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New York March 30th 1850

Gentlemen

I am bound to inform you of the relation in which your Telegraph line to New York & Erie stands to the Morse Patentees, least a greater amount of responsibilities, be incurred than are designed,

On the organization of your Board I wrote Mr Clark the facts, and requested him to communicate with Mr Cornell and protesting against the whole proceedings,

Mr Clark did not receive my letter as I am informed, previous to the adjournment of the Board, and he has never since met with the Board. But he informs me that the letter was shown to Mr Boardman, as to Mr Cornell.

I now improve the next proper opertunity of protesting against the violation of the Patentees rights and interests by your Association in the unfulfilment of the contract under which the line was constructed and the using the line without indemnity to them,

They neither have part, nor lot in the management of the Line, nor in its Earnings - and doubt moreover, the propriety of the manner in which its Earnings are accounted for, and disposed of, The entire System of Receipts and disbursements of the line are ~~said~~ believed to be irregular, and unsatisfactory, Your joint and several responsibility alone can be relied on by the Petentes for indemnity

The line was to have been constructed in a particular manner, within a particular time, and on specific terms by Mr Cornell, Not one of the requirements of that contract has yet been fulfilled. My associate Patentees hold me to a rigid accountability, on the subject, and my duty to them as well as to my self, demand of me a like reliance on the rigid accountability of, others in whose discretion the lines found - I have sought in vain of Mr Cornell, a fulfilment of the contract The failure may be one wholly out of Mr Cornells power to avoide, That however does not justify the loosenes with which the business and rights of the several parties are treated, It is time a new position of the line, and a prosper-

73½ investment of the title, should be made,

No advantage is or will be sought by the Patentees to injure any stockholder or associate, But they do insist on a proper compliance with the Contract made by Mr Correll and must look to you as his associates for indemnity against its omission,

Most Respectfully
Your Obedient Svt
Frances O. J. Smith

To the Association
of the Mystic Line
& its Resident Directors,

Copy of H. O. Smith
to J. B. Williams
D. Boardman
J. S. Tichnor

Pittsfield, March 30th, 1850.

Dear Sir,

When you open those offices of which you speak, I should like to hear from you as to their location and the amount of salary & the least or shortest term of service to which you would concent.

As my eyes are up to this time I could not follow telegraphing. They may continue to improve — Hoping that such will be the case, I should like to be informed as above.

Yours Respectfully
Chas M. Ingersoll

Ezra Cornell
Pres't N.Y. & Erie
Telegraph Co
5 Hanover st
N. Y.

Mr Cornwall Geddes March

Sir I take the opportunity of writing to you I was informed that your Brother has gone up the pottery Business up So I would like to rent the Shop I think I could Doo a small Business there as I cost a Could Tin if I Could rent the Shop to Taste me I have a partner to go in if we Dont Get it I dont say that we Dont Doo well if any One Dont I wish You would write and let me no all the particulars about renting the Shop Yours with respect

Mr Cornwall Daniel Brennan

L. Brennan
Mar. 1850

All Communications strictly confidential.

