L. J. Bush Esq
Troy A & E. Tel. Co

Ithaca Augt 11. 49.

Dr Sir

On my return from the North this morning I found yours of the 7th inst.

So far as the estimate for reconstructing the Ithaca & Elmira Tel. line is concerned it may have been very erroneous. No speculation was anticipated or desired, whatever may have been done heretofore. I endeavored to guess, as near as I could, if the citizens interested at Elmira, will take hold of it and reconstruct it for us it will certainly be desirable to those interested here; and if any gentleman, can furnish good No 12. Telegraph Wire at 6¼ cents I presume it can be done. I made that estimate founded upon what we had paid for over two hundred tons, purchased in the Eastern Cities within the last 18 mo. and put up on different lines.

The old Wire has been taken down and sent to New York, to sell for the benefit of the Co. It weighs 1680 lbs will probably sell for about 16 cts.

I do not know whether Mr Eddy, sold his stock to Mr Cornell, or not but think he did. Mr Cornell is now at the East.

It is desirable by the Ithaca, stockholders, to have the line reconstructed before the poles are all destroyed, but they will now wait the pleasure of those at Elmira, and be governed by their movements, should those at El. be fit to go ahead and reconstruct, those at Ithaca, are ready, to be assessed, their proportion, and will Cash up immediately on its completion.

The Company can unite with the New York & Erie line as a side line, thus saving 32 M. & save $40 M. that is for one business rec'd to pass over any part of the N.C. & E. line now in collecting it one or both of the N.Y. & Erie line for their benefit or any business rec'd by any Office of the N.Y. & E line would come for third benefit. Pay as follows suppose Elmira takes in a separation to send to N.Y. they collect 45 cts for their one it on the Company N.C. takes one to send to Ct. they collect 45 cts for their benefit. You send one to Onp & collect 25 cts you have it, Onp sends one to Elmira & collect 25 cts they have it 50 cts or to or from any of the stations of N.Y. & Erie line. But business done by other lines the N.Y. & E must pay for that part. We cannot make any arrangement with the Albany & Buffalo or other lines to pay them or what business we send our lines and they on the contrary would have to pay us for what they send our way.

The new line from here to Waterloo, is completed and in successful operation, via Spring port, Auburn, Cayuga bridge, Seneca Falls, and a Station will be put at Aurora. The N.Y. & Erie, Co. are now putting up a second wire from this place to Onp & Binghamton, which will expedite local business & will be of great importance to your place if you conclude to reconstruct the N.C. & E. line. Should your Citizens think best to go on with the reconstruction I would recommend that they use the new Caps or insulators, recently got up here. They are very perfect and less expensive to work a line with than any we have used.

Very respectfully &c D. F. Tillotson
Atty for C. Conrad

Telegraph Office Bennington Aug 11 1849

E Cornell Esq

Dr Sir. I beg you will excuse the freedom I take in addressing you on a subject that interest me although it may be of little importance to you.

The Connecticut & Vermont Telegraph Co of which I believe you are the President brought the writ of their Sheriff into my store on the 19th of Dec 1848 & requested me to take charge of their office in this place. Having previously received intimation from the Trustee of said Company that my services would be desired I have qualified my self with some little pains & expense to discharge the duties of an Operator so that when the Office was opened there was no delay or expense in instructing an Operator as was the case with most other Offices - but proceeded at once to business. I placed confidence enough in you who I supposed would have the principal direction of the affairs of the company - to think you and your fellow Directors - when chosen - would give me a fair compensation for my time & services. I have furnished an office - supplied it with wood & Light and devoted my time to it to the neglect of my legitimate business for now eight months & as yet I have received no communication from any Officer of

of the Company on the subject of compensation.
In addition to the ordinary business of an Operator
I have had the Books of the Company since June 6th
which is attended with a considerable trouble and
requires much more time than the duties would without.

