

Pittsfield. 9th Jan'y 1849.

Mr. Cornwell.

Dear Sir

We visited Lenox. yesterday
& collected 200 Dols Cash. & took votes to
the amt. of 1450. some of the subscribers are
out of Town. i.e. 2 at Boston. 1 moved away & one
we did not see.

On this day I sent to Wells
& Co. Cash Colls. draft at sight. for you.
for 200 Dols.

Mr. Russell cannot be with
me to day we start tomorrow eve. for the
South.

Yours
Very Respectfully
W. A. Liver

Wm H Brown
9 June 29

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New York, *Nov 11th* 1849

By Telegraph from

To E. Cornell Esq. Sir

Before You leave the City please Call
up to wire factory. Nutter took 1 ton
Yesterday & I send another to day I had to
quit 2 weeks for want of Acid Coal &
Soldiers not having funds to purchase
Nutter let me have some & began again
Chester has gone with it to put up wire
please Call & examin wire it is very
bad

Yours &c
J. W. Pinkham

North Adams. Mass; Jan'y 12th 1849.
Mr E. Cornell

Dear Sir,

Since I last saw you I have seen, by letters from my brother at Ithaca, that there has not yet been any appointment made for the station at Newburgh. He has talked with the "trustees" residing there, and they have informed him as above stated. They also say, that the appointment rests mostly, if not entirely with you, as you are best qualified to judge of the necessary qualifications. My brother, also informs me that young S^t Vickers is one of the many who are desirous of procuring that station. His Father being one of the stockholders, it gives him, or any one else in like circumstances, a very great advantage over me, as regards influence of friends. I will with pleasure refer you to any Gentlemen in Pittsfield, as to my character, habits &c. As for other influence, I depend entirely upon your kindness and aid in my behalf. There are some other reasons which I would urge could I see and converse with you, which it is not best to trouble you with in a letter already much too long. Respectfully yours &c

Charles M^r S. Ingersoll
" " "

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TROY, 12 Jan 1849

By Telegraph from Pittsfield

To E Cornell

Do sent to Wells & Co
Jan 9th 200. in a sight
draft Jan 12th 275.
cash by Mr Hays of
Wells & Co's express
Friday & Saturday was
spent at St Barzington
& Salisbury where we
found A. E. A. & Mr
Russell & Mr A are to be
at Cornwall today Monday
I am to meet them Tuesday

+ go to Sitchfield Waterbury
+ Birmingham. How
much Mr Allen had
collected since we parted
at Salisbury. Cant tell
Mr A & Mr R were to
coll several balances
in Salisbury Saturday
E. M. I have taken notes
in all cases where I
could not get cash
W. H. Power

W. H. Power -
\$13.00
13 Dec 1891
C. H. Power

Cleveland Ohio Jan^y. 13th 1849.

My Dear Father

Your kind favors of the 3rd Dec + 7th inst
one mittens at Ithaca + the other at Newburg, are at hand the
latter one reached me by this days mail, the other by Mrs
Tillotson who arrived in this city last Monday morning.
You speak about my salary &c. on that subject I am of the
same opinion as yourself. I told Mr T. he could set me down
any where at \$400. per year, and would do as much business
& do it as well, ^{for that} as any man he ~~loads~~ ^{loads} up the Sim or any other
Sim for any salary, and I thought for a great portion of the
the Sim I had done
of

on to do it, but Tom Jackson never met
see Mr T. has much such an idea of him as I have
(of course I said nothing about him to T.) — I see
you are rather unfortunate in losing your valise, nor
ever you have had it in too so long. I should hardly think

it would have any trouble in finding you again. at least I hope so, I am gratified to learn that your health continues so good. The use of cold water is undoubtedly one of the most beneficial things a person can do for his health. I have used it more or less ~~all~~ for the past six months & find it very comfortable even in this cold weather - I have not had on an over coat this winter except yesterday I went out on the Lin, the weather being very cold & rising too it seemed to be required, but any where around town, where I walk I do not think of an over coat. - My health was in the north. the

I will now say this by until tomorrow as it is 11 Pm. & I am very much fatigued, having as I said before been out on the Lin yesterday & today. I went 30 miles & back & not being used to ride it was much harder than it would have been to walk. Good night,

Sabbath eve Jan^y 14th P.M. I laid this letter by
last evening unfinished and I have busied myself today
in different ways, so that I have not got to it until
now, and I will endeavor to finish it now before the
mail closes, which is soon. I am much obliged to
you for the offer of the shirts, as I ~~shall~~ want some
before long and I was debating in my mind whether to
buy them here, or trouble Mother for them which I
did not like to do as she has enough to do to keep her
~~own~~ up with her domestic duties. I will enclose you
a measure which I think you can understand.
I have a sufficient quantity of collars, so you
need not get any more. — As I said before
Mr Tillotson arrived here on Monday last, on
Tuesday morning he went to Brunswick (20 miles from
the city) to Judge Lee's and returned here yester-
day morning. during the time, he went to Medina
& Wooster. He says Medina will do nothing for
the Southern Linn. & an office there would be a de-
triment to the Linn. but Wooster is better. He
thinks they would do something, & would support
an office there very well. He left for west
this A.M. early. will be at Detroit in 9 or 10 days.
Our Cleveland people are very anxious to have a
Linn from here to Columbus & Cin. direct. but there
are so many interested in the O.R. concern I think
it would be very hard getting much stock subscri-
bed here. I enclose you a couple of slips, the "Herald's" article
was published by the editor without any suggestion on our part. the "P. Dealers"
is more to fight the Herald than to support the O.R. Linn, as the 2 papers
are at sword points owing to a difficulty between the Jr Ed of the H & Senior Ed &
proprietor of the H. P.D. = the P.D. has however misrepresented our

tariff, and I shall set the matter right in the Herald tomorrow, but the truth is the Plain Dealer's curses are of more ^{or as much} benefit to us than their praises - to citizens here, as the Ed. is considered one of the meanest & lowest men in the city, but it does not look so well to strangers. If there is any thing more said on the subject I will forward to you. I shall write you again soon & fully in regard to the Southern routes.

What is the Troy & Canada Line doing this winter? Have you had a settlement with Montreal people yet? Who do you put in N York office? If you want any operators I wish you would make enquiries of uncle M. S. or Dodge of Burlington & see if Young Morehouse who I left in St Johns office would not be a good man for you. He is an excellent business man, was clerk in Boston 2 or 3 years, & I am much mistaken if he is not a ~~good~~ ^{first rate} operator, at least I never saw any one get hold of the business quicker & easier, & is a trustworthy person. His Father is one of the first men in St J. although not very wealthy, and he would be satisfied with a light salary. I have not heard from him direct since the 1st of Oct. last. His name is Harvey D. Morehouse. Where is better now & what at?

