NEW-YORK AND ERIE RAIL ROAD.

Sup'ts Office, No. 45 Wall Street, New-York, Nov. 2d. 1850.

To Mr E. Cornell,
Ithaca N.Y.

Sir:

Notwithstanding your promise to see me in New York, last week, I have not been able yet to see you. Neither have I heard one word from you, since I saw you, over a fortnight ago, though I have written you. You told me that my first 500 insulators were ready, & yet I cannot find them any where, though we want to use them very much indeed. I prefer your insulators, & wish to use them, but it will not do for us to be so much disappointed for want of them, as cold weather is very fast approaching.

Please write me & say what I must expect & in regard to the matters between us.

Respt Yours
Chas. Minot
Supt.

Oak Hill Nov 5th 1850

Mr E. Cornell

Dear Sir although a total Stranger to you I take the liberty of adreſsing a few lines to you and trust you will excuse me for so doing when I inform you of my object

In the Oct number of the Wisconsin Farmer I see a description of what is there called Etrurian Wheat with your name attached to the Communication Now Sir I wish to enquire of you if you could spare me some of the Etrurian Wheat for seed and if so what quantity you could spare could you spare a Barrel of it if not that quantity what quantity could you spare By what would be the price of it including charges for cask and delivery at some point on the Rail Road or Canal where it would start on its course for Milwaukee in Wisconsin via Buffalo N.Y. Perhaps it would be neceſsary that freight should be paid in advance from your place to Buffalo in order to secure it a paſsage through to Milwaukee If so please include that in you bill of charges By answering the above prosed questions you would much oblige an agricultural Friend

Respectfully Yours
M. Holmes

Direct to Oak Hill Jefferson County Wisconsin

Oak Hill Wis
Nov 5.

Free M. Holmes P.M.

Mr E. Cornell
Ithaca
N.Y.

Dr. Holmes
Oak Hill Jeff Co
Wis
Nov 5. 1850

New York Nov 5th 1850

Mr Cornell

Dear Sir, with this letter you will find your letters that have been accumulating since your last visit in New York. In regard to one from Detroit Mr Litchfield called at the office & wished to know if ~~he~~ you had received it. he wished me to forward the same to you & have you return the draft to Detroit,

I write you more particularly to day to lay before you the conduct of Mr Tillotson at Ithaca. While you were west I wished (as at all times) to keep our line working & you will recollect you telegraphed me so to do, & when the line was down ~~[illegible]~~ west of Ithaca I repeatedly ask I a about sending out on line & if he had done so &c I have not been able to get any answers from him & I have tried to learn from Tillotson through Bn about state of line & Tillotson has answered "you can tell New York to K-s my a-s, I will send out when I damn please" This is only a single instance of Mr Tillotson using language that tends to lower the

the line in the estimation of all the well behaved operators on the line, this time the line had been down two days west of Ithaca. We all notice that the line never works so well & regular as when you are at Ia. I forwarded you according to your order three Barrels glasses — & I hope we will by your fixing line between Bn & Ia be able to work without connector at Ia.

One thing more. I have lately received two letters from Mr Ingersoll at N about his difficulties, the letters I enclose to you. I think that Mr Ingersoll uses some language that is unnecessary, he has told us over line he will not repair line any more & that it will take only a little to make him shut up the Newburg Office. I regard to N office, Conklin the young man who has been with Mr Richards at X & of whom I spoke to you when last in New York This Concklin is a very smart young man & if he was placed at N we would have some one that could be relied upon for all kinds of work. Mr I will not go out upon line at all & is ~~a~~ too much opposed to repeating sometimes when it is necessary. As much as I know of this Concklin, he would be willing to work for $6 — per week, is a rapid writer & reader & knows how to go out upon line, I have only informed you upon this subject not knowing but what Mr Ingersoll might wish to leave Newburg.

I shall forward report tomorrow, The Canal St Office is now ready & I shall commence to do business there tomorrow. I should have commenced sooner but have been detained day after day by the Herald office in printing the signs &c They made the trial spoilt my cloth &c till I finally gave it up & have fitted the office up as I hope will meet with your approval

I remain Your Obdt Servt

Chas Robinson

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New York, 8 Nov 1850.

