Cayuga N.Y. July 5th 1850

J Jackson Esq

Dr Sir

I this morning received word from Cornell not to return till written to. What arrangement has been made in Cleveland about the Pitts line? Was anything done at the meeting at Warren for my relief? If so what? If not what are prospects? I am at my fathers and from Cornells line I dont know how long I shall stay. Please write me immediately in reply to my enquiries and also give me the passing news. Wife and baby well.

Yours truly

Ed D Bendict

C. D. Benedict
to Jackson
July 5th 1880

T. Jackson Esq

Cayuga N.Y. July 5th 1857

Friend Cornell

I rec'd a line from Finch this morn saying that I need not return to V till informed. Please write me particulars of what is passing and the reason. What did the meeting of the Warren folks bring forth? I am rusticating here having fine times. The fourth of July passed by here yesterday but I did not see it. Please tell Mastin to forward all my letters to this place. (Cayuga. Cayuga Co N.Y.) of course you know it so this direction is for him.

Give my Reps to all the boys and let me know what is going on. Yours truly

Ed S Randall

A Bleecell Esq
Cleveland

PS Please hand enclosed to J Jackson Esq

E. A. Benedict
July 5, 1853

Detroit 8 July 1850

Dear Sir

I have had so much to buy this Spring that I have not been able to get enough ahead to buy the board bills of hands in putting up 2d wire. The 4th pinion Sundays &c for $257 is paid, the freight on all our wire amounting now $800 including what I have for less is also mine. I have $400 on caps also $150 on glass, have paid Talbotton $283. due him by E & Co & $283 due him by Bonnell & Spinks also about $40 due him by me individually the last of the old pole bills, except two (one $75. & one $40) are mine. But I have no funds to go on with 2d wire. I have therefore concluded to loan of Litchfield $1000 & put up our wire, & buy the balance for work out West in moving line on Rail Road and sundry other liabilities amounting to $500. leaving me $500 to pay for labor &c. To get the money I have to give Litchfield a draft on you at three months, as the Bank is doing nothing but city paper. But Litchfield says if I cannot buy it at 6 m. any he will take it up. I can however buy it at maturity

But under no possible contingency will you be called on to pay one dollar of it, on the contrary it will enable me to remit to you sooner than I could possibly do so without the loan. With 2d wire we can unite in one circuit to Buffalo from here, and it will increase our biz materially as the other line now have the advantage in getting answers from Buffalo, & consequently get more biz from here than we do. They have little to do from Cleveland East, & ~~consequently~~ they get ans to com before ours can get them off from Cleveland. It will also aid our biz much at Chicago. The wire we have, and it would pay ~~you~~ notes, or do us any good by lying in the warehouse; but by making the loan of Litchfield to us make it available. I therefore want you to accept the draft, and I will be certain to attend to it in due time, so that you need not pay the least attention to it. I go to Cleveland to night and will get to work in a day or two & have wire all up before 1st Sept.

Yours truly

J. Thomson

Mr E. Cornell
Ithaca

We have 72 miles of Cable with the glasses in between here & the Manmee river and the hardest storms we have had do not affect the line in the least. I cannot see the slightest difference in the working of the line, with Maumee ground wire in, in a raining day or a clear one—

Last week we had two days of almost constant rain, & when Maumee opened his Key, we got no currents at all— I will wager all my old clothes that we can work in our circuit from here to Buffalo, the worst day we ever saw, unless interrupted by atmospheric Electricity—

Detroit 8 July 1850

Dear Sir

When a poor devil gets so poor that he cannot pay endorsed paper, he is very apt to view things through colored Spectacles. I saw, "Exchange for collection", added to item $50 for interest, - and altho it is doubtless strictly correct, I could not help thinking that it was better than I could serve every body else, whose Claims are all just & should be paid. I might better not have told my thoughts, as the small item charged for collection, is of itself of no importance, & cirtainly not sufficient cause for giving you one unpleasant thought. The statement you first sent me, got into Father's basket, and was carried to his home, and I was not so much to blame for not being able to find it.

I enclose you a certificate for five hundred dollars in our Stock. I do not know what your views may be, or how satisfactory it will be to you; but I wish it could compromise for the same pay, in Cash & Stock, for the time I have been engaged out West. I would quit the field, & try my luck in California or some other place. I will have to ask a renewal of your dft for 60 or 90 day, & then we will I hope be in funds

Yours truly

J. J. Speed Jr

Mr D. T. Tillotson

New York July 8th 1850

Dear Sir.

