Bangor Nov 27. 1849

D. T. McLoteau Esq

Dear Sir

When at Ithaca I had some conversation with you relative to my interest in the Ithaca & Auburn Telegraph — As you know, I owned about one half of the stock in that line. It has been given without my knowledge and against my wishes but no sufficient title could be given under those circumstances.

The illegality and injustice of the measure I presume you are aware of, but you did not make the transfer.

I am desirous of getting the matter closed in some shape and shall insist upon some arrangement being made for my interest. You have procured some new subscribers and I presume purpose getting other subscriptions taken. Let us arrange this affair and then having got all right you can "go ahead", we do not need to work at cross purposes in so small a matter.

Will you please write me on receipt of this saying what you intend doing in the matter Yours Very truly

Las Edds

Mr E. Cornell

My Dear

On the other side is a letter from Mr Eddy - please examine it, as also my answer and treat the subject accordingly - please forward mine by mail to him - Nothing more has been done or collected on Ia & No. line - will endeavor to get Wilcox to pay $50. before the $200 draft is due which is payable Jany. 3d at To. Co. Bank -

Luther says the receipts of the Ia & No. line do not average enough to pay Exps. -

Geo. Hanley is in town, and wants to leave Cayuga, dont know what arrangement I can make to supply his place - will do what I think will be best for the time being.

Very truly &c
D. F. Tillotson
Dec. 8. '49

Eddy's & Tillotson
Dec 8. 49

Peekskill. Nov 28th 1849

E Cornell Esqr

Dear Sir

Business not improving— does not pay my expenses. Would like very much to remain with you if it would be beneficial to both. If you could arrange it so that I could go to Newburgh Office would be very thankfull. Mr Tyler does not wish to remain there any longer— he wishes to return to New York Office again— he has told me so several times. Would like to have here as soon as possible. Please send me $15. The Washington notes were taken out of Office Tuesday. Please answer this immediately

Yours Very Respectfully
Timothy O Meara Jr

P.S. Please put me in Newburgh Office. I am capable of doing the business there

Yours &c
T O Meara Jr

Montrose Nov 29 – 1849

Mr E. Comells

Your Message of the 28th was received & in answer I state that I have collected the ballance of Dauls Stock Subscription and appropriated it, to my use & below please notice the State of My account with him to this date & inform me whether I am right in so doing, & in addition it will be be necessary for me to Expend more in repairing line as soon as You will furnish me with caps & insolating Glapes. There are a Number of caps stolen off. I am informed and insolating Glapes have fallen out & should be replaced – will You please forwards Some this week as I intend going with a a Man to do the Running You ordered next week – unless You countermand it –

I have paid for Expenses up to this date
for Mending & Repairing wire & acids $89.51
I have received in all for Messages & Reports 81.50
Leaving me short this ballance $8.01

Add Seven Months Salery

and under that state of affairs I felt myself perfectly Justifyable in pocketing the Amount of thirty five Dollars – The Stock holders here are enquiring for their certificates for their stocks – when will they be issued

Very Respectfully Yours
C. L. Brown

1847?

Buffalo Nov 30 47

Dear Brother

I on the 29 rec'd a couple of Lines from Holmes & Otis stating that I would get funds at Livingstons & Wells I came down here to day for that purpose and they tell me that they have heard nothing about it have had no orders from N.Y. to that effect &c you can see what a fix I am in, it is 2 weeks since I have been looking for funds that being the time Burdicks Men were to have their pay and being disappointed they Quit work and put an Attachment on the poles from Silver Creek ~~and~~ to Fredonia and stopped our putting them up Burdick accordingly went on to Fredonia and hired a new gang and Commenced them and work went Johns hands are in a stew and will not work without pay more than that we have no money to pay Expences and have to leave bills unpayed Now if I Cant have money to go on just say so and I will abandon the work and immediately and leave it as it is Mr Allen has been laying idle 2 weeks for want of funds to proceed the gang that I sent on from Detroit have all quit for want of funds

what does this mean I have not been able to get a word from you in Explanation for the last 3 weeks although I have writen almost Every day the Money for the Poles is due and the men are more uneasy about than they would be if the other gang had payed for theirs the poles will all be atached and we shall be Sloped soon if Some thing is not done immediately I wate your answer or funds I have writen a Eom to send to Wells at N y I dont know when it will go, dont let my famely Starve for they are out of money and I have none to send them I am sorry to write such a letter as I understand sine I got here that you are not well let me hear from you if you are able to write and how you are &c I Can not get a word from Speed, Our poles are all up from Bu to Ashtabula but about 16 Miles

