Buffalo 9 May 1830

Dear Sir

Morgan has been playing me a dirty trick too - He has borrowed $280 and I presume has gone to California, or come after country with the money - When I came here from Newyork, I found he had not entered a single cow on the books since June 1st. but accused Allen of dishonesty. I copied every Cow entry from, or read as Burgess compared with the checks at other offices, until I was satisfied that Allen had been honest, and generally very accurate. Morgan I discharged, and he promised to write up his books and settle his account, and give the books to my son William: but as soon as I left, he stopped, and left the books not written up, and no account can be found of his expenditures I have having the books done up as well as I can, and think he is into us three or four hundred dollars - He borrowed the money before I came here; but said nothing to me about it - He ought to be arrested, for obtaining money under false pretences: but it may cost more to find him, than could be got out him, if we did find him - I borrowed some money at Cleveland, and will pay the freight bill on wine of $747 due the 4th but I will take the last dollar I can raise to do it

I am greatly disappointed in Morgan. I did suppose he was perfectly honest, and would have trusted him with any amount, without the slightest suspicion of his being guilty of dishonesty — The last month has presented a combination of unexpected disappointments, which makes things look gloomy — The oddest brimstone, has been the cause of a good deal of my trouble. The quarrel between Holbrkins & Bowman I fear will be an after cause of disappointment — The decision of Judge Nelson has materially embarrassed me, and prevented my collections of Kent & Co, as I think they would have paid, notwithstanding the time works so badly, had it not been that they now claim O'Reilly may sustain his contract, and perhaps stop their line. This I know is all common; but in hard times for money a bad excuse is better than none, On the whole I have been badly frightened, and not without cause. As I do not see how on earth you are to get the funds to pay your drafts — I will not go off my line again for three months, while I have charge of it, and if I can make up for the past by close economy for the future, I will do so — The arrangement with Fenton works well so far. He is giving us all his Western business — The O'Reilly line now end New Pittsburgh. I think I have now got things in shape here so we can realize something from this office: But no set of men or boys, will make a line work, without some one for captain who is constantly on hand & attending to his business

Yours truly J. J. Speed

J. J. Speed — Buffalo, May 1850

I hereby constitute and appoint Ezra Cornell of Ithica State of New York my Proxy to vote for me and in my name on my stock in the New York & Erie Telegraph Association at the Special Meeting of Stockholders to be held at Ithica on the 12th instant

New York 9th May 1850 H S Alton

New York 9th May 1850

Ezra Cornell Esq

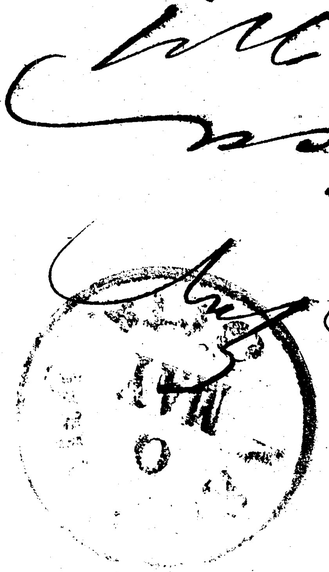
Dear Sir

Above I hand you power to vote on my stock at the meeting of N.Y. & E. Telegraph Association I just received a paper with the notice Will you please send me statements of affairs of the Association and oblige

Yours

H S Alton

W. S. Alton
9 May 1866
Proxy



Frink, the crookedest man at B, is now
busy helping to get the old crowd
back, and he tells me, that you
relative and particular friend
Mr McL Wood of Akron, has
told the boys in B, office, that
you was managing the city & his
as badly as possible in order to buy
up the Stock - W P Penn, who got it
from Wood, was fool enough
to repeat it at Rendezvous. Frink
says, Cobb told Penn that he was
to blame for saying so; Even if
he thought it was true, as he Penn
was trying to raise money, and such
stories would not raise him much
in getting it - I repeat it to you
that you may know how much
good Mr Wood has done, by telling
such stories to the operators, for
them to repeat to the Stockholders -

I would like to have a few such
friends. They help mightily - and
I think if you will serve him
as I did Morgan, the loss will be
less now, than it ever will be
hereafter - The fact is, this is a
dead treacherous world, and it
is hard to tell who to trust; but when
I get kicked hard enough, I do
take the hint, and I guess you
will too, if you will kick Mr Wood
at da an athers you -

