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New York, Oct 27 1851

By Telegraph from St Louis 25th

To N. Pearce

Tobacco Inspector

NY

Upton is here without clothes or money. Will you authorize a draft on you for means to clothe & get him home.

F. W. Hatch

22. coll 248. pd 248

A1 Received $2.36 on this and ordered Buffalo to refund to S Reed what he demands — C. T. Chester

Dunkirk Oct 28th 1857

Whereas the New York and Erie Telegraph Company are indebted to E Cobb for services to the amount of three hundred and forty one dollars, including a certain draft of one hundred and forty five dollars now held by Isaac M Avery and the said New York & Erie Telegraph Company are also indebted to Geo H Brigham for services to the amount of one hundred and twenty nine $\frac{82}{100}$ dollars, and whereas the said Cobb and Brigham have this this day assigned to said Cornell their claims against said Telegraph Company, and the said Cornell has transferred to said Cobb and Brigham twenty shares of stock in the Erie & Michigan Telegraph Company to secure the payment of the above mentioned sums — the said Cobb & Brigham do hereby agree to reassign to said Cornell said twenty shares of stock, provided the said Cornell shall pay to said Cobb & Brigham which he hereby promises and agrees to do, One hundred and forty five dollars by the 16th of December next with interest and the further sum of three hundred and twenty five $\frac{82}{100}$ dollars by the 18th day

Cobb & Brigham
Contract
Oct 28 1857

of October Eighteen hundred and fifty two with interest But if said Cornell shall fail to pay the above mentioned sums when due, or any part thereof, the said Cobb and Brigham may sell said twenty Shares of Stock at public or private sale and pay the above named sums out of the proceeds, paying to said Cornell any surplus which may remain after paying said claims as above mentioned with the interest and costs of sale —
But if said Stock should not sell for the amount due said Cobb & Brigham, the said Cornell agrees to pay to said Cobb & Brigham any deficiency —

It is also agreed that if the New York and Erie Telegraph line shall be sold for the payment of its debts, and said Cornell shall realise the money for the claims assigned by said Cobb & Brigham he shall pay the same to them as soon as he may receive it from said Company, or in pursuance of such sale —

Witness
J J Speed Jr

Emory Cobb
Geo. F. Brigham

Honesdale 29th Oct 1851

E Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

The Stock holder at this place held a Meeting tonight and considerde the Matter of Raising the $1,000 for you. I Explind the Stat of affairs to them. they appointed a Committe to Rais the Money. Col Seely acting as Committe. I think there is No trouble about it Col Seely say it Can be done. the Chang here Gaive Goga satisfaction to Every one. the Mr Gurtin Will do Well Much better then any one that has been here

I turned a paterne for a Glass Insulator for Mr Brookfield at Col Seelys Request Mr B is a Glass Maker here I Should think he could Make Cheaper then you could get them Else Where. I gave him a prise 2 or 3 cents a piece

I Will Now go home for a few days please Write to Me soon and Direct to Mansfield Tioga County Pa and I am Well you,

Yours &c

G W Skinner

Honesdale 30 Oct 1857

E Cornell Esq

Dr Sir

I got a few of the Friends of the C. Tel. Company together last evening and read to them Mr Speed's Communication

Your assertion That You could "get the funds elsewhere" has operated rather unfavorably as no one has much faith in the Stocks paying — But we agreed to try to raise the $1,000 whether we shall succeed can't say Let me know by Mail how the land lies at Ithaca will Boardman go on and sell?

