Pittsburgh May 25th 1850

J. Jackson Esqr.

Dr Sir

I have Just been informed by W. Benedict that he has forwarded his resignation to you, with the intention of leaving this Station. — I presume he has a prospect of a better Situation, and hope sincerely that he may obtain one entirely to his Satisfaction.

I would Just remark, that our W. Dodge having left the particulars of the new arrangement to me, I proposed to W. Benedict (as I informed you by Tel.) the three instruments, but he declined the offer. I mention this, to meet the objection made by one of your Directors, that in case you had not an Operator two of your own Appointment your business might at times be neglected.

In consequence of W.B's refusing my offer, and to prevent any neglect of your interests here W. Dodge has at my instance Sent on an experienced operator who has taken charge of the western instrument, and is ready to take charge of your instrument at any time when it may Suit W.B. to leave.

I will vouch for your interests being attended to to your Satisfaction, — If you find it otherwise you can remedy the matter by making a new appointment

The terms shall be as I informed you, say $200. for your proportion of Operators Salary, $100. for proportion of Clerks Sal. and $40. for Messenger Boy, with one third Rent and

the Office expenses, and we intend to be rigidly economical.

I am happy to have it in my power to inform you that John W. Wilder of Newcastle has paid the entire indebtedness of your line in this Office except the current expenses of the present month.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Gibson
May 25th 1860

Jas Gibson
May 25, 1860

Ithaca N.Y. May 27th 1850.

Mr Ezra Cornell

Dr Sir,

Since you left here I have conversed with some of the members of the Committee and from what they communicate, together with a perusal of the articles of Association. I conclude that the whole matter of this line is in the hands of the "Trustees" as it was during its construction. I do not know as the several Operators on this line were employed by the Trustees as one of the articles directs, but if not, probably it was done with their consent. Not feeling over comfortable with my present position and entire want of funds, I am disposed once more to solicit at your hands the "Newburgh Station" as you are of opinion that "Tim" is going on to "Bains line". It may be found necessary to put a connector in at Newburgh as well as at Bn if such should be the case I might be as useful at "N, as at "Ia or Bn" May I hear from you soon in regard to my wants and application? Yours &c Respectfully

Chas McK. Ingersoll

Operator

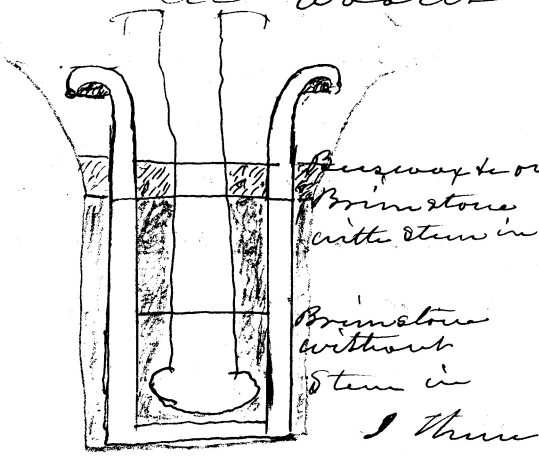
Chas M Kay Ingersoll
27 May 1882

Capt Chas. Clay
Co. E 5th Minnesota
Vols.

Detroit 27th May 1830

Dear Sir

I went to Toledo, where I had 750 Caps, not used, and burned out the brimstone and put in the glass tubes. I tried to save the brimstone: but it cost more to save it than it was worth, and I put the caps on a fire and burned them out. I then melted Beeswax, tallow and rosin together, filled the flange with the mixture. then filled the tubes about one third full of melted brimstone. & stuck in the stem, which raises the melted brimstone in the tube, making the tube with the stem in about two thirds full of the brimstone