Now sir I wish to inform you that if
I receive no communication from any of the
Officers of this company on the subject of salary before
the 1st of Sept I shall be under the necessity of re-
moving the wires from my store & of taking such
steps towards securing a reasonable compensation
for past services as may be deemed by me most
expedient.

I address you as I know of no other
one empowered to act in this matter.

Respfully Yours

Theodore Dewey

T. Dewey
11 Aug 1849

Rainesville Aug 13 1849

Dear Abbie

I am out to day for the first time for more than a week. My health is not yet good by any means and as soon as I am sufficiently recovered the Physicians recommend me to go East. Of course all our Arrangements which promised to be very Pleasant to me at present must be broken up as I shall be unable to go to C——

Give My Kind Regards to Pauli and believe me

Yours Truly Jim"

Recd Aug 15

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Newburyport Augt 13th 1849

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

I have seen Mr Stephenson on the subject of compromise and after some conversation have advised him to have an interview with you. I propose to him to transfer the stock & him which was subscribed at Rondout he establishing a station there and having all the benefits of your arrangements at that place - they to pay you $25 pr mile or $2,500 for the patent and have the right to them selves - & allow I think Mr S is disposed to make a just arrangement and hope you & he will agree upon some terms

Very Respectfully
Horace Ramsdell

Mr E. Connell

Dear Sir

Yours of the 13th Inst is at hand in reply I sent imediately to Kelsystown on the morning of the 8th after the Receipt of your Letter and found that Mr Allen had been up by the Day Boat on the 7th and been to the Bank and drawn the Check himself consequently he has now had the first 10. per cent on amount of stock subscribed the 50 Dollars of Mr Martin and the Three Hundred Dollars on the subscriptions of this place I am every day inquired of in relation to the Line by the Stockholders and I hardly know what to say to them on the subject as soon as a definite time can be fixed let me know also on what principle or in what way is the stock taken up at this place to be disposed of provided you make an arrangement with the other Lines is this stock Transfered to them or not.

Yours Respectfully

Thomas Connell

Rondout August 14th 1849

Elmira August 14 1849

D. T. Tillotson Esq

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 11th inst was duly received. Our directors wish me to inquire of you whether the wire used for Telegraphs is different from the common iron wire — One of our Hardware Merchants shows us upon his invoice that he purchases No 12 wire for 6¼ cts.

We shall certainly purchase the new iron insulators. Please inform me whether a new instrument will be necessary at Ithaca, and what charges we shall be subjected to for connecting in the Ithaca office and for attending that end of the line.

Can a boy be procured in your place for a low salary who is already acquainted with the instrument, to come here, or would it be better to learn one here?

You did not write me with regard to the debt which we owe the northern line — Will it be necessary to pay it before we can and cuts over that line, or will they wait and take it from the proceeds of the office? — I am certain however that no money can be raised more than sufficient to rebuild the line, and the bulk of that will come from a very few individuals. Any other information you can give us will be acceptable. As soon as your reply to this is received I shall assemble the Directors and they will determine at once what they will do, and I will inform you

Very Truly &c

L. J. Rich

Cleveland 14. Aug. 1849

My Dear Father,

I received your kind letter of the 29. ult some days since & was very much gratified to hear of your continued good health and also of our friends generally.

It must be a very pleasant trip from Ithaca to Newyork now by either route owing both to the speed & ease of both routes. and I suppose the southern route will be much improved when the heavy rail is used on the whole road from Ithaca to Owego. I do not see why that road is not going to improve our village very materially too. And if the canal which you picture in the future from Cayuga to Sodus Bay is ever completed the coal business will be a good one, although the trade will be confined I think to Lake Ontario as there is quantities shipped from this place & Erie direct from the mines by canal, which I think costs less than it would via Ithaca. still the quality here may not be so desirable as that at all events the Ohio mines seem almost inexhaustible.

About six miles of rails for the Cleveland Columbus & Cincinnati RR were landed here on saturday last and more is close after it. It is shipped direct from Quebec here without transhipment. The work is going forward rapidly & 140 miles will be in operation by the first of Jan. next.