Things look better in Honesdale about the office

Yours Truly

R L Seely

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E Cornell Esq
Prest Erie Tel. Co
Ithaca

R L Seely
Oct 30. 1857

Cleveland 31 Oct 1857

Dear Sir

You was disposed to blame me for not sending our through bus via D.E., and insisted that we could get it done better that way, than via Bu— I arrived here yesterday about noon— immediately after dinner we recd some Sty. bus, and one Com from Cin in which we were in competition with Reeds line. the man sending it paying both lines at Cin— It is now 24 hours and not one answer recd from Sty yet via D.E. altho ours sent via Bu were answered last night, and early this forenoon= Rogers says line was O.K. and he got Sty about 4 Oclk. yesterday the seven messages out, lying at D.E. ~~about~~ two to three hours— D.E. has done all he could I suppose to get the answers; but has not been able to do so— Tis true you may have had a break

But if so, Rogers knows nothing about it — When we send via Bu if Faxtons line is down, we give our bus to Bain, so that we do get it through and gets ~~answers~~ better than it is possible for you to do it with your line as it is now — All I write this for, is not to complain of not getting answers to the coms sent yesterday, because I suppose it could not be helped; but to show you that it is not *prejudice* or undue influence from Faxtons line, or Bains line, that we send via Bu — It is because we can and do get the business done better — If we should now attempt to send our bus. via DR to NY, we would inevitably make a failure, and our line be sold for its debts — If we can keep up our bus as it is; we can pay up, and renew our policy. — I think our true policy is to retain our connections at Buffalo, until we can get the control of the Lake line, and get a through wire to NY from Buffalo, or from here via NY & E Road —

I have just recd the bal of our glasses from Pittsburgh, and now have enough to reach Chicago, and supply with all the winter - I think I can buy Red Cedar Poles in Canada, and get them delivered at the various ports on the Lake for 6/- each, and get them set and the wire put on for 8/ each - If we can pay our debts this winter, I would not be afraid of $4000 to rebuild line to Buffalo: but to do that, you must not make us sacrifice our line, to help N.Y & E, until you get so you can do it as well as it can be done by others -

I go to Lee tonight - Both wires are again working finely; but our rotten poles will get us into a mess again the next storm -

Yours truly

J J Speed Jr

Copy sent & no ans wire to Litchfield - Searles - French - Blakely - Davenport & Lousea - We will let you know when we get the answers -

I hope to get away from here without Stevens or Morse knowing it, as they would trouble me again about those debts of A.B.C. Tell him to write them, and pay a part if he cant pay the whole. I have all & more than it is possible for me to pay for some months to come. But if we can continue to do as well as we are doing now, we will be out of the woods before Spring —

P.S.

J J Speed Jr
Oct 31. 1847

Fr. V. 5 P.M. 31st. just recd two coms from Sty via DK. no ans to either of the seven coms sent yesterday — The two we have recd are dated 29th — one to this place saying I leave this evening for V— dont know as he is here but if he is not he might arrive here & probably is — Com from A S Baker giving news by Europa to collect, dated 29th no chance of getting pay for them — enough of such messages would soon kill us —

J. J. Speed Jr

Narrowsburgh Nov 2d/51

Mr Cornell

Dear Sir

I have exhausted nearly the whole of my stock of patience since I have been here trying to get along with the performances of Spencer It is just as I told you it would be. I know him too well of old to have the least confidence in his attending to our business at all as it should be, & especially that switch which wants a man to sit by it all the time Today now 12 oclock we have not been able to get NY & DK to work I.a. comes around and stays just long enough to raise one of them and then leaves office for a half hour or so & so it has worked all day My buss is laying still and DKs refused 2 dollars worth of business because he could not raise Ia to find out if NY was ok till about 10 o'clock — Last Wednesday I think it was. Spencer left his office and went to Auburn and was gone the entire day without even telling any one he was going & his only excuse was that he left a man in the office — who was only a student and got us completely jumbled — His place must be filled by a good attentive man. and I know of no one who will answer our purpose so well as Charley Ingersoll — I received a letter from him the other day and he is at liberty and can be easily engaged — Spencer never did stay in his office nor never will. To tend an office without a connection he might do very well, but he will not answer our purpose I hope to see you here soon and I think I will write to Ingersoll today and learn his terms — as soon as possible — I think there is foul play near Dansville for you can never raise him — when you cannot DK —

