Mr. E. Cornell

Detroit Feby. 10. '49.

Dear Sir

Our business still continues poor, for week ending 6th inst. whole amount receipts were but $471.46/100. I have heard nothing from you yet. Col. Speed is yet among the "Badgers." Has been some days at Janesville, I presume he is trying to get some money out of Wilson, or his subscribers. I hope he will succeed for your sake and his own. We have close times to keep along without our little money affairs here, and I should not doubt you have your handsfull. I have made rather a favorable acquaintance with our friend Litchfield and he helped me out of two short corners, one was today of $50. when one of the $50. notes given by you & the Col. at 6 Mos. was presented which I had no record of, or means to pay ~~with~~, he however took my check and forkd. over. I can as yet get no better satisfaction out of Morgan at Bu. in having him make up his a/cts - there are five weeks due. Allen must have a pair of spectacles presented him, he is determined not to remain in office after 9 P.M. and too often S. f. N. before 8½ P.M. I have talked to him about it till I am tired ~~[illegible]~~ our business often suffers from that one cause, and through bus. has to lay over night at this station, a word from you to him would not be amiss, The Col. is absent most of the time and when at home full easy with us all. (if we are clever fellows)

Haviland spoke to me last night about getting a situation in your N.Y. off. I told him ~~I know~~

I knew nothing of your calculations. ~~He shall~~ ~~better~~ write to you. he would also like to go to Buffalo I think altho' I said nothing about it to him - I thought it best to wait a little and said little to him.

Very truly &c

D. T. Tillotson

Just been getting Envelope stamp, cost $2.00 - never had one before, other office had one and we must keep up appearances, among our neighbors. Boys have been wanting one long time.

D. T. Tillotson Feb 10/49

Lenox 10 Feb /49

Dear Ezra your favour of 6 inst is recd & I hasten to answer the same you say you dont fix any Limit to the amount of Money I am to draw but get Sufficient to Pay all Bills for Poles and other expenses but you dont wish me to Sow it broad Cost but Make A Proper use of it have you feares that I have not Made Proper use of your Moneys intrusted to My Care or will not do so for the future if you have I am Verry Sorry for it for I feel A Consciousness that I have done the best for you in your business and Made as good A use of your Money as it was Possible for My Poor Judgment to do & I think I Can Show you A Proper act for the Same but enough of this I recd A letter from you dated the 4 Feb Saying you Should Ship the nine Monday following that Letter I answered the 7 inst and directed to New bury as Pr request I was out of nine and went to the land in Consequence of the news Contained in your Letter in hopes I Should find the nine Staid there till Fryday Moring but no nine Came & I returned onto the line to See what My men were at I left them Putting in Pins & Putting the Caps on & Cutting the brush out of the way as we have A good deal of trimming to do in this wooden Country to get the nine Clear found all going on well this was the only work

I had for them to do & that I Could Save Some time by this Course till I Could get the wire on as I Shall have all out of the way & Can go along with it brisk when I get the wire to Put up those Men that we owe for Poles Stick hard for interest I tell them it is Something that we have not been taxed before and have got along thus far without Paying any & Shall endeavour to do So with the rest, I Shall be Bothered to get A Proper Place to Solder the wire but try and Manage Some way I have not time to add more as I have A good way to walk this afternoon and must be up and doing Please direct to Lenox

Yours Truly

J. S. Bristol

J S Bristol
Feb 10 1879

Enfield Feb 12th /49

Dear Sir

I have just returned from the line & on my way got your letter from Bayley, in which you wonder I do not write do you know the reason, if not I tell you I have not heard from you in over a month & you are aware you are not a stationary being & I expected you out on the line before a letter would go the rounds that it would have to to reach you. But I do not know but we have got along as well as we should if you had written a hundred times & kept away your self your presence would have got me out of a great many troubles but we have master all & got the line up but 12 or 15 miles are on the pins on account of caps not coming on as expected but I have left a man to put them on as soon as they can be got there & have came on to attend to getting them on.

I have paid for all poles & all expenses & stop at Dansville when I came home Woodruff said he had no order yet from trustees but said he would lend me $500 if I wanted I did not need it only to send to you & I thought I would ~~send to~~ Trusees & if it was for me to draw would get it & send all to you But as it is Sunday I have not found out abt it

There is money due from all the Stations Colb has all but the one installment you gave me the order for $692,59/100 Smith has paid me $560 & Bagley $1200 Woodruff none

Now if you are not coming out soon I can get it with out doubt by seeing Bordman & will forward immediately. I should before if his orders had come on as expected

I have written to you in every letter abt Bagly I do not know as you have received them do not pay him any more till you see the line, annother pole has fell with the boys. 4 or 5 not certain which has started over in climbing & groind froze at that. I shall remain here untill I hear from you & will write more after getting to Ia if any thing comes up new

Monday 11 oclk

I have just started the balance of Caps on the line & have seen Boardman he says he can let me have order & could before if he had known I wanted I do not know but I had better let it remain till I hear from you write me immediately at Enfield

E. Cornell Esqr

Yours &c S. A. Holmes

S. A. Holmes
11. Feb. 1849

Bagley paid $1200
Smith 560

E Cornell Esq
New York

Pittsburgh July 12 1849

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 7th inst is to hand and contents noted — But untill this unfortunate Controversy is settled we do not wish to enter into any arrangements with any other lines — I hope this will be accomplished at an early day — after which we shall feel at liberty to make any arrangement which is calculated to increase our business that is equitable between the parties — I will bring your suggestions before our directors at their next meeting

I am pleased to learn you are building your line in the best manner much time and money has been lost by the temporary manner in which lines have been constructed — we are putting up a new and I believe the best insulator yet discovered in fact I cannot see how it can be improved — the are manufactured here at as low a rate as the can be made East

Respectfully
Yours
Johnson Hannay

John Hamm
Feb 12 1864

Lenox P A Feb 13 1849

Dear Ezra the wire Came to the bend Saturday eve & I got it up to Lenox Monday have Soldered over A ton of it to day & got Part of it distributed on the road Shall have the rest of it Soldered to Morrow before noon Can you Send me Some More this week as I Shall have this all Strung by Saturday knight or nearly So as I have the Caps all on Some 8 Miles or More and Shall go A long with it Brisk as the brush are all Cut and nothing to do But Put up the wire if you Could Send all the wire that is to Come here ~~the next lot~~ at one instead of Making 2 Parcels of it it would be better but if you Cant get it out fast enough we must do the best we Can we distribut this Lot of wire with our own Way as one Can do this while the rest is Soldering it and Save hiring Please wright me here at Lenox when you will be able to Send me More wire Please give my respects to J D if you See him and also Let me know how much wire you have to Put up between Newburg & N York Where is O. E. Wood & is he well have you heard from home lately if So are they all well