I think the more you reflect on my remarks respecting the operations of working of lines in my last letter, the more you will acknowledge their veracity. It is very true that it is desirable to avoid any & all mistakes in messages, but the all important requisition is the dispatch with which they are transmitted, at present the majority of business does not go from Boston to Chicago & Milwaukie & between similar points under 24 hours & again a com may go through the entire distance from Boston to Chicago in 2 hours. In my opinion the greatest improvement that can be made in telegraphing at present is that of doubling the number of wires on all the important routes, so as to separate the local & through business, & avoid the one from detaining the other.

Jackson is getting along slowly, nothing extra

Wades wife has been very sick for a few weeks last she has been obliged to be with her for the last two weeks but I believe she is now improving & he will soon be on the track again. This end of the line has been delayed by a man who Wade hired six weeks ago to commence the next week putting up the ~~wire~~ poles between here & Medina 30 miles. but he has not made his appearance yet although we hear from him every day or two he is coming tomorrow or next day & has been all the time. At all events Wade will be ready for the wire when it arrives—

I think your purchase of the Falls Creek property must prove a good & profitable one. Into whose hands has the Woolen Factory property now gone?

I am anxious to visit home for a week or two this fall but do not know whether I shall be able to do so or not.

My health continues very good, City very healthy. Very little cholera.

Yours affectionately

A. B. Bloomell

O. Bloomell Esq.

Auburn. August 16th 1844.

Mr Connell.

Sir: Hearing that the Goshen Office was vacant, I thought I would make application for a situation in it, as Operator. I wish to get an Office, which will pay my expenses, at least. If that Office is not vacant, will you not obtain a situation for me, in some other one?

I can come well reccommended, at any time you may mention, as I am at present unemployed.

Please answer this, immediately & oblige,

Yours Respy

Charles A. Caulkins

To Mr. S. Connell.

Seneca Falls Aug 18th 79

Dear Sir:

As I have made no engagement for the coming year, and understand that you are looking for an Operator for NY, I take this method of inquiring if you think you would like to employ me. If you do and are willing to pay fair wages, I shall be happy to serve you, and think I can give satisfaction

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
H. C. Hutchinson

E. Cornell
Ithaca

Canaga August 19th 1848

D. T. Hollister Esq.

Dr Sir

Pursuant to your request I called on Mr Cook at Saturday - he refuses to pay - he says he owe nothing for the reason that he & Jarboe upon settlement that we were going to make a fraudulent assignment to Jarboe; that we have not done so, & he refuses to do so, that it is already fully paid - the Jarboe seem to Waterloo, that the subscription money has been used to obtain the Mill from Spencer to Jarboe which the subscribers had no interest in - Jarboe; that he had got Jarboe money in possession & that I should take to settle with him about it - he said his mind was made up & had not time to - I then told

it was unfair to represent that a line would benefit only from the half acre to Waterloo & left Lisa - Now I propose that Gen Cass should have an opportunity to hear; give him a fair explanation of the whole matter, including the main cause of defect along the Canal; to wit; - that when & where (for that section) his name was mentioned or appeared as an agent it was regarded as good ground of objection to the project; and therefore the friends of this line misrepresented & traduced him in order to prevent further embarassment from that cause, request him to strike his name from the subscription -

All this is for your consideration - but I hope to see you soon; & then we will determine upon something -

I learn that Doct Branch; if now living; has very low in the Treasury -

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
M. Strutevant

M. Stutchinson

Aug 18. 49

Rochester Aug. 19. 1849.

E. Cornell. Esq
Ithaca N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I visited Kingston the following day, after seeing you in N.Y., and had some conversation with the Director, & a few of the stockholders, in regard to the question of "purchasing the right to use Morse's system, & to avoid the necessity of building two lines, from Newburgh to Albany." Some of them appeared to be favorable to the project & others were not. I left them the next day with their & told the Treasurer to talk the matter over, try to have them all come to terms.