Yours J Johnson Jr

Mr Elcornell

Buffalo May 9, 1852

Friday Morning

If I buy up all the borrowed Money
Morgan got, and allow him $100
for doing just nothing at all from Jany
to Apl - he is in to us - 430 dollars. unless
he has taken something that I do not find
on any slips of paper or Memorandums
or letters, as he kept his cash book for
three months from Jany to April
he ought to be arrested, and I wish
you would have him searched
if he can be found in order to
obtaining money under false
pretences - the bank no more authority
to borrow money for me than he had
to steal for me - Rather than I am
sent back he may borrow
the 280 and pay back the money -

J J Shand Jr

J. J. Shand Jr
Friday 1858
Morning Stay from down
mentioned to record

New York 10th May 1850

Dear Sir

The Court of Appeals in the case of Allen vs Hubbell & others have decided in favor of Dewitt. I must admit that this decision of the Court is contrary to all my views of the Law as settled in all past time in similar cases and the opinion of the Judge (Pratt) who Speaks for the Court has not changed my conclusions in the least altho it settles the particular Case. I have however examined the question & have consulted two of the ablest Counsellors here and we all concur that you have an absolute title to the premises & cannot be disturbed in your possession. The Statute declares the mesne conveyance void to be conclusive against all parties to the suit and the case Woodcock vs Bennett & the cases cited there decide the principle. All that Dewitt or his creditors can get is one half the net proceeds about $8[illegible] since from April 9. 1847. I have seen Douglass of the Bank of Utica here & proposed to adjust the matter with them and perhaps may do so at all events they can only get the half of the proceeds of the mesne sale. My object however now is to apprise you of the result & to desire you to be cautious in treating with any one on the subject as Mr Allen will & I will also keep you safe in your title as bound to do by the deed. I will be security for Allen in all this matter & see it out

Yours faithfully

Ezra Cornell

Utica N.Y. [illegible] Mann

A. Mannfs
10. May 1858

Capt. Lorenzo Esq
Athens
Ohio

Fernando Wood –

I went to inquire if you know anything about Mr Connells calculations in relation to the Illinois & Mississippi line I expected to hear from him Ear this if anything is to be done with it It should be immediately if he is not at home I wish you would inquire of him what his calculations as in relation to it then is now a young man that can be obtained very cheap connected with his Attorneyship of Mr Gleason he will learn the plans soon enough he is interested & I do not like Authorised nor Satisfied to do any more in the business at present Mr Connell is the owner of the majority of the Stock & we want him to hear from him soon

Yours Respectfully

James B Webster

May 11/50

Jas K Polk
May 11. 1850

Dryden May 13th 1850

Mr E Connell

Yours of the 6th is at hand
In answer to it you my make the payment
or pay the interest on the mortgage semi annually
for one or two years And if you wish to send
it up to some one by yourself If I should
not be at home leave with Titts & Evans and
I will send you a Receipt for the same by
mail

Yours Respectfully

John Southworth

John Southworth
May 13 1857

Samuel Eyre Esqr.

Philada

Ithaca May 13th 1850

Messrs Wells & Co

Gents Mr E Cornell Telegraphed through and ordered some Wire for us some few weeks since, as we did not know who it was ordered of, and you procured some wire for us some time since we concluded to write you on the subject, we suppose that a Mrs Crawford is winding it but we do not know where her Location is if you will investigate the matter and see that the wire is sent immediately by Express or procure us 8 or 10 lbs Wire of the Kind similar to a Sample we send in this letter we will pay you for your trouble and also pay for the wire in Case Mr Cornells Order is not sufficient We Refer you to Messrs 11 & 17 Maiden Lane if it is necessary to investigate our responsibility Mr Cornell is absent from here and it is necessary for us to have the Wire immediately

Yours Very Respectfully

J Barritt & Son

Newark 14 May 1850

Mr Connell Dear Sir

In reply to yours the 9th a Judge of a Court is not allowed to serve after he is 60 — I am much ill and nervous, head busy — and I don't want to do more than I can help — tho' I would cheerfully oblige you — I would cheerfully endeavour to oblige you — I cannot to [illegible] my tranquility, — I am sincerely

Stephen D. Lee

L. D. Munn
May 14, 1850

Mr Ezra Cornell

Ithaca

N Y

New England Glass Co
15th May 1850

Mr Ezra Cornell

Dr Sir

Your favour of 9 inst. also the articles of Association of the two Telegraph Companies are at hand— Neither of these lines are thought well enough in this market, to offer any inducement for us to extend the time of payment of your debt, upon the strength of the Stock as collateral security—

I understand you hold Stock in the lines from New York to Buffalo & from N York to Philadelphia, if you have stock in these lines. I think from what I can learn of them, that a sufficient amount offered to us to secure the payment of your debt, would be acceptable to our Board of Directors. If you will inform us upon this point by return Mail I will lay it before them immediately