Yours Truly

E. Cornell, Esqr

J. S. Bristol

J. S. Bristol
13. Feb. 1869

Macon Feby 13th /49

Dear Sir

Rec'd yours — I did feel injured by your Communication published in Journal of Commerce — it placed me in an unpleasant position among those who know me here — The Article in that Journal was published & intended probably for a description of my instrument, and about the same thing was published in other Southern papers with my name — Where their information came from I do not know — I was frequently asked for a description by the press, but did not choose to give one, nor have I done so yet — I have tested it, and find it fully equal to my expectations — You can see, how it placed me As you say, the Article in the Journal was very nearly a description of your plan of working the side Lines — it certainly was everything else but a description of my inst — therefore I could not ans. your Communication

Another thing I supposed you saw nearly the same description published in other Southern papers with my name and that your Communication was called out to injure me in particular: for my sole benefit — I am very glad it was not so — & could form no idea why it should be

My desire is to injure none, and I am far from claiming any thing the honor of which belongs to others — I intended using your plan to work on side Lines — I always had and have now an exalted opinion of your ability & knowledge in Tel. matters — Your explanation is sufficient & needs no further comment — I am perfectly satisfied that you intended me no injury — my thanks for your kindness in writing & I think you would have felt as I did in like circumstances — should be pleased to hear from you and any question I can answer will be attended to with pleasure

Yours Respfly

Chas. S. Bulkley

Chas. S. Bulkley
13. Feb. 1849

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ans'd Mch 17th Ctrd

Recd Feby 22th Ctrd. New York Feb 14th 1849

My Dear Alonzo

Your favour of the 9th inst is at hand and glad to here from you. though you exhibit a meger business but the opening of Navigation on the Lakes will improve it this is the dulest winter for Telegraphing in that region that you will ever have, and paying expences this winter is evidence that the line will sustain it self and become a good stock. I have not heard a word from Tillotson. I may have letters at Ithaca as I have not been there for a month Your suggestions about the other line I have no doubt is correct. but I do not agree with you in the opinion that we shall never get the other line between Detroit & Bu, We shall either get it or drive them to the use of some other system of Telegraphing. I have no doubt we shall get the line as part of our Co. I am glad that Speed has gone out in Wilsons neighbourhood and hope he will put the spurs in to W as he owes me $1500 for wire &c that I want verry much,

I expect to get the NY & Erie to work from NY to Newburgh tomorrow, & the wire is up from near Homesdale Pa to Lake Erie — only 100 miles more to put up

3 gangs hands to work at it.

I am getting My Old Employer, Mr J. S. Beebe, up in a "Telegraph Agency" business here in this city. He is to have an Office in an adjoining room to our Telegraph Office, and attend to calls from any quarter. That is if a man calls at your Office and wishes to have some enquiry made or some errand done in N.Y. and he has no one in N.Y. to send to. You can say to him — Sir, there is Mr J. S. Beebe in N.Y. who has an Office adjoining the Tel Office expressly to attend to such business and you can address your message to him and have your business done promptly and correctly. Mr B gets the dispatch attends the business returns the answer and directs you to collect 4/- for him — which you collect & report to our Office here and we pay it over to him. This will be a great releaf to the Telegraphs, as well as an advantage to them & their patrons and I doubt not will grow into a great business for Beebe. He appears as though he would take hold of it with Spirit, and the several Cos. will give him what aid they can and from all the Offices there soon will

be a large business growing up.
And I should be glad if I could be instrumental in aiding Beebe to Business by which he could retrieve his fortune

It is about dinner time and I will suspend for the present

Feb 15. 9 P M, I laid this aside intending to have finished and mailed it yesterday but did not think of it again I have nothing new to write. I expected to have worked to Newburgh to day, but did not. I expect however to get work in the morning that the wins are connected through the California from rages without abatement. Each day adds to the long list of emigrants, who go from home in pursuit of gold. and may will only get a flea in their ear. Write every Opportunity.

Yours Affectionately
E Correll

A.B.C

Mr A. B. Cornell
Cleveland
Ohio

E Cornell
Nej. Feb 14 '49

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Detroit, Feby 14 1849, o'clock, M.

By Telegraph from Bu. to be Mailed

To E. Cornell Ia

I have just received a letter from the Col. dated at Janesville 7th inst. From what he says I fear you and the Col. have got your foot in with Wilson.

Things are in a bad fix and the Col. will do all he can to straighten matters. Where the money is to come from to pay for the patent and what he owes you and others it is difficult to say.

They have chosen directors and it is to be an independent line & not on the side line principal. 118 miles built by Wilson as your & the Col. agent

D. T. T.

Mail at Bu for Ia.

= Copy =

" Detroit Feby. 14. 1849 =

By Telegraph 3. PM to Buffalo.

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D. T. Tillotson

Pitts'd. Feby 14th 1849.

Mr Cornell

Dr Sir

Yours of the 12th is just at hand (10½ am). I do not think it is practicable to collect the balances due at once. I enclose you the Conn. State Law. I notice that on Friday next the Committe of the Mass Legislature are to hear Arguments for & agst the General Telg Bill as now before them for consideration. I yesterday wrote Mr Smith at Boston in relation to prices &c. for his request.

as to prices on our Line we have chgd for all Conn. 25¢ for 15 Words & 2¢ ea extra Word.

I cannot see any obstacle in the Way of organizing under the Conn State Law so far as the Line extends in Conn.

Mr Russell will be engaged as a Juror at Lenox for 8 to 10 days from 27th. & Mr Walker told me yesterday he expected to be obliged to go to Boston about 20th & remain their for 10 days.

I remain

Very Respectfully

Yours

Wm H. Power

Wednesday
Newburgh 15 Feb 49

Dear Brother

Your favour by O.E. is rec'd and we have got the office all ready for operation the wire is suspended a cross the river and will be all connected in the fore noon tomorrow, we have had a hard time to day getting the cord up the mountain on this side to the place of fastning. I learn by Nutter that he did not connect the wire at White plaines on account of not knowing which wire to connect with and if I am correctly informed there is 15 miles of the line from W. Plains south that is in bad condition and parted in many places, perhaps you have had it repaired O.E. says he thinks Dunham has been no further up there Williamses Bridge will you see to it Thompson and Parker will get through here tomorrow and leave for N.Y. I have payed Parker 10 dollars Nutter gave him a statement of his work on N.Y. & Erie line I know nothing about his agreement with you, there was no wire come yet to go west from this place I have settled for all the poles this side of Southwicks contract

Yours in haste C.B. Cornell

O. & Cornell Esq

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New York, Feb 16th 184-9

By Telegraph from Detroit

To Connolly

She Col writes me that Wilson has used Money And there is little that can be collected. He is in Jamesville trying to make matters straight Will be in Milwaukie tomorrow

D F Tillotson

Free

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

New-York, Feby 27th 1849.