I hope your expectations about N Y & E Line may be fulfilled but there is but one month left. How long will it probably be before Cleveland & N Y will be connected? What prospect of getting the other line? I hope you may have it between now & next April if not immediately, it will pay well at \$80 per mile & I am not sure but at \$75. or more

Business is very dull as usual. but more so for a couple of days, owing to breaks. ~~Saturday~~ Friday morning we were down between Erie & Freda, here & Painesville there & Milan, but all was O.K. at 2 P.M. but just as we got business fairly off it busted between Sandusky City & Lower O. repaired next P.M. but there was another break beyond S. Sandusky so we did not get there, but hope to early in a.m. These are the first breaks in some time & I think are owing to the very great contraction of the river from the ~~very~~ ~~severe~~ cold atmosphere of Thursday night & heavy wind. - With Lee here we are not paying expenses, which are over \$4.50 per day, but I hope he will be disposed of soon. The other line I think are doing no better if so well - I can't figure their expenses at this office under \$10. per day & I think they are more. & they do not receive that amount now. Our Buffalo office for the week ending Jan'y 9th. Receipts \$113.09
 P'd other lines \$62.38
 Nett \$40.71

all the business the O.K. line is doing on the Lake line we could do in addition to our own with no increased expenditure for working line, if we had it.

The bells are just ringing for fire & I will close & go out to see what it is & on my way will mail this. I think however it is a false alarm -

Please write often.

Your Affectionate Son
 A. B. Cornell

A. Cornell, Esq.
 New York

Acros Cleveland Lamp. 18th 49 } Detroit Jan 14th 49
Ansd " " 18th 49. B. B. B.

Friend Cornell.

I now am going to comply with your wishes. My 1st Year is up on the 21st inst and which I have spent very pleasantly in this "Wolverine" County. I have been in this of since March 28th and have been on hand every day including Sundays with one exception - that was when went east. Was gone just 14 days from time I stepped on the Little Steamer Pacific until the day the magnificent Steamer Globe. Capt Sanderson sat me on the dock of the great city of the straits. Taking all things in consideration I feel as though I had done remarkably well for 1st Year. I have to tell the truth been confined more than any other one in the Detroit of. For my part I did not feel as though I was paid to be running around the streets. nor do I mean to say the other boys have rung the streets - but they do take more time than I should dare too. This Co. just now I spare you as well as myself know are hard up therefore I hate to ask Col if he expects to do any better by me the coming Year. But this bans is like all others dull this time of the Year. My expenses are considerable more now than they were two & 3 months ago.

But still if they dont do any better for 6 months
to come I shall say nothing. But go where the Co
send me - and also grin and bare it. I believe it
is as the Col says Keep (Kool as you spell it) their
is a good time coming (boys), When the line gets
in operation. If they dont intend to bring Detroit
in ci with N.Y. I should prefer being in Nor
some of the other large of's to have a crack at
N.Y. or other points east of N. I or any one else
that ever lived in eastern States would feel as
though he was crawling in next door to humm. What
say you? This is between you & myself personally all
alone - no one else - Yesterday I thought as all others
did that we were going to have a fairly thaw
for Friday all day was extremely cold. And
Yesterday morning it clouded over wind got round
in South and about 2 P.M. commenced raining
and continued so until I retired last night
which was about 11 P.M. And this morning it is
just cold enough to freeze rust from Cast Iron.
That is precisely the way the weather, very's in
this state. Not more than 3 or 4 hours alike. I must
now close as it is nearly grub time and I have
2 more letters to write. Just please answer this
(and give advise if can. And what your intentions
are for coming year.

I still am the same old 206

A. B. Cornell

Byron B. Hoyt

Ithaca Jan 16th 1849

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir below find the statement
I mentioned to you.

I wanted the privilege of putting up a
line from Ellicottville, through Randolph
to James Town to top my line at that point
or Freeburgh. Distance about 36 miles

Business of the place, principally lumbering
down the Alleghany & Ohio River
will not be interested worth but little,

I may want to put up a line from Olean
north through to Hinsdall, Friendship, or Amity
& Angelica, to Danaville, Or to Bushport, &c
Or from Olean to Ellicottville
as the Olean People have business more south
They are principally lumbermen

Cuba will have an interest in Buffalo
In all these places the Merchants buy their
goods in N. York City. That will be their
mother business

Please answer to James Town
Chautauque Co. N.Y. & Ohio

Yours in the ruling

Yours
Wm P. Brew

BANK OF POULTNEY,

WEST POULTNEY, VT., Jan 16. 1849.

E. Candee Esq.

Sir,

I have seen N. Nelson Esq. one of the delinquents residing at Granville. He declines paying his stock. and says he has a written agreement from Mr Adams your attorney stipulating that in case he was not appointed operator at Granville his subscription should be void - I infer from circumstances however that the written agreement is only for two shares. probably the two last subscribed ~~for~~ - He made (if I mistake not) two subscriptions of two shares each and has paid instalments of 10 each on two shares - He says he is advised ^{by attorney} that his subscription is not collectable - that Mr Adams being the attorney of the contracting party was compellable to bind the shareholders - I replied he was not attorney to violate the articles of association - but was attorney only for procuring subscriptions - How far you authorize him to go, I of course am ignorant - Will you please give me your views touching the subject and advice as to ~~your obedient servant~~, but mode of procedure

Chas. L. Nelson
Nelson

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W. Clark
Jan 16. 1889

Lectroir 17 Juny 1849

Dear Sir

When I feel bad, the only medicine I can take to make me feel better, is to fire off a sheet or two of paper at you - that you may say ought to make me feel ten cents worse; but I always get some idea, or suggestion in reply, which is worth more than twenty cents. The cost of both letters - It does seem as though the elements had formed a copartnership with the Pirates to work against us this winter. We seldom get through our whole day without being down somewhere between Ben and Ann. Yesterday we were down between Mick City & Smiths Bend, and between Maumee & Saw City. This morning about nine, the line was mended East, and we got two coms, and part of an other, when the line again broke between Lower Sandusky & Saw City. I think it would be best for us to spend several hundred dollars in clearing the way, by cutting down a vast many trees near the line; as soon as we can get the money after paying what we owe - I recd, a letter from Smith last evening, and nearly half of it is devoted to you. He opens on you as Capt Bragg did on the Mexicans at Palo Alto. He says you have got him into a "devil of a fix" with