Your letter of 5th inst came this morning to hand. I found I should think about seventy or eighty pounds wire at Bells & Co., Young & Bundles which have here this afternoon, I will hurry the wire for the Relays as soon as possible, - I would have attended our wires between Harlaem & White Plains before this on some of the poles but was waiting for the new caps to be put on & it could be done then all at once, I had the Baine Company send Bristol up to alter their line between Peekskill & Cold Spring so that there will be less liability of our getting together with them hereafter. I should think that I might take hold of the line between Harlaem & White Plains now & have this end reinsulated by the time you have the line between Albany finished if not before, do you intend having both wires running to White Plains reinsulated? & how shall I alter the insulation? you will recollect there are no wooden pins on the top of those poles, please give full explanations.

Mr Norton Esq of the Southern line informed me this morning that they were going to take down their two lowerwires running from me to Peekskill, If you intended putting up another wire would it not be well to buy their wire of them, as it is already stretched perhaps they would let it remain upon their poles by placing it a little lower down to keep free of their two upper wires, this would give us a second wire as far as Peekskill

& enough of the wire could soon be put up to give us a second wire to Newburg, I think a favorable bargain could be had, providing you intend having a second wire, perhaps some other party could get it cheaper than the Ny & Erie Co.

I received notice last week that some one must come up about two miles above Tarrytown where they are changing the road or else they would cut the trees & break our wires I went up & saw the trees cut down & immediately spaned the line, last month I was at Cold Spring & Mrs Spellman said she must have some arrangements made about his office rent, he said he could not keep it any longer unless he was paid well, it appears to me as if it would be just as well to shut that office up reserving only some place where we could test the line there as well as the Peekskill office, the wires may be out of order fifty feet from their office & they would never repair it.

Last Saturday our Common Council brought up the bill for removing the Telegraph Poles running up Broadway, it was not decided but I think we will get notice before long to that effect, they will however give sufficient time for us to alter our line, I have not been troubled lately in getting our western business off as far as N.Y. if he could send them to Buffalo or Pa. as well as we do to have the business would go through promptly, but he appears to have had trouble in getting their last partly owing to the line being down between here & [illegible]

& By the other day the line was down between Middletown & Rio. D said he would not go out & did not as far as I can learn.

2 o'c PM I just find our line is with Baine line again we get their writing as well as Bin also which I hear through H. It does not interfere with the Baine line & they will not share the expenses in clearing them. I am going immediately over the line. -

awaiting your further favors

I remain Respectfully &c

Your Stat Supt -

Chas B Robinson

Wm E Connell Supt -

Mr Bomelc

Dear Sir

after all of the trouble of your Man getting up the Line in order we cant hear from you the cause I know not is your Battery Deficient we have only 4 cup here Should we have More cups here I am informed that they cant be found here in this Market Mr if you can advise What is Necessary I wish you would do So let me hear from you by return Male

Yours Respectfully

Volunteer Sig Sta C.S. Hiram R Webster

J. E. Webster -
July 8. 1850

Office of the New York, Albany, & Buffalo Telegraph Co.

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O. Comstock Esq.

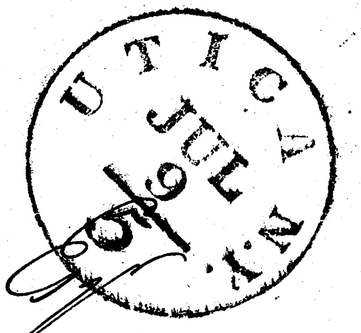
Sir,

Yours of the 1st inst. is at hand, its contents noticed.

And in answer allow me to say that an amicable and satisfactory adjustment of your old account with the Astor Office seems to be necessary before negociating about another, after which I shall be ready to do what may seem to be for the interest of both Cos.

Yours Respectfully

H. Saxton



E. Cornell Esq
Ithaca

Ithaca
July 9, 1852

Telegraph Office

Binghamton July 9th/52

E Cornell

Esq

Sir

I have just received your letter of the 3d inst and as regards its contents, I have only to say, that I have done my best, since I came here, with such instruments as we have to work with. All we have on the western circuit is a relay, which would do very well if it was a good one, but unfortunately it is a poor thing, and needs continual adjusting to get any thing from the west. On reference to answers to communications, of which you speak. I can say that no communication has come to the office, to my knowledge has been delayed at all, and when answers, "express", they have been obtained as soon as possible. You know the line has worked very bad almost ever since I came here, owing to the immense quantity of rain we have had. Incident being almost continually crossed with other lines below. W. Residue I have never Refused to Repeat

business when ever asked. Pay
what I shall do mine. I am in office
almost continually. Can I make the
line work well?

