Newburgh 25 Jan 49

Dear Brother

Yours of the 24 from Singsing came to hand this P.M. I also rec'd a line from Mr Nutter dated 23d at Singsing he is 3/4 of a mile from Singsing at a Mr Carpenters a blacksmith himself and a mother man was burned by the explosion of the lamp, it must have been Carelessness for I got the lamp made myself and had a tube Extended down inside of the lamp to prevent any accident of the kind

I shall Commence putting up poles tomorrow I called on Mr Miller this P.M. and got a check for $230 the amt of his subscription he said he was sorry he could not have taken a few more shares. See letter written this A.M. for other particulars, I fear Nutter will have trouble if the poles are not paid for in the vicinity of Peeks kill before the wire is put up, perhaps you had better furnish funds and let me go down and settle up as I made the Contracts and have got the sum of that matter, but as you think best so let it be

write me at Goshen yours in haste

E C

E B Cornell

Newburgh Jan 25 62

Dear Brother

When are 6 letters here for you the Post Master says he has no orders to forward them and as I have no orders from you to forward them I suppose I must let them lay in the Office as you sentured me for acting as I thought best in a former occasion, I rec'd a letter from Mr Nutter who seems to be very much incensed from the manner in which Pinkham has left matters on his section of the line

Perhaps you know your own business best but I think it would save you a great many dollars and a great deal of time and the men who are doing business for you a great deal of trouble if such men as Tompkins and some other Pensions Chaps could be settled with and by so doing close their mouths from slandering you, and ruining down the credit of the line

When I left Binghamton I told Mr Burdick he had better come down to Goshen and put the Caps together as he would do it much faster then a new hand, but not finding the Castings there I shall have him put up the poles from Washingtonville down as the weather

is so favourable. I found 40 Bundles of wire at Goshen but I think there has been none sent to Big Edy for there was none in the Store house at that place, that sent to Goshen was not Sahdred As soon as I Collect the funds I Shall return to Goshen and Commence Opperations, pleas write me there and give directions if you have any for me Yours with Respect E.B. Cornell

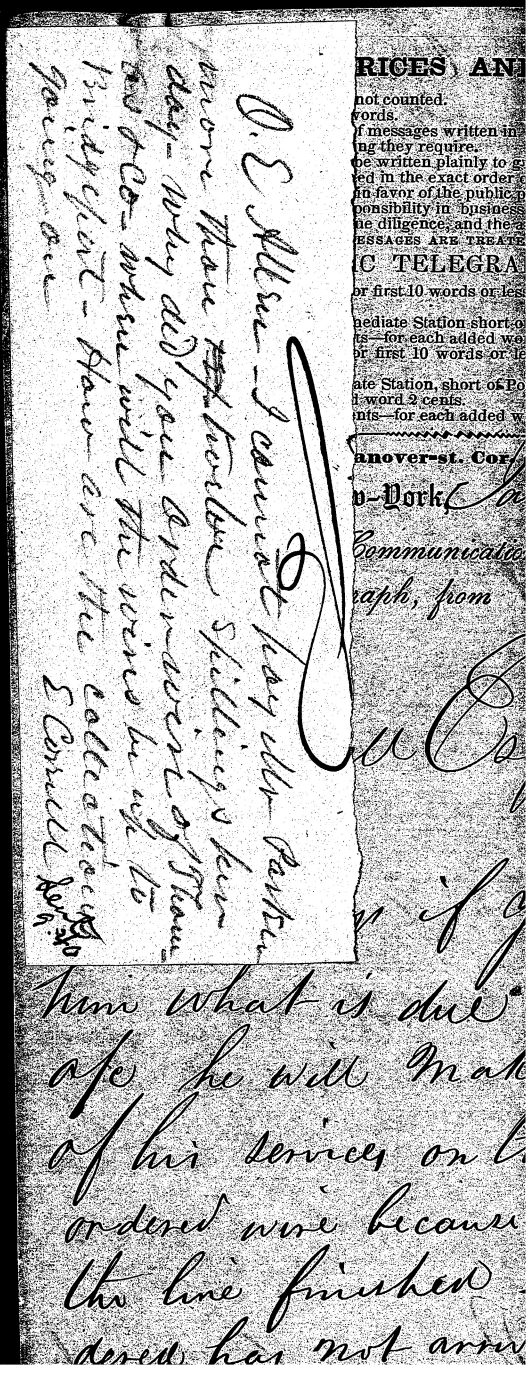
To E Cornell Esq

Ny Cty

PS What about your letters shall I forward them And where or shall I let them remain

EBC

E. B. Cornell
25 Jan 1849



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O. E. Allen - I cannot pay Mr Parker more than ~~[illegible]~~ twelve shillings per day - why did you order wire of Thomas & Co - when will the wires be up to Bridgeport - How are the collections going on

E Cornell Sec 9.30

RICES AND REGULATIONS.

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...ree letters, or figures, of messages written in cipher, are counted as one word, in ...sequence of the two fold writing they require.
The original of messages must be written plainly to guard against mistakes.
Each message will be transmitted in the exact order of its reception, first come being first sent—excepting only stipulations in favor of the public press and the public police.
The Proprietors assume no responsibility in business transactions over their lines, beyond the excercise of good faith, and due diligence, and the amount paid for a transmission.
All TELEGRAPHIC MESSAGES ARE TREATED as strictly confidential.

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From NEW-YORK to BOSTON, for first 10 words or less, of each message, 50 cents—for each added word 3 cents.
From NEW-YORK to any intermediate Station short of Boston, or between two intermediate Stations, for first 10 words, 25 cents—for each added word 2 cents.
From BOSTON to PORTLAND, for first 10 words or less, 25 cents; for each added word 2 cents.
From BOSTON to any intermediate Station, short of Portland, or between two intermediate Stations, 15 cents—for each added word 2 cents.
From BOSTON to LOWELL, 15 cents—for each added word 2 cents.

