New York Dec 15th 1850

Mr Cornell

Dr Sr Whiting employment once more in the Telegraph business I would respectfully apply to you for a situation, and if you are willing to try me, I shall be willing to work for a reasonable compensation.

Please write soon in answer and address me at the Hotel de Paris.

Yours &c

E. M Tomlinson

P. S. You may address me if you please in care of

W. L. Langer. Esqr.

68 Cedar St.

New York.

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E. M. Tomlinson

15. Decr 1850

Detroit 9 June 1850

Dear Sir

After an absence of more than two months I returned home last evening and find yours of the 22d Oct.

I have always looked on the bright side of the picture, and hoped that my efforts would enable me to pay off all my old debts: but there I have been disappointed. The Telegraph controversy between the Morse Patentees and others has been postponed from time to time, or decided against the Morse Patents, and consequently the Competition has been such that I have been unable to do any thing more than to support my family in the most economical way. I still hope that we will be able to make some arrangement with our opponents which will make our Telegraphic interest valuable: but my hopes have been so long delayed that my own faith hoping to be spoken and all my Creditors, I believe, consider their

debts against me as hopelessly bad — I would buy your for the lot you mention if I could; but I cannot do it, & if I could, I could not retain it, unless I could settle all the old claims against me —

If you can sell the lot, I must submit to it, as I cannot ask you to hold it for me, when it is impossible for me to say how soon I could buy you for it — I owe about fifteen thousand dollars, and if my telegraph interest is worthless, there is not the least chance of my being able to pay ten cents on the dollar on my own — I will keep trying, and may yet be able to buy you back but the chances are not as good as I wish they were —

very respectfully
Your obt Servt
J J Speed Jr

Stephen B Munn Esqr
New York

New York 16 Dec 1850

Dear Speed I have always hoped "Mr Speed" would buy that Lot. I think he paid Beebe 1700 Dollars for it — and he must make Beebe him 500 in money I wanted 700 — Mr Williams once spoke to me about it he thought was worth 500 Dollars McCormick told me he thought he would give 500 or 600 Dollars for it — But he had forgot it when I spoke to him since I have long lost the interest on it I must soon sell or build on it. It suits the store McCormick is in — the Tompkins County Bank have a Mortgage on the store I suppose they got from Speed — I wish you would see McCormick and Williams and if they wont buy it at a price that will do — I want you to see what I can build on it that will be likely to answer best — I am very busy this weather

Yours Truly

S. B. Munn

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Wm Ezra Cornell Esq
Now at Ithaca
N. Y.

Collins
16 Dec 1852

Erie & Mich Tel office
Buffalo Dec 18th 1850

Dear Sir

Yours of the fourteenth is at hand.
The total amount that has been collected
for Steamer Reports is $11.20=
I collected $5.00 on the first one that was
received. It was over an hour behind the
other Lines. The succeeding ones have been
from one to 3 hours behind the other lines
not one as soon = To make it sell here
we should have it 1 or 2 hours in
advance of everything else.
I received Reuben (Asia's news) by Faxtons Line
one hour after they had it distributed.
consequently could not sell it but to one
customer.
I am aware that a number of mispages have
been lost between here & Dansville. & Attica
I will do all I can to prevent this in
future = I send you what Cobb says about it.
The receipts of this office for the month
of November 1850 were more than double
the receipts of the same month last year
Our Line works fine = business dull = Shipping
fine = respects to Alonzo Yours &c Sol Wm J Swift

Wm. J. Speed
18. Dec 1850

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Newburgh Dec 18th 1850

E. Connell. Prest

Dr Sir.

Yours received. I will talk with you as to battens when I may see you.

I am troubling you somewhat too much with my letters - will be less troublesome hereafter.

I am not the "restless fellow" you call me I was not restless or dissatisfied in N.Y. last winter. That I am restless and dissatisfied here needs not my say so. The poorest of calculators could arrive at no other conclusion on footing up my reports of business of each month. By Refering me paid up or even reasonably so you will find me quiet, and if at any time I receive a better offer you will have no cause to complain of the terms or time of leaving.

When I was in N.Y. ofs I felt under obligations to do my best for the Co & did do it. Here I have no such feelings and am not under such obligations for I am not paid as agreed. My personal acquaintance with most of the Operators makes me desirous to please them, besides a desire to retain the character of being attention to the instrument induces me to do much that I would not do if I could bring my mind to throw up that character & lose them good will. No Sir,

So far am I just-now from feeling under any obligation to this company, that aside from those two motions. I would not-repeat the first-word for any one until my claims were adjusted- That-I do it-is perhaps sufficient-for the company- There is no claim on me for that + little or none for any services under the existing circumstances.

