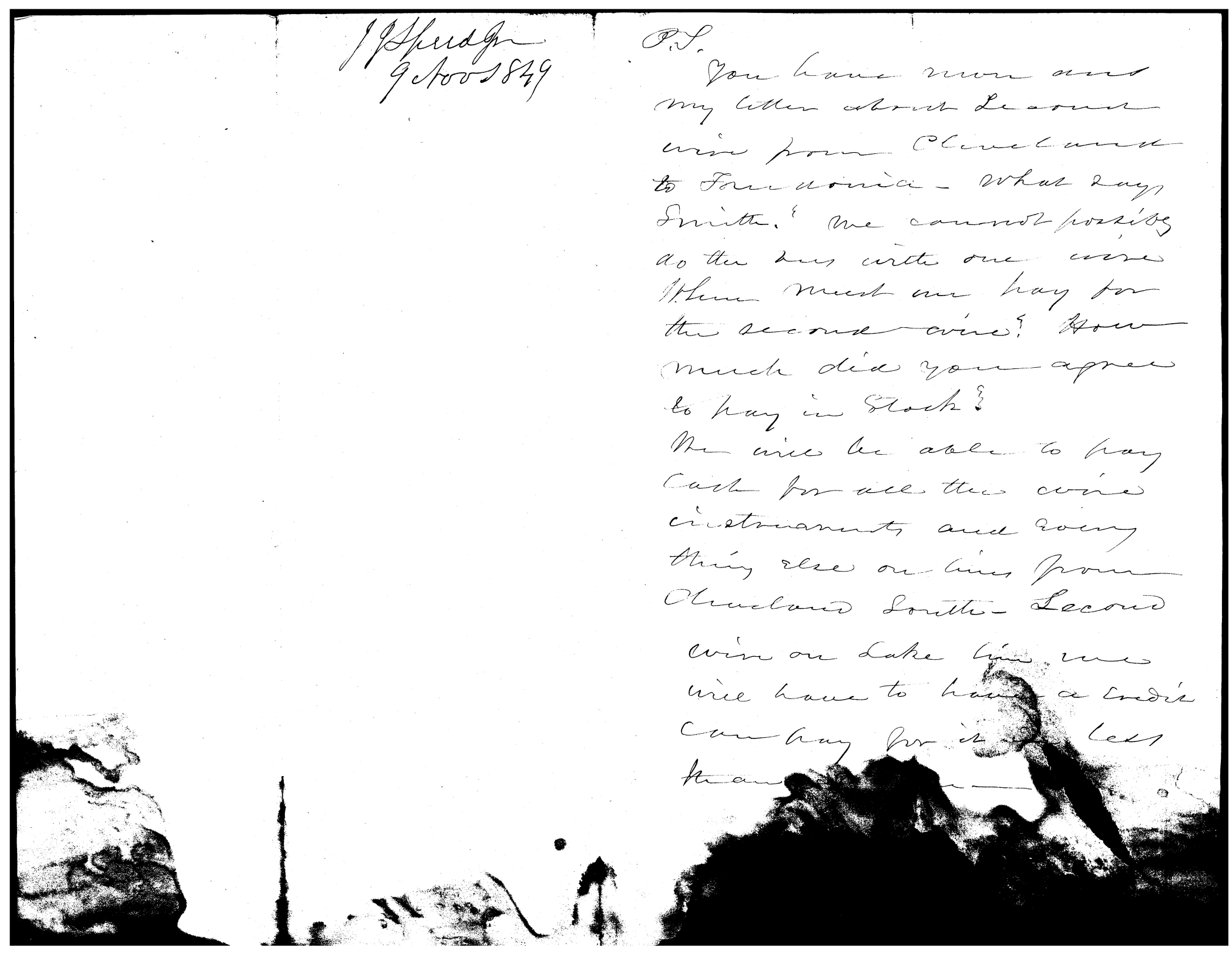

from Newburg to
E-Cornwall
found line across
top of Butter Hill - Off nearly
all those trees + fifty feet
wire cut out and carried
off - Have no doubt it
was done by Geo Tallman
who brot in a bill of $18-
for the trees + which I
handed you - As he has
threatened it often + was
at work near the place
alone yesterday
"G W"

Mr. Cornell

Dr. Sir. — The action of Thayer agt. you is continued to Feby Term next. That Term commences on the 4th Monday of next Feby. — I wish you immediately to commence preparations for Trial at that Term. — Send names of those whose Depositions you intend to take & their residence. & a statement of what each will testify. —

