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Ithaca July 4. 1849

Dear Alonzo

I have just taken a letter out of the office and did not find that it was for your Mother untill I had commenced reading it. We had not herd of your accident with the runaway horse, all well at Home, I have been here since a week ago last Saturday, I leave this P.M for Owego & East, I was on the point of Starting for Detroit last monday morning, but on Sunday I made an experiment with a side line connection in the line at Ithaca and it appeared to work so well that I have since prepaired to work the line in that way for the through business. I have a button board that is very simple to make the changes thus.

The wires are connected with the dots in the diagram and with button across tutching 1-3-4-2 makes the two shorts circuits say from Ia to Ny & from Ia to Dansville. The button changed so as to connect 5-3-4-6 would let Dansville work the Ny circuit and the button connecting 7-3-4-8

the two ends of the button insulated between 3 & 4 — I think this will work well and by a like connection at Fredonia & Detroit — We shall be able to do our business direct from N.Y. to Chicago &c &c —

I shall have some button boards made for your line and if all works as I think it will we will connect through the advantage is the ease with which we would do the through business and then shift to local lines and local business —

I will in a few days give you a diagram of the entire arrangements, showing the connections &c &c —

I am not sure that with 40 poles to the mile we can work a line successfully over 300 miles long but I have had so little time to investigate the details of working a line that I dont profess to know much about it,

I dont know whether I mentioned to you that I had purchased Mr Munns half the Fall Creek property, I have done so at $8000 — a good purchase,

I expect to get out to Detroit by the first August, write me about prospects of your line for business — Yours Affectionally

A B C

E. Corrill

Your mother is visiting at B. Sqrs This P.M. and wont write to you untill she goes home; I am also writing at B. Squirrs I have around me Aunts Belsey, Ann Jane Cornell, Caroline Wood - and Mary Gifford

7/4/49

A beautiful day - a dull 4th July - few country boys & Gals in town riding on our Plank road - by the by I dont know as you know that Ithaca has a plank road from Halet to Inlet, one mile, great for Tompkins Co - a dozen has been planed - but have all evaporated in a few set speaches at public meetings - but our Ithaca plank road makes a fine track for the 4th of Julyers to try their nags on

With this important news I have concluded to close this Sheet,

Yours &c

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Ithaca July 4. 49

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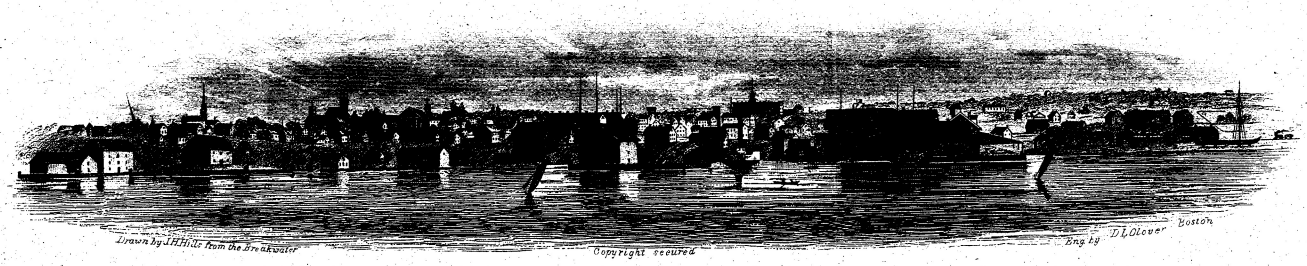

Burlington Va. 5 July 49 — 1849

Mr. E. Cornell, Ithaca,

Dear Sir, I received this morning your favor enclosing a power of atty. to vote on your Stock at the meeting of the N. Y. Cam. D. Telegraph Co. also a letter to J. Bradley Esq. also a communication to the Stockholders of said Co. As the meeting was on yesterday, the papers were of course too late. The same officers were appointed as last year excepting in the place of Cornell, Roberts & Fletcher, directors, Mr. H. Canfield, G. K. Platt & Birge of Middleby, were appointed. The charter was accepted. Mr. Dodge handed me the letter from you, above referred to and says it was enclosed to him, and by him taken from the P. O. at 9 o'clock P.M. yesterday after the meeting of course. (Very Respectfully
Your friend John N. Pomeroy