Kindall & Co, by building lines, and not paying
for the Patent. I have answered him by saying
that I am only surprised that you should
have been able to raise as much money as you
have; but you got me into a fix also, by setting
me to work, as the Egyptians did the Israelites,
without the tools to work with, that I have been
scolded, threatened, sued, & damned, and am
not out of the bout yet, but we will fight it out
and live long enough to see good times yet,
Smith also says "after Erie line is at work, I think
we had best enter into an arrangement and make
B & N.Y. line, N.Y. & E line & E & M line mutually responsible
for the trans^{mission} of each others Messages upon some
fair basis, that there may be a prompt explanation
& responding in all cases of failure - This would answer -
Let the line on which a failure occurs, whether from neglect or
incapacity to send and deliver reasonably, refund the
whole payment - Not only its proportion, but what belongs to
the others, so as to make the others whole, & the Customer whole -
but in all cases to get explanations of the faulty line, so as to
determine understandingly the propriety of refunding" -
I answer, that if he will let me put on two or three thousand
of my caps, at the corners & angles, where our wire is most
likely to get down & cut about one hundred acres of trees, I
am ready to go into such an arrangement, as he and
you would then have to foot the bill, much the greater
portion of which would come out of your N.Y. & E line,
as you will be down two days in a week on the average -

I sent a Tel. dispatch to you, to be mailed at Ben.
asking you what your thought of my remaining
here another year. If we carry out your plans
and make Cleveland the Center of our Western
operations, I think I had better be located at
Cleveland than to remain here - But whether
I had better remain here another year, or
go to T in the Spring, is the question - the building
St Louis line, & the various lines in Ohio, which should
be built, and can be built spare for, if the Piratis
are killed, I would be nearer home if living at
Cleveland than to remain here; but in that,
as in most other matters (except those doubtful
cases) I am disposed to be governed by your
better judgment. If I keep the house I now
live in, I must let the owner know before
long, as he can rent it to someone else, if I
conclude not to keep it -

Littellton is on the road between Lowville and
Manlius and will doubtless be here by the last of
this week. I will go to Chicago & Milwaukee next
week - See the LaPorte people on my way & probably
open an office at Little Rock, if I can make them
pay for doing so - I have not heard from Michigan
Legislature; but have my doubts about their doing
much, if any thing, to aid us with a line to the
Capitol -

Yours truly

W E Cornell
St Paul

H. Speed

Read an article in the Telegraph in Friday's
McElwraiths Whig Almanac for 1849 - show
the rascals ^{up} as they deserve in some newspaper -
Wood is in the neighbourhood of Chicago, and has
repaired the line from Kalamazoo - He does
the work as well as any man living can
do it, but it wont stay done - The pins will
break - The caps will come off - the wire will
get out of their little dies & we cannot help
it, and we must do the best we can until
we get out of debt and can do better -
The first time you are in N.Y. go and see House's
contrivance, and let me know whether he is
actually ~~running~~ ~~running~~ ~~running~~ for ~~long~~ between
N.Y. & Philad. I did not believe, nor do I now
believe, that he can do it correctly for any
length of time, and if he can, then why
does O'Reilly abandon House, and
take Buin?

Nelson says you told him to go ahead if
he could get money enough to build
line. How is the Patent on that line to be
paid for? and how much ~~ought~~ ~~ought~~ it to be?
I have asked Smith what price I ought to call
the Patent on St. Louis line? It will have to be \$50 I suppose -
How much for P. on Monroe & South Bend? Say \$20 or \$25.
What for P. on Cleveland & Youngstown line? I ask about
Lawrence line. Mich. City & La Porte line - If we have to
pay cash the price should be low - \$10 per mile cash
on little side lines is enough -

24 Spad. N. Jan. 18 / 49

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Smith sent me copy of letter from Gov Seward
in which he says, Hearing before Judge
Nelson cannot be had until the Supreme
Court adjourns, which will not be until
4th March. Seward asks to get Judge
Nelson to appoint a day for the hearing,
and have the proper notices served on
the Pirates. If he does not do so soon, they
will ask, and obtain, additional time
to answer, and get an other postponement.
You had better see Gov Seward, and have
that attended to, if it has not been done.
I have again urged Smith to Surrender the
Eight thousand dollars, and close with
them, if that is all which prevents a
final settlement: but if no compromise
can be effected, then to urge on all the Suits
commenced, and see them in this State, in
Illinois, Indiana & Missouri.

We must have a line from St Louis to
Fort Independence, and ultimately to the
Great Commercial Emporium on the
Pacific, at ~~the~~ ^{the} Bay of San Francisco -
If the "gold diggers" are what they are cracked
up to be, there will be a City at San Francisco
of more than one hundred thousand inhabitants
in less than ten years - Whitney's R.R. will
be built, and the Telegraph along
side of it.

There is unquestionably truth enough in the
gold stories, to make money exceedingly
abundant this coming season, and now
is our time to make a big stroke. If we
can have a clear field, we can build
a great many miles, and make a
great deal of money out of the building
within one year. But it is all important
to have the whole old contract out
of our way. If Smith should compromise
with ORR's apogees, he should make
them sign an agreement, which should
be published, binding them not to unite with
any lines using other instruments. I have
no fears of Bain or House even doing
any thing, but they will promise to do
a great deal and thereby do some
harm by distracting public opinion -
But if the lines now built, including the
ORR lines will refuse to connect with any
other lines using those foolish things, it
will effectually prevent their deceiving
the public, and obtaining money under
false pretences -

Ithaca Jan'y 20th 1849

Dear Sir-

I have this night rec^d a letter from an old friend of mine Mr Alex C Tompkins of White Plains He complains of delay in paying him for some seven miles of poles I have written to him that you were never on your way East, and that he might be assured that you would fulfill any agreement made on your part &c. I don't charge any thing for setting you up but I hope you will attend to his case

I tried to see you the other day at Binghamton before I left in relation to R.R. matters. I expect an Engineer on here on Monday. He assumes see the parties up to an abundantly able and can give any where many. The principal men are Mess Carmichael & Genger I think his name is. This Co have just completed the Borton water works as I am informed and can command the means to carry our work through - I believe I mentioned Mr Moody of Springfield to you If you should hear any thing to our advantage let me know

Yours Respectfully
W.R. Humphrey

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Worcester Jan. 20. 1849.

Mr. E. Cornell

Sir,

We will print, rule and furnish paper for the Telegraph Blanks like the sample you sent us, for two dollars per thousand.

Respectfully Yours
Mack, Andrus, & Co.

Postage Blanks \$350 per 1000

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Detroit 20 Jan'y 1849.

Dear Sir

Tiltam returned last evening
and brought your letter of June 31st.

I will most gladly leave the settlement of the amt to be paid for OR line to you, but at the same time giving it as my decided opinion that one ~~dollor~~^{dollar} per mile, including Patent, is the most we should allow for it - All I have now said to Smiths in relation to it is that I had rather have forty dollars per mile than this line, which would be only Eighty dolls per mile to ^{be} spread to him in stock; but I said at the same time that if the price of this line was all that prevented a final settlement, I did not wish^t to be understood as saying that it might not be advisable for him to allow them the \$1.45 dolls per mile - I am glad to hear of your rapid progress with My Prairie line, If I read "1st June" that was a little too long, I have formally fixed the time as 1st April.