Mr. Thayer says that if he cd. see you a settlement could be made. but whether it is so or not I cannot tell. —

Respy Yours

Lenox Nov. 1. 1849. — Geo. J. Tucker

Mr E. Cornell
No 5 Hanover
Cor. Beaver St.
New York

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G. J. Tucker
1 Nov 49

Recd 5—

Cleveland O Nov 1st 69

Dear Al.,

It is now half past 4 P.M. Line down btw Cn. & R. nothing doing. I thought I would set myself quietly down and drop you a few lines.— B.A. said he wrote you this Am.— The Cob & Poole have been to work all day cleaning out the middle & batting room have got it so it looks pretty nice, glad of it.—

Hyde is working the Master inst Bo. Eastern— He makes it go pretty well. every thing going off smoothly ~~[illegible]~~. Jackson told us last night that Ravenna had backed out & that Eben would be home tonight—

Nothing particular to say no news to give you. & therefore shall not make this very interesting probably to you.— Will write you again tomorrow or next day. Enclose you twenty dollars. take care of yourself. be good boy. let the girls alone. Make yourself easy as to things here. We will make it go. & keep things all O.K. Hoping you will have ~~a~~ a good visit I remain

Your Sincere Friend

Bill.

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Cleveland Nov 1 1849
O & M Tel Ofs.

Dear Ct.

Per request I write you & inclination too, Business good. I may say "damned" good - Col is here. yet [illegible] have not succeeded to his Satisfaction in working through, Ravenna Office is blasted in the pan, Eben will b home tomorrow - I spose, Have not raised any one beyond Wooster yet on Cin Line, Pitts Line not working through yet Col thinks it is in the ground wires in this office, I think not for the theory of main current returning under ground not correct, will do as you requested last night, maybe it will be right, Marten not here yet, but that Ravenna office may change your Tactics, will keep you informed, Marks will remit - Do you remember sending Com for Urbana Signed D & R Talbot to Jennings Read & Co N.Y. T says never sent - it was order for caps. explain a [illegible] futher, I remember it was, Hyde gets along very well, all O.K.

all night at house, Crackers
raising — Spelling books depreciating
Lines work beautifully now & since
we have got batteries cleaned &
well taken care of makes some
difference, Col ordered Ki[illegible]ck
To let Bill have the inst & books
today will get that office open
this week, all in good [illegible]irits
but if you can make any
difference in having business
on My & B hurried through do
so - Some appl cases sent 3 days
ago no ans yet, good & pleasant
time to you - while I commend
my self to a good Dinner.
So S F N.

Yours truly
H C Bull

A B Cornell
Ithaca
~~Tho~~ Tompkins
County
N York

H C Bull
Nov. 1, 1849

Kingston. Nov. 2. 1849.

E. Cornell. Esq
New York.

Dear Sir:

I received a letter from Mr. Cutler, the gentleman that has charge of our Office at Albany, in which he says, "that Mr. Tyler, told him, he was ordered not to receive any messages, sent on this line, from Albany to any point, beyond N. Y." I told him that I thought that must be a mistake. How is it? Do you mean that we shall not take business from Albany to Phila. Boston &c? I thought it was part of the agreement that we were to send & receive such communications, for the mutual benefit of both. If we are cut off from that privilege we wish to know it.

Please write me at Albany in regard to the matter, so that I may see where we stand & what to do. I have directed the folks at Rondout not to pay any more money till the Co. was ready to organise. I am fearful, that I cannot raise the four hundred dollars, stock to make up balance on patent. You will have to help me out, or take scrip for it. I am still considerably behind hand on account of other matters in constructing line. I told the people at Rondout that if they would raise $400, you would have up the second wire from Newburgh to N.Y. & give us a direct communication to the city. If you should come up, & tell them so, they would go into it. What say you, will you make the arrangment? When & where can I see you on Monday next?

Write at once to Albany. I go there tomorrow.

Yours truly,

H. C. Hepburn

P.S.

I have not seen Mr. Pierce yet.

Mr Cornell

I cannot pay my office bills to night without $3 more than I have got, and I owe a bootmaker for repairing my boots $2, and I want the boots but I will not ask for them till I can pay him. Now if you think you can let me have $5 under such circumstances to night I shall be relieved from trouble & shall be feel much obliged.