I am given to understand that you are fully able to pay this demand without great sacrafice & unless you can offer to our Board of Directors, some satisfactory security for the payment in a given time to be agreed upon, they will insist upon an immediate adjustment if such a thing is possible to be accomplished Yours truly

Joseph N Bowe agent

We return the pamphlet by this Mail

N.Y. & Erie Telegraph Company

To Leonard Skedgel Dr

To furnishing & Setting pole, seperating the wires, climbing the Mountain both sides the river to examine & fix the wires, also repairing the wire on the Mountain & oiling the wire so to keep it free from the rocks, & attending to the wires, & fixing them on the pobs where the wire was out of Caps &c, Complete up to this date May 16th 1857 $4.63

Rec'd Cold Spring Dec'r
9th 1850 from the
New York & Erie Telegraph
Company by Elonell
three dollars in full
of all demands for
labour or material
in fixing the wires
of said Company

Leonard his Hodges
mark

Witness
Billings Spellman

Wm E. Cornell

Ithaca

N.Y.

New York May 16/00

When you left you was to be here before your Note matured, and to day we have to pay your Note for $875 — and we have no Note to put it renewed —

I assure Cornell this places us in a very unpleasant situation as we have a great deal to pay at this time, & being so much in arrears we really hope you will attend to the payment of the account —. Your Note is due the 25th of this Month to Wm. Penn, & you will certainly be here to meet it — and Make some arrangt to relieve us —

You will forward us your Note for 800 — May 16 — 90 d., & if you are to leave so to be Here on the 20th a before it will answer as I have this Moment made arrangt —

Yrs Respectfully

Wilbur & Co

P. Wray

Wells & Co
May 16, 1852

Binghamton 17 May 1850

E. Cornell Esqr

Sir

Messers Curtis & Wells carpenters of this village performed some labor & furnished some materials for you or the Telegraph Company about a year ago, and there is now due to them a balance of $21.85 which they wish to have paid without any delay

Will you please give the matter your immediate attention, as they have waited until they have become impatient.

Respectfully Yours
Hotchkiss & Seymour

BINGHAMTON
SEP
17
N.Y.

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E. Cornell Esqr
Ithaca
New York

Hotchkiss & Sanderson
17 Sept 1862

Jefferson May 17 1850

Dr Sir

Business of on the line prevented my writing before in answer to yours. I sent the Register agreeable to request. In relation to My past services. I would say 25 dollars per Month. I commenced Feb 20th 1849. left last fall Sept 20th returned Oct 9th = And for the next year from this time I would say 350. dollars: As to the rent of this office I cant make any arrangements just now. This House is to be rented to Ed Tilton & he is in My & the arrangements will have to be made with him — I was sorry that I did not see you when you was here. Yours

A C Sull

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Detroit 17 May 1830

Dear Sir

I am confident that you & save me your bill against the E & M Tel. Co, as I remember looking it over; but I cannot find it, and as I want to get our books all closed up, and accounts settled, you will greatly oblige me by sending me an other bill— I may have left the copy I had in Nyork; as I have not been able to find it since I returned—

We had at Buffalo 2 Registers 2

" " " Silver Creek 1 " " Albion 1
" " " Fredonia 1 " " Marshall 1
" " " Erie 1 " " Battle Creek 1
" " " Conneaut 1 " " Kalamazoo 1
" " " Painsville 2 " " Niles 1
" " " Fairport 1
" " " Cleveland 2 " " South Bend 1
" " " Milan 1 " " Mich City 1
" " " Norwalk 1 " " Chicago 2
" " " Sandusky 1 " " Waukegan 1
" " " Fremont 1 " " South port 1
" " " Maumee 1 " " Racine 1
" " " Toledo 1 " " Milwaukee 1
" " " Monroe 1 " " 35
" " " Detroit 2 "
" " " Ypsilanti 1 "
" " " Ann Arbor 1 "
" " " Jackson 1 "
23

Whole number of Instruments now on line 35.
Tillotson Charged in Settlement with Trustee on West End 14
" " " " " " East end — 12
Purchased of Place since, per bill ——— 2
do of Baily 2 30
5
One old Inst now on hand ——— 1.
To be charged to E & M Co, + to me by you ——— 6

But as I used one of the above instruments at Normath, and got the pay from the Normath people, and one at Waukegan and got the pay there, you must charge me with two of the above and the E & M Co with only four — I used at Normath $50 for building line from Milan & opening office. It cost less than that amt, and I let the Co have the benefit of the office & pocket the profits or rather paid the profits when we owned it. The Waukegan people paid me 300 which I credited to Co, & charged them with the Inst at $50 and the expenses of fitting up office — It therefore leaves but four instruments to be charged in your bill to Company.