I think my experience for some years past
has been such as to satisfy^{me} that Cash
is better to buy bread with than Glorious, &
I will endeavor to act accordingly -

you ask what part of the route Kendall
controls from Cleveland to Cin. I answer -
Kendall controls that part of Ohio lying
South of the O & R line, and consequently
you would have to arrange with
him for the Patent from where you
cross the O & R line to Cincinnati. In
going from Cleveland direct to Cin.
the better way would be to go to Columbus
and thence directly through Fayette, Clinton
& Champaign Counties to Cin. About
100 miles from Columbus to Cin. and
150 from Cleveland to Columbus. His
network - I sent J. Jackson on the route
~~from~~ Cleveland to Columbus, and at the
he accomplished nothing, he says they
promise to raise the amt I required
at Norcross, Mt Vernon, & Newark. - I
think I could raise enough to build
from Cleveland to Cin. on that route,
as the Cleveland people will subscribe
something - Jackson says 5000 can be
got at Cleveland for a through line to
Cincinnati. In negotiating with Kendall
you should say nothing about a through
line to Cleveland, but get the right to build
from Cin to Columbus on such route as
you think best.

Tillotson says you insist on our making
a dividend 1. Feb, which is all very well

If you can ~~cut~~ send us the money to pay
the balance of our pole debts, and the funds
to pay the dividend: but after paying
\$55 taxes to the State, which must be paid
in a few days we will not have
fifty cents left. Our business has not
any more than paid expenses for the
month of June and thus far in July,
but I think is again looking better
and hope it will continue to improve.
We have had an unusual amount to
pay for Repairs - every day this week we
have had from one to three breaks on the
line somewhere: but have in every instance
got up again the same day. The cause
of so many breaks has been the chopping
of trees across our wire, mostly in cutting
cord woods. I go on Monday next
and will write you from Chicago.

Yours truly

J. S. Smith

Will you & Smith pay the expense
and go in with me for a Patent for
my cap?

There is not one office between
here and Buffalo that is paying
expenses just now. I have had
to send funds to most of them
to enable them to go out on the
line and repair. I have been in
hopes of making a raise on the
line from Sandusky to Columbus,
but it is questionable whether we can
get any money then. I also hope
to get something out of the LaPorte problem,
but O.R.^{is aged} has been there & offered to build
them a line so much cheaper than I
asked, that they have not come up to
the scratch yet. I also have the Lansing
line before the Mich Legislature, but they
will not do any thing, so that I cannot
see how we are to make a dividend
at present. If we can make a
dividend 1st August next, it will be
doing well. Kill the Pirates, and we
can then get funds & make a dividend,
but while they are allowed to live, and
encumber the earth, our harvest will
be like raising wheat on the hardpan -
barely enough to pay for seed and nothing
for labour -

J. J. Speed Jr.
Jan 20 / 49

Pitts^{boro} July 20th 1849.

Mr E. Cornell

Respected Sir

Mr Russell & my self with her to day. the last place we visited on the Lake was Waterbury you will recollect. then Sub. read that they must sub. 2000⁰ to be entitled to a Station. & if that sum not sub. then the sum subscribed not collectable. the amt subd. was 1500⁰ at a meeting in Nov last. (Allen then) they talked the matter up & it was admitted by Allen (he says) that the 1500⁰ was accepted in lieu of the 2000⁰. the Sub. say it was then understood & stated. that they should not even under such circumstances. pay until they were better informed in the matter. & also protected by an act of Incorporation. all of which Mr. May learned now at the visit & Mr. Allen says they did not assume that attitude till now. (he Allen was with us) I feared & said to Allen before we saw them that according to the Sub. I thought we could not collect unless they came forward voluntarily.

Mr. Allen expressed some considerable astigmatism at the their proposition. m. saw 4 of the principal sub. rep. 1000 p. of the sub. Mr. Allen saw j. called on some of the others. (all but me) & in all which m. had to separate without getting any proposition from them. nothing w. to sub. m. put their proposition to you. They talked of raising say 5 to 750 p. & give it as a gift to the Corp'n. for a Station at Watertown. I deem it important to the Line to have their business as it will be full as much as from any other Station on the Line

I start again Monday am. for the Line. to close up the Sub. scrip-
-tion. as m. could not get it all up. on our last tour.

I'll write you again in a day or two.

I remain
Very Respectfully
Yours

M. A. Davis.

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Mr. E. Cornell

Newburgh

Orange Co

NY

Wm H. Brown
Feb 20 1849

Recd Jan 27th 49- New York Jan 28. 1849.
and Jan 27th 1849.
My Dear Alouzo.

Cleveland ✓ I arrived here last eve via
New York & Erie R.R. from Ithaca having
there last Wednesday; and stopping at places
on the line. Your Mother was anxious
to hear from you as she had not for some
time previous - which was accounted for
by my finding your letter to her forwarded
to me here without having been opened
this was by mistake of La P.D. I sup-
pose. I return it to her to day, I also
recd yours of Decr 31. - glad to hear
that you are well - and that you ap-
preciate my plan for making Cleveland
the grand focus for the lighting - I have
your letter from Cal Sessid recd to day with
the lot I give him. he is in extacies with.

the program I gave him for the several
circuits of copy of which I sent you, he says
if I can carry it out it will be the greatest
Telegraph feat of the age, and the year
1849 will tell the tale of its being carried out.

I know nothing later respecting the
McNelly controversy than I have written
you except that I heard today the A.R. was
negotiating to go to Cuba (not India), the
best Telegraphs -

In regard to Colera, I think cold
water used as the only drink, a simple
transperate diet taken with regularity, a
proper attention to the daily movement
of the bowels - brought about not by
Medicine but by diet, exercise, pure
air and regularity in going to stool at
about the same time ~~each~~ each morning often

breakfast - and a cold hand bath, each morning as I take it. is an almost if not quite sure provocator of the cholera or any other disease - whereas, the best certificate for cholera or any other disease that prevails at the time is - Frequent intemperance - in drink - diet & general habits - the want of cleanliness - and idleness.

I at present do not apprehend that the cholera will visit Cleveland or other western cities to an extent to create any uneasiness, if it should there will be time to decide whether prudence would dictate your leaving for a season, doubt above all things be frightened, as fear is man's worst enemy - A man can bring on himself all most any disease by being afraid that he is going to have it. that state of fear, seems to predispose his system to the disease.

I have 24 letters to read and answer to day, which will be my apology for the brevity of this. I hope to get the most if not all the Aug or Sept to work in 3 or 4 weeks from this time. Write as you have leisure.

A.B.C.

Yours Affectionately
E. Correll

P.S. Since closing this I have found
that your letter of Jan 7th was among
my lot of letters, glad to hear your suc-
cess in working the Chicago & Milwaukee
Col. Sprad mentioned it.

I think I shall put Durham in the
my office for the present.

