Johnstown Jany 30. 1850

E Cornell Esq
Pres

Dear Sir I have your favor by Telegraph of the 28th Inst.

I have not in my possession the original subscription list of Stockholders at this place in your Company. I however have enclosed you a list of the subscribers in this place & each one has paid the whole amount to me & I have paid to you or your order. I hope you will forward to us the Certificates for the Stock.

I collected all your money at this place & you wrote me directing me to make out my account & forward to the Trustees at Utica. I have made out no account yet if you have paid others for such services you may pay me the same you paid them. It is a matter of little consequence at any rate. I hardly ever charge for such services.

I hope you will be able to give us a Dividend this Spring.

Very Respectfully
A. S. Mercien.

Louisville Jan'y 31 1850

D. Sir

Your report for the month of December was duly received. We are getting blanks printed & will send you some as soon as possible. Please send me report for this month as soon after the 1st prox. as possible

We are getting more than our share of business here & we should do far more if the New York line was reliable. I hope it may be soon.

Mr Martin does well, but would do much better if he would be more careful in adjusting - We very frequently are obliged to take Baldwin to raise him. This ought to be otherwise.

Shall be pleased to hear from You at any time

Yr. Truly
G. F. Gaylord

A. Bloomell Esq
Cleveland O.

Cleveland Ohio 2 Feby. 1850

My Dear Father

Your favor of the 27th ult is just recd. and I can assure you I was not a little gratified to hear from you, as I do not have that pleasure very often of late. but still I was much more pleased to hear that all of my friends and particularly our family are enjoying a reasonable degree of health.

We have had very bad weather for our purpose for the last two or three weeks. It has been very warm and stormy. So much so that the lake is nearly clear of ice. A propeller left here monday evening last and went to Buffalo and returned here this morning. She had a very pleasant trip but it has commenced snowing this PM and is now growing considerably colder and I fear it will close up again. Though for all the weather the Ky line has performed most admirably for the last month and if it only holds out I think we shall be satisfied with it. I cannot see what difficulty there will be in using the Erie and Jackson lines as a second line but Speed says it cant be done though he gives no reason why it cannot. He left Detroit yesterday morning for Cincinnati

From there he will go to Zanesville and to Newyork either via Cleveland or Pittsburgh. Wade is to meet him in Cin. where he will arrive on monday next. It will take him nearly two weeks to get to Newyork either way. Wade has finally come to the conclusion that the trouble in his line is in the caps. He says as soon as he returns from Cincinnati he shall commence replacing the present caps with glass ones— unless the Col. persuades him not to. I am satisfied in my own mind that the trouble is in ground connections but whether it is in the caps or not is more than I can say. As with our nearest neighbors Key open we get a good circuit from our own bat. and with Wooster Key open I can work well with Medina without any ground wire. at Mansfield where they have six cups main battery they can get good circuit with keys both side of them open.— and so through the whole line. This proves that the connections are good and too good. I think the Co will not be organized untill the line is in good trim. As to who will probably elected directors I could not say. I have not heard Wade say anything on the subject. Though I

should think most likely. Speed yourself
each, Mr L. A. Rezner of Cincinnati. possibly
Mr Delano. who is now one of our trustees.
and possibly Mr A J Smith Cashier at
Newark. he is a large stockholder but I
think not very popular with Wade & others
interested. I should think it would be policy
to have some one here as director but there
is no stock here. I think Wade will re
elim as unanimous vote for Pres't.

I went to Wislow this pm for a statement
of the vote here. but Hall Their book
Keeper and head Clerk. and in fact the only
man about the establishment is out of town
and will be till next week when they promise
to give it to me upon his return when I will
forward it to you. As Speed is going to be off
the line so much for the remainder of the winter
I have concluded to stay here and keep watch
of things.

I will write again in a few days. No
more time at present.

Your Very Affectionate Son
A. B. Cornell

E Cornell Esq
Chatham

Peekskill Feb 2nd 1850

Mr E Cornell

Dear Sir

I send with this my monthly reports of Dec & January. You will see that busines has been very dull with me for the last month, There is a ballance of $12.85 my Due from the Company wich I wish you would send to me as soon as possible for I owe almost $20 here for my board and other necessary expenses and if you can possibly accomodate me so much as to send me ten dollars in addition to the amount due and Rep the two receipts I gave you in New York you will do me a great favor. and I will return it in the course of the next month or two, I think burness will be better in the course of a month or so—

I send enclosed Fricket & Montrofs bill— They are closing up their business and say they must have the money ans one of them is going to leave the busines

over

Please dont fail to write me immediately on the receipt of this for I am on thorns untill my board is paid up.

Yours in haste

C. C. Northrop

C. C. Northrop
Feb 2 1858

Ithaca 4 Feb 52

Dear Sir

Read Friend Hawlands letter and my answer to it & then in close the letter to him if right.

Can you spend a week or ten days for me at Elmyra, Both Springville & Lodi, getting stock. I was at Elmyra Saturday. they are in right mood now to make a proposition that they like — and by Feb as I leave this P. M. for Ky.

