E. Cornell a/c vs.
Trustees A. & M. Tel. Co.

Trustees of Erie & Michigan Telegraph Compy.

1848 To Ezra Cornell, "Contractor"

July 1.	For constructing 398 Miles line of Telegraph with necessary Registers, Magnets, Batteries &c for 12 offices from Detroit to Buffalo inclusive as per Contract @ $125. per Mile		49.750.00
"	3980 extra poles & setting same there being 30 to the mile instead of 20 as contracted for — — @ 80¢ ea	3184.	
"	3980 extra caps @ 6¢ "	238.80	
"	Extra expense putting up wire & caps on 3980 poles @ 12¢ "	477.60	3.900.40
"	Expenses incurred and time in examining and obtaining right of way — —	140. "	
"	Fitting up 12 offices, including necessary Tools ~~Wire & on hand &c~~ for repairs, together with Furniture, Fixtures &c @ $70. each	840. "	980. "
			$54.630.40

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

Detroit July 1. 1848.

J. M. Howard
Levi Hubbell
M. B. Wood
Trustees of E. & M. Tel Co.

A Copy of the within is on record in the Office of the Erie & Michigan Telegraph Company.

O. T. Dillotson
Secretary

Detroit, March 20th 1849

Dear Sir,

I have received & signed the Enclosed account, as you will see — relying, as Ever on your good sense and sound integrity.

All well. I am just leaving for Wanchester circuit — & have only time to add. Yours very truly

Levi Hubbell

March 11. 1849

To D. T. Tillitson Esq
Detroit.

D. T. Tillotson Esq

Detroit

Harrisburg 21 Mar 1849

E Cornell

Dr Sir

I have your favor of 16th and will attend to your request here for the very few days I expect to remain. It is so late in the Session it may not succeed tho. I have no doubt it might have been passed if proposed in the early part of the Session

My stay being now so hart here I shall not write to Mr Menor as you suggest but will attend promptly to the collection of the bal of Subn when I get home

You are aware some of the persons for whom you sent receipts refuse to pay the Subn alledging that was the understanding when their names were made use of

Yours &c R L Sutz

Should any thing occur to prevent my early return I will ask Mr Minor to attend to the collections for me

N. L. Seeley
21 March 69

Belleville March 21. 1849

Mr E. Cornell

Dear Sir

On Jany 13th 1848

we forwarded you agreeable to your request. your agt the Balance of which at that time was Seventy nine 50/100 dolls — we expected according to your promise it would be soon settled as yet we have heard nothing from you saving a small Balance you owed our mutual friend G. H. Swords — which he has paid over to us — now we hope you have not forgotten that the principal part of this amt due us was for money we paid for Ruling your Wire, & for fine Wire we sold to you for your own use, under these considerations may we again ask the favor to close this matter at your earliest convenience & oblige Your friends

Stephens & Thurs

Mr E. Comb

Detroit March 21. 1849

Dear Sir

Your act against the Trustees has been overthrown by them and put upon record all as you desired. I have given Col Spaulding notice today that the salary of $1000. per year would not justify me in moving my family to Detroit, and that some one who could fill my place more to the interest of the company had better be appointed as my successor. I have endeavored to promote his interest as well as yours for past 2½ years and if I have failed it has been from error in judgment and not for want of exertion on my part. When I first Engaged in the enterprise, I had strong hopes held out to me of being profited, if the enterprise succeeded, but alas like many other things in the future I have been disappointed. I feel however that I have saved you and them many thousand dollars and hope you & he will find another more worthy of greater reward.

Very truly &c

D. F. Tillotson

Ithaca, March 22d. 1849.

Dear Sir—

Agreeably to your directions when last I saw you I forwad 100 copies of the "Articles of Association" as furnished by Messrs. Mack, Andrus & Co. I trust they are correct. Being uncertain that the package would reach you if sent via Binghamton I therefore send it via Auburn and thence by "Wells & Co's Express," marked as directed by you.