If not any important for me to be at Ithaca on the 11th I would prefer not doing so, as it will cost something to get there and all my time is needed nearer home; but still if you say so I will go —

I learn that the glasses have just arrived at Rio and have shipped to Toledo. I will get them on from Toled. to this city soon as possible —

Yours truly

J. J. Speed Jr.

Mr E. Cornell

P. S.

N. Y. & E line now owe us about $175 — Cobb had not charged N. Y. & E line with $200 which I paid last fall on Williams & Boardman draft. It will be my turn to draw by & by. Please ask the gentlemen how soon it will be convenient to pay —

Middletown May 17 1850

Dear Sir

I have received nothing services
for last year and the expences of
making repairs have now got ahead
of the small fund on hand you
will please make arrangements to
send me some funds for my own
services for last year and some to meet
future expences of repairing

Yrs & C. P Coleman.
P M

N B My services were to amt
to $100. pr annum fifty I was to
take one share of stock for ~~first~~ part
of first years services

Yours C. P. C

O. P. Coleman
May 1867
a/c & Inventory

Intern Oct 22, 1849
" May 18, 1850

A Statement Showing a few Specimens of the Operations of the line, and Mr M. L. Woods management in connection with it.

New York 22nd October. 1849- I was in the New York office copying messages for McKinney which were being repeated from "Bu."

During the time I was thus ingaged. I noticed some movements of McKinney that induced me to suspect that he was receiving some message that he was desirous to keep out of my sight. I therefore contrived to get a mark on the paper by which I should where the place was when. I could get an opportunity to look it up, and then stepped away to give McK a chance to follow his inclination in reference to the message watching him at the same time. and found that he copied the message and sent it down for delivery. After the office closed for the night. I turned to the paper and found the following conversation & message,

"Oh! by the way go ahead with that private com McK NY= What Bu= That private com signed D. Place McK NY= Good, From Sa To Mr Pendexter, No 21 Maiden lane NY, Have you sent those jobs? Answer- Send me 3 pairs flat plated candlesticks by Express, I will send Cash- Yrs D. Place D, H".

The above message was repeated at Bu by Tillotson, Mr Wood was the only Operator at the Ithaca office at that time. I had previously spoken to Mr Wood on the subject of Sending free messages for persons to whom the Company were under no Obligations or from whom the Company rec'd no equivalent. Which is the only cause I know of that should induce him to smuggle such messages through without any knowledge

Norfolk 24th Dec 1869 Mr M. L. Wood told McKinny to say that he knew what the matter was with the line between Sa & Bu, but could not fix it as he had no funds to pay Expences on line." The Telegraph Co had an arrangement with the Cor Rail Road Co for free passage over that road which Mr Wood knew,

A few days after this I found the difficulty to be in several joints that had been made in the wire cord at Owego, and at Sackets about 5 miles from Owego. The joints were made without scraping the paint from the wire. these places were broken by the Rail Road trains where the track crosid the line,

Dec 28th Mr Wood ordered Blackman Operator at Bu to leave his office and examine line from Bu to Ow, to see if he could find what the matter was, At this time Blackman had to repeat all the business from N.Y. for the west or from the west to New York, While the Owgo Operator had scarce anything to do, and his leaving his office a day to examine line from Ow to Bu would not have interrupted business in the least, Or The Ithaca office could have spared a man for that purpose as Mr Wood & Tillotson were both in Sa office at the time and Mr Wood professed to know what the matter was and was therefore best qualified to correct it. I mention the above circumstances to show his want of good judgement in the premises,

On one occasion I was at Binghamton, the line was not working through good and Mr Wood refused to repeat the business at Ithaca upon the plea that he could not work with New York, & therefore so cut

two batteries at Binghamton and divided the line there as I had at the time two sets of instruments at that Office, this enabled us to make greater dispatch with the business while I was there to assist the Bn Operator. as we could not communicate from N.Y. on one register and dispatch them to the west by the other,

While the line was thus situated Mr Wood called Montrose "MS"; I answered him by informing him of the division of the line at "Bn", and requested him to forward me any message he had for "MS" and I would repeat it for him to "MS". He answered that he had a very particular private message from Mr Hibbard for Mr St John, and Mr. H requested him not to send it, if it could not go direct, to this I replied, that I could not interrupt our through business which we were then receiving from N.Y. to connect him through to "MS". He thereupon requested to send the message.