No. 5 Hanover-st. Cor. of Beaver.

New-York, Jan 26th 1849.

The following Communication has been received at this Office by Telegraph, from Bridgeport

E. Cornell Esq

Parker says if you will pay him what is due on last Winters a/c he will make you a present of his services on this line — I ordered wire because I wished to see the line finished — the wire I ordered has not arrived — Power has advised you of the state of collections the wire is up to within a mile of

of this office & was day before yesterday

O. E. Allen

O. E. Allen
26 Jan 1849

Auburn, Jan 27th, 1849

Mr. Cornell

Sir — although it may not be of any avail, yet by the advice of O. E. Wood, I will once more remind you of my desire to be your operator in the My office of the My & E. line. It is useless for me to say any thing about my qualifications — you know them or if not, can by referring to Mr. Makepeace or Mr. Wood. One thing I will assure you of, that your interest will be mine in case I am employed. Please answer this, & let me know the salary you intend to pay, as well as whether you will wish to employ me there or elsewhere.

I will also recommend to your favorable attention Ed Fellows of Sy. He will, with a careful chief O/L= erator, make an excellent assistant.

And further, please do not forget the Utica affair.

Yours respectfully

H. C. Gilbert

E. Cornell Esq.

Cleveland Ohio 27th Jan'y. 1849

My Dear Father

Your kind favor of the 21st inst written at New York reached me this morning, and as I have a little leisure time just now I will in part, reply to it this evening=

Your remarks regarding the Cholera &c, are just about the idea I had of it. I did not speak of this because I have fears of it, but merely for information as I should not care so much for the Cholera as the small pox or many other common diseases. The people are not in this part of the country, a quarter so much excited about the Cholera as the Gold fever=

It will indeed be a great feat if you get the arrangements all completed & executed during the present year which you speak of. the line from here to Boston I should not have as much confidence as some others= It is true the portion from Albany to Boston would have enough to do, & would pay well= but the business this side of Albany would be less. to be sure all of the Cincinnati & Boston business would come this way & would be something. & the St Louis, Chicago Milwaukie & Detroit business but I fear it would not be so much after all. but I do not know so much about it.

But the Clev Col & Cin Line I have no doubt would pay well. & be of immense benefit to the Erie Mich & New York & Erie Lines. the St Louis Line would also be a good one = as the country through which it runs is a very rich one. next to California. I see in the Herald of this evening a Statement of the business at Lafayette Indiana. (which is on the Wabash Maumee River & one of the places through which this Line would pass. between Logansport & Terra Haute,) which is as follows. The exports of Flour. Grain. Pork. Lard. Bacon. Beef. Tallow &c the produce of that section, by the Canal & River for the last year amounts to $3,328.000 = which is a pretty good sum for the dull year of 1848. the principal places through which the Line would pass are Fort Wayne. Logansport. Lafayette. Terra Haute & Vandalia to St Louis. all but the latter place (Vandalia) are on the Wabash & Maumee Rivers & canals. V. was formerly the capital of Illinois & I do not know how much it would do. I see by taking another look at the map, that I have left out a very important place which should be between Lafayette & Terra Haute. it is Crawfordsville. To give you an idea of the business done in that direction I will make the following extract from the Comrs book in this office = Sept 1st. Rs Southern Line $13,12. of which the following are the ingredients —

Toledo. had 5 cons for Cranfordsville. amt $6.45
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" " 3 " " Cincinati " 2.85
Buffalo " 2 " " Cranfordsville " 2.85
Erie " 1 " " Cincinati " .95
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the amount given is the amt collected at the place sent from. Making 7 for Cranfordsville amounting to $9.30 this you know must clear around by Pitts. Cin & c & this is simply the amount originating on our Line. & undoubtedly the amount on the OK Line was more than this as they have it so arranged that they can do it some 10c cheaper than we—

Sunday P M Jany 28th

I laid this by last evening at a late hour. unfinished and I will now endeavor to close before tea time. We are paying the southern Line here. even this dull time. about $1. per day. this business is all from places where they have no offices. for instance at Sandusky city they charge no more to Columbus & Cincinnati than they do here so of course we would have none of the southern business where there is so much difference in prices. I am told by the Manager of the OK office here that the Southern Line is doing more business than both their eastern & western lines together. So you can see that there is business enough in that quarter. We have had rather a hard time during the last week. owing to bad weather. Line down four days west of Detroit

and three days between here and Detroit. on friday night it burst for the second time during the week = the high water in the River carried away the bridge at Maumee City to which our Line was attached. I can not say how long it will intercept us but I fear it will be down much longer than necessary =
Col Speed was west when I last heard from him = I will write again soon

Your affectionate Son

A. B. Cornell

E. Cornell Esq
Troy

A B Cornell
27 Jan 1849

Whitehall Jany. 28th 1849.

E. Cornell Esq
Dr Sir

Sam Farrow giving Baines claim is received. I have written you what I most sincerely desire you to do for me which I beg you will attend to. I have not received fair play and Old Prof. Ben is visiting the sins of the Troy & Canada junction on my head now you must help ward off.

I will write you a few lines a friend sent me from Burlington viz

"Prof. B. is to build the line for $212 pr. mile completing the line furnishing the Offices & putting it in working order from Stem to Steam. He is to receive 1/3 of the Stock for payment in full. About $27.000 of the Stock has been secured $8.000 are still wanting.