I then pour in melted brimstone in the irons & set the tube in, the brimstone coming up around the glass to the flare of the iron. I then pour in the beeswax & between the glass & the iron so as to fully cover the brimstone & protect it from the air. Friction Matches are made of sulphur and posphorus. The posphorus has a great affinity for oxygen. and matches exposed for a long time to the atmosphere will not go off: but

immediately
by varnishing the matches, after they are made
the varnish prevents this chemical change and
the matches will not fail by exposure to the
air - I think the beeswax tallow & Rosin will
protect the sulphur in my caps in the same
way, and I will consequently have three strata
of a non-conductor between the stem & the cap
besides the dry glass inside & outside the tube
It will take two hands a day to fix 300 caps, and
if they have to burn out the old brimstone &
clean the caps & stems they will have to do a
good days work to fix 300 right - How many
mile a man will put on in day I do not know,
I have two hands putting on those I got ready, and
will return to Toledo tomorrow & help them -
If the caps, as I now have them, fail to be a
perfect insulator I am done trying, and
will own that there is some mystery about
lightning, which I do not understand -
Lemmon says he has drawn on me for $150 -
which will pay for twenty five gross or 3600 glasses
and he has only shipped, as I understand, 3000
The $50 which you have him will pay for
1200 more, making in all 4800 glasses.
I want at least ten thousand, but I do not
want to pay $6 per gross, as the glass makers
at Pittsburgh offer to make all I require at 2½ cents
Each - I sent a sample to Pittsburgh to know
what they would make them for, and the
above price is their answer - I wish you
would get the moulds from Lemmon
and send them by express to the Morse

Telegraph office, at Pittsburgh - Have them
boxed and Marked E. Benedict. Telegraph
Office - Pittsburgh - If the moulds are sent down,
I can get the glasses from Pittsburgh to Erie,
as soon as I will want them, as it will
take several weeks to use up those made
by Lemmon - I know of no reason why
Lemmon cannot make them as cheap
as the Pittsburgh people: but if he wont do it,
it will be quite as convenient for me
to get them at Pittsburgh -
I have a letter from Hotchkiss making fair
promises: but dont rely on his making a
payment as he agreed the first of June
I do not believe that he can do it, I think
he will pay up in full in the fall - He
wants you to send him a bill of the wire
you furnished Wilson - Make out a bill
& interest and send it to him at Milwaukee
Wade says he has sent you $500

Yours truly

J. D. Spaulding

Mr E. Cornell
Ithaca

cant hear any thing from Lee - guess he
is "close" up - Money scarce - Wheat looks good - better
times after harvest -

WESTERN, NORTH AND SOUTH WESTERN TELEGRAPH.
Office No. 5 Hanover St. Corner of Beaver.

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New York & Erie and Erie & Michigan
TELEGRAPH COMPANIES.

Cost of Answer 10 or less words , each added word

New York, May 29 1850

Received by Telegraph from Cleveland

For E Cornell

Speed is at Detroit changing Capts, I write you in a few days, Cleveland busy now, delivered 62 coms here before dinner today, Business good in all directions now— Trades Uni doing extremely Well

L C

A.B. Cornell
29. May. 50

COMMUNICATIONS CONFIDENTIAL.

SPEED'S
ERIE AND MICHIGAN TELEGRAPH LINE.

PAINESVILLE, O.

Communications must be Pre-paid.

Write plainly—give full address—use no figures.

Painesville, May 24 18 ... o'clock, ... M.

By Telegraph from

To Brunt Gorsuch

In Communication with

Buffalo, Batavia, Rochester, Canandaigua, Geneva, Auburn, Syracuse, Utica, Rome, Schenectady, Albany, Troy, Hudson, New-York, New Haven, Norwich, Springfield, Boston, Bangor, Calais, St. Johns, Toronto, Montreal, Quebec, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Columbus, Springfield, Fredonia, Erie, Conneaut, Cleveland, Milan, Sandusky, Lower Sandusky, Maumee, Toledo, Monroe, Detroit, Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor, Jackson, Albion, Marshall, Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, Niles, South Bend, Michigan City, Chicago, Waukegan, Southport, Racine, Milwaukee, Rockford, Morris, Ottawa, Peru, Galena, Dubuque, Springfield, Jacksonville, Quincy, Hannibal, Bloomington, Bloomingdale, Alton, St. Louis, Janesville, Waukesha, White Water, Madison, Sinclairville, Warren, Pike, Nunda, Dansville, Jefferson, Ithaca, Owego, Binghampton, Montrose, Honesdale, Middletown, Goshen, Newburg.

Communications for the Canadas, and to other stations, East, South and West, will receive prompt attention.