Yours truly
I. S. Bell
[illegible]

The truth is ~~that~~ the Companies ought to give me enough to pay food and clothes. If it had not been for you I should have starved out

I. S. B.

Massillon Sunday Nov 4 1849

Dear Brother

I can asure you that the Telegraph business through [illegible] this section of the country is increaseing rapidly and you may depend that when the Cincinnati Wheeling & Pittsburgh lines are finished it will make your Ny & Erie line sweat to do the business that will be flooded upon it the fact is you must have another ~~line of wire~~ wire on that line and the sooner you can convince the stock holders that the business west & south will warrent another wire, the bett for it is indispensible and Speed says if the stock holders on that line will not take the stock he can get it taken here in Ohio for have it they must or give a large portion of the business to Haytons line, There were over 600 coms rec'd & sent from the Cleveland Office the day I was there and they said that day did not come up to the average, Now for Speeds switch, you may look upon Speeds Connector as one of the most important improvements that has yet been introduced, for instance a man at Ny can write with the man at Za with just as much dispatch ~~as Za & Ny by~~ having a connector at Za as Za can with, Ny, the Connector performing ~~the Offi~~ its duty of break & repeating

alternately at the will of the opperators
at Each end, the moment the opperator
on the Eastern circuit opens his key to call
for a repetition, the Connector of its own accord
breaks the western circuit and closes the Eastern
at the same time so quick that the opperators
cant tell that they are working on two
sepperate circuits, I have seen the line work
from Bu to Ch with one connector at Cleveland
and another at De and it Equaly as well as
from V to Bu, and with any attention of the
opperator at V other than to keep his relay
adjusted so that he could get the writing himself

I am going down to Zanesville to
commence putting up wire working towards
Cleveland these three southern lines will
be finished I think in 2 months and then
look out for your N y & Erie line

Please write me at Akron and let me
know how you get along and what the prospect
is about business and what J. J. Allen is about
&c

E B Cornell

Respectfully yours

Ps I saw Wade at V & he is quite well
again and said he should send you more
funds soon His line does not work well yet
from some cause or other

Lakeville 5th Nov. 1849

My dear Sir

Having been absent the last four weeks, your letter of the 26th ult. has but just now come into my hands.

I regret to be compelled to say that the Salisbury subscriptions which were unpaid when I last saw you, yet remain unpaid, and I presume nothing will be realised from them unless at the end of a law suit. I am also compelled to say that I feel some doubt when attempting to decide whether they are collectable. Still it is my opinion that a judgment can be obtained against the subscribers. But I am not as confident and strong in that opinion as I wish I could be. Now what can I do? Who is to pay the expenses of the litigation if unsuccessful? Who is to give bonds for costs? And who is to pay Court fees & officers fees &c &c as the cases go along. I cannot afford to commence the suits and give my bond for costs, and advance the money necessary to carry on the litigation unless I can be assured that some portion of my fees will be paid and some part at least of the expenses; I am willing to spend some time & take considerable trouble upon myself to help you out of the embarrassments which have been occasioned by the nonfulfilment of the contracts upon which you had right to rely, but I cannot go so far as to commence & carry on a law suit at my own expense and I feel quite certain that you ought not in honor and justice to be subjected to pay any part of the costs of the litigation. I feel greatly mortified that your efforts to give us a line of telegraph should be so poorly seconded by the people of our County.

It may be Messrs Holley, Scoville, Stiles & Clapp et al will be willing to give me an assurance that they will pay the costs & expenses of the trial if unsuccessful.

You enquire what has become of Mr Clapp and if he has collected anything on the notes you left in

In answer I have to say that I have not seen Mr Clapp for the last 6 weeks at all to my recollection. But I have been absent four weeks and have but just returned. I do not know whether he has collected anything on the claims you left with him. I have never spoken to him on the subject. I have an impression Mr Clapp is out of town and has been *for* some time, which impression is strengthened by the fact that you have written him several times and have recd no answer. I shall know in a day or two and will speak to him on the subject as soon as I see him and will write you again.

With much esteem
Your friend & Obt. Svt.
J H Hubbard

Sherburne Chenango Co, 8. Nov. /49

Dear Sir,

I have conversed with all the principal men of buisneſs of our place on the subject of establishing a line of Telegraph from Binghamton to Utica, am sorry to say they give poor incouragement so far as taking stock, I am much disappointed in the men, I do not believe they would take $500 in stock, in consequence of their penurious habits all subjects of improvement except the Chenango Canal have paſsed by on the other side —

D. T. Tillotson Esq
Ithaca —

Yours respectfully
R. Judson

Thos & Co
Nov 9. 1849.