The register by which a fac simile of the message is transcribed is not yet brought to perfection. The Prof. however is bound to supply all the Offices with such a register free of expense to the company if they are at any time

satisfied that the fac simile register is practicable thing"

The above if from a young man who has a good sight at the matter

It is my intention to have the claim of Bains published with some remarks showing it up. I wish you to write for me one or two articles on the comparative merits of the two systems let the first explain fully the defects of Bains I will get all you will send published I want to set the old man as he calls on subscribers for cash. I beg you will do this or I shall hold you responsible for the effect of your abuse to Prof. Ben if you write within two weeks of the date of this mail to Burlington. I shall start the Ball this week

Yours Truly
H. F. Rice

H. F. Rice 28 Jan 1849

Montreal 28th Jany 1849

Dear Brother

I have just thrown aside 3 pages which I wrote last night after receiving your 8 page letter. I have this morning rec'd another that has quite thrown me off my balance, and rendered my labor of last evening almost useless. — Your last letter betrays great ~~excitement~~ of mind but I hope you will come out ~~with~~ Something besides a candidate for a Lunatic Asylum yet. —

If You Can make such arrangements as will make it a Sure business for us I am ready after the first of May next to go to Cuba. notwithstanding I believe it will be attended with some risk to go from this Cold Country to be exposed to the effects of a Tropical Sun. And I would also prefer this country to that in Case the Cholera is very malignant next Summer on this Continent. — But I am well aware that few fortunes are made without exertion and risk, and Since I have succeeded so well in getting the first thousand dollars I feel encouraged to make the attempt of "making the fortune". —

I shall therefore avail myself of the kind offer that you have made, and "put myself under your direction for the coming 5 years" preparatory "to returning to Ithaca and retiring upon the fortune of $50,000."—

I have no objections to your making use of my funds which are in fathers hands, further than, that it is scattering your business and means, and placing it in such a condition, that it would be less valuable to the family should you be suddenly taken from them, than if it were invested in real estate at home.— But I suppose you have taken all these circumstances into consideration, and if it is your opinion that you can make a better use of the capital than it can be appropriated in any other way, I have no objections; and this letter will serve you as an order to draw the amount which I have ~~in~~ at home unappropriated, should you desire it.—

There is nothing new about the Quebec business since my last except that I have been trying to buy off Cutter, and he considers his claim so invulnerable that he will not reduce it but 2 or 3 pounds.— I finally told him what I thought of it and he got in a great rage & left the office, which is the last I have heard of him.—

Gisborne says he has half of the new Stock subscribed for the Completion of the Line to Halifax. I expect him in Montreal Soon, to make an effort to get Some Stock taken here. I do not know what the Chances are for his ultimate Success, but he is making great efforts to get the Stock taken. If you have not purchased an Electrical machine for Torney, Send me word that you will not purchase one now, so that he Can get one from another Source without the risk of having 2 upon his hands.

I intend Whitney Shall Send you £100 by the Thursdays Express Carr Wells & Co which perhaps you will receive with this letter.

According to the former understanding I Subscribed for 28 Shares of their Stock for you and Voted upon the Strength of it at the Annual Meeting for the Election of Directors. The old Trustees were voted Directors, with two additional, making five (whether legal or not). Whitney elected President. I have persuaded them to take the 3 Strand wire and pay the Chgs and also your Express Bill which amounts to Some 8 Pounds, besides the £10 for the wire. I suppose it is for bringing in the Battery Instruments &c.

If you know of any of it that is not right Say So, as Bent has agreed to deduct it if it is not O.K. but he says it is. And

and that somebody should pay them interest upon the a/c it has stood so long unpaid.

Have you an idea of going to Cuba yourself to get the stock taken for those Lines and if not how is it to be done? Is it to be a government enterprise or private individual and how are the duties upon wire and material for building a Line?

I am anxious to know as early as possible whether I will leave here, but I do not wish it known to any others besides yourself and some of our most intimate friends that I think of leaving until my time is near out which is on the first of May.

I will send this out to M. L. requesting him to send it where you will receive it soon. Our line has been awfully broken by the accumulation of ice upon the wire. It has been down for 2 days both ways an occurrence unprecedented upon the Montreal Line.

Coping that I may hear from you soon — I remain as ever

Yours Truly

O. S. Wood

E. Cornell Esq

O. S. Wood Aug 28 49

Recd Jany 31st Cleveland

Painesville Jany 29
E & Mich Tel Offs

Dear O. P.

You will please find enclosed, eighteen $ 50 Dollars which I send per request, would that I had ten times as far you or the company

I sains here like "Lucifer" now, and I spose the same favors are showered upon you,

You are undoubtedly, looking forward to the time, when, navigation will open, and an increase of "bsns" then, as also I and waiting for the return of Spring.

You will see by the commencement of this, that you are to "find enclosed" &c. which is a matter of form, used by most every merchant, mailing money, & which looks to me, very much like an "irish bull" by requesting you, to look, for what will first attract attention. Dont you not think so? Well, as I have nothing interesting to say I spose I might as well stop writing and the more so, as you are calling (!) now I will finish, my kps to Lee, &c

A. P. Cornell Esq
Cleveland
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adieu
Mon chére ami
A. C. Bull

Henry C Buell
Painesville Jany 29.49

Mr E. Cornell

Detroit Jany. 30th '49.

My dear Sir

The Col. is now in Milwaukee will open an office at Little Fort. We have lots of trouble for last five days and little done, first we were down west one day last week, got up and recd. our western business. Then down across Maumee River, in consequence of a heavy freshet and breaking up of ice, it wash away a number of our poles on the flat carried away some of wire, The water so high could not cross the bridge or get at it any way all day Saturday, Sunday and Monday work'd at it and got it in working order this Tuesday morning, The line works bad and we are compelled (at least half the time) to work on short circuits of from 100 to 200 miles, making it a very tedious business, We however are doing the best we can, but before a dividend can ever be made I fear it will be necessary for the company if they can to make a loan of 6 or $7000. and over haul whole, substituting better insulations, cutting out trees &c. The way the line works in wet weather is any thing but satisfactory and it is only a substitute for a Reliable Telegraph business. This morning I recd. a letter from S. G. Clark, Post Master, who has charge of our office at Monroe, containg among other things the following paragraph. "I understand that O'Reilly is going to establish a line immediately between this point and Chicago."