I will be in Newburgh the first of next week, Tuesday or Wednesday, & if you will meet me there, I think we will be able to make an arrangement, which will be satisfactory to both parties.

Respectfully yours

H.C. Hepburn

Mr. E. Cornell

Sir, I have a desire to learn the Telegraph business, and wish to know if you can give me a situation in one of your offices i.e. after I become a good operator. I do not like to be to the time and expense of learning, unless there is a prospect of my obtaining a situation, as it would be of useless acquirement unless I can put it in practice.

I have for the last 5 or 6 years been employed as Clerk & Book Keeper in this village and can furnish you with satisfactory reference as to character, capacity, &c.

If you will please inform me per return of Mail as to the prospect of my getting an office. You will greatly oblige

Yours Resp.

Jacob G. Southard Jr.

Cold Spring

Put. Co.

N.Y.

Aug. 28th 1849.

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

UTICA, August 20th 1849.

D. T. Gillatson Esq.

Dr Sir

Yours of 6th Inst. I
formerly on My Desk on My arrival home
after an absence of 2 weeks which is My
apology for not answering Sooner
It is quite as well in My opinion
as how are offices Separated — My Engineer
Satisfys Mr Thos —
I have been waiting a Long time
for Mr Cornell as he promised Me he would
attend to Settle his account — I now
have instructions from the Board to Enforce
our Claims & if any thing else is Collected
it — I think we have the Documents after
a Careful examination — Respectfully yours

J. Y. Scott

Telegraph Office
Litchfield Aug. 21st 1849

Dear Sir

Yours of the 17th I received last Evening & before replying definitely to your proposition - I intend to give you a Statement of this office & its receipts, and then you can judge something how great the inducements would be for me to continue in charge —— and I will be so far particular about it that the actual facts will not vary one dollar from the truth —

Our whole Receipts from June 15th to date $ 143.72
Of this we rec'd for other lines 103.04
40.68
The expenses of the Office for same time 29.27
$ 11.41

Deduct half for Stockholders would leave 5.70½ & this is your proposed compensation for seven Months Care of the Office — We have paid to Pittsfield for Order of O. H. Perry $50 — to J. B. McKinney $12 — to Bennington for Troy Line $13 — & now owe Bennington for same about $12 — We have paid for mending - repairing Line Sets (not belonging to Office Expenses) $18.30 — and have had to keep the Line in order from here to Birmingham about 25 miles — and it has been

broken four or five times near Waterbury all falling on us - for the want of an Operator in that place — for each time it has been broken within two miles of that place. I would have been repaired with trifling expense had there been an Office in Waterbury —

I have never liked the way in which the business department of the Line has been managed. We were engaged to take charge of this Office - without any terms agreed upon at the time. but the promise that some one Authorized to Contract would be here soon, and make definite arrangements with us. also the inducement was held out to us by Mr Power that the Line would be extended through to New York this Spring - thus giving us a direct communication with the great Centre of business - also that there would be an Office opened in Waterbury thus relieving us of the Charge of twenty five miles of the line & giving us but half way to Waterbury - about eight miles — Need I know how things were to be managed as well when I began as I do now - how they have been - you will not need any strong assurances from me to make you believe, that I should not have taken hold - but when I got enlisted I have held on. in hopes that things would be eventually put right, and we be reason-

-ably compensated for our trouble - but there seems no prospect of it. and I am glad for one that things are like to come to a crisis. Either the Line put through to N.Y. as it should be or abandoned altogether. So far as I am concerned it will make but little difference. but (particularly if I am to work seven months for $8.70) but it is an accommodation to the public and on that account I would be glad to do my part to keep it in operation. but to ask the operators on the Line to make up the delinquencies of Stockholders to the amt of eight thousand dollars - is asking a little too much. and for one I can say. I shall have nothing to do with it. on these terms -