And now Mr. Cornell I am waiting for your orders and the necessary means to commence operations as spoken of when last conversing with you; or if not that then give me something else and somewhere else to do it. I am willing to work—do any thing honorable for a livelihood and that I may meet the liabilities now against me. Since last Dec. 18, I have been waiting on your directions and if accident had not given me work several weeks I would have been idle. I trust you will not delay and cause me state to be in suspense.

Your servant E. St. John.

Kalamazoo March 22nd 1849

Mr Tillotson

Detroit,

The communication addressed you on the 14th was wrong & was done in a passion; or it would not have been sent; & no one is more sorry than the one that addressed you. It would not have occured if Mr. Ladd had observed our rules. The Circuit belonged to this Office if I am informed right. We had urgent business with Chicago, who we were trying to raise & we have to call him longer than any one else, because he is hard of hearing. We did not call him near as long as he does sometimes. He continued breaking & saying something, without being noticed here. I was not present at the time, or such things would not have occured. I do not use profane language or allow it in my Office—

I do not wish to justify my Bro in using such terms, but do justify him in using the circuit as every one has the privilege of doing & that without interruption if possible, according to rules.

I am not the only one connected with this line that knows that Mr Ladd

is the most frequent violater of our rules, & uses the most ungentlemanly language of any Operator on the line, & if you will come down here, & stay one week, I think that I can convince you of the fact, If he violates the rules, he must expect that others will do so, as he should be the example, This I have told him plainly, & have referred him to instances of the kind, but such frequent trifles should not be laid up, but dropped, & would not have mentioned them here, but wish you to know, he does not live up to the rules any closer than the rest.

I have never given any one to understand that I was dissatisfied with the business, or any disinterested, & am sorry to hear it mentioned in yours of the 14th
I have done the best that I could for the progress of business, Have always been ready to write business, & have never refused, as Mr Ladd, charges me.

My assistant has not only been a great help to me in copying business, but to the Company in case when the line has been down, one of us have gone out immediately & repaired, & many other things connected with the affairs of this

office, which, if I had not suppressed the expenses, I should have reported from 10. to. 20. dollars more than I have. This prudence I have observed, & Mr M. B. Wood is acquainted with my manner of prudence, & knows that I have suppressed only expense that I could do my self.

Yours &c.

D. L. F. Howe

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

TARIFF OF PRICES FROM NEW-YORK, (For Fifteen Words and every additional Five.)

TO	15	5	This Line also connects directly with the following Places.				
Carmel,.....	0.27	0.10	Ithaca,	Rutland,	Berthier,	Akron,	Southport,
Po'keepsie...			Springport,	Castleton,	Cornwall,	Massilon,	Racine.
Hudson,.....			Elmira,	Whitehall,	Quebec,	New Lisbon,	Milwaukie,
			Binghamton,	Schagticoke,	Prescott,	Wellsville,	Chillicothe,
Troy,.....	0.37	0.15	Owego,	Union Village,	Brockville,	Toledo,	LaFayette,
Albany,.....			Oswego,	Cambridge,	Kingston,	Monroe,	Marshall,
Schenectady.			Lockport,	Salem.	Belleville,	Detroit,	Memphis,
Little Falls,..			Chippawa,	Granville,	Coburg,	Ypsilanti,	Peora,
Utica, ...			Niagara Falls,	Do. Corners,	Port Hope,	Ann Arbor,	Galena,
Rome, ...			Queenston,	Poultney,	Oshawa,	Jackson,	Columbus,
			St. Catharines,	Orwell,	Erie,	Albion,	Dayton,
Syracuse, ...	0.52	0.20	Hamilton,	Middlebury,	Ashtabula,	Marshall,	Cincinnati,
Auburn,.....			Toronto,	Vergennes,	Fredonia,	Battle Creek,	Louisville,
Geneva.....			Dundas,	Burlington,	Painsville,	Kalamazoo,	St. Louis,
Canandaigua,			Woodstock,	St. Albans,	Cleveland,	Niles,	Pittsburgh,
Rochester,...			London,	St. Johns,	Elyria,	South Bend,	Zanesville,
Batavia,.....			Bennington,	Montreal,	Sandusky,	Michigan City,	Wheeling,
Buffalo.....			Manchester,	Three Rivers.	Milan.	Chicago	Alton.