The following Communication has been received at this Office by Telegraph, from Benn'gtn

E. Cornell

Buel has charge for the present — Business is improving — Boston persists in sending their business that should come via Ct & Vt via Mf & Troy — How prospers Mf & Erie

G. D. Harrington

Geo D Harrington
27 Feb 1849

E Cornell Esq

Lenox P. A. Feb 18 1849

Dear Ezra

your favour of 14 inst was recd yesterday you say you think I manifest more sensitiveness in on the subject of those remarks you made in relation to funds than the occasion called for Perhaps I did but I thought differently at the time and it was more in A Spirit of Sorrow than than in anger that I asked you those questions you say if I receive an occasionally Lecture on the subject of economy I must take it kindly I think you will not ~~any other~~ find any other than A Spirit of kindness actuating me in any relations that may exist between us and what ever advise you may think Proper to give me what time I may be in your employ I shall endeavour to receive in the right Spirit, even (if I should ask some questions afterward)

the first Lot of wire I recd at Great Bend that was not Soldered was 3000 lbs the Last Lot 60 bundles 6360 lbs I have the wire up within 12½ miles of Carbondall I have wire enough on hand to reach 21 miles if it holds out as well as the rest this will bring me within some 8 miles of Honesdall I have Caps enough to reach to Carbondall the rest must Come from Norrowsburg I recd A letter from E B Saying there would be some at that Place Last week I find in A letter of yours of Jan 8 you say I have Ordered 6 tones of wire to Sutch Point as will be nearest montrose

and 6 tones to Narrowsburg & 5 tones to Otis Ville the 5 tones at Otis Ville will reach within 6 Miles of Narrowsburg & the 6 tones at Narrowsburg will reach 30 Miles west, you will Perceive by your former Calculations that the wire is at Otis Ville that reaces nearly to the edy I Shall need of the wire that is at the Big Edy enough to String 24 Miles, that will leave enough to fill the 6 Miles that fall Short from Otis Ville but you Could forward the wire from Otis Ville to the Edy or Sutch Portion of it as you think best for holmes to work with & the Caps, I dont know whether E B has Calculated any more than will reach from Carbondall to the Edy 30 miles you Could Soon forward Some from Gaskin Holmes will want Some iorn hookes to attach to Some trees Can you Send him Some I think you told Me you had Some east E B Can give you full information about the Caps as he thought he would meet Me at the Edy & Probably Calculated to distribute the Caps west from Otis Ville I have 15 bundles of wire now Soldered and hope to have it all done by tuesday knight the Last 2½ days I have Put up 4½ Miles I Shall Crowd it as hard as I Can, during the Last week we had Very Cold wether here the Coldest that has been this winter but I did not Stop for it but moved the brisker in order to keep warm the men whined Some about the Cold but Stuck to it

I am Sorry to hear of the illness of Poor Carra it Seems She is Mutch afflicted but I hope She will Soon recover Please wright on rect of this and direct to Carbondall

P. S. I have now 63 bundles of wire in all

Yours Truly J S Bristol

E Cornell Esqr } is the wire at Narrowsburg
Please inform me

Sing Sing Feb 7th 1849

Dear Sir

I have had a singin but have been at work to day I herd friday you was up to PeeksKill I went up on saturday but could not learn anything about you I took cold in my face had to stop in for a few days I have written one letter to you & two to your Brother I have received an answer to day from your brother mr penRhone said he would send the wire as soon as he could get it soldered I took 2 ton with me with 4 barrels of cops to white plains—there is a boat lands 4 miles below peeksKills better have 2 ton left there if the river does not open I have been at RowahookR but could not find but 4 barrels of cops the boat was to have 6 I think she has left them at Cold Spring or she has them on board yet for it was her last trip I never had such times in putting up wire before the other line cut up such tricks they say they are all alike I have had work to trim & some have driven me from the trees you better come up as soon as you can those that have not been paid are telling some big storys

we have the wire up as far as the covered bridge or 1/2 mile above Porters is here I think we shall do better next week hope so the man that was here Saturday went to N.Y. yesterday to see about getting up wire we must have 3½ tons more of wire to finish this side I did not Connect at White Plains did not Know which wire to Connect to—at the Croton aqueduct I fastined the wire to the other poles untill we Could set ours—I suppose you have got my other letter concerning the poles you had of Sandy Tompkins

Yours Most Obt

J N Patten

J. N. Patten
Feb 1847

Enfield Feb 18 /49

Dear Sir

I start east today have waited until this time for the boys they got here last night & have left some bill unpaid or they could not agree as to amt.

There is also some pole arrangements that I want to see you before you go west, I had calculated to go west with you & have not left affairs as I should had I not expected to return. Now when you go if it is so that I can be spared it would like to go out, if the going is good we can go with my team which will be handier if yet cheaper than by stage & I may get through east before that time, Let me know

E Cornell Esqr

Yours & Holmes

In your settlement with Thomas he may have a big bill for stage fare we had better talk up matters before you settle if it should prove so.

Holmes

S. A. Holmes
Feb 19, 1849

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New York, Feb 19 1849

By Telegraph from Fredonia

To E Carnell

Care Wells & Co N.Y.

Fallman & Brothers want to know whether you received their letter accepting a draft you proposed giving them they wish to use to morrow

E Cobb

D.A.

Mr Cornell

The note you lent me 29 Oct 00 at 90 days for $100 is due payable 27/2 Mch to A. St John by Wall St

I owe him a trifle ~~more~~ for borrowed, and I want you to lend me your note, in my favor payable in 75 days, from this date for $130, at the Bank of the State of New York, to take up the one for $100 due 2 March & pay him a small balance. I cannot get money in time from Mr Munn to pay the $100, but at the end of the 75 days shall be able to pay the $130. I beg pardon for troubling you, but do not know how else to do at present. It is hard to be a beggar, and I hope it will not always be so with me.

J. V. Belle
19 Feb. 1849

A note like the within

J. S. Beebe
Feb 19. 1849

Rutland 19th Feb. 1849.

Dr Sir.

You probably recollect that last fall you wrote me that you should be at Rutland and visit the proposed line from this to Boston early in the winter. As you have not been here I did not know but you had relinquished the idea of building the line, please inform me on this point, and if you intend to build it when will there be any move in the matter? I feel some little anxiety in the matter as I like Telegraphing very well and would like enough of it to keep me busy—

Yours W. E. C. Stoddard

Fredonia Feb 19th 1849

E. Cornell Esq

Dr Sir

Your of the 13th bob fo N.Y. city informing me of the purchase of the Platinum, was yesterday received. Soon followed the Platinum by Express Herewith I send you the Twenty five dollars, to the Care of Wells & Co. You did not say when sned it to,

I have not sent any money to the wire men as the time was not near up, & as I had had use for what money I had to pay hands & freight I leave today for Pa, The last of next week I expect to have my line working to Warren,

My Fredonia subscriptions come in slow I guess they will generally pay. The Westfield People got up a story that the line would not go further than Warren. which caused some to flinch a little

I have heard from below & understand they are now ready to take hold of the matter

A line from you might reach me to Warren

Yrs

W. P. Penn

TELEGRAPH PRICES AND REGULATIONS.