I wished to hear of the doings of the directors meeting for one particular reason Viz. August first-when the line passed into your hands, the several contracts or agreements by apps to work for the company was legally at an end- Those who knew of the change + remained virtually agreed to do so at the same pay- Since Dec first-until the meeting is reported I dont-know who I am supposed to be under- I thought-my interests improved by the change of August-1st- I think so yet! But-I deny any + every body the right-to transfer me or my agreements with consulting me in relation thereto. You say you will pay me the balance due since August-1st-before long- And add that I must-look to D.B. Supt. for all up to that time- I dont-believe that is the proper place to look for it-- I dont-work there any longer even if I dont-find it-elsewhere.

Just now I am desirous to know when I am to for balances for months to come. The balances due since August first to Dec 1st will pay my board bill if received by January first. After such receipt I shall be just as quick as possible with the many balance which is due Mentors to that time. Those most interested can expect me to be more so.

There is one thing for which I fail to thank you. That is, your prompt answers to my letters

Yours Respectfully

Chas M. K. Ingersoll

E. Cornell Esq

Ithaca N.Y.

NEW-YORK AND ERIE RAIL ROAD.

Supts Office, No. 45 Wall Street, New-York, Dec 18. 1850.

To Mr E. Cornell,
Ithaca. N. Y.

Sir:

We shall commence next Monday morning to put up our No 7. Telegraph wire, & must have some Insulators at Susquehanna, as soon as by first passenger train in the morning, with the hooks made large enough for the No 7 wire. The other hooks will not answer. We have 100 miles of No 7 wire & we commence using it at Susquehanna (Lanesboro,) & work with it West to Corning. After receipt of this letter, please deliver us no more insulators with the small hooks, till you hear further from me. We shall want more, but not at present. Do not disappoint me in these insulators with large hooks, as I have four parties putting up wire. We need all of 450 Insulators per day. Write me if we may depend upon the above.

Resp'y Yours
Chas. Minot.

NEW-YORK AND ERIE RAIL ROAD.

Supts Office, No. 45 Wall Street, New-York, Dec^r 19th 1850.

To Mr E. Cornell,
Ithaca.

Sir:

I beg to say once for all, both past, present & to come, that your glass caps have not been, are not & will not be delayed on our road. The delay is in the shippers here, if at all. Pleas make no more insulators with small hooks till you hear from me, but send to Owego all you have got made. We want just 2900 with the large hooks: & we want some of them at Susquehanna on next monday morning. On all your barrells, in which you hereafter send insulators, or on your boxes, mark the words in plain marking "Large hooks" or "Small hooks" as the case may be. This is very important for us, or we shall get them mixed up in great confusion. By next day after tomorrow, our line will probably be up from Piermont to Susquehanna in one unbroken line. We are all ready to put our wire across the river. Whether your Co. or some rival Co. (as they want to) is to work our line or not, must now be settled.

Resp^tly Yours Chas. Minot

Detroit 19 June 1850

Dear Sir

After I had sent my letter to you to the Post Office, I found a print of A Bolas letter left on my table, and as you doubtless want to preserve it I enclose you the other half sheet -

We were broken but are today near Fremont - Line now works well again; but we expect to be down before a week - Delano pins us all his business at Toledo, and I think I can make a permanent arrangement with him & secure all his business, and the business of the Rail line at Ren - the Lake line will then have nothing but what they can get from House, and will have to depend on Snows line to get their business to Chicago - If I can carry out the plans, it will break the Lake line down -

I am also negociating with our Central RR to furnish funds to put up 2 cars from here to Mich City - I think I will get the

to do all I ask + If so, we will have a way wire to Chicago and costs us nothing; besides putting on our new cars from here to Kalamazoo - I am also in for a line on RR through Canada, as soon as that RR is built, and it will be done in two years + Soon we will have a Tel line on that Road, and we must control it ourselves, to prevent it being used to combate with us - I also mean to secure the line on R Road from Toledo to Wellington, where it will strike the Cleveland & Erie line, which Wade has secured - Then we will certainly have a Tel line on all important R Roads, and if we can control them between Chicago and Buffalo, we will ultimately have the game in our hands - We have had a dark time lately, and trouble enough; but there are some bright spots in the distance, and as long as there is any hope left, I am determined to keep trying - I am also trying to get the Mich South R Road to build a line from Toledo to Chicago - They are poor, and may fail on that Road at present

but will eventually succeed in getting them into it — We must also get the RRoads from Cleveland to Buffalo into our boat —

