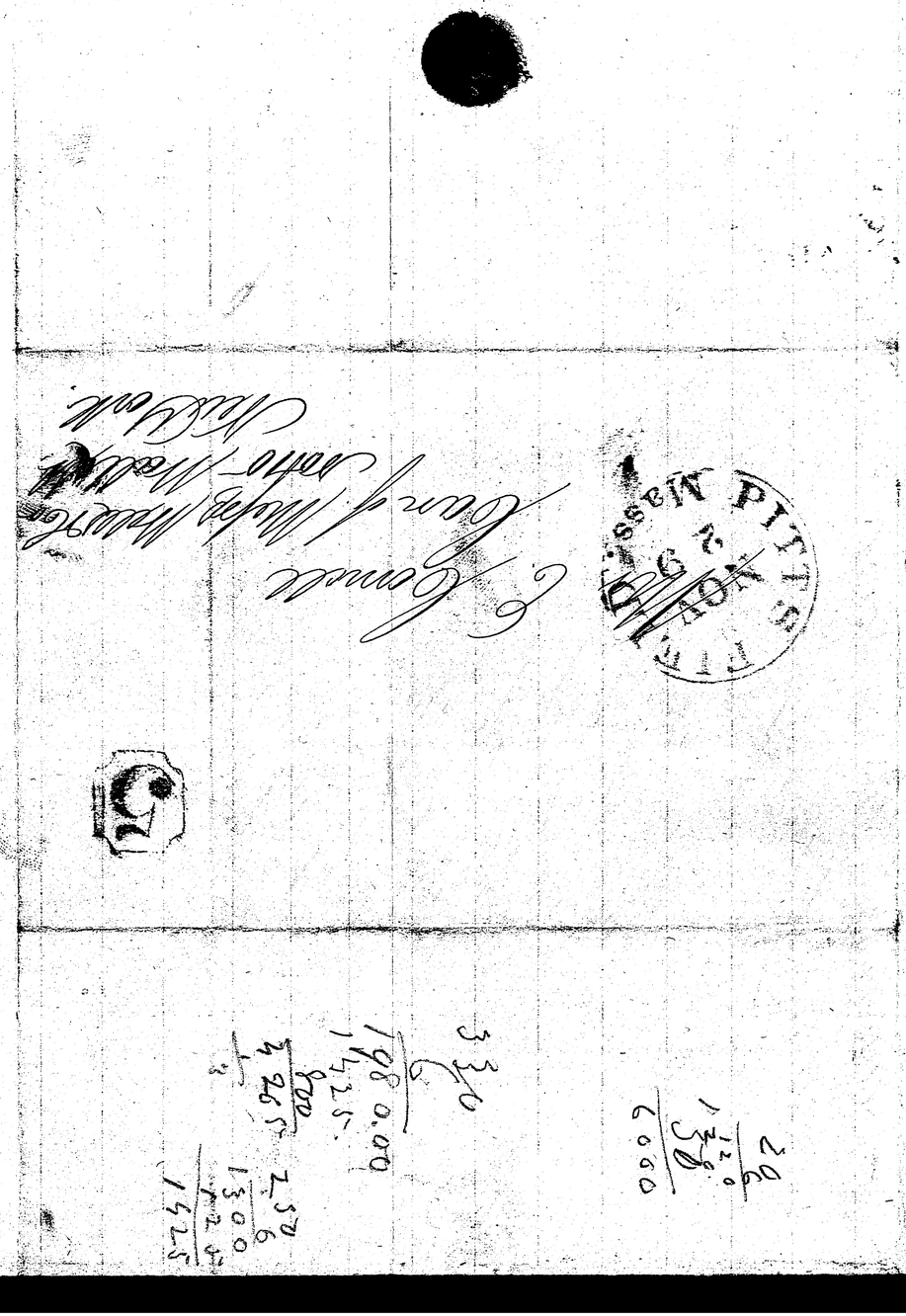

Sandusky City Friday Nov 24th

Friend Cornell:—

You need not have wasted so much paper in making apoligies to one who never remembers such incidents after a good nights rest. They serve to enliven the monotony of a dull unpleasant days business. You will understand my haste that night & sudden departure when I tell you that I had made arrangements to spend Sunday with some relatives living some thirty miles from here. As it was I did not get to a stopping place untill five o'clock Sunday Morning, and rode most all Sunday night to get back again. You know it is a prevailing weakness of mankind to crave the society of friends, I feel this weakness more now than ever, shut out as I am, from all intercourse except with petulant hurrying seekers of wealth. Dont you perceive a feeling of utter loneliness stealing over you some-times after long separation from friends, and contact with growling dissatisfied men of business? If not you must have been brought up on lioness' milk — but I know you ~~have~~. do.

It strikes me that I have heard you used to live in Ithaca. is it so? If true, perhaps you knew a cousin of mine, of the same surname, who taught school there about four years since. I was at Geneva College then, and paid him a visit one vacation — formed a few acquaintances there, whom I have forgotten long since. Those are beautiful lakes but I did not fancy Ithaca much — it is so low.

We have had a delicious break-down to-day, west. How do you account for those sudden interruptions which Detroit had a week or two ago when we could write well with Toledo? Our Repairer tells me the office in Monroe has a small wire carried from our main wire to their apartment — if so it is suspicious.