TO THE TELEGRAPHING PUBLIC.

It is for your own interest, a swell as our convenience, that communications be PLAINLY WRITTEN. The cause of most all mistakes is traced to bad copy. ORDERS for money and all important business communications must be written with ink and signed by a responsible person. 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, Superintendent N. Y. Alb. and Buf. Company.

New-York, March 23 1849.

By Telegraph from Montreal

To Cornell

I Prospect unfavorable
Trustees themselves the
only parties not paid
up Can get nothing
but promises Will
keep trying Cutler
will secure his whole
Claim unless you make
defence soon

O S Wood
Treas

Dansville March 28th/49

Dear Sir

On my arrival at Jefferson I called on Hurd & got $625, & sent to V. Conrad $500 as you directed & since I have got here Woodruff has paid $1580, I though it best to send a draft to you instead of a certificate of deposite enclosed is a draft for $1650, & Woodruff says that the ballance will be paid in a few days which if paid before I leave I will reprit if not as soon as I return

I have let Woodruff have all to say in relation to the location of office & he has selected a place that does not suit me as well as it might but will do I shall put up the desk so that it will do if you conclude to let it remain but shall put up no writing or bateg table or anything that we can posibly do without until you come or unless you think best & in case you do write me here so I can get it on my return

Hopkins has not yet come and suppose the going prevents him & I shall go on west as soon as he comes

I shall have no chance to send you any more funds untill I return as there is no bank on the route I had thought if I found the line was whole to Fredonia so there was no use of my going there to write Cobb to go to Silver Creek & get a draft & send to you it will save me a long jaunt & the mud is nearly hubb deep

M L— will send an operator for Nunda & says that the Pike man must come here & learn

If you have any instructions for me write me at Nunda or here

In relation to Bayly I shall pay the bill I spoke to him abt & also think I will buy a judgment against him I can get it for abt 1/2 its face some seven dollars it is small yet it is so much saved if you think it not best write,

E. Cornell Esqr Yours respectfully S. A. Holmes

S. A. Holmes
23 March
$625
1550
$2205

Niles March 23/49

D. J. Tillotson

Sir

Yours of the 21th received You Spoke of Complaints Coming to you of business here not being kept Confidential. I think those Complaints without cause There are frequently Persons in Office that are not doing business. but no one can see the Office Books or Coms sent or ~~Coms~~ to be sent. I Know things are not kept as Snug as they Should be for there is no Desk here to keep Books or Coms in & nothing but a Small Drawer that I can put any thing in. Mr M. B Wood has been here often & Knows my Mode of Keeping Office. You Spoke of Card Playing there has never been any Cards played until after business hours & I considered I was doing no One any harm as long as ~~they~~ no one could ~~not~~ see any business that was done in Office but in future no one shall have any grounds for Complaint on those Subject ~~while I am h~~

There is a Desk & Two or Three Chairs Needed in this Office very Much

Jno S Youngs

Ans 24th told him to buy a cheap desk & 2 chairs

John Young
Mar 23 '49

Rcvd Mch 28th 49

ansd Mch 28

Fredonia March 23d/49

Friend Cornell

I sit down to pen you a few lines under ~~a~~ something of an excitement as you may judge from the conversation we have just had by Telegraph. I think you have laid a great deal more to me during the time that you have been on the line than I am guilty of and not only think so but know it to be so. I have never said anything in particular back to you and when I have you dont seem to mind anything about it merely say OK and stop, leaving the matter as though I had been lieing to you or at least as though you did not care whether you was wrong or right. And when you assaulted me this morning and told me I had had my Ground wire in and that you would Report me &c it made me a little mad & I then concluded that I had got to begin to defend myself or else ~~stand~~ it another summer through. I will take the case this morning and tell you how it was which will be an appropriate one. I sent a com to Buffalo at eight oclock and told the man (who was a Dutchman) that I could probably get an answer in half an hour or so. Soon you and Buffalo commenced