Should he do so (and he is an ass if he does not if he can get the means) it will take a good

deal of the "Wind out of our Sails" as he will shorten the distance between Buffalo & Chicago about 100 miles, and be enabled to do up the through business ahead of us. What progress the Col. men are making in getting up their proposed line from Monroe to Hillsdale &c I don't know. I have written the Col. but I fear they will not be able to head off O'R. without more money than they can raise on so short a line. Times dull and no money, yesterday I had to borrow $40. to get along with acceptances &c.

Very truly &c

D. T. Tillotson

D T Tillotson Jan 30/49

Montrose January 30 1849

Dear Ezra

Your Letter of 24 inst I recd this day
have also recd 3000 Lbs nine and it came in good
time for I had only Part of days work of nine on
hand and began to fear it would not get here
in time instead of 5 Tones of nine at Binghamton
as you supposed there was all C B & I could make
of it was 3300 Lbs there must be some Mistake
some where the above is all the scales would make it
in the Store house I have the nine up within about
1½ miles of Montrose and should have had it up here
by this time or nearly so but have had considerable
rainy weather and have been Battered some otherways but
shall get along with it as fast as I can Please write
me and give me any directions you may think
necessary I have a good deal of timing to do but
I make clean work of it what A time do I have that
I think will touch the nine & I think I get the Caps
and nine on right I try hard to do it as I
should be direct to Montrose if you write
within 3 or 4 days as I can send for letter by
Stage driver after that direct to Lenox and
Carbon dale the Mail is about to close & I have
not time to write more

Yours Truly

J. S. Bristol

E Carnell Esqr

E. Cornell, Esqr
Care of Wells & Co
No 10 Wall Street
N York

Ithaca, Jan. 30th, 1849.

E. Cornell, Esq

Sir,

Yours of the 25th, with samples of Telegraph blanks, is received. We will execute them for you, doing the whole you may require, according to the samples, at the price agreed in Newyork, viz. at $3.50 per ream. We are ready to receive and execute your order, and remain,

Yr. Truly,

Mack, Andrus & Co.

Office of the
Montreal Telegraphe Co
Montreal 30th Jany 1849

Dear Sir

I enclose a dft of £1.000 of
Wm Lyman & Co on Wadsworth & Sheldon
No. 65 Exchange place N.Y. for which
I (as your atty) have given a Receipt
to A.T. Whitney — I discover that it
is drawn Ten days after Sight instead
of Three days as I anticipated.

Your letter upon the subject of the
farm is rec.d and is very satisfactory —
I would like the payments made as
fast as practicable and make it secure
as soon as it can be done

Yours Very Respectfully
D. Wood

Bridgeport Jany 31st 1849.

Mr Cornell

Respected Sir.

I expect to leave here this am for West Cornwall & other points of the Line. Mr Allen starts this am for Birmingham & Waterbury. I submitted a proposition last Week to the Citizens at Falls village ie Canaan falls for them to have a Station they to pay on or before 22 Feby 1849 into the hands of Mr Bissell the Cashr of their Bank 1000 Dolls then the Instrument to be put up & in working order & when so done the 1000 $ to be paid to Trustees. I shall see them tomorrow on the subject. Mr Allen thinks he cannot get the amt at Birmingham above 800 $. he says their is about 500 $ due their & can be collected immediately after the Instrument is up & the Line thro of the business at Bport is all to be rewritten what assistance will Mr Hayden want in his office. Mr Brinson

is here & anxious to know if his services will be wanted at this office as the operator for the C & V. Line will you write him or me on the subject & also when you can again be on our Line & spend a day or so & talk over many things which The Trustees deem it advisable to have your counsel & opinion on. I have just given Allen all the Cash I had & will remit him more just as soon as collected.

I remain
Very Respectfully
Yours
Wm H. Power

Wm H Power
Jan 31 1849

Milwaukee 17 July 1849

Dear Sir

I came here the day before yesterday and have had an interview with Wilson and Hotchkiss. I was fearful that I would find that Wilson had been disappointed in making collections, and would not be able to raise money enough to pay for the line he has built. I am not much disappointed - I think he has available subscriptions enough to pay for the construction, but will have nothing left to pay for the Patent. I will have Wilson and Hotchkiss both out, making collections, and will go with them myself as far as Janesville - They say that they can send you a thousand dollars in a few days. I will push them on as fast as possible. Wilson has built 115 miles & is now making out a Statement of his receipts & Expenditures an abstract of which I will send you - His line has cost too much: but appears to be well built - The business on it, is not much, and I fear never will be much more than enough to pay expenses - How is the Patent to be paid for? Can we induce Kendall to take Stock?

Wilson says you wrote him to go ahead if he could get enough to pay for construction - I tell him not to do any more unless he can get enough to pay for construction and Patent too. He wants to build from Janesville to Chicago and from Madison to Galena and thinks he can get enough on those routes to pay for Patent & all expences. I tell him that the money must hereafter accompany the order for wire, and every thing else - Hotchkiss wants to build the line from this city to Green Bay. I will make some arrangement with him, so that if he does nothing, it will cost nothing, and if he succeeds give him a good share of profits - The Pirates have a decided advantage over us, as they make no provision for Patent & I think get trusted for all their wire. I recd. a ~~letter~~ Tel from your son A.B. containing note from OR operator at V. and have requested him to send you a copy - I have given Tittolson my views and sent him notice to have published, which he will send you - If they persist in their rascalif you should use them on Ny & Erie as we propose on E&M line. That is to charge just as much for sending a Com from

Lectrix to Chicago, which comes on the Pirate line from Buffalo, as if we sent it the whole distance from Bu. I think we can make them sick of Charging us 20 cents more than any one else from the South. The rascals are making an effort to get a line from Chicago to Logansport, where they now have an office. They expect to send Chicago business via Logansport and Dayton to Pittsburg & Philad & New York. We must have a line to Cincinnati & St Louis, and all from Cleveland via Warren also Youngstown to Pittsburg.