Office of the New York and Erie Telegraph,

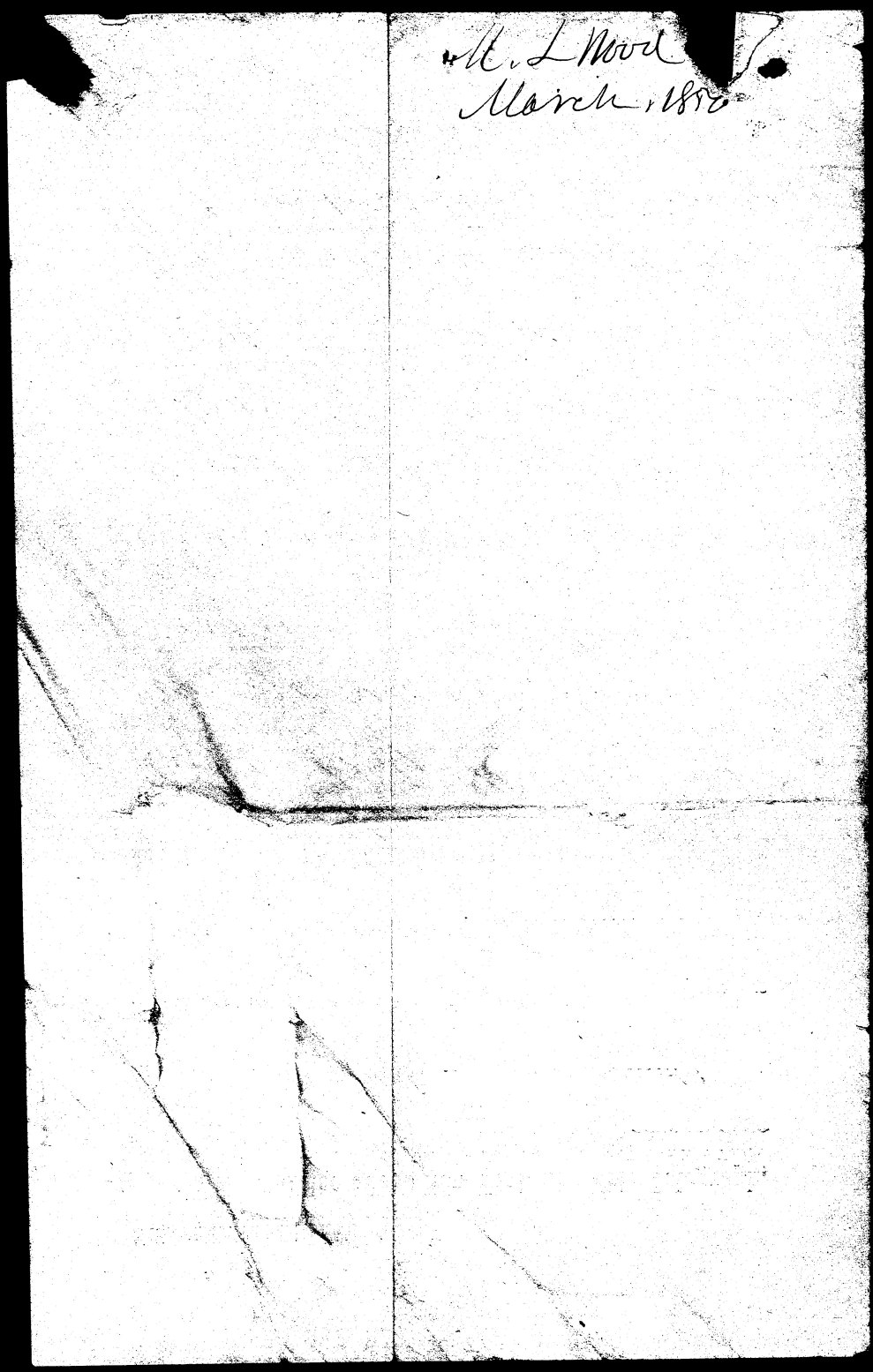
Telegraph Buildings, No. 5 Hanover st. cor. Beaver, New-York.

New-York. *18*

By Telegraph from .....

To E Cornell NY

We must begin
with NY office. We
have no report from that
concern since last year
Shenagan & Co are
behind entirely & I never
hearing send us a report
and it not in a long while.
I have done what I was
able to get them, but no use
You have the authority and I
have not.


M. L. Wood
March, 1880

New-York, March 1849.

By Telegraph from Utica

To E. Corning

I telegraphed you to My Ofs to send me befor M^c Left some quicksilver - had me 9 since - Rat is Block as can be - dont fancy it no Money to buy with no authority to run so in debt what Shall be done. I must have $250 - by first may will you accept order to that amount to J. B. Terry -

M. L. Wood

M. L. Wood
Mar. 1852

NEW YORK AND ERIE, AND ERIE AND MICHIGAN TELEGRAPH COMPANIES.

OFFICE No. 5 HANOVER ST., CORNER OF BEAVER.

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" " Detroit, . .					