Yours &c

E Cornell

D. T. Tillotson Esq

Shelburne Falls Feb 5th 50

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir yours of the 31st is at hand. I have to say in reply that as far as I can see, I see nothing to hinder carrying the business through & establishing works at your place for the manufacture of Scythes.

If you & other citizens of your place are sufficiently interested in the enterprise, to take the stock & furnish capital for building & carrying on the business, I think that there will be no difficulty in obtaining workmen, of the right stamp, men, who would like to take stock in the company.

I have a Brother next Younger than myself, who is now at work in Auburn. He has worked in the shop with me previous to last fall, at which time he left for Auburn. I have not written him upon the subject, as I thought it best to wait until I ascertained the prospect of success was. I shall write to him in a day or two & shall address him upon the subject.

I suppose that all the works might be run by one wheel in the manner you speak of, but am not yet prepared to say that I think it would be best to do so, but will take the subject under consideration in that respect. Decide in my own mind upon that point.

I think that the work might all be done in one building, but at present should not think it best to have it 2 stories high. the entire length, say 55 or 60 feet one story, & the 45, 2 stories. as I should not now think it best to have the part in which the hammers run, more than one story on account of the jar, which the building would receive from the running of the hammers. But if the building is firmly built of stone, & the works run in the manner you speak of, I do not know as there would be sufficient jar to the building, to be injurious to that, or the works, other than the hammers. It would be necessary of course to run the hammers, & grindstones, on the ground floor, & we should not need for the rest of the work so large a room as these would occupy, therefore it

would not be so necessary to have the building 2 stories the entire length.

In regard to workmen, I would say that common Blacksmiths could learn to do some part of the forging if ingenious workmen in a short time.

Unless they are used to trip hammers they could not do all parts of work without spending nearly the same amount of time, that young men would have to who never worked at the business.

It would be necessary for them to come in with a disposition to learn, & recieve instruction from others, although they might be old, & good workmen at their business. I have had some experience in this respect, but more of this when I see you.

I have a few weeks work to do before I can come out to see you. but will come as soon as I can, as I am anxious to have this matter settled, that I may know what I am to do for the future. I have 2 or 3 other Chances for business, but give this the preference for the present.

I will write you before I come to your place, yours in haste

& Cornell Co Samuel Morse

I will say that as far as I am able to judge, from the style of your writing, & your manner of expression, I am well pleased & we are able to judge something of the character of the man, from these two sources. But notwithstanding this, it may perhaps be prudent for me to make some inquiries in regard to the character of the men with whom I am to deal, previous to making any definite business arrangements with them.

If you have no objections, I should like to have you inform me what your business is, & refer me to one or two individuals with whom you are acquainted.

When I come out to see you I will bring satisfactory recommendations with me, or refer you to any number of individuals you may wish before that time, or both, if you would like. If you will answer this soon you will much oblige

yours

Saml M

C. C. Esq

Carbondale Feby 4th 1850

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

In answer to your favor of the 31st Jany I can only say, that although my own private business would in no wise be benefitted by a Telegraph Office at this place, still if the other persons here subscribing to the Stock will unite with me in procuring an office I will be willing to pay my former subscription of 4 Shares

As you are now in York City would it not be well to call upon the Hudson Canal Comp and see what they will do towards aiding your enterprise, as it is so long since I had any communication with them on this Subject that I cannot tell what they now are willing to do Mr Lord and Myself are to be in the City next week when we could use our influence in getting what we could at the same time it would be well for you to present your Claims and let it be talked about,

Respectfully Yours
James Archbald

Carbondale 6th Feb 1850

Dear Sir

Yours of the 31st Ult is received in relation to my Subscription to the Telegraph, I find by enquiring among the People how that the interest in Car wish to have an Office in the Village has very much abated and very little Stock would be taken per myself I can say little about it as I expect to move from here before many Months, Therefore I had rather not take the Stock

Very Respectfully
Yours
L Benjamin

E Connelly Esqr

Newburgh July 6th 1850

E Connell Esqr

Dear Sir

I am out of funds entirely — Please send me $35 — Will send receipt by mail — Please send this week and oblige

Yours Very Respectfully
Timothy O Meara Jr

New-York, Feb 8 1870.50

By Telegraph from Columbus

To O Cornell

Ny

I have just learned
the man
who agreed to remit you
five hundred dollars
did not do it as
supposed and I
hope to get it arranged
and will do so as
fast as I can Col
Speed is here on his
way to New York Will
explain J. H. Wade

New York & Erie Telegraph Co

To Timothy O Meara Jr Dr

1849

	To Services as an Operator from June 28th 1849 to January 28th 1850 — 7 months at $250 per year		$1.45 83
Dec 10th	" Fare from Peekskill to New York		.76
" 22	" " " New York " Newburgh		.89
			$1.47 48
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	By Cash received in Peekskill Office	$87.00	
" 15th	" " " " New York "	5.00	
1850 Jany 5	" " " " Newburgh "	5.00	97.00
	Balance due		$.50 48