If we do not get A.R. out of the way
I shall have a second win from Fordham
to Cleveland by 1st June next, as I am de-
termined to clip their horses in some
way - I am negotiating for the Patent
direct from Cleveland to Cincinnati - shall
pay for it in my Eastern Stock if I can
~~and build that line mostly on my~~
own hook. So it shall not be de-
layed by the want of stock to run
on the line - You may expect to
see some more in relation to it
soon.

Yours &c
EC

Stradd

Cornwell
Jan 21 49.189

Erie and Michigan Telegraph Line.

FROM BUFFALO TO MILWAUKEE.

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Lower Sandusky, Jan 21st 1849 12 o'clock AM.

By Telegraph from Loren Sandusky
To Mr A B Cornell

Dear Sir

Excuse me for
writing you on the subject but
I think you are the one that
can tell whether Mr Gillotson
is right or not. He says that
I am embayed out of adjustment
when I am called. Is it so
Please speak candid about it.
For the last 3 days I have been
sick & may not have answered
any time if was called. This is
a very sickly hole just now
about five deaths per day on
an average
Yours Respectfully J W Van Lint

I am out of letter paper
My Receipt to the Bldg.

Cleveland Ohio 21st Jan^y. 1849.

My dear Father.

A week has passed since I last wrote you but I have not had the pleasure of receiving your accustomed weekly letter in that time but hope it will soon come to hand. tomorrow the twenty second day of Jan^y. is the anniversary of my birth day. I shall then be seventeen yearsold. it seems to me the past year has gone with great speed. indeed I can hardly realise that a year has passed. since my last birth day. but it is only too true - and may the coming year be spent as pleasantly as the one just expiring. and I trust far more profitably. — Business is as usual very dull - and I see no hope for its recovery until the opening of navigation - this office however for the week. has done a little better, but the whole firm is just about the same - I will give you a statement of receipts. for the past week. Cleveland Office

Monday.	No. cons 26.	Ex ^{ch} & M ^o \$12.75	Cash \$6.82.	P.O. Sim ^{ps} \$1.09
Tuesday	19	9.21	5.89	.50
Wednesday	23	9.69	3.04	1.52
Thursday	28	11.14	7.65	.80
Friday	25	10.07	4.24	3.15
Saturday	13	<u>\$25</u>	<u>6.04</u>	<u>.45</u>
Total	<u>136</u>	<u>\$51.11</u>	<u>\$33.68</u>	<u>7.51</u>
average	22	<u>\$10.18</u>	<u>\$5.61</u>	<u>\$1.25</u>

The daily expenses of this office at present are about
\$4.25= so that the nett acts after paying other lines
are just about equal to our expenses and on an
average since the first of Dec it has just about
paid. We are getting a mere trifle for reports, only
about \$4.00 per mth. The salary of Mr Lee which
is about \$100, is an unnecessary expense. Business
in general in the city is very dull, but of the
whole amount done on the Lake Lines, I am
confident we are doing a great portion of it, and
we are among all parties but those interested in the
OR Line. letter A. N 1= and if we had a line to Columbus
& Cincinnati ~~we~~ could do nearly all the business
that way, because from the shortness of the dis-
tance, direct we could do all the business at good
prices, or at prices at which we could make money.
and it would break them down at the same rates - for
instance, from here to Columbus direct it is 130 miles,
& to Cincinnati 210 = by their line - Columbus about 400
to Cin 550. We could send to Col & make money at
25¢ & Cin at .40 = their tariff is, to Pitts 25¢ for 15;
from Pitts Col for 10 mths 30. & Cin 40, but to get business
they deduct 10¢ on each line, making 35 & 45, for
10 mths or 45 + 50 for 15 = so you see they could
not at any living rate send 15 to Col for 25, or Cin
for 40 - and we would have the advantage of meeting
direct with those places, which they do not, do.
a good line can be built, better than this one for
\$100. per mile above the Patent, which I believe Col

Spud has put at \$50. making \$150. per mile
and less than \$40,000. for the whole line. of which
you or Col S. could get: \$5,000 taken here - I think =
but Tom Jackson who is now figuring at it will never
get half enough taken = and if any thing is going
to be done about it now is the time = while Legislature
is in session, for when that adjourns they will not
care half so much about it here =

Jackson is talking about this line, one to Pittsburg
via Youngstown & Warren & also the one below Buffalo
to Tonawanda, and. I am confident he will never
get one of them up. He has tried the Sandusky City
& Mansfield, the Toledo & Adrian, & Monroe & Adrian
and has given them all up. from Toledo to Adrian
only 30 miles, there would be a great business & they
want a tel. badly, & one could be got up there
easier than any where else in this state, but he
has failed there & will fail altogether =
Another very important business, of which I did
not think before, will be New York & Cincinnati
business, we could take the whole of that, the tariff
from NY. to Cin via Phil^a & Pitts^g is \$1.00 for 10
mords. We could send 15 for 1.20 at full price on each
of our lines = & if it was necessary to deduct 10^c on
Cin & Cleveland line & 5^c on E & M & 5^c on NY & E we could
do that & make money, & if we work direct from here
to NY we could beat them = the route from here would
be, via Wooster, Mansfield, Mount Vernon, Columbus
Springfield, ~~Dayton~~ Dayton to Cin =

Dayton Columbus & Cleveland are neck & neck
with each other in population & business =
~~that~~ is about 15000 inhabitants in each -
Cincinnati has about 100,000 & I am told the office
now there averages from \$80 to \$100. per day on
Pittsburg Columbus Cincinnati & Louisville Lin.
Dayton & Cin do an immense business with
Toledo = and I have no doubt but that would
be a good & profitable line, and a very great
tributary to this Lin. and Cleveland is the
place for it to intersect = because the Sandusky
business is not one fourth what Cld is = and the
Cld Col & Cin R Road is going to kill Sandusky =
and it has got to come here to get eastern
business" the present Lin goes to Pittsburg
via Akron, Massillon, New Lisbon & Mills-
ville, the latter place is on the Ohio River & is where
the Ohio & Penn R Road will intersect the
route from Pitts via Wheeling Va where it
crosses the Ohio Steubenville Ohio Zanesville.
Columbus & Dayton to Cin & Louisville =
and as an evidence of the want of a direct
Lin through we have coms offered more or
less every day for Col & Cin = What is your
opinion of the prospect of getting it up?
How is the compromise going on? Do you
think it will be effected? Is that all humbug
about O'Killys having applied to Congress in
complaint of Judge Monroe of Ky or what
does it mean - I should think it looked rather
against a compromise =

How is the New York & Erie line getting along.
Is it opened from NY west. Who takes the NY
office = Who will go to Fredonia? I fear Cobb
will be incapable to have charge of that office.

Yours Very Affectionately

A. B. Lozwell

Ed Cornell Esq
Ithaca

Burlington 23rd Jan'y 1849

Esq. Comd. U.S.
Genl.

We have from Messrs. Hodge,
Fuller & Hodge, the following ac. which they
wish us to approve. please send the
amount to Mr. Dodge, if correct, and
oblige

Yours truly

Wm. P. Dodge

Wm. P. Dodge

Esq. Comd. U.S.