The next morning, Mr Wood called "MS" again, I answered his call by informing him that the line was divided the same as last night and "MS" could not hear his call, & that I would repeat his message if he would send it. He answered, "If I could get the permission of your Royal Highness I should be glad to send Mr Hibbards message to "MS" and immediately went to calling "MS". I had no further party with him but answered for "MS" as he would have done had the line been connected through and "MS" answering

to the Call himself. To this answer Mr Wood sent the Message and resent it to "MS"

The Message read thus, "From Ithaca To T. P. St Johns MS. We arrived yesterday all safe and well. Sig H. Hobart"-

This was the important private Message that Mr Wood refused to send to Bu to be repeated to MS and thus kept it in his office over night waiting to get connected through to MS. The motives that could have prompted such conduct, under such circumstances you can as well imagine, as I can discribe.

On the 4 or 5th of February I started for NewYork. On the way up the hill to the Depot, I learned that the Ithaca and Auburn wire was broken near Dr Burdicks about 5 miles from the Ithaca Office. At the Depot I wrote a note to Mr Wood informing him where the brake was and requested him to have it mended, (it would have been a job that a man could have walked from Ithaca & back and accomplished in three hours,) On the 19th of March I noticed messages passing over the line to Newburgh thence to Albany for places on Buffalo line, that should have passed over the line from Ithaca to Auburn. This led me to enquire of Mr Wood if the Ithaca & Auburn line was in order for work, and I received the following reply -

March 19th 1852. "From Ithaca to E. Cornell About Six weeks ago it broke down about five or Six miles from Ithaca & I paid H- to the Auburn driver to mend it - It staid up one day and broke again 3½ miles from Ithaca - I could hire no one to fix it and take the company for

payment — had no funds myself, it staid down about a week — and one day when N.York & Erie was down I went and put up four stretches, it staid up one day and brake at same place & then brake across Fall creek, and some body ran against two posts and tore it down in an other place, that was about 3 weeks ago, Tried to get Elijah to fix it but he laughed behind his ears, I cant fix it till N.Y & Erie brakes, both sides, or else this line must stop while I do it which will require two or three days. Yrs &c M. L Wood."

Some time after this the above severe brakes was repaired by my Brother & Mr Bristol in about half a day, and the N.York & Erie line sustained a loss of about dollars per month by the stoppage of said Ithaca & Auburn line; comment upon such management and such reasons for it is unnecessary.

April 10. 185. Mr Robinson writes me as follows.

"Mr Cornell

Sir Friday April 5th Mr Tyler could not get any office to take his western business but Newburgh, After sending them to Newburgh the western offices would not take them from him & Newburgh was told to forward them by Express to Ithaca, which he told N.Y he did on Saturday — Saturday afternoon N.Y Offs Sent messages to Ithaca by Wells & Co's Express —

C. B. Robinson

N.Y Off's"

April 11. I was at Binghamton, I went in the Office, asked Cook how the line worked? He Answered, I get N.Y well enough but have to repeat Every thing for the west, The instrument was at work I. I started the paper and got the the following corrisponding,

"Good bye to you and the Ladies Sig "B-Ro"
Good bye and how are you my boy "Sig Mc"
Oh! Mc how are you and I wish I could Shake your hand, and how do you like Bains office, and are you ever coming up this way "Sig B. Ro"

Oh! I dont know I can hardly write this, I like it fine can I get Ithaca "Sig Mc"
I. I. I. I. Ia Ia Ia - I. I. "M. L."
Good - good and Mc wants you, He is in N.Y Office and wants to talk with you "B. Ro"

O. Oh! O Oh! That old 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 "Sig Mc - N.Y"
I. I. I. I. I To Mc 28 "M L".
I. I. I. I, Good P. M how are you dear fellow "Mc"
Nothing extra, how are you? Cara is in N.Y or Staten Island I Suppose to day - "M L".
I just returned from Boston yesterday, have not seen any one yet Please Stop a moment Paper is out - To M L now go ahead "Mc"
To Mc I want to know where to write you, I shall probably want to come at you pretty handy in two or three weeks, and are you well - "Lute" says he would like to Embrace you once more, wate a moment — To Mc. I want to here from Cara & Mrs Robbins bad — Cara was not

Apl 17th Sarvit from Sa to Bn took Speeds Connector along, Arrived at Binghamton at 8.30 P.M, found Sy working well with Owego- but Sa could not be raised, Bn took one com from Sy for the west, and then called Ithaca Steady from 8.45 until 9 k. P.M, without getting an answer, a few minuts after 9- "Ro" (Narrowsburgh) raised "Sa" and went to sending messages to him that he rec the day before from Newyork to go west. I afterwards questioned the "Ro" Operator (Butcher) on the subject and he assured that that was the first time that he could get, Ithaca to take his messages, It was then to late to get the messages to Fredonia So that those messages were 3 days on the way from Sy to F- delayed by Mr Woods neglect of duty,

