Lake Ville 13th July 1849

Dear Sir

Mr Stiles handed me your letter from New York of July 11th this morning & wish^d me to answer it. We are of course all quite surprised that there is no operator at Bridgeport, I presume it will be otherwise soon. The conduct of the Waterbury people rather surprises me, & I feel much as you do in relation to it. Indeed, Mr Stiles, Mr Clapp, & Esq Hubbard have all expressd the same opinion. I suppose the Co. do not wish to incur any more expense in relation to this matter, but otherwise they would all prefer that the wire should be taken up as far as Litchfield & laid as you propose, if the Waterbury people will not pay their subscriptions.

I rec^d a letter from Powers some time since in which he proposed to meet you in New York, on a certain day, Did he do so?

No suit has yet been commenced against any delinquents from here, I said I told Esq Hubbard this morning that he ought to commence a suit forthwith.

I remain yours ever A. H. Holley

E. Cornell Esq N.Y.

Detroit 13th July 1849

Dear Sir

I came home this morning from the West. Have made arrangements at some of our small offices to give the Operator two thirds of the receipts, and he pay all expenses - leaving one third for the Co. free of charges. I think I can all our small offices managed in that way except where the repairs to the line are considerable, as at Kalamazoo Niles & Mich City. You have warned me enough to avoid *experiments*; but I am making one more. I have got a Mrs. Sheldon to take the Office at Jackson and am going to get your sister Mrs Wood to take the Albion office: both are abundantly qualified to do the business *better* than any boy, or man, that we can afford to pay at those places. If the ex works as well as I have every confidence to believe it will, I will put a woman in the offices at Ann Arbor Marshall & Battle Creek, or make some one who has other business take the office for two thirds the receipts - this line *must* be made to pay & shall pay even if the opposition continues -

I this day recd a letter from Smith remonstrating against our dividend. He says it is *dishonest*, and a deception to buy a part of our Stock holders and not the balance. Now the question is, who are stockholders? I certainly am disposed so far as I am concerned to give Smith his Stock, provided the OR tribe can be removed. I do not say that I would refuse to do so any way, even with the Pirates in the field; but I do say that our *directors* will all have to be turned out except Jackson and yourself before we can get a vote to give the Patentees half the Stock on this line with the opposition as it is—

We will have made near or quite 7 pct by the time it is payable if we cut our Capital *one half*, or in other words leave the question of Patent out.

I have not answered Smiths letter as I do not think it advisable to discuss that question with him just now—

I will buy one half the claim of making a dividend to you & take the balance myself— I know we can make money by making the dividend, and I will settle the *honesty* of the matter with sundry other unsettled accounts of that kind hereafter -

What is Pew doing? Smith has been blowing much about Pew and says he has given him a great deal of trouble - I do not know what Smith should trouble himself about Pew for, as Kendall made the contract with me, and I assigned it to Pew -

Hotchkiss & Powers are going ahead. I learn that they will certainly get the line through to Galena, & North to Fond du lac, if not to Green bay - Prints are making arrangements to extend the line from Ch. to Milwaukie -

I go from here this evening to Sandusky City Cleveland Painsville Conneaut Fredonia & Buffalo - I wish you could meet me at Buffalo -

Yours truly

J J Speed Jr

J J Speed Jr
13. July 1849

1/1/1 Box10-3

Troy July 15 1849

Mr J E Cornell Sir your
Bill haz Ben Standing for
a long Time Thare for I
Shel Expect your amedate
atencian to it with out any
More Excusiez az I am in
grate want of Money
and Determind to have it
clost upe thare fore I
Shel Expect an ancer to
this az Son az it iz Receivd
wright and you Can Com
hear or I will Meat you in
New york if you Send
word By Letter when you
will Bea Thare or hear
or Telagraf to mea
So I Can Now what to Depend
on yours with Respect

Luther McLoy

Cleveland July 15th 1849.

My dear Father.