Cayuga July 5 /49

Mr D T Tillotson

Dr Sir I Send you By to days Boat the Rect you wish from Mr Webster I Called on him agreeable to your request and requested him to go with me and See those men you Mentioned in your letter he Said he had no Subscription List and Could not get Names Put down in Consequence he Said he thought you were authorised to Put down the Names of Crosby & Co for $50 as Crosbys Partners Said they would take & Crosby Said they would not Stand in there way you had better Send A Subscription List if you Cant Come down Soon we are going ahead with the Setting Brisklley and Shall do as fast as we Can we Shall try & get A Bank Note of Bill, Sackett for the whole Amount if we Can But dont know how we Shall Succeed Gray Must have Some Money from Some quarter Soon I have Let him have $37.. & Shall be Pinched My Self in Consequence but will try & Get along Some way

Yours Truly

D T Tillotson Esqr

J. S. Bristol

Bristol

July 5. 49

Telegraph Office
R. Cornell Esq N.Y. Litchfield July 5th 1849.
Dear Sir

I suppose you have received some communications per Telegraph about the Bridgeport Office. but no reply having been had in the way it should have been (ie) by sending an Operator) I have thought possible that you might not have received the message of Bn & others — The fact is just this — ever since Hayden left Bridgeport that end of the Line has been most miserably managed - not more the fault of our Operators - than the apology they have for an Operator in B. Off - on N.Y. & Bs. line - After Hayden left James Power took Charge - a Boy of 15 or 16 years & with about four weeks experience in learning - you can judge something how business was done. then J. Bacon from N. Adams took charge for about two weeks. and no fault to find with him - after he left Mr Baldwin from this office went there for a week returning last Saturday - since then we have had no Operator there. Mr

Cox has tried to help us, but his way of doing business and ours are so different that I did not know certainly that he got a Coon from me during the day (Monday) and that (guess work) is no way for me to do business — Tuesday Morning I sent him all the Coons I held by Mail with the request that he would not put up Our Battery again for doing business as we did on Monday — is only an imposition on the public and downright swindling and an act that I will not countenance or have anything to do with

Since then there has not a Coon been sent or received via Bridgeport

This is a plain statement of facts and you will see the necessity of prompt action to remedy the evil — and I only speak the sentiments of every operator on Comm & St. Line. when I say that if we cannot do business as it should be done, we will not do it at all for aiding or assisting in imposing on the public as we have done for the last two months. we will not do any longer

Another thing — and I do not wish to find fault but necessity drives — the Oper

-ator in Br. Offs on N.Y. & Bs line. is not the man for that place - so far as the interests of this Company are concerned he either is not an efficient Operator or does not know how - I know (from Mr Baldwin and others) that it is not an uncommon occurrence. that every Com. sent from this line. lies over in Br. Offs - twenty four hours - and I do not now recollect the instance. since Hayden left. that we have sent a Com. to N.Y. & get answer the same day. in fact not in less time (or much up) than it would be received by mail. if this suits N.Y. & Bs Co. it does not us it is bringing our Line into most beautiful dis-repute - and we get heaps of Curses for the faults of others - it was not so when Hayden was there. and I know that I am right when I say. that he would do more business in a day. than Cure will in six. and when he was in B - all went along smoothly and just as business should and to the satisfaction of our patrons - I do not wish to dictate to N.Y. & Bs Co - who they shall employ or who not. but this much I can assure you will be the result - if they do not have a man there to do business for

this line as it should be done - in a short time we shall have no business to send them — Last Monday I sent Cuse a Com to send to New Haven - on account of a death - he took it from me at six P.M. ~~At~~ it was received in N.H. the next day at 8 p.m. 26 hours after - why a Man could have gone from here on foot and beat such Telegraphing in time. and last week I sent another - (Mr Baldwin was there then) to New York - it was not received in twenty four hours (if at all) and in consequence of its not being sent on promptly - the Man came to Litchfield at some expense & disappointment which would all have been avoided - if the Com had gone as it should — More than this. I know our line business always has to wait for theirs. since Hayden left. and that is not treating us fairly

But I think I have said enough to let you know about how things are managed - and I can only say. that if this state of things is not changed for the better soon. my own self respect will compel me to have the concern altogether and I know. G. Barrington. Pittsfield. and others will close their offices too

Yours Respt. A. S. Lewis

A. S. Lewis

Office of the New York, Albany & Buffalo Telegraph Co.

UTICA, July 5 1849

D. T. Tillotson Esqre

Sir,

Yours of 29th Ult. is at hand, and in answer have to say, that a connection at Auburn of the several Telegraph Lines is desirable, but unless we can be more fortunate in the connections with the New Lines than we have heretofore been with the old one I should much prefer to remain seperated.