April 18, Of this day Robinson Sy- remarks as follows- "The line worked through to Fredonia well, sent what busines I had and rec his- after that could not send any more west for Sa not bring on hand- Called Ithaca 2 or 3 hours and rec no answer, after he had just answered Newburgh. I called him but could get no ans from him, At 7.17 P.M. I herd from Ithaca but he could not take my business & sent it to Binghamton, left office at 11.30 P.M-"

This morning the 18th I set up Speeds connector and it worked beautifully So that Sy & F sent their business finely as Robinson states above, but after working about 3/4 of an hour, I could get no more business done though it & I took it out and found the same result, line could not be worked untill 5, P.M Newburgh wanted Sa and I tried some time to get them at work, but could

very well when she left, and I sent
a Corn to E. S. Sheldon. I believe at 32
Cedar St. and no answer yet, want to
here much, and are you busy now days
"Sig M.L"

I shall go and see her soon. will
go and Enquire this P.M — I can hardly
write this now — and now dont fail to write
me 29 wall Street, I shall be there a few
days — Now I want to here from you much
compliments to Luther and all good friends
good bye & boys have lots of business for the
West "Sig McCoy" —

The above conversation was had without the
slightest indication, at either Key or Sa that
the line worked bad, or ever had worked
bad, and immediately after it closed
Mr Bronson took the Key and asked Sa
if he would take business for the west,
Mr Wood answered, "I'll try it & see how it goes"
Bronson commenced sending, the line
working as well as it had previously, but
Wood stopped him in the midst of the
first message, and said "it is no use
I cant get it," At this point I broke in
and said to Wood — "I think it strange that
you cant take busines that the company get
pay for sending, after having so long a talk
with McKinney with apparent Ease," —
but it was of no use he refused plumply to
try any more, & I took the Business at
Binghamton & sent it from there to Fredonia,
I am well convinced that if Wood had wished
it he could have had the business sent
direct to Fredonia —

not get Ia to answer Newburghs call, at last I answered Newburgh for Ia, and he commenced sending a message for N.T. Williams Ithaca broke in then and answered I.S.I 3 times & Signed Ia- and continued on and said "Curs Bu, no sirEE no use if there was 2 or 3 more Cornells there probably we could raise them" after this I got to work with Newburgh again and got the message for Williams after which Ny took the key & called Ia & F until 6 K. I watched the instruments in the Ithaca circuit and they worked well all the time but could get no answer from Either Ia or F.

630 Ny again calls Ia but gets no ans Bu then calls Ia, gets no answer, 7 K and no answer from Ia 7.5 Ia answers Ny and takes a message,

During this day, I got the following from some Western Office - Ithaca, "Dont east- We are all right to here and reliable any further, but presume Cornell is raising Hell" Sig Ia"- J. J. J. J. J. J. M.L - — To Ithaca will you tell me 18 East - dam it, was I at the east. I would raise the devil" no Sig- The person who wrote the last sentance did not sign and therefor no evidence who it was - but suspect it to be from F office-

Apl 19, I started from Binghamton this morning at 5. A.M to walk along the line to Owego to see if the condition of the line was the cause of the trouble between Bu & Ia, I got to Owego at 10.45 A.M and found the line in perfect order, as far as the wires were concerned. I returned by cars to Bu and got to the office at 12 o'clock M. Cook reported that Ny & F had

had been working all the morning good.
I found that Cook had only sent two of the
14 messages that was rec'd from My last eve-
ning through to Fredonia, and when I ques-
tioned him respecting the cause, he said
that directly after he commenced sending
Mr Wood stopped him and said he could not
adjust for him any longer as the carpenters
made a noise putting the roof on the Office
and he would go to dinner=
In Ithaca Carpenters go to dinner at
12 and return to work at 1 o'clock, if Mr
Wood had been faithful to the interests of the
Company, he would have embraced this hour
to get the messages through from Bu to F
which he knew had been sent from My
to Bu the day before,
At 1.15 P.M Cook Bu & Wood Ia returned from
dinner. I then left to go to my dinner giving
Cook directions to let no opportunity slip to get
those messages off to F.
I returned from dinner at 1.55 – and found
Office locked and Cook gone, and messages
not sent, I went to instrument found the
circuit open between Bu & Ia – The cir-
cuit remained open until 2.20 – when it
closed & Ia commenced calling Bu. I answered
but could not brake Ia – I then took the
connicton out, and put all my battery in
Ia circuit, and got to work with F at
2.30 – and sent 5 messages to F. when Cook
returned, and said the circuit opened im-
mediately after I went to dinner, and remained
open half an hour before he left the office,
He then suspected the wire was broken and
went out to examine it through the village
Cook then went to work and got off the balance

of these messages by 3 oclock, Only half an hours time consumed in sending them and that at a time when the Canfields were probably at work at Ithaca Office -