Are you acquainted with Williams? He is a fine fellow. He & I sailed on the Bay all-day Thanksgiving, and a glorious sail

~~sail~~ it proved. Did you spend that day pleasantly? You have so much business to attend to, now that Durham is gone, I s'pose your only enjoyment is getting through your business without difficulty.

Your praises were very gratifying as also Col Speed's good opinion, but it is a source of regret to me that he does not think still better of me – well enough to give a larger salary: he thinks $300,00 will do and my conscience wont allow me to work a year for that when I can do so much better. This business suits me to a "T" and I have never known a better set of fellows than on this line – but I am compelled to make a living some way or other. If the Col. cant make a better offer, I fear our pleasant intercourse will cease before a year rolls round; I have roamed about the world enough to stop, but the prospect looks gloomy now.

As you paid postage, I shall, but I beg you not to do it again. Please write whenever convenient; We may be good friends.

Yours Respectfully

A. B. Cornell Esq

Charles M Stebbins

Chas. M. Stebbins
Sandusky City Nov 24 '48

Septr & Octbr 1847

Messrs Livingston Wells & Darrow Dr
to Labor on Telegraph from Rochester to
Dansville

My services Contracting Poles			$3.00
Plat Shearman	Labored	9½ days	9.50
James Carney	Do	5, do	5.00
Jame Jenkins	Do	3. ¼	3.25
John McCarty	Do	7. ¼	7.25
Owen Carrol	Do	6. ½	6.50
M McGary	D	4. ¼	4.25
My Services	Do	9 ½	19.00
to Paid Mr Thimble toward poles			3.25
Paid Cartage of Windlass & wire			0.50
			$61.50
Cr Received of Mr Darrow			15.00
			$46.50

I have set about four miles
of poles and about one mile of
holes with no poles
I had to alter half mile of holes
that was rong staked by Mr Darrows brother
N B the Labor as above I have paid
out of my pocket & the $3.25 to Mr Thimble &c

N B the first statement that was sent
was drawed by Mr Shearman and was
rong. I should like to have the balance
Mr E Cornell will receipt. Perez Burdick
Ithaca Nov 24th 48.

Mr E Cornell will recollect that Mr Vandake deducted the intrest on his draft so when it is due it will be ondly $100, yours With respect

Perez Burdick

to Mr E Cornell
Ithaca Tomkins
Co N Y

P. Burdick's
bill against
Darrow

James Town Nov 24th 1848

E. Cornell Esq

Dr sir I Telegraphed you at Ithaca asking you to get forwarded to me at Fredonia 48 miles of wire No 10, on ~~six~~ months credit. I think I can get it before that time but, wanted to be certain, I find it difficult to collect ~~for~~ before a month or so, but will be able to pay no mistake by or before 3 months

As I have been more successful up here since Taylor's Election. I think I shall be in Pa I have certainly got on my subscription at Warren $1200, They did not do as they promised, & at Fredonia $1000, & Sinclearville $1500, making in all $3700, I have no doubt but that James Town will take hold when they see me going through, some have said to me since I came in Town, "Well you are going ahead with your line, I did not think ~~that~~ you would do any thing, ~~our~~ folks will have you stop here, certainty. They never will have you pass them, they thought you would not succeed & so made no effort,

I replied "succeed" was my motto & I had got matters so I could get along without their help & intended to, that it now made no difference to me whether they had a station or not

I hope it will be so you can send me the
wire & that by telegraph speed as I am
now about ready to use it - Risley's take
my job to Lincolnville to be done next week
I have let it to James Town & intend to let
the rest of the way today -

I have been to see Speed & with the
People at Westfield. They are so little & Contemptible
that a man demeans himself to have anything
to do with them. They are extremely particular
& nice about everything. If I were you I would
not give them a stiver to save their souls
from Purgatory hardly

Speed sent me a letter that I sent to
Patterson since I left. that was [illegible] to your
soul good to read & thought it was too
good not to let them read so I sent to Pat-
I told Plum before I came away that I
might want him to make me some
machines. When I telegraphed you, I briefly
said Have Plum send 3 machines if
James Town should come into the Harness
I shall want 4 machines & it may be
more, Please answer by telegraph whether
you can send the wire & whether Plum
Can send the machines. I am obliged
to go home the last of December & want to get

the girl at work as soon as ever
before I go

Yours truly
William P. Rice

The $1200. of my subscription at Warren, means to apply on this, sec. I have said nothing to them at Fredonia & Sinclairville about the section business, but that I was going on with it as fast as possible
The same at Sinclairville

They have at Warren some $3400 in all
but won't go the section business. think I meant
to stop at that.

The section business balked them at Westfield
Although they had 2000 times said all they
cared for was a station there

Ezra Cornell Esq
Ithaca N.Y.