If we connect in our Office at Auburn, It seems to me you ought to pay one half the expenses of Office Rent, Operators Salary, Messenger Boy, Lights, Fuel and other Office expenses. — These all to be settled monthly, except Rent of Office which is payable quarterly.

Should these terms be satisfactory please say so and we can manage accord=ingly.

Very Respectfully Yours

T. Paxton

Ogdensburgh 5th July 1849.

Dear Sir,

I this morning presented my letter of introduction to Mr E. B. Allen, one of the principal men of this place. I have had considerable talk with him respecting the proposed line. He is to introduce me to the Directors of the Rail road Company at their meeting next wednesday when I shall have an opportunity of explaining what I require. From what I can learn here, it appears that George Parish has become very unpopular of late, in consequence of some doings of his in connection with this Railroad and he is now no longer President of the Co. Mr A said however that Parish would probably do a good deal for the enterprize. I expect a letter from O. S. W. some time today which will give me an introduction to Parish. Mr Allen is a Director of the Rail road Co and says "no doubt a Line of Telegraph will be built as soon "as the Railroad is finished" and that "if a Line were to be "erected one year from next April it would be quite time enough"

After conversing with him a little he changed his mind some and concluded that it might be as well, if the stock could be got, to go right on with it. but that he felt justified in saying that "the Rail road Co would give it no encouragement "whatever unless we would consent to run the line to St Albans "instead of Whitehall" he said that the Co had long ago made up their minds that if a Line should be built it would be to connect at St. Albans as being the nearest and altogether the most eligible point. To this I did not offer any opposition except that I would consult with you. He said that if

the Plattsburg and Keeseville people wanted it they might get up a side line for their own accomodation - but that the Rail road Co could not think of countenancing a Line that would run so far off their own track - He said we might run the Line to Columbia (on their route) then cross down to Canton, Potsdam and Parishville and get back on the Rail road track at North Lawrence then follow on to Champlain Village and Rouse's Point thence to St Albans this would make the whole distance about 140 miles - By going to St Albans we would cross the State line some 15 or 20 miles, which I suppose would require a separate Patent Right for - besides the Right from here to Rouse's Point (the State Line) - this arrangement would leave your right from thence to Plattsburg and Whitehall still untouched - Now I want to know how I am to act in this matter? - I should much like to have your answer before the R. R. directors meet (next wednesday) so that I can give them a plain story - Allen told me that unless the Rail road Co took hold of it there was no chance as everything in the shape of business is at such a dead stand still, in this section and money so very light that he concluded I would have the greatest difficulty in getting up stock - I wish to know your mind about running the line to St Albans and I think that if you could possibly give your attendance at the meeting of the Rail road Directors on wednesday next it would be of essential service to the undertaking in fact I think it would be the best arrangement, if you can make it convenient - If I may be allowed to judge from present appearances the thing does not take so well as I anticipated as I am told that this is not the only effort of the kind that has been made in this quarter - It appears

that, that fellow Barry has been "fooling" (if I may so express it) in this section and has created a wrong feeling with regard to cost &c. However that don't make any difference with me as I intend adopting but one course and that is simply telling one tale and sticking to it. Allen seemed to think $50 per mile, a large amount for the Patent Right and instruments & hinted something about Henry O'Reilly and Alex Baine. I told him that we had calculated the Line as closely as possible and that it was fully $50 per mile lower than any other in the State. I also gave him some news of Messrs Baine & O'Reilly which he did not appear to have known before.

I am just about crossing over to Rescote to see after my expected letter from Mr. Wood. I shall look for your immediate answer to this. They tell me here that I cannot take Mr. Parish until after 1 O'Clock that being his breakfast hour!

I consider that it would be not only to my benefit but greatly to your own interest that you should if possible come here immediately in order to break the ice a little and get a start.

Awaiting your determination

I am
Sir
Yours respectfully
Sam'l W. McGowan.

To
E. Cornell Esq.
Ithaca.

E. Cornell Esq.
- Ithaca - N.Y.

Jas. W. McGowin
5 July 1849

Detroit 6 July 1849

Dear Sir

Your of the 30th June came yesterday - true I have not answered all your letters, and may not do so for the future: but I would nevertheless like to have them come, and will answer some, if not all of them. I have really had quite as many irons in the fire as I could conveniently hit at the proper time since you left us, and until last week, have not been at home two days at a time since I saw you in Bu. Please accept my thanks for the arrangement made about the stone, I doubt not it was the very best that could have been done. If I come out right and all I would like to retain the old store; but if not let it go with the balance of the wreck.