Received by Telegraph from Buffalo

For E. Cornell -

You are one hour behind this mng - W. J. Speed

West Cornwall Nov 8th 1850

Mr E Cornell

Dear Sir

Yours of 30th Sept was received and I immediately sent my relay accompanied by a letter stating that I would put up the line to Fallsvillage but upon attempting to do so I found the wire was gone I sent to Litchfield and got a part of a bundle which was not enough Mr Baldwin of Litchfield said I could find some at Bridgeport I sent there and found none I could put it up at any time if I had the wire and a few caps but as I do not Know where to find them I shall be unable to do it untill further advised — I have heard nothing from the north whether the line is up or not and as yet no attemps have been made to put it in order between here & Litchfield

Nov 9th. I find at the RR Depot here a Bundle of Caps which were brought from Litchfield last winter and left there by the Stage and shall only want some wire to finish up the line —

Two places where the Glass through which the wire passes are gone I have put in wood blocks in the place of the pieces of Glaſs which were gone and I suppose it might answer very well where the Glaſs into which the Pin on the top of the Pole enters is sound — It was neceſsary that something should be done to keep the wire in its place but ~~If you think it best~~ I will supply all the miſsing places from the Bbl of caps at the depot if you think best please advise me about it

Respectfully Yours Martin Porter

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Tellegraph Office
No 5 Hanover St
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Martin Porter
8 Nov 1852

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New York, 16 Nov 1850.

Received by Telegraph from Cleveland

For E Cornell

I have had hard work with the R.R. Co but have got a Subscription of V. Road for $3000 - and prospect of getting about as much more of other companies think this will bring me out of the bushes -

J. H. Wade

Ithaca 11 Novm 1850

Mr. Ezra Cornell

Dr Sir

As you are now ordering Telegraph Caps to be made & forwarded for the use of the N.Y & Erie Company it is necessary that I should have a written order on said Company to Enable me to obtain payment for the Caps, and as you left town without giving me any authority to that Effect I shall Expect the arrangement to be carried out by you doing so before many of the Caps are sent as it is important to me to be placed in the way of prompt payment having been obliged to procure additional hands &c in order to furnish them — If therefore you wish me to go on ~~with the [illegible]~~ & furnish the Caps you will see the necessity of Completing the arrangement as talked of between us —

Yours Respectfully

V. Conrad

Let me hear from you at once that I may know whether to proceed —

New York 11th November 1850

E. Cornell Esqr
President &c
My dear Sir

Since leaving Ithaca I have been some four years in Buffalo, One years in Albany, and for the three last past years in West Troy, in each place my employment has been of a very respectable character – I have been here for the last three months engaged in business connected with my employment at West Troy –

My desire is, if possible, to procure employment in some Western business place – purchase me a little farm, and settle down for Life –

Should your Company require the services of such a person as I am, I would be happy to receive a communication from yourself, or any of ~~your~~ the Officers of your Company when convenient for you to do so – Please address me at West Troy – remember me kindly to all old friends, and believe me dear Sir

Very respectfully Yours
William Huston

E. Cornell Esqr

President &c &c

Ithaca N.Y.

Ann Huston
Nov 11 1867

Fredonia 13th Nov 1850

Mr E, Cornell Esq
Pres of Newyork & Erie Telegraph Co

Sir a claim has been placed in my hands for collection by L, F, Frink of fifty Eight dollars and seventy Nine cents as balance due him for services as Book Keeper at Fredonia for said co and I hope it will be convenient for your company to send me a chek or draft for same $58 79 on the receipt of this and much oblige and on the receipt of it will send you a receipt in full and if your co dont think proper to settle the claim as above write me and say what they will do in the matter —

Yours, Respectfully
H, F, Smith

Mr E Cornell =

The amount specified above is correct being the balance due L F Frink from the N York & E Co July 15th 1850 = Mr Frink left the claim with Mr Smith who addresses you on the subject

Yours &c
Emory Cobb

H F Smith
Fredonia Nov 50
Trunks a/c

Newburgh Nov 15th 1850 -

Mr E. Cornell Esq

Dr Sir

Yours of yesterday is just at hand - From respect to you & thankfulness for all the kindness you have shown me, I shall not use pure saxon in regard to your statement.

Yesterday P.M. "Ow" told Bu that he had been on hand "for *two hours & a half* to get a chance to send a com". Now unless you also deny that his statement is true. I can not be supposed to have had a chance during that same time. If you allow his statement you must find "several chances" for me to *have sent* in the *other half hour*. The next question is what you hold to be a chance? Had the operator at the Key in N.Y. ofs told me that I had several chances to send that com I should have told him there were no facts to support the assertion. I hope there are those in N.Y. ofs who know that "W" is always on hand. If it is unknown there - proof is abundant here - as also that my instrument is always in adjustment as much as any telegraph "inst" can be by constant attention -

If you should say that "W" owing to its peculiar position on the River & being opposed by another ofs, could break - others would not be disposed to break - I know of some who have expressed themselves to that effect. I was very sorry that I could not tell what ofs received Bell's Message from me. I could not. I knew the day it was received and sent only —