I will push hard to have Wilson collect and send you some funds immediately I think I will open an office at Littlefort: I aught to have come West before: but will try and get all as near right as possible before I leave

Yours truly

J J Speed Jr

Mr E Cornell

Mrs C. Cornell
Ithaca
New York

Nails Gate Feb 2 /49

Dear Brother

yours of 31 Jan is at hand you say it lacks 2 tons of wire at Newburgh, there is none there yet, I have however found out by accident that there is some wire at Turners on the Railroad & I sent for it today, I shall finish Geting the poles up between Washington ville & Newburgh tomorrow I have been with the men all the time myself through rain & snow and drove it ahead as fast as posible, Burdick is at Goshen puting the wire and caps togather

I think there is 2 men on the East side who got poles who you have no account of, one is Cyrus Gay lives up on the edge of the mountain on the line about half way between Cold spring and ~~[illegible]~~ ks kill the other is Thomas Horton he lives of the line between Tarytown & Singsing, Enquire of Mr Legget a little north of the Croton Arch I will send the contracts

There is a Package of receipts from Ithaca for you at Newburgh, I suppose they are for the Nburgh subscribers shall I forward them or let them remain. I forwarded all your letters but that

There is about 1 mile of poles to put up over at Breakneck I think I had better put them up Monday after I get through here

Yours Respectfully E B Cornell

Ps write me at Newburgh

E B Cornell
2 Feb 1849

Montrose Feb 2nd 1849

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir,

Mr Bristol is here today with the wires the question now is where shall be the office? on this subject nothing more has been said or done since you left, so far as I am concerned I have nothing more to offer, than I have already said to you. If it is concluded to have the "Register" placed in the Bank, the sooner done the better, as my Clerk Mr Halsey, would, I have no doubt be able to "operate" alone by the time the line is finished from here to N.Y., particularly if Mr Wood should come on soon. This will relieve Wood to go to some other office by the time the line is finished east, and my advice is to have Wood come on here at once, as it is the first office unfurnished east of Ithaca and from this he can go on east. As to cash I have but $130. on hand & have paid Bristol $100. The stockholders are slack to pay but now that the wires are here I hope they will do the "clean thing" or at all events as soon as they hear the clicking of the register.

Yours hartily

T. P. St John

Let me hear from you soon

T. P. St John
2 Feb Brig

Bridgeport Conn
Feby 3d 1849

Mr Eborrell,

As you have already been informed we are now open through and as an arrangement has been made with Mr I D Hayden to manage this office for the present, I think I am not wanted here and as the Birmingham office is not yet opened would you wish me to go there or come to New York,

Our Line is working finely with a Battery at Bennington of 20 cups one at Salisbury of 10 cups and the remaining 15 cups at this place though they intend putting on 5 more here as soon as platinas and porous cups can be obtained

We are now using Nit Acid belonging to N.Y. and B. Line here and shall continue to do so until some arrangement is made for it,

Please let me hear from you by Telegraph or mail on Monday

Yours &c in Haste
Otis E Wood

Eborrell Esq

Newburgh Sunday Feb 4 1849

Dear Brother

I have got the poles all set this side of the river and shall go over to morrow and finish at Breakneck

There is no wire at Newburgh yet there seems to be some mistake about the wire I spoke of in a former letter there was 2 Bundles brot from the Furnaces with some goods for a tinsmith in this place, the wire was done up the same as ours and of the same size I supposed that there had been some sent up by Railroad for this place and left them to be sent over, and I sent by some teams who were ~~hauling~~ going to the RR to fetch the wire over if they found any but there was none there One of the Bank men told me today that there had been circulars issued to the Stock holders here to pay the last instalment into the Bank but he says they refuse to do so as this the last inst until they receive their Scrip, I hear nothing from Natter since I had a letter from him soon after he was burnt stating that he was out of money and no friends he was then at Smyrna I wrote him and directed him to write to you at N.Y. Yours &C. E. Blowell

No E. Cowell

Bridg Water Feb 4th, 1849

Dear Eyra

I am nearly out of wire had hoped I should recive more ere this but there is none Comes as yet will you forward Some at and I Suppose I have enough to reach about 4 Miles yet I have it up Some three Miles East of Montrose you will no doupt Say I have not got along Verry fast that I will admit for it Seems to go Slow to me for do My best I Cant Put up as mutch Pr day as E B Said I ought to do which was 4 Miles I have not been abll to Put up that mutch but one day but have worked hard enough to have done So the Pines Bother me a good deal I either have to trim them or Put Croath on amost every one but few that fits the Cops & I Cautioned the Men that turned them to be Particularly Careful & get them the right Size, But I hope I Shall be abll to get along rather Better betwen this & Carbondall as I am getting More used to the Business I will do my best at any rate you have rather Pinched me for funds betwen this & Hones dall I made A Mistake in giving the amount or you have in your Calculations I will give you A list of Contracts on the oppisite Page & you Can Judge for your Self—