I say us understands last week as you are well aware, I saw a man [illegible] by the name of Lucke, the said Col Speed when he was last winter spoke to him about putting an office there & getting him to keep it, for two thirds the receipts, the day he will do so I would be glad to do it, the [illegible]

J W Gaines

May 29. 1853

Silver Spurs & mounted by a very good hand & stuck to him so long as they could wish us to write you about $5,00 but since then, not hearing from him, could give you [illegible] Yours Truly

Newburgh May 29th 1850

Ezra Cornell Esqr

Dear Sir

Please sign & sweer to the enclosed affidavit and return the same to me. You had better come up on Monday night and then we will see what prospect there is of reaching your case. Have you subpoend your witnesses? I sent subpoenas to Yours at Ithaca ten days since. Any Lawyer in New York can make them out for you if you have not received them or if you Telegraph to me Ill send them down tomorrow

Yours &c

John J Morrell

J. J. Mourell
29 May 1862

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New York, May 31 1850.

Received by Telegraph from Cincinatti

For E Cornell

What day do
you want Report.
Do you want Mkts?
& only News - Will try
& get all you want
but money & that as fast
as possible - Sent you
five Hundred last week
Was it received

J H Wade.

J. H. Wade
30 May 1850

Newburgh May 30th 1850

Ezra Cornell Esqr

Dear Sir

Put the names of all your Witnesses in the Writ with the seal on, and put the name of one Witness to each of the Tickets. The fees will be 8 cts per mile from their place of residence to Newburgh & then 4/ in addition. Send up the affidavit I sent you as soon as it is sworn to

I am truly yours &

John J Morrell

J. J. Morell
30 May 1850

Ithaca May 31st 1850.

Dear Sir,

I had hoped to hear from you by letter before this. Am informed that you have been sick - I presume that is the cause of my not hearing. If I do not get a favorable line soon, will you please state your opinion as to the propriety of my locating myself at any office where there may be more funds than are necessary to pay off those who are there operating for this Co/ and drawing my pay at such station? In other words, if I should come to N.Y. could I draw my money there? If I had a definite location I should not ask such a question, for then I should get enough to meet necessary expences. You will very readily perceive the dislike which one must have to compelling a brother to pay ones board while in so uncertain a position as mine at this time. What are my chances of receiving anything before the 12th. If nothing before, how soon thereafter?

There must be some five hundred dollars in the N.Y. Ofs including the salary of those then operating) which may be a bone of contention with the committee on or before the 12th. I should like to be instrumental in inventing such an occurance, to the amount of twenty five dollars at least.

Believing that you hold all the authority on this line now, which you have at any time held. I ask you the more willingly to favor me at this time.

Please answer at your soonest convenience

& oblidge yours &c

Chas M. K. Ingersoll

Western and North Western Telegraph.

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

Office No. 5 Hanover St. corner of Beaver.

New York May 1850

By Telegraph from

To J. J. Phillips Esq

Chairman Tel Committee

Dear Sir If the arrangement can be made a permanent one or introductory to such as experience & your wants may indicate, The New York & Erie Telegraph Co. will transmit free of charge all messages for the Rail Road Co in consideration of free passage of the Telegraph men over the Road, We are getting the line extended from Owego to Elmira, shall soon have office open there, will also open an office at Piermont, in few days.

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell
Supt

November 21	85. Cash (Buell when down on Spring		1,00
Oct 25	Taylor on Spring I think was duly to be off		1 00
Decem 18			1 00
Feb 3 a		Buell	3,50
Feb		Gorrell & Buell	4,50
		Burns	2,75
April 1 85		Gorrell	1,50
13		Gorrell	7 00
			22,25

Friend Gorrell

~~I~~ this is as near right as I can get it from my Book. There is one charge I do not know who has. I pain Burns some salaries I charges to office or not I cant tell. this is as near as I can get at it.
I hope you will excuse me for not sending this before but I have been just half way between a Stick & a house since I was to Cleveland. Can you help me a little about what we were talking about when I was there, I am hard up & by Dec I do want a little if possible.
I wish you would let me hear from you soon. if you can help me any I should be glad

I have got to make out some money by. I must raise it some way if not our way must overturn. I have to look some ways for money. Good night

Yours truly S. W. Gaines

S. W. Gaines
May 1837

New York 1st June 1850

Mr Connell Sir

When you get the Bond & Mortgage executed on Record. Send it to me — I find there is no interest due on your Eight Thousand Dollar Bond till the first of September I asked Williams took out it this morning — Send it to me as soon as you execute

Yours

Stephen D. Miller

PAID

NEW YORK
1
JUN.
5 Cts.