We have got the R R instrument
on a desk by itself here and
have things all in shape for
working— David at Newburgh
is not the man that Ingersoll
was there— We cannot raise
that office half the time when
we are working good to NY—
Please write me regarding the
affairs at D K & west— I
see your operator there is a
good match for Batcher. and
writes his dots about as fine—
Having two new hands on our
Middle circuit at once is rather
a draw back, but we will have
them broke in soon— I find the
operators (with the exception of Spencer)
perfectly willing to follow my
directions, and Coleman sent out
promptly when I asked him to
I have no fears now, as soon
as we get a man in D a
office—

Yours Respectfully

P. A. Hopkins

E Cornell Esqr

Pike Nov 3rd 1851

Dear Sir

Yours of 14th Oct. was Recd and I have been so busy since that I have delayed an ans till the presant time, I like your plan in regard to the sale of the line & wish it was in my power to assist you & go in for a share of the spoils for I do believe there can be money made out of this line yet if there can be some arrangments made to unite the stockholders & get them interested in its wellfare but with the presant state of feeling & so many scoundrals as there is at work against its operation it is hard doing any thing with it and what could be the mtr saturday night is more than I can imagine if there was some operators I could mention at Q. I should not so much wonder but I have the fulles confidence in Charley & think he has tried all in his power to keep the thing a going I talked with I Pa at J abt 7 PM & it worked fine he said there was no one at Pa to tend connector & he was going home that night I afterwards heard the boy at P rattling away for N Y which I knew was no use & tryed my best to brk him but cd not & I should think abt half past 7 Ci opened & I heard no more except Un put in G once & inquired what was mtr I have no Doubt the trbl was in one of those offices between Pa & Un & if at L I must think it was purely a mistake for as I said before I think Charley is one of the best boys we have on the line,

And as I told you the other day it is impossible for me to go into that arrangment for I owe my brother most $100" which I have borrowed to get along & he wants it bad pleas write me at any time when you discover any thing new — & I will do the same to you & you may rest assured every thing will be confidential & by the way I have got but one Zinc & that wont last more than a week or ten days longer & I will say for Un he is in the same condition & wont be able to keep up his bat many days longer

Respectfully Yours &c

E. Cornell Esqr

D. P. Gordon

P. A. Allen
[illegible]

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E. Cornell Esqr
Ithaca
Tompkins Co
N.Y.

Mansfield Tioga County P.a
Nov 3d 1851

E Cornell Esq
Ithaca N.Y.

Dear Sir

I felt of the people at R.A & N.Y. when I com up. and think we can do somthing at both places very hand-some. and the people are quit anxious about it too. and I think we had better begin soon as possible to work. Please write me about the matter soon and dont be as slow please write me soon as convenient—

Yours &c &c
G W Skinner

New York Nov 3d 1851

Mr E Cornell
Dunkirk N.Y.

Dr Sir

Enclosed we hand you a note for the amt of the rent of your office this city up to Feby 1st 1852. & the note falling due few days before Feby 1st the note is for the amt rent & the interest that will accrue on $31.25 for months & 1$31.25 for 3 months.

Please sign the note & return & oblige by next mail

Truly yours
A Edwards
M

P.S. Please fill in where it is payable

Wms bourgh. Novr 3rd/51

Dear Sir

I saw Mr J. Clark on the 1st of November he informed me that you had disposed of all your Shares but one? that you have saved for me per agreement. if you will please Transfere that to Mr Clark, he will receive it for me.

I have called to the office several times since I saw you without effect, I called the saturday previous to your arrival in the city, I then called the week following, then you had left, allso on the 1st Inst.. then I understood you might be in the City in one or two months, the result is Sir, I may not see you in Six months or more,

I adopt this method as being the most expediant. Your attention to this will Oblige &c.