Respectfully yours E B Cornell

PS Mr Fish wants to know about puting up wire &c

E B Cornell
30 Nov 47

E. Cornell Esqr
Ithaca
Tompkins Co. NY

Milan Nov 30th 69

My dear friend —

In obedience to your request I now set myself down for a little talk with U — You can hardly tell how glad I was to have a chat with you this morning & it is one that may I hope turn out advantageously to myself, & perhaps it may — I have been studying in preparation for a collegiate education & had got along as far as the fourth or fifth book in Virgill, when father took this office, I liked this business so much better than Latin or Greek I determined to leave them & give myself wholly to this business namely Telegraphing, & I think I have succeded pretty well — I can read considerable by sound so I have taken cows when my paper was so I could let it run if I choose — But I have no desire to remain in it as a second rate operator, first or none has always been my motto. You may think me too proud, but I cannot help it — I have always thought I would like to live in V, & if you think me capable of taking charge of a key I should be very happy indeed to come — I like Milan very well but I could talk with father about as well as if I was here at home.

I thought I heard you telling H. De. the other day you had lately lost a sister is it so I hope not. And now I want you to write me a good long letter let me know all about it, & what the prospect is of my coming to N. how soon & all about it (I hope it is good) & write freely & now I must bid you good bye & in mean time believe me your

Sincere friend
Fred. H. Babb

To A. B. Cornell Esq —
— Cleveland —

Fr Cin saturday to E. Cornell Ia

Ship wire via New Orleans instead of lakes. It will save one thousand dollars freight. Ship 7 sixteenths to Farrington & Williams Terrehaut. No charge for storage. 5 sixteenths to Cincinnati & 4/16 to Alton. [illegible] 7 thousand between Terrehaut & Indianapolis including 15 thousand in the whole dist[illegible] 390 miles. Ship to Terrehaut immediately or we lose by the delay for Oreilly offers to put up the line & wait for the pay till completed I have commenced setting poles from Terrehaute east. If we can get through from Terrehaute to Indianapolis it will stop his Opperation & give us Command of the South

J J S Lee

Fr V to E. Cornell Ia

I arrived here this noon. [illegible] you yesterday. I see Lee orders [illegible] for that line & hope to pay all [illegible] for it at six & a half I not buy any. Let me know at once & I can better bargain at Columbus

J. J. S. Lee

J. J. Pardo
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Tel messages
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New-York, Dec. 1st 1849.

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

Mr Cornell

I expect to go to Boston next Wednesday, & Hartford on Thursday, which will be the nearest to New York I expect to be—

F. O. J. Smith

Friend Pillotson

Dear Sir in relation to my Subscription as understood between us I was to pay $50 out of Grants Factory if Sattisfactory I will apply the $50 ~~on~~ on the payment of the $150 for keeping the office I have made no arrangement with Mumford I think I all can be paid for his Services will be about 100 to $115 which Sum of $100 ~~after deducting $50~~ ought to be paid out of the avails of Moneys resid here I will make the arrangement to pay you the Cloth out any time if you prefer it as it was ~~it~~ understood Mumford is in want of funds he says he has none on hand I think it is importance that some arrangement should be made that we should not have a debt to pay from the Diftrut offices I would propose to have Every office discontinued that cant pay Expences or raise funds in the place where such office is to Sustain it which I have no dout could be done I know those that has contributed in this place would not be willing to pay a dollars as per assessment & would not think it fair usage if so called on

if we could have a daily
depot so I could call on some
of my friends to contribute so as to
sustain the office & rather to have
it go down I can get funds enough
to sustain this office in that way
than I could not well get up a subscription
to sustain it without some prospective
advantage though small & the sooner we
make some arrangement the better
you know the situation of the offices
& its Expenses &c & what you would
advise would be satisfactory I
have no doubt you have the Expenses
&c &c

I would ask for information whether
it is proper & in place for me to inquire
of Mumford for the receipts of his business
from the 1st of Sept or whether it would
be proper for me to look in the Sale Book
in order to see the amount of Business
done in relation to the periodical part
& further is proper for me to have
any supervision over it this office
I dont frequently get in to any business
unless I know something about it
please give me your opinion &
your Respectfully James R Webster

NB your Order for flo. I intend to have sent ~~your order~~ as requested but for the want of funds & the great amount of ~~[illegible]~~ Eletioneering &c there is not much been done