Newburgh February 8th 1850

Newburgh Febry 8th 1850

E Connell Esqr

Dear Sir

Enclosed is bill up to January 25th 1850 — I am not exactly sure about the amount of money I received at Peekskill office — Dont think it is as much as sum in bill — I left Peekskill so unexpectedly and in such a great hurry that I did not think of getting the amounts — I have a bill I made out the week before when you came there and judge from that bill — I intend going there as soon as possible and get the amounts — Please send me the $35 this week as I want to use it very much & oblige

Respectfully yours
Timothy O Mearas Dr

Telegraph Office Peekskill Feb 8th 1850

Mr Ebonell

Dear Sir

I have not recd any thing for reports yet but have got 20 dollars subscribed for the report— I have not been able to receive but five of the reports yet for various reasons one is I have got a very poor Relay magnet and unless the line works first rate I cannot receive a long despatch.

But I am going to try to get them after next Tuesday evening and wish you would have them sent as early as possible

I shall try to collect a part of the subscription as soon as I get a going a again - most of the subscribers dont like to pay yet and I dont like to ask them to do so until after I have recd reports for one month—

As for Money I am in great want of what is due me and if it is a possible thing the amount of ten dollars over with I think I shall be able to pay you by the first of next month for my burning is much better than it was and is increasing

Help me along through this month and do me a great favor Yours Respectfully

H Bonnell

Omego Feb 20 1857

Elcomb Esq

Sir

I note yor
this morning wishing an adrance
in my salary - I wish you
would as soon as possible give
me an answer and what you
will do as I have an offer to
engage in other business with
I can make some arrangement
with you - If I considered myself
bound to stay as agreed with
Mr Boardman I should not ask
for any adrance but you
must be aware that this office
has more business than any other
on the line, I do not mean to
be understood saying business
but as a reputing station, at
least it has thus far - I think
it nothing more than right that
I should have some adrance - If
you cannot do so, please give
me an answer as possible as the
Gentleman is waiting for my
decision - I would like very
much to remain if we can

agree upon a salary - So far
the rules of this Institution have
been very good -

Please give
me as early an answer as
possible, by telegraph if you
will

Yours. Respectfully

E Cornell Esq

Silas C Clapp

New-York, 11 Feb 1849. 50

By Telegraph from Peekskill

To E. Cornell

I do not understand your letter.
Can you send me funds
to morrow and steere my
sports. They are not A.1 -
and I will make them
so - I want funs very
much please send
them tomorrow
Montrose wants them
money

C. C. Northrop

Old Sporiz Telegraph Office Feb 12th 1850

Mr E. Connell

Sir I have repeatedly asked for you to come up here, you very well know the way I am connected with the line as an Operator, I told you when you was here in Dec last that I was anxious for some kind of an Definite arrangement, If you wish, or calculate for me to attend to this office, come & see me, & if you choose to remove it very well, but so long as it remains as it does at present, I shall certainly exact pay for my services, If you think, or calculate that I do this business for nothing, let me tell you, for once you are deceived, The Stock Holders here are perfectly satisfied that I am entitled to pay for my services, they have hearts a little longer than yours, which makes me perfectly satisfied that I shall be paid for my Labour, Butcher I am perfectly satisfied has told you much untruth, I have never said things which I know he has told you, I dare say every thing to your face that I ever said in his presence — There is quite a number of Bills that ought to be paid by you, they have been presented to me, & all this you well know, Dr Watsons bill for acids &c is here, he is making arrangents to go to California, he wants his pay & others want theirs, I dont know what the devil you are afraid of you shant be hurt, I want to have you come up here & see me & arrange matters &c

Signature

Billings Spellman

Pittsfield Feb 14. 1850

Mr Cornell

Dear Sir Can we negotiate with Mr Smith to take the C and D Telegraph line with a guarantee to keep it up with a reasonable Tariff if you should think so I wish you would confer with him immediately and let me know the result I think the Co would agree to let him have it at very reasonable rate so far as they are concerned if he should not wish to take it I should like to know what you intend to do about it do write me and let me know

I intend to see Thayer in a day or two he has been absent from home or I should probably have done so before this time

Yours &c in great haste

S L Russell

E Cornell Esq

P S I have been to Adams to see Thayer since writing the the above he will do nothing different from what he last proposed will not take the stock at any rate he says there is no stock so you see he is full or fight there is no alternative now but to try the case, or pay him the cash 200 Dollars I agreed with him to continue the case until June terms with out cost

The operators want to take ~~and~~, the line and work it for what they can get — but I do not know what to do but I think I shall call a meeting of the Co make a report of the state of things and leave them to manage for themselves, unless Smith will take the line it must go down for ever

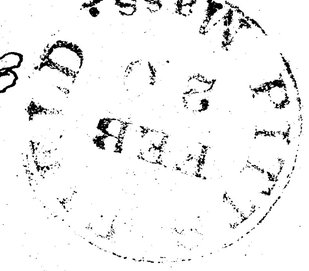
Yours ⅋c ⅋c

Ezra Cornell

T L Russell

D. L. Russell
14 Feb 1850

Rev Edwin Everett Esq
Stamford Office
A Place Estate



Peekskill
~~New York~~, Feb 15th 1869.