Yours Respy

P. P. Lindstrom

Narrowsburgh Nov 7th/51

Dear Sir

Yours of 3d inst. dated at Owego just received — The Conversation you speak of, was every word overheard by me. as I stood close by Wheeler when he was writing. He is very intimate with Gustin of H. and says he is in the habit of speaking in that way to him. and which indicates a mere familiarity from the way he closed the sentence "& we both know it" — I am in the office all the time and have no fears of Wheeler. yet I never confide too much in any one — The language is not exactly proper to be transmitted over the line and so I told him at the time I ~~did~~ do not like the way in which those Honesdaleers carry themselves in regard to our office — I understand now, that it is in party hands entirely — and that the only reason they were in such a hurry to move it,

was because Shepard would not show
partiality to that party in the
late election returns — There is of
Course two partys at least in
every place — and it is not much
for our interests to have the
office controlled by either — In fact
I think we can manage the
affair without assistance from
either — I am not at all sorry that
Shepard was turned out for
it saved me the trouble of doing
it — He is only a bore to any
company — Chapin has hired
him, but he is not at his post
half the time — Wheeler is always
in office, but so infernal lazy
and pettish, that he does merely
nothing — I would not give either
of them 2 shillings a day — The
H operator is slow yet, but generally on hand —

It hurts me the
worst way, to see, now that we~~re~~ are
working good every day to D.S.C., that
Speed will not give us a message
merely because we were unfortunate
with a few he did give us but
which I explained fully in a message

but I have no idea the message
ever went beyond V— And if
I understand it right, there is
no operator on Speeds line in
DK competent to receive the
business from V— I feel quite assured
also that Cobb, through jealousy
of my promotion is using some
influence with the head man
in the office— For as I understand
it, the Chief operator there has
orders to send his business the
way he thinks the safest. You
may think that C. has no influ-
ence but he is a gay smooth
tongued young fellow and generally
liked by his associates— This is
something I have given way to very
reluctantly for Cobb and myself
have always professed the warmest
friendship— If they do not give us
at least a share of the business
next week I shall think certainly
there is foul play somewhere after
all that Speed has promised—
Line broke about 4 oclock yesterday
between X & Ny— but both have cut out
we will be ok soon— write me— yours Respy

E. Cornell Esquire P. A. Hopkins

O A Hopkins
Nov 7. 1867

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E Cornell Esq
present
Ithaca
Tompkins Co
NY

Mr E Cornell
Ithaca

TOMPKINS COUNTY BANK,
Ithaca, Nov. 10th, 1851.

SIR:

The amount due from you on the assessment of the Ithaca Falls Woolen Manufacturing Company Stock is $ 26 85/100

Unless it is paid immediately, I shall be (very reluctantly) obliged to place it in the hands of our Attorney for collection.

Yours &c
N. T. Williams Cash

N T Williams
Cash
10th Nov 1852

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Mr. E Cornell
Ithaca
N.Y.

New York Nov 12 1857

Dr Sir

Enclosed you will find Copy of decree to which your consent is required. Sign same & send to me

Yours in haste

J Blunt

Mr E. Cornell

My Estimate

Homestead $500. add 500.
200 700.

Lots alone $400. 400
Buildings 800. 1200. add 300
$1700. 800
add 200 1700
$2400.

New York 13 Nov 1851.

M. D. Carrell
I Fall A 1200
Eng 700
600
300
2800
800
33.00
3
36.00

1835 you are the only instance that I have loaned money in real Estate that I have not had the property examined and Record I had so much confidence in you that I did no go to the trouble and the expence you would have had to pay - you told me the property is worth two or 3 times the amt I loaned you on it

I have had reason to lessen my confidence so much in you I have had a respectable Carpenter and mason. to examine it and make an estimate of the value as above and think you see above twenty four hundred Dolls

I loaned you fifteen hundred on your House formerly and since you have added two houses and I have loaned you in all twenty eight hundred Dollars. and the first amt fifteen hundred would have been plenty to have loaned on all — I have been in busings here since 1792 and no man that has the character and is entitled to be caled an honest fair man has treated me as bad as you have - and you must pay me some if it is only a few hundred Dolls

Stephen Girard

I want you to pay Eight hundred Dolls to reduce down the amt. of what I loaned to two thousand Dollars and you could not borrow two thousand on the property —

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Mr Ezra Cornell
Ithaca
Present
Tompkins Co N.Y.