I will endeavour attend to as soon possible &c

Geo R Hitchcock

please weight
me by return Mail

Providence 12th mo 1st 1849

Dear Brother & Sister I received your Desbach "per Telagraph" announcing the heavy intelegence of the death of your beloved daughter and I can but believe that it was a heavy & severe stroke to your best feelings. You have my near sympathy in your bereavement, although I can not speak from experience, having never lost a beloved child yet, I can but imagine how near it must come home to me had it been my own case. I think she must have been nearly my Rebecca's age, she was born since I was at Ithaca consequently I have never seen her. For my part I can not doubt but that all these afflictions that are permited to overtake us are in the ordering best "Wisdom" and we read that affliction cometh not forth of the dust: neither doth trouble spring forth of the ground but that man is born to torouble as the sparks fly upward. Sometimes I have thought that was to turn our minds and affections, from the things of this present world to those bright realms above wither we have reason believe that our much loved ones have departed where there is no parting, to friends, that are permited to reach that shore

We are all enjoying good health and so are our Friends as far I have heard my children are at home this winter except Elijah C. who is at The Yearly meeting barding School. ~~this~~ have no one with us as housekeeper at present with the assistance of Freelove Patt a day or two in the week & a washwoman we get along comfortably. although not in a manner exactly as I should like to have things go.
A very afflicting and heart rending circumstance took place in this city a week ago last third day morning our esteemed Friend Anna Jenkins & her daughter Sarah perished in the flames of their own house the house was a very large three story wooden one and the fire had got well under way before it was discovered it is supposed that it took fire from the furnace by the air pipes in connection with the floor.
Thier funeral was attended it said by the most people ever seen together on a sinclar occasion in Providence She was a woman of great wealth very benevolent and ~~a~~ minister in the Society of Friends
I have not heard from you at Ithaca in a long time and should like have you write & let me know how you all are Please to remember me to Father & Mother and the rest of the Family & I remain Brother
To Ezra & M. A. Cornell Affectionately Thos Chace

Thos Chace
Decr 1. 1849

New-York, Decr. 3rd 1849.

By Telegraph from

To B B French

President Mag. Tel. Co.

Mr. Smith informs me that the Magnetic Telegraph Co has no reserved right to put more than two wires on the poles through Broadway to Harlaem, and he sold those poles to the N. Y. & E. Tel. Assn. without reserving any right for the Magnetic Tel. Co. beyond the two wires

I therefore request that you would desist from the further use of said poles until some arrangement might be made by your company for the right to use them for your third and fourth wire Yours respectfully

E Corner
Prest

Cleveland O. Decr. 3. 1849.

My Dear Father

I have just come across a demonstration of the old maxim which I remember of seeing as long ago as my memory dates – viz. "If a thing is worth doing at all it is worth doing well." I do not mean that this is the first time I have ever convinced of its truth but that I see a new & I think very important demonstration for us. Now in my opinion we need not be interrupted in our business near as much as we now are if we only had reliable insts. It commenced raining here last night and has continued by degrees all day, and our Lake line both ways this Evening is laid up, or in other words unable to do business direct as usual. on our western circuit we have the big relay which Place made & on the eastern circuit a still better relay made by Ware of Cincinnati. We get both Detroit & Buffalo writing nearly as well as we ever did in the world but neither of them (who both have the old relays) can get our writing. Before tea I had the old relays that we have been working with all summer but on but could get nothing. Now is this not a pretty good evidence that we are laboring under disadvantages which might easily be

remidied. I thought the old relays that we have been using was good enough, but I must now give it up. The Cin relays cost $20. that is a pretty good profit but if the others are worth $10. these are surely worth $20. Then I think too there is a defect in those Keys of Blacks. The closing arrangement is a poor one, the break that he closes with is not connected properly with the foundation of the Key. I have examined several of and find the connection very imperfect I have advised all the officers who have them to close by screwing the lever down upon the platina connection. In my opinion it would be far better for us to at once obtain the very best relays for our larger offices and work with some degree of certainty even if it does sprinkle a little. I believe the N.Y. & E line would work as well or better than any other line in the state with Equal advantages. Speed is now having some of the right sort made at Detroit for this line, which I think will tell a different story from what we have ever been doing. The Pittsburg line is now working very well considering its advantages.

I have been very busy ever since my return in geting up my books and reports which had fallen behind during my absence. so I have not had an opportunity to give you

a draft of the repeater, although I have looked it over & find a flaw - I will give you a draft in a few days.

Col Speed is now south but will be here in a few days. I have two letters for him from you which he directs me to keep.

We intend opening the Kent line to Akron tomorrow. The Cin line is improving slowly.

Business begins to drop off a little though it has held on very well, much better than we expected.

I will write mother, Mary Rowe & you again in a few days. I put it to Jackson & Wade every Chance I get & hope to do something soon.