By Telegraph from .....

To Ezra Cornell Esq

President N.Y. & Erie Tel Co#

I am in great want of some money - I have bills here that must be paid and I cant do it untill you send me what is due me - If my Reports are not right send them back and I will make them right & you send me some money without fail by return mail, I also want two new Lines which Mr Griffin will bring up to me if you will hand them to him. -

Respectfully Yours
A. C. Northrop

Mr E. Cornell

Ithaca Nov 15. 50

Dear Sir

Enclosed I hand you Knapp & Peck letter - I wrote them I had no interest in matter further than acting as your Agent in the construction of the line and knew not the calculation of the company, but presumed you would desire to keep the office and pay rent that you would probably give it attention on your return from N.Y.

Allow me to say that the management of the line is ill calculated to inspire public confidence or add to the interest of the stockholders, Mr Wood, informed me last Evening that there was break about 4 Miles from here, that it had been so about a week, - he could not go out to fix it, and would not incur the expense of sending out - all this may be as it should be for your interest, but I think there is or will be a "Screw loose" in managing Telegraph lines, in this way - It is none of my business however and I hope you will pardon this, if amiss - I have talked with Conrad, Pelton & Romans about Scythe Manufactory - they throw cold water, will see others but fear it will be "no go".

Very truly &c

D. T. Tillotson

Harrisburgh Feby 16th 1850

Mr E Cornell

I have endeavoured to get some satisfactory answer from N Y & E Telegraph by through its officers and finally applied to you sometime ago in relation to the payment of Thos Shaw's bill for fitting up the office at this place as per contract made by yourself at $42 50/100. your answer instead of giving any decision when the bill would be paid merely stated that I wished the bill turned with me. even if that was the case I see no reason why it should not have been paid when the work was completed. but such is not the case. The bill was telegraphed for Mr Shaw some three weeks after the work was done (in the middle of the week) saying that he wanted the funds the Saturday following. on which day I paid him Twenty dollars in cash and since that time the balance. supposing that the bill would be paid in some reasonable time at least. by remitting the amount due or authorizing Mr Tyler to pay the same you will much oblige

Yours &c
Chas Wakeman Jr

PS
also wish to hear from you in relation to Lease of Telegraph Office being made out as per agreement

C W Jr

Jm E Cornell

W U & Telegraph Office

Hanover Pa

Steelton R R

Chas. Pharetta
Phila. Pa. 1887

Centreville Ala 17th July 1850

Friend Cornell

Your kind letter of — came duly to hand at Dear Waste and — I must here query by to apologize for not answering it before this but you will know how to excuse the attention which I would otherwise have given it when I tell you that in addition to my regular duties I have had the whole Reilly tribe to fight unaided and alone. I have known this gratification that wherever we have come in contact victory has perched upon my banner and the talons of the Turkey Buzzards have not made one single rent in its folds as yet, but while they have not deprived me of any of my stripes they have kept me employed in an inglorious war of defence and kept me from prosecuting the war with vigor into the heart of the enemies country — But while I am vainglorously boasting of my success let me not forget that I am addressing myself to one who has lately met with a loss an irreparable loss — a loss which no time can ever restore. And although I have never been called upon to mourn the loss of any very near or dear relative upon whom I had centered my hopes yet well do I know how to sympathise with you in your bereavement. I have an only sister and I can immagine what might my feelings be were she the one upon whom the fell destroyer had fixed his grasp. But while we grieve for the departed let us not mourn as those

there without hope - although the casket beautiful though it be lays mouldering beneath the cold sod the jewel of much more priceless value is still retained and has but returned to that great source of being from which it emanated and like the beautiful flower which bloomed for awhile and then faded and died has "left its fragrance on the desert air" And although grief must have its way that great opposer time will eventually mellow it down into the pleasing reflection that our spirits shall meet again in that better world "where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest"-

I am glad to hear of your prosperity which warrants the arrangements you are making in the Cleveland Office. When Nade gets his line to work so as to do business with promptness and my line gets through to St Louis as I am in hopes to some time in June you may calculate on my standing you with business from this quarter. I think after we get established we can do a fair share of the business of both Cincinnati & St Louis ~~Just~~ But to do it we must attend to it promptly and efficiently as you and I will understand. I dont think E & M. Line can complain of our management in that Office and I know that Speed is satisfied that we both did the best we could when there D. T. T. to the contrary notwithstanding. I think I shall get enough stock taken on this line to pay up for everything by the time I get through but may fall a little short of it. I have had a hard row to hoe but I think it will look about as well as any of them when I get through - I am a little afraid of the caps, but I must put them up and try them now as they are all paid

