a salary of	$75. per year
Salem —	~~George~~ Charles Allen	at a salary of	$75. per year
Cambridge	Gilbert Bailey	for	$100. "
Union Village	Peter L Barker	for	$50 "
Schaghticoke	Norman Briggs	for	$75 "

We are going to Lease Troy & White Hall to your management — When the Trustees were together last week, the subject of tariff was discussed, & although there was not much difference of Opinion between us, I suggested that as you owned nearly 1/4 of the Stock & had experience & information upon the subject that we were not possessed of, I thought it advisable to consult you before coming to a Conclusion about the matter — to which all agreed, & I was requested to write you — Will you give me your views either by mail or when next we meet?

Yours very respectfully
John H McFarland

D. L. Cornell Esq

Mr E. Connell. Detroit Aug 9. 48.

Dear Sir

You left your letter paper and the key in your room, & I have thought to day we have worked very well next — We paid the O'Reilly bill $30. for yesterdays business only, that won't do we must have the line in order or Mail our business for the East — This morning I told the young man in the off. not to take any stamps here for the East but to explain to our customers, that our line was down and that they had better go to the other off. I did it in as much as we could make nothing out of them and in case of any fault they would have the responsibility and our funds would come back hereafter and be thankful for our pardons and shower the curses (if any) upon them — We are a large people, and all have our friends and favourites — today I sent Mr Lee has been quite out of sorts with Mr Haviland, he is pretty skewed, but more experience and industry will do him a world of good — I talked with him a little while, this P.M. and coaxed his ardour, told him he had much to do and a little Molasses instead of vinegar, would do more towards catching flies, than the latter — his private opinion was that all that was necessary for him to do was to spy and into Conl. I think diff. and told him he must all work and help each other — he will come to or I will make a muss at headquarters if it does not please all parties as well as it might to be more deft and not do what I think my duty — I fear I shall not be very popular unless if not I can't help it

I had rather do what I think is right than
hold office — — Excuse often —

Yours truly &c

D. D. Thatcher

M B Conell

Detroit Aug 11. '48.

Dear Sir

You say write often - I have little to say to day, unless in the way of complaints and that wont make things any better and we must toil along and bear with our perplexities till we can do better - I received yours of yesterday from Cleveland and sent it to Col S. today at Sandusky, I like your suggestions and think you idea of retrenchment in the Mails offices, decidedly correct for the present - as to the popularity of my administration among the Operators, I don't care a fig. I shall do and act for what I think the best interest of the company, and if it don't please Tom, Dick & Harry, they must limp it, and give their reasons to a higher tribunal - I am a "Whig", but in this matter, I shall follow a little in the "footsteps" of Gen. Jackson, and take the responsibility and if I don't err in judgment, as he did in many cases, I am not afraid of the results - Yesterday I Mr Haviland went off to Jo. which I think was perfectly unnecessary had he been here we could have done our business first. We had Manned at 11 o'clock and work through a number of Com. but as we had cut off the West for a long time we were obliged to attend to this calls and leave the East after that we could not get them again till today, the consequence was we had to wait and lose a good deal of matter by R - line. Today we are doing either but I & Hoyt can't attend both Registers, Haviland will be home tonight and I hope for a better state of things - I fear me Mr Lee has not quite as much

industry as is necessary in this office — he has plenty of independence and does not like to do or take upon himself any thing derogatory or what he thinks does not properly belong to his particular "bureau" — as I said in the commencement I had my little to say except it was complaints I will stop here as I know you have enough from all quarters without my multiplying them — Painting getting along slowly hope to be off on my mission of love, Sunday or Monday — It is about time for the Boys to be back from dinner, they have been gone 50 minutes — have returned —

Yours truly &c
Pilcher

D. G. Pillsbury
1. 11. 1852

Erie and Michigan Telegraph Line,

FBOM BUFFALO TO MILWAUKEE.

Office on Wisconsin Street.

☞ ALL COMMUNICATIONS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. ☜

All Communications must be written out in full plain writing, and no figures used, except for date. The address and number of the street to be given fully.

No Communication will be received, unless *pre-paid*, except where the parties sending desire to pay the answer.

Milwaukee, _____ 1848, o'clock, M.

By Telegraph from _____

To Wm E. Connell

I have now printing 28.800— messages for the diff. offices, of which this is a specimen— The cost will be $1.9½ per 1000.— rather cheaper than to pay $4.00 for 500.— diff. on the lot about $10.— I— I sent also a sample of other Blanks, together with Regulations— Col Lynd, returned last night, has gone to Ypsilanti & Dearborn, today to examine the double lines and his iron cases— M are today working both East & West— Mr Haviland is on hand— Cols— leaves first of the mch. for Ohio, again.

Detroit Aug 12. 48.