I meant to have said this P.M. that very frequently I would not try to send to N.Y. if he could not get it by trying twice — Ask Butcher what would become of some repeated coms if he or I would not show more patience? Hopkins also has been very kind in sending & taking coms when the line worked badly — 'Tis not when the line is working bad that I get angry but when it works well and customers complain. In your remarks by the telegraph yesterday, the N.Y. Opr must have thought that you intended to imply a want of ability on my part after being so long at telegraphing, to manage what little business I have here. Do you thus think of me? If you do, it is the first time I was ever thus situated. No effort on my part shall be wanting so far as the duties of this ofs are concerned, to secure your approbation. If I had it before coming here and have lost it my hopes are gone, and with them all stimulus to be in estimation — I can promise you that I will "not acknowledge any liabilities up here" That is an opinion I hold in private, but one which I think correct, and when I have the pleasure of meeting you shall be pleased to explain.

Respectfully Yours

Chas McK Ingersoll

Ingersoll 15 Nov 58

Fredonia Friday (15) Nov 1850

Dear Sir

I have had such a job at figuring as would have tired out Jake McCormick: but after going over and over both sets of books a great many times I believe we have got the accounts right. I send you a full statement of each days business and the settlement of the account between your line and ours - also a statement of your expenses here and a list of the balances due. Hereafter I have directed Cobb to keep the accounts between our lines on one book which I got made at Buffalo, and send a monthly statement of each days business to Ithaca and Detroit. The local business of this office will be kept on the old books and entirely separate from the business between your line and ours - I am sure it can never again be so confused and so difficult to make out. You will see that

~~you~~ we have sometimes Credited your line with more than your receipts on certain days: but the same were entered on one book one day, and on the other the next, or sometimes the day after, when the line was down. I think that the amounts are correct as I have examined the books with great care and found some messages entered twice &c, but whether I have got it exactly right or not am satisfied it is as near right as I can get it, & probably very nearly correct –

I have bought Rees little line of three miles to Dunkirk and given him credit for $175 – which he owed us – the office has paid $110 in four months; and but about six dollars of it on Rees line – the bal was mostly on our line and yours – I prefer taking the office as I will be sure of the money that belongs to us instead of its going through Rees hands & sticking there = When the N Y & E R Road Co build their line, I want to put our

wire on their poles from Dunkirk to where
their road crosses the Stage road to Bu
about 4½ miles from Dunkirk, we
will then have Dunkirk in our
way wire from Bu to D—

I never was
in any place where Telegraphs were
at as poor credit as at this office.
We have been behind here with our
expenses, and now owe about $150=
Your line is in still worse order than
ours, as you have paid less and
owe more. Pa's line would not
be likely to aid the credit of the
concern much. On the whole I
am truly glad that I am likely to
get away soon, as every man here
looks cross when you speak of Telegraphs
He is thinking about his stock in N.Y.&E
or Pa's line, or his bill unpaid which
has run a year. I will have our
matters settled up here soon as possible
and you will have to pay hereafter
your part of the expenses monthly
The boys cannot get credit if they try
that is already used up. If you
will continue to work as well as you
have I think we will come out right
yet

J H Speed Jr
15 Nov 1852

Since you left, our line has worked every day without the least interruption until today, and ~~then~~ today it was down only three or four hours - Pew promises to put Pittsburgh & T line in order at once and make it go right - He goes to New Castle to live, and I think he will try to do better - If Pew does not make it go, I will get Wade Smith or someone else who will - I promised Lu to go to St Louis and help him; but I cannot do it - I must remain on our line and mean to settle the a/c of every office between here and Au before I quit -

The draft to Ely for wire will be due in a few days, and it is out of the question for me to get the money to pay it - The only chance is to get it of Hotchkiss and that I fear is a poor chance I will get all I can; but I do not see now how I am to raise one quarter of the amt - You will have to get the draft renewed & you may as well tell them so - I supposed we would be able to raise that amt out of our bus for this month; but we cannot do it, and I cannot borrow it - I have written Hotchkiss and begged & scolded & he promises but dont pay