The address and signature are not counted.

Figures are, as if written into words.

Each three letters, or figures, of messages written in cipher, are counted as one word, in consequence 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 exercise of good faith, and due diligence, and the amount paid for a transmission.

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MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH OFFICE.

From NEW-YORK to BOSTON, for first 10 words or less, of each message, 50 cents.—for each added word 3 cents.

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From BOSTON to PORTLAND, for first 10 words or less, 25 cents; for each added word 2 cents.

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From BOSTON to LOWELL, 15 cents—for each added word 2 cents.

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

New-York, Feby 20th 1849.

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

O. Connell

I have paid J A Howe
Agt for N. E. glass Co $200
as per receipt Oct 5th 48
I have also Settled with D
Parker this A.M. I will write tom-
orrow at N.Y.

H. A. Power

Exhibit 32.

New York 20 Feb 1849

Dear Sir

Enclosed I send you a list showing Stations & Distances on the Ny & Erie & Erie & Mich Telegraphs also rates proportional making the starting at Smyrna 15 cts for 10 words, & the ending at Milwaukee at $1.25 for 10 words — I propose to so alter the list as to avoid the fractions, and advance, at rates of 5 cts at a time, that is charge 15 cts 20 - 25 - 30 - 40 - &c for the single message of 10 words and so much for each additional word — say from 1 ct to 5 cts.

Please put the prices in the vacant column, as you would advise fixing it, I have began by charging 20 cts for 10 words to Newburgh, and for 3 days we have been aper we have had quite a business from 20 to 25 cases per day

Write you again as soon as I get time, go to Newburgh tomorrow and to Ny again Saturday

Yours Respectfully

F O J Smith Esq

E Correll

E. Cornell
Feby 20. 1849.

Telegraph

BRIDGEPORT
Ct.

E Cornell,
New York City.
N York

Pacific Hotel

Trustees Notice for
a Meeting Pt & Conn
Tel Co =



CIRCULAR.

Connecticut and Vermont Telegraph Company.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Stockholders of the CONNECTICUT AND VERMONT TELEGRAPH COMPANY will be held at the United States Hotel, in West Cornwall, Ct. on *Wednesday, March 21st*, 1849, at ten o'clock, A. M. for the purpose of organizing said Telegraph Company under the Connecticut State Law for Telegraph Companies, and also to make such other arrangements as may be necessary to enable the Company to avail itself of any law that may be passed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in regard to Telegraph Companies.

The power to call this meeting is derived from Article 8th of the Articles of Association adopted by the Connecticut and Vermont Telegraph Company, as follows :—"And it shall be competent for the Trustees to call a meeting of the subscribers for stock at any time previous to the completion of the Line, and at such times and place, and upon such notice, as they shall deem expedient, to transact any business that may properly come before such meeting."

In accordance with the foregoing, you are requested to be present, in person or by proxy.

By order of the Trustees,

WILLIAM H. POWER, *Secretary.*

Pittsfield, February 20th, 1849.

Narrousburgh Feb 20 /49

Dear Sir

I arrived here to-day & found your letter dated 15 inst. & if I had known that I was coming to a spot twenty miles from no place I should have come better prepaired for work

I found on my arrival here that the pins are not in the poles no solder acid or even alcohol. & that they cannot be had short of Honesdale. I might of sent to Bn for all but pins but as I had to send for them to Honesdale I gi all there. It is not probable we can get to work before Thursday.

What do you intend for me to do here. put up wire myself or see to soldering the ballance of wire, & how far east does this wire go. Do not be quite so short in your communications give me all the information you can for I am here & see poles but cant tell where I am to meet. where east wire comes or any thing abt it Write immediately I have been sick in body & mind all day excuse

E Cornell Esqr

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S A Holmes

J. A Holmes
20. Feb. 1849

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Feby 21

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O. Cornell Esqr
Care Wells & Co
N Y City

Atlantic, Lake and Mississippi Range.

NEW-YORK STATE TELEGRAPH COMPANY,

CONNECTING NEW-YORK, POUGHKEEPSIE, HUDSON, ALBANY, TROY, LANSINGBURGH, WATERFORD, COHOES, SCHENECTADY, UTICA, ROME, SYRACUSE, JORDAN, PORT BYRON, CLYDE, LYONS, NEWARK, PALMYRA, ROCHESTER, BROCKPORT, ALBION, LOCKPORT, NIAGARA, BUFFALO, AND SUCH OTHER TOWNS AND CITIES IN THE STATE AS MAY BE DEEMED EXPEDIENT BY THE STOCKHOLDERS, IT BEING DESIGNED TO CONNECT ALL THE PRINCIPAL TOWNS AND CITIES IN THE STATE OF NEW-YORK BY A LINE OF TELEGRAPH UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF ONE BOARD OF DIRECTION.

WHEREAS I, Henry O'Reilly, am engaged in forming a Telegraph Company for the purpose of establishing a line of Electric Telegraph connecting the above named places, and such others as may be deemed expedient and advisable by the stockholders:—It is therefore agreed by me and this obligation binds me to each and every person who shall purchase certificates of stock signed by me, and countersigned by Marshall Lefferts, of the city of New-York, for the construction of said line of Telegraph, (reference being made to this contract in each certificate,) that I will, with all possible energy and despatch, complete said line, or such part, of it as the amount of subscription will permit, it being the design and intention to have such part of the line between New-York and Buffalo in working order within the next six months.

The construction and arrangements of said line, with all the requisite telegraphic apparatus, shall be of the best description. The wire of the best quality and galvanized so as to prevent oxydization; the insulators to be of the most approved kind known in telegraphing, and the posts to be of durable timber twenty-five or thirty feet in length, at least ten inches in diameter and planted five feet in the ground. The telegraphic apparatus employed will be those patented by Alexander Bain by letters patent of the United States as well as of several foreign countries, the qualities of which apparatus render this system of telegraphing distinguishable from others, securing to the subscribers three distinct methods of telegraphing. One of which is capable of transmitting upwards of one thousand letters per minute, and another being capable of transmitting despatches in *facsimile*. And I hereby agree that I will not lease the right to use said inventions or improvements to any person or persons upon a line or lines to run parallel with said line from New-York to Buffalo, or such other lines as may be erected under the title of "New-York State Telegraph Company," (a side or connecting line between Newburg and Albany not being considered in this light.)

The price of construction and of putting the line in good order for operations, including all instruments, batteries and other apparatus necessary for the successful operation of the line, shall be two hundred and seventy-five dollars per mile for a single line, and three hundred and fifty dollars per mile for a double wire on the same posts, which will also include all charges for the right to use the telegraph patents or inventions. The cost of erecting masts and other fixtures for crossing rivers, &c., being extra charges.

Certificates of ownership shall be delivered to each subscriber whenever the amount of his subscription is paid to Messrs. George B. Morewood & Co., of New-York, who shall be the treasurers, or to such person or persons in any of the places on the line as they shall designate; and a register of such subscriptions shall be kept by the said George B. Morewood & Co.