Yours &c
P. A. Hopkins

P. A. Hopkins
July 9, 1852

New York 10th July 1858

(Confidential)

Dear Sir

I do not know whether you take any interest or part in the Affairs of the "N.Y.H.E.T. Co" If you do, it would be well for you to make your appearance here for a few days to see how it works.

You might look in quietly for a short time and see what I might not be able satisfactorily to explain. I have twice been abused by Robinson when in his Cups, and I will not submit to it any longer.

Yours Respectfully

S. Ralph

E. Tomell. Esq

Buffalo July 10th 1850

My Dear Carroll

I wrote you three days ago and like a muddy have carried the letter in my pocket ever since. never thinking to drop it in the P O when I have been down town. I should have let you heard from me ere now, but a little circumstance which occured at A P's the other day will permit my attempting to repeat it until Bull learns what belongs to common civility I will explain. I took hold of the key and called V. How are you. and I asked "how is X. V. this afternoon," He replied, "first rate how is it with yourself"— I rejoined— Fine as a book, what news in V— and signed D.V. to which he, in the plenitude of his wit (ie self discovered) replied D, D, O.K., and closed— What his object was, I don't know that I care a damn about any way, but rather imagine that it was one his too frequent attempts to be witty at the expense of the feelings of others, which is to damned contemptible a business for any one that pretends to know what belongs to courtesy. Heaven enough of that. I don't care a fig about, more than that I had anticipated a talk, occasionly,

with the boys, which I shall now have to forego the pleasure of.

Every thing goes off fine and I am doing, even beyond my most sanguine expectations, however it keeps me awful sticking with grease. but then it is consoling to think how much easier I could slide through a crowd in case of a jam.

By the way bro— Bob Butts is most a damn small pattern of a man— You know that I had him make my bill up to the 23rd of June, & that I stood at his tavern a day and a half beyond that time. Well, after boarding at his groggery for a year, and keeping up a very liberal practice at the Bar— do you believe that he had the cool impudence to come down to the brat and dun me for that extra day & a half— It is as true as the Gospel according to Saint Mathew, Well, God have mercy on him.— I forgive him, and shall give the first spare money that I have to have a mass said for his souls salvation

Tell Adams not to put his gizzard about that little balance I owe him, he shall have it before long if he will only keep cool. I shall be in Some time between now & Oct 1st, perhaps in a month can't tell precisely— it will depend on, when

I can best leave my business.

I called on Mrs McDonald last night — the first time I have been out since I have been here. She has got ten poor girls — "she has" — "she would have ten too" One of them, "Virginia", is the exact picture of his Virginia B— of V. in looks, action, everything. come down and let me introduce you to her

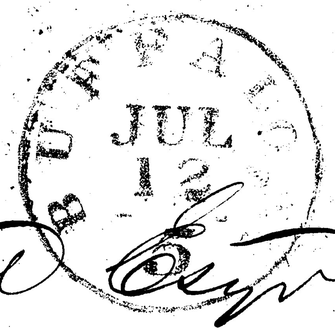
Should you pay Bob before I go to V. buy him only what is called for in the order, that day and a half I want to settle myself — When are you coming down let me hear from. Yours, Remember me to acquaintances in general, and the boys in particular, and don't fail to give my love to Martha when you see her — beside manufacture some reasonable lie in excuse for my abrupt leave of the girls in general —

Excuse the rowdy tone and ill looks of this cover — write soon and believe me

Faithfully Yours

R. V. Moody

Attorney
July 10, 1850



A. B. Cornell Esq
Special Deputy Collector
Cleveland
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Communications for the Canadas, and to other stations, East, South and West, will receive prompt attention.

Yours recvd It would give me much pleasure to assist You if perhaps I can, What Money I have is Notes and I cannot have any exchanged. I could let You have $20, I think for a While but I have a payment to make the 20 of August which cannot be put off, as is with my Brothers, if that

will be of any help
to you, you know
how it is if I can
get along at that
time without it I
will and you can
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can return it & I
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I can

Yours Truly

S W Ellis

A B Cornell

New York July 11th 1870.