You may say that is all well enough if it can be done, but in the meantime we will die out, if we dont buy Ely and others — It may be so — all I can do is to buy all we can safely and get all we can —

I go West next week — will send Hopkins to watch the Rascals near Sandusky — If I go, they dare not watch me, and I would stand no chance of catching them — When they find that they cannot induce Solano to come back, they may let us alone —

Yours truly

J J Speed Jr

Mr E Cornell

Myself

J. J. Sprecher
19 Dec 1850

Detroit 19 Dec 1830

Dear Sir

Yours of the 5th this moment rec'd — And first as to Roberts — I cannot get our boys to exercise much discretion in getting up reports — There is but little in the winter to send, worth publishing, and sometimes when an unusual occurrence takes place, either we are down, or My & E is down — as your line was across the river when a man was murdered here a short time since — I will look at it, and I think by Spring I can get the boys trained so that you will get a great deal more than we have ever sent — Steamers news is not of as much consequence now as it will be in the Spring, altho we can now use it to advantage, when used before other time — I have been at every office from Buffalo here, and get their accounts all right, and put them on the right track — I will try and look them so — I go West in a short time and will get all the new routes I can at all our offices West — As to Hotchkiss & his promising I am as much in the dark as you are — I have

Postmaster
Dec 19 1830

always told you, what he told me, and altho I have been disappointed in his not fulfilling his promises - I had, as I supposed, good cause to believe that he would do as he agreed - I still think he will pay up in the end; but I may again be deceived - all I can say is that I will go out there again, and do all that can be done to get the money - He said he would pay $500 as I told you, but I suppose he has failed to collect as he expected - He owes our line more than $400, and I fear that it will be a slow debt - You say my not buying Ely is my fault - I know it, & feel it; but what can I do - We have been broken down two times this week between Fremont & Sandusky &c by design - I made an arrangement with Selkirk to take his cars between Toledo and Buffalo, instead of his giving it to Lake Line - (if we could do it) I would also, get as large share, if not the whole of the business from the Penn Line at Pitt - This was to go into operation last Monday - Our Sunday our wire was broken in three places - got it up Monday about noon, & before dark it was broken in two others - Tuesday got it up Monday, & had three more breaks -

struck again yesterday, & broken down again before night - have just struck again, and will be broken down before tomorrow morning - there no longer the slightest doubt about our being constantly interrupted from design - whether the person doing it, has some <u>reason</u>, or does it for sport, I cannot certainly tell: but I know of no one who has had any cause for wishing to injure us, and do not believe that it has been done from any other motive than interest - I have only been at home a little over a week, and scarcely had time to see all my letters: but I think I will have to go and stay in the woods a week or two, and try to catch the scoundrels who are breaking us down, two, three, and four times a day: our loss this time of the year is not large at best: but when interruptions daily, our results are not equal to our expenses, and it requires all my skill in financiering to keep up - If I could only fasten the thing on some one connected with other line, I would not regret all we have lost: but that is the trouble - How am I to do it? I will do all I can towards finding the rascal who does it: but it is like looking for a needle in the Straw -

I have sent with pleasure Strong's letter -
I believe he states the facts as they are -
He wrote me a capital letter, which
I answered, and as his school bills
at Cleveland was high, I think he has
learned a lesson which he will never
forget, and one which will in the
end be worth all it cost -
I have $500 to pay on Caps - $200 batting
bill at Cleveland, for which $13 pays
note - $77 for your hosiery rent, and
$12 due by us at Fredonia, all of
which is due about the 15th January -
besides sundry other debts at Cleveland
which they are dunning me for every
week - If the scoundrels knock us down
as they have done lately, it will take
all we can get to pay for repairing -
I will keep trying - catch them if I
can, and if I can't I will open
a reward, and make a statement
to the public explaining the reasons
why we have been down so much -

Yours truly but in
trouble in more
"ways than one"

J J Stanford

Montrose Dec 19. 1850

Mr Connell

Dear Sir

I inclose to You Statements of my account with the Company and Your self which I believe to be Correct & Supposing You will find all You wish in the Statement of Your account for the months of August & September I have not made duplicate Monthly Statements. but will if You desire it

I have made some engagements in which it is necessary for me to use quite an amount of Cash & I greatly need those balances at the close of the present month —

There is a strong prejudice Existing in the Minds of Stockholders here against this Tel. Company. Caused by their Subscriptions being in chief solicited by I. P. St John & they deem all his transaction of a Suspicious nature & I expect a good deal of difficulty in geting the Exchange certificate of Stock signed by them. Jessup. Drinker. Richards & Post are in York & will be home next week when I will attend to the matter

Truly Yours

C. L. Brown

A Brown
Dec 19, 1801

All Communications strictly confidential.