and kept at until I heard PR sending you a
Com from Sam Wormley and as soon as he
got through I called Buffalo and told him
Go with that Answer as it had then been about
two hours after I sent it and the Dutchman a
swearing wanted to go and Buffalo commenced
and you broke him and called me and began
to accuse me of having in Ground Wire &c and
then went right on & would not even let me
say a word it was hard. And even if I had
have broke and got that Com I dont see
where the hurt would have been as we had
not commenced the system of taking circuit
regular yet. You say that I have in Ground
Wire a great deal. I say I dont. I dont
put in Ground wire unless some western Key
is open a great white and I have ~~important~~
business and then scarcely ever. I shall not
put it in now as much as I have as we
have again commenced taking our turns regular
with the Circuit. I hope that I have not
said anything in this which will hurt your
feelings or make you more angry towards me
than you now are. I have ~~[illegible]~~ tried to lay
down the facts as they are. & hope that my
word may be considered good as I believe
I have always had the reputation of being
honest. I think this is enough of this and
I hope you may treat me as well as I
deserve to be treated and look upon me as

one that has always tried to please you and and as one that works for the Interest of the Company.

Your PM

I sit down to conclude this and feel rather more like writing decent and like corresponding with a friend. Fredonia is a pleasant little town and one in which I like to live very much. If the NY & Erie should R.R all of their business here and by the means have 2 or 3 more with me it would make it more pleasant for me - but I suppose there is no probability of that. I think I shall go home in June sometime. Cant we work it so as to go together. I should enjoy your Company very much. I have not been home since I first came here which has been some thirteen months since. I will not look over the first of this letter again but enclose it to you and hope that there is nothing from which you will take offence as I was greatly excited. Please Answer this if you can get time and let me know how you are getting along &c

Affectionately Yours
Emory Cobb

Emory Cobb
Fredonia Mch 28. 29

April

Pike March 26 1849

Dear Sir

I rec a line from Mr Holmes this day saying he would be here this week to put up our register. and I must confess I was much astonished at not hearing of you coming we have been wanting to see you at many times but have been assured and supposed it was certain that you would be here to close up. There is some matter which have occured and which we want to see you about, I wish you would not fail to come as I have been subjected to some difficulties in getting along with some matter and I want you to come very much and I wish you would not fail to come write me when you will come as I will be at home

Yours with Respect

A B Smith

Spring Port March 26th 49

Mr. Cornell,

Sir, Enclosed I send you Mr King bill for repairs of the Ithaca & Auburn Telegraph line. Mr King says he has sent his bill to Ithaca once or twice and it has never received any attention. He presented this bill to me and says it must be settled by the first of Apr. as he is to leave the place about that time. Mr Eddy authorized me to make arrangements with Mr King for repairing the line. I did so, and Mr King now holds me responsible for the amount charged in his bill.

You will see the necessity of having something done immediately.

Yours

E. Curry.

E. Cerry
26. March 1849
Sa & Ace

Mr Cornell,
Ithaca
Tompkins Co.
N.Y.

Please pay to the order of
Musick Dawson fifty dollars
in full for work on line till
date and this discharge
pay all them ally willing to doall
fellers have all this Indorsed
on them you may be all willin
all round My hat- I was a weeping
willow all bound my hat- Dora Hanford
Enfield March 27/1849 J Spurs & Ch.. Inds

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E Enfield Comptn Co

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Wm Dawson
Foreman

Smith & Platt
Enfield
Comptn Co

Wm Dawson Dorcas

John Hall

H R Appleyate

Samuel

Wm B Lee

Wm S. Parmee

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Cash Received of Spencer 100
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Cash Received of E Cornell 5 00
Cash Reevred of Vandoren 3 00
Cash Reevred of Gray 4 00
Cash Received of Tailor 1 00
Cash Received of E Cornell 15 00
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to days work my self 250
coming back from bath to Ithaca 7
One horse three days and ahalf $1 75
538

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for him self aand one horse
this is work at bath

Discharge upon E Cornell - Eight teen
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58 for my self and team
3738
James Mabee

Detroit 28th March 1849

Dear Sir

Yours of the 20th from N.Y. was rec'd today. There are two or three paragraphs in your letter which I like, and have no fault to find with the balance. You say you have an instrument at work at Albany which works well without a local circuit. That Morse's Patent expires in three years, and ask what should one do under such a state of things?