Dear Sir

My intention was to have written much before this in relation to the property at Ithaca which you & Mr. S. Blunt have a joint interest. As you are aware, Mr Blunt property has been put in my hands for settlement, there fore, what ever is done, about property I have my approval, & pay any money derived from sale of Land & other property of Mr Blunts, such payments require my signature - Thus we proceed formally - As I stated to you, my opinion is that, you had better proceed at once with the sale of the Lots at such price as you may deem best for the interest of both you & Mr Blunt - & the sale of the Land Water Power - I shall be disposed to conform to your wishes, & no doubt shall approve of any sales you may decide. What ever Lot Mr Blunt may have, other than jointly with you - I am ready to dispose of at once. Will you allow me the power to offer for sale for cash any lots he may have & I will close up any little matter of that sort - Of course you must keep for Services all that

Yr

person, either as Agent or individual account. From the information I gave you as to Mr. Blunt's affairs, you readily see how he is in no situation with this Project to improve the Water Power. Thus we must act as far as possible safe. What arrangement did you make with the "Paper Mill Lot". Mr. Blunt saw the men after we parted, and had some understanding, & I believe wrote you the all matters in relation to the Project. Please write to me direct. Please return my letter in relation to Mr. Blunts matters, as I may require them some day. I want to come in contact with some rascally creditor of Mr. Blunts who wants to see what I have done, & get my money. The Lot should be sold at any rate, so as to keep them out of use either selling all or any other one. Do as you deem best. The Houses had in my opinion better be sold at once. They cannot bring more than at present. Would like to hear from you & to see you when can you are in New York. I shall

endeavour to get Mr Blunt to become
from Rebecca what his Lots in Lot 4 that
he owns not jointly.

Your Very Respectfully
Yours
Ed Monroe

E. Cornell Esq
Ithaca
N.Y.

Joel Monson
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Milwaukee July 11th 1850

Mr E. Connell

Dear sir

I receved a line from you stating that Younger & Co had called on you for $250,00 for glass cups I sent them N.Y. draft about the 10th of June for the amount due them and have receved a line of acknowlegement of the same I wrote you in the spring for a bill of all you had expended in this state and for whom and how much you had receved and by whom will you please send me such bill you sent Gen Wilson Materials you have also sent me 5 instruments 1 Box of Lions Cubs $100, worth of Platings how much Cash did you receive from Wilson how much from Powers & how much from me perhaps the letter was not receved by you money is scarce but the balance that you advanced must be paid to Col Gleed or you Just as quick as it can be Collected which must be

I have got a Considerable money due me against first rate men for this Country but there is no money here until after harvest the Country look looks well and times must be better after a little I trouble with Josiah Snow and his agents very much but I shall beat them out towards Green Bay May line will be Completed there by the first of September I do not wish to load with Cores but please make me the bill & spoken of and oblige yours

With Much Respect S. W. Hotchkiss

L. W. Hotchkiss
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Akron July 11 1850

Friend Cornell

As I leave today for the South and donot go through Cleveland as I intended - It occured to me that Allen might be due Mr Cornell

My distination is Old Virginia, where I hope to spend a few weeks very pleasantly amongst my relatives -

Miss Martha Allen is quite well - I saw her in Company last evening - She thinks Mr Cornell the finest of the boys from Cleveland - then, wont that do to tell, aint that worth a concert ticket

Tell Stern that Miss Fanny has a beau from Buffalo, named Vandenburg - living with H R Cobb & Co. - He has spent several days here and if Stern dont tend up, will get ahead - Remember me to the Boys

Yours truly Truly
D C Mickenor

New York 11th July 1850

Mr Knell

Dear Sir

When you come down I wish you will shew me my letter that I proposed that you indorse Epr Speed note for the item of Land the within I entended for Epr Bottier But my head was so sick I could not say as much as I intended You will say to him that I want him to do with Mack and which will you attend to

I am truly
Stephen B. Adams

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many years past when Mr Mack
was here - soon - soon after he took the admin
istration - he asked me to let him discharge
some small debts agt - from people that
was not able to pay - about 200 $ all
I gave him leave - not knowing him
as well as I now do - & now believe
the debts owed him - I have written
him 3 times to give a schedule of the
debts he discharged and - I sent and when
he discharged them - he has not replyed
to either letter - I wish you will judge it
& it the names and amounts