When I returned from Bu. I found that our Gent Wilson was not likely to buy Cornell the lot due him, and it took me near two weeks to get matters righted in Wisconsin. I got rid of the poor devil entirely & glad I am to do so - I think Cornell will get all his money back and we will make something besides - Jackson is building line to Pittsburg - he has ample subscriptions to buy all & more too. I went with Wade to Medina, got $1200 - Wooster & got $2500 & will get $500 more. Ashland $1500 Mansfield $2000

Speed July 6. '49

Mt Vernon $2000. Declaration (will get) (not all down) $3000 - Will get 1000 to 1500 at Washington & same sum at Wilmington - so I feel confident we will get enough to build line & pay for Patent.

The Cin business is worth fighting for - It will double and more than double our rests from Cleveland East - The St Louis line will drag rather hard - Lee has got near $15,000 subscribed - Thinks he can get it up to 20,000, and if Cornell can get the wire we will have that line done before Spring - The line from Sam City to Cin. will be finished in 3 weeks & then we can send to Cin, and no thanks to the Pirates - You have always doubted the policy of getting up other lines: but it is the only way to make this Lake line, and N.Y. & E line pay - With those lines it will pay and pay well too & no mistake - But right or wrong, best or not best we will have them and risque the consequences - I have been cheered by hopes ahead for many years, and I still look on the bright side - True I may die before I reach the good time: but if I do that will settle all accounts & the balance can be charged by my creditors to profit & loss - As to J. F. Webb. Grant seems to be doing the business up promptly - I will pay up my part if they will take such payments in my line, that to say in Stock, worth as much at

any rate as I. F. W. Co. Stock —

Cornell will be here, I suppose in August, and when he comes, I will close up the old accounts, & send you the scrip you mention —

Our Stockholders meeting on the 4th was well attended. One delegate from F. one from Zo. one fr Ty two fr Dc. & all told — Elected same directors, & declared a dividend of 7 pr cent payl in 60 days at this office, and it will be paid, and is all as honest as the Coopers Cow, and we can and will do it again and I think make a Semiannual dividend of 4 pr ct in 6 mos more — and 5 or 6 pr ct for the next 6 mos & Rup doing so. If Cornell & Speed had not used up there share in paying old debts we would be in clover but unfortunately ours is all gone — Our debts now amt to less than $800 on the line & will all be paid in a month, that is to say all the hole debts, and in two or three mos every debt we owe including the 7 pr ct dividend to Stockholders — I mean to make a raise some how & pay the amt due Owego Bank pay bal due Wilgis & little Matters still due at Ithaca in Cash — I will offer all my other good friends Tel Stock ~~which~~

(worth the cash) for the and due them & if they refuse to take it. They may let me know when they can do better, and I will rejoice with them —

Give my best regards to my old and best friend H Mack — Tell him I am digging away — Am certain that I am not worse off and think I am getting ahead — I would go to Ithaca on purpose to see him if I could do so without meeting so many dems & spending so much wind to renew the promises —

Yours truly

J J Speedy

I never attempted until last week to get our books and a/c all ship shape. It is something of a job to do it but it can & shall be done. I have got Father on a new tack, He can keep all right with half the labor he has done and a vast deal better — Hereafter we settle every thing at the end of each month, pay all Salaries, & debts of all kinds & begin anew at the end of each month. The new caps are right — I have improved Cornells old cap, by taking out the glass inside and fastening in the pin into the iron with Brimstone, then drive the pin into the pole — the pin can be larger than the old pins & the cap cannot get off the pole — Is not that O.K.

Mr O. Cornell

Ithaca July 6. '49

Dear Sir

Have just returned from Elmira, found 54 breaks, wire gone between 193 poles making about 6¾ Miles, about 10 poles cut down &c. I came to the conclusion there was no use whatever in trying to repair the present line. Saw a number of the Stock holders at Elmira and got Strang, Benjamin & Maynard the three Directors, together, and they agreed to call on all the Stockholders, and get their consent to be taxed to the amount of 25 per cent on their Stock, to reconstruct the line, with No 12. iron wire, new insulators &c. (Most of the glass caps are gone) There is $1400. held in Elmira, their assessment will amt. to $350. and they are to notify me as soon as they can see all, The line is but 32 Miles long, It will cost about $850. to reconstruct (or a little less) The old wire, will not pay $200. leaving about $650. for reconstructing. The Directors with me, agreed it best to set men at work at once taking down and saving what old wire there is. I also agreed on your part to be at the proportionate expense of the reconstruction, and now await your orders for further action in the matter.