Office of the New-York and Erie Telegraph,

This Line connects with all points where there are Telegraph stations in the United States and Canadas.

Ithaca Dec 30 1850

By Telegraph from Montrose

To D. Cornell Esq.

Your letter in relation to re organization is received. A number of the subscribers to stock here are absent in New York. I will lay the matter before them on their return and inform you of the result. I received the money you mentioned and have mailed the statement desired

Yours &c

C. L. Brown

Ithaca Friday Dec 20. 1850.

Dear Father.

Mr Sage called on me yesterday morning and enquired for you. I told him you were at home and would be in during the day. Whereupon he requested me to ask you to whom the gravel hill belongs which is situated on the west side of Aurora St opposite the School house. He has some lots west of it some where and wishes to get 50 or 60 loads gravel from the bank to fill them up with — they being on low ground. He says there is a street laid out on the maps directly where the hill is — and if it belongs to you he will obtain it of you if possible. if to the corporation of them — I forgot to mention it to you when in yesterday pm. please inform me by telegraph what to say to him —

That message I mentioned to you as being recd from Boston on Wednesday morning from Mr Kelley to Gov Williams Cleveland was answered yesterday pm — Mr K's office is 3 doors from an office in W and if Mr W had not been at home his Clerk is always there and could have answered it in five minutes. I think Lord might be benefited by knowing this fact.

Ingersoll is taking on bars and will go on

to C[illegible] with it at 3 pm if ~~[illegible]~~ and do not hear from My before that hour

Yours Aff[illegible]

Alonzo B Corwell

A.B. Corwell
2 C. Dec 1862

Detroit 21 June 1830

Dear Sir

E. C. Litchfield offers to guarantee fifteen Hundred dollars cash at Cayenovia if you will build a line from thence to Syracuse via Cayenovia — I have promised him to let down one at it — Litchfield says he will take $1000 himself if necessary I think you had better let down one at once — If not some one else will — you can get at Dryden $500 — McLean 300 — Cortland $500 — Homer 500 to 1000 — Preston 300 — Lenoyne 500 — Chittenango 500 — or go by way of Marcellus — If no one else can be got and you have nothing for A.R. to go at first now let him at it — you can get the cash of Litchfield when wanted Let me know whether you conclude to do it — No 11 will be as good as any other known —

Yours truly

J. Edwards Jr

J. J. Spurgin
21. Dec 1850

Syracuse Decem 21 1850

Dear Eyre

your Letter of 13 inst
I recd this Morning why it Should have
Been So Long in reaching Elbridge I Cant
Tell I was at office Monday no Letter
Consequently I Supposed you did not think
My Letter any importance enough
To write. Mr on the Subject Had I recd
your Letter in time I Should have Come up and
I hope you have not Been the Loser By
this Mishap I Shall Probably be at home
About the 1st January and will as usuall
Have had any thing but A Pleasant Job resetting
Cabs this Snowy weather, But am nearly through
Shan here About A part in depth and fine
Sleighing — A letter will reach me
at Seneca Falls for Part of next week
If you think of any thing that you may
wish me to write me

I have not time to add more
at Present Best respects to all

Yours Truly

J S Bristol

E Cornell Esqr

Ithaca Saturday Dec 21, 1850

Dear Father

Enclosed I hand you Nav report of "J." office accompanied by some letters. We hear nothing from beyond N yet though I hope we may be able to soon. as we cannot get our business to ny today unless we do get ny as N has no money to go over to Cs with or to send our bns by Bain line, We borrowed money enough of Bain line operator at N to pay his fare over to Cs yesterday pm and took what bns we had & returned with ny's bags - and late in pm he took several important coms from G Un & Ms & sent to ny by Bain line who trusted him for the amount - really I think you should make some provisions in his favor as when line is down below that is a very important office but is of no service without money to pay his fare to Cs or to forward bns by Bain line - Ingersoll complains bitterly of his poverty and I cannot blame him if all he says is true - I think it would be well to make an arangement with Bain line to send our bns from N to ny when our line is down provided they will do it promptly. and deliver what we give them at N to our ofs in ny or let us deliver it them in the city to customers ourselves - and also give them

lines in Ny to send to W & Ray the whole in my both that which W sends down & Ny sends up.