J B Munn
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Ithaca Nov 14. 1857

Mr Cornell

Dr Sir—

I most respy resign my station at Ia, I think it is too hard upon one Operator to take charge of such an office— I hope & am sure my leaving will not injure the line— I do not leave on account of any offers elsewhere, for I have had none— Shall try however to do better— & I think & know I can— I leave office in hands of Mr Gay who I think capable of doing the business & who in time will make a good Operator—

Most respy yours—

N. D. Spencer.

Recd. Ithaca Nov. 14th 1851 of E. Cornell
Twenty one certificates of Telegraph Stock
as follows. Eighteen ~~certificates~~ of Twenty
Shares Each in the Erie & Michigan Telegraph
Company numbers 423 to 442 inclusive
Except. 432 & 437. & Nos. one & two each
for Twenty shares & No four for twelve shares
of The Troy & Canada Junction Telegraph
Company. to be held as collateral security
for the debt of said Cornell to Livingston
& Wells. & subject to their order.

Ferris & Cushing

Cushions Rects
for Telegraph
Stock
Nov 14. 1857

Mansfield Tioga Co PA
Nov 17th 1851

E Cornell Esq
Dear Sir

Your favour of the 8th Come to Me On the 15th — Was Glad to Learn that you Were getting along So Well I have been quit ill Most of the time since I reached here. please Write me When you Will meet me at PA or NY and have the paper OK and we Will Make the Lightening flash from old Ocean to the far away Lakes Please Let me hear Soon and I am With you —

Mrs & S Sends thanks for good Regards and Wishes to be Remembered to you and yours With the Complimments of the season

Yours very Respectfully
G W Skinner

E Cornell Esq

Danville Nov 17th 1851

E Cornell Esqr President

Dear Sir

I have your favor of 8th inst & as requested therein Enclose a Statement of amts received from & paid to other Line in October—

You say "it strikes me as singular that the amt paid other Line should be so large &c

It may seem strange but "truth is sometimes stranger than fiction" and you will see by the figures that unfortunately for our finances It is a fixed fact— I send Com's when I can via DK to Buffalo Mr Rogers informed me the tariff was 25 & 2 from DK to Bu & 25 & 1 from Q to DK, while on the other Line it is but 40 & 2— I shall send via DK hereafter unless my customers request me to send ~~this~~ via "R" way Of course it is for my interest to send on N Y & E as the 3cts would enable me to get my pay for past & present services,

My free business amts to mere nothing or has at least so far I do not remember your giving me instructions to report it allthough I see there is a Column for it. I will do so in future— Dunckelburg was set to work under Mr Hopkins instructions by your Stockholders here $200,00 was the price talked of but no bargain was made by any person having Authority

Mr Bagley found him at work here & told him to go on & the Co would give him what he could earn. This in substance. He was incompetent & a damage to the Co & by this standard has been over paid - Adding to his bill of money rcd $~~77,2~~187,21 $25,00 for instructions which he agreed to pay Mr Woodruff says he has been overpaid if $200 is his compensation - I am very glad to see the Line working so well Endeavor to be at my post all office hours & will do all in my power to ~~bring~~ bring up arrears - Which Amounted to $170,47 first Nov - as per report - Due G V Line $136.47 - Balance $34,00 Due me -

Yours Respy

C M Smith
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C. M. Smith
Nov 17, 1851

New York 19th Nov 1887

Dear Sir

I rec^d. yours of the 11th Tel: dispatches of 14th & 17th inst. I talked to Mr Munn plainly and told him that with proper indulgence you would come up all right, and make much money.