I shall go to Cayuga tomorrow and attend to matters generally. Very truly &c

C. F. Tillotson

Pittsfield July 7. 1849

Friend Cornell

we are without an an operature at Bridgeport and hav been for some time when I was apprised of it I immediatley communicated the fact to the Directors sopposeing they would immediatley attend to it but to my supprise last evening I found they had not and that Mr Smiths men were receiving communications for our line in N York giveing assureances that they ~~they~~ should go direct on the wires when they hav sent them part of the way by mail ~~they~~ being ~~the~~ two and three days coming what can be done. I have no power nor meanes to do aney thing. will you attend to it.

yours in hast

Ezra ~~Cornell~~ Esq

S L Russell

P.S you may expect to hear from me soon on the subject of some one to engauge with you in manufactoring agricultural instruments &c

Mr E. Cornell

Dear Sir

Your under Date of Aug 6. 1849 is this morning recieved in reply on the 6th Inst I sent to the order of O. E. Allen a check for Three Hundred Dollars. I will send to Kingston Bank this morning and instruct them to stop the payment of the check if not paid untill I hear from you again Mr Allen Recieved from Mr Winters of this place when he was here Fifty Dollars he has also Recieved 10. op on the whole amount of subscription, The three Hundred dollars and and the Fifty Dollars is all that has been collected the Balance of the 40 op is ready in in three hours notice - I wish you would loose no time in arriving at your conclusions and our people here are getting uneasy and are continually Boring me in relation to it, Mr Allen has been representing to me that the line would be in operation very soon and was here for the whole Amount of money. please write and let me know

Very Respectfully
Your
Thos Cornell

Pundant Aug 8th. 1849

Mr E. Cornell

Ithaca July 8th 49.

I was at Cayuga yesterday - Poles are all up from Au to the Bridge and the wire to within about 4 Miles of Au. The poles will all be up to Waterloo during the present week and the wire next week. I have a letter from Hayton, he asks us to pay half salary of operator, Rent, Fuel, Lights &c at Au. What do you think of it?

I think I will go and see Gilbert. Shall spend most of the week down the Lake, and probably go to Clyde.

Yesterday Capt. Wilcox agreed to take $100. of our Stock, I think Barnard will take $50.

Bogart told me yesterday that Morgan said to him that they were going to have a Station at Aurora, I did not see them but will do so soon. Mr Arnot of Seneca Falls says if you will call on David Jones, Esq. of the firm of Jones & Cary, that he will probably take $50. or authorize him (Arnot) to take it for him. Arnot will not take anything individually, and thinks it doubtful about Cary, but says Jones will go into it. I presume it will be well for you to spend an hour or so with Jones. Will you do so?

There is 3050# of the old copper wire here and at Cayuga, which will be ship^d to Thomas & Co. this week.

I shall start Holmes or some one else this week to take down the wire on Elmira line

One of Faxtons agents called on me yesterday and wanted to see "Cornells Cap" — I gave him two, which he took east. presume they will adopt them, or something similar

I understand that Poucher published your last article in his paper, but have not yet seen it.

Mr Butts, O'Reilly's Agent Rochester has advertised for poles along the Canal from Syracuse, to Buffalo, for "House's Printing Telegraph," I wonder what the precious villians, have done with Baine's. They offer Cash on delivery — I saw the notice yesterday.

Please advise often

Yours truly &c

D. T. Tillotson

D T Tillotson
July 1849

Humphreysville July 8 1849.

Mr Connell

Sir

Your letter of the 25 ult was received per the the due course of mail

I have been to Birmingham and looked over the Books. cast up the accounts &c. and I find the receipts of the Office for three months that I was there just $27,70. The whole amount paid out for the Office was $9,25. And the amount expended $ 2,49.

The sum of money that I have and is $15,96.

My salary or the amount that I was to have per month $23,00. or three hundred dolls for 1 year (the same rate) which leaves me yet due $59,00.

Mr Denson has also looked at Books and says that they agree with this. He has written to you about it and explained all.