Mr Ezra Cornell

Ithaca

N. Y.

E. B. Allen
June 1, 1852

Union Springs 2nd Dec. 1st 1830

Respected Friend
Ezra Cornell

My communication of the 2d of last month came duly to hand and we have taken the subject into consideration and think we ought to have a statement of our affairs and why we are called upon for so large an amount nearly one half of the original Amount. It was thought that the old Lepper wire would pay or nearly so, for the new business and the putting it up. Another thing is what is the prospect of the line being kept up. It has not been in operation all this week, and our Operator has been out as far as Ogdens and found all right, and yet there is no circuit. It does seem as if we ought to have some statement and then we can judge more fully about it and come to some conclusion. Inhaste

My Assured Friend
Chas W. Copland

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Ezra Cornell

Ithaca

Tompkins County

New York

New York June 2nd 1850

Dear Eyre I came home Last Night with the expectation of seeing you but Learned you had Left for Home the day before quite Ill I was Very Sorry to hear of this will you write Me Soon & Let Me know how you are in Health and how all Matters are Moveing I Learn that G. O. J. Smith is buying up Stock of Erie Line for the Purpose of getting the Controul of the Line if there is any truth in this Rumor you are Probably aware of the fact but I thought there would be no harm in Mentioning the fact to you at all events So that you might be ready to meet it in case you had no knowledge of the matter I finished Setting Poles yesterday Shall commence Stringing up Wire Tuesday have 4 gangs already Putting up from Rensselaer this Way hope to get through in about ten days with one wire Please remember me to Sister Mary Ann and all others that take the trouble to Enquire after Me and Wright Love

Your Brother J. J. Bristol

[Harriet Eyre]

Mr Connell

Dear Sir please inform
me by return Mail what is
your calculation in relation
to our Telegraph I think if any
thing is to be done it should be
immediately for you Men wants
to know if any thing is to be done
arrangements can be Made Satisfactory
& simply at low wages please inform
me by return Mail

Yours Respectfully

Waterford Jan 8/50 James R Wilson

F. O. Webster
3 June 1882

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Mr Cornell
Ithaca Telegraph
Office

New York 5th June 1850

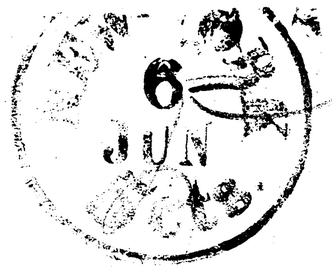
Mr Connell Boston

I got your letter. I paid a shilling for it — I paid your note Yesterday. It was in a Bank. shall I send it to you at Ithaca — I want you to attend to friend Mark and Mr Sherrill like yourself — You are a man of business I have written Mark many letters but I got no reply to the letter my Son. Estate and says he did exactly as the Surrogate directed if he had done so and called to employ Sherrill as I wrote him repeatedly it would have saved me much loss and expence — I want you to find out from him why he did not employ Sherrill according to my positive directions. will attend to him and Sherrill like your self — as half way work. If Conrad will give me seven hundred Dollars

or 6 pd yearly pay after five years with interest
to pay the heirs each 6 mo— I prefer to building
on the lot— But if they want— will you see
what can and is best to be done about
a building — will you have any trouble
about your Wire Telegraph It is very un-
pleasant not to get reply to letters I wrote
Mark 3 times to let me no if he is charged
any debts due to the estate pay on act
of there not being able to pay as I told you
I had wrote him 3 times and have no
reply now I want to no if any has been
in the mail and if so— no his— and when

I am Sincerely

Stephen D. Mercer



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Mr. Ezra Cornell

Ithaca

N. Y.

L. B. Munn
5. June 1850

Ogden June 6th 1850

Dear Sir

Yours of the 4th inst is received and in answer to your several questions I can only say that I did not hear from any one that Mr M L Wood did not intend that the Line should work well at any time while in New York or Newburgh — I heard by the way of Mr Hepburn Soon after I returned to New York that you was not to Superintend the Line after the first of May but did not hear who was to fill that Station