The Proprietors assume no responsibility in business transacted over their Line, beyond the exercise of good faith and due diligence, and the amount paid for a transmission. And they assume no responsability for the accuracy or dispatch of messages beyond the terminus of this Line. They will make free of charge, payments to other Lines, that are made to this Line, for charges on messages required to be delivered to other Lines But they will not refund any such payments, on account of any neglects, or failures, not occurring on this Line, beyond the sums which the Line at fault shall first refund to this Line.

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Give full address and attach your own address, thereby securing prompt delivery.

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Communications to be pre-paid, unless answers to those marked "ANSWER PAID" on the margin.

Persons wishing to pay for answers, will please so say to the Clerk.

All Telegraph Messages are treated as strictly confidential.

Shelburne Falls April 3rd 1858

E. Cornell

Dear Sir, I wrote to you some 3 weeks since, informing you that I should be able to make you a visit from the 15 to the 20th of the present month, & requesting you to inform me as soon as possible, whether you would be at home at that time, & would like to recieve a visit from me, respecting the business we have heretofore spoken of.

I have as yet recd no reply from you, & thinking perhaps that that letter had not reached its destination, I concluded to write another, as I am verry anxious to know about this matter immediately, being now entirely out of business, & having made some preliminary arrangements to go into business another way, if I do not succeed in doing any thing with you. I hope you will write me immediately, upon the reception of this, if you have not previously done so, & let me know in regard to it.

and much oblige
yours with much respect
Samuel Morse

E. Cornell Esq

Shelburne Falls May 3, 1850

Dear Sir

You may think it strange that I have not answered your letter before but I have been away from home on business & have been busy when at home.

It will be no object to me to be to the expense of coming out to see you, with the prospect you present; I do not think I should be able to raise funds here, to carry on par from home, to invest in business. indeed I do not wish to make the effort as I think it would be utterly useless

Therefore I think it best for me, to give up the project entirely. I some expect to be in N.Y., in the course 3 or 4 weeks, & if you are going to be there, if you will let me know when, & ~~where~~ ~~you~~ at what place in the city, I should be very happy to meet you there, if convenient.

Yours with respect
Samuel Marre

E Cornell. Esq

Rec'd Ithaca Apl 5. 1850 from
E. Cornell his due bills of this date
one for two hundred dollars & the
other for three hundred and ninety
seven dollars and thirty three cents.
in full of account for labour
and disbursements, for said Cornell
in building the My & Kleg. Ph, the
Ithaca & Painesville Kleg. Ph and
for the New York & Erie Kleg. Ph
Association to this date

J. S. Bristol

New York April 6th 1850

Mr Cornell

Ithaca.

Dear Sir, Since you left New York I have seen our business going so entirely wrong that I am compelled to write you on the subject. We have been receiving about $20. daily for communications to be sent West, the farthest station with whom we have been able to speak is Binghamton & that station refuses to take our business any more, We can not get any of the offices to answer when we call, only as they say "when they choose" It is injuring the line much in New York. Awaiting your further instructions

I remain very Respectfully &c
Chas B Robinson
New York Office

As we could get no middle station to take our western business I send the copies to you.

Will your father accept for us
five hundred dollars seven months Answer
12 N.Y. 44 P. M. Lyon

Wm E Cowell Esq

New York April 6/00

I hope you will give your early attention to the Collection of your Jr. of one Thousand as our account is now $4000. I presume you have been taken by me depending that you would pay us as you see this; we are want of funds and I have made every effort for you to meet those Oft — If you will see the necessity of your Immediate attention you will make a Case of your Note with some Security or otherwise to pay us in Time — Your particular will oblige us

Yours truly

Wells & Co

Schuyler

James Town April 7th 1885

To E. Cornell

Dr Sir I have this day mailed you Two hundred dollas on acct. I will think that is about the amt due you. will be at Erin in a day or two to ascertain certainly & send you the balance I could not get large bills. Have been waiting for the express since I telegraphed you. It was expected in that day. Not come yet.