1848

To Hodge, Fuller & Hodge

Feb'y 11th To Paid for moneys & fees to Col. (clerk)

with 2600th moneys

16.

Cash paid at same time

7.38

Interest

1.28

\$24.66

Cleveland Ohio 23rd Jan'y 1849

My Dear Father

I met you on Sunday evening and principally on the Columbus Cincinnati Line - that Tom Jackson was at work at it - and that I thought he would not succeed in getting it up. He has now given it up or nearly so - He was in the office this morning and said that he had no hope of getting it up, and that he should try no longer in this city - that some thought it would not pay, others were too poor & others to mean to do any thing - now the only thing in the way of getting up this Line is his incapability for the business - He knows nothing of the advantage to be derived from this Line, or from any Line - Has no knowledge of the business - If a man says, he fears it will prove a poor investment, Jackson can only say he thinks it will - or if he knows it will, he can not prove it - and even if he did ~~not~~ know, he has not "brass enough in his face" to make them believe, (as the expression is) - If you or Coldspeed could come here, you could get enough stock taken in one weeks time to build the Line, or rather as much as would be necessary for this place to take - I am quite sure \$3,000 could be got with ease, & that would do for this place - I believe it would prove a good investment for you to take the profits of building in the stock -

The direct distance from here to Cincinnati is 260. miles = allow very largely for the distance it is inside of 300 miles. I believe Coll. puts the patent at \$50. per mile = A good line can be built for \$80. per mile. and a better one than the E & M line too = posts would cost comparatively nothing = as it is through a wooded country = the wire could be distributed nearly as cheap as on the route of this line = this would make the whole cost per mile \$130. & for the whole line less than \$40,000 = of which \$5,000 can be got here = and enough through the whole distance to build it at once = and I think you would do well to retain a portion of the stock = for it will pay if any stock will = In the first place = the local business of its self would nearly support it. then there would be more or less coming from Cin or Col to go on Lake line which now the O.R. line gets it all & it would command of course all the Southern business from this line = then as I said in my other, we can do the N.Y. & Cincinnati business = which will be a good business = then all business coming from the Patented lines ~~which~~ end at Cin. to go north of there we would command & putting it all together, it will make a good business for a line of its length = the through business alone would support it & pay = then it will greatly benefit this & the N.Y. & E. line = then the press here ~~would~~ are much in favor of a direct line to Col.

and would do every thing here to assist in the cause =

I presume you will say this is all very true. but you have as much as you can attend to east. very true but I think you had better urge Col. S. to direct his attention this way. wholly instead of leaving it to Jackson. I do not know but I should not be surprised if J. had been the means of setting some people against it here. but it can be done yet = If Col. S. can not come you had better send some one else. the best man you can get = but I believe it is the most important point of any for Col. S. to work at now = Jackson has also been fussing with the Buffalo & Tonawanda affair & I fear has spoiled it. at least he says it is no use to try to get that up. He says he shall start to morrow morning for Warren & Youngstown to try that line = then he thought he should go to Milan or Sandusky City to try to get stock taken there to connect the Col & Cin line at one of those points rather than this -

I have no more time now & will close this & if I have time will add a P.S.

Your affectionate Son
A. B. Cornell

A. B. Cornell Jr.
I thank you }

Tuesday Eve Jan^y 23. 9 Pm

My dear Father

This Pm. I wrote you a letter which you will find enclosed on the subject of the Cleveland Columbus Cincinnati Sim & Jackson. I will now add a little which I did not have an opportunity to then. Business has for a few days been gaining. Yesterday Buffalo receipts \$24, Paid other Sim \$9.40 & I think it will be a little better now. but will be very dull yet till navigation opens - Cold Speed left Detroit yesterday morning for Chicago. I believe to raise some funds - He probably wrote you = I see by a conversation to day or two from Hutchinson (from Cayuga) of Maurice office with Cobb of Fredonia that He intends writing to you for some situation, & I think for a birth as assistant in Fredonia office. You will better know what answer to give. when I inform you that he is not capable of any such place or any office of any consequence. He writes very well & reads very well when the Sine works well & his is too. but he can not adjust ~~his~~ for difficult writing at all. or at least is very poor at it. has great deal of trouble with insects &c - & as a bus man is a very inferior one - He first went to Sandusky City but could not do the bus & had to go to Maurice -

How is my + E getting along + other ~~eastern~~
eastern business? Please write me, soon
+ often - I must close or shall be too
late for the mail.

Your affectionate Son

A. B. Cornell

Cornell
Ithaca N.Y.

P.S. I send you one of our
headings for reports in papers
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Detroit June 28th 1849

Dear Sir - It has been a long time since I have had the favor of receiving a letter from you but suppose that every moment of your time is valuable in perfecting the great scheme destined in a short time ^{to} have a most important bearing on the commercial interests of the west & north. There can be no doubt of the complete success of the plan proposed & when there are but two circuits between the far west & the farthest east & the measure contemplating the assumption of responsibility for the errors of connecting lines is completed - Cave Johnsons - receipts will suffer a most serious inroad. I know of gentlemen in Chicago who have paid for long cons. going east of Buffalo & not reaching their destination & failing in getting any satisfaction have told me they should advise their correspondents to place no dependance on the evil thus proposed to be remedied is almost insufferable,

I believe the line can be & will be worked from N.Y. to Chicago before another year closes.

Will you allow me to enquire who is to have charge of the N.Y. office on the N.Y. & E. Line? Is it engaged? If not do you think I could fill it? I like the west but it is hard to exchange the Empire for the Wolverine State. I have but one recommendation to give myself - I have a personal acquaintance with very many of the business men of Milwaukee, Chicago & this city & this fact might be of some advantage in an office through which so much of their business passes.

Our business is good in this office compared with that of other offices averaging during this dull season over ~~\$50~~ per week & our expenses are continually decreasing

Please let me hear from you in reply at your convenience & believe me Yours Respectfully J. H. Garland

E. Cornell Esq

J. H. Hurland
23. Jan 1887

Whitehall Jan^y 23 1849
S. Cornely Esq
Sir

Your favor of the 17th is rec^d
and in reply I would say the Books
of the Company show how the matter
stands between themselves, and you and
the best recollection I have of it is that
they still owe something on construction
acc^t. The Books are in the hands of
Mr Dodge of whom I will obtain a
statement and send you.

Now Friends Counsel me that
the Trustees will not do that is to pay
for what they have not yet received viz
the Patent. now I think they have

more reason to complain than yourself but
if you choose to send forward the patent
Papers I will guarantee you will be paid
as soon as the resources of the Co. are
allowed I will use my best efforts for the
earliest adjustment of the matter if you will
send on the papers.