Please write me if convenient.

Your Very Affectionate Son

A. B. Cornell

O. Cornell Esq
Ithaca
NY

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In witness whereof the Pres. & Treas. have affixed their signatures in the City of Peoria this 31 day of March 1851.

L. Howell Pres. (Share $50 each) Francis Voris Pres.

Also another scrip like above No. 893 of same date & amount issued to Angus C. Mann of New York —

Morgan
Dec 3, 49

Office Erie and Michigan Tel Co
No. 15 Merchants Exchange
Buffalo Dec 3d 1849

A & B

Yours of 30th Ulo came to hand by "first boat" = I was glad to hear from you, and hope that letters will hereafter pass & repass more frequently = I envy you in one thing you say your reports are nearly up. I wish I could say the same. = But (as you say) I am "hard at work at them" = I agree with you that Cleveland is a most delightful town, and also a very important point for a young man to "have & to hold" yet I cannot but feel quite mortified at the Working of the NY & Erie line, = From the many complaints made to us here I have long wished that some one who knew beans might be placed in charge of NY ofs, and knowing that your future interests are indentified with your fathers caused me to make the suggestion = I hope your father will give that line this winter "good medical treatment" so that it may come out "all right in the Spring" I received a few moments since a dispatch from you as follows "to Mr Bu = "Have you sent porous cups - not yet received - Speed blowing" = I answered as follows = "I send you fifty pr first Express = "I supposed they had been sent several days since on Keystone state = "Letter to you & Col. S pr mail" (Sig) Morgan" = I am thus definite

in describing the foregoing Coms to & fro for the reason that there is something "rotten in Denmark" in regard to Coms ads^a to "M Bu" = I supposed those cups were sent Eight days ago. I told the messenger to do so and had Ent^d on my mem book as sent to "V. 4 Dg cups = I am not insensible to an Expression of "pity" you make for me, in regard to my connection with a certain youth whose reputation for amiability is never over 90° in the shade = But "strange" as the "bed fellow" is. I shall continue to sleep with him until the wheel of fortune shall make for me a turn sufficiently favorable to warrant a seperation = If I had known fifteen months ago what I know now you would not have been allowed to leave Sw ofs = I hope ABC that you will consider all my letters to you as "for your Eye alone" & I shall reciprocate the frankness = Judging from your last letter, I should think that "Jackson & Pewsline, Alleghany Range, Section one" had got relieved from its "Statu quo" State, and was about to assume an honorable position ~~among the~~ among the active community of "lightning bugs" = Am glad to hear that the Company is organized, the more the merrier = Bill is doing things good up town = Cant write more now & if you can read this you will do better than I can = If You will write me once a week, you will find me prompt in answering = Where is Lee? = Enclosed is letter for Cas. S — Yours — Morgan

Auburn, Dec 3d 1849

E. Cornell Esq.

Dear Sir — I am waiting pa=
=tiently for the balance yet due me for
money I advanced for the Au & Sa line.
Mr. Tillotson has paid me 15 dols on that
account. There yet remains about $12.50. I
am so situated as to be much in want
of that sum now, & allow me to say
that it has been pretty hard for me to
wait as I have. But I am sure you will
not let me wait much longer. You
know, as well as I do, that I ought not
to lose it — that I advanced it in perfectly
good faith. Please get it settled soon.

Also — Messrs. Carpenters, the
livery stable men, are anxious to have
their bill settled. They have asked me
several times lately about it. I have always
told them that as soon as the company
could dispose of some copper wire
they had on hand, their account would
be attended to. So try to have it paid
soon, as it puts me in rather an
unpleasant situation

Yours respectfully

H. C. Gilbert

New-York, Dec 4 1849.

By Telegraph from Warren Penn

To E Cornell

Please get me 35 platinas, and ochoud porous cups - Send by express - Will send you money when I get to Erie

W P Pew

New-York, Dec 4th 1849.

By Telegraph from Peekskill Sandy

To Cornell

Can the office at Cold Spring be removed to a more suitable place and out of the control of Spellman. If so will you furnish a competent operator for that office by your paying a small proportion of the expense

J. M. Ransom

Cuyahoga Falls 4 Dec 1849

Dear Sir

We finish the wire on Zanesville line today - your brother met us here from the South - We have a few Caps to put in and the offices to open as soon as we get the balance of the instruments - I go from here to Massillon to meet Knob & hope to get funds to send you - The rebuilding Lake line from Kalamazoo to Chicago & paying a part on caps at Erie for second wire with freight bills on wire &c will use all the funds which will be collected on Lake line & I will have to provide for your $500 dft in some other way - but will be able to send you the balance due on Zanesville wire as soon as we get offices opened I will see Wade in a few days & if he has not sent the balance due for wire on his line I will punch him up - I send you some blank Notes for you to sign for renewal at Mansfield. The note I lost at Buffalo has been

been found. I think you
had better sign our Note
and send it to Wade & sign
the balance & send to A B Cornell
The first note will have to be
renewed for the full amount as
the offs at Mansfield has just
been opened & nothing paid
on it.