I have been so busy ever since I saw you in Buffalo that I have had but little opportunity to write any letters. In fact I have written none except to mother. and I have had nothing of interest to inform you of or I might possibly have found time before this by crowding myself a little. Your kind favor of the 4th inst written at Ithaca & mailed at Montrose Pa. I recd on the 10th. Your plan of "connections" for a continued line &c is a beautiful thing in theory but like many other theoretical perfections I fear will be found deficient in practice. As you have had so little opportunity to make yourself acquainted with the working of a line I may possibly be able to enlighten you a little on the subject. The only way you can work a line successfully where there is any amount of business to be done is to give each office a regular opportunity to do business. For instance you must first let one extremity take circuit. & do *all* business he has at once. then give circuit to the next office & so thro the line each office sending all his business. & repeat this as often during the day as possible. You can give *such* a length of time to any office as he may run over or fall short. time *must not* be *thrown* away & it will not answer to stop an office because his hour is consumed if he has any business & if you let it overrun once you must all the time. & if you should stop one office who has business on hand when his hour is up the next one may use but half of his time & then must throw time away till the expiration of his hour when by letting the first office finish. ~~you~~ the two might just fill the ~~same~~ whole time alloted to the ~~two~~ but if you have a regular time. each office must have circuit so long business or not. there are no two lines where you can pass the circuit at precisely the same time therefore you cannot arrange is so that when the repeating office have circuit they can connect for the great extremes to do through business. for instance to do that between Buf & Detroit. Cleveland must have circuit each way at the same time. which cannot be without delaying one or the other. But we will admit that this is possible, then you have got to have a man for every inst to Keep it adjusted. So that you can repeat with the same help that you can write direct with & all that is saved is the liability of mistakes (which with a good operator are very seldom) & a great deal of time lost. The experience of one practical man is worth the theory of a row of professors. therefore I consider my opinion of this better than that of any unpractical telegrapher—

and I am satisfied ~~that if~~ where local business is repeated there the through business has got to be, One of your connections might work very successfully on a three wire from here to N.Y. & I am not sure that we can avoid using one, another thing I am satisfied of, that is a line will work farther with 25 poles to the mile than 40, unless it is perfectly insulated. If so it will make no difference, but if not the greater the ~~amo~~ number of poles the greater opportunity to lose your current by ground connections through the poles, & with good wire properly secured on 25 good poles it will remain as permanently as on 40, Please give me your review of of the foregoing.

Business is very good now conciding the very small amount doing on the lakes this season, but we shall have a harvest this fall I think as prices must be high owing to the destruction of the wheat crop & the demand the foreign troubles is likely to make. My offices is doing as well now as it did any time last fall when business was excellent out of doors. average little over $10. daily.

Jackson is getting along slowly. has 15 miles wire up. to the 1st office Chagrin falls. & will

in operation there the moment we get insts &c.
I know nothing of his farther prospects.
Wade is getting along bravely. He will be detained for the wire some I fear.
We had an ~~meeta~~ election of trustees on the 11th
J P Reznor of Ashland, & Columbus Delano of Mt Vernon & Andrew Wade. a brother of J H Wade. were elected. all good men.
Wade said he would write you fully on the subject therefore I will not particularize the subject more.

You mentioned in a previous letter your purchase of the Fall Creek purchase. what does it comprise? the water privilege & all the property at the Falls owned & rather controlled by Beebe? Have you anything to do with the rebuilding of the Ithaca & Owego Railroad? that must be an enterprise that will pay by putting a good boat on Cayuga lake & inducing travel that way, I should think, at all events it must assist Ithaca
I fear telegraphing is not always going to be as profitable as it now is.
But it is tea time & I must close this hasty scrawl. I hope to visit home in a few weeks. No cholera here yet.

Your affectionate Son
A B Cornell

E Cornell

Please write often as convenient.

Zanesville, July 16, 1849.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 12th inst. came to hand this day.

We will furnish you 1000 lbs Telegraphing paper at 12½ cts. per lb, such as that furnished to J. J. Speed Jr last fall. Packages extra.

We could ship it at one day's notice as we believe boats run from here almost every day.

Respectfully,

Yours,

H. J. Cox & Co.

A. B. Cornell, Esq.

Cleveland,

O.