You will know that when I took the contract from Kendall & Co in 1847, we supposed that we were to have a clear field, and after I got the requisite amt subscribed, and spent some months in N.Y. at work for the benefit of the Patentees, we supposed the controversy would then be closed in a few weeks, and we would have a large field for future operations, and on the strength of that belief, you invested a large amount in this Lake line. Instead of being placed in a Situation to make money out of the construction of lines, we have been compelled to Spend a large amount, without any immediate prospect of its return, and without even a remote probability of being able to make anything out of the construction of new lines —

In closing up matters with Wilson, I made the best possible arrangement that could have been made to secure the payment to the Patentee of $25 per Mile for this Patent. To enable Wilson to get the money to pay for the Patent on the line now in operation I gave him a contract authorising him to build about 300 miles more, and pay for Patent as fast as fifty miles was completed. The whole sale to Wilson was ten thousand dolls, that is 25 dolls per mile for 400 miles. I communicated all the facts to Smith, and gave him, what I supposed to be good reasons for doing as I did. I yesterday received a short letter from Smith, in which he tells me (what I knew as well as he did) that my sale to Wilson is a departure from the contract with Kendall & that he (Smith) will not put himself in a situation to be scolded by Kendall any more. That he will send my letter to Kendall and get him to ratify the sale if he can. I judge from the tone of Smiths letter, that instead of being obliged to me for spending my time in trying to aid them, he thought I had made a bad sale, and if ratified at all, it would be as an act of favour to me. If Wilson pays the ten thousand dolls. I had rather have it than Morses Patent for all Wisconsin & I dont know but Illinois to boot—

After making this explanation I am prepared to answer your question- Let the whole Patent go to the devil- use my contrivance for deflecting the paper against the book makers joint, which Seth P Staples decided was a violation of Morse's Patent: but which Judge Cranch has decided in my favour, in his recent decision on the Burns Patent- Or take Johnson's balls, if you think they are better than my paper deflection- use one or the other for the three years that Morse's Patent has to run on N.Y. & B. and on E & W. Lines- put up such other lines as we choose, at a cheap rate, and use the best contrivance we can get- Refuse to let Smith or Kendall & Co have one dollar of Stock on any of our lines; but put them into the subscribers at the cost of construction, saying nothing about Patent- This would reduce our Capital one half, and we cannot make that much clear money in three years- Now I do not say that I would exactly advise this course. but I do say, that so far as Morse and Kendall are concerned, I would not hesitate to do just as I thought was for our interest: but Smith, I like, I have no fault to find with him: I would like to do by him just as he would by me, or as I would like to have him do by me. I think that he is disposed to put a higher value on Morse's Patent than I do, and I do not quite

fancy his last letter: but on the whole Smith is a good fellow, and I would like to be on good terms with him.

I should like much to meet you at Bee or F. as soon as you can come there. I still think that there is something not fully understood in an entire metalic circuit. If there is really a return circuit through the ground, there is not a particle of doubt about being able to work a line from N.Y. to Philad underground. but if the Earth acts as an absorbent, as it does when the lightning runs down a pole into it, the whole of the battery current may be diffused in the earth, and no matter how far apart the wires might be, the current would be lost.

Tillotson has come to the conclusion that he cannot afford to move his family here for $1000 per year, and will soon return to Ithaca. I think I can get along very well unless I go on to some new line, and I have not much fancy for that, if the O.R. tribe are to remain in the field, and we have to raise fifty dolls per mile to pay for Morse's Patents. Look at the figures below and say whether we had not better shut up shop for three years!