Wm P. Pew—
24 Nov 1848
Recd 21 Decr 48

Cleveland 24th Nov 1848

My Dear Father

Your Kind favor of the 19th inst was gladly receivd yesterday. am gratified to hear that you are geting along so encouragingly with the New York & Erie Line. and really hope you will be fortunate enough to have its completed by the first of February as you say you expect to in your letter, Though I think the business mus be some what dull until the spring. I can not see how there can be so much business on that section at any time as on the Detroit & Buffalo section including the Bu business which goes to the far west as some days we have just as much as we can do on this wire let alone what the oposition Line does, and that is not a small business. and in the busy part of a busy season I think two wires would be considerably crowded, for I find the mail between the small places along the lake is not to be depended upon at all by business men especially — as it is so irregular and they will pay five or ten times as much to Telegraph many times than the postage would be, rather than to run the risk. but time will solve the question & come to the correct result in its course. Our business this week has been much less than the preceeding one & should hardly think the nett recpts could average $150 dollars per day, and now I will answer some of your questions as far as I am capable - first the cause of Tylers leaving the Erie of was the difference between he and Col Speed in the point of salary, I think he wanted $400 per year and Col thought $300 was as much as he could afford for that office, at least there was fifty or $100, difference between them but I am not certain about the precise amounts - so he went home to commence school teaching again and I believe he has taken the Etna School, Mr H Palmer who you saw in this office when you were here in August last, he learned here and went to Toledo & had charge of that office two or three weeks while Rowley who has charge of the office was unwell, and when he returned on duty Col Speed sent Palmer to Erie to take Tylers place, He managed both offices to the utmost satisfaction of all parties concerned, under his adminstration the business of Erie office has nearly doubled & the cause of it is he is a popular with every one and especially with business men because he is so accomodating persevering & industrious, and he has become an excellent operator, is very much liked by his fellow operators as well as his customers, so I may say he gets along finely. and I think is one of the best persons

for the office who could have been obtained.
Col S's reason for wishing you to keep Dunham
on the N Y Line I can not fully explain. but
I suppose the principle reason is this. You know
Charley Speed has been in this office ~~ever~~
since I came here the first of September. He
and uncle J D have never been able to agree
very well & some times not at all, and one time
they were so far apart that D told Charley he
must do so & so or he would not have him
in the office & Charley came near leaving for
Detroit but his father who was then at Erie
said he must remain here. until he came up
or he would have gone. and I presume Col
thought Dunham must be to blame for it. although he never said any thing to me about
it or to Dunham. The Col said he wanted me
to remain here because he did not like D's
managment of the business. of the office and
& I have supposed it was all owing to Charley.
C is a curious fellow & wants his way considerable. and another thing the Col said D wanted more salary than he was going to pay in any
office on the Line & said it would not answer
to pay more here. He asked me if I would stay
here this winter. I told him if you were willing
I would have no objections to staying this winter, but I had rather not stay here longer than
spring if I do till then. I had much

rather go on the NY Line than to remain
on this Line. and if I were to remain on the
Line I would not like to remain here in
this office because there is hardly enough bus
to keep a person busy now we are rid of the
repeating business — though I would not
mind it this winter. What do you think of
letting me go to New York? or is that marke
for some one else? — I do not wish to change
your expectations or ~~in~~ intentions but want to
& will do what you desire & think best. as
far as I know. & when I do not I wish it
pointed out so I can improve on it. Please
write me fully soon as convenient & as
often as possible. about Haviland I can say
but very little. he does but very little operat
ing, but attends to receiving & booking business &
the other business of the office. Hoyt works the
eastern inst & I believe Wm Speed the most
line, Hoyt is a much better operator than
Haviland and can get along with bus
much faster — He is one of the most valuable
persons for that place of all on the Line,
I should think Haviland was getting along
very well. but I heard Col Speed say nothing
about him, as far as my experience goes
I do not think the Jacksons are actually
such men as Col S thinks them to be,
I am not so well acquainted with Town

as with Morris. I having been absent most of the time since I have been here. If I am a judge or may be allowed to judge in this instance I would not call them honest & reliable business men. for instance, as they did a good share of the contracting on this end of the Line, Col S has relied mostly on them to settle & close up the contracts & I find that they go through & pay first those with whom they are acquainted & are their particular friends. regardless of those who hold the first and oldest contracts. I do not wish to state this as positive but from what I have heard & seen I should judge so & I think I am not much out of the way. I can not explain about Jacksons failure in the Mansfield Line, but I think the cause is a general one with him. and if he ever gets up any Line it will be something of a wonder. He went to Toledo & Adrian a week or two ago and staid two days trying as he said to get stock subscribed for the begining of a Line from Toledo to Chicago or St Louis. and now says it is no use trying. If a man will give it up in three days or even a week I can not well see how he will succeed in anything of the kind - I believe he is now on a route from Milan South eastward throug Mount Vernon, Newark &c toward Columbus He talks large but I think he talks more to you & Col than he really tries to do -

Sunday eve Nov 26th 8 P.M. I laid this sheet by near the very seasonable hour of midnight between friday & saturday past, to seek my bed. I believe I answered all your questions except the one about John he remained in Buffalo about one week & then went to Albion he stopped here about one hour and since I have not heard of him, he thought some of going to school at Albion but was not decided what he would go at.