A reformation must be made at Orr & J= I will give you my complaints against those offices for the past 36 hours- Could not raise J from 6.30 pm thursday till about 11 am yesterday (friday). reason- Huntington went to a dance thursday evening and did not get to bed till 5 am friday- consequently he had to go to bed early last night and I could not raise after 7 pm. However we did not happen to want him but it would been the same had we wanted him- this is almost daily occurrence- and now for Orr at quarter past 7. a man came in from the Clinton House who wanted to send over to Orr. for a physician. Mr Bacon of Orr being sick. I called Orr. steadily for 20 mins and finally got him 20 mins of 8. sent the message. and requested him to deliver at once- in 10 mins Mr Tillotson came in to send over on same business for Mr B- and I called Orr almost constantly till 9.30- without success- and the consequence was that we lost a message and answer and perhaps half a dozen of them as they wanted to consult Dr when they found he did not come over in cars- This morning I told Ray how his absence affected us- and asked him how long it was after he got the message from us before the cars left. he said about an hour- and he did not come back to the office because he thot there would be no

more business - and just so with all the offices they "for" any time after tea - Such an occurance as this might not happen again in a month. but that is no reason why offices should not be kept open during regular hours.

I like your plan respecting the consolidation &c much & more as I review it - Had a talk with Cleveland this morning through Shuds connector at N. worked my will. no trouble except the mutilation of dots by its breaking itself. With one of yours there we could work through from Nyork to Cleveland all the time - and I cannot believe that they have more business there now than they could do on one wire - and it would be a great thing for us to write direct to N.

all well

Very affectionately

Alonzo P. Cornell

Ezra Cornell
Nyork

New York 22nd Dec 1858

Dear Sir

Mr S. D. Munn told me yesterday that Mr Collier had written him that the decree dividing the Fall Brook property would be recorded in a few days; and desired me to say to you that when it was done he thought he should be willing to release the portion that you might sell from time to time, and take the avails to apply when collected on his demand against you, not hereon, impairing his rights or claims against you.

Yours truly
J. J. Belden

E. Cornell Esq
Ithaca

C. Cornell Esq

Ithaca

New York

Mail

J. B. Beebe
23 Dec 62

Ithaca Monday Dec 23. 1850

Dear Father-

Much to my astonishment I found line up and work mill from 7 to 9 this morning- It commenced ~~Sunday~~ snowing here about 2 o'clock yesterday & is snowing now- 12 o'clock noon- The wind changed several times during the night thawing & freezing alternately- We have about 6 inches snow. Danville 2 feet. "Un. S." reports 4 feet-

Had a message for Orr this morning called him from 9 30 till 11 am- when I finally got him-

I see "J." takes business from Lews line at the same rate they do from D & W line- viz 40 & 2. Is that right? It is not as I understand the matter-

Mother says dont forget the "Syrup" this time-

Uncle E B says he will cut that wood for half, each one drawing his own share-

Nothing new. all well

Truly Yours affectionately

Alonzo P. Cornell

Ezra Cornell Esq
Ithaca

Ithaca 23d Decem 1850

Mr Ezra Cornell

Dr Sir

I have received a letter from W Dodge in which he says "your first draft will be paid as soon as you make out your Bill for the 4000 insulators & get the proper Vouchers, with the Approval of the Superintendent, all of which can be done very soon if you will put it in order"

You will perceive therefore that there is something still for you to do before the draft will be paid, & hope you will give this matter your early attention that the draft may be paid — Your Note in regard to the 2500 caps with Stems for Lay-ins was rec'd & will be attended to — Please hurry up the Brimstone —

Yours very Resp'y

P Conrad

Montreal Dec^r 24^th 1851

Dear Brother

I have been intending to write to you for several months but have postponed it from time to time till the present - hoping that I should be able to give you some encouragement about your claim upon the Bay Line -

We took their instrument into our office and began to work their line in April last when the Line was down and the Co a good deal in debt - In fact their outstanding accts continue to come in up to this time and I do not know when we shall find the end of them - We got up the Line in a few days after taking possession and have done a good business - Besides paying the outstanding accts we have erected a new Pier and mast half way from Alsops Island to the Pier standing on the Small rock Island South of the Channel at an expense of £1000 and we should now have felt independent had it not been for a dreadful Sleet Storm in Nov^r which swept down the wire entirely across the whole river both sides of the Island and breaking the main mast on the Small Pier between the South Shore & Alsops Island and also the fore-mast & top gallant mast on the new Pier South of Alsops Island

This disaster as you may suppose was discouraging but we set to work and got the wire up and repaired the mast next to the north shore — The one South of Alsops is still high enough to answer till we can repair it in Spring — We are so disgusted with those thieves at the Rapids that we shall bye & bye either try & cross with Gutta Percha above the Lachine rapids, or get permission to cross on St Helen's opposite the City — Which is best?