I have the money in Chat Co. Bank to be sent you when express come It is expected every hour

Very Respectfully

W. P. Pew

Cayuga April 8 1830

Mr S J Hutchison

Sir My Necessity
compels me to Call on You for Some Money
for am owne I adowed Mony on Tuesday
for My Last Spay & Shop Newly
Was Rounded Was Sum July 28th 29

You are the One Made the Arrangement with me & don all the Business
therefore I know no other one to Call on
as I am not owne thurkes but
a Company formed & dredons Appointed
for this Sum.

Please forward me Sum Mony without
delay as My Rent & Other Needs
Require it Immediately

Respect fully Your

You Can Apply to the Agent
as You Know the Buyer

A Stranahan

Mr E. Cornell

Ithaca Apl. 9. 50

Dear Sir

Enclosed is A. Stevenson's letter. It ought to be straightened up. He subscribed $50. I paid him $10. cash. The amount he paid for freight was some $25 to $28. I have took the bill.

I wrote him today you was in N.Y. that I acted as your agent in constructing and had nothing to do with the management since last October. That you would probably give it attention in 3 or 4 weeks.

Very truly
D. T. Dickerson

A. Stevenson
Cayuga Bridge
Dickerson
Apl 9/50

Buffalo 8 Apl 1850

Dear Sir

The Rochester gentlemen are highly elated with the decission of Judge Nelson, and say they will now commence suit against me. I wish you would send me a copy of Judge Nelsons decission.
I am waiting here to see Paxton, who is to be here on Wednesday of this week. I hope to make some arrangement with Paxton so as to secure his Western business, and as the opposition lines will soon be completed from my line, I think I will be able to satisfy Paxton that it is for his interest to give us his Western business; but to do that, I will have to give him answers to come out over his line. All business originating on our line, or originating on any line connecting with us, we must insist on sending by N.Y. & Erie; but all answers, we had as well send to Paxton, as the O R line will give him answers if we do not, even after the Rail & House lines are completed.

I find that Erie line will not go on its own hook without some one for Captain - Since I left home every thing has gone wrong, and the cars has been but little - I will soon have a reform here, and elsewhere - I am to meet Penn at Erie on Thursday, and will do all that any live man can to get funds for you; but Penn line does not work any better than Wades did, and he will have to replace his cars from Warren to Pittsburg before it will work, and I learn that he cannot collect his subscriptions in consequence of the failure of the line to work. The Jamestown & Pittsburg & Cleveland line work very badly, and the subscribers are making a terrible fuss about it. I will fight it through as well as it can be done; but you may still be disappointed about funds - I am very much afraid you will be, as I see great trouble in making collections until the cars are changed, and it will take some time to do it - I will try the sulphate of copper battery when I get to P - Hope it may succeed; but have great doubts

about being able to work with our Brimstone Caps with any battery — It is a devil of a bore, but we must make the best of it — Hope you will see to the glasses at Jersey City & have them sent as soon as possible — I will send some money to you for Summer as soon as I can.

We are paying Faxton line $15 to 16 per day, which should go over My & D, but you will get that right as soon as you can — Hope you will stick the R R lot in some way, so as to get a through wire —

Lee is here — He has been to McDonough for his wife — He has 250 miles both ways with the Brimstone Caps — Says he can get money to buy for wire & putting up line but he gets it down — I fear that it will be an other Wade line, unless he changes the caps, & he cannot get any thing as a substitute except the Glass thimbles which Wade is using, I think he had better change the caps he has on, before he puts up his wire — I will do all I can, but the truth is we have got into a bad Scrape with our caps, & must get out the best way we can

suppose the Pirates should sue me, and sustain an action on the ground that the old contract is valid. Would we not have a legal claim on Patentee for all the damages! I will hold no further correspondence with Smith on the subject, unless it be to answer his letters, & advise you not to commit yourself by any act or future, agreeing to buy for Patent or any line. It may be for Smith's interest to do as he threatened at Washington, & Rice the Patent, if it is not already dead. I would like to know what Smith now says about commencing suit in July all over the Western Country. Let me hear from you very early as it will require all the skill of both of us to keep the Ship off the rocks.