I wish for the letter you
promise to me in relation to Barnes Patent.
Old Prof. Ben. is giving it and as I
cannot believe it will operate I wish

you to get a pledge from Spryly that he will
not furnish Moses Patent for that work through
any one but myself I have expended \$500
and acted in good faith. I wish you to arrange
this for me so that in case of failure of Bains
Patent I may stand some chance of saving
myself. Now I beg you will do this and
write me the result

Yours Very Truly
N. F. Rice
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A. F. Rice
23. Jan 1889

Falls Village and Goshen - Ten days I was at Leno
for Mr Allen's order (I have this letter to that effect)
Two weeks at Litchfield out of funds during which
time I wrote Mr Allen three or four times to that
effect and two weeks removing the aforementioned poles
now if you will ^{take} this into consideration with the busy
part of the season in which I commenced (which accounts
for my getting along so slow on the start) You cer-
tainly cannot form quite so unfavorable an opinion of
my operations

Others say what they may my conscience is
clear that I did my duty

Now for "Heaven's sake" please give me an immediate
answer - Dever Litchfield Conn

Respectfully Yours
J. M. McKinney

C. Cornell Esq
Long A. M. K.

J. M. McKinney
23 Jan 1869

Whelpitams 24 Jan 1884

Dear Sir

I came up from Barry town to day and counted the poles delivered by you from this to Barrytown and find there is 249 as per above bill, which you can get the money for by presenting it to Mr Bay, the Bookkeeper of Messrs Mills & Co No 10, Wall St N.Y. Or if you prefer I will settle it with Mr Humphrey at Ithaca, as Mr Hall informs me that you have sent the age out there to be used. - I can however inform you that you would have been paid when I was here in October if your contract had then been fulfilled as it is - My men have used many poles that do not fill the contract dimensions.

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

A. C. Pamphins Esq

E. Cornell Esq

Detroit Jan'y. 24. 49.

My dear Sir

Coin of 10th at hand with Allen's I have requested him to send me a copy or the substance of yours to him. of 1847. Co. Speed wrote him 21st that if you had agreed to pay him \$600. for present year it would be so but hereafter \$500. now all we could pay him, if he leaves, we shall put Haviland, in charge of that station. The Co. wrote Morgan we would allow him \$400. it is more than he is worth unless he treads up better worth more promptly in his apto he is continually behind and I think always will be so, it is his nature and has ever been since I know him - It is hardly possible to "learn old dogs new tricks," particularly by an easy master - Business is rather improving but dull enough yet. I have hardly got the run of it yet but shall soon - The books are not so I can tell what has been done for last month but in two or three days will endeavor to give you a little light on the subject.

The Co. left yesterday for Ch. and via by way of Lansing, to see what our "Holverien" legislature would do to aid in building a line from Jackson to the Capitol.

Very truly &c

D. D. Dillston

D. H. Wilson
J. W. & W. B. B.

Copy.
Lyn Combs & Co.
17.
Dwight & Wm. B. Co.

(Copy)

Trustees of Erie & Michigan Telegraph Comp.

1848

To Ezra Cornell "Contractor"

July 1	For constructing 398 miles line of Telegraph with necessary Registers, Magnets, Batteries &c for 12 Offices from Detroit to Buffalo as per contract at \$125. per Mile		49,750. "
"	3980 Extra poles & setting same there being 30 per Mile instead of 20 as contracted for in articles of Association. - 80¢ ea	3,184. "	
"	3980 Extra Caps - 6¢ "	238. 80	
"	Extra expense putting up Wire & Caps on 3980 poles - 12¢ "	477. 60	3,900. 40
"	Expenses and time incurred in examination and obtaining right of way	140. "	
"	Fitting up 12 Offices at average cost of \$70. each, which includes Tools, Wire &c for repairs, Furniture, Fixtures &c	840. "	980. "
			<u>\$54,630. 40</u>

Having examined the above bill made out by Ezra Cornell contractor against the Trustees of Erie & Michigan Telegraph Comp. We do hereby certify that we think it to be correct and equitable and are disposed to audit the same for Fifty four thousand Six hundred & thirty ⁴⁰/₁₀₀ dollars.

Detroit July 1. 1848.

Trustees.
E. & M. T. Co.
Company.

Mr E. Cornell, on other side, ^{is} your apt as I have presented it
 for approval to Trustees, Mr Howard, has signed it, & I have sent it
 next for Mr Wood, & Genl. Hubbard, to affix their signatures. In looking
 over distances from Buffalo, to this city, I could not well differ it.
 I have however made the amount \$54,630.⁴⁰ instead of \$54,455.⁴⁰ which
 was evidently wrong, increased difference \$175. - I trust the attention
 will meet your approbation. Please keep this copy as I shall so
 record it if approved by the Trustees

O. J. Pittotson

J. J. Spred for bill \$59,670.80

deduct as Cash items 2,704.48 \$56,966.32

E. Cornell bill \$54,630.40

deduct as Cash items 480.00 \$54,150.40

\$110,616.72 ^{Stock}

Recd. from Sub.

\$24,376.00

\$86,240.72

Deduct 812 Mr. 30¢ for Smith

\$24,360.00

\$61,880.72 ^{On C. & S. in Stock}

add Cash items

\$3,684.48 " C. & S. as Cash adv'd.

Leaves for C. & S. advances in all

\$65,565.20

25
 65,565.20
 2,082.60
 50
 53

"Dear Sir

Copy

Ithaca Dec. 1st 1847.

Your letter of the 15th Nov was received at a time when I was unable to answer it from sickness. I have been sick with a fever the past 25 days and have not yet recovered my strength so as to be able to write a letter without feeling fatigued by the effort. In reference to business I am not just now in a situation to particularize; but I can say in general terms that I shall want ~~to get~~ help that I can rely on to remain for a length of time and be steady and I know of no one that I think would give better satisfaction than you would. If you can make temporary shifts for ~~the present~~ for the short time I have no doubt we can agree on terms that will be satisfactory to both.

Yours respectfully

E. Cornell

Dr Sir,

Detroit Jan. 24th 1849

From above it would appear Allen would be entitled to his claim of \$600. per An^m. for the paper, unless there has been some subsequent correspondence between you more definite and I have so said to him. Shall hear soon & will then advise you -- Here let me say for fear I forget it without writing a little particularly on the subject that Col. Speed wants you to fit up his store agreeable to a plan I have sent St. Mark and takes the whole of the 2^d story for a Telegraph office &c. possibly Mr. Mark will purchase it, if so get him to fit it up to suit you, it will make a most desirable location for all time to come and would be very gratifying to the Col. to have it used in that way whether he keeps it or sells it. Please look at the plan and confer with St. M. fully on the subject. Your Co. would be well accommodated for Room and the Rent of \$100. would not be unreasonable for

so important a Station as Ithaca and would also be a help to the Col. or friend Mack in reducing the store rent to about \$200.