Dillotson

Say how you like the jobs— never mind the expense of postage on them— I wanted you to see

Montreal August 12 1848

Wrights ends Xpo & wrote another letter

Dear Friend

It is so long a te si d sce
ur ltr tt I am ans ashamed to ans it
nr. but the truth is. I have been so busy
& so annoyed at mr moving & other causes
tt I could nhr find ti to collect my
ideas or put tm on pper. & you mst a
lk that indifference was the cause,
On the 31st July (day ever memorable
in the Annals of t world) we got
safely moored in to port, the crossing
gave way 4 times. but now I think
it is permanently fixed. at least I
hope so. I ma have done a pretty fair Bsns
one day $30.

With xpce te comfort e chg
You know what difficulties the unfortunate
Wright who signs X will ever have to encounter
You know W. L. W. & Co. but all tgs cdnd
I get alg pretty straight, we crossed at
cl in gutta percha nine & DK ha gn to
today to r r t shrn tr, our line works
smthly well, & the Boys are all well, as usual

Sterling here, your protege "Mockoxe" is really dgnd & no mck. and now for myself I believe ty r keep me here if I in knuckle under, but ohrwise ——— and I ed also all tgs ik & mk on t same line wi you if any vacancy tt w pay. I am on hand wi a mouth nc. I am well, wonderful but tts nothing. Mrs B is also in a fpk of salubrity & sends best rgds and now dongo how fares it wi you my friend! is all right & straight as you could ms it? how do u ik Bn! and how ds t line get alg! h u see Baker, he is up in sm kind of a woman speck Roast him, ——— ——— if you see hm,

Barry and Boyd

There is sh a dearth of anty ik interesting news here I c n fill t ohr page let me hr for you opt. & dont be offd if I ed n ans very punctually but I am hr fr 8 tm to 10 h m day ni. and ful so asset wh when I go home I c hardly stand. write often and now br frnd farewl God bless you

Yours. as ever

J Barry

Supt Cda Junction Line Pha hardy

Washington Aug. 12th 1848

G. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir,

Enclosed is a conveyance of the Troy & Canada Junction Line. You did not return the Draught formerly signed by me.

Enclosed is also your Note to Nat cancelled.

I go West this evening.

Very respectfully
Yours &c
Thos Kendall

Ithaca N. Y.

Rochester 15 Aug 1848

Dear Alonzo

I returned from Fredonia yesterday by Stage and arrived just in time to reach the Cars - The line of Telegraphs from Fredonia to Buffalo is not in as bad a condition as I had supposed from appearances - if the wire was fixed up in half a dozen places it would be in good order as far as that is concerned, and there is not many Cops off except in the first 6 miles from Buf there is about 30 off in that distance and not more than 20 or 30 in all the other distance, there is considerable trimming to do - the want of timing is the great fault that causes the line to work so badly - and I hope that measures will be taken to have it done Soon If the man calls that lives at Hamburgh who got Poles from us tell him I will send him the money for the first lot of poles Soon and the balance as Soon after as we can get it - which I trust will not be long - I leave in the Cars this night for Ithaca, write me at Troy as I shall go there from Ithaca,

Yours Affectionately
E. Corell

A B. C

A. B. Cornell Esq

Buffalo

N.Y.

WESTERN
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Elmira
Chemung Co. N.Y.
Aug 13 1858

Buffalo Augst 14th 1848

My Dear Father

I received a letter this morning from Mr Cutler dated July 30th at Quebec. saying. "I arrived here in company with Gisborne last friday evening and put the finish on the Line. I have to attend a meeting of the directors at two this pm. who are to rec'd G's reports of the line which will be favorable from what I can learn. They commenced using the line on the 28th. I wrote you father on the 19th at Ithaca & Telegraphed on the 28. wishing him to come here immediately & send me power to draw funds to discharge men. It is intended I believe to cross the St L 9 miles above Oswego immediately if they decide today I shall commence putting up the 16 miles more poles. some day this week. but would like to hear from or see you father before doing so." then in a P S he says — "Three o'clock pm — Can not raise a meeting of Directors too raining, will try again for 10 am tomorrow Gisborne has partly bargained to put up the poles to night the rain has come down for 30. per mile. — The letter has been sent to Detroit & back so it is rather old. — Enclosed you have a letter from Dunham — I let Daniel have $2, in addition to what he gave him — I see that there was a collision of cars east of Rochester Saturday eve. were you hurt? — No more time

Yours affectionately A B Bleecker

Quebec August 14th 1848

E Cornell Esq
Utica,

Dear Sir,

I wrote you on the 19th ult stating the time I should probably arrive here from completing the Line to Lake Champlain but cannot have a word in answer to either of my two Letters. Later wrote to Alonzo as soon as reached here. It is now over a fortnight that Nutter & I have been waiting to see you or hear from you. If you have no further use of my services elsewhere I am very anxious to know it immediately - Nutter also is also avoiding impatiently to know what his next move will be. I fear there will be a mess here yet before you get a settlement with the Assn. I have rec £25.0.0 now from them to discharge the men. The line is working or rather has been working admir-ably, just now it is stopped, one of the obs having been burned, the one at R du Loup - Storey sends down one by this day's post. The day after I arrived here from below I saw

a Salary of £125.00 Hard work & fine work & offered me
light for that ^ which I could not accept until
I heard from you & was discharged - The Monday
following it was filled. Times look gloomy here
a dark winter before us. If you can find me
something to do out South I am ready to go
at 24 hours warning - Hoping to hear from you
before you will have time to receive this letter.