Yours truly

J. Lloyd

Mr O'Connell

N. York

Dear Sir

Geddes April the 8 1850

I received Yours of the first informing me that Your Shop was to rent to manufacture Stone ware it is Stone ware that I would manufacture if I rent the Shop I have ~~been~~ been to Ithaca last Summer and examined the Shop for that purpose I like the Shop well but there is a Great deal of Competition from other Shops but I think if I can get it on reasonable terms I could do a Small Business and rent it for a Term of 5 Years with the privilege of more for the Business has not been established yet and it takes some time so that I would like to rent it for some length of time I would like to have You write and let me no all the particulars respecting the Shop also Your terms and if favorable I would Commence about the 15 of may that is as soon as I can get the Clay I wish You would let me no about how hemlock wood sells there and I would come out in about 3 weakes to look about it and lease it

Yours With respect

Daniel Burman

E Cornwal

New-York, April 9 1850.

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

W. Cornell

I will exchange rents with you if you will provide me Office room at Canal St. I will provide you the like on Beaver St.

F. O. J. Smith

Telegraph office Cold Spring N.Y April 6th 1850

Mr E. Cornell

Sir, I am certainly anxious for you to come up here Immediately, did you only know the way I am at present situated, I am sure you would not delay, I am straightened in my circumstances, or I would willigly go to N.Y. & there have a talk with you, & come to some thing definite, but I, honestly have not the means, I told you some time ago, what amt I had already paid out for N.Y & Erie line, I realy stand in need of my just dues, & them I will have, I am credibly informed that you told Mr Allen or that Company, to put their instrument in my Office & that you would pay my demands, I can get no money from Either line, I told you in the other letter that my demands was one Hundred dollars, now you see plainly, that through you, I cannot even get any thing yet for my services from that line, rest assured, I shall be paid in full my claim, If you have calculated to cheat me out of my honest dues, by withholding what I claim on N.Y & Erie line, & Misrepresent my case, as it regards pay for my services to that Company, I am sorry for it, I shall very soon present a Bill to that company for my services & c, for the Interest, & Credit of N.Y & Erie line I hope you will comply with my reasonable request and pay me a visit soon, & oblige

me Billings Spellman

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New York April 9th 1850

Sir, A communication from J W McKee to J H Cook Cincinnatti Ohio was sent from the New York office on the 19th of February 1850 which Mr McKee says was never delivered, will you please inform us at the earliest moment about this, we have been called upon several times & we wish to be informed on this matter that we can satisfy our Customer in New York. I have already enquired the third time in relation to this & hope I shall the information desired.

If you can trace it beyond your office let me know how far you can trace it and where it stopped.

I left home last evening all well.

Yours Affectionately
E. Corell

N.B.

E Comell
Apl 9. 1850

A. B. Cornell Esq
Cleveland
Ohio

New York April 10/50

Mr Cornell

Sir, Friday April 5th Mr Tyler could not get any office to take his Western business but Newburg after sending them to Newburg the Western office would not take them & Newburg was told to forward them by Express to Utica which he told N.Y. he did on Saturday - Saturday afternoon My office also sent a batch of Messages to Utica by Wells' Express -

Chas B Robinson
New York office

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Office of the New York and Erie Telegraph,

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

New-York, April 11 1850

By Telegraph from G

To E Cornell

Since we have had the Office the Bill for lights has never been settled.

The cheapest light we can get. It should be $180 for 6 mos.

H & N Vail

Operators D. Office.

Vail Gashuu
11. Apr 1554

All Communications strictly confidential.

Office of the New York and Erie Telegraph,

Binghamton Apl 11 1850

By Telegraph from .....