Cook, had one message from Goshen Rec'd to day which he did not send to F- untill after sending two to Dansville Rec'd yesterday - after which he again called F- but Owego broke in and called Ia and sent him a message which Bu yielded to, and then again called F- ~~To~~ sent the Goshen message - and rec'd what business F. had for the east - Tillotson Ow again broke in and said to Ithaca "I would not let Bu have F" - Bu finally got F sent his Goshen message and commenced receiving from F at 3,18 and rec'd 5 messages, (all that F had for East) - by 3,25 - and then sent 2 of them to Newburgh and 3 to Sy by 3,38 -

At 3,40 Bu commenced receiving from Sy and rec'd 8 messages to go to Ia & West by 3.54 and then called Ithaca but could get no answer, Bu then rec'd a message at the counter and sent it to Sy by 4 oclock P.M, Then calls Ia again but gets no answer untill 4.28 - when Ia, answers and Bu commences sending the 8 messages rec'd from Sy - 1 to Jefferson 2 to Ithaca 1 to Dansville & 4 to Fredonia and rec'd 4 from Fredonia 2 from Ithaca and 3 from Jefferson ~~Watk~~ for Newburgh & 1 for Homesdale Bu commences sending the above messages to Sy at 5-45 - after which he rec'd 4 from Sy & 1 from Newburgh and sent them to Fredonia & Rec'd 4 more from Fredonia & sent them to Sy - ~~Bu~~ 8.15 -. From 8,20 to 9,10 called Ia repeatedly but could not get ans - F - 2 & F also called Ia without getting an answer - took down Battery 9.15 - P.M.

April 20th = 8,30 Awrgo sends a message to Newyork through Spuds connector line works well, Newyork calls Sa 10 minutes gets no answer 10,45 Bw calls Sa 10 mint gets no answer, 10,50 F is calling Sa, gets no answer, 11,30 Bw calls Sa-gets no answer 12 Oclk M. Dansvills calls Sa, gets no answer; 1,20 P.M just returned from dinner call Sa, cant get him. Ow. calls Sa, gets no answer 1,40 M.L Wood Calls Bw - Bw answers - Sa. says "To Bw 28 - Sig "M S". - Bw answers I. I. I - Ithaca has no further attention but goes to calling Ow - Owego answers but hears nothing more from Ithaca. 2.5 M L calls F. Fredonia answers the line works Well. I get every thing said by either of them. 2,20 M.L. is sending messages to F to be sent to Rome & Troy announcing the death of Mr Wilgus - 2,40 Bw again calls Sa but gets no answer, - 3,10 Bw Calls Sa gets answer and Sa sends one Message to Bw for My - 3,15 M.L. says he cant get a dot, We have nothing more from M.L. untill 5 he calls Ow. 5,30 Bw gets an answer from Sa and and send him 3 messages from My - 5,34 F answers Bw and we commence Sending messages to him rec'd from My this forenoon. 5,45 Bw stops a moment to see if F gets the messages - M.L says "to Bw. F - gets you good". 5,52 M.L. says "stop for tea, and after tea I will see you safe through" I then send the following "To M.L It is Saturday night and the Messages must go through Sig E.C." M.L. answers "So I say go ahead how many have you." 5,55 I again get them to work - F had only rec'd 2 messages since they commenced, 6.15 got off 10 more messages to F. 6.50 Bw has got his messages all off to F and is sending to Sprnda & now leave Bw office to go to Cars to Return to Ithaca.

Apl 22. This morning I left my house at 4.50 A.M and walked up to junction to examine the line to see if I could discover any cause for the line working so badly on Saturday. I found wires all right. I was engaged in other matters this morning and did not get to the instill 10 oclock. The office was open and two men there setting glass in the windows nobody there who belonged there. I enquired for Mr Wood they knew nothing of him. in a few moments the Messenger boy came in and he informed me that Mr Wood had been there, that he had sat up at Mr Wilgus's the last night and went home to go to bed. It was after 1 Ock P.M when Mr Wood came to the office, when he also informed me that he had been to bed. Previous to his getting to the office the line broke west, so that no business passed over the line from Ny to T to day. 4. P M I have been out of Office some time, just came in, Ow was calling Sa. I answered and got 2 messages that Ow had rec'd from East, Mr Wood not in, 425 Mr Wood came in staid 5 minutes and went out again, 5 P M Mr Wood not returned yet— 6.55 I have just returned from Lulit and find the office alone, Ms calls Da. I answer and rec'v 2 messages from him which he has rec'd from N.Y— 7.10 Mr Wood just came in, I get a message from Robinson & Ny saying Buffalo line rec'd 50 messages Saturday night from Erie & Mich line. Tuesday Apl 25th I went to Office at 12 Ock M Mr Wood & Tillotson both at Office, no circuit West, A man informed Mr Wood that a large tree fell across the wire near Mechlinsburgh yesterday, he had not sent out to