Yours truly

J J Speed Jr

J J Speed Jr
28 March 1849

800 miles @ 125 is 100.000
30 per mile for profits 24.
3 | 124.000
$41.333 per year
and an opposition line at that.
'Tis a hard case — no homeopathy about that medicine

N.Y. & E. 500 miles Patent 50 — $25000
half of 75 per fundo — 18750
half of profits say — 25.000
3 | 68750
per year — $22.916

41333
22.916
64.249

Philad. March 29th 1849

E. Cornell Esq

Dr Sir

I am now very much in want of Some money. I have told our President I would take a certain amount of the new Stock for putting up the additional Wires on this line and make calculation on the money you owe me towards paying it It will part have to be paid in April and I depend on that to meet it you must not disappoint me Sure - It is now Near two Years and you cant certainly ask me at at So great an misfortune to myself to wait longer - The bill is $74.44 I think Interest after 6 Months 6.95

$81.39

Please forward it to me by an Early Express and very much oblige

Very Respctly. Yours -

Jno. D. Park

J. D. Park
29 March 1849

Milford Conn: March 29th/49

Messrs Cornell & Co

Gents The undersigned desires to obtain a situation as operator in some of the Offices on the N.Y. & Erie Line now in progress of Construction: Knowledge and long practical Experience will (he trust) enable him to fill any situation with honour and to your satisfaction: which you may be pleased to give him: Please Reply

Respectfully Yours
Elisha Wilson
Milford Conn

References can be had to
Geo. W. Hart Esqr of Phila:
Abner Benedict Esqr Attorney at Law
" John st N. York
Messrs. M. A. Perkins Merchts.
128 Broadway N.Y.

Albion March 20th 1841

My Dear Brother,

I rec'd your very kind letter of Feb 21st some time since, but as I have been very busy lately I have neglected to answer it, but I will endeavour to do so now with interest. I am very glad that my request was rec'd by you with so much kindness, for I was rather fearful that I had asked to great a favour, but I am going to give you a very lucid description of our exhibition, Well to begin with the dress, we rec'd the order in time but I had made up my mind not to purchase a new one for that occasion, I had a white dress which I concluded was good enough, and I therefore wore it, and I presume that I looked and felt as well as I should if I had wore a Silk that cost 17 or 20 dollars, The School generaly bore examination first rate, In the report of the visiting Committee the classes were all named seperately and were spoken of very highly. So you see if we can place confidance in that worthy body, (and I doubt not but that we can, for they all seemed to me to be steady common sense men not disposed to trifle or flatter) we may believe that we acquitted ourselves with a good deal of credit,

John still continues at school, and oh! how I wish I could be with him, I hope my school days are not quite over, for I can safely say that they have been the happiest part of my life. It seems to me that we can not fill that high and responsible station that we were destined to occupy by our Creator, without improv-

-vering every opportunity which presents itself, of cultivating our moral and intelectual faculties. What can be more disgusting, to an intelligent mind than the insipid, nonsensical chat, of an uneducated person. And how important then it is, that every one should take interest enough in his own welfare, to improve his Education to the best of his ability. It is an encouraging thought to the poor, but ambitious Student, that a great number of our smartest men, recieved nothing but a common School Education. I think that John takes a great interest in his School and studies. and to all appearances he is making rapid improvement.

Egra your lecture upon the improvement of the mind, will be just as acceptable, to me now, as before the examination, and I should be very happy to hear some good advice from you on the subject; in fact any advice which you are disposed to give, coming as it does from a much loved brother, will be very acceptable to me. I think Mary's health still continues to improve, although she is far from being entirely well, in all probility she will not be able to do her work this summer. I think that a journey East would do her more good than anything else. Martins family are all well, M. has started for Buffalo. he goes by Land. P. and M. are wanting very impatiently for a division. Our Institution of D of T goes off first rate, we meet comparatively, with but very little opposition. I wish there was a Union in Ithaca, and that Mary Ann would join. I think she would like it first rate. We listen nearly every week to an address from some of the sisters, which makes it very interesting, I wish Father & Mother would come out here to live, for I think that if they should once settle in Mich, they would like it as well as I do. I am most afraid that after I get home, I shall cry to return, but however I think there is a great deal in a persons, being determined to be contented and happy, wherever they are, what do you think