To Good bye to you the Sasies says- B. Ro

Good bye & how are you my Boy Mc Oh! Mc how are you and I wish I could shake your hand and how do you like Bains offs- and are you ever coming up this way- B. Ro— Oh! I dont know I can hardly write this— like it fine & can I get Ithaca Mc — I. I. Ia Ia Ia. I. I- M. L— Good good & Mc wants you he is in My offs- & want to talk with you B. Ro— O Oh! O Oh! that ole Hoss- to Mc 28- Ia- I I I I- good! good! 28 Mc— I I I I to Mc How are you M. L— To M. L 28 Mc My- I I I I I I to Mc 28 M. L— I. I. I. Good P.M. How are you Dear fellow Mc— Nothing Extra, How are you Cara is in My or Staten Island I spose to day M. L— I just returned from Boston yesterday, have not seen any one yet please 1- Ap— To M. L now go ahead Mc To Mc I want to know where to write you— I shall probably want to come at your pretty handy in 2 or 3 weeks and are you well Suite Says he would like to embrace you once more- I- to Mc I want to hear from Cara & Mrs Robbins bad— Cara was not very well where she left & I dont come to E. S— Sheldon I believe at 52 Cedar St & no and yet, want to hear much and are you busy now days M. L— I shall go and see her soon will go and enquire this, P.M. I can hardly write this now & I know Mc dont fail to write me 44 Wall St. I shall be there a few days— Now I want to hear from from you much. Kps to Luther all friends Good by & Bay I have lots of boys for west Mc

McKinney Wood
Apl. 11. 1850

Buffalo 11 Apl 1852

Dear Sir

I have completed an arrangement with Paxton — He moves his office on the same floor with our upper office on the first of May — I have agreed to give him all our Western ans to all points on his line this side the city of Newyork, and our Ny business when Ny & E line is closed He agrees to give us all his business this side Ny, and as much original business from Ny as we give him — Both lines are to send answers back by the line sending the Com requiring an answer — We will get the whole of Paxtons Western ans as soon as the O'Rielly line is finished & I think when we get Paxtons office on the same floor with us the O'Rielly line West will get little or none of his business I think the arrangement will add largely to our Ans from this City West. I came here tonight to meet Pew at Erie

Yours truly. J. J. Speed

It will take Six thousand caps for Second wire to V, and One thousand more to put on at Corners and to supply the place of some poor wooden caps I made with only your Small glass dis in a block of Wood - I will leave the caps on as they are for any wire, except at crooked places & Corners where the glasses are likely to get off Seven thousand glasses will make our line to V as it should be if the

new caps are on I suppose them to be, just right - I would like to get 90 days time if possible on the bill; but will pay the draft for the three thousand, to be sent by P Road, at 30 days, if you cannot do no better - We will get the Second shipments in time by canal, and the freight will be less than by P Road - don't let Summers draw for the bill until the caps are shipping & notify me when the draft is sent - Williams will accept the draft if presented at this office -

Milan April 11th. 1850

Dear Sir.

I was not at home when your request was made; but will now reply to your inquiries, as far as I can.

The money I let Cushing have was at two different times—five dollars at each time— The dates I have not kept.

Respectfully
Yours &c.
J. M. Tubbs

A. B. Cornell, Esqr.

Poughkeepsie April 12th 1850 –

Ezra Cornell, Esq.

Your proposition that we should take your scrip in the Magnetic Telegraph Co, in liquidation of the balance of your note, I have presented to W. Kendall and on the whole, although we should prefer cash, we agree to take the Stock at Sixty dollars the Share, although the Stock of that line at present can be easily purchased at 50 dollars the Share

The account then stands thus,

The Balance, Principal on Janr. 8th 1849 was		$474.55
One Years Interest on the same Janr. 8th 1850	..	33.20
Two months do – to April 8th 1850	..	5.53
Total balance Prin. & Int.		$573.28

I will, therefore, take Eight Shares of the Stock and receive from you $33.28 in cash, or I will take Nine Shares of the Stock and give you $26.72 in cash. This will balance the account on the note and release the rest of your Stock on that line, and your Troy & Canada Junction Telegraph Stock. Or if more agreeable to you the Magnetic Telegraph Stock shall be put up at auction, and the balance released after the Principal and Interest on note are liquidated. Please inform me immediately by what course you will take of the three proposed, for it is certainly time that this account should be settled. – I will meet you in N. York to arrange the papers, on your giving me one day's notice. –

Yr. Obt. Servt.