Over

I. S. Bristol
Feb 4th 1849

List of Contracts for Poles to be Paid for between Montrose & Hanesdall

Warner	Balance due		$10.00	
Wartrouse	Contract 140		23.30	at 16 & 25 cts
Denit	"	100 P	15.00	
Parmer	76	15 cts	11.40	
Smith	44	at 15 cts	6.60	
Sweet	100	" "	15.00	
Collender	100	16 cts	16.00	
Burdick	100	15 "	15.00	
Durfee	420	20 "	84.00	
Hurhard	100	15 "	15.00	
Balny	120	15 "	18.00	
Ede	180	15 "	27.00	
			$256.30	

P S will all the wire that you send to Big bend & Big Eddy be Soldered ready for use
J. S. B

the above you will Perceive is the amount due to Hanesdall you wrote me in your Last Letter that you had written St. John to give me $300 & Send you the rest I have Paid freight on the 3000 Lbs wire you sent to the bend $10.57 cts at that rate the freight on the 6 Tons that you desire Sending to this Place will be $42.28 in all that added to the amount due for Poles is $298.58 cts which Leaves rather A Small Portion to Pay for teaming and expenses on the road, & I Cant use the montrose money to Pay freight with unless I give them the discount as the freight agt Says he has his directions from the Company and Cant receive it for freight unless the discount Please wright me Soon & direct to Lenox Susquehanna Co P. A

E Cornell, Esqr, Yours Truly J S Bristol

Rcvd clod Feby 8th 49

Detroit Feb 4th 49

Friend Cornell

Your kind obliging letter was rcvd some days since as you was informed by "lightening" and must rest assured I was very much gratified to rcv a few lines from an old friend once more. As it has been now nearly two weeks since I have heard a solitary words uttered in relation to our goods old birth place.

Our Superintendant had a letter from his wife yesterday saying the prevailing epidemic (Cholera) was all over Mich and in this city very bad That you know is false. for if anything of that nature had been here you would have heard something before it had been here 24 hours. I fear you are flattering me by your saying I can rest assured that my promptness is appreciated by the heads of the concern. "Aint you Son"? I was speaking to Col a few days before he went west about the N.Y. & E. line. He says the C will extend to V from the big city. And if lines work well enough they will write from Alb to V. in one circuit. So there will not be much delay in repeating business as there has been for a 6 months past.

I think much of your views relative to my staying in this office being more or less acquainted with the bus community. And as might be said there are but a very few in this city that claim to be bus men and patronise telegraph much but what I am just as well acquainted with. As any operator in Dr offices

You think I am in the right spot. And I don't doubt your word in the least. And if the company do not remove - "you can bet your life and have a sure thing" that I shall remain in R. office and do my best and just all I can for the interest of Company and Kep as cool as the weather may permit. Oh. Your Father I dont believe ever sent me out here with the intentions of always making me an assistant. and not do any better than he dide the 1st year. Do you think he dide? My Salary last year just about made the year come round square. with propaly enough left to buy some apples or Oysters for us 4. But I have no kind of reason for complaining as it was my first year - and I have been to a great many small expenses which I shall not be at another it is not at all likely. I could mention them if it was absolutely necessary. But you I think know about what they should be. as you have witnessed the first departure from home. But still you have no need of being so economical as I myself have to be in order to do myself justice as well as rest of my friends. I endeavor to wait for bols good time which is hurrying up its Rates fast.

Prospects are very! Yes very favorable for you on account of their. (that is Speeds & Cornells) Southern lines all terminating at V. And you being the 1st operator that has made any Idea of remaining will do big. And as you say V. is a nice city from what I saw of it I agree with you in every view.

It is one of the nicest and pleasantest City I ever saw. And it must & cant help but being a super=fluous burg in the certain season of ~~you~~ year and you know when that is dont you? And as for Rail Roads we can "skin" you all to peaces. Yes even more than that so there will be not even a nits I left of you. We are in and as far as R. Roads are conserned sposed to be next to Bosting. It is thawing today quite fast and sleighing is all gone. You must not say aword to any 1 as regards to what I have said about line for if you should. oh. death to be my portion. And I dont pretend to call this writing - I have been in such a hurry to get to Church. And try and get some of my sins pardoned for the wrongs in which I have done doring the past week. I could not take any pains to write - Please let us have your views on any subject and I always am ready to take good advice from any one

I am still I betieve Your
Friend
Byron B Hoyt

A B Cornell
Cleveland
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P.S. Kps to J. S. Lee Esqr
and yourself in particular
B B Hoyt

Byron B Hoyt
Detroit Feby 4th 49.

Monday Evening Peeks Kill Feb th 5- 49

Dear Friend

I received your letter this afternoon we have had bad weather & great part of the way to town we are 3½ miles below Peeks Kill soon as we get by the other line we shall make better head way — our wire overruns the town that was sent to Pleasantville will carry us 1 mile & half above Peeks Kill If you here any thing about those 2 barrells of caps let them be sent to Peeks Kill — I have just heard from the boat but could not here of any were being sent

Yours With Respect

I Nutter

Albany Feby 5 1849

Dr Sir

I really wish you would lend me twenty five dollars as soon as you receive this, as I am by sustaining a loss, more in want of a little money now & shall be till Spring, than I have been for some time, In fact I hardly know to pay my rent & Expenses unless you can oblige me with this sum which will be in full.

I have not had the Pleasure of seeing you during the past season, but shall be greatly obliged to you if you will now favour me as above.