Yours truly
J J Speed Jr

J. J. Speed Jr
Dec 21. 1879

Dec. 4th 1849

Dear Sir

I wrote an answer to the note sent me by my Son, from you, but hearing you were absent left the matter as it was until your return.

In a few days Ferdinand will have fulfilled his engagement with you at his present salary – as agreed upon between Mr Clarke & my eldest Son. I presume there will be no hesitation in your part of the arrangement being also completed. Ferdinands salary is totally inadequate to his requirements. He had a much larger salary before he came into your employment & I cannot consent that he shall longer remain at the rate you are now paying him. As for his learning to operate in two months (even had he nothing else to do) I understand from those practically acquainted with the business, it would be extremely problematical – but where his time is taken up as at present, utterly impossible.

I require for him nothing but a salary adequate to his services & this I presume the Erie Telegraph line would not refuse.

I am respectfully

J Parker

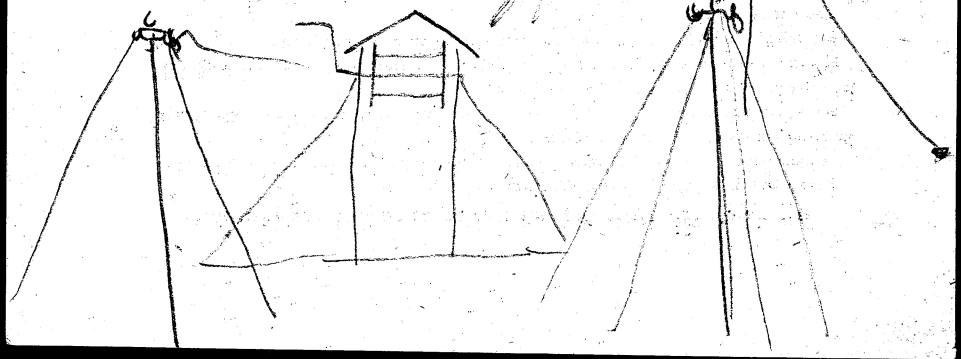
New-York, Dec 5th 1849.

By Telegraph from Honesdale

To E. Cornell

The Juice was down for more than a mile in Extent about four miles beyond Carbondale The men worked all night and nearly all the forenoon in getting it up

S. Price



New-York, 6 Dec 1849.

By Telegraph from Houssdale

To E. Cornell

Cannot account for the acts of drunken Rowdies some of the posts are leaning badly and should be secured I think a hand had best be sent along the line, to repair it. I will try the Carbondale folks on your proposition, How much stock will you ask of them —

R. L. Seeley

To R. L. Seeley

One thousand of D & H Canal Co & Town of citizens.

E C

New-York, Decr 6 1849.

By Telegraph from Honesdale

To E. Cornell N.Y.

I have made an arrangement with Mr Russell to watch the line for six miles at $6. per mo, to make the necessary repairs at moderate charges. He is a Milk man and travels the Road 2 to 4 times each day.

To whome a dollar looks large as and hovels the Road 2 to 4 times a day and is faithful and true

R. L. Seeley.

I am glad you made the arrangement with the milk man, and glad to here that D & H. Canal Agts are a.k. I shall send Mr Bristol there soon to fix the line in good order — Do you know cause of late brake in that neighbourhood

~~Will Carbondale do any E C thing to get an office if I put up second wire from Narrowsburgh to Carbondale and open office~~

Connecticut

Derby Dec 7th 1849

Dear Sir

I received yours of the 4th of July last, and have tried to be patient & wait, hoping you would pay without any further urging, you wrote that if I would keep patient a short time you would be able to pay me, I think five months is a not a short time. I have never been in favor of paying lawyers for collecting my claims but I fear that I shall be under the necessity of employing one if I do not receive my pay soon, It is now more than a year since I delivered the Poles & the prospect is not as good as when they were delivered, I am sorry for your disappointment, but when I have made bargains & have been disappointed in collecting, that excuse would not excuse me from paying those that had claims against me, you directed your letter to Joseph Bassett it should have been Josiah Bassett. but by accident I received it, [redacted] please attend to it as soon as possible

Yours

Josiah Bassett

E. Cornell Esqr

Cacadspring 7th Dec 1849.