I thought for several weeks before I left the Line that we could have done the Business more promptly if Some of the Operators had manifested more interest in repiating But only Suposed that they were discouraged because the Line worked so badly

I do not remember of Mr Woods refusing to repiat Business except when he gave as a reason that he could not receive it or that the Line was down west

I do not Know of any

Swearing on the Line except by the Mr Bronson that was in New York when I left

As I am Some three miles from a Justice and very Busy I Shall be unable to have my Affidavit taken And as I do not Know of anything that will probably have much bearing on the Case I do not Suppose it will be necessary

Yours Respectfully
A L Tyler

E. Connell
Ithaca

P S I Know of no reason why the Line did not work well excepting when line had been broken or down. The dificultty for the last two months was mostly between Sa and Binghamton And in Answer to my inquiries Mr Cook generaly told me that he thought the Line was crossed or Something of that Kind

A. L. Tyler
6 June 1850
Working of Iron

New York 6th June 1850

E. Connell Esqr Dear Sir I would not trouble you but Mark dont always see proper to reply — I wrote him 3 times to no who he did charge — and got no reply how easy it would have been for him to have wrote me such a reply as he has given you will you get from him a schedule of the debts remaining uncollected on my Sons Books — without interest — and I think he ought to have employed Sherill as repeatedly requested — by not employing Sherill he has got me ~~[illegible]~~ into a deal of trouble and loss will you speak to him about it and the other items in my letter to him you took — I am Sincerely

Stephen A. Mineah

N.B. I see you could not write off Wood - 61 Lead / Hair Beebe 1500 Mos for that item if

PAID

7
5 cts

Mr. Ezra Cornell

now at Ithaca

New York

E. B. Comm
6 June 1852

Mr Connell

Dear Sir

Rec'd your letter last Evng. & in reply I have to say that I wrote to Mr Purnell some weeks since that the Case might be reached at our next Term which commences on the 4th. Monday of this month & that if you intended to go to trial, you must attend to the Case.

I have not sent for the Depo^ns of Allen &c as I had no funds to take out Comm^ns &c & did not know where they now were or what Court to take to get their Testimony & when you wrote me in the fall as when I saw you I understood that you was to have me in Sussex for trial unless an arrangement was made. — If I have any thing further to do with the Case, you must attend to it or give me the necessary funds.

The Trustees have never employed me in the Suits & I have no claim on them for my fees or other expenses. —

In order to obtain the Depo^ns of Allen &c you must let me know where they now are & be sent me funds. ——— Respy Yours &c

Geo. A. Tucker

Dover June 6. 1850.

Since I have been in New York Office of the New York & Erie Telegraph Co I have had business communications for the West, which I have endeavored to get through to Fredonia by sending them to Ithaca or Binghampton to be repeated to Fredonia Mr Wood has refused to take my business to repeat saying you must get Fredonia yourself, that he was not going to repeat New York's business, this has taken place when New York has been without hearing from Fredonia for several days & when New York Office has been able only to get its business off by begging Newburg, Narrowsburg Honesdale or Binghamton to take the business to receivite, which sometimes they would do & sometimes have given the excuse that they could not get Fredonia & that the Ithaca Office would not take it from them & other times the Stations have refused out & out to repeat Sky's business, Mr Wood has been in conversation with New York ~~& the~~ sending his own dead head business & did not appear to have any trouble in ~~on~~ sending or receiving & as soon as ~~that~~ his own business was finished Stock the Key to send some communication to Ithaca when Mr Wood said he could not get it,

Mr Wood has also, when New York & Fredonia were together, by sending business to Fredonia first Bur breaks in & says stop for dinner & then Mr Wood says yes stop for dinner by which business taken at 9 Am was delayed getting to Fredonia until 3 or 4 o'clock P.M.. Mr Wood has also used such language, over the line which coming from one, to whom the operators generally on line would look to for orders and advice would naturally lead them to disrespect the=

man & disregard any orders coming from him,
The language verbatim can be produced if necessary