As regards business it has been as dull as any one could wish if they meant us evil - I am of the opinion it brightening up a little and look for better times - The Operators have but little to do except eat nuts & apples and keep fires to toast their shins, I have talked fully with the Col. about getting rid of some for the winter but he thinks we shall want them all in the spring and must keep them through the dull season - Perhaps it is best, as soon as he can arrange finances &c. he intends to have Lee quit the Cleveland office and go to work in aiding to get up the stock on the Cincinnati or some other line, and thinks he will be an excellent hand at it. Should Allen quit our services at Buffalo we shall want to put Haviland in his place who will do better than any other one we have unless it is Alonzo and I think he had better stay at Cleveland where he is now acquainted and it is a pleasant place for him. We have a Mr Saddle in our office here who talks of going to California, if he does, can supply his place at a cheaper rate than \$400. which we now pay him. The Col. will judge whether any retrenchments can be made at Chicago, I think there cannot as we have more important business there and do more than at any other station.

I herewith return Allen's letter having expired the rental part of it.

I give you the business of Nuck ending 2^d Jan^y. which Mr Speed, (Cook keeps) thinks as hard a one as any - Total receipts after paying other lines \$430.⁸⁴ I have been making a further calculation of our daily expenses and feel very confident they do not exceed \$65. per day, which shows about an even thing for that Nuck, -- Our reports are now a long time in reaching us and we have not a full Nuck report from all the offices since the one ending as above. Our line works very bad in Mt Matha in consequence of bad insulations or other causes and it will require a vast deal of labor to get it as it should be, Mr Wood is now at Milwaukee and on his way back, breaks occur on an average as often as once every three days on some part of the line and we can't help it as they will cut trees and the wind will blow them down.

The Col. returned from Lansing to Jackson today, says the prospect of an appropriation by the Legislature is about an even chance for putting up a line there. The Governor & heads of State department are in favor of it. They have taxed us for the year \$47.⁴⁰ / 100 which the Col. says I must pay when called upon, and if I have no money must borrow, we are poor as a man would be in California without a Spade to dig for gold and no bread to satisfy his appetite. Let me hear often your news.

Very truly &c

D. T. Tillotson

Reply Jan. 24 1849

Mr C Cornell Esq.

Sir I have not yet recivd.
any pay for Telegraph Poles, I wrote to
Col Speed as you requested me but have
not heard a word from him. it is now about
8 months that I have waited & I certainly
dont know how to wait longer I need the
money very much.

118 Poles at 35¢ Amounts to \$41.30
Interest on \$41 8 month 1 92
Due me - \$43.22

I hope you will have the
goodness to let me have the money
for the above at as soon as you
receive this letter

C Cornell Esq.

yours with Respect
Ward Prof

C. Cornell Esq

*Thica
Tompkins Livingston Co.
N.Y.*

*Ward Gox
Jan 24 / 57*

Mr. G. Cornell

I leave this in P.S. with
other statements in order that they may
not be forgotten & also to say I am
waiting to see you as soon as you
return that I may clear out

D. D. D.

Monday Dec 25, 1848

Mr. D. Wilson
11 Dec 1848

Recd Clerk Lgny 8'49 }
ansd Larry 13th 49 }

Ithaca 31th Decr, 1848

My Dear Abouze

On my arrival at Ithaca a day or two since I found your letters of 15th & 17th inst, for which I am much obliged, but as I have anticipated in part the questions in recent letters you must excuse me for not answering in detail as I have not the time to do so.

One thing I want to mention on the subject of Salary; Tillotson has a letter from Col Speed asking him to stop at office on his return and fix Salaries of Operators, in that letter the Col says, he supposes you will want the same that Senkman had, viz \$500. I think it is your interest & policy not to ask that sum the first year, I should advise you to only ask \$400, and tell them that you will do as much work at that price & do it as well as any other man on the line will do at any other price. A moment's reflection will show you that such is your true interest, I like your suggestion of building over N.O line from Cleveland direct to Columbus & thence to Cincinnati, I will buy the Patent on that route at once if I can pay for it in stock I hold on the eastern lines, & if I can do so, I can make arrangements to build it early in the Spring even if I cannot get subscriptions along the line, I fear that your estimate of Jackson will be raised although Col. Speed thinks he will get stock taken on the Sandusky City & successful line, I will write more fully when I get time, write me at Newburgh - All well at home, Grandfather & Grandmother & Wood is here all well at my dear, Myself line progressing finally. Tillotson can tell you all about it.

Yours Respectfully
E Correll

A.B.C

Salem Jan^y 11. 1829

Mr E Cornell

Sir

We make the distance
from Troy to Whitehall via the line
of the Troy & Whitehall Telegraph to be
Eighty two miles, and concede your
right to charge that distance in the
settlement of your account for the
construction of said line of Telegraph

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Albany,.....			Owego,	Union Village,	Brockville,	Toledo,
Schenectady,			Lockport,	Cambridge,	Kingston,	Monroe,
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				Three Rivers,	Milan,	Chicago,
						Southport,
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						Galena,
						Columbus,
						Dayton,
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New York, Jan 22 1844

Telegraph from Burlington
To Cornell

Movers 19th is
Received. The Executive
Committee have decided
Mr Wickock reply to you
at Troy
A P Peck
for Committee

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Utica,.....			Niagara Falls,	Granville,	Coburg,	Ypsilanti,	Peora,
Rome,.....			Queenston,	Do. Corners	Port Hope,	Ann Arbor,	Galena,
Syracuse, ...	0,52	0,20	St. Catharines,	Poultney,	Oshawa,	Jackson,	Columbus,
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Geneva,.....			Toronto,	Middlebury,	Ashtabula,	Marshall,	Cincinnati,
Canandaigua,			Dundas,	Vergennes,	Fredonia,	Battle Creek,	Louisville,
Rochester,...			Woodstock,	Burlington,	Fainsville,	Kalamazoo,	St. Louis,
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New York,

1849

By Telegraph from Troy
 To Cornell

We are in want
 of Platina for the
 Lower Battery. I have left
 with me having been
 used at other offices
 I return to Birmingham
 to day via Pittsford and
 way offices
 O E Wood

Litchfield Nov 23^d 49

J. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

Receiving your answer to my last I drop you this line

I am very sorry I am under the painful necessity of doing so and nothing short of my present situation would induce me to do it

To come immediately to the point I wish to settle up that little matter between us as I am about to leave the business (very sorry I ever entered into it)

I am now in debt between forty & fifty dollars of which I borrowed while in your employ and no doubt but the lender is in want of it - -

Now if you think my services have been of any worth to you on this line I wish you would be kind enough to make it manifest by sending me an order on the trustees of this company for just such an amount as you think will be proper - and on the other hand if you think my services have availed you nothing you will oblige me much by saying so

I should like to have a talk with you upon the matter for I imagine you think I wasted my time but if you will refer to my "long bill" you will find that nearly if not quite half of my time I was either waiting for funds or removing from Boston