Yours Truly

M Mc Govern

E Cornell Esq

Mr McGowin
Mr McGowen
5 Oct 1849

Pacific Hotel 5 Feb 1849

My dear Sir

I have now at ½ past 9 been here nine hours. I shall see you tomorrow. I have spoken to Gilman, and he seemed pleased with the new idea, and I have no doubt is disposed to help me, as I have always supposed he would in the Gold. I have to pay $30 tomorrow which I have not got, and cannot get at this moment unless you will help me to it. If you can do it I shall be much obliged and expect to be able to refund it shortly

I count it very much, or I assure you I would not ask you again. I hope we shall make all right one of these days

Yours truly

D S Baker

J. S. Beebe
6 Feb. 1849

Fredonia Feb 5 /49

Mr E. Cornell

Dr Sir

I have just arrived in this place & find no hooks for the poles on E & Michigan line arrived & find also that they are not in Bu the boys with the wire are within four miles of here & it is necessary to have them immediately I have made up my ~~mind~~ to get them ~~made~~ made here & run the risk of your getting this before you send them, I have got the line completed except about 19 miles of wire & two gangs of wire men ~~at~~ work ~~at~~ when I left the east end of Poles I found that the cups for the ballance had not come but told the boys if they did not get there in time to string wire on the pins We shall be home next week & leave the line for you to open or to give me instructions in relation to it. In relation to Bagly for God sake dont pay him any more till you see his poles. You wrote me the 10 which I got the 30 to send finds if I could spare it to Care Wells & co N.Y. Now there is finds enough if they could be got to send I could not get any at Dansville because Trustees had given no order after your order came to me Bagley said he would run the risk & pd me $5.00 Smith has had no orders but has paid me $450 but it came hard, Cobb has here the last installment

& he would pay it to me but my order only called for the last installment & I do not see fit to take any funds that I have no order for, so that you see that there must be funds for you & you would of got them had there not been a neglect some where besides ~~in me~~

I had about 1900 bls of wire attached for the first contract west of Poles I did not happen to be on hand to a day to pay for them, But the fellow made up his mind to put the wire back pay most of cost & give it up

Those hooks can be got for 14c apiece here & I think that one day laying still will pay for the difference in cost I have got 1 made it is well done & he agrees to make them like it for 14c I hope you will think I have done right in getting them for I hate to wait for any thing & stop work

I should have written you before but I did not know where to direct it as you have not informed me,

I start to Lodi to morrow poles all paid for except from Portage to Dansville 20 miles Pew here I have got him straight on wire,

E, Cornell Esqr

Yours Respectfully S. A. Holmes

S. A. Holmes Feb 5 1879
$450.
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Mr E. Cornell

Detroit Feby. 6. '49.

Dear Sir

I had expected a letter from you ere this, but as "Cave Johnson's line" is so much behind ours notwithstanding our perplexities, I must abide my time. On the 3d the Col. telegraphed me from Milwaukee saying he was going to Janesville and should not be back to Chicago till about the 12th or 15th inst.

On the 3d and 5th two days together our line worked without any interruptions or breaks and it is the only two days together that we have not been interrupted since I got on to it from Buffalo. Today we found it down North of Chicago, and it is not an uncommon thing I assure you to find we cannot get from Buf to Milwaukee. I know no way to prevent it till all the trees in reach are cut down it makes a vast deal of difference I think in our receipts in as much as the community can not rely upon that despatch they desire. Our business for January was lean as a dog fitted for Sausages. Whole amount receipts for 4 weeks ending 30th Ult. was $1536.85 (exclusive of News reports) equal only to one weeks good business, and in that amount I have not deducted amount paid other lines, thinking that News reports would a little more than balance it. The "Pirates and Fastons" lines draw hard on us at Buff and Cleve. and the receipts at the latter city only about equal Niles or Southport and are only about one half what they are at Milwaukee, while they have about the same population with the addition of 4

Banks, Insurance Co's. &c &c. The only principal reason I can give for our business being so little there is that the "Pirates" have their southern line coming in there which enables their customers to correspond with. Pittsburgh, Phil.a N.Y. Columbus, Cincinnati, St Louis &c. as well as east and west and most of the business centering at Clev.d in the winter is from the South. I presume that Alonzo does as much as he could reasonably expect under all the opposition, but it is amazing poor picking there, and if those going to California, do not find better, they will soon wish themselves back again.

I see by the enclosed notice that some one is making a stir to get up a line from Sandusky to Cincinnati, suppose it is case.

× From Daily Advertiser Detroit Feb 6.

× MORE LIGHTNING —A company is now forming for the construction of a line of telegraph from Sandusky to the Queen City, along the line of the railroad, with stations at Tiffin, Urbana, Springfield, Xenia, &c. We have this line will be speedily completed, as it will greatly shorten the telearaphic communication between this city and Cincinnati. The capital stock is fixed at $44,000, including the patents, which is about $200 per mile —a cost of about $100 less per mile than attended the construction of other lines leading to that city.

D T Tillotson
Feb 6 /49

We do not yet hear from Allen & Morgan about their salaries, don't know the reason unless they are figuring with others, if so I hope at least Morgan will succeed, he is altogether to dilitory in making up his a/cts. and Allen gets sleepy before it is time to quit nights. a great fault of his. If you will let me hear from you often you will hear from me, if you desire it if not you can say so and I wont write so often. Very truly &c

D. T. Tillotson

New York Feb 8. 1849

Mr. Ezra Cornell

Dr Sir

I suppose you know that I hold as trustee for Mrs Caroline L. Stokes, a mortgage on Blunt & Philipse's undivided half of the property you bought of Blunt & father. — The mortgage was given by Joseph Blunt & Frederick Philipse to J. S. Beebe, to secure a part of the purchase money of the property. in 1835.

It is on Record in Tompkins Co.

Resp Yours

W. H. Munn

trustee of Caroline L. Stokes.