If the Line was extended through to N.Y. as it should be - I have no doubt our business earnings for the Company would double in six months - but as it is. it is too expensive to build. men avoid Telegraphing if possible - and then too the delay. We cannot get a Com. through to N.Y. in much less time than it would go by Mail. and this loses us patronage - besides giving us heaps of Curses for the delinquencies of other lines — Why ever since Hayden left Bridgeport - we have been troubled to get an answer from N.Y. in 24 hours. and many times I know all the business of this line

has been one in that office twenty four hours - and all because they have put a d—d fool into that Office - whose only qualification for that (important to us) station was he had been a Copyist in N.Y. Office for two or three years — I know from Mr Baldwin - who took charge of the end of the for a week — also from I. Bacon & others. that Cure will sit by his instrument through the whole day - trying to work his Cord off for a while & then change to scratching his head - and perhaps the next morning send off by mail to Boston or Elsewhere all the business that has accumulated in his Office the day before — It was not so when Hayden was there - he knew his business - and whatever N.Y. HBs might say - We can say truly - that our business was faithfully attended to & thoroughly done — I wonder suppose that it was equally for the interest of that line as our own to keep some one there that would be capable & faithful for they certainly know most of the business of this line & a good Operator like Hayden could take charge of both as well as to keep two there — Cure undertook to do our business a few days after Mr Baldwin left - but he told me he had his orders not to leave his Instrument

a moment for this line. and the way he did our business was to have us take all the business of the line and all that came via Bennington from Troy or Canada. and about eight o'clock in the evening - after this line was through for the day - and too late to send off a Com. from this - he was ready to take what we had accumulated - and send us what he had rec'd during the day for us to distribute along our line - in all cases too late to answer 'till the next day - and in many cases too late to send up the Line. we only getting them by using our Ground line. Still in this state of things - I took the responsibility of asking him not to put up our Battery or touching the Key - thinking it was only imposing upon our patrons. and hoping by that Comm. to drive the Trustees to make such arrangements with N.Y. & B. Company as by extending this Line through to N.Y. that we could do our business so as to satisfy ourselves & employers - Since then our Office has been the South end of the Line & all our business has gone via Bennington at an increased expense & upset patrons and about the same snail pace. Still I believe I have said enough of our grievous

-ces. and do not do it with much hopes that they will be smothered, or much care if they are or not, for I rather suppose that my connection with the Line will soon cease, and too - not with the disposition to find fault with you or any one else - for I do not know, whose fault it is, but that some one is most grievously to blame in the whole matter I do most sincerely believe — Under all these Circumstances - I cannot consent to continue in the employ of the Central Ill. Company, and am ready to close my Office at any time, and shall soon at any rate hope some one becomes responsible to me for a decent compensation for my trouble — I did not know 'till recently that the Company had even organized. & had I known it, you or some others of the Officers of the Company, would have heard from me before this, and on this same subject. I hope to hear from you soon & if I do not shall think you have no further communication to make & close my Office — taking what little I have in hand for pay for services, with the addition of $5 that I have collected of Stockholders for W. H. Peron —

Yours truly & respectfully

A. L. Lewis

P.S. With regard to the indebtedness of the Company I know but little about that but know of two men in this town "Fairman & Peck" that have an Claim against you for 40 or 50 dollars for Pens- Also a Bill of D. C. Bulkley for fitting up this office. but the Amt I do not know - & am owe a small bill for Acids &c to Dr Beckwith - but have nearly a Carboy of Nit. Acid (say 100 lbs left) that will balance that. Further than this I do not know of any Claims. tho. there may be — Mr Baldwin wishes me to add. that he agrees fully to all I have said. and will go with me in reference to work for the Company on your proposed terms A. S. Lewis

E. Cornell Esq
Ithaca

But I will add that when I took hold. the talk was about $200 to $250 per Cent - now it is say $12 to $25 - it wont pay Mr C —

75 & 50
25

Pittsfield Aug 31st 1849.