Recd July 17
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Painesville July 16th 1849

Dear Sir

As you did not make your appearance yesterday according to despatch I write you this morning to assure you that you missed it exceedingly. We had expected you to be with us but I suppose it was merely a disappointment that I ought to suffer for occasioning you one on the 4th. Now then call the affair balanced And when you telegraph again let your bodies follow the communication "instanter". As I replied to you on the wires, my opinions are the same as when I conversed with you. I only now wish to know when and upon what terms I can be engaged. I cannot of course promise anything in the way of successful operating save a diligent attention to the business if I engage in it and an endeavor to do all that will be expected. Under your instruction I doubt not I shall do so well that if your Instrument or Bub's need any repairs I can make them. Let me hear from you definitely as early as convenient. My very best regards to Bub and believe me Yours truly

W B Wakefield

Mr A B Cornell
Cleveland

Ithaca 2½ P.M. July 17th 1849

E. Cornell

Dear Sir

The Chronicle reporter has just left my office after having waited in vain for report since 2 O'clock at which time you probably recollect I asked for it —

Please give some directions concerning the order in which you wish business done on the line at as early a period as consistent

I have thus far conducted the working of the line under the same general rules as those of the best managed lines in the country and have been so unfortunate as to meet your disapprobation in this instance & one other (when I thought I was doing things exactly right — Whatever orders you give will be strictly observerved by

Yours most respectfully
M. L. Wood

E. Cornell Esq

M. L. Wood
July 17, 1849

but as it was I thought I was doing as I ought — I am anxious to satisfy you and when by errors of judgment I fail I would like a friendly intimation of what you consider propriety
Your bro M. L.

3/4 P.M.

I have just received the following despatch — "from N.Y. to
" M. L. Wood

"When the operators neglect the through business to get dinner and the editors manifest no willingness to pay for reports I cannot consent that business of our Customers shall stop for report when their business is waiting & operators have full stomachs" Signed E. Cornell"

This P.M. some 40 minutes after my regular dinner hour Fredonia said he had 14 — coms for N.Y. which at ~~the~~ usual rate of doing business between Fredonia & N.Y. would require from 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 hours (& did actually require the latter) — This would subject my family to a delay of between 2 & 2 1/2 hours — Since we have been here our folks have had some sickness — Every irregularity adds to their troubles — Aside from this I am satisfied that it is better that operators (when there is not a double sett) should have their meals under all ordinary circumstances at a regular stated hour — If only half as much business as F had were to be done I would have stayed

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

UTICA, July 17th 1849,

D. T. Tillotson Esq

Sir:

I recd a Letter from you dated June 29th professing to know on what conditions you would connect with me at Auburn.

I answered it saying what I thought would be right — at the same time saying that if the terms met your views you would say so to me. —

I have recd no answer to that and must remark to you that nothing can be done about business in Auburn until I have something to show that the contract is to be recognized fully —

I regret very much the course heretofore pursued by the other Co. compels me to take this course —

Respectfully yours &c

T S Faxton

I understand the parties are being put up at Auburn — which is the cause of my writing at this time.

Painesville July 18th 1849

My Dear Sir

Yours is here- As you request I answer immediately and as definitely as I am able- I find it utterly impossible to do so or I would see you this week and then the matter and all things appertaining could be sufficiently well discussed- I am however satisfied with what has already been said and written by you- I expect to find the duties somewhat laborious since they will be new- The confinement will be nothing more I dare say than in former years I was accustomed to- You failed however to write me how long I could delay my coming. This I was anxious to know as I have some little matters here to be disposed of before I can leave- Will you do me the favor to telegraph at what time you will expect me after the middle of the next week, for until after then I could not possibly see you- In truth it needs not that I see you again for the purpose of canvassing preliminaries. They are well understood I think now- When I conversed with you in Cleveland however you conveyed to me the idea that it would not be necessary for me did I conclude to come to be there within a month or two- I wish then now to know whether if I come- I shall come quickly-

In other words "if 'twere done" is it well "twere done Quickly"? — Telegraph Me in Such A manner that I alone Shall understand it. If for instance I must Come as soon as the last of next week Or first Of the week following telegraph Me My letter has been Received but is "rather Short". If On the other hand a longer delay may be made do Me the favor to Compliment Me On the length of My Epistle. In any Event I Shall hope to see you very soon And Shall immediately make my Arrangements to be with you. At that time I will announce to you that in Answer to the Call quoted by Buell "He Cometh". With many thanks for your assurances of Assistance And with regards to Buell I am truly

Mr. A B Cornell
Cleveland O.