I was negotiating with Mr Bowen
to sell him the Falls Creek property - & I
did not succeed - he [redacted] went to Mack
and made a bargain if I agreed to it
he sent the bargain in writing which he
wanted me to sign and return if I
agreed to it - and which I did not - I
would not give a warranty deed as
he had agreed - I made a bargain with
Bonnell and took a Bond & Mortgage
I give him against claim - I
wrote Mack I wanted him and
and half for what he has done

tho he was not intitled to any thing
he made no reply - that in his way
he told the Stevens place for 650
dollars on a credit — he always told me he
would get 1200 for it I made no objection to
the sale but told him it was so close
a pinch for me he must cast about 5 or 600 $ a thing collecting and remitting
he charges 5% for collecting and remitting
when I talk to him it is too much
he makes no reply - I sent him a letter
& got from my agent in Illinois - he
wrote me he would charge 2½ for collecting
and remitting - that was due me
for sales made before he became my
agent - But he made no reply —
he sold the balance of my
Hill Land for 1150 dollars I
wrote him I agreed to the sale but
he must not charge but 5% and
I hoped he did not object to give a
warranty deed — Before I got it before
for a quit claim deed — I presume the
title may be good But I lose a great
deal of money by it — and I did not
want to give a warranty —
he took in Sunbonnet as a 3rd —
administrator without
consulting me - when he informed me I
was much displeased - and I wrote him

it over a commission to help Tuttle to
get fully paid all that was due him
he settled on claim & had agt
Conrad a little more than 2000 Dollars
he did not collect anything Conrad has
Conrad paid me 500 and will pay me the
balance I don't want Mackrill —
said I wrote him to let me know
what he charged — me for what he had
done and got no reply — or word —

Mr C. Beecher
Amwell
Clarke

C. B. Whitmore July 14 80
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S Stephens

Union Springs, July 12, 1880

Dear Sir: I have sent to Ogden's — found seven or eight breaks in wire; a number of poles are broken and destroyed. The line appears in very bad order. The poles are many of them rotten. our Machine will not work. Whether it is injured or whether the connection is not good otherwhere I do not know. We keep the outside connection good in the office. There has never been any arrangement or understanding sufficiently definite, as to our sending out. Before any thing can be done to any advantage a quite a number of new poles must be put up.

Yours, &c

W. Clarke.

State of Michigan. The Circuit Court for the County of Wayne—

Wayne County ss. Charles Eley Plaintiff herein by Willcox & Gray his attorneys file this his declaration against and complains of Ezra Cornell Defendant herein who has been duly summoned to a plea of Trespass on the Case upon promises &c.

FOR THAT WHEREAS, the said Defendant on the Twenty Ninth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty at Detroit in the County of Wayne was indebted to the said Plaintiff in the sum of Four Thousand Dollars of lawful money of the United States of America, for divers goods, wares and merchandizes by the said Plaintiff before that time sold and delivered to the said Defendant and at his special instance and request; and being so indebted, he the said Defendant in consideration thereof, afterwards, to wit, on the same day and year aforesaid, at the place aforesaid, undertook, and then and there faithfully promised the said Plaintiff to pay him the said sum of money, when he the said Defendant should be thereto afterwards requested: AND WHEREAS, also, afterwards, to wit, on the same day and year aforesaid, at the place aforesaid, in consideration that the said Plaintiff at the like request of the said Defendant had before that time sold and delivered to the said Defendant divers other goods, wares and merchandizes, he the said Defendant undertook, and then and there faithfully promised the said Plaintiff to pay him so much money as the last mentioned goods, wares and merchandizes, so as aforesaid sold and delivered, were reasonably worth at the time of the sale and delivery thereof, when he the said Defendant should be thereto afterwards requested; and the said Plaintiff aver that the said last mentioned goods, wares and merchandizes, so as aforesaid sold and delivered, were reasonably worth at the time of the sale and delivery thereof, other Four Thousand Dollars of like lawful money, to wit, at the place aforesaid, whereof the said Defendant afterwards, to wit, on the same day and year aforesaid, there had notice. AND WHEREAS, also, the said Defendant afterwards, to wit, on the same day and year aforesaid, at the place aforesaid, was indebted to the said Plaintiff in the sum of Four Thousand Dollars of like lawful money, for the work and labor, care and diligence of the said Plaintiff by him the said Plaintiff before that time done, performed and bestowed in and about the business of the said Defendant and for the said Defendant at his special instance and request; and being so indebted, he the said Defendant in consideration thereof, afterwards, to wit, on the same day and year aforesaid, at the place aforesaid, undertook, and then and there faithfully promised the said Plaintiff to pay him said last mentioned sum of money when the said Defendant should be thereto afterwards requested:

AND WHEREAS, also, afterwards, to wit, on the same day and year aforesaid, at the place aforesaid, in consideration that the said Plaintiff at the like special instance and request of the said Defendant had before that time done, performed and bestowed other work and labor, care and diligence, in and about other the business of the said Defendant and for the said Defendant he the said Defendant undertook, and then and there faithfully promised the said Plaintiff to pay him so much money as he therefor reasonably deserved to have, when he the said Defendant should be thereto afterwards requested. And the said Plaintiff aver that he therefore reasonably deserved to have of the said Defendant other Four Thousand Dollars of like lawful money, to wit, at the place aforesaid: Whereof the said Defendant afterwards, to wit, on the same day and year aforesaid, at the place aforesaid had notice. AND WHEREAS, also, the said Defendant afterwards, to wit, on the same day and year aforesaid, at the place aforesaid, was indebted to the said Plaintiff in the further sum of Four Thousand Dollars of like lawful money, for money by the said Plaintiff before that time lent and advanced to the said Defendant and at his special instance and request. And for other money by the said Plaintiff before that time paid, laid out and expended for the said Defendant, at his request: And for other money by the said Defendant before that time had and received to and for the use of the said Plaintiff, and being so indebted, he the said Defendant in consideration thereof, afterwards, to wit, on the same day and year aforesaid, at the place aforesaid, undertook and then and there faithfully promised the said Plaintiff to pay him the last mentioned sum of money, when he the said Defendant should be thereunto afterwards requested: AND WHEREAS, also, the said Defendant afterwards, to wit, on the same day and year aforesaid, accounted together with the said Plaintiff of and concerning divers other sums of money from the said Defendant to the said Plaintiff before that time due and owing, and then in arrear and unpaid, and upon that account the said Defendant then and there found in arrear, and indebted to the said Plaintiff in the further sum of Four Thousand Dollars of like lawful money, and being so indebted he the said Defendant in consideration thereof, afterwards, to wit, on the same day and year aforesaid, at the place aforesaid, undertook, and then and there faithfully promised the said Plaintiff to pay him the said last mentioned sum of money, when he the said Defendant should be thereto afterwards requested; NEVERTHELESS, the said Defendant (although often requested, &c.,) hath not yet paid the several sums of money, or any part thereof, to the said Plaintiff; But to pay the same, or any part thereof, to the said Plaintiff he the said Defendant hath hitherto wholly refused, and and still doth refuse, to the damage of the said Plaintiff of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars, and therefore he bring suit, &c.

Willcox & Gray
Attys for Pltff.

To the above named Defendants.

Take Notice that on the trial of the within entitled Cause the Plaintiff endorse the Money Counts contained in the foregoing declaration and will give in evidence a certain Note and also a certain Draft or Bill of Exchange of which the following are true Copies

" Doll 1306[22] New York March 1st 1850.

Four months after date I promise to pay to the order of John J. Speed Jr. Esq. Thirteen Hundred and six[22]/100 dollars. value received

(Endorsed) J. J. Speed jr. E. Connell "

" $ 1330 [33]/100. (Aug. 3. '50)

Four months from date please pay Chas. Ely Esq or order Thirteen Hundred and Thirty) dollars & thirty three cents. at the Bank of New York & Oblig. & a/c of Your obt. Svt

E. Connell

To J. J. Speed jr Esq.
Past E & M Ins. Co.
Detroit Mich.

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Yours &c
Willcox & Gray
attys for Pltff.

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Wayne Circuit Court

Chas. Ely

vs.

Ezra Cornell

Narr.

Bill of Particulars

Filed Aug 24 54

Newburgh July 16th 1850

Ezra Cornell Esqr

Dear Sir.

Your cause was not tried the other day & I think now it is doubtful whether they will ever push it — if we do not insist upon it. When Allen found I had letters from Bronson which he supposed contained more than they really did he would not swear as they had expected they think Bronson has committed himself by his letters to you. and it as well to let the impression so remain

I am truly yours

John J. Monell

Detroit 17 July 1830

Dear Sir

If the experience of the last is any criterion for the future, the grim Spectre poverty will always stand staring me in the face. At all events I have to meet his ugly visage daily, and contrary to the usual course of things, habit has not softened his Shylock countenance so as to make him look handsome yet — I left home Saturday — he looking over my provision tobay, and my means to pay with. I cannot figure the latter up large enough to suit the former, even with the aid of a strong inclination to magnify the one, and to diminish the other —

The sum and substance of the matter comes to this complexion". You must redraw on me at 60 days for the draft of $250 due the 6th July - the draft due the 16th July for $104. I will pay and cannot pay the one due the 6th - The N.Y. & E. line owes us $230 & the Western Line $250 - Lines at Cleveland about $200 - but I cannot get off either in time to pay on the 6th