And about 150 miles of them on the poles and about 75 miles more delivered along the route and under contract to be up next month. I shall have 350 miles of poles and the cross arms up by or before the first of April — and I think I can stretch the wire and get the balance of the poles up by or before the last of June and perhaps before but it takes time and considerable money to build 400 miles of Telegraph and I cant get along any faster than I can. When I have to get the Block and collect and attend to the whole matter myself but I guess I am doing it almost as well as D. J. S. or T. J. would and perhaps a leetle better. I Telegraphed you from Cincinnati the other day requesting you to Telegraph Mrs. Lee at McDonough where this Letter opened. I expect her brother will come and bring her out as it will be almost impossible for me to go after her although I could I fear the trip would give me much pleasure. I should like to stop at Cleveland and spend a couple of days myself but I am in a hurry to get the line to work and nothing will be done while I am away. If you have not already done so and the Lake is open you will confer a favor upon your friend by complying with my request Tender my Respects to the boys in the Office and also to Smith. And accept for yourself the kindest regards

Your friend

John J. Lee

Please direct your letters to me at Terre Haute. That my head quarters.

Buffalo Feby 18th 1850

Col. S.

Enclosed is telegraphic dispatch Rec'd from Mr Jackson the Eighth inst. I would have answered it, to you Ere this, had I have been able to have found the shipping books "at home", = Viles & Wheelers books & C. Mann & Co's were not on hand, consequently this is as early a date as I could possibly be able to forward you the % = I cannot find Pears name on any warehouse book in this city or Tonawanda, and the best I could do, was to get from Each warehouse, that I suspected had ship'd corn, an % of their shipments = I now Enclose to you the result of my exploration and if from it you can cypher out a satisfactory result, I shall be most happy = And now I wish you to say to our friend & Counsel, that if he will send to Buffalo a shipping bill of Every thing he sends "to" or "beyond" Buffalo that I will keep a faithful register of "date" "article" "quantity" "to whom sent &c", So that he will be able hereafter to arrive at some definite conclusion

Very Respectfully Yours

C. G. Morgan

Ravenna Feb 19 1850

Mr Speede & Connells

Sirs

Mr Prentiss left a letter with me on Steuting for New York which was mailed to You on the 9th of Feb I think. Wishing You to establish a Telagreph Office in this place. as the arangments agreed upon between Mr Speed and Mr Prentiss had been made We have not heard from You as yet Please Write and let us Know how soon we may expect an office—

Very Respectfully Yours
B S Hopkins

Ithaca 19 Feby 1850

M. E. Cornell

Dr Sir

I have just received yours in relation to my demand and must say that your answer is very unsatisfactory - In my former letter I mentioned that my payments this coming Spring are large & will again say that I have a large amount of money to raise from some source & my main reliance is upon those who are indebted to me & must rely upon realizing my demand against you in some way if possible - If you will give me good endorsed paper upon which I can raise the money at 3 or 4 or even 6 months with interest I will accept it - Please say what you will do as upon your answer my future course will be predicated -

Yours Respectfully

V. Conrad

Pike Feb 19 1850

Dear Sir

Excuse me for taking the liberty of addressing a few lines to you by way of inquiry & in the first place I am allmost daily inquired of what has been done with the stock subscribed for in this place whether any certificates have been issued & if so where they are & I cannot answer the question with any satisfaction and a great proportion of the subscribers here are sorry they had any thing to do with it & consequently take but little interest in its welfare & I have to take the whole responsibility on myself without any one hardly to advise. & 2nd I was left in charge of this station on the 10th May last without any contrast & have spent allmost my entire time for nine Months with but very little pay & not even knowing what I am ever to have if anything with a family on my hands dependant on my daily earnings & I must say I am rather hard use. and I think my station has been rather an important one so far for I have had every break but one btn Jun & A 14 in number & have been ten days on the line & as to my promptness you better inquire of M.L. who can tell as well as any one. Now I know you have a great deal on your mind of more importance but I do feel as though aught

at least to give me a word of incouragement and plese do so on the Receipt of this by answering it & tell me when I may expect you out this way & what I can allow me for my services so that if I cant get along & support my family I must resort to some other means I know what it is worth & the least sent any man aught to do it for & do Justice to it is $240 a year & all expences paid saying nothing about Board & Rent & a Dollar a day extra for going on line for I say it is some like work to do it as much as I have all weathers & traveling but Methinks I have tayed your patience full enough for this time & will close by once more requesting you to answer this immediately and tell me plainly & confidentially what you can do & let it remane a secret with you and me

Yours with Respect

D, P, Gordon

E, Cornell Esqr

D P Gordon
14 Feb 1857

N B

plear give me your opinion what this Stock will pay for I can buy some perhaps if I was sure it would be to my advantage

D, P, G

Dansville Feb 23. 1850

E Connell Esq

Dr Sir

Your favour of the 21st ult was rec'd in due time — In this Communication you say you will pay my account if I will take one share of [illegible] Stock. This I cannot do — I am now much in want of money & must insist on this account being paid without further delay — I have taken $100. of Stock & paid it — This I done, more to help along in the enterprise, than as a matter of profit — This is all I am able to do at present — hope you will forward me a Draft for balance —