Saml. F. B. Morse.

New York April 12th. 1850

Mr Connell

Dear Sir. Just now a Gentleman called who had sent a communication next to Cincinnati several days since had not up to this time received an answer. & he demanded his money back, which I could not of course pay until I knew that the fault lay in our line, which he could not shew. The fault I am afraid has been on our line. which only goes to show that some regulation between the different offices should be effected for the purpose of regularly & positively safe sewnting of our messages when the line is not in such order as to write through, there is no time when we can not easily send our business to Bn or Ro but these as well as the other intermediate offices must be more constantly in attendance, We call sometimes hours for offices & get no reply, It is impossible for one to do business in New York office satisfactorily if I can not have the other offices to work with me,

I remain Respectfully
Yours &c
Chas Robinson
NY Office

New York 13 Ap 1850

Mr E Cornell

Dr Sir

Being at this time in New York I had hopes of meeting you, but I must return to day — I should like to have a proposition from you as to what stock you can offer as collateral with information as regards to it — whether there is any personal liability, whether paying dividends or not — & should like a copy of the charter —

Should it be satisfactory, we should not have much objection to wait upon you any reasonable time if the interest is paid punctually as may be agreed upon please let me hear from you soon

Yours truly

Joseph N Howe

J. R. Hawe
13 Apl 1852

Miss Sarah

Mr. E. Comm

All Communications strictly Confidential.

Office of the New York and Erie Telegraph,

15th Apr 48 50

By Telegraph from Erie

To E Cornell

I have sent you $1900. and tried to find out balance due you - Will send it to N.Y. from Erie by express - Amount due you ~~not~~ does not exceed $25-00.

16 Lord

Mr. P. Pew — 16 April 50

E. Lamb

Etna April 15/50

Dear Sir

Yours of 13th inst rec'd — The balance due the Co you speak of must be a wrong idea — The balance due if any is on the other hand — some months since I paid to Boardman as you requested $65.00 which is some 5 or 6 dolls over the balance due the Co after taking out $600,00 per annum the amount of my salary. which all almost to a man say is a reasonable sum —

Last fall on the evening I refused your offer of $500,00 to continue in the P.O. office you said "for what time you have already been there you shall be fully satisfied"

M.L. Wood says you told him you had no authority to fix his salary previous to the 1st of October last. but that it belonged to the board of trustees — that being so. how is it that you claim the privilege of naming mine especially as I never agreed to go for any specified sum!

Yours Respectfully
J Dunham

E Cornell Esq

W E Cornell

New York Apl. 15/50

Dear Sir

Since my letter to you we are with out any of your favours.

We are much in want of funds and hope you will make us a remittance ere long. You must be well aware of the situation we are placed in you promised us before this to make us a remittance and the amt is large & at this time very inconvenient to us to lay out of the funds.

You will write us on receipt of this and let us know what you intend to do in the Matter for we require immediate attention

Yours Truly

Willett & Day

Wells & Co
15. Apl 1880

Mr Tillotson

Dear Sir

I want to make some inquiry in relation to our Telegraph I had a line from Mr Cornell he thought it was not best to Lill out our line to Ithaca but it was the sentiment of the company to Extend it to Geneva & Penryn I am of a different opinion I think if Bain line has an office in our place there is not any one that will take ours as a gift & keep it open & the more you Extend it to such places with the competition you must have the more you are off our line is indebted to Operators Now & one great Cause our line has been out of repair & who is a going to keep in repair we cant find a communication & have not for weeks but frequently reserve one but as soon we undertake to send we have no current & the Cause we know not & what Shall we do for the future I want to hear from Mr Cornell Some thing must be done & that soon & if you will communicate with Mr Cornell in relation to it & let me hear from him if any offices is to be kept up say which ~~he thinks~~ of them he thinks Should be kept open & in relation those Accts what

is to be done with them they expect to pay. My friends here & likewise at the Falls think we ought to have made us sole to the Ocean line if McConnell want to purchase the line from here to Akron he can have it at his own price but keep an office open at Waterloo. My opinion that we should make some arrangement with the Canal line which will be in operation to Akron by the first of May don fail of letting me hear from you or Connell soon there must be something done soon