Instalments to be paid to the treasurers at such times as they may require to meet the demands for construction, and they shall pay over the same upon my order as the work progresses; said orders being countersigned by Marshall Lefferts.

On completion of the line, at least ten days' notice shall be given of a meeting of the stockholders for organizing and taking charge of the line,—the notices to be published in every town and city along the line, whose citizens shall have taken sufficient stock to secure the location of an office, which shall be at least three thousand dollars,—under which organization, new certificates of stock shall be issued, signed by the proper officers elected under such organization.

The shares of stock will be one hundred dollars each. The use of the several inventions made by said Bain, is secured by me, as well as all improvements he may hereafter make; the right to use either or all of which will be legally secured to the Company, under the patent laws of the United States, and under the charter or general law under which the Company shall be organized.

Stock to an amount not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars, in addition to the amount required to defray the cost of construction as before mentioned, shall be issued on the completion of the line, to form a contingent fund for the proper establishment and fitting up of offices, and for the other expenses requisite to put the line in business operation.

For the purpose of promoting harmony and efficiency in the operations of all the sections of the Atlantic, Lake and Mississippi telegraph range, it is provided that each section shall appoint a delegate, to form a General Board for equalizing the tariff of charges, and otherwise promoting public convenience, and the general welfare of the enterprise,—the interests of each individual section and of the public requiring a thorough organization of all the lines, by the establishment of such general and fundamental rules as the said General Board may deem requisite for the harmony, unity of action, and common welfare of the various sections of Telegraph included within the Atlantic, Lake and Mississippi range. But each section or company is entirely independent in property and profits, and connected only by the representation in the General Board for the purposes just mentioned.

(Signed) HENRY O'REILLY.

Dated February 20, 1849.

Original in the hands of George B. Morewood & Co.

Only thing I can obtain at present
W. D. Allen

Lenox Feb 20 1849

Dear Ezra your Letter of 16 is recd I have just finished Soldering the Last lot of wire Recd at Bend 60 bundles Amount by freight Bill 6360 Lbs but very little waist in doing up as I used the wire that came round the Coils from Factory by hooking them together for doing up the wire after it was Soldered & think I now have as good as 66 Coils of one hundred each this should reach 21½ miles [illegible] Miles [illegible] of Carbondall 8 miles this brings me within Some 23½ or 24 Miles of Big Edy I Shall want Some 74 or 75 bundles of 100 each to fill that Space the Balance Left at Edy with the 5 tons at Otis Ville will reach to Otis Ville and Some to Spare I intend to reach Carbondall this week with the wire if Possible 12½ Miles & 4 days to do it in if Holmes Commences work at the Edy those men will want Pay for their Poles will you inform me in relation to the matter or will you wright Holmes on the Subject Some one Should attend to it, I think of nothing more that will interest you Please wright me at Carbondall & remember me to J. D. if you See him

Yours Respectfully

J. S. Bristol

E. Cornell, Esqr

Mr C. Cornell

Detroit Feby. 21. '49.

Dear Sir,

I have heard nothing from the Co. since I last wrote you and Telegraphed you of any importance. He is now at Milwaukee and will not be back under ten days or more. Our business is rather improving but not what it should be. To day I have been proposing along the line to send "Old Zacks" inaugural address 4th march. hope to get $200 to $250. for it. Shall know in a day or two.

Our line works very bad in wet or moist weather. today it is thawing and it is almost impossible to get through to Buffalo. I am fully satisfied we must have another register at Cleveland and copy there in order to do upon Spring business with any degree of satisfaction.

I get no satisfaction from Buffalo in way of Reports nothing rec'd since 2d Jan'y. Morgan must quit or do better, even if Allen does not. Money matters tight up yet and lots of bills to pay without the means of doing it. Why don't you write to me?

Very truly yr

D. T. Tillotson

Put this in Post Office.
Q. P. T.

Mr E. Cornell
Ithaca
N.Y.

D. T. Tillotson
21. Feb. 1849

Pittsfield 21st Feby 1849

Mr Cornell

Sir

In accordance with your suggestion & wish The Trustees have fixed to have a general Meeting of the Stockholders convened at West Cornwall Ct. on Wednesday March 21st 1849. 10 o'clock am the Notices will be in the printers hands this am. we thot it advisable to fix where we did. as it is only 15 Miles from Litchfield 10 from Salisbury & from G.W.B. & Lenox Lee Pitt & No Adams. reached about as easily as any other place as soon as the Notices are out. I'll send you one we trust that by the time of Meeting. our Legislators will have matured & passed a General Telg Law for this State. Mr Kellogg one of Subs & a member from here. as well as Mr Phelps a Senator & Mr Tucker a Resp. in the House from Lenox & both Sub. are also at Boston & should you be there I think it would be well for you to see them & perhaps you might make very many important suggestions to them for their consider

ation. Our Mr Walker one of the Trustees is also there & will be for the next 2 Weeks & it appears to me if it is desirable that any effort be made that would effect us that the next 10 days would be a very favourable time to push it.

Mr Kellogg the Member from Pittsd is at the Ustaly Hotel Boston & could put you in communication with all the rest named.

I expect to be absent & be at Hudson until Friday one next.

I remain
Yours
very Respectfully
W. H. Power

Wm H Power
Feb 21. 1849

WILLIAM STUART,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,
BINGHAMTON, N. Y.
☞ Will faithfully attend to collections, and other law business. Refers to
D. A. Cushman, Esq. 188 Pearl-st., New-York.
Joseph Bosworth, Esq. 51 Liberty-st., "

February 21st 1849

Messrs Speed & Cornell.
Gent.

We have Commenced the publication of a daily paper (the Press) in connection with the Weekly, and wish to obtain daily prompt & full Telegraphic reports from New York. Will you therefore please inform me when the Telegraph to Binghamton will probably be completed & in operation; also the probable terms on which a daily report will be furnished to our paper and such other information as you may deem desirable. I should like to inform the public in relation to the same. We are anxious to have it in operation & we shall be pretty good customers.