Yours Respectfully
Edgar M Tomlinson

Dear Sir

It seems from the Statement above and from what I can learn that the Managers of the Office have been sadly negligent, not only in trusting the Office at Birmingham to a boy without any Supervisor and discharging him without notice and not even adjusting his account or Settling with him. And as I am his Lawful Guardian it becomes me to call on the agent of the company for an interview or a Settlement By addressing me on the subject, with directions how to proceed will perhaps facilitate an adjustment of the accounts

Humphreysville Derby July 8/49
Respectfully yours James Tomlinson

Detroit 9 July 1849

Dear Sir

It is a hot as tophet, and I never worked harder in my life, in an office than I have been for two weeks - Aside from our books and accounts which require our having badly, I have had an unusual quantity of letters to answer - Lee, Wade, Jackson, Powers, Hotchkiss, Kent & co, besides an innumerable host of others to attend to, so, you must excuse my not telling you how much money we have made, and that we declared a dividend of 7 per ct payd in 60 days - I do not know what you and Smith may say; but I do know it will tickle our subscribers mightily, and I know an other thing, we can get five or six times the amt we will have to pay out, back again in new subscriptions. Lee is doing as well as I think any one could do, he says he will have fifteen thousand certain, and hopes to get it up to twenty of available subscriptions - He has not been to St Louis. It would be useless for him to go there now, the city is almost depopulated, all gone who can get away - We may do something there in the fall -

Wade and Jackson are going ahead with their lines - I think they cannot fail to collect enough to pay up for every thing -

You know Case told Kent & Co a line from Zanesville to Sandusky, viz via Mt Vernon, Mansfield &c. I went with Wade to Wooster Ashland, Mansfield Mt Vernon & Delaware. got fair subscriptions at each place, and got off a good feeling towards Wades line - Made them believe it would pay - because I believed it myself - Kent & Co have not been to Mansfield, and when they did so then they could do nothing - the Mansfield people hoped Wades line & would not subscribe to Kent & Co's line - They then complained to Case that Wade had interfered with their line and prevented their getting stock taken to build it - Case complained to Smith - Smith writes to me and says he thinks they have good cause to complain, & hopes I will prevent Wade from interfering - I have written him fully, and declined relinquishing $4000 of good available subscriptions in order that Kent & Co may try to get one half of it - There is not the least probability that Kent & Co could get 1000 more if we should abandon Mansfield & Ashland and I am unwilling to do it, even if they could -

I think Jackson can get all the aid from the Pittsburg line and buy a portion in stock - I have told him to do so, altho we have to pay 9 cents for the for No 11 Nine - Jackson and Wade both can get all the cars they want and buy half stock -

How about caps at Ithaca - What can we get from or five thousand for, all ready to put up, for C & Mich Line - We must have some better caps, and I most sincerely believe that it would pay to put the new caps on nearly the whole distance - For a month past ~~some time~~ has worked badly both ways in consequence of being down and on the ground. Now, Hyde & Taylor are all on the line, and all of them cannot keep it up, or at all events they do not ~~keep~~ it up, and I can get no better men -
I mean to improve your old caps - When one comes off, (& that by the by is an every day occurrence) we will take out the inside glass tube & the plaster - Have a pin about the size of the glass tube, and run brimstone around the pin, instead of the glass and plaster. The insulation will be just as good, and the pin cannot get out of the cap, or rather the cap cannot get off of the pin - I think with such an attachment the iron caps on our line will do where the line is straight, and at all the angles put on the new caps -

I see O R has adopted our cap the pins in glass in place of the brimstone - ~~In~~ all other respects like ours - Might we not to apply for a patent & claim the principle of suspending the wire below instead of over or ~~above~~ above

above the insulator? True it is, that Patents are like Scare crows, they sometimes frighten, but seldom hurt any body, and if we had a patent I do not know as we could prevent the Pirates from using it -

Kendall will make a fuss about our going south of the OR line from ~~Columbus~~ to Cincinnati - It is the nearest route to go by way of Washington & Wilmington; but we have no right to use Morse's register at those places - ~~but~~ We will go that way and offer him $1000 cash for the 100 miles from Columbus to Cin, and if he wont take it, ~~they~~ he may do better if he can, and let us know it and we will use the Syphon and tell him to help himself -

I think you had better come here in August if you can - We can get our Executive Committee together at any time - There are a vast many things to talk up, and you cannot make more ~~more~~ money in the same time, or spend the time more pleasantly, (from home) than to take the May flower, or Atlantic, and pay us a visit

Yours truly J J Speed Jr

J J Speed Jr
9 July 49

Mr E Cornell
Ithaca

How about Pew's smith says Kendall is scolding about Pews line -

All Communications strictly confidential.

Office of the New York and Erie Telegraph,

Telegraph Buildings, No. 5 Hanover-st. cor. Beaver, New-York.

New-York, July 10 1849

By Telegraph from Ithaca

To E Cornell

There is seven miles wire gone on Elmira line Directors say take down the old and put up new and they will pay their proportion - Jonah is going to take down wire at one dollar a mile - Shall finish up the Sa and Waterloo section next week I have written you at New York

D T Tillotson

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Office of the New York and Erie Telegraph,

Telegraph Buildings, No. 5 Hanover-st. cor. Beaver, New-York.