What part of the NY & Erie Line will be opened first & when? - Who will you probably put in the office at Ithaca? I would much rather assist you in opening that Line than to remain here but I do not know as it would be best. you know best about it, what do you think of it It would be more pleasant to be near home & if I am not considerably mistaken my time would be as valuable if not more so than here, and if I am going on that Line would it not be better to go on in the first place? x x x

We have not heard from Detroit since last Thursday night. There is trouble somewhere between Toledo & Detroit, but hope it will go off in the morning. The two Lines east were crossed again yesterday between Erie & Painesville so we did not work with Buffalo at all yesterday. The past week has been a very dull one indeed. I do not think our cash receipts here have been over $30. during the

whole work, I have Mr See here with me now as book keeper. —
What is doing in the way of legal proceedings ~~and~~ or a compromise now regarding the Buffalo & Erie route? Please write me fully as soon & convenient & do so often —
You will now please excuse me to write to mother,

Your affectionate Son
A. B. Cornell

E Cornell Esq
Ithaca

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Ithaca N.Y.

A B Cornell
24. Nov 1858

Dear Sir Sing Sing Nov 25. 1848

E. B. Cornell Esqr} In writing to You at Peekskill I requested You to direct a letter to me at Croton Landing by what Col. Williams sayd I thought right but it ought to have been McCords P.O therefore Your letter did not reach me till to day, not hearing from You or Ezra & not having poles or pins I discharged all but 4 men those I left in Charge of my son to peel and put in pins and went home day before Yesterday Chester also came home for the want of funds to pay his board Yesterday I sent him here again to appease as much as possible the men and Lanlords who was fearfull we had all Deserted the Line to day I came up and shall go to work again on Monday I heard from Ezra Yesterday by Telegraph was in Ithaca would be in N.Y. in a few days the poles are all on within ½ a mile of the Post Office and all set from McCords to within 1 mile of this Village If You Could send me 10 or 20 dollars on Monday I wish You would then I think I Could get along till Ezra arrives. With Respect I remain

Yours &c

E. B. Cornell Esqr

F. M. Pinkham

H. M. Pinkham
25th Nov 1848

Recd Ithaca Nov 25. 1858 from Ithaca 3rd instalment, as follows—

D. Place	$160.
J. Burritt & Son	160
Wm R Humphrey	80
C. L. & W. G. Grant	200.
H. W. Sage	80
J. B. Williams	80
J. E. Shaw	80.
T Conrad	80.
J S Tichenor	80.
Spencers	80.
N. T. Williams	120.
H. F. Hibbard	40
S. H. Winton	40
E. G. Pelton	40.
	1320

Forward	$1320.
Wm H Leonard	40.
A. Wells	40
A Dana	40.
A. Atwood	40.
H. D. Ackley	40.
Joseph Esty	40.
D Boardman	120.
Mack Andrus & co	120.
R & H Halsey	400.
D. E. Bishop	40.
D. D. Spencer	400.
J. H. Hickman	80.
	$2720

Also Recd on second instalment, as follows

A. Atwood	$20
Spencers	40.
Wm N. Thomas	34
	$94

List of Payments
on Ithaca Stock
3rd instalment

Detroit 25 Novr 1848

Dear Sir

This is the first day since you left that I have had the "blues" - Yesterday morning it was raining, and our Eastern line was no go. - We could get a little action on the Relay, but not enough to work. I sent John out on horseback about ten oclk. to go to Monroe, unless he found the difficulty sooner. I have heard nothing from him since, and it is now near night, we have consequently lost two days. The line West also failed yesterday somewhere West of Yp. and we have not had Ch today. I learned by the other line that Rowley at Yp had gone out. The wire on neither line has been broken; but is down in the mud. On Thursday the Frenchman got home and said the line was in complete order, and it I think it was, as it worked beautifully that day. Wood and the Dutchman are both West somewhere on the line. We are consequently paying two dollars per day to Wood and one dollar Each to the Frenchman and Dutchman and Still we loose about one day in Every Week - This week two days - I think we average one day lost in Each week. Now what we can do to avoid it, is just what I do not Know, and if Cornell's practical experience cannot tell us how to cure, or mend the difficulty. I suppose we must "grin and bear it" as the boys say, but it is terribly annoying to have our line down two days and the Pirates at work - Talk the whole matter over with Cornell, and See if he cannot suggest some improvement in our system of repairing, or in fastening the caps on - Ask him how it would answer to take a glue pot, and Spirit lamp to keep the glue hot, and put the caps on with glue instead of White Lead -

On Wednesday our business was good
Thursday was Thanksgiving and
not much done—

I have heard nothing
from Columbus—

I think we had better
open our office at Monroe, &
will tell Allen to send us the inst.
at Buffalo to be put up, as soon
as we can— It will facilitate
repairs very much, as it is the
worst part of the line between
here and Monroe to keep in order.
Litchfield's business with his R Road
will half pay the expenses of our
office at Monroe. I will go there
and start the office myself
& put Lucky in it.

My best regards to H. Mack

Yours truly
J J Speed Jr

Come back as soon as you can
and I will "learn"

I wish we had one or two more extra
Relays. Ask Cornell if he intends to have
his relay got up?

Boston Mar. 27/48

Dr Sir.