Yours
J B Wakefield

J B Wakefield
Painesville July 18, 49

Amount of Moneys Recd at S Falls and Waterloo of the two first instalments By J. S. Bristol is $438.00

Dear Ezra I send you the act as I have it But it is getting so late I have not time to foot up the Items when you go to S Falls will you Please call & see Little Charley I want to hear from him & dont know as I shall be Able to go down & see him

Yours Truly

J. S. Bristol

Amt. brot. up $528.80

J. S. Bristol Act

Mutilated here when recd. by C.U.L.

Cash Paid out on Ithaca & Waterloo Line

To 4 days By J. S. Bristal in Getting Stock

	Fare on Lake Booth ways	$2.00
	To Board 4 days 4/–	2.00
June 11/49	Paid Fare to Bridge –	1.00
	Paid crossin Bridge –	6
12	Paid for horse & Expense to Clyde	2.00
13	" Diner – 2/ " 14th Paid Diner 2/–	50
15	" Fare on Ferry 1/3 " crossing Bridge	21
	" Diner – 2/– " 18th June Paid Diner 2/	50
	" Lunch	9
	" Postage	9
20	" fare to Waterloo & Bridge toll Postage	" 36
21	Paid freight on tools 1/ for file 1/8	21
23	" Fare to Waterloo 2/ Diner 2/–	56
25	" " to Cayuga 1/3 Diner 2/–	41
	" Man Soldering wire 2 1/2 days 7/	2.19
27	" Fare on Lake – 8/ Diner 2/–	1.25
28	" Fare to Waterloo & Back to S Falls	35
29	" " " "	25
30	for 2 Spade Handles –	38
	" Postage –	6
July 3	" Paid Diner 1/3 Paid 3 me 1/–	33
1	" " Fare to Waterloo & Back	50
	" Breckfast at Waterloo 2/	25
4	" Paid Diner 1/6 " 6th Paid Supper 1/–	31
	Paid fare to S Falls & Back –	30
		$16.36

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		16.36
July 7	Paid 2 Meals	$ 31
9	fare to Cayuga	15
	Paid Bill at Cayuga Repairing tools & Coal - for Soldering —	2 07
	Paid fare to Waterloo /10 Paid Diner 2/	35
10	Paid for Rope 1/ Paid Diner 1/	25
	" " Auger & Handle —	63
11	" Paid Diner 2/ Paid for Spikes 5/	88
	" " Cartage 1/ Paid fare on Cars 2/5	43
14	" " freight on Caps	25
	" freight Bill on wire	11.50
	" fare on Cars to Falls	13
	" Stevenson use of horse & Wagon & Carting Wire — — —	6.00
	Paid Stevenson 29 Meals & 7 Lodgings	4.00
	Paid Bridge toll 3/ Paid for Coal /6	44
	Paid Thompson 8 days Soldering wire &c	7.25
	" Thompson Skinning Poles	9 95
16	" Paid at S Falls for Board & Washing	
	" Paid Fare for Self & Holmes to Cayuga	31
17	" Paid Diner 2/ Paid Fare up Lake 4/6	81
July 4	Paid Warrick on Poles	5.00
	Paid L Dodge from July 4 to July 17 — on Poles and work	71.91
	Paid Holmes man from June 27 to July 17 — on act of Ithaca & Palmyra Line	130.00
	Paid Milliken Printing Bill	2 00
	Paid Postage on Notices	30
	Paid Mr Tillotson at Sundry times Cash & Recits for Cash — — — —	$257.50
	J S Bristol time from June 11 to July 18 —	528.80

Kingston 20t July 1849.