New-York, July 10th 1849

By Telegraph from Ithaca

To E Cornell

Tichenor says his son must come home. You had better make some arrangement with some one there to learn to take care of the Goshen office - It wont pay to hire

D Boardman

Ogdensburgh 10th July 1849.

Sir,

I have this moment returned from Potsdam and Canton where I have been canvassing for subscriptions - I am sorry to have to say that things look rather dark just now - During my stay in Canton and Potsdam I found that every person of any little capital and influence was so completely involved in this Boston Rail road that they would not listen to anything in favour of a line - The same story was told me by every man I applied to - viz - "It is impossible "for me to buy a single share in your Line I am a very large "subscriber to this Rail road and have not got all my subscription "paid up yet - The C. are suing many persons for their shares - "I may probably be sued also - If you will come here about 18 "months from now, we will endeavour to get up the amount "you require" - In nine cases out of ten this is the substance of the reply I have received - and it is so every where I go - every place appears to have caught the general contagion - The fact is that every little village within a circuit of 8 or 10 miles of the Rail road has subscribed heavily and every farmer or other, who happened to have a thousand or two saved up has invested every cent in this road - and more than one man in this vicinage is bordering on absolute Bankruptcy in consequence of this Rail road mania - In the face of all these arguments (which poured in on me from all quarters) my exertions have been far from slow - unaided by any of them I have gone amongst all the principal men in this section and urged the

matter ahead. told them that if they would only get together (as I directed) and appoint a President & Directors. subscribe a few thousands to begin with - we should after that have no trouble - but all to no purpose - they agree that the moneed men (Parish, Allen & Seymour) have given their decisions against it and that therefore they cannot get along - I conversed with Parish for fully an hour on the matter; he talks hard against it - declared in the presence of several that the Line would never pay and that we could not get up a dollar of stock &c &c - To this I replied that I did not feel in the least discouraged by what he had given utterance to but that on the contrary it would only incite my perseverance and that I should use every endeavour to form a company and proceed with the work at once - I also shewed him by arithmetical demonstration that the line would pay well. He was still incredulous - hoped I might succeed but would not invest a cent in the enterprize - said also that he had talked the matter over many months ago (with the renowned Mr. Barry I was given to understand) and had concluded that no Telegraph line would or could be built until after the completion of the Rail road - these are some of the arguments with which I am met on every side. It would seem as if Parish had been diffusing his sentiments considerable.

The people at Potsdam look at the matter in a more sensible light than any I have met with, but say the same thing about a lack of funds to do anything at present - The Canton folks have imbibed the same commendable spirit which exhibits itself here and will do

nothing - so say the leading men there - the wealthiest and most influential of whom is J. L. Russell Esq. who told me I was a full year and a half too early - and that he had received a letter from the Operator at Whitehall on this subject some months ago - and proposing the same route that we do - and that he (Mr Russell) had replied to it and told the Operator that he must wait two years and that by that time if he (the op:) had succeeded in getting the Plattsburgh & Keeseville people to build a line of their own up to Rouse's Point, The Ogdensburgh people would get the requisite funds to build a line to meet it at said Rouse's Pt. Mr R, also said that he would not buy a share in a line going to Whitehall, that if a line is built it must either connect at St Albans or St. Johns - Now his talking in this kind of way in the presence of a number of the leading men of the place, produced an effect which required all I could say and do, to counteract it. So much is his influence in Canton; added to this, he is a stiff Parish man and views every act of that character in a super-excellent light - Not hearing from you ere this has made me give up any hopes of your being at the meeting of the Rail road Directors tomorrow night - I shall try hard to get them into it & if possible have a Pres.t & Directors appointed on the spot - my hopes of success however are not very large - I do wish that you could come here for a few days I think our united efforts might avail something - All that I have done has been through my own unassisted exertions - I shall not think of abandoning the enterprize until all hope is gone -

Yours respectfully - Samuel. W. McGowan

Jos. W. M

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I saw Mary Ann this morning all well
your letters E Mack died this morning at 6 Am

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New-York, July 11 — 1849

By Telegraph from Detroit

To E. Cornell

Jackson can get all his wire and pay part stock you need not pay for any for him — We want 150 miles for A & Cin 500 for St Louis will have the cash to pay for the first & part of the second — we want Mysistery for both lines — Have written fully at Detroit and

J. J. Speed Jr

From

J. J. Speed Jr
11 July 49

E Cornell Ky.