Dear

In consequence of a derangement of our mails, I have not rec'd your letter at the time it was due, or I should have answered you sooner — my objection to becoming a partner in the Telegraph Company unless under a charter arose from an unwillingness to assume a responsibility that I did not understand to what it might extend — the same difficulty still continues, as I have no copy of the Law of the Legislature under which you have organized, and am therefore ignorant how far I might be held responsible for the agents of the company, in making mistakes, or in the communication of false information, this I consider of more importance than the responsibility incurred to contractors and agents of the road, which would be serious if alone — Yours truly

Geo Kemble

E. Cornell Esq
New York

New-York, Dec 8 – 1849.

By Telegraph from

To

Hunt has been fine since he has been in – Hopkins started for home – Will be here tomorrow evening Think Hunt will do well – I will attend to line from Ia to Ov – Ov will go to Bk tomorrow & examine

M L.

New-York, Dec 8 1849.

By Telegraph from Mt Vernon

To O. C.

Send first mail draft on New York five hundred for you

J. K. Wade

Ithaca Decr 8th 1847

Dear Sir

I recd your favour of the 22nd a day or two since — I shall not be able to get any thing from my Quebec co this fall they lock up $4,000 — that I ought to have the use of for which they have my blessings and I have a mind to sue them but I dont know as that would be the way of wisdom — but I shall not take your advice and run away my motto is to stand up to the rack fodder or no fodder — The greater the obstacles, the greater the glory in surmounting them — I dont mean to look back and I dont want you to — look ahead and go ahead — the future is gloriously bright and we shall come out at the right spot — and in good time — all that I have undertaken I mean to accomplish — and have no fear of jales or 30 per ct compromises before my eyes — you will soon get letters if you have not already explaining why you have not heard from me — Sickness is the cause — and sickness is the only obstacle that I bow to — and I bow moderately even when the old tyrant is in possession, — I have had really a hard time but am getting strong again and shall be on the line next week —

You are destined to be disappointed in the rect of wine there is 14 casks & 100 bundels of wine that has been detained at Buffalo by a quarrell between Jason Parker & Niles & Wheeler Buffalo all of which I knew nothing about untill my Brother accidentally found the wine in the store house and telegraphed me about it — I have since written and found out all about it. I will send you a letter from

each Parker & the other parties giving their stories and also a copy of my answers to them and have the matter for you to settle. Part of this wire has been at Buffalo since the 20th Oct — I am unable to tell the quantity yet in the 14 casks but it is my present impression that the 7 casks arrived at Buf on the 20 Oct is the lot of 15,561 lb shiped from N.Y. to Chicago Oct 6 — a lot of English wire and the other 7 casks is a similar lot of English wire that I bought afterwards and omitted to enter. As my recollection seems to prompt me to believe that I sent 2 shipments of English wire on from Cocker & Co and I have but one lot entered. I will ferit this out — the 100 bundels wire is a lot of 10,000 from the N. Screw Co — shiped 23 Oct —

By referring back to my letter to Tillotson of 29th Oct I find that I that day bought a lot of 7 to 9 tons English wire which I had not entered and which stops the mistory. So there is about 20 tons of wire in Buffalo that should have been sent forward to Chicago & Detroit, so you will be short 15,561 lb at Chicago and 10,000 lb at Milwaukee — and 52,000 pounds at Detroit and as much more as the wire is over heft which I fear is considerable. The question now arises to know what is to be done. We hall this wire from Buffalo to the w with teams you will so no as far as the deficiency at Chicago & Milwaukee are concerned —

But I cannot anticipate what your and
maybe in reference to wire to go through
Michigan say enough to fill up from Detroit
to Chicago — if we can take the wire through
Canada without paying duty, I am not
clear that it is not best to cart it up
to Detroit — If this is not best then we
will go to putting this wire up from
Buffalo to Erie immediately — and before
that is done or while it is doing you
should go over the line and get as
much stock subscribed as you can
as My Brother writes me that the
feeling is good and on our side and
the business men in a number
of the villages have expressed their
readiness to take stock enough to
entitle them to an office —
I think I shall order this wire put
up at once from Buffalo west and
if you decide to hall wire west I will
have other lots on in time for that
operation — The glasses have gone
forward but may stick somewhere
I dont know — when they are
you will see by my letter
to Parker that the prospect is that
he has sent to Detroit the common
caps that I sent to Buffalo for the line
west of Buffalo, if so I will send up more
for that line —

you must manage the game under these adverse circumstances as well as you can and reflect on the subject and determine with wisdom what course it is best to persue under the circumstances —