What we can do about the draft I
dont know; but if Ely sees the day
it is due, we cant help it - I will
spend very little more on our line -
The wires do not get together now
as they did, - and all the caps are
on from Bu to Erie. My repairer
will put on all that are broken between
Erie & V, and I think I will not have
to send a man over the line again this
winter - I will go to every office - settle all their
accounts - see that they pay out nothing
more that can by possibility be avoided
and save every dollar we can; but
we get but 10 c (you know) on all
Cin & Southern & Cleveland coms from
New York, and it will take a year
to pay up the present indebtedness
of V office, and pay the amt due
there from A.B.Co - Bu office will
not pay much more than we have
to pay out there to Saxtons line & for
printing - The little offices between Bu
& V get but little, and we get but one
third of that, so that all we can pay
must come from Cle, Chi and Am
I have looked on the bright side of the
picture for three years & hoped all the
time for better things ahead; but the

the "good time comeing" seems to be
as far off as ever - our line is certainly
in far better order than ever before
and works as well as I can wish,
and I will do my best to keep it so,
and make it pay if possible -
The Steamer news we can sell, and
if you can only get it ahead of the
other lines, we can make enough
out of it this winter to pay Ely's bill -
Unless we can get pay for the Steamer
news, we cannot pay much more
than our expenses this winter - But
I will keep trying, and promise never
to have an office so far behind
with the accounts that I cannot tell
whether they are spending the money
or loosing it - I will do less on the
line myself, and attend more to the
accounts, and if we get a dollar
I will know what becomes of it -
I leave in the morning for Westfield
North East and Erie - will open an
office at Girard next week, or the
week after and one at Ashtabula - can
get one third of rcpts at each place
I get one ~~third~~ the receipts on our line at Dunkirk & they pay all
expenses, & all that I have to pay other lines
Yours &c J J Speed Jr

P.S. I send the papers to you today. or rather Colby says he
will ask you & direct accordingly on
I lent you the money and by tel. your line owes us $500 —

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New York, 16 Nov 1850.

Received by Telegraph from Jefferson

For C

I am sure you can send some one in my place as soon as you please. I understood I was to get my pay monthly. But if I have your promise, I will send Post immediately. But I hope you won't forget your promise for I am much more in debt on the Compy's a/c than I want to be. I will try to start man if I can run my place.

Huntington
Jefferson
Nov 16. 1882

Jefferson

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New York, 9 Nov - 1850.

Received by Telegraph from Buffalo

For E Cornell

I have twenty Customers
that is the game to play at
go strong

J J S Jr

J.J. Speed Jr
9. Nov 1850

Newburgh Nov 20 1880

Mr Chas B Robinson

Sir Yours of 16th inst came to hand this morning enclosing Thirteen dollars to pay One quarters Rent of Office ($12 50/100) due Nov 1st 1880. The receipt for the same and balance (50 cts) I handed to Mr Ingersol operator at Newburgh office

Yours Respectfully
Chas Halstead Jr

Halsted
Ruth

New York 21st Nov 1850

Mr Ebonnell Dear Sir

When I sell Lands at wholesale I expect to be punctually paid — when I sell at retail and get three or 4 times as much I am not particular

I some times wait on being paid the interest — the interest on your 2800 dollar Bond I see [illegible] due 6th Jan and 4 June —

I am Respectfully

Stephen B. Munn

Mr E Cornell
New York

S B Mann
4 Nov 1852

Ithaca Thursday Eve. Nov. 21. 58.

My Dear Father

When I left Cleveland I got a friend to make arrangements with Mr Shelly (who I owed $18. for clothing, one of the items I gave you) for the payment thereof - He told Shelly he would pay it by the 30th inst and I assured him I would put him in funds to that amount before that time - and I would very much dislike to disappoint him - as he has always been very kind to me - therefore I would be very glad if you would send me that amount at once if you can do it without inconvenience I expected to have got some $13. from that Buffalo man long before this as he promised to send it to me within a week when I saw him in Buffalo

Please let me hear from you soon.

Luther tells me now, 7 P.M. he has had no one east of Montrose since about 5 P.M. and he is now trying to have F. send his bsns to Bn to express to you

In Haste

Your Affectionate Son

Alonzo B. Cornell

E. Cornell Esq
New York } all very well

Whitehall Nov 23 41

Dr Sir

Yours of the 20th is received and highly appreciated. In reply I regret to say I must decline accepting of your kind offer to give me a situation, notwithstanding I should like a change very much and be with you. even if I could not do any better than I am doing at present (which is poor enough) A.O.V. if it was in any other place but Cleveland on the face of the earth I would with pleasure accept immy. not that I have any thing against the place for I must admit it to be a delightfull one having been there myself. but it is a something else which I shall at some time make known to you but cannot at present.

Again you may consider it a very ungentlemanly act in me (at least I do) to solicit your influence in getting me a situation then after you have been to the trouble perhaps expense to do so for me to so abruptly and without a more clear and satisfactory reason refuse to accept for which I am ashamed to acknowledge that I am the person that is guilty of it, Mr Cornell I assure you I should have never applied to as I did a few months since had I the least apparent thought that any thing of this kind were to happen and. I hope your generous heart will see fit at least in a certain degree to overlook the transaction, and God knows I have not the face to now again apply to your generosity for a situation; you are well aware that my present salary is rather small and I have no doubt you would do much better by me. but I cannot acception at the terms of $1000 a year. under the present circumstances. Your 1st dispatch was not rec'd at all.