The removal of the cursed sulphur caps, freight on 2d wire rope, has used up all I could get - our line is working finely & business good; but I have had to buy so much this Spring I cannot meet all the payments & must have a little time - you can probably get Williams to do a new draft for Sixty days which will be paid -

Yours truly

J. J. Speed Jr

P.S. Have just read the sad news of the loss of the Griffith - 250 to 280 lost - Saloon of Toledo (our opinion) lost - The Griffith was a high pressure boat, so was the Wayne, and the Jay - and there has been no instance of the loss of a low pressure boat on the Lakes - The high pressure boats work their steam at 120 to 150 lb to the inch - Low pressure 30 to 40 lbs - The heat in, and around the boilers, is in proportion to the pressure -

and I much doubt whether a high pressure boat makes one trip in three, without getting on fire - The fire is usually discovered and put out without being known - There is also 100 times the danger of explosion on high pressure boats - The boats on the Western rivers are all high pressure, & that is the reason why so many of them are blown or burned up.

New York 17 July 1850

Dear Comwell Esq

Sir I have yours of the 15th & Cottier thinks Sherrill is a good man he is a ha[redacted]man to do business with I never asked you to rebate Esq. Need note for that item of Lawn unless you drawed it from me by something you said when you came down there and what I said. you was severe on me — you have not said you spoke to Mark about the Commissions he charged me as I requested you — what you say about selling Water power is very different from what you told me when you was in treaty for it mine want you to pay me as agreed we will examine when you come down —

I am Sincerely
Stephen B. Munson

S. Bellows
19 July 1852

PAID

Hon Ezra Cornell
Ithaca
N. Y.



Kingston July 18th/58

Friend C.V.

You will perceive by this I am amoung the living yet Arrived here Monday P.M. OK. Had a fine time on the Lake was only twenty four hours going to Buffalo that is one of the Boats & no Mistake

How is all the Boys in ? I dont know as I can get back there again the Girls here are so Fascinating it will require Strong Resolution to tear myself away I have had some d-d good times here & no Serious drawbacks have thought some of Doubling But am afraid it wont pay We have some fine Girls here You can judge they are something like the K Girl on the Hill in the House with White Columns & you know she is one of them & no gaping I have made a Selection & the next time She is to be on hand I will be on hand till daylight to Mooow You Cuy Bet high on that She is just the neatest little Girl you ever saw I wish you could see her But then if you did I might Stand a d-d Small Chance for thy Say you owe a House amoung the "winn" How is that Can you take me down do you think anyway I

~~Shall~~ Shall not give you a chance for I am now about putting it to her dont Misunderstand me I mean the question to decide my fate & think it will be in the affirmative which will make me a happy Man We have some of the times here I dont know whether my Lady will consent to my going back again or not She can do as she thinks best about that

How is the Boys in & getting along how is Business do you have enough to do to Keep out of Mischief I would send you a Cow But this Line is not in working order I thought this was one of your Lines But it is O Rileys so they tell me It has not done anything since 13th Inst I am getting short on for funds will you send an order to Erie so I can draw there on my return I can Borrow for a short time until I get there

I dont want anymore Ohio Money to travel with again had to Pay 4 & 5 per Cent discount all the way down & my Rail Road fare was $16 from Erie to Albany I wish you would send an order to Erie for 15 or $20 I Cant do anything with the Money I have with me it is d-d hard to be bothered so My expenses down were more than I expected so I am getting rather short on for Change I am not Certain as I can Borrow any yet as I

have not tried my Credit yet I Shall have to this week I Should like to Know inmm what I Can depend upon for something must be done What Ohio Money I have I Shall bring back it will be about twelve dolls I am not very fond of discounting Money out of the pocket

Can you let the Man I Board with have an order on Gayford or Some money he Spoke about it the day I left But I had forgotten it

Give my ♋ to all the Boys tell Willism to Keep the Boys Straight & my ♋ to them I wish you would answer this inmm & let me Know the amount of the order & on which Of's in Rw

You must try & excuse this Scratch-ing I have bad pen & Ink & it rains so I Cannot go & get others My K. P. of S. to all

I Relive me ever Yours

C. Master

Erie July 18th 1850

Friend Cornell

Sir I rec'd your letter of the 16th & am sorry to inform you that I am so situated just at present that I cannot help you My fund (what little I have) are all out of my hands at present & I cannot call it in under 2 or 3 months. If I had the money due me from Mr Houghton I could let you have that & welcom but I have not got it I sent a note of 39 dollars one day this week to Granvill to be colected there a friend said Houghton was Expected back this week & if the Gentleman succeeds in colecting it in time you are welcome to the use of it if it will help you any. You can find out about that by sind a com to A & Rogers Esqr Granvill & putting my name to it he will tell you at once I think If I had known of it a week or 2 ago I could then have let you have 100 dolls but I have let a friend here have it for some time & cannot call it in I hope you will be able to get out of your difficulty without the trouble of stealing the money for you know that would not sound well if found out