I called on Mrs Speed to day to see if she was in want of any thing that I could help her to — I asked her the question & if she wanted any money — she said that Chas Henry had sold his wheat and there were flush — debts all paid and Cellar well stored — she think he is a better provider than his Father — I was glad to find them so comfortable — as I am bound to see the widows provided for —

I leave for Troy early next week write me there —

Yours Respectfully

E Cornell

J J Speed Jr

D. T. Tillotson

Detroit

Milwaukee

Mount Vernon Dec. 8. 1849

E. Cornell Esq

Enclosed I send you a draft on Geo. S. Coe Esq. Cash N. York City. for $500. I regret my inability to remit to you faster than I do. I did suppose I should be able before this time to send you more than I have. but some of my antisipations have not been realized and I find I have so many things to see to. and my time so much occupied in seeing to the work and getting the offices open that I have not had as much time to devote to financeering as I hoped to have. In getting up this line I have undertaken to pay all the small bills along the line as I went. and in doing so find it takes off my funds. In order to secure a subscription of $3400. I agreed to pay at Wheeling for wire $3500. as fast as the wire was made. this $3500. in money was necessary to secure the other $3400. and I think has been a good arrangement. but it has at the same time prevented me from sending you as much as I should otherways have done while on the other hand it has enabled me to get along with using that much less of your wire. I have used about 18. tons of the wire you sent to Cleveland.

I think before this reaches you the wire will all be on to Cincinnati, and as soon as the line is completed there will be another instalment due. then I think I shall be able to send you the balance for the amount of Wire &c you have sent for this line. I have had some trouble in

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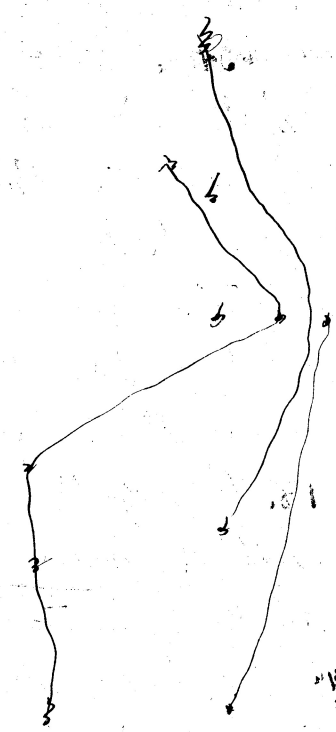
in making this line work to suit me, but we are gaining on it and I am confident we shall overcome the difficulties

If I get this in todays mail I must send it to office soon. Let me know if this is rec'd

In haste Very Respectfully
your obt Servt
J. H. Wade

J. H. Wade
Decr 8. 1849



Middletown Bank
Dec 8th 1849

E Cornell Esq
Pres. &c
Dear Sir

I wish to make a few Inquiries Confidentially

In the first place I wish to know when the Ch of Stock will be issued you told me when here you thought there soon: But the most Important thing I wish to know you said when here you thought you would be able possibly to make a dividend this year of 5 or 6 per cent now I wish you would state to me from your knowledge what you think the prospects are for Declaring a Dividend and about when ~~about~~ you think there will one be declared and about how much and your views of the future Dividends: If it is not too much trouble give your views in full: My object is this If the prospects for a Dividend soon is fair I would like to purchase some of the Stock and what ever you may state to me shall be confidential

Yours Respectfully
W M Graham

Auburn Dec 10th 1849

Dear Sir:

Father requested me to write and inform you that he was unsuccessful in getting any of the money due from subscribers for stock in Seneca Falls, and he thinks it would be advisable to close the St office immediately, and it seems to me that it will not pay to keep it open as they do not begin to do enough biss to pay the operator and there is no prospect of their doing so this winter at any rate as we get no reports from M & L line

As there seems to be no immediate prospect of an organization of the company I would like to know what you intend to allow me for keeping this office - I cannot stay unless I get ~~something~~ enough to pay my living at least - Father rec'd a letter from Powell & Jones of St yesterday informing him that they had placed their bill in the hands of a Justice for collection - I have close work to get along here, there have been 2 or 3 small bills presented against the Co which I have not paid and cannot, nor can I even get along with expenses which I am daily obliged to pay unless I get money from some other source than this office and the others are unwilling to pay me all their acts as they want them themselves.

Yours Respectfully

H. C. Hutchinson

Honesdale, Pa., Dec. 10th. 1849.

Mr. E. Cornell:

Dear Sir:- I have forebarne writing for some time, because I expected ere this to have seen you.