On my return here from N. York yesterday — (I waited there two days to see you) I found your letter of the [unreadable] date — also articles for Rutland & Worcester Line. I have inserted Springfield into the title, so as to give consequence to the locality, as well as to better define in its title the direction of the line. Rutland, Springfield & Worcester Tel. Coy.
I shall to day forward copies to Strong & Lane —

In New Brunswick I have got an excellent charter — & Nova Scotia gov't agrees to give us right of way, or build & give a joint privilege — So I feel as if the way was clear there. The [illegible] did all they knew how in both Provinces, to oppose — undervalued the price of construction &c &c. but, appearances now indicate, in my last advices, that they will abandon building wholly, & we get the 2500 ℔. grant from New Brunswick —! I think you may give quiet to your soul after this, touching the [illegible] —

I must shape the deeds so as to prevent Burlington & [illegible] Line from clubbing with the T & C. Line to do the Montreal business, & cut off the B & N.Y. Line from having the benefit of the side line & Rutland for the business — else, most of the matter of the latter is discharged to the N.Y & B. Line — I know at present, the T & C. Line has no such disposition — yet, the moon changes appearances, according to the side on which we look at it – & what is right now should be fixed for the future in these tel. matters – I have letters from Kendall drawing on me for all I have or can get to meet the engagements he entered into for us at Louis. – So all I can do now about paying Patentees for T & C. line, is, to keep it off a while – perhaps the 90 days you speak of – unless I get some funds from or some progress in telegraphing in a few days, of which I have some reason to anticipate – Let that and having a little while, if you can do so, & not disquiet your Stockholders – Why not say, we want to put the whole into one deed, to Bridgeport, or N. Haven? I will write you a letter saying Patentees propose so doing, & are ready however, to convey sooner, if any actual necessity – if you can use such letter for the desired quiet – & thus gain the time you want – To Mr K – I can say, you are collecting in as fast as you can to pay up, when deed is taken – Write me your wishes as to this –

I have made excellent arrangements in N.Y. for the Erie, N.Y. & B. & Phila. lines in one building, for seven years – Could not bring Faxton to join, with the conveniences we could offer – & he takes 2d story, for less convenient accommodations, near Wells & Co – whilst we remain on the corner opposite our present office. The truth is, he is exceedingly jealous of the Erie, & Troy &

Canada Line - Perhaps next year, he may give way to another President. How do folks along his line, who are stockholders, feel about it? The backing out of the O'Reilly con. interest is a revolution.

I have not heard a word from Speed since I left him at Albany - I hoped his Buff. line would have been open ere this. It is vastly needed & important - Hurry it on, if possible. Drive your Erie line forward also -

The Foote & Bains concern is 3 humbugs rolled of one - 1st. in its infringement on Morse - 2d. in its complication of local circuits on Davy's plan - 3d, in its not working at all! They swear it works - but Foss writes me that, like the grave of Moses, no man ever has seen it - They keep it locked up in privacy - use all Morse's alphabet accordingly - & as near as we can learn, never yet have worked it any time at all, even with all the stealings they have made. There never existed such a set of ruthless pirates & scoundrels, greedy of [redacted] rights, as these same O'Reilly brood -

Yours truly
F. O. J. Smith

E Cornell J. Esq

P.S. In any letter you write, tell me where to address you next -

F. O. J. Smith
25. March 1848

Mrs M. B Moore
Nov 27. 1848

My Dear Brother Albion Nov. 27. 1848

I rec your letter and mother last night and hasten to answer it I am getting very neglegent about writing but hope to be excused we are well except Mary she is quit unwell and Jane is up there She would fly if she knew that Mother had wrote to her she was talking of writing to mother a day or two ago but has not commenced yet

I attended the funeral of Nancy Hopkins last week she died the 21st after a long and painful illness which she bore with christian meekness and is now undoubtedly hymning praises to the lamb joined to that celestial band of saints who have gone before her. Her intended husband followed her to the grave as a deeply afflicted mourner. his name I think is Woodbury a fine looking young man. I know nothing about Mr Jones death in particular or Mrs Jones except she had a young babe I do not know wether it is alive or not I was at Mrs Shaws a few days ago but staid only a short time they were well as usual John Keefer and wife live at the mill there has been a great fuss about Johns stealing wheat I believe he owned he had sold some He and Jane does not take much comfort

Tell Mother that ~~Mott~~ Friend Mott is dead he went to Battle Creek to be married and died at the womans house who he intended to marry Jane Rec her Magazine and thanks you

Calebe has been to work for James Vandinburgh but has now gone to Genesee Co in this state where he used to live Frank is at Homer yet but talks of going west probally to Chicago where John now is Martin sent fo John to come immandiately to Chicago about five weeks ago and he accordingly went he telegraphed Jane a few days ago he arived safe and liked the place ad feels better I hope for he had a good many poor spells before he got into business he likes the west as well as you do I should think by his talk he is in Chicago Office where ~~she~~ will be happy to hear from any of you Mart is gone all the time he stays away longer and longer at a time I think he is getting entirely weaned from home I am affraid. Mary Wood does not walk yet but she is as cunning as a little fox Marys baby walks she is three weeks younger than sis. the children go to the Methodist sabbath School they get there lessons and like it much. Orson will not stay and hear the minister preach but comes home after school. that young Culver who worked with Frank is dead. I do not know as you knew him. I know of no other I know but little about the Homer folks Hunsdy has had his shop burnt and the old distilery is burned also

the children talks about you. Andrew Harrington is in Wisconsin with Hotchkiss. H. has not many friends left at Homer— Perry is married again he lost his wife a year ago I think you will not want to hear from me very often if this is my rate I am agoing to write to father one of these days and write so he can read it too be a good boy

this letter is to mother and father too or have
we no father you said nothing about him
give my love to him and tell him I should be
glad to hear of his good health. George Robertson
teaches in Albion but not in this district there is
two districts in the village. Betsey Ansterburg
and Jenet are both married. I do not think Frank
pay as much attention to Emily as formerly

I am glad that you attend the bible class and
hope you live and enjoy religion.