Respectfully

Wm Welch

New York Feb 25th 1850

Dear Sir

I have had the subject of providing Telegraphic facilities for the New York & Erie Rail Road Company under consideration several days; and submit the following propositions for your ~~consideration~~,

I will build ~~you~~ a line of Telegraph from New York to Corning, immediately, and extend it to Dunkirk, when the Rail Road is completed, erecting the posts along the line of your road, from Piermont to ~~Dunkirk~~ the Lake. Insulate the wire in the most perfect manner, and Establish offices at New York, Piermont, Sevorns, Chester, Goshen, Middletown, Port Jervis, Narrowsburgh, Deposit, Sanesboro, Binghamton, Owego, Elmira, Corning, and at such other places between Corning and Dunkirk, as the Rail Road Co may designate, not exceeding five west of Corning. The office in New York to be established at your Depot at the foot of Warren St, and the other offices to be in your Depot buildings except at Binghamton & Elmira. Room to be furnished by the Rail Road Company free of charge. The Instruments to be worked by

by the New York & Erie Telegraph Association (Company) at their own Expense. The R.R Co furnishing such employment as they may have, to the Telegraph operator at ~~the~~ offices where the telegraph business, independent of that done for the R.R. Co ~~amounted~~ may amount to a less sum than the cost of supporting the office. One wire, and one set of instruments, appropriated to ~~be placed at the disposal of~~ the R.R Co service at all times, and their ~~business~~ dispatches to be ~~dispatched~~ sent on said wire in preference to that of any other business, and at such times as the R.R wire may be out of order, the R.R messages to be dispatched on any wires belonging to the Telegraph Co, with such preference as the urgency of the case, or justice to the ~~public~~ other business may warrant. The Batteries on the R.R Wire to be kept in action during the night, and the instruments be provided with an independent start, & Stop motion & bell, so that they could be used at any time of night, ~~when~~ an emergency might occur. I will furnish instruments, Magnets batteries &c for fifteen cars, such as will enable the conductors to stop at any point between Offices & attach to the wire, and send or receive messages. The telegraph services to be done for the Rail Road Company free of charge. The Rail Road Co granting free passage

over their Road to the Superintendent and agents of the Telegraph Co,

The Rail Road agree keeping the telegraph posts and wires in repair.

The Rail Road Company to pay one hundred dollars per mile, as the work progresses.

I would also furnish Cornell & Speeds connectors, at such points as will insure the working of the line perfectly to Superintendent,

The Telegraph Service to be done for the Rail Road Co, free of charge.

The Rail Road Company granting free passage over their Road to the superintendent and agents of the Telegraph Co,

The Rail Road Company keeping the telegraph posts and wires in Repair.

The Rail Road Company to pay one hundred dollars per mile, as the work progresses.

I have imbraced in the above proposition in addition to Morse's Telegraph, the use of new and important inventions, that are essential in securing constant working of tel egraph lines, and find indispensible in a Rail Road Telegraph, which I would be happy to Explain to yourself or Directors at a personal interview.

E Cornell

Newburgh, February 25th, 1850

Mr Ezra Cornell

Sir,

Mr Briggs having lea placed in our hands a claim against you for collection, amounting to $212.10/100, for Telegraph poles. The order you gave him on Thos Cornell & others at Rondout was presented for payment which they refused. You will please give this matter your immediate attention, as we have been instructed to prosecute if not forthwith paid.

Yours respectfully,
Fullerton & Fowler

New York ay Feb'y 27th/57

Mr Darnell

Dear Sir

After seeing you on last Monday morning I again called in the afternoon to receive yoder final answer but learnd that you had gone to Washington not Knowing the day you might return I have taken the liberty of writing— during my interview on last monday morning you requested me to give a sample of my handwriting not having used my pen for this past eighteen months with the excepttion of some three or four times & my hand being numbed with the cold I was taken somewhat at a disadvantage — I am certain with some two weeks practace I could write a pretty decent hand as some three years ago I had the credit of doing so — I am anxious to learn the Telegraph Business and should you receive me into your employ I will endeavour to give every satisfaction the amount of salary for the present not of much consequence while you be so kind as to oblige me with an answer and direct to my Mother Mrs Sarah Webb 84 west 16th St

I remain
Yours Respt
Daniel ay Butcher

Detroit Feby 27th 1850

A. Kennedy Esq

Dear Sir Enclosed please find five certificates of stock for forty shares each. I commenced making them for twenty as Levi S. directed but finding I had only five with his signature was obliged to correct an error.