What I wish to state is, that I have charged and taken $5.00 per month since the 1st. of August for my services as operator on your line, and what I wish to ask is, if it is satisfactory to you?

If you think the amount is too large please to say how much and it shall be immediately refunded.

I understood, a few days ago, that "Jim" was about to leave Peekskill, and that you was solicitous for him to stay on account of the difficulty of supplying his place. If you can afford wages enough to board and clothe me, I will operate there for you, - I think - my expectations as to "getting a living by telegraphing" to the contrary notwithstanding.

The statement which I telegraphed to you the other day, regarding the lines being down over a mile in extent, is strictly true if I was not falsely informed.

Yours Respectfully,

M. Wheeler.

Answered 12 Decr 49, that I approve of paying him $5. per mo for his services as operator at H.

E Cornell

Paid

Mr. E. Cornell,
N. Y. & Erie R. R. Office,
New-York.

Mansfield 11 June 1849

Dear Sir

Made a bee - He has sent you $500 - and in all $1369.20 He owes about $1200 more on wire & Instrument - I have examined his affts, and I am confident that he has resources enough to pay the balance due you, and pay in back for (Hands & tools all kind) Patent, and have 17 tons of Steel wire left. He will collect his last instalment in a week or ten days and in less than thirty days I find you all that is due on wire and Instr. The 17 tons wire left he wants to use towards a second wire for which we get 100 dollars per mile - He can get examples at Washington Wilmington & Cockenbey to buy for coal of wire & for putting on. His line has been ordered and until I got here yesterday - He could not work through from Cockenbey to Woodland, and I found the difficulty in three Cases. Cast iron Key seats. the wire is Japanned, and the ends of the centre on which the Key turns were also Japanned, which almost cut the current off entirely - At all events it made so bad a connection that the wire would not work - I have the Varnish or Japan all filed off, so as to make a bursage

for the current through the Key, and the line now works as well as any line possibly can. I think it not unlikely that you may have some of those mean, contemptable, Key keys in your line, with the points varnished, Japanned, and if so, it is a good reason for your line not working well. You once told me that you thought that the small wire between Ottawa & Binghamton had not sufficient conducting capacity, but you use iron Key keys, with iron contin, and iron points, in those castes, & not larger than no 18 or 20 wire. You will observe that the spring which lifts the pin does not make a connection, as the cast iron in which the spring rests is Japanned, & the hole in which the end of the spring rests is full of Japan, so as to render it impossible to get a current through the spring. The only chance left for the current is through the points on which the key strikes, and if those are Japanned, as they are in this Office, your have good cause for your line not working. I have rode two miles over the hills & 2 nights cold as punishment to get to this Office, but I have carried the trouble, & am paid for the labor—

I expected to have seen Hunt & Garlick at Marseilles, but they will not be there until tomorrow

when I hope to see them, by riding all night, (tonight) If I can get the last dose from them, I can buy all we owe for wire until the 1st. but I do not suppose that they will buy all that is due until the 1st. Then we shall open all the Offices, until I get from Register. I will get money enough to pay your two bills of $500 each. I will have to advance for 2 or 3 lbs on the $500. Rest to Detroit, as we shall have time as we could get to rebuild the lines I have to take the type & wire with again from Muskegon

Yours truly

J J Speed Jr

Madison lines done to-day or tomorrow, & off again this week.

Ed Bloomfield is opening office on Janesville line—

See Smith about 20 miles on Lake line— Must have it by 1st rather he would agree to it heredy—

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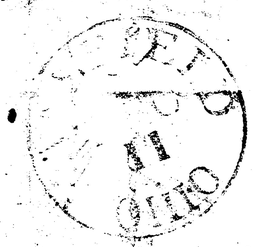

Mr. E. Cornell
E & M Tel Off
New York City

J G Spiral Jr
Dec 11 1849

Binghamton Dec. 12. 1849

Mr. Cornell

Can you not give me an order on the Telegraph office at this place for $7.32 the balance now due me. I do want the money very much indeed.

If I could get a chance in New York office at a salary enough for me to get my living, I would like to come but I understand Mr. Hopkins, of Dansville, is to be the lucky man, and if he is preferable to myself, I give up, & try to get in some kind of business there, for I am bound, if there is a possible way, to live in New York this winter.

If you think you can give me the order, please send as soon as possible. I was in this office (Telegraph) three

months and one day,
for which I only charged
fifty dollars, and during that
time I received $32.68, leaving
$17.32 in my favour. Please
write soon as convenient

Yours very resp
Geo Hetherington

E. Connell Esq.

Geo. H. Cook
12 Dec 1849