to repair it, I started a man out, but he did not reach the break until Mr Sull Jefferson had mended it, at 2, P.M.

2.15. I just learned that two messages that I received yesterday fore noon from Skinda to go to Newburgh, and which I sent to Owego to be forwarded by Tillotson were not forwarded, but that Tillotson had brought them back with him to Ithaca, this morning, His excuse is that he could not send it, This evening I went to Owego and took those two messages with me and forwarded them from Owego,

If further evidence is desired to prove that the Ithaca Office has been sadly neglected, I would refer to my memorandum book, where I noted down passing events connected with the working of the line, I will copy but one more circumstance from the book, as follows.

New York May 18th The line did not work through yesterday nor the day before, consequently Robinson sent his western messages to Ithaca by Express This morning the line worked well through Sy. informed Ja that they had forwarded a package of messages the evening before by express and inquired if they had been rec'd M.L. informed Sy that they had not been rec'd as the cars did not connect at Owego this morning, Robinson then proposed to send them by Telegraph, Wood said there was no use in doing so as there would be an extra train over from Owego to day that would bring the Express,

At 5,15 P.M. Mr Wood announced to Sy that the package of messages had just been received, and says "now stop for tea just one hour" The package contained some

messages that were 3 days old, the ballance were 2 days old, it was Saturday, after 3 Oclock, and two Operators in the Ottawa Office, notwithstanding all this they must "stop just one hour for tea"

8 Oclock M.L just returned from tea or at least this is the first that has been heard from him since 5.15— He calls N.Y and directs him to go ahead with his business to F if he had any— Robinson answered "you had better first send those messages to F, that you rec'd by express, but I will go ahead if you say so". At this time Bu broke in and said if it is E.C he better remember a certain message left." (I suppose refering to the message sent by committee announcing their appointment and my being "kicked out of the concern"); Bu or Ia we did not know which then requested Robinson to keep ~~Could~~ out of the office. I had not been to the key, or made any reply to any of their remarks, after this Wood commenced sending the Expired Messages to Fredonia it occupied him about 20 minutes, but it had now got to be nearly nine oclock Saturday night, the hour for closing on the Several Western lines, and there is no probability that any of those messages got to their destination before Monday. Many of them would have gone quicker by mail and if Mr Wood had performed his duty they would have reached their destination early on Saturday

New York 18th May 1857

Dear Sir

I am honored in the receipt of your kind letter of the 15th inst. by which I perceive that you have conveyed to Mr Wood your interest in the Dewitt farm and I am glad of it because every new purchaser strengthens our title Notice or not. I have seen the P.M. of Ithica (Mr Douglass) on the subject and he will claim half the amount of Bond to you that is he will claim $3000 dollars from date of your mortgage to settle. Though at first I would give it for Allen but since have concluded that he is only entitled to $3000 & will defend rather than pay more. We do not wish Mr Wood or yourself to pay more than is on the mortgage until all questions are settled definitely, as we intend in good faith to protect you fully as Mr Allen is bound by law to do. To that extent I am ready to be his surety & will do so at the first opportunity.

Yours faithfully

A. Mann Jr

E. Cornell Esqr

Ithica

N.Y.

A. Mann Jr
18 May 1850

W. H.
Esqr
Jamaica
L. Island

Pittsfield May 20th 1851.

Friend Cornell.

I rec'd a line from Mr Tucker a few days ago, saying you must be ready for trial in the case of Thayer, which will come on at the June term.

I received yours inquiring for a telegraph instrument also. There is an instrument some where on the line, but where I do not know, and I have no means of looking it up as the fluid will not run on the wire.

I intend calling a meeting soon of the Company, of which you will have due notice.

Yours Respectfully

S. G. Russell.

for Z. R.

J. L Russell
May 20, 1880

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Received by Telegraph from Newburg

For E. Cornell Esq

Learned this morning from Mr Hepburn that O Reily has not yet made any arrangements with the Rail Road Co = Hadgion not better make another effort? —

Horner Ramsdell

D H.