Yours respectfully
Wm Stuart

Mrs Stewart
21 Feb 1809

Milwaukee 22 July 1849

Dear Sir

When I again take a long list of tittles, such as Deacon in the meeting house, chief of add fellows, head of the Whig party, Partner of Gurl King &c, as evidence of capacity and honesty, I will not complain if I am sucked in - I supposed, & had reason to believe, that Wilson was the very best man we could employ in all the West to aid us in getting up Telegraph lines. Tillotson was here most of the time for Six mos. & he thought Wilson was the right man - He and I were most dannably deceived - He is far from it - not that he is dishonest: but he is incompetent, and extravagant, and moreover entirely irresponsible - He was allowed to get up the line as far as it is built, as our agent, and for his services he was to have one third of the profits - The subscriptions were taken in the name of Cornell & Speed, and the contracts for construction made in our names. I found when I got here ~~that~~ 118 miles of line in operation - about $3000 due on subscriptions - $1400 due Hotchkiss for construction $1223. due you, $135 due Place included in your bill, $155 due for wire bot at Chicago

$190 due David J Powers for poles, making over three thousand due besides $2950 ~~for~~ Patent, at 25 per mile for the Patent — this looked blue enough, and I went to work to see how I could mend it — I went with Wilson to all the Towns where he had subscribers — held a meeting at each place — got them to give their notes, for the balance due — made Wilson give a mortgage on his House & lot in this City to David J Powers, of Palmyra who is worth ten or fifteen thousand dolls, got Powers to take hold of the concern with Wilson, ~~who~~ paid the $135 due for instruments also the $155 due for wire, become responsible for the debt due Kotchkiss so as to release us from all liability — All the assets due from subscribers being placed in his hands and he giving me a bond to apply them first, to the payment of the above sums of 135 & 155 (which he has paid) and next to the payment of 1223 dolls due you, & then to the payment of Kotchkiss. I have sold to Wilson the Patents for the entire line from here to Galena & from Chicago to Galena in all about 400 miles for 25 dolls per mile — & relinquished all claim to profits, by his

paying Cornell & Spaid 500 dolls in 6 mos, & 500 in 12 mos. & also $600 which I advanced to fight the Pirates down South last summer. The whole of the Stock on the line now built not due to subscribers, is pledged for the payment of the Patent, and the payment of the above $600 to us. All the money collected on subscriptions now, or made, or hereafter, to be made, to go into the hands of Powers, who binds himself to apply them in making the payments as above provided, including the $1000 & 600 after paying now the 1223 Wilson pays Powers for his time & Powers devotes all his energies to the collection of the balance due from subscribers, & the filling up by collection of new stock. I have just finished the arrangements, and have not time to be more explicit, and you may not comprehend fully my meaning - but the substance is this - We are released from all liability for debts contracted by Wilson - & all the assets are in Powers hands, & he binds himself to collect and apply them to the payment of the sums due us, first your $1200, for which Wilson has given four notes at 30. 60. & 90 days

which Powers says shall be met. and
then to the payment of Hotchkiss claim
Hotchkiss having released us and
taken Powers in our place —
Hotchkiss knows all about the responsibility
of the subscribers and as he comes in for
his pay after you are paid, I think
there is no question about the payment
of your $1223 80/100 — I have been to nearly
all the Towns of any importance in the
interior of the State & there is not one as taze
as Oswego, and I had rather have the $1000
& the $600, and be released from all liability
than to have the whole of the Stock, unless
I could be here to attend to it —
I have sold Hotchkiss the Patent for a
line from here to Green Bay at 25 per
mile & half the profits of construction
He getting the Stock subs in his own name
and at his own expense in case of a
failure. I am confident you will
approve of all I have done to get out of a dmd
hard scrape, & call me an ass for getting
into it — I go from here home & will stop at each
of our offices on the way — will write you
again soon Yours truly J J Speed Jr

J J Speed Feb 22 /49

Office of the New York, Albany, and Buffalo Telegraph Company,
16 WALL STREET, (Up Stairs.)

ALL COMMUNICATIONS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

TARIFF OF PRICES.

FROM New York TO	FOR FIRST 15	EACH ADDED 5
Carmel, ... Po'keepsie, .. Hudson, ...	0,27	0,10
Troy, ... Albany, ... Schenectady, Little Falls, .. Utica, ... Rome, ...	0,37	0,15
Syracuse, ... Auburn, ... Geneva, ... Can'ndaigua, Rochester, .. Batavia, ... Buffalo, ...	0,52	0,20

This Line also connects directly with the following Places.

Ithaca,	Rutland,	Berthier,	Akron,	Southport,
Springport,	Castleton,	Cornwall,	Massilon,	Racine,
Elmira,	Whitehall,	Quebec,	New Lisbon,	Milwaukie,
Binghamton,	Schagticoke,	Prescott,	Wellsville,	Chillicothe,
Owego,	Union Village,	Brockville,	Toledo,	Lafayette,
Oswego,	Cambridge,	Kingston,	Monroe,	Marshall,
Lockport,	Salem,	Belleville,	Detroit,	Memphis,
Chippewa,	Granville,	Coburg,	Ypsilanti,	Peora,
Niagara Falls,	Do. Corners	Port Hope,	Ann Arbor,	Galena,
Queenston,	Poultney,	Oshawa,	Jackson,	Columbus,
St. Catharines,	Orwell,	Erie,	Albion,	Dayton,
Hamilton,	Middlebury,	Ashtabula,	Marshall,	Cincinnati,
Toronto,	Vergennes,	Fredonia,	Battle Creek,	Louisville,
Dundas,	Burlington,	Painsville,	Kalamazoo,	St. Louis,
Woodstock,	St. Albans,	Cleveland,	Niles,	Pittsburgh,
London,	St. Johns,	Elyria,	South Bend,	Zanesville,
Bennington,	Montreal,	Sandusky,	Michigan City,	Wheeling,
Manchester,	Three Rivers,	Milan,	Chicago,	Alton.

TO THE TELEGRAPHING PUBLIC.

It is for your own interest, as well as our convenience, that communications be PLAINLY WRITTEN. The cause of most all mistakes is traced to bad copy. Give FULL ADDRESS, name, street and number, to ensure prompt delivery, and your own address, under your signature, if you expect an answer. Use NO FIGURES, except date, they cost more, and are more unsafe than words. PREPAY always, and if you wish to pay for your answer, say so under your address. We cannot always send your communication immediately. Every office has its opportunity in regular order, and your communication will be sent as soon as possible. Any complaint addressed to me at Utica, shall be promptly investigated. SAMUEL PORTER, Supt. N.Y. Alb. & Buf. Co.

New York, Feb 23 1849

By Telegraph from Milwaukie

To Cornell

Settled with Col Steele yesterday for all your bills

W. D. Wilson

Free

W D Wilson
E 3 Feb 1849

Binghamton Exam Office
Feb 24. 1849

O Conell Esq

Sir,

In unloading goods yesterday our Warehouse man, accidentally broke a Carboy or Demijohn of Vitriol marked for you, Please write me what it is worth, or in what way you want it arranged,

Respectfully,
T. L. Miller
Agent

T. L. Minier Esq
Ft Agt Binghamton

Phila February 26 — 1849

Mr E. Cornell
New York & Washington Telegraph
New York

Dr Sir

Herewith I arrive a receipt for two Carboys nitric acid —

Will you favor us with remittance of Dr 51.49 amount of acid shipped you to Troy last September & oblige yours respectfully

Nicolas Lenning & Co

Nicolas Lenning & Co

Paid by remitting Wells & Co Check
Ep. Feb 1849

51.49

Philadelphia Feb. 26. 1849

Mr. E. Cornell

Bought of N. Lennig & Co.