Remain

Yours truly

Isaac H. Curtis

P.S.
Please answer this
immediately -

I. H. Curtis
Aug 14, 1861

G. Alvergan 15 Aug 1848

E. Cornell Esqr.

Buffalo Tuesday Evening
Aug 15 1848

Dr Sir

Our fellow townsman Dr Hitt & Bruyndears to morrow morning for Ithaca, and I improve the opportunity of thereby to let Dept. out of four cents

— We have been doing a first rate business this week thus far, and Locally hope we may continue in the good work = We did not get through last night till after the "witching hour" of twelve. and our No. of cons. to day have Exceeded yesterday thus far — I hope we shall reach a round hundred to day — I would like to marry your patience a little, in detailing some mismanagents on this line. but as you are not the man I will not bother you. — I shall make due report of the grievances to head quarters to morrow = Our Mr Allen left here yesterday Eve @ 6. O Clock and has probably reached Ithaca Ere this time = Madame Ramo says that his baggage on his return will have the addition of a band box. i.e a wife — I wish to ask a favor of you which you can Easily grant if the Spirit is willing = You must be aware that you have only one instrument in this office, and that it is employed from

Early morning till late Evening in the receiving or transmissio
of Comz. = Now my dear Sir what Opportunity have I to make
progress in the art = I Engaged myself to the "E & M. Co for
the purpose of making myself competent to not only keep
their books. but to write with the instrument. or in other words
to make myself "generally useful" = Col S. in all his letters
has Expressed a wish that I should learn to write as
soon as possible — Now you will soon be in want
of more instruments Either on this line or on the NY
& Erie = Now I. And I wish you would send an instrument
here in anticipation of their wants, and on it I can
practice, so as to fit myself for any circumstance that
may arise — Will you do so? — Say Yes

Messrs O. Reilly & Morse left here this morning Enroute
for Louisville Ky. to have a hearing, in regard to the difficulties
now pending — D. D. T. Sent us a day or two ago
a blank form for weekly Acts — I Enclose you one — I think
it well arranged — But I must close — Along
will probably detail to you more fully on any matters
connected with the interests of the line = Excuse the
Evident haste plainly manifested in this letter, and with
my best wishes for your continued health & happiness
I remain Respectfully
Yours &c E. G. Morgan

If you see Mrs. A. please give him my compliments —

Southport Aug 16. 1848

S. J. Tilden Esq
Detroit
My Dear Sir

Thus are many complaints here in regard to the manner in which matters are conducted on the Telegraphic Line - and I trust after the existing state commences, a change will if possible be made for the better —

I am informed by operators on this end of the line that their offices are cut off from any communication with the East from seven to eight hours every day - Chicago having his north bound wire in —

It may be necessary for Chicago, in order to do business East to put in his pound wire; but this certainly can be no excuse for his keeping it in so great a length of time, to the entire exclusion of business offices; and it would be proper that he should be required as often once in every hour to take out his pound wire, and give the Missing Offices a chance —

Communication left in the Southport Office for Chicago & points East have frequently been on hand from seven & eight hours after a chance could be had. & same thing to other places of destination —

a Telegraph can be of little use under such circumstances; and you will see that the interest of the Company and the public alike demand a change. You have no conception of the annoyance we suffer. You must know that every hour almost, here from Racine Milwaukee who declare that they will have no more to do with the Telegraph unless there is a change in the management of its affairs — The season is now at hand when there is more to be done with the Telegraph than at any other season & unless we can have all the profit resulting from prompt and dispatch, which is enjoyed in Chicago — we are a day behind the fair & the Telegraph is no use to us —

We frequently must men from Chicago who buy us news &c in Chicago a day & two previous, by which we have had no intelligence —

This letter is written neither from spirit of fault, but for the sole purpose of giving you to understand the true situation of affairs on this end of the line, & inducing an order if possible such changes as shall put us on a par with our Racine Eastern neighbors & remove all just ground of Complaint —

Thank you for obtaining that you have always been desirous of giving equal facilities to all the offices on the line - & protecting the interests of the small offices from that making the Telegraph line more valuable & should be. I trust you will not feel offended at the notice that ~~I have taken of~~ suggest these remarks —

Truly yours
O. H. Hutchinson

C. J. Hutchinson

Aug 16. '48.