We are now working regularly again and doing something more even at this dull season than to pay expenses — Mr Allen owns about 1/2 of the Stock and he and I have the whole management — Whitney still a director — If we could have one seasons business without any ill luck with the line it would be all right — Private

The Montreal Line is getting on with business about as usual but we expect a little excitement at the annual meeting 10th Jany next — Mr Shaw is is still Pres. but he and another of the directors have had two fist fights in the year past and they will each strain every nerve to upset the other — and the whole board have had great difficulty in doing their business this year — I do not think there are but two that will be re-elected without stiff opposition — If we do not get an opposition line from the effects of the quarrel I shall be satisfied — Mr Allan is the largest Stockholder

in the Montreal Legislature — and a good Director. Whitney has qualified himself for the Directorship and will be one of the "nags" on the 10th of Jany — Wells, McKay, & Griffin have been here to attend the Suit with our Co — It was left to arbitration — They claimed about $4000 & the Co made offers to wipe out the whole claim — The arbiters gave Wells & McKay $2300 and interest since Dec '47 — The Co appeal the verdict and will try to get the Court to set it aside — So it is not settled yet —

The Bytown Line is pretty much a failure — It was opened in April last and has not worked successfully 3 months since that time — they are now about opening it again —

The B.N.A.T. Association are taking down the Line from Rivr du Loup to Father Point and have given the Contract to Jones to build it across to Fredericton — We are now about reducing the rates from here to Buffalo on through business so as to do a larger business with Cleveland Chicago & the Western Country — I am in favor of making it 55 cts from here to Buffalo but from present appearances shall not succeed in getting it below 65 or 70. — I see a message from Speed a few days ago saying they are working 5 Lines (of 1200 miles) out of Cleveland by One of Daniels Batteries successfully —

If they are an improvement can you inform me when I can get another to work 600 miles of line and what would be the original outlay - I have not heard a word about your N.Y. & Erie Line for several months and would like to know what are the prospects at present and whether you have made money by hiring the Line - I suppose father has told you that we are reducing the amount standing against the De Witt farm and if I have my health a year or two longer I will have the Bond & Mortgage cancelled. What do you think are the future prospects of Ithaca and has property advanced in value since the opening of R Road Communication to "Ant Work"? - I suppose you still keep your land joining mine and I hope you are intending to build upon it. -

Julia unites with me in sending love to Mrs Ann and the children - We hope to see you again ere long - Write the first opportunity a long letter and I will not be so negligent myself again - We are quite well and enjoying this delightful winter weather -

I hope you are more at home than you have been for a few years past -

Let me know how Morse Paine & Howes are coming out on a long heat as far

as you have the pleasure of knowing them - U.S. Express Co. Yours truly C. S. Halsey

Mrs Ann Halsey

Office of the Cleveland & Cincinnati Telegraph Co.

Mt Vernon. Dec 24th 1850

G. Cornell Esq

Dr Sir

On last evening I received a dispatch from D.B. Wacer requesting me to forwarce you (if consistent with our by Laws) the Six Several Certificates inclosed herewith, to be issued on the Stock owned by Speed & Cornell & filled to the name of Thomas Hoo-
As it is doubtful whether our by Laws authorize the act, without the written order of the Stockholder- Will you do me the favor to return a Receipt by mail- "Acknowledging the reception of the Six Several Certificates for the Six Shares each, issued to Thomas Hoo by direction of Speed & Cornell on the Stock owned by them in the C & C Telegraph Co." -

Your attention will oblige

Your very Obt Servt

G. Browning Secty

C & C Telegraph Co

G. Browning
24 Dec 60

White Plains - Dec 24 1850-

Robinson -

A Bakeman here says he saw a Pole down this morning on the edge of the Tunnel with all the wires - ~~The~~ a pole in (or just before reaching) Harlem is broke but is held up by the wires - About 2 miles below Wm. Bridge the lower wire is down - Just this side, the Ny & a lower wire is very slack but does not, I think touch ours - At Kelts bridge the lower wire is down ~~but~~ and is tied up to the fence & does not touch the ground -