I am glad to see you interested still about an education
and hope you will pay particular attention to spelling.
and writing and shall allways be happy to answer your
letters Mr Wescott has a large school at Homer he
teaches in the Weatherwax block up stairs where Mrs
Maynard lived Prof Hannan has left the Seminary
and Holley Merrill and Abbott remains

I am sorry to hear of Deborahs ill health Mary
is also poorly Mott is a team and is a great
boy. John Robertson is fatning the white
faced cow on shares and we shall soon have
some beef O here I have just Noticed where "Father
rec a let from John" so please forgive my saying
"you mentioned him not" I would be so happy to
tell John "just what you tell me to" but it wont pay
I would like to get a chance at your apples and
cabbage the cows has eat ours up our neighbor
left his gate open and they helped themselves
to our available so much for accommodating neighbors

They raised two churches in Albion last week; they have
been raising higher and extensively repairing both public
houses at Homer Bill Lewis has move to cold water

the fence was down between the two yards to
let them get water at our well. tell mother
Bothwells folks have gone over to whites to
stay till they get their house done Mrs
Bothwell has not heard from her mother
since she left we wish cousin Lib much
Joy. Your Old watch turned out as I expected
but a boy must always have a watch and the
more trouble he has with it ~~the~~ wiser he will
get a watch is a very convenient thing but
one ought not get an old one that has
been worn out. Tell Mother our Union
flourishes we have not got tired of it and
think it a good institution and have not
divulged the secrets yet, wonderful to tell,
I think of Nothing more of interest and hope
this will be satisfactory to you. J returns to night
& will let her write on a half a sheet and
enclose in the envelope with this Mother
must write often she can beat her girls I do
not have half the trouble to read hers as
that I do yours. Jane talks about home
but I think she enjoyes herself very well
pleas accept my best wishes and be assured
of our sisterly regard I do not think it
would seem like home to you here as is used
to on the old farm P Wood

Mart sold the Old horses to John Vanderburgh and he
sold them to Hotchkiss who took them to Wisconsin
his farm is gone he did not redeem it Charles is at the seminary

Springville Nov 27. 1848

Friend Cornell

I arrived here on Saturday I expected to here from you [illegible] this Point but get nothing I shall still Continue to contract the Poles from this place west to Lodi which is about Sixteen Miles there I should like to here from you relative to further action. If I do not I shall still continue on as we talked when I last saw you.

The Stock at Pike was nearly all taken. Smith said he would take the rest if no one else would ~~not~~. — — He said that the business of your letter Should be promptly attended to as soon as they finished the remainder of the subscription which he thought would be as soon as that week.

I told him that we should soon want those Poles to set. he said there should be no mistake they should be there as soon as we should want them. &c I did not make any contract with him but left the matter just as we did when I saw you.

On arriving here, I found that the Subject had been agitated here by your friend but could not learn as there had been any thing done toward raising an amount in the Shape of Stock I told them that the line would go through there but if the stock was not taken sufficient to command an office they would not have any to this they added that they thought there would be no doubt as to the amount being raised &c.

My Poles run about as they did from fifteen to twenty cents each I have not heard any thing from the man since you left. ———

There is a good quanty of snow here at present and more a coming the ground is not frozen much as yet.

Yours &c
E Cornell
James. S. Thomas.

I want you to say in your next where you want me after I get through to Fredonia. if I do not see you before I get there.

J. S. Thomas

Fredonia Nov 24 1848

Dear Sir

I have returned from my trip to Springville and the result must be less favorable than you expected in the first place the proposal was intirely new to them at Springville many of the business men had not known that such a line as the N. York + Erie was being constructed and after hearing the facts they very much regretted the line was not going to Buffalo where the most of their business was done but finaly I sattisfied them that they would be in communication with every place on any line in the States or Canada if they secured an office there is ability enough at either place to take the stock required but those most able want some evidence as sure as a bond and mortgage that their investments are sure to pay 7 per cent or over. I found that many were talking among themselves that the rout probably would pass this place and it would be time after the line was in successful opperation to secure a station or make advances to the Co. providing they did not locate an office without I told them that the line would be changed on the condition that they raised the sum required at the two places and otherwise it probably would go to Elicotville and Randolph which is a village fast growing in importance I was told by gentleman that I could rely on ~~at~~ both Lodi and Springville that if the sum had been $1,000 in stead of $2,000 they would raise it imediatly I tryed to have them subscribe what they felt able to do on conditions that they should have an office or it should be no subscription and submit the whole matter to you for consideration but there was so many that wanted more time to make up their minds it being so new to them and their fears being so strong that the investment would not be a good one that those more willing to act at once advised to give a few days time the papers at both places will use all their influence in favor of securing an office and they would be pleased to be furnished with some statistics of other times I was told at Lodi as I was returning that there had been a spirited article ~~had been~~ handed in for the next paper If you want to communicate with any gentlemen I will give you the names of Charles C Severance Esqr. a lawyer and late member of Assembly from Springville also Dr. Emory Ex Senator same place, Orlando George is the editor of the paper and Ralph Plumb & Esqr. Howe of Lodi If I were to go there again I should want a letter from you that I could show them that would at once convince them that unless they took the present opportunity to secure an office that the line would not be laid through their place this would bring them to the mark if any thing would something more to satisfy the unbelieving that the stock will be a good investment would also be important

I have got the yearly Post office receipts for you to compare with other villages as I thought that this would enable you to determine the probable amount of Telegraph business better than any thing else Springville whole rec. $560, Lodi $611.