Dear Sir,

This morning I received your com acknowledging receipt of my first letter to you from Ogdensburgh - Since that time I mailed you a second letter from Ogdensburgh stating the prospects for our enterprize up to a few days previous to the Rail road meeting - I remained in Ogdensburgh and saw & conversed with the Directors of the Rail road both in their official capacity and individually - In both those relations they are unfavorable to our project. They wish to have it deferred until the Road is completed - they say that before that time they cannot do anything as they are now making exertions to raise $1.000.000 additional funds for their road which unless they succeed in doing their road will fall through for the present - After the meeting of the Rail road Co. I succeeded in getting a few of the business men of Ogdensburgh together, Mr Senator King was called to the chair - I gave them my ideas on the project and held it up to them in its various lights (all favorable of course -). The Chairman said he had taken a deep interest in the matter since it was first proposed - that he had went amongst the various men of business & wealth and had agitated the enterprize all in his power, but that he met with encouragement from no one, so far as subscriptions for stock went; but every one would like to see it moving - the funds however were not to be had - He thought that if Mr McG. would propose a line in some other direction it might be better received - As I had anticipated this and had drawn up a Certificate for a line from Ogdensburgh to Utica passing through Governeur, Antwerp, Watertown, Lowville, & Boonville. This proposition was better received and was voted to be *the route*. A committee of two was appointed to go along with me next day through the town in order to see what could be got in the way of subscriptions. They did go 'round with me, but all to no purpose. The men who *should* have means positively averred that they had not one dollar of available capital at this time, after much exertion I succeeded in getting them to guarantee me the sum of $5000 in case the Watertown people would subscribe $10.000. with this guarantee & two good letters of introduction to persons of wealth & influence in Watertown I went immediately there and canvassed the village all through with even leſs success than at Ogdensburgh. I found all the capital in Watertown completely swallowed up in repairing the loſses occaſioned by the fire of last May (when half the place was burned) in the construction of the Rail road to Rome and also in several Plank Road Cos. the people in Watertown would not invest a dollar at the present time - they say they *cannot* - I wrote letters from Watertown to the men in Ogdensburgh amongst others to Geo Parish asking for support but he answered "that he was not in a position at this time to do anything for an enterprize of the kind". He said that it was no use attempting to *push* the matter through, until the capitalists were clear of their Rail road difficulties and that would not be sooner than a year and a half. From present appearances I am reluctantly obliged to confess that I do not see any *reasonable* chance for accomplishing my undertaking at this time -

The period appears to be most inauspicious - the money market is tighter now than it was ever known before in this section - After remaining a few days in Watertown I came over here, being the most accessible place for letters &c to reach me; I came here yesterday evening - Am undecided as yet what to do I have already expended over $50 in this business and do not feel inclined to risk any more under the present aspect of things - Unless something could be done in Utica & Lowville there is no use trying - I am not the least acquainted in either place - What had best be done? If you think there is any chance show me where it is and I will go right at it - address me here & Ed. will look after it - I have been thinking of going down to consult some with O. S. W. - Will probably remain here a day or two -

Respectfully yours -

Samuel W. McGowan.

E. Cornell Esq.

Recd July 23

Painesville July 21st 1849.

My dear A.B.C. -

"Man Proposes but God disposes" says Paul de Kock And I am compelled to bear witness of his Philosophy - When I was with you I had no doubt but I should see you again On Tuesday - I find it impossible And as matters now appear, doubtful, whether I can do so under a week or so. This from what you said to me I apprehend would be too late for the purpose I had in view - I regret it as much and probably more than you do, but I cannot help the matter by repining You had better look for some One Else to occupy the Place you designed for me And should an opportunity offer for me two or three weeks later I shall then be prepared fully to Embrace it And you - My kind regards to Bull And believe me sincerely

Yours

D. B. Wakefield

A B Cornell Esqr
Cleveland

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Peekskill July 21. 1849.

Meſsrs Wells &Co

Gentlemen

E. Cornell. Esq directed me by Telegraph of this date to forward to you the Amount I had collected. on Telegraph stock. I now enclose you my dft for $300. received from

I. Seymour	80. ✓
Geo Dayton	100. ✓
Jas Brown	80. ✓
Nathl Bedle	20 ✓
E M Lane	20 ✓
	300.

Yours Respectfully

Seymour

Agt

Newcastle July 22d 1849

Dr Sir

On coming into Town last night I learned you had been here & got all the stock there is a possibility of getting in this place & purpose running your Line immediately to Pittsburg.

I dont understand this move & look upon it as a trespass upon my rights

When Messrs Speed & Cornell & yourself Telegraphed me from Bu—

The proposition was to let you tap me at Newcastle & run down on my poles by paying 1/2 expenses &c

I did not agree to any other arrangement & claim Newcastle & New Brighton & purpose to bring my line immediately through, as fast as men can do the work—

A. letter from you will reach me at Warren, Warren Co. Pa.

Your very Respectfully

W. P. Pew

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 23 1849

By Telegraph from ~~Galena 18th~~

To ~~Protection Cleveland~~

E Cornell Just returned from Pittsburgh nothing from Pitts. Have got the $12,000 subscribed, 50 miles poles up and 20 miles wire on – and all going ahead. I will write you again soon, I got my wire at Newbrittan 20 miles from Pittsburgh – $1800 Stock at $600 cash. Send insts & Bt immediately – Cash on rect of bill –

T. Jackson

Detroit to E C I have the shakes
again. hope to be well in a few
days - I think Sandusk & Cin
line will take 3/- on Ny Conn
making 85 from Ny to Cin -
will see to it before they are
in operation, Hatchkiss
says he will remit you $1000
first August - can you meet
me at F or Bu or can you
come here - buy No 11 - Wire
for Wade

J J S.