67 Broad St
Friday
Nov 9. 1849

Mr E. Cornell
Dr Sir,

We have Completed your order for Wire, all being shipped, have you determined in regard to the size of Steel Wire you intend using,

Very Resp'y,
Thomas & Co

Detroit 9 Nov 1849

Your letter of Oct 19th was
[illegible]ed to me at Zanesville,
Mt Vernon or somewhere else where
[illegible] no chance of finding out
[illegible] the com from Boston to Racine.
[illegible] the letter away and it escaped
[illegible] notice untill yesterday
[illegible] from Allen Harris & Potter of
Boston to J N Stoddard, Racine says
was received and delivered —
I go this P.M. to Erie & back to Cleveland
Zanesville Mt Vernon &c — will
do all that can be done to send
you funds as fast as I can
possibly collect and keep the
work going on — I have rather
too many irons in the fire just
now to attend to all of them at
the proper time; but in ~~two or three~~ four
weeks we will have our Ohio lines
done, and then I will pay my respects
to St Louis line — This Lake line requires
a great share of my attention & it will
not go without it —

Yours truly J J Speed

J J Speed Jr
9 Nov 1849

P.S.
You have seen and my letter about Second wire from Cleveland to Fredonia - What says Smith? We cannot possibly do the bus with one wire When must we pay for the second wire? How much did you agree to pay in Stock?
We will be able to pay Cash for all the wire instruments and every thing else on line from Cleveland South - Second wire on Lake line we will have to have a credit Company for it [illegible] less than ——

Auburn Nov 9th 1849

Dear Sir:

As I do not believe it is of any use for us to try to do business, unless we can do it so as to answer the purposes of our patrons, I would like to ask if you are aware of the delays which we are unnecessarily subjected to, by the Ithaca office For the last week I have been obliged more or less every day to keep coms on the hook for him longer than there is any necessity of. and that when the line is in good working order and there should be nothing to prevent sending bsns as fast as recd - Last Friday evening I was obliged to keep an important com for Ia from 5 to 8 o.c. P.M and last Tuesday another the same length of time, and when I told him how long I had had it & respectfully asked him why he had not been on hand. his answer was "Bad! been drunk I guess!" and another time that "it was none of my bsns" I have now a com in ofs which was handed in last evening at 7½ o.c. to a person in Ia in relation to the death of a friend. wanting him to come to the funeral today - If

I could have sent it last night (and there was no reason why I should not except that he was not on hand) the person could have come down on the boat and got here in time today, but it is too late now, — Such things are ~~not~~ unpleasant, and it is also a disagreeable duty to be obliged to report them but I ~~do it~~ have endured it as long as I think is possible and I do it with the hope of remedying the evil — If I do not I do not want to remain on the line as I know it will be an uphill busne to make this line pay unless the operators attend to their busns promptly.

Very Resp'y
Yours, &c
H. C. Hutchinson.

H. C. Hutchinson
Nov 9. '69

Nunda Nov. 10 1849

Mr. E. Cornell

Dr Sir

I am induced by the circumstances to give you an account of what has occurred here within a few days.

On the 7th instant we sent a Communication by way of Fredonia to Rome in Oneida County addressed the Cashier of the Fort Stanwix Bank on the subject of the loss of a package of $1500. Dollars sent by him by Express to Rochester - the communication required an immediate reply - & up to this time nothing has been heard from it -

Last evening there was three comd. recd. here within a few minutes of the same time from Poughkeepsie -

One was signed by C. H. Sherrill and directed to a Clerk of this place - & was sent by Sherrill on the 2d instant - Sherrill left there on the 5th and arrived here before the com - which was sent by him on the 2d -

Another was sent by James H Sherrill dated the 5th & directed to C H Sherrill of this place -

& the third was by J H Sherrill to C H Sherrill at this place dated the 8th all these came at one time & all too late -, so that the business to which they related could not be accomplished

Mr. J. R. Treadwell of New York came here from Mt Morris to communicate with N York on a business subject - he arrived here in the afternoon of the 8th & remained here until the afternoon of the 9th & could not get any Com. through - in the afternoon after he left. Thompson succeeded in getting the Com. to Hopkins at Dansville & nothing has been heard from it yet - & it was of Messrs Hecker & Brothers 207 Cherry Street N.Y. & it was important to them to reply to it immediately -

These are only a few of the difficulty & embarrassments that are constantly occurring here - & the consequence is that all confidence seems to be lost in our line - & it is exceedingly embarrassing to have such things constantly occurring - these com.s (& others before) happen to be from a class of men who talk very loud & long - & they are doing us much injury -

Is there not some remedy that can be at once applied that we can do business without delay -

Is there not some difficulty in com.s that go off this line on to Faxton's - we have hardly ever been able to get any thing answered that goes over any part of his line -