I have found in regard to poles that they can be contracted to be delivered by Mr. Noatman who lives 5 miles west of Springville 10 miles West of Springville at 20.cts and by Peter Potter who lives 3 miles East of Lodi to deliver the balance to Lodi he is a quaker and wanted to look over his land to see if he

had poles enough I was very careful to tell all that I had conversation with about poles that the line was not located untill the amount was subscribed I started from home at 3 oclock and drove to Lodi in the evening and returned in the same way consequently I had no opportunity to talk much about poles from this place to Lodi I found that it was generally understood that the poles on the Erie Line cost 40 cents and near that line it will be hard to bargain at 25 cents
Mr. Pew has the $1000, supscribed at this place which he asks to terminate the Pittsburg and Erie line at Fredonia

Respectfully yours
Wm Risley

Huntington Ct

E Cornell Dr

1848 David Lewis

Nov To 60 Tel Poles 45¢ $27-00

Int on Same 10.80

per Contract with John McKinney

E Cornell

To Saml Edwards

Newton & Grandison Nichols

1848 Nov To 130 Tel poles 50¢ $65.50

Int - 25.54

91.04

Chas. Howland

South Danby

Bridgeport & Bennington
Telegraph papers

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FROM NEW YORK TO	FOR FIRST 15	EACH ADDED 5
Carmel, Poughkeepsie, Hudson	0,27	0,10
Troy, Albany, Schenectady, Little Falls, Utica, Rome,	0,37	0,15
Syracuse, Auburn, Geneva, Canandaigua, Rochester, Buffalo,	0,52	0,20

This Line also connects directly with the following Places.

Ithaca,
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Chippewa,
Niagara,
Queenston,
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Hamilton,
Toronto,
Dundas,
Woodstock,
London,
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Three Rivers,
Quebec,
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Milwaukie.

Office of the New-York, Albany, and Buffalo Telegraph Company,
16 WALL STREET, (UP STAIRS.)

New York, Nov 28 1848.

By Telegraph from

To Cornell

Care Wells & Co

Yes. Wait for them
Jones & Co 150 Words

E. St. John

From Detroit to E C
No more side lines to
connect with this,
Wilson's is enough. Smith
did it. not me

J J Speed Jr

Mr E. Cornell   Ithaca Nov 29. 48

Dear Sir

I rec.d a Telegraphic despatch today from W. D. Allen, saying the balance of Wire for the N.Y.&E. Line, had arrived as also a cask of Glass Caps and were in Store at Buffalo. I told him to keep them for further orders. all was right West.

The office at Jefferson, was opened today, and the two Lakes kiss each other by "Lightning". Nothing new and nothing from Speed. Do urge the compromise with O'Reilly, and stick to Smith, to relinquish the $30. per Mile on the E&M. Line, he ought to do it, as you & Speed were subjected in consequence of the controversy and interference of O'Reilly, to very great damages both in construction and collections of subscriptions.

I see Mr Bain, is to have a patent granted him - Yesterday I saw Johnson's Machine, and from what I have heard of others and seen of his I should think it was better calculated to compete with Moorse, than any others yet got up - Have you seen it recently?

Very truly &c

D. J. Tillotson

D T Nicholson
29 Nov 1848

November - 29th 1848
Mr Cornell you will
please to give Thomas
Rea the amount of my
time in this month and
You will much oblige
Your humble Servant
Edward Hartley

P. S. I have worked 7 days
and was one day Idle
I have had 6 meals at
Mc Cords and 4 meals at
the Black Horse Tavern E. H

Pinkham

7.00
1.25
5.75

[illegible]

(Confidential)

My dear Sir

You did me a kind act a few weeks ago in lending me $100. I cannot get through without $100 more. This sum is of more importance to me now, than it ever was before, or probably ever will be again.

I know that you can, and that you have the disposition to relieve a friend. You can do me the greatest favor that can be done, and if you will, you will be remembered by me with gratitude as long as I live.

Please leave a reply for me at Messrs. Livingston Wells, Hobbs

Yours truly

I. S. Beebe

29 Nov 1848

Mr. E. Cornell

Mr Ezra Cornell
Present

J. S. Beebe
Nov 29. 1848

Pittsd Nov. 29th, 1848.