Sandusk

T. Jackson
to J J Speed
23 July 1849

Newburgh July 23d 1849

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 21st inst was received yesterday morning.

There is some great mistake some where as I have never, since the organization of the Telegraph to this place, spoken, insinuated or thought a word of complaint against it. The messages that I have received and sent have uniformly been transmitted punctually and to my satisfaction. The one on Friday last which was sent during a thunder storm was not answered until the next day and although we were painfully anxious to hear from Mr Parish I did not expect impossibilities to be accomplished under such circumstances as existed even then, & I shall make enquiry at the office here for their informant and correct the impression here as to any dissatisfaction on my part

Very Truly Yours &c

Homer Ramsdell

Burr

Cleaveland July 24/49

Dear Sir

Inclose is a Draft for Two Hundred Dollars - I will send you more soon - Your Son informed me you had Shipd some instruments for the Cleaveland Warren & Pittsburgh T. Line but they have not arrived Yet we want them very much we are now readdy for Four Instruments & will want the Ballance of them within Six weeks we have Twelve offices on the Line & as fast as we come to an office we want to open them as we have our Opperators at Each office on Line - I have got $12,000 Stock Subscribed which I think Every dollar will be paid & I may get $1600 - more so I think we are safe calculating on $12,000 - We have our Hole Bored & Pole up over fifty Miles & we move to drive it a head rappidly - I got my wire at Newbritain thirty miles this side of Pittsburgh $1800 Dolls in Stock & $600 - in Money - My Caps we get cast on the Line at ten cents Each Half in or

Stock & one half Cash - we are getting a very substantial Line & Pittsburg is in good order - the understanding by the Stockholders at Each Place where there is to be an office that they are ~~to~~ to Keep up their office for one Hundred dollars per Year - except the offices at Cleveland Warren & Pittsburgh - Now if the offices at One Hundred Dollars a Year $700 the old Plan of Paying an operator $250 to $300 - per Year office rent &c &c - will amount to $3000 - so you see by this arrangement we will save $2300 - that will save to the Stockholders ten per cent on their stock so you see if we could Keep up the Line at the old accustomed rates we will clear ten per cent on this new plan

I want you to send us the Zinks & Platinas & the ballance of the Instruments as soon as (if they are not already shipped) possible, as the People on the Line are very anxious about having the Line done send me a bill on the amount of the Expense of these & I will send you a Draft for the same - please write me an acct of this

Yours

Lowen Jackson

E. Cornell Esq

Greensburgh July 26 /49

Mr E. Connell Yours of the 19th was rece
You say Mr French will not concent to
have any poles used that are less than 6
Inches ~~[illegible]~~ at the small end and will pay
for all the poles I have delivered that answers
the contract I have delivered fourty two and
would wish a settelment of the first contract
Should you wish to alter the size and enter
in another contract for poles I have no
objection the Persons I purchase the poles of
wants their pay please remit the money as quick
as convenient

Yours Respectfully
Stephen W Croft

Mr E Connell

Painesville July 25th 1849

My Friend

I am this morning in receipt of yours. I was out of town yesterday and therefore could not give you an answer by return mail. I can assure you I shall not be "so cruel", as refuse to see Buell. In other words I am as certain as man is of anything that I shall be with you very soon. My Brother Mr Wilder has gone into an adjoining County to be gone the week and we have some matters between us that must be arranged before I can leave. I might have time to do it after, but I possibly should lack the opportunity as I certainly shd the inclination. What must be done, must be done now and then I shall have no drawbacks. I see you are having some Cholera. That is a source of uneasiness to my Sister on whose account only I am willing to defer my departure from this place. Do not allow yourself to entertain a doubt but I shall come unto you in a brief time. My love is Buell's and your own.

Lina —