With a faint hope that this will be overlooked and a most fervent wish that you may prosper and you may enjoy good health as long as your blood flows & heart beats I close.

I Dear Sir remain
very truly your friend
H. A. Marsh

To
Mr A. B. Cornell
Cleveland

H L Marsh
Nov. 23. 1850

Portland Nov. 25. 1850

E. Cornell Esq

Dr Sir

Your Tel. dispatch respecting the Vermont Line, is at hand.

There is but one straightforward course to pursue in that matter - You know I am bound to pay Mr. Kendall, for his principals, $37.50 per mile, for the right on that line, when I give title to it - This is under my contract with him of July (or June) 1847.

You contracted to build it - paying $50 per mile in cash, for the title, and assuring to me an amount of stock equal to one half of the profits of building, as the further consideration for the patent.

You have been unable to fulfil the payment of $50 per mile

I have asked Mr. Kendall's advice, as to the course I should take - whether I should take the line -

or me for the consideration — or sue for a violation of the patent —

He has peremptorily declined to advise at all, but admits that he holds me responsible for the $37.50 per mile to his principals —

I deny this accountability until I receive it —

Under these circumstances I desire to do all that is incumbent on me in the first instance to secure them the $37.50 per mile, if practicable — & myself — $12.50 — beyond that, under any circumstances, I am willing you shall share equally with me of any advantages that I can derive from the line, beyond expenses that may be incident to it —

But I wish to avoid any course of proceeding that will either equitably or legally hold me to pay Kendall the $37.50 per mile, until I realise it —

I am willing he shall have three fourths of all the first realisation of the line, up to that time — I am willing you shall half of all

I shall realize from it beyond the $50 per mile.

This, as it seems to me, is the fair & just result to all sides.

To bring this about, this I will do – take the line back to be held in the first instance for either sale, or management, for the benefit of the Patentees, up to the sum named, and expenses of managing it – 2dly – if more be realized from it, you shall realize for yourself & any body to whom you may be responsible in equity or law as subscribers, for one half of all that excess.

If the line be surrendered to me on this condition, I will employ you to put it in working order at once for me, on condition that out of the first proceeds the expenses of so putting it in order shall be paid – It being put in order, I will either by arrangement with you, or conjunctively with the Boston line, put it under the best practical management for accomplishing the purposes above specified, and for the parties above specified. But if the line be a hopelessly losing one, I shall abandon it, as I would any other possession that is more costly to keep than to abandon.

It is useless for me, or you to write to Kendall about it. He will do nothing but threaten to hold me responsible. I am willing to be so, to do all that an honest man, & fair dealing can require of me.

Answer me immediately if you accede to my proposal - & if so, proceed at once with the repairs, reporting to me as soon as completed a detailed account of them, & I will at once proceed thereupon to organize the line for work.

I have one, or two operators whom I can send to the line, as soon as you may report them wanted -

Yours truly
F. O. J. Smith

F. O. J. Smith
25 Sept 50

Philada. Nov 25th 1850

E Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

I recd. a message from you something more than a week ago that you would forward me the needful I promised upon that to pay the money but I have not seen it from you yet. will you forward it to me by return mail and not put me off any longer for the parties want their money.

Send it to me at the Tely. Office 101 Chesnut St

Yours &c

Jno. D. Peake

J. D. Park
25. Nov 1850

E. Cornell Esq
N.Y. & Erie Tely Office
No 5 Hanover St
New York

NEW-YORK AND ERIE RAIL ROAD.

Supts Office, No. 45 Wall Street, New-York, Novr. 25. 1850.

To Mr E. Cornell.
New York.

Sir:

I have concluded to order of you, at this time, Seven thousand insulators, of the same kind as the sample you shewed me, & *all* to be made in the most perfect manner & dld. at Owego, at the rate of at least 450 per every ~~working~~ week day, till all are delivered. But this order is to include the 4000 already ordered. Price, twenty five cents apiece, cash on delivery. All bad or imperfect ones to be rejected, & returned to Owego at your expense, for freight both ways. I also in addition, order of you twenty five hundred more of the same sort, & on the same terms, with the exception that the hooks of these, are to be a little larger, & adapted to No. 7 wire. If you do not deliver as above, you to pay all damages to us.

Respectfully Yours.
Chas. Minot.
Supt.