Friend Cornell,

You doubtless have expected to have heard from me long ere this, relation to some one who wished to engage in the manufacture of Agricultural implements, & other business which required water power. I have had two in view, one of which has been at the head of Pages. Nurseries establishment, who has gone to the far west; the other a practical mechanic who gave me some encouragement has concluded not to leave his place where he is certain of $450 Dollars and his board, for an uncertainty. Having had these in view, and not being able to get decisive answer from the latter, while recently I have not made inquiries of others. It may be that I shall find some one yet, if so I will inform you immediately. You inquire how Olds received your message relation to his salary I can truly say not with a very good grace. he found much fault with you for not putting the line in a situation to earn anything. I tried to say something to ease off, but to no purpose, so I left him. He has worked the line since for ought I know well. The line however has suffered in its net of late in consequence of not having an Operator at Bridge-

post. Charles Ingrust is here, out of employ. he would go there for a short time for a reasonable compensation I think. What shall be done? Who is to manage the line? do write and let me know. in the mean time I remain

Yours Respectfully
L.S. Russell,

S. L. Russell
22 Aug 1849

Burlington Aug 21st 1849

Dear Sir

Yours of the 17th is at hand— I have just been to see R M Adams who says he attached & sold about 500lbs wire belonging to you & the bal— cant tell— is about $15 or more This being the case I prefer to hear from you again before paying the ante— My opinion is, that the execution levied on a share of stock under the circumstances will not amount to much tho cant say— Will you give further instructions if you wish me to settle it & I shall not till I hear from you again—

The concern is doing decently well now though not out of debt yet by about a thousand & when note expenses reduced to less than one half their orginal amount per annum the debt would be increasing instead of lessening Ben loaned $300. to a poor concern— The wire you speak of in your acct— you better charge on to Riley M Adams as we never have been able to get possession of it & now its too late— My regards to Mrs W & Lady— if you please

Your Obt Sert

L. C. Dodge

Milan Aug. 21. 1849

Dear Sir

Enclosed I send you a ~~draft for~~ $300. I shall give notice immediately for the collection of the next instalment and in about two weeks can probably send about $1000.

On account of the prevalence of the cholera in this part of the country our work has not advanced as fast as it would otherwise but it is progressing and I hope to be able to crowd it faster soon. at the close of this week I shall have over 100 miles of poles up and shall go to putting on wire as soon as it comes

Will you send ½ dozen instruments soon. also material for battery

The note I spoke of in a Tel. Com. I supposed Col. Speed had explained to you. Mansfield bank showed a disposition to do something towards building the line but had no right to own stock. I told them if they would lend me $300. and renew from time to time for two years I would give them your name and Col Speed's (by the way, Speed was with me when I made the arrangement) and I ~~supposed~~ can draw the $300. as soon as the note is made. Speed said he expected to meet you about the first of this month and would then have it attended to. If you assent to this arrangement and are not coming this way soon, would it not

be well to send us your signature or authorize Col. S. to sign it: and I will provide for the note
On account of sickness of my wife and prevalence of the Cholera I have not been to Columbus or Cincinnati yet but shall go there in a day or two. I dont expect to do much there in the way of stock, but there is a strong feeling against the pirates and our prospects for business is very good. and Judging from Correspondence and what information I can get we shall need a second wire immediately. and if you will put on a second wire from Cleveland to N.Y. I can put the second one on from Clev. to Cin. and if this can be done we can "skin them alive"

Please write me at Mount Vernon when you get this and say whether you will send the instruments &c and when

There is an opposition line about 65 miles long on my route that has been very much in my way - I have been at work at it and shall probably buy it. if so it will get them out of the way and add about 40 miles to our Cin line. the ready built and the balance (25 miles) we will keep as an arm from Newark to Zanesville I shall know more about it soon and will give you particulars