How soon can I depend on some wire for cincinnati line I have mailed particulars to Ia. I can get Brimstone here. for 3½ cts can you do better there

J. H. Wade

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Milwaukee July 12th 1849

Mr E Cornell

Dear Sir

As you Telegraphed me on the 5th of June that you would buy me ten tons of wire with a lot that you was getting at 140$ per ton I answerd you to buy and shipp the same and 24 gross of inch hole glass caps and Telegraph me that you had done so and your money would be forth coming but I have not heard any thing from it D. I. Power, and I have taken Gen Wilsons contract and assumed his Tel debts and we shall see yours paid for the wire that you sent him as soon as possible we shall not even wait for the old assets to be collected and perhaps this makes you feel that we may turn out like him but we are men and are responsible but must drive our work now and pay for any materials that you may send us as soon as we learn that they are forwarded it will save me a Journey down east which would be a great damage to us now and again you can buy better than I could do not fear to buy and send us as per bill on the other page I leave for Shebaygan & Fondulac in the morning and shall be back in about 12 days and will remit you at least 1000$ to Ithica or N. York please Tel and write me also where to remit the funds upon the honor of a man and ability to perform ~~we~~ promise

I shall have 70 miles of poles standing naked on the Green Bay route by the first of August and Powers and I on the Milwaukee Galena & Chicago route some forty miles up by the first of Aug and we must have 10 tons of No, 11 oncaled Tel wire soon after and 5 of Burretts instruments and Relays and 5 Relay magnets 2 lbs of relay wire 2 doz platenums and 3 doz porus cups and 24 gross inch hole glass cups you need not send any weights with the instruments as they will come by express I mean by relay magnets spare ones that we can screw fast in a damaged relay on short notice all this you will buy as cheap as possible and we will pay you fifty dollars for your trouble and more if necessary and the funds recollect will be forth coming and in a month more we shall want another such bill filled but see how we pay for the first I have 6500$ stock taken on the Greenbay route now and will double that in less than three weeks and we have over 8000$ stock taken the other way and on both routes the most of the first instalments are paid in and the second due and I go to take up more stock and collect it is late at night and I am quite weary but the substance of our wants you will know and please Tel that you have or can or will

forward us this bill and your money will pass the materials on the way and it shall all be done up to your satisfaction. ask Col. Speed if we will not perform what we agree
I am sorry that you ever had such a man as Wilson employed for surely he had none of the proper qualifications for an honest punctual business man and surely if this line had remained in his hands he would not have collected enough out of the old assets to have kept him & family living he did collect and use up for his own private purposes about 400$ on routes where there was not a stick set nor anything done at our election of Officers on the 4th of July D. I. Powers Esq my associate was elected President & Treasurer he is worth 40000$ now and one of the most upright punctual economical business men I ever saw so you will see that we shall not consume any of the money ourselves for we are not paupers
I have received letters from Col. Speed saying that you could and would buy materials for us at any time and surely this saves us a long journey and delay we shall put up some 350 or 400 miles of line this season and what is better without boasting I do knock the O. Riley Pirates end ways no mistake in Wisconsin and perhaps from Mouse Mills

To South Bend Indiana so connecting the two lakes and giving you & Speed a Chance to run a through wire on the same poles as it is becoming necessary to have a through wire from Milwaukee to N. York on the same poles of the way wire we have got the Milwaukee and Chicago folks to hold still and not call for competition as a regulator of Telegraphing we are opening a fine office in this city and our lines are becoming more popular since Gen. Wilson is out of all Telegraphs he is now at Washington rooting for a ~~tent~~ I hope he will get one for the government is as small a beast as he ought to suck please write and Tel. me often and also to David I. Powers President of M. G. & Ch. Tel. Co. and we will do the same that all Concerned may know the progress of our lines east and west Consign your materials to us in care of Sweet Milwaukee

S. W. Hotchkiss
D. I. Powers
} Telegraph Contractors

Hotchkiss & Powers
July 12th 1867

Mr Cornell

I am determined not to bore you any more, and I am also determined that you shall not be a sufferer by me in any event.

But if you will direct ~~you~~ Mr Dunham to let me have $5. Saturday night to settle with my boys if I cannot get along without it, I will thank you. If I cannot get some aid from Mr Mann, from whom I ought to have it, I may have to submit to the force of circumstances at Santa Anna did at Buena Vista, but I will struggle hard first. I am determined to fight through the year if possible in hope, as you once said, of striking a vein.

I will hope and believe ~~that~~ I shall get relief. I have always have had faith and and still have that it will be so.

Yours truly
J. S. Beebe
12 July, 1849