I scarcely know what to do - If I return I can not see sooner than I could send a letter - Wishing to what is for the best, I shall push forward over Line, examining it carefully & return here; stay here over night & go down in morning & fix Line where it not ok - I have considered this best for if a pole is down on the Tunnel you cannot get it OK before tomorrow & by pushing over it I shall ensure lines being in order to Harlem - My hands are so cold I can scarcely hold my pen - Now I'm off -

Yours Chapin.

Important.

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Ithaca Dec 24th 1850

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir.

After remaining as to the propriety of doing so for some time in doubt I have finally arrived at the conclusion that it is best to own up to you in relation to the accident with which I met while I was in Binghamton. You will remember I told you it occured from falling down stairs which was not exactly the truth though I think I should have told you just how it was had there not been others by at the time but after that I had not the courage to do so verbally

The way it happened was this — I was at a party thanksgiving night about 10 miles from Binghamton where there were a number of rowdies from Bn. with whom I had not expected to meet & had no idea of getting into such company (though if I had thought for a minute I might have expected it) & two young fellows from Bn. with whom I had formed a slight acquaintance having some hard words with each other I stepped up between them & a rowdy came up &

asked what was the matter. I told him that it was none of his business when he hit me over my eye which was the cause of the whole trouble.

Now I have <u>determined</u> to stop every thing of the kind and attend to business matters alone & such others as are perfectly harmless in every shape If you think you can confide in what I say I would be glad to obtain business from you or through your influence & it being I believe the first thing of the kind that has happened I have a hope that you will look over it. My eye is now so that I can get at some kind of business in a day or two & if you have any thing for me to do I would be glad to do it as I am quite sick of loafing & will do the best I know how for your interests. I tell you about this matter in confidence as no one here knows about it except Alonzo Not even my Father for I thought if I adhered to my new resolution it would not be necessary for him to know it & I would thank you if you would say nothing about it to him or any body else

I recd a letter from Mr Power

saying that Mr Minot was the proper person to apply to for a situation & that he would hand my name in with the rest. Will you be kind enough to see Mr Minot about it & let me hear from you as soon as convenient & very much oblige

Yours truly & respy
Sutherl. Gillotson

Brooklyn
Dec 25 1850

Dear Sir

Not having had the pleasure of seeing you for a long time past, I write to enquire what you can do for me in the way of adjustment of our account. The money would be most especially convenient for me at the present time as I have failed to get a large portion of my summers wages - at any rate I would like to know how the matter stands and to have the thing in a tangible

Shaw. Please write as soon as convenient.

What news have you in the Telegraph world or of my old acquaintances? I have been thinking of getting up an historical and statistical article on the Telegraph for Harpers Magazine or some similar publication. Do you think it practical to come to any thing like completeness and accuracy. Yours &c S.D. Backus

E Cornell Esq

S. D Backus
ES. Dec 1880

Mr Connell -

I have returned after going over ground as far as Croton where I heard line was in order from there to Peekskill I should have gone through to Y but it was late I am used up, I have walked from Tuckahoe to Croton & am sick from it & came direct home I cannot come to office to night - as I am suffering from chills & fever arising from being out in the cold yesterday & to day, yesterday between twelve & one o'clock I tried line at Harlem Bridge & found no circuit when I went back to Yorkville but the wire was as I left them the night before, then men had been digging post holes & the posts were on the ground but I did not stop to see them as they were to dinner - -

(over)

Let me hear by bearer if you
are alone in office that if I am not
well in the morning I may
know how to act —

C Robinson —

Dec 26 / 84.

E. Merrill Esq

C. Robinson
26 Dec 1884

Honesdale, Pa., Dec. 28th, 1850.

E. Cornell, Esq.

Dear Sir,— I have just been able to obtain the last Stockholder's name to-night. Mr. Rufell and Mr. Bennett have been absent from home.

Mr. Jas. Schott Jr. is living in N.Y. this winter,— that is the reason why we have not heard anything from the Smudaffers.