Yours very Respectfully

I. N. Wade

E. Cornell Esqr
Ithaca N.Y.

I. N. Wade
31 Aug, 1849

Galena Aug 21st 1849

Mr E. Connell

Dear sir

Enclosed I send you $100

I am now at the connecting point of our line with the Mississipi I left A. Pt about two weeks since and have labourd hard to get up stock from Madison to this place we had the stock taken before at Dodgeville and Mineral Point but the times are very close in this mineral country the cholera and the water in the ground has prevented the raising of as much lead from the earth as in seasons before and the A. Bailey lines sucked so much cash out of the peoples pockets they are mighty careful I am alone here except I have employed a collecting agent a Mr R. Fargo he is an operator also with a register Mr Powers health is poor and spirits quite as poor he is at home therefore you see my labour I have had 13 men at work on this route the posts will be up from Madison to Mineral Pt by 10th Sept and I hope you have sent wire and such and such other materials as my last called for but I have not learned we have some 8000 # stock taken on the route of about 100 miles I mean to have 2000 more before I get back to Madison and shall collect between one & two thousand dollars

I have not got any stock taken here yet but I shall try them on hand I have been here but 6 hours yet I find as I expect when I arrive at Milwaukee that you have sent me the above I shall send you 1000 or so more and all of cash shall be sure and forth coming Shipped to my address in care of L. D. Higby Milwaukee and send bill I shall have 100 miles of Greenbay line ~~of~~ poles up by 1st Sept I have all I can do and drive hard but I shall bring all things & upstairs on my way back on Wilsons end of line I have the promise of some cash & receive it will be forwarded will you please say to A Burnett & son to send me ten instruments without weights with 5 extra magnets coiled ready for use and that can be put in the relays if a magnet should burst up send the small pullies so that I can get the weights made here thus save cash for freight by express you may depend upon our fidelity to perform but I have no one to depend upon to collect money or get up stock but myself I had expected that Mr Powers had been on this route and collected the instalments due but no I have it to do I have collected $600 on this new work within a week I would send it all

but I must keep the poles setting going to get through to Galena this fall the business men of Galena are anxious to have our line through but to take stock is the question I have some means of my own that I shall put in and get up the line and as soon as we can we will pay for Poles but the line must be built the agents for C Bailey are here but I donot talk with them I try hard to mind my own business I wish you would send me some of Mr Alfred Veils pamphlets schedulls of lines &c in the United states my 2 doz copies you will hear from me often please take a few moments and write me a letter of the progress of our lines in the united states something that I may publish and thereby let the western folks know that we are going ahead of any practical ship that sails give my respects to your Bro Edward and all friends.

Yours truly S. M. Peck

T. W. Hatchkiss
El. Augustus

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Mr E. Cornell Esq
Ithica
N. Y.

Friend Fillmore your came duely to hand in my absence I feel under the blighting influence of a Locofoco Tariff & with my prior ingagements I could not promise more than it was understood between us No one wants more cheerfully comply with your request than myself if Circumstances would admit &c &c I hope to see you Soon

Yours Respectfully

Waterloo Aug 18/29 James K Webster

J. C. Mitchell
Aug. 12th 1859

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Wm. D. & J. Tillinghast
Ithaca

Montrose Aug 23=1849

Mr E. Cornell

Enclosed You will find thirty dollars which I receive from B Daye on his note You sent me —

The Daniels Receipts are not yet paid tho he promised me he would pay them last Monday & caused me to delay sending this thinking I could send all at once Warner is urgeing Daniels to pay & I think he will pay soon —

I some days since requested Mr Wood to send me a Zinke which I presume he has forgotten. I would thank You to forward me one. — I have but about half of one left which causes me a good deal of trouble & cannot always git what is said to me — Please inform me of the safe reception of this & oblige

Very Respectfully Yours
O. La Morse

Detroit 28 Aug 1849

Dear Sir

This is the first day for a week that I have been able to get to the Office. To wind up my ague & fever I have had a dysentary, which has made me so weak I can scarcely walk. but I think I am now over it, and in a few days will be well again. I intend going to Cleveland Monday or Tuesday next, and will remain there several days. will be glad to meet you before I return home. Hope Mrs C will soon be blessed with a nice baby and all O.K. Business is a little better and I think September will be a tolerably good month. I will delay saying any thing about business until I see you, as I have a multitude of matters to talk over.

Yours truly J J Speed