Chas B Robinson

State of New York
City & County of New York } ss: Charles
B. Robinson, Chief Operator in the Office
of the New York and Erie Telegraph Co.
in said City of New York, being duly
sworn by me, deps, that the foregoing
Statement made and subscribed
by him is true

L. S. Dolbe
Commissioner of Deeds

New York 8th June 1850

our views of the conduct of Mr Stone's
~~acting~~ &c while on the New York & Erie line
warrant us to subscribe our names to the
above being also cognizant of his actions as
stated above - or similar ones,

Chas. L Chapin -
Clerk N Y Office -

Wm Butcher
Operator N. Y. Office

C. B. Robinsons
Affidavits - Working
Lines from 1850

C. B Robinson 10 Jun 52

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New York, June 10 1850.

Received by Telegraph from _____

For Wm E Connell

This afternoon about half past four o'c we got Fredonia being the first time since last Saturday ~~morning~~ afternoon when we were stopped by a storm & could not raise any one up to ten o'c P.M. This morning our wires were with the Albany wires which prevented us from hearing from the west some after getting Fredonia & have my sent our business but 2 cons ~~&~~ Fredonia commenced sending business to Ny when M L says stop for tea. My says

I think M & might have waited until until M & I were through, when Cook at Bw says as enclosed — They stopped for tea a little before six o'c & myself & Butcher were at the Instrument calling Bw at half past six o'c & almost constantly until about ten minutes past 8 o'c & some way station was calling Bw for M when ~~Bw says all stop~~. At this latter time We continued talking with Bw in Bain's alphabet when I opened circuit & told them that business must go on first when Bw says he had been calling M for an hour which is not true as I was at the Instrument myself this is only one more evidence of the conduct of the Operators on this

C. P. Bowen

Mutual Insurance Office
Saratoga Springs June 10/51

E. Cornell Esq

Sir

Respecting taking Rights on your Several Buildings &c I will say that your discription was not Sufficient I will say to you that you can call on C. G. Heath Esq or Fitch Reed Dana Esq and they will attend to the business for you

Respectfully Yours
Thos J Marvin

Sec

Thos J Morrow
Saratoga June 10 1852

Lawrenceville June 11th 1850

Friend Cornell I have been waiting very patiently for a long time to receive reports for April & May. When a report is omitted it very much disarranges my accounts. You will oblige me by sending at your earliest convenience reports for April & May. I hope to be in Cleveland soon & should have been there before to arrange matters if I had had time. Our line is a source of great dissatisfaction to me as well as to Operators & Business men along line. At the present writing I can not ascertain what Jackson is about or what he is going to do. I hope he will not let the October rain overtake him.

Truly yours &c.
Geo. N. Gaylock

Geo F Garlock
June 11, 1880

W E Connell

New York June 10/50

We Telegraphed you to day to send Note for $4725 93 94 June 14 to renew Note due same day for a/c Wire for Gascoigne for £ 954. 34, If you possibly can send Money you will do so

Wells & Co
per John L. Day

Wells & Co
June 11, 1880

New York 11th June 1870

112 Bonnell

As to Mr. Mark Johnson — Carlson once said nothing could be done with a gentleman. It is dull doing business with a man that wont reply to letters. Mark has made a clean business case of me. I wont not think that Conrad has a lease and me not know it. I have a deed of the land back of Conrad. But is not necessary to me how much there is left we see when Conrad leases or sells — I expect Mark can tell you all about it. If Mr. Post Conrad called on me and proposed to buy it. he said it was worth 5 or 600 dollars. and a few weeks past he told Quigg if I built there he would share the stake. But when I get

cause he can tell you what he owes and how much he paid Bebe for it Mr Williams calls it worth 500 Dollars I think the Bank has a mortgage on it I shall try to see Leonard—

Mark has me in true charge of the Saint Ives — You can tell Mr Sherrill as soon as the Leaves is out. Mark will take the stock to him which will ease his mind — will do well to manage his land business in I see you anticipate that I have heard something said of the Telegraph Mr Beebe sleeps in the room with me he acted foolish simple mad ugly — to and me — I have no wish to keep the vote and will send it if you say so — If Mark had done by you as he has by me without the least cause

it would make for Lee Doe & me

Stephen Bellamy

PAID

Mr Byron. Connell
(mov't Ithaca

Mark

[illegible]
[illegible]