Our opposition at Chicago does not amount to as much as I feared. In fact we take the oyster while the two lines have each the shell between them or at best hardly pay office expenses. If a second wire is on our poles between Cleveland & Buffalo we can have the lions share here — without it we can do no better than we did last fall — refuse as much business as we took, with the plea of — too much through business to get it through back in time. The O.R. line could at the same time send off the business ours;

They habitually send from Buffalo during the fall market news: from 1 to 3 hours before we could. Merchant told me they would prefer doing their business with me but they were obliged to go where their news were sent with most despatch. One more thing. At this office we have become pretty well acquainted with the names of those who do business via tel; We are therefor enabled to get them correct from the west & to judge of their correctness from the east. Comparatively speaking every despatch going east leaves here correctly addressed & signed, but the errors so far as our

in those coming from the east

Knowledge extends are innumerable, For instance

A Case Sent from here a despatch to N. Ledyard Post Office

N.Y. we recvd enquiry for better address to send to

Ledyard Peetis. — Ziekind gets here Weekard & Co

Now all this is carelessness in operators — as much in penmanship as anything else. — Incorrect check mark come here — either too much or too little collected on them.

Our business now increases finely & lines work much better than heretofore. One circuit from here to Milwaukee when we wish

Yours Respectfully

F. Haviland

F. Haviland
Dy. Supt 1850

Newburgh Feb 28th 1850

Dear Sir

I have just received a letter from home Stating that my Father had purchased a farm for me and wishing me to come home home and take Charge of it in the Spring which I have determined to do - And therefore it will be necessary for me to be there as soon after the first of April as possible - My object in writing to you is to ascertain if you would be willing to let me pay O'Meara for the time I was absent and have my time for ever which will make the year for which I engaged and on the 5th of April - If we can make some such arrangement it will very much oblige me as it will be highly necessary for me to be at home before the 15th of April to complete the arrangements and commence work -

I would Speak a few words in reference Reeves the Boy that I have had in the Office with me his time is nearly up which he engaged for last fall and he

has become a very good operator and is altogether one of the best Boys I was ever acquainted with. I spoke to him about his Spelling last fall when he provided himself with a Dictionary and Spelling Book and has applied himself to them with a perseverance that would do honor to one much older and has become quite proficient. He is a very good penman and a person on whose correct and steady habits you can place the fullest dependence. Indeed he has not been absent from the Office during business hours except on business a dozen times since he came here and never to exceed half an hour.

You will very much oblige me by giving as early answer as possible as my father wishes me to inform him as soon as possible when he can expect me

Yours A S Fyler

E. Cornell Esq
New York

Mr Cornell

Sir Will you be good Enough to inform me when you will be in New Burgh again — And (I hope) prepared to settle for the Telegraph Poles delivered from Sloyd to Esopus in Ulster Co last season.

The matter has been delayed long enough & it is necessary now that it should be settled. I am prepared to receive cash in full or make a reduction & take back the poles.

But an immediate answer will

Oblige Yours &c

G. T. Pierce

Poughkeepsie Feb 28. 1850

E Cornell Esq
Ithaca
New York

G. T. Ryan
Supt. Ry. Mail Service

New York Feb 19 – 1852

Dear Sir

I have had the subject of providing Telegraphic facilities for the New York & Erie Rail Road, &c under consideration for several days, and have come to the conclusion that it would not be expedient to abandon our present line of poles altogether, and locate a new line along the Rail Road route, but that it would be a better plan to let the change be made at such future time as the poles of the present line decay, and require renewing, –

To provide your Company with the Telegraphic facilities that your present wants demand, I propose to put up the second wire on our line from New York to Corning – as follows, New York to Tarrytown, thence across the river to the end of your pier & back, Establishing an Office on the pier. Thence following the present line to Newburgh, & from Newburgh to Goshen, Middletown & Otisville – From Otisville, erect a new line of poles to Port Jervis, running the wire to Port Jervis and back on the same poles, Establishing an Office at Port Jervis,

From thence the line to follow the old line to Narrowsburgh, where there is already an office - From Narrowsburgh to Binghamton. I propose to Erect a new line of Poles, upon which I will place the wire, Opening an office at Deposit - & Lanesboro, at Binghamton we strike the old line, which I would follow through Owego & Ithaca to Jefferson - From Jefferson Erect a new line to Elmira and Corning - The New York office I would Establish at your Office at the Landing

The additional wire required by this route, would be 360 miles in length. between My & Corning. With 12 Stations or offices on your main line, and 3 on your branches. As follows. New York, Piermont, Newburgh, Goshen, Middletown, Port Jarvis, Narrowsburgh, Deposit Lanesboro, Binghamton, Owego, Ithaca Jefferson, Elmira, & Corning. Of the Entire distance only 136 miles would be new poles - viz - from Otisville to Port Jarvis 10 miles from Narrowsburgh to Binghamton 92 miles, Jefferson to Elmira 24 miles, and from Elmira to Corning 10 miles -

All those offices would be brought in the same circuit, by doubling the

wire across the River to the Pier, and from Otisville to Port Jervis. So that ~~so that~~ any one office in the line could call up any other office on the line, and send a Message or a Message (such as general instructions) destined for every office on the line could be sent simultaneously to every office in the line. In this particular the present plan is superior to that of having Side lines, as I suggested last Spring, as at the junction of Side lines, Messages would have to be rewritten, which is not the case where the instruments are all in the same circuit —