2 carboys Nitric acid			$3. 0
103			
106	209 lb	10	20.90
			$23.90

Bridgeport Feb 26th 49

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

I was disappointed to hear Allen had left without settleing with as he was aware of my situation which is rather embarrassing just now as I am here out of funds & employment & on expense. However some arrangement may have been made that will be perfectly satisfactory which I am not aware of I am dependent upon this business now for employment & if you can give me a situation where I can have steady employment with a moderate salary it would be very acceptable. I have written Mr Lyman at Burlington but get no answer I will write Mr Peck to day

To E. Cornell Esq

Yours in Haste
Horace Bronson

H Boarman
26 Feb 1849

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[New York Feb 27, 1849]

Dear Sir

Mr Beebe has got the delivery of messages underway, and it works well for a beginning - but there is more labour about it than we anticipated from the fact that we all on reflection thought it would be necessary to keep a rekord of the delivery of messages he has therefore a book prepared for that purpose thus

Time	Messenger	Line	Address	Residence	Remarks
12½	R C Greene	Boston	Shefferlin Bro & Co	104 John St	

This secures a proper accountability in the business - and I dont see how it can be done in any other way - and save this labour so that Beebe will go on untill some improvement can be made - With this I inclose you a draft of letter to be addressed to the Telegraph operators, by the Presidents of the several Cos - Will you examine and see if it is all right if not put it in proper shape and send it back to Beebe and he will get blank letter sheets printed to be filled up &c - Mr Beebe will make favourable arrangements with the express Cos that diverge from this City to have their agents in the several cities and vilages attent to any business that he sends them. He will have to get a good man to assist him in the office as soon as he gets ready to attend agency business - Write him making any suggestions that may occur to you -

Your favour of 24th is at hand returning the list of Prices for E & M & N Y & E line I think you are above the mark in some instances you over look the fact that we are to change from 15 to 10 words as a minimum, and it will not do to increase prices - your rates would make 15 words cost more than it now does - I propose to so arrange as to make 15 words cost no more than it does now and proportionally less for 10 words - this is the only way to give satisfaction to the public and I think it is the interest of our cos to so arrange. The price you fix for Milwaukey is 35 cts for 15 words more than the present rates -

I shall not be able to meet you in the city the last of the week - as I must go out on the line - I shall do all I can to collect funds -

Yours Respectfully

E. Cornell

F. O. J. Smith Esq

E. Cornell
Feby 27/49

Ex. No. 33
Mar 15. 1859 L.B. Ref

Telegraph

New York 27 Feb 1849

Dear Sir

The New York & Erie Tel Co will open and maintain an office at Narrowsburgh if the NY & E RR Co will furnish office room in some of their buildings free of rent, and guarantee that the business of the office - (that is the receipts of the office for messages dispatched) shall amount to at least $400 - per year, and allow our company one free ticket over the road - at this office we would charge the RR Co for its messages the same as to other persons, of which we should keep an a/c - which at the end of the year we would add to the rects from other than RR business, and if in the aggregate it amounted to $400 then would be nothing further for the RR Co to pay, but if it fel short of $400 that difisit the RR Co would make a/c -

I have no doubt the business recd from passengers at that Point added to the RR business would exceed the $400 but as the office would be established mainly for the accommodation of the RR and would depend wholly on it for business the Company are unwilling to take the hazzard of its becoming a burthen to them - The free ticket would be used by the Supt of the Company -

I will also build you a line of Telegraph from Atisville to Port Jarvis and from Binghamton to Deposit or either of them for $150 - per mile including the Patent - lines to have side line privelages which is here explained as in Articles of Assn

In regard to an office at Piermont - may connect at Tarrytown and have wire across - river - or have an office in Phil wire - to be brought down to the Pier - Also may have line from our Office in city to your Office on West St at small expense -

Yours &c

E. Correll

B Laden Prest
NY & E RR Co

E C Copy to
B. Sadin Prest
Ny & E RRCo
Subject of Tel - 27 Febry

Mr E. Cornell

Detroit Feby 27. 1849

My dear Sir

Yours of 18th to Co. Speed was this day rec'd and opened by his Father. You ask what right I had to see it, when you don't think it best even to answer any of that I write? My answer is to learn what is passing between those that I feel interested in. again you say that is a poor excuse, as we are all so selfish, that we would not study the interest of others unless we had some selfish object in view. I must therefore grant it. and can only say, permit me to congratulate you on the opening and full doing of the N.Y. & E. Line. of Telegraph. from N.Y. to N.Engd. and wishing that its flashes may soon be witnessed, in this far off, benighted, region, and further that it may prove a Net Weather line as well as dry. which is not the case with our E & W. line, which is as fickle as any Sheew, in pleasant weather, it is all smiles, and obedient, but in cloudy, or wet weather, it is as stubborn as a Mule, and works as it pleases. We are compelled to humor it, and when it plases to work 40 miles, in a single circuit, we say that will do better than nothing, and when it has a pleasant freak, and chooses to work 200 or 300 miles, we get it, and say well done, try and keep doing, but no, the Evil one gets the better, and all is in a Muss again. and we are obliged to wait till the "Spirit moves." The fact is it is like the frog, jumping out of the mill, it goes ahead 2 feet and falls back 3. and unless it can be made more reliable for all weathers, we shall be obliged like the "Ithaca Woolen Comp'y." to call in an extra per centage from the

the Stockholders, to keep it going. Enough however of this.

The Col. is today at Little Fort, about opening an office there, will not be home before next week.

That there is something radically wrong at Buffalo, I have little doubt, either Allen & Morgan, have over drawn their account, so that they are ashamed to make out their weekly reports, or they are too lazy to do it. For eight weeks we have had none from them and I am tired of asking for them, in fact it is useless for me, to say anything to them about business, ask Mr Allen for an answer to a despatch, and his reply is, "I cant make them answer" that is no without doubt, but the question is does he instruct his messenger, to insist & urge for an answer? I think not, if he did we should get many more than we do instead of which they come over O'Reilly line to this place and are then forwarded by us, thereby cutting off one half the tariff that we are entitled to. I wish you could come by way of Buffalo, on your way west to Fredonia, and just take a look at them and if desirable give them a friendly hint that they or I had better quit or do differently. While writing, allow me to make some suggestions in regard to your proposed Tariff and the alterations necessary to be made over the O & M. in order that they shall not conflict, but promote the best possible interest for all. and after making them, if they do not meet your approbation you have only to arrange it to suit yourself and think no more about it.

You propose to adopt 10 words as a Standard, that is all very well. but how let me be heard in my

payer, which is that nothing less than 20 cts be charged even if but to go 5 Miles, we have in my opinion seen the folly of it & rest of him and are suffering by it daily. I took up the business of Southport & Racine Stations for one month (and they are four stations) they sent over during that time 74 dispatches at 15¢ $11.10. Now if they had been at 25¢ as all East of us are they would have amounted to $18.50 showing a very great difference in amt. of profits when you take 26 stations for a year. And my word for it we should send as many at 25¢ as at 15¢. The fact is it is no longer a novelty, and one who wants to use us, to forward his interest by the aid of lightning will pay 25 as soon as 15 to help him along. Our business is very much like the Sailor in a Storm, then he will pray and call on the Almighty for aid, but in a Calm Sea, they will blaspheme and Curse the God that made and protects them.