I am perfectly convinced that the course you pursue, regarding the Carbondalers, is a just one. Carbondale is the most God-forsaken place that I ever knew. They had a Plank-road meeting there the other day, and were going to do great things, but when the books were opened to receive subscriptions every man of them slopped, and they did not raise the first cent! Just previous to the fire which they had, one man tramped the streets for a whole day, and raised the enormous sum of five dollars for the purpose of getting up a hook-and-ladder company! He stuck the bill into a tavern stove, exclaiming while it was consuming, "Let 'em burn! d—n 'em! if they want to so d—n bad!" and they have got it now. Thus ended that enterprise — like all others — in smoke!

Yours Respectfully, M. Wheeler.

Onego Dec 26th 1850

E Cornell Esq

Dr Sir

Yours was duly received and in answer I can only say that I shall not deny that I have not paid quite as much attention to my business for the past few weeks as I should have done. But I will henceforth try to do my duty and I hope you may not be called upon to address me upon the same subject again—

Mr Armstrong Mr Norburts Agent tells me today he has rented the Office he occupy and would like to have us move in the course of a week— Business has been very good this week—

I write in great haste as the mail is about closing

Yours Respectfully

E Cornell Esq

Silas Hay

A. C. Hay
23. Dec 1880

Oak Hill Dec 30th 1850

E. Connell Esq

Dear Sir

Yours of Nov 30th is at hand and agreeable to your proposition I herewith enclose Six Dollars in payment for one Barrel of your Etrurian Wheat to contain ~~three~~ four and one half bushels You will please direct it to M. Holmes Oak Hill Jefferson County Wisconsin Care of L. H. Higby Milwaukee Wis Please be very particular to direct it plain and distinctly so that there can be no Mistaking it When you deliver it at the ware house take a receit for it and forward the receit to me Please acknowledge the receit of the money as Early as convenient after receiving it

Respectfully Yours

M. Holmes

Oath Hill Mss
Dec 31.

Wm Howe
M. Holmes P.M.

E. Cornell Esq
Sen Tompkins
Ithica
County
N. Y.

Ithaca Dec 30. 1867.

My Dear Father—

Cobb has received your letter relating to closing office before 9 o'clock Christmas night and feels pretty sore about it. In justice to him I must say he was not to blame for so doing. Though I presume he was glad enough to do so, The circumstances were as follows. I expected to have received direction from you or Robinson about hours of that day & waited until the morning of Wednesday for them. But none came, and learning from "F" that Skeen line would be open from 8 to 10 Am & from 5 to 6 Pm, I thought it would be best to give the boys a holiday— So announced the hours named above— In evening Ingersoll said he received a message from Newyork via Bain line directing him to give our boys to that line. but Western boys had all gone via Bain and had we any amount of it, I would not have let them have it as the com was signed "my office" simply. and I thought it was but a trick of theirs to get some business— It said nothing about your sending your business to W that way and as there was no other way of getting it I supposed we should not have it before morning, any way. So I told the boys they might go at 6.30— and supposed I did as you would have done— But am sorry it happened— as it did— I hope you will another time direct what shall be done on such a day— When I am left to judge about such matters— I shall always do as near as I can judge. you would wish—

Family all well. Your coat went by Express today.

Truly your affectionate Son

Eyrus Cornell Esq— Alonzo B. Cornell

New York Dec 30. 1850 9 P.M.

Dear Alonzo

I went up Friday night to cold Spring to get the wire over river, but there is so much ice in river which is either mooving up or down with tide, that nothing can be done. I hope it will set in day or two (and it possibly may to night) when we could crop on ice & put the wire up easily —

I shall try to get the Rail Road wire across the river at Piermont tomorrow or next day, and connect with our wire at Goshen —

We shall work the Rail Road wire for them.

I am too tired to night to write more.

Say to mother. I shall not forget the syrup. the first day I am in city in day time. I will get it & forward.

Affectionately

E Corbell

E Connell
Dec 30. 1855

First spoke to "C....." June 1855
22. In Hall at "H....." about 9. P.M.
Intentional on my part but supposed acci-
dental to all who were present, Jarred
to please other party much. Both parties
have I think been trying to get an opportunity
some time — at least on hers —
Both

New-York, 1850.

The following communication has been received at this Office by Telegraph, from **BOSTON.**

E. Cornell:

I have entered into an arrangement with another Company who are willing to pay me a higher salary than you seem disposed to give. Butcher tells me his eldest brother would like to have my situation - I will speak to him about it and you may, if you choose, enter into an agreement with him. I hear he writes a good and rapid hand. Whatever amount is due to the company from me, I believe it is about three dollars, I will pay.

F. Bunker

A. Barbier

New-York & Boston Magnetic Telegraph Association.

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