I explained the sales you had made and the improvements at Fall Creek, and requested him to see Blunt as I shall also. Mr Munn told me that Col. Munroe held Blunts interest in Fall Creek, so that you will have a clearer man to deal with. Blunt goes to China, probably, to get relief. He will get a good outfit and salary for first year. I have formed an acquaintance with Col Munroe officially & otherwise, and will put in my oar at proper times.

The wire for Wade is ready to be shipd. as soon as I know where to send it. I had overlooked the fact that it was a Mile he wanted.

I have ordered the Acid from Phila. They will be here to day or to morrow and will be forwarded as directed. I sent you a telegraphic Message this morning for the

J. S. Peck
19 Nov 1887

of the Harbour Master, Mr Henry Ripp to R.J. Renwick. Knowing that Renwick was strongly prejudiced against you, I thought it would please him. The Message was as follows

"E Cornell Ithaca — Will ship the wire forwards as soon as I learn the quantity, and where and whom to be sent. It will cost $4 25 a mile"

"Tell Renwick that Harry Ripp says that if he dont send him a firkin of good butter, and a deer to care of Corporal Thompson, he will come up after him. He must answer by Telegraph today." Ripp offered to pay me, but I thought it was not best. I can do you good where I am — and I will. Not a day passes but that I do not take persons to your office to send messages. I am on hand all day, and understand the whole subject, and know that you want some one where I am to direct your customers. It is no joke.

That you may be successful is my most hearty desire

Yours truly

S. Wells

E. Cornell Esq

Ithaca

Detroit 19 Nov 1851

Dear Sir

I have just returned from the West, Have got Hotchkiss at work building line around the Lake- Central RR done 25 miles & graded 10 miles more-

J. Y. Scammon is a good Lawyer at Ch.

Hotchkiss seems to be in good spirits, and says he can pay up- but I have doubts about it- He says he only owes 2400 besides the amt due you- and has two or three times as much due him- It may be so. Others think his liabilities are much more. The amt due him, he cannot get; as money is exceeding scarce in Wisconsin, and half the bus men will fail-

I think Mr Munn May squeeze out the $200, but my faith in Hotchkiss's getting out of the Woods is not as good as it has been- I have paid him nearly up for building line around the Lake, and hope to keep him at it until it is finished; but I fear that he will not be able to do it all- He will probably build as far as the road is graded. Say 35 miles: but the balance I have my doubts about—

As to H ever being able to pay from the working of his lines, it is entirely out of the question – I have had serious fears that he would not be able to keep the lines up – If the lines can be kept up, and all expenses paid, it will be the best that can reasonably be anticipated – He has not worked the line to Green bay on an average two days in week – Nor has his line to Galena worked one third of the time – The line from Mil to Madison has generally been up, & will be kept up, and also from Chicago to the end of the R Road – Hotchkiss now thinks of putting the lines under my jurisdiction, and going to California; but that is based upon his being able to raise five to ten thousand dollars to buy wire & instruments to take with him which he cannot do –

Wade was here last week – Line done to St Louis, except river crossing, which will be done soon as wire is read –

(Wade spends the winter in St Louis –

In conversing with Wade, he suggested that Faxton – our line, Wades line, and Cin & N orleans line, unite, and send an agent in NY to secure bus for us –

I think some efforts should be made

to get a larger share of Cin. St Louis & N Orleans bus— I wrote to W A Woodward about it, & asked him if he would engage as agent for those companies— He says he will, at $1000 per year— say $250 for each Co— Would it not pay to have some such man as Woodward visit all the Cotton & produce dealers once a month, & solicit business for our lines— R Road Cos, & Steamboats employ agents, and I see no reason why well directed personal efforts would not do us as much good as them— The Coast Line, & Reds Line, are now doing nearly all the Southern bus— We can do it as well as they can— but no body knows it—