Wm B Munn
Feb 8 1849
Trustee for
Caroline L Stokes

Pittsfield. Feby 8th 1849-

Mr Cornell

Sir. I recd yours of the 4th last evg. I paid to Mr Allen at Bridgeport. 6th 150$. & to Mr Wood yesterday 20$. before deciding to call a general meeting of the Stockholders for organization I should like to have a little more time to enable me to make some more collections & get the Sub. Lists more generally closed up & at same time prepair a full & complete Statement of all Monies recd & passed thro my hands as Treasurer of the Board of Trustees. Mr Russell & my self have thought wether it were not best or expedient for the association to remain in the hands of the Trustees till the period for our Annual Election which occurs July 4th 1849-

In the mean time it is desirable that an arrangement be made with the other Lines for doing a joint business. could not it be done at once & let our board of Trustees form the Committe for the C & N. Line if so practicable. please name the time & place yourself & we will be in attendance.

accompanying this I send you E. R. Colts Cashr. draft ~~xx~~ for one hundred dolls. (being the am't collected of Mr Tucker at Lenox for his Note.) payable to your order

I remain
Very
Respectfully
Yours
Wm. H. Power

Connecticut and Vermont

TELEGRAPH LINE.

THIS LINE IS NOW COMPLETED and doing business.

The Line extends from Bennington, Vt., to Bridgeport, Ct., thus making a continuous Line of Telegraph from Montreal, Canada, to Boston and New York, and also, via Troy, to Buffalo and the West, with Stations as follows :—At

BENNINGTON,	SALISBURY,
NORTH ADAMS,	WEST CORNWALL,
PITTSFIELD,	LITCHFIELD,
LENOX,	BIRMINGHAM and
LEE,	BRIDGEPORT.
GREAT BARRINGTON,	Feb. 3.—3w25

North Adams Transcript, Berkshire Courier, Litchfield Enquirer and Mass. Eagle copy three weeks.

Sitts'd Feby 8th 1849.

Mr Cornell

Dr Sir

Mr Allen has often of late expressed much impatience to be thro. with his duties on this Line as he had other matters of more importance to look after &c &c.

Allow me here to say that if such is the Case & it is desirable on your part to have him close his connexion on this Line I would say would it meet your views to have me close up the balance of indebtness on the Line for its Construction it appears to me I could do the business as well as not I only suggest as above & leave it with you to consult your own interest.

I remain
Very Respectfully
Yours
Wm H. Power

Wm H Power
8 Feb 83 Bury

Rcvd. 15th Feb New York Feb 8. 1849

My Dear Alonzo Ansd Mch 11 Clvd

Your favour of the 27th Jany is at hand and I am glad to hear that you are well, and I hope you will spare no pains to secure good health. Our NY & E line is progressing slowly I expect to get NY & Newburgh connected by tuesday and shall hitch the ballance on as fast as possible, think shall work through during the present month, I am glad to see that you appreciate my plans for the Telegraph lines — & I have no doubt it will all go into effect in due time.

Negotiations are again resumed with the O'Reilly tribe and I hope will result in a favourable settlement.

M. L. & Carra has moved back to Ithaca all well — The Bridgeport & Vermont line is completed and at work, & Otis will be here to day, Dunham is here getting ready for operations. I think likely that Brouson will go on the Boston line and try his skill perhaps in the Worcester office, I have not heard from home since I last wrote you.

I go up to Peekskill to day

Yours With Affectionate Regard

E Correll

ABC

E. Cornell

Care of Mr Wells & Co. No. 10 wall st

New York

Cleveland Ohio Feby. 9th 1849.

My Dear Father.

Your kind favor of the 31st Jan'y. was received day before yesterday. but I do not know as I shall make out much of a letter in reply as I have very little if any thing to write that will be of interest to you. Business is as usual very dull but I think is improving slowly. Mr Tillotson informs me that the receipts of the Line for 4 wks in Jan'y. were about $1856 the first wk of which was $534. during the month we ran behind somewhere near $200. I think this month we shall come out pretty near even, but nothing over. He has probably given you a statement of the business by mail so I will not trouble you with a repetition of it. except to say that this office has done as little as the poorest one in proportion. there is however I think one pretty good reason for it. that is I am pretty sure there are some customers who they discount for. For instance the Ohio Stage Co. do a great deal of business all over the state & the do all of it by the O & L Line, and by what I can learn the make a certain discount for them. Then there are a few other Cos. of the same description they serve in the same way. with this & their having a good many stock holders here (more than any other place on the Line) they have that advantage over us. but where this advantage has no effect we are decidedly ahead.

The truth is business here is perfectly dead. there is not a bushel of grain in the city, or but very little at most. and none coming in as the Farmers can do much better by holding it than to dispose of what little they have at present rates. and nothing doing but a little regular mercantile business which I am told is much less than common for this season of the year. There are at present no Rail Roads terminating here an consequently there is but very little travel compared with Detroit & Sandusky city. There is more business south from here than in any other direction in the winter. On Tuesday last we paid the other Line for Columbus & Cincinnati $ 614 during the last week about $14. just from places on the Lake where they have no offices and from west of Detroit. I grow stronger in the faith every day that if that Line can be put up it will be a good Line will pay. & I have no doubt but all the stock which you would need could be got up at once by the right man, although the O&K folks would try their best to break it down. and if we should get their Lake Line & have a Line from here to Col & Cin., & Pew ever completes his Line to Pittsburg I would not give two cents for their Line from here to Pittsburgh but I have not much confidence in our getting their Lake Lake. very soon if ever. Have you? — Col Reed is still west. Was yesterday or day before at Janesville Wisconsin, which is head quarters on Wilsons Line. I hope he will be down this way soon.

I am much obliged to you for the "New England offering", which you say you have ordered to me. although it has not made its appearance yet.
I hope we shall soon be able to reach Newyork city very soon. over the new Line.
I will now close as it is dinner time. write mits again soon.

Your Affectionate Son
A. B. Cornell

E Cornell
New York City.