You will readily perceive that unless we can succeed better than we have done that the public will very soon loose all confidence in our ability to do any thing -

If it is possible for you to find what the diffi-culties are with these Poughkeepsie Comp.
so that I may be able to give a satisfactory
explaination I wish you to do so - these
Sherrills - are engaged as Contractors on
the N.Y. & Alb. Rail Road & also upon the
Genesee Valley Canal - & they are often
sending over this line I have done
so a number of times this summer. one
of them residing there & one here - but
they say they must hereafter depend
on the mail if this delay I mentioned
is to continue - this of course is a
wise conclusion & one to which all
will come to under such circumstances

Please let me hear from
you as soon as convenient

Respectfully Yours &c
T. J. C. Dagley

Newburgh Nov 11th 1849

Dear Sir

The whigs of Newburgh complain that twoo messages from Middletown And one from Goshen in refference to political maters were never received here - They think they were Kept back purposely But which I presume is not the case I hope you will make some inquiries in reference to it as I am Stoped at every corner of the street to hear their complaints -

T. O'Meara wished me to Speak to you about his coming to this office which I forgot to do when I saw you - Butcher he thinks could do the Business at Peekskill. And Tim I presume would do well here as he is a good operator and generally liked in the place - I Should prefer returning to N.Y. if I could be of as much Service. But am willing to Stay here if you think it is for the best -

Yours &c

A. L. Tyler

E. Cornell
Ithaca

Ithaca Nov 11th 49

Dear Brother

I am sorry to be obliged to intrude uppon your time and patience so soon after your arrival home but circumstances compel me to do it as we have been looking for you some two or three weeks and could not get enny funds untill you caime to get the deed made out for the eight feet sold off of our lot in order to rais some funds so that E.B. could get away into buisness again and leave some for his family he only got a small portion before he left which he had to take with him to bear his expences and has left us to run in debt for all we have to eat and drink our children are barefoot and have to stay out of school we are truly in great want of some money immediately

Mr Heggie told E B that the money was reddy for him as soon as the deed was made out I hope you will attend to it as soon as you ~~convinient~~ conveniently can and oblige your sister

B A Cornell

Union Springs 1 mo 12th 1849

Respected Friend
D S Tillotson

We are much in need of a good instrument at this office, we would be willing to pay a share of the cost here if we can have a good one, we cannot do up the business satisfactorily without, there is some business that comes from Cayuga that is paid there, which helps the line and it would be increased by a new instrument here - I think we could easily raise one half of the cost of one here, and it would benefit the line by so doing I am confident - Please say what the most approved kind (all complete) costs -

I should think that other offices receive pay for near three quarters of the communications to & from this office -

We are so situated we can have a good station here, with very small expense which will assist the line materially provided we had a good substantial instrument to do it up right & satisfactorily -

What is the financial state of affairs now, and does the line pay at all? - I should suppose the business would increase and the expenses are light it would pay something -

I suggested to my friend M L Wood the advantage of boring the poles near the ground, being careful not to bore through and filling it up with salt, It is said that a Post will last 20 years or more, if this is done, no matter how poor timber so that anything may be used, It would not cost much to try the experiment if no more - and do try it near the office leaving now and then a post - In haste

Thy Assured Friend
Chas W. Howland

Pd Box 68c
WH

D. T. Tillotson
Ithaca
Tompkins County
New york

UNION SPRINGS N.Y.
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Cha W. Howland
Nov 12. '49

Recd 20th.

Cleveland Nov 15 1849.

Dear Friend

The sad news of your bereavement came so suddenly upon me that a tear almost instinctly sprang to my lids, as I thought ~~of~~ the infliction which ~~have~~ has befallen you, and most sincerely do I sympathize with you, but in this, the time of grief, remember that the sweet being whom you are called upon to mourn, ~~is now~~. her faced clothed in radiant and agelic smiles; surrounded by beings ~~got~~ godlike & ~~ser~~ seraphic, is now ~~smiling be~~ bowing before the throne, of *him* "who giveth & ~~taken~~ taketh away" while a burst of celestial harmony ~~fills~~ is being pealed fourth, in *his* praise, before whom all must at last stand, accept my dear friend my most heartfelt condolence and give away not too violently to the first pangs of grief, but in view of your ~~sweet~~ sisters youth & ~~inno~~ innocense, rejoice that ~~t~~ *he* in his benevolence & regard for ~~the~~ the *happiness* of his *Children* has spared her the many bitter trials of earth, I too Know the sadness of bereavement at a time, when my young heart was the most in need of Consolations & assistance, a bereavement which Changed the whole Course of my life, but not in a manner that I have much, though ~~Some~~ Some to mourn for, My bereavement was a, Father on whose life, all my ~~foun~~ fond, young hopes centered, but he was torn from us, & long did I mourn the sad event, but my dear friend Cheer up, and let the sweet fact that you are not alone some what assuage your grief – the Kind sympathies of your friends accompany ~~thee~~, Let no anxious thought of business disturb your mind – all's well here & when the duties which you owe to the memory of a loved one are passed, a Kind & affection welcome awaits you on your return, to other duties, Excuse the many marks of hastiness which this letter bears, and believe me