With my best wishes for your success

I Remain Yours & Co

A L Rockwood

To A. B. Cornell

PS Let me hear fr you again

A L Rockwood
July 18[illegible]50

67 Broad St, New York
July 18th 1849

E. Cornell Esqr Ithaca
N.Y.

Dr Sir.

We endose Invoice of the 10 Tons Wire sent by your order to Cleveland, as per Invoice,

We have been expecting to see you for some time, Our object in writing you now is to enquire your mides in regard to the settlement, As we are not in the way of selling the Telegraph stock, we propose to meet you in some way that will prove satisfactory to both parties,

Please let us hear from you by an early mail,

Yrs Very Resp
Thomas & Co

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Office of the New York, Albany, & Buffalo Telegraph Co,

UTICA, July 18 1850

E. Cornell Esqr

Sir.

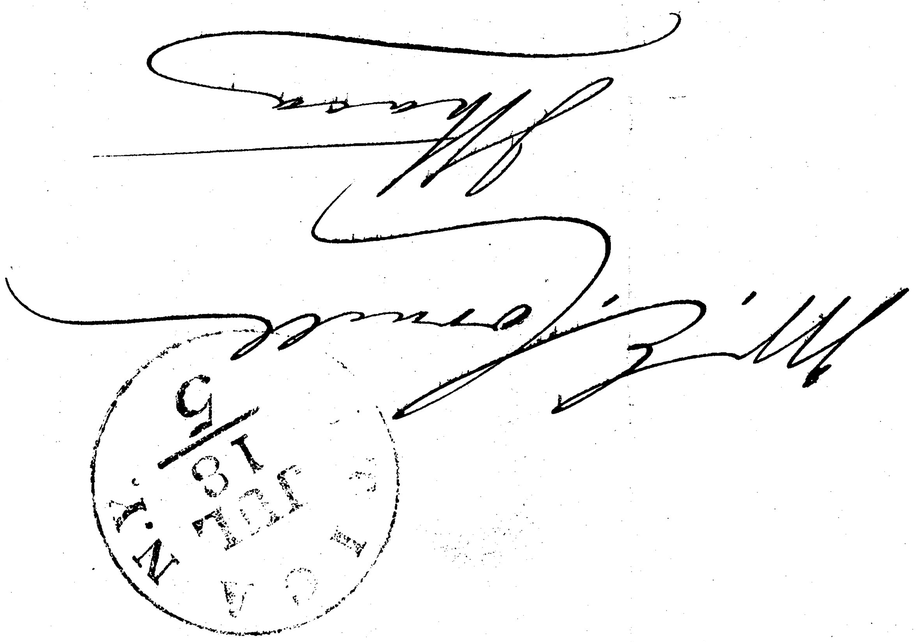
Yours of 6th inst. came to hand during my absence, got mislaid, and hence the delay in answering. — As to Harlem R. R. I do not contemplate leaving it, nor do I know aing thing about the poles not being satisfactory to them.

Our third wire, when put up, was done in such a manner as not to interfere with Erie Line. — If some of your beautiful posts have become dissatisfied with their present position and have fallen over, or have been moved from their place, (as they were when our wire was put up), I do not know that our third wire is at fault. — But this I do know that the whole Erie Line is at fault, but hope it will not be increased by coming in contact with ours when running parallel on the same road.

Yours Respectfully

J. J. Dixon

T. S Faxton
18 July 1862



New York July 19. 50

Sir, You may if you please send us One bl. of Wheat (Etrurian). Two dolls. in our opinion is the very most we can get for it. It will probably cost with all chg's dld. here about $2.35. The white Flint is most in demand here. We usually get that for ~~2.~~ $1.30 & $1.50 dld. here, & sell at 25 cts. pr. bu. advance. Farmers in this vicinity will not pay much over market price of common wheat for the best kinds of seed. In your vicinity they are more liberal, it being a great wheat growing region. If we could have advertised this in our June & July Nos. we could have sold much more. Suppose you send a sample under half an ounce, pr. mail, & if we like it will advertise

Yrs Respy. pr.
P. D. Allen & Co

A. B. Allen & Co
19 July 82