about it. I shall look for you out here this Spring, to accompany me home, will you come? I am taking charge of Mary's work at present, as she is not able to do it, and they have rather bad luck in finding a girl. I think if her health was not so poor, I should try to attend school until I return east. Have you given up the idea of Elizabeth's coming out here this Spring? She writes to me that I must not let you forget it. If you see Mary Ann before I do, please ask her to send us the receipt for making Graham bread, for Mary's benifet. We have most beautiful weather here, the spring wheat is covering the ground with the brightest green, the roads are dry, and I was almost going to say dusty, and after all I think this is a very pleasent Spring, in a very pleasent State.

Ezra I think the city of Albion will almost rival your good city of Gotham, for the people out west here are so full of buisness that they cannot even let the dead rest in peace. There was an old Lady dug up by the Doctors about two months since, and after being carried from place to place in the vane effort to conceal her, she was laid in a ditch just this side of Albion, and was covered with rails, from which she was found and extricated, and again buried. What do you think the world is coming to, or rather the inhabitants of the world? But I fear that you are already growing tired of my miserable scrawl and therfore I will not continue it any longer. Pleas write soon,

Yours Affectionately Jane Cornell

E. Cornell Esq.

Jane Cornell
Mch 30. 1849

E. Cornell Esq.

To John Sanford Dr.

1848

Nov. 5th To 150 Chestnut Telegraph Poles
delivered, as per agreement with your
Agent - J. McKinney, at 45 cents each ... $67.50
Add Interest, 3 months 1.00
1849 March 30th -- Balance now due $68.50

Naugatuck Conn. March 30th 1849.

E. Cornell Esq.

Dear Sir,

At the request of Mr. Sanford I forward to you, for Payment, his Bill for 150 Poles, delivered as per agreement - The written agreement with your Agent, states that Mr. S. shall receive his pay on or about the 5th of Nov. last - We, therefore think it, not unreasonable, that we should receive Interest after Jan. 1st 1849 -

Mr. Sanford is a plain farmer in limited circumstances and in great want of his money - You will therefore see the urgency of immediate Payment - in fact it is absolutely necessary, that we should receive your remittance forthwith. A check on New York will answer our purpose -

Respectfully, Truman French.

P.S.
Direct to me at Naugatuck Conn. T. F.

Buffalo March 31st 1849

A. B. Cornell Esq

Permit me to say, that in my opinion you could improve by being a little accommodating sometimes.

I may be mistaken but it appears to me, that you are afraid, I will trouble you, I am not in a practice of asking more of any one, than I am willing to do to him.

When I came to Warren Pa, I heard the Messrs Cornell & Speed were expected to meet in Buffalo, I came up through a very muddy country to see them They were not here, I then thought I would talk with Speed by Tel- I had a considerable business of importance with him, but the first thing I saw from you, after A. B. C. had told you I wanted to talk with Speed, was that you would not wait long, & before I got [illegible] at it. You stopped for night & closed your key

Now having no assurance that you'd attend to it for me, I must write, & wait the slow progress of the Mail The business is equally interesting to Speed, & consequently might with propriety pass over the Line Dead Headed. but I would have been willing to pay.

I have found in all other Operators, even strangers, Gentlemanly treatment, & accommodation

You may be in like situation with myself sometimes, You will then learn the advantage of being obliged. Once before this You refused to attend to a com- for me, which I afterwards sent to Erie

I was greatly disappointed in not being able to talk with Speed. Hoping that you will learn to feel for others, as I would that others feel

W. P. Pew
Buffalo Mch 31. 49

for me, I subscribe myself
Yours
W. P. Pew

Elisha Wilson
29. March Bay