I send you the last sheet of Woodwards letter— I think he is the man you want to carry out your plans— I was glad to learn that you had a new suit of clothes— The world, & all the people in it, are influenced by appearances, & no man can afford to wear a shabby coat— worn out pants— & slouched hat, but he who is known to be rich, or so poor as to be beyond the hope of doing better—

If you can sell N.Y. & E. Line, & organize a new Company, & get Woodward to get $25000 in N.Y. on any terms, you may yet do something — Dont stand for trifles — give Woodward what he asks, if he can only get the rocks — Promise to pay back in Telegraphing — Pledge the whole line as security — give all your E&M Stock as additional security; but get the money, and build the best line in the world to Buffalo, and through to Cleveland — We are doing tolerably well — will have a mighty tight fit to get through; but will do it —

Southern RR Directors have not yet had their meeting — I expect to meet them at South Bend next week —

Yours truly J J Speed Jr

J J Speed
Nov 12/1857

NewYork 21st Nov 1847

Mr Cornell   Dear Sir

I got yours of the 18. I cant answer it now But if I am spared it is likely I shall as much as is necessary But now I only reply – If you will make a release to the lots you say you have sold and send to me I will execute it and return it to you you have said a good deal in your letter the way of some is to say a good deal and do but little

you was not willing to give notes for the Interest on your Bond when it was due and you agreed to pay it and a part of the principle this I did not ask you to pay any of the principle and I lengthened out the payment of the Interest as long as you wished – I think there was three at 9 10 and 11 months and when they became payable you paid no attention to them and they now lay in Bank unpaid

You did not even tell me you could
not pay them and ask me to take them
out of the Bank — and which makes us see how
much you value your credit. the Bank —
wished me to take your notes away — and
in future they wont be anxious to take your
notes for collection — some Bank that dont see
you may take them — to collect I am

Stephen B. Munn

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Mr. Ezra Cornell.
now at Ithaca.
New York.

S. B. Munn
21. Nov

Narrowsburgh Nov 22d 1851

Dear Sir

Having been expecting you every day for some time I have deferred writing, but will give you now a few lines — I experience the greatest trouble in getting our line up quick when down — All hands nearly appear reluctant to send out without money or promises — which I cannot make without better prospects of fulfilling — and I see no way to remedy the matter only for me to be furnished with a pass so I can go immy by Railroad to any point and attend to repairing at once — I wrote Mr Minot regarding a pass but he replies that he can give nothing but passes for single trips where as I must have at least a monthly pass — I have been on the road a little and have paid every time with exception of a pass from my line — Mr Wheeler will attend to the switch in any such cases willingly and can do it well —

Please see to getting me a Monthly pass as soon as convenient, for I am bound to keep the line up and it will save a great deal of money for R R fare.

As I told you by telegraph, we are in an awful condition west of Bn. How or by whom the Line came so bad off as it is I cannot tell - I had very little trouble with that route while I was at Bn, but I see that the people think it is not used, at least so they told me some of them on the route - added to this, the poles are sagging over - pins breaking from almost every pole on the upper wire and a great many of the Iron insulators I see are also gone. the line is tied to trees, fences & poles indiscriminately. and hanging to the very ground - I wish we could move one of the wires on to the R R poles lining and thus secure a good communication and save Bn office a great expense as he has to be out almost every day the way it is now - He has taken down a considerable of the Lower

wire and coiled it up and could
assist a great deal in moving it
He has a man in his office capable
of attending to the office most of the
time -

A lot of the southern line poles near
Tarrytown on, which we ran, have been
lately cut down, which was the
cause of the long interruption a week
or two ago - I believe Butcher
ran our wire on the House poles
without any license -

I think Speeds line do anything
but the fair thing by us. For we
work through most of the time & when
we do not are willing to tell them
so -

Please write the proper R R authorities and obtain a pass for me as
soon as possible, for it is indispensable under existing circumstances
How does the arrangement for buying in the line work & when will it be
completed? Please write soon if you do not come.

Yours Respectfully
P A Hopkins
Supt

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