Yours Respectfully

Waterloo April 15/30 James R Webster

P S I wish you to say to Mess Grant that I want to hear from them in relation to cloth for I want to make my arrangements soon

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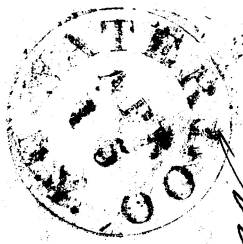
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My dear Sir

Will you give the within subject your attention? I have no leisure, and shall not have I fear enough, to do any thing at the N.Y.C. Books for at least two months.

Very truly
O. G. Dibblee

E. Cornell Esq



Mr. L. Tilton
Mayor

Cleveland 15 Apl 1840

Dear Sir

Enclosed I send you $310 received from Pew. It was nearly all he had, & the balance due you for discount Interest &c upon which must settle with him. The quantity of wire he has in way 17 tons — 3/4 bundles received from Cleveland and 32 do from Erie. I was detained at Erie by the terrible blow on the Lakes.

Morgan has quit our employ at Ravenna. He has wholly neglected his business & when I remonstrated he told Lee & Webb, that unless I gave him full charge of Ravenna office, he would show me that he had some influence in Ravenna. Meaning to go into the employ of the O&R tube. As I dislike to "give a dance on compulsion", I considered that the better way was to submit to the loss at once & let him use his influence against us. I do not

think Allen is exactly the man
I want at Ben T Mary and soon
one to take his place,

Yours truly

J. J. Speed Jr

I bought Pres money Jim Lee
as it was so quicken from me

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Mr. E. Connell

New York



Cleveland 15 Apl 1850

Dear Sir

I believe that I have found out the true rationale of the failure of the brimstone caps – It is this – Sulphur when exposed to a damp atmosphere absorbs ~~oxygen~~, from the atmosphere, and forms on the surface of the sulphur, sulphuric acid. which connects the two irons, and is a good conductor – The sulphur shrinks in cooling, so as to leave the stem loose, and consequently a coating of sulphuric acid surrounds the stem, exposing a large surface of acid in contact with the ~~iron~~ iron; Whether the sulphuric acid penetrates into the sulphur or is only on the surface, I cannot say; but after long exposure I am inclined to believe that the whole of the sulphur becomes changed, and is altered from a good nonconductor, to a very good conductor, and if this be so, our caps will continue to grow worse & worse until they will be entirely worthless – our experience

seems to justify such a construction.
The Zanesville line worked as well
as a line ever worked in all weather
when first put up, and it will
not now work through from Cleveland
to Zanesville in the best and dryest
days we have — Penn line works
badly, for even fifty miles, & he cannot
work 150 miles at all —
I wish you would see Professor
Renwick, or the Chemist that you
went to see in Chambers St, and
ask them whether the Oxygen
theory, as I have stated it, is not
the true one; and if ~~the~~ sulphuric
acid is formed on the surface of the
brimstone, does it effect the whole,
or is it confined to the surface —
Wades line now works admirably to Columbus
as far as he has changed the cups.
I believe he is changing them between
Columbus & Cincinnati & that portion
now works tolerably well —
I put up two cups ~~...~~ in a better fashion
for a Coeur building, here to night
and it works well. I will take

home half the brass caps, and try it on our Lake line, which work worse between here and Detroit than it did before ever button 72 miles of new brimstone caps between Detroit & Maumee— I never like the brimstone theology and I think my dislike to cursed stuff will not diminish any in future— We have to take off all the caps on the Zanesville & Pittsburg line & button Wades glasses— The iron caps I will take for our Lake line if the tubes work well— I meant to put in Burgundy Rosin & Tallow— Melting together, and forming a composition similar to that used in grafting trees—

Yours truly

J. J. Speed Jr

Mr E Cornell

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