Sincerely Yours

H C Buell

H C Buell
[illegible] Nov. 1849

Rcvd 20 at Ia

Cleveland Nov. 15th 1849

My Dear Friend,

I have just heard from Br. that your sister is no more: sorry indeed am I to hear it. Was expecting the next one would ~~would~~ bring us better tidings, instead of announcing her death: I know how you must feel & suffer under the trying circumstances, I too my dear friend, have stood by the bedside of a sick & dying sister: watching the breath as it receded from the body: almost thinking that she was recovering instead of breathing her last: I can sympathize with you & do most sincerely: but cheer up my friend, she is happier by far: than if she had lived a few years longer: We all must die, & perhaps tis better to die young: I have often wished that I had died before I knew what life was, but we are in the hands of a superior being who rules us at his will & we must submit to him, — Excuse this hasty scrawl. I have been writing all day & my hand is cramped so I can hardly use my pen. The boys are all anxious to see you, & Mat in particular — Well I must close, it is now nine K. & I am tired. Would write more but I know you have other things to occupy your mind. & for the present good night—

Yours truly & Sincerely.

Wm Marks

A. B. Cornell

W W Marks
Nov 15th 1830

Salisbury Ct. Nov 16th 1849

E. Cornell Esq
Sir

I found on returning from New York that Mr Russell had been here and, had gone to Bridgeport to return by the way of the Line & put things in working order through. I stated to the Directors & other members of the Company here the substance of my interview with yourself & Mr Smith & find all anxious to have some measures taken to have the line put in working order & kept so & were in favor of having a meeting called as you proposed but thought it best not to issue notices for the meeting until Mr Russell returned. He remaining about a week below here & then did not come to Salisbury but return on the Cars. I then wrote him enquiring whether he had recd a letter from you on the subject of the meeting & what he thought about calling one. I recd his answer last night saying he had not received anything from you & that he thought best not to call a meeting just now. As no notices have been issued for the meeting, of course it cannot be held on the 20th as proposed. One reason why an early meeting was desirable was to have the line put in operation. That reason does not now exist as we are working order through. The stockholders in this vicinity however would like a meeting called as soon as convenient to all the parties interested. You will please notify Mr Smith that the meeting will not be held as was contemplated.

Respectfully Yours
M L Graham

Binghamton Nov 15 1845.

Mr Cornell

Dear Sir — Happening in the Telegraph office to-day & the wire being down west & nothing doing I got liberty to converse with Mr. McKinney. During the conversation, some how by accident the subject of how he was getting along alone came up. He expressed a wish that I could come down and help him. Mr. C. I think I can suit both you & Mr. Mc. If you think me capable of doing what it would be necessary for me to do, & would give me a berth there I would be very much obliged to you. What think you: Will you try me? Please give me an answer by mail & oblige Yours respy

Geo. H. Cooke

E. Cornell.

N. York Novr 19 1849

Dear Brother & Sister

How Shall I Expres My feellings at the Suden bereavment you have Met with in the Loss of your Dear Elisabeth her Suden deth Must be heart Rending to you Baath but I Trust you May be Sustaind in this your Severe affliction by that Power that governes all for the best, and although we Cant Understand why it is that we Should be thus afflicted in the Loss of our nearest and Dearest friends it is no daupt all Ordered for the best and we Must Submit notwithsdg the Pain of Seperation but there is one blest thaught to Comfort us under all this afflictn and that is that we Shall be United to those dear Ones in that happy home beyond the Grave where all is Peace and quiet and the time will not be Long before this Desirable end is accomplished, I had not heared of Poor E's ilness the first inteligence I had was She was dead, on my return to the Citty this Morning

& May God Bless & Sustain you in this hour of trouble is the Prayer of your Brother J S Bristol

E. C. & Mr Cornell

Zanesville 19th Nov 1849

Dear Sir

Enclosed I send you a dft on Messrs Corning & Co Brokers NY. for Five hundred dollars - I supposed I would be able to make it a thousand; but Kent is away, and I cannot do ~~any~~ better today - This line will be completed next week, and if I had the instruments the whole line would be in operation, and I would get 3800 ~~two thousand~~ dollars more - enough to pay you in full for all the wire used on this line & Henry Smith's for Patents - I hope you will urge on the Registers as fast as possible. The Ithaca instruments have been rough, unfinished, coarse bungling things, and if I could get better ones I would be glad to do so - I go back on the line today and will remain on this line until finished - I have to be at Warren Ohio the 29th Inst.