I would now like to fix to suit myself begin with 20¢ & 1ct additional. then 25¢ & 2 30 & 2 40 & 3 50 & 3 60 & 4 70 & 5 80 & 5 90 & 6 100 & 6 1.10 & 7 and 1.20 & 7. Say 60 to Cleveland 75 Detroit 1.10 Chicago & 1.20 Milwaukee. In putting Milwaukee at $1.20 & 7¢ for additional it would bring it for 15 words to N.Y. $1.55 whereas it is now but $1.52. but for 25 words it would be $2.25 & is now $2.42. Detroit is now $1.02 for 15 words, it would be $1.00 for the same number, but for 25 words it is now $1.72 whereas it would be but $1.50. It would seem from this that we were charging Milwaukee to high, that is so for 15 words, but for 10 words or 20 & upwards they are the gainers, another thing we have no opposition there or most of him & shall have till O'Reilly or some

one else puts up another line, and the best doctrine, is to "make hay when the sun shines". How my views will suit you and the Col. I don't know & if they don't suit there will be no harm done, if you don't adopt them, as I feel assured you will not unless they do please you.

I wrote you last Fall that from what I knew of House & Bain's principal of Telegraphing I was of opinion Johnson's would prove the strongest opposition to Morse. I think so yet, and if I had the means to join him I would do so with a full belief that we would make some opposition, or get some ass, to buy us off. If you and the Col. dont do something with him by way of purchasing an interest, I should like to have a chip out of the block to whittle and if I did not succeed in making something out of it, I would whittle it down to a very small point.

I regret for the Col's interest you do not take the 2d story of his store for an office and hope you will yet do so.

As regards the project of Col. Butler I think it will succeed if the right kind of promtness in delivery of messages & getting their answers is observed, but very much will depend upon that and the right kind of Messengers, who will stick for answers like a tick to a sheep. If you take the trouble to read all this and are dissatisfied with it you can use it to light your fire, with, and I shall have no right to complain.

Very truly &c

D. T. Tillotson

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Feb 27 '49

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Detroit, Feby. 27 1849, o'clock, M.

By Telegraph from

To Mr E. Cornell

In a former note I spoke to you on the subject of "Market Reports", what is your idea on the subject? Can they be discontinued by all lines? If so let it be done, for the interest of all stockholders in Telegraph Lines, where is the propriety of furnishing every Jackanapes, who peddles a pound of pork or flour the exact price it is worth throughout the country, and thereby preventing many of our best customers, daily from corresponding with their agents, to know the value of some article he is trafficking in. It is a

a great curse to our business. When an Editor who publishes a 7 + 9 sheet can fill his collums with Telegraphic reports and thereby save himself the trouble of writing for his living as he ought, (if he has the talent) it suits him particularly if he can get those reports for nothing, or next to nothing, and have them just at the particular moment ~~that~~ his "devil" calls for them, then all is right, but if it is 10 minutes behind the time, his fancy pictures, he should have it, then damn the telegraph, he goes to his form, and sticks in large type saying - "No report line out of order" or "Wires broke as usual" - all this has a bad effect with our customers, as they think such is the fact and will not ~~go~~ come near the office for two or three days, as it will be of no use, for they see by the paper "the line is down". and it is no use to depend upon the telegraph. -- Could I have my way I would not furnish a word unless I got paid 1/3 or 1/2 price as for a private dispatch. We get 2/- per day in Cleveland for Reports. a nice business truly -

D. F. V.

Philad^a February 28 – 1849

Mr. E. Cornell
New York & Washington Telegraph
New York

Dr. Sir

We have your favor of 27th with ~~[illegible]~~ check for $22.90 to your credit with thanks

Very respectfully
Nicolas Lennig & Co

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Montreal 28th Feby 1849

Dear Sir

You will see by the enclosed advertisement which appeared in the Quebec Papers last night the necessity of making a defence, or allowing Cutter his full claim. — I suppose it will cost you as much to defend the suit, as to settle with him. —

Our business is still very light but our stock keeps up at par. — The Troy Line is down at the Rapids again to-day. Dont think the crossing will answer and would recommend you to sell you stock if it will sell. — I expect to get another thousand dollars this week or next and will send it to Wells & Co for you. —

Private What arrangements are you making about business? If I leave here I shall get A J Partridge into my place. — Have already promised it to him. — Write frequently and let me know how matters are going. — Torney will do all in his power to defeat Cutter and Gisborne. — G. is in N.B. but little prospect of doing anything I believe. Winter breaking up — all well Love to Mary Ann & children

Yours afcty O. S. Wood

In the Court of Queens Bench Province of Canada District of Quebec - the 31st day of January 1849. Prest the Hon Mr Justice Bowen - the Hon Mr Justice Aylwin No 109 of 1849. Isaac Henry Cutter of the City of Quebec in the County & District of Quebec Trader Plaintiff vs Ezra Cornell of the Town of Ithaca in the State of New York one of the U S of America Trader Defendant - & the B N A E T Association Garnishers - after hearing the said I H Cutter the Plaintiff by his Counsel upon his motion of the 27th day of Jany inst - it is by the Court of our Lady the Queen now here ordered that inasmuch as the above named E Cornell the Defendant hath no domicile in Lower Canada but hath personal estate in the same & inasmuch as upon the return of the Sheriff in the above cause it appears that the said Defendant cannot be found in this District - he the said Defendant shall by an advertisement to be twice inserted in the English Language in any Newspaper published in that Language & twice in the French Language in any Newspaper published in that Language in Lower Canada be notified to appear & answer the present suit or action within two months after the last insertion of such advertisement - & that upon the neglect of the Defendant to appear & answer the present suit or action within the period aforesaid the plaintiff be permitted to proceed to trial & judgment in a case by default - (signed) Burroughs & Tiset - P B R Quebec 27th Febry 1849 = I spoke to a legal friend about it last night & he says Cutter will recover it without Mr Cornell presents his account shewing that Cutter has already been paid. J.A. Torrey

Pitts^d March 2^d 1849.

Mr Connell

Dr Sir

I notice that the Chairman of the Mass Judiciary Committee has brot in a Bill for a General Telg Law as yet I have not seen the Bill as submitted. has any time been fixed for the various Lines to meet by Delegates to adjust a joint Tariff of prices. has any one been selected to commence & go thro with Trimming the Line.

Parker has drawn on me at sight for 63 37/100 dolls. to pay for Horse Hire & for the Horse that was hired at Bennington & went thro the Line in stretching the Wire.

Yours W. H. Vo[illegible]