Mr Cornell Dr Sir

Since I last wrote you. Nov. 23d no collections have been made by me yet. I presume some money has been placed to my Cr at Adams & Lee. on a/c of Tel Stock. We are glad to hear of the shipment of the Instruments & presume they will reach here this evg. Parker will reach here this evg. with the Wire. making the Line complete from Bennington to Pittsd & the Office at No Adams is waiting for the Instrument. Mr Allen is here & nearly all the Caps filled. all the Wire united & with the exception of some little trouble here in the Village with the Poles every thing goes on as well as we might expect under the circumstances. Since my last I have pd Mr Allen 383 Dolls.

I remain
Very Respectfully
Yours &c

W. H. Power

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1425
800
2265

250
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1300
125
1425

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PITTSFIELD Mass.
NOV 29

E. Cornell
Care of Messrs Webb & Co
No 110 Wall St
New York.

Wm H Power
29 Nov 1848

E. Cornell Esq.

I have drawn Seventy dollars ($70.) at Tourtellot & Stuarts, on a/ct of A. Atwood, which covers the $40. Rcpt. you left with me for him, and one of $30. given by me in your individual name which is to be replaced by one from the Trustees, of the N.Y. & E. Tel. Co. –

The $70. was used and should be charged as follows.

E. Cornell,	paid Hadley	$12.50	
J. J. Speed Jr.	paid Sundry Creditors in full	57.50	$70.00

Ithaca Nov 30. 1848.

O. J. Tillotson

$70. from Augustus
Atwood on Stock

Atwoods payment
of NY & E Tel
Stock

Nunda Nov. 30 1848

E Cornell Esqr

Dr Sir

By the news papers we see that Mr Bain has succeeded in obtaining a patent for his Electro Telegraph - & as the papers are talking about its being so strong a competition to Morse that it will reduce the Value of his patent - & by the building of New lines &c will reduce the Value of Stock in all the lines already built & building - this has caused some feeling with the Stockholders. or Subscribers here in the New York & Erie Company - they seem to be rather inclined not to pay even the 10 per cent - & under the circumstances I have felt disposed to treat the subject quietly & not urge them to pay for a few days to see how the matter would ~~turn~~ out - if you can say any thing to quiet their fears it will be very acceptable at this time

Mr. Baly has called upon me to day & says he is within a mile or two of this Village with his hands. having finished all the work thus far from Dansville North - Mr. Milner who contracted to deliver the poles from here to Portage Ville has not yet delivered any in this neighborhood. & whether he has done any thing towards fulfilling his Contract I am not informed - this will delay Mr. Bagleys operations some - but he says he shall continue to dig the holes until he can find poles to put in them - he has gone this afternoon to see the contractor & if he gets any further information before the mail closes I will add a postscript -

Please let me hear from you as soon as convenient -

Respectfully
Yours &c

B. B. Bagley

B. Bagley
30 Nov 1848

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Mr. E. Cornell
Ithaca

Auburn Nov 30. 1848.
Thursday;

E. Cornell Esqr;

Sir;

Some four weeks since I had a talk With O. E. Wood. in reference to the Jefferson Office; He told Me that He thought You would let Me have that office. I write to inform you that I am anxious to get a Situation and should like that office. I commenced the business at Springport last January with C. Winegar — using his Pen Machine, I come to the Auburn office in August; have been there Ever since, Mr Winegar or Mr Gilbert will on your inquiry inform You of My capacity in taking Charge of an Office. although that Office can pay but a Small salary still it is highly important that I should have Charge of an Office; you will please inform Me in regard to that Office, and if you conclude to let Me have that station, state terms. Qualifications; &c I am

Respectfully Yours
George McCartey
Auburn Office;

E. Cornell Esqr
Troy

Ithaca Nov

To E. Cornell Esq

Dr Sir

You will pardon me for taking the liberty to Addresss you upon a Subject, with which, I have no doubt, you are much perplexed You are perhaps Aware that I have left the Montreal Telegraph Co, And for the purpose of Attending schole during the winter, but Circumstances are such that I shall be glad to resume business again as soon as a favorable opportunity presents its self I had an interview with Mr O S & Mr O.E Wood last week both of whom advised me to apply to you for a situation in the "Fredonia" office on your New line, And it is with that object that I have taken the liberty to Address you, I bring good recommendations from O S, which you can see at any time, And if that office is not promised I should feel very much favored, If you see fit to give me a chance there. Mr O S thought that you would need as many as three or four in that station, If so I should be very happy to number one of them, if the Salary is such as to offer any inducement If that ~~that~~ line should open before Spring I will hold myself ready at any time to enter an office. I should invite your perusal of My letters from O S, as you would then be able to form an opinion as regards My ability to do business in that line, I would therefore submit the subject to your Consideration, As One among the many, who I presume are teazing you to the last extremity, And if you cannot possibly give me the privilege of going in there, perhaps you could some where else.

If you see fit, after examining into the matter, to give me the privilege of a situation in H. I shall be under a thousand obligations, in addition to the many which I am already under. As it was through your influence that I obtained admittance into the Ithaca office as D H to learn. Please let me know what the prospects are if any. And if you wish to see me on the subject I shall be very happy to wait upon you at ~~my~~ your pleasure

I Am Dr Sir
Your Most obt servt
P. A. Hopkins

To E. Cornell Esq
Ithaca
NY

P.S.

Excuse this scribbling as I am out of writing order at present, Please leave word or write me at Etna

Yours &c
P A Hopkins

Philip Hopkins
Nov 1848

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