Yours truly

J J Speed

Carbondale Nov. 23d 1849

G. W. Scranton Esq

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 20th Is just Rd. On Monday next I am Going to Pittston Where I presume Your Iron will be delivered to the Extent Called for at that point Which is I believe about 140 tons Should I find this so I will send You a Draft on N York for the Value of this amt of iron

When Mr Cornell was at Carbondale the Del & Hud and Washington Coal Compy promised to Subscribe some $500 Dollars on Condition that there should be an Office at Carbondale and that the Line should go by way of Hawley to the Mouth of the Lackawaxen, This Amt was in shape of a Donation And I presume ~~that~~ Even now this sum Could be got If an Office was Established here

Truly Yours

James Archbald

My Dear Brother   Albion Nov 24 1849

I rec your last letter some time ago and have delayed the ans. for a long time. M B. also rec your Tel. Despach I thought then I wald write immediately But I have not had a heart to write since receiving that dreadful news of Poor Elizabeth, death. It does not seem possible even now. You have our warmest sympathies and O that I could offer you some consolation But that is not possible and therefore I leave the mournfull subject hopeing that you will all receive comfort and streangth from Him who alone can give it.

We are all in usual health at present M B has recovered nearly his accustomed streangth and stands work very well he is very busy out on the line most of the time. And since I have got to telegraphing I can realise how much he is needed. I have got so as to be able to do bussiness very well. I can read very readily even some very poor writing and write so they seldom ask me to r r and De I think has no reason complain of Al ofs. Whose charactor

I find had entirely run down and I Shall have much to do to build it up and make it take a respectable stand among other oficies. I am fortunate enough now to have the good wishes of all the apporators and they are all very gentlemanly now, but at first they wanted to think that a woman could not conduct an ofs. Mrs E M Shelden gets an finely at Jackson and Detroit told me a short time ago that the receipts of the ofs had increased one third since She has had the management of it. She is an excelent woman and has been a particular friend of mine for some time before either of us had any thing to do with the ofs.

Mr B says he is having about sixty mils of the line set over on the R.R. where it will be secure from falling timber it now breaks about every other day and a large amount of business lost

When shall we see you here again can you not take Mich in your travels once a year.

Hirams family are well and happy

Mr B says tell Ezra the money I advanced on freight on wire. I think I shall get from delinquent subscribers to stock

in notes and other property so that you
need give your self no trouble about it.
He has also colect and used sixty dollars on
the mortgage against the Duck Lake property
and if you will make that straight with
Benjamin it will save me the trouble
But I did not intend to be his secretary
when I commenced but he has led me
in to it and to cap all all the pay I get
he stands here and says "now dont write
so fast and poor that he cant read
it" The rec of this is six dollars this
month which is the first that I have
done and I think that when it is
understood generally that the of is in
opporation and can be depended upon
will be much more. I am to no ex
pence for extra fires light or rent and if
any one can afford to attend it I can
I like very much not withstanding the
calls I have ~~have~~ to ans when my hands
are in bread to say nothing about the
washtub but I always ans and as the
one talking to me cannot see me
I makebelieve that all is o.k.

John writes me that Jane intends
going to learn the tailors trad but I think
she would do better to learn to telegraph
I hear that they employ Ladies in ofs east

I cannot bear the thoughts of having
her go from house to house to sew as
Mary to and distroy her health
it wont not tak thre hours in a day
to earn in a telegraph Office what
she would have to work 10 hours with
her needle. and in the former employ
ment she would have time to improve
her mind. and keep her wardrobe in
order. Do take the subject in to consideraty
and write me what you think about
She would make a much better clerk than
some of the cheap ones now employed
I think I have taxed your patiena enough
for this time so adieu

Pleas accept our warmest re

P Wood

Phebe Wood
23 Feby 1869

Box
1/1/1 10-11

Auburn Nov. 24th 1849

Mr E. Cornell.