~~The above plan carried into effect~~ as far as putting up the line and establishing offices is concerned, I would propose on behalf of the New York & Erie Telegraph Association the following plan of Operation. First, That the Rail Road Company should furnish the necessary room in their Depot buildings, for the Telegraph office, free of charge; and at such points where the amount of Telegraph ~~business~~ would not be sufficient to pay the Expence of a man to attend to ~~the~~ generally above the Rail Road Co ~~shall~~ to furnish

the Telegraph clerk, or "Operator", such employment as they might have, that would not conflict with his duties as a Telegrapher — Selling tickets, writing, keeping accounts &c, would be employment ~~that~~ which could be done in the same office with the Telegraph, without the one interfering with the other —

At ~~such~~ points were the wires run along the Rail Road track, ~~for~~ the Rail Road men to mend the wire when broken, and make such temporary repairs as would be necessary to secure the most speedy working of the wires —

The Rail Road Company to grant free passage in their Cars to the General Superintendent of the Telegraph — and other agents of the Telegraph, when on business pertaining thereto — Subject to such regulations as may be necessary to prevent an abuse of the privilege — ~~Reciprocally~~, The Telegraph Association, to receive and transmit free of charge all ~~Rail Road~~ messages, ~~that is to say all the messages of the Officers and Agents of the Rail Road Company~~ The Officers or Agents of the R.R. Co may wish to transmit, that pertains to the Management of the ~~Rail~~ Road, or work of

Rail Road.

I will here remark, that it may appear to your Directors that furnishing office, repairing the wire, and giving free passage to the Telegraph Men, will be a liberal compensation for what telegraph Service the Rail Road Company will require, but my Experience convinces me that in any bargain we can make, the Rail Road Company will be the party the most benifited, this opinion is fully sustained by the accounts we have kept with the Central Rail Road in Michagan, where we have an arrangement for free Service on both Sides, also, on the Albany and Buffalo line where a similar arrangement exists,

In this latter case, the Several Rail Road Co's between Albany & Buffalo complained at one time that they rendered more Service than they received, which complaint led to Keeping an account on both Sides, charging regular prices for Service, The accounts Soon Showed the Rail Road Co to be the parties most benifited, computing both accounts by regular charges, but in this the

Rail Roads Co- has still the advantage, as it costs the Rail Road Co nothing to perform their part of the service whereas in the case of the telegraph they cannot do other business at the time they are sending the Rail Road messages.

The Arrangement of having the Telegraph in the RR office, will greatly facilitate the Rail Road business as no time will be lost by delivery of messages, and thus the answer may generally be returned while the operator has controll of the circuit, whereas if the message had to be sent a distance from the office, it might be an hour or more before the operator receiving the message would again get his turn with the circuit so that he could send the answer back, This would frequently defeat all use of the message, as in case of the conductor of one of your trains, Sending a message to an other station enquiring the whereabouts of the train he was expecting to meet, If the Telegraph office was at the Depot he would get his answer within the time he had allotted him to stop, and thus be benifited by the information

but if the message had to be copied and sent out for the answer, the time would be up, and the enquiring train off without the information and the answer would be worthless when returned, as there would be none to receive it, This consideration alone is sufficient to justify the granting room for the Telegraph in the R.R. Co's Depot buildings,

In regard to the ~~necessary~~ repairs ~~&~~ to be made by ~~Agents~~ ~~&~~ the Rail Road men I may say the Company would be ~~but little~~ amply compensated in this ~~asperity~~ ~~it would save~~ ~~of time~~ by being able to do all we could expect would be sent a message at any time when necessary ~~by the interruption of the~~ ~~wires when they become broken~~ ~~by the fall of a tree or other like~~ ~~causes, and to have a general care~~ ~~over them. So they should be kept liable~~ ~~to be broken by malicious design~~

~~The free track would only be for the~~ ~~telegraph men while on Telegraph Ser-~~ ~~vices~~ There are other advantages than those above mentioned that the R.R Company, may derive from this arrangement, as their Road approaches completion, and the resetting of the telegraph brings ~~poles~~ the wires on the track of the Road, such as having a telegraph

office with each train of cars, as they now do a Post office. It is only necessary for the conductor or Post Master that accompanies a train to learn to operate the telegraph - to enable him to stop the train at any point where he can get access to the wire and send and receive messages to or from any office on the line, this 20 minutes would be sufficient to stop the train - connect his instrument with the wire - send a dispatch to any office, get an answer, restore the wire to its proper place, and be off again, this would only be done when some emergency demanded it - and at such times the rules must admit of the circuits being taken possession of even to the breaking in to other messages -

There is still a higher order of Telegraphing for Rail Roads yet to be developed. Such as a line of wire with an instrument at each stoping place on the Road - that shall be set in motion by the passage of the train and shall record the name of the train - and the time of its passage by each station - this record to be made

Copy of Conductor to Myers Fall Co

I have imbraced in the above propositions the use in addition to Morses Telegraph several important inventions that are essential in securing constant working of Telegraph lines and indispensible in a Rail Road Telegraph which I would be happy to explain to yourself or directors at a personal interview

Proposition
to Miss & AR Co
Feb 19. 1857

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