Sir - I have been dunned for two ~~three~~ dollars which I had to borrow, to bear my expenses to Ithaca, on that Goshen business. I have no work, and cannot pay it. Will you be so good as to send it to me, as you said you would bear my expenses.

My fare on the boat was	$1, 00
Hotel bill, at the Clinton House,	0, 50
And stage fare from & to the boat	25
And my expenses on the boat for tea	25
making	$2, 00

You will save me some difficulty by sending me this amount immediatly

Yours Respectfully
Charles A Caulkins

To E Cornell Ithaca.

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Mr. E. Cornell.
Ithaca. Tomp Co.
N.Y.

Chas A Caulkins
Bill $2

Cleveland 25 Nov 1849

Dear Sir

Alonzo returned yesterday — I was very glad to see him = He says that you thought the expenses for Racine & Milwaukee rather high in September. The Racine off. was burned up in August — every thing consumed. It was refitted and the bills paid in Sept. which accounts for the large expense at that off. The monthly exps at Re is about $40 — Salary $25 — Rent 4.50 & contingencies, repairs, &c, about $10. Milwaukee off. was removed on the ast side of the river, in the Merchants xchange, where I got a capital office on a lease of five years at $50 per yr. To get on the East side of the river, we had to build four miles of new line, to get above the Shipping, which with the expense of fitting up new office, made a heavy bill for Sept. We have also been at considerable expense to get our upper offs fixed right at Bu. but I think there is no off. at the large towns that will have to be changed or altered again for several years — I expect to get the wire all up on Zanesville line this week, and if I had instruments could complete the line & get $2000 of Buffalo, which is to be paid when the line is done — Hope to get the ins in two weeks & have it done = I have not heard from Wade in ten or twelve days — will hear from him in a day or two or go and see what he is at —

J J Speed
[illegible]

I have to attend a meeting of the Stockholders on Pittsburg line next Thursday when I expect to meet Pear—

We are rebuilding the line from Kalamazoo to within fifteen miles of Chicago—putting it on the Rail Road to New Buffalo and on the Lake shore from there to Chicago. Wood estimates the expense at $1600 but I think it may cost $2000—which will be made up in one year in the saving of expense for Repairs, and in the increase of business—The old line through the woods broke down so often that we lost a great deal of bus, an paid a great deal of money for horse hi to repair—

What shall we do about 2d wire on Lake line? Shall we charge the Co. what it costs? or shall we charge more? shall we take any portion of the pay in Stock, or let the Co pay as we get the money & charge it to expenses?— We ought to have $50 per mile in stock if it was not that Smith is to have as much for Patent. If Smith is to have no part of the profits until we get a clear ticket on title from Patentees, we had better take $50 per mile in stock, than to charge it to Co. at cost & have cash? As we have 3/4 of the receipts saying nothing about Smith— write me & let me know your views about it before we have a meeting of our directors—

Yours &c

J J Speed Jr

Mr E Cornell

Cleveland Ohio Novr. 26. 1849.

My Dear Father,

I reached here safely on saturday after a very pleasant trip over the lake. Much to my surprise. as there has no boat left Buff-alo since we did & now we are having a nice blow which makes the bosom of old Erie heave rather impetuously.

I find business in very good shape indeed, although the weather has been bad and lines have been down a good deal. The Cincinnati Line has been open to Columbus several days but owing to the ignorance of the man who was temporarily put at Columbus we have not worked through yet. Mr Hyde who was detained here in my absence left this morning for Col. and when he arrives I doubt not we shall work through without difficulty. The line is doing more business by 10 per cent. than we anticipated, of way business. Wire will be up to Cincinnati in a few days but we shall not open till we are sure of doing it. I believe the trouble we are now experiencing on our new Ohio lines & your lines is caused by the defection. We are going to try from here to Col soon as Hyde gets there. with all way offices Entirely cut off. My reason is this. The first day wire was up to Zanesville we worked from here to Z most perfectly. Which is the same distance as to Col. 130. miles. now with every thing the same here we only are able to reach Mansfield, this appears to me the trouble cant be in the caps or line, as then the poles were green and it was raining too, and for 50 miles the wire was not soldered it being part of the old line since that it has been taken down & soldered, I will report to you soon as we try it,

Wade is out of the reach of telegraph now between Columbus & Cin. We will find out about his funds soon and advise you.

Kent line will be completed through in three weeks certain, I doubt not in two,

I will write mother again soon.

In haste

Your Affectionate Son

A. B. Cornell

E. Cornell Esq
Ithaca.

A B C 26th Nov 49

Fevi's wire is going to Erie,
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E. B. Cornell
Nov 4, 1849

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