Dayton, Feb. 7/57

Dear Chapin;

Enclosed are the corrected certificates. Please destroy the 2 os. you have which correspond to these, viz; Johnson & Warren & Wm Broom & Geo. D J. A. Inslee's. I will send Adams's if Joe says he has paid.

Yr truly W J Delano

New York 7 Sept 1857

Mr Connell Esq

No man need to do better to me than you did when you owed me some years past - you gained my full confidence and when you was a little short I loaned you twenty eight hundred dollars — I am not in the habbit of lending money on property in the Country I did it to oblige you and help you to pay me — my son says you owe me two instalments that ought to have been paid the first of last September on the first sale I made to you and you owe me Eight hundred dollars instalment on the last sale I made you due the first of September last — and you owe the Interest on the last sale of Eight thousand dollars due the first of September I am not asking you to pay any principle But the Interest on the last sale I must be paid or I have told you before I come here from you

over

I can't be put off I am truly

J. B. Mann

Mr Ezra Cornell
at the Telegraph Office
N. Y.

Newburgh Feby 7th 1851.

E. Cornell Prest

Dear Sir.

It is now three weeks since I wrote you "the early reply" & I feel very much as though my promptness should be reciprocated. Your letters do not seem to admit—that you feel or believe my situation here to be unpleasant. I should do you injustice to believe you ignorant of it!! I dont now nor have I felt that I shall not get paid in the end fully, but that is not according to agreement, nor does it satisfy those who hold other opinions of the Company's ability & intentions. What I want has been made known to you before, Viz the funds to meet all my bills & pay such as I have to make for the Company. You have not denied my right to this much and with your present regard for truth & honesty I have no fear that you will. You never have tried the same short allowance on your Ag'ts. Ops as I have been subjected to. You never can do it & keep them. Have you an Operator in Ag'ts who is willing to advance funds for this Co. except it be when he knows he has the means of making it good? No! Nor would you do it if you had a doubt as to the ability of

the C to pay you. notwithstanding your own interest in the line. Now, Knowing my want of funds as well as you do, the taking of the charge for the delivery of that message to Fishkill instead of leaving it collectable was, to use the mildest term very unjust & I say unproper. Your best friend though he might be my greatest enemy would not decide otherwise. If he would hanging is 2 good for him. He deserves to be kicked out of existance though it should take a life time to do it.

My present landlord has sold out and I wish to arrange with him. If you will assume the amount and it is acceptable to him, it will satisfy me. Please inform upon that point.

If the new landlord is as lenient as Whited has been, he is what the boy told his mother he once saw after having seen a Jackass. (Excuse the vulgarity) It was not exactly a mule or a Jackass but a "Shit-ass"

Respectfully &c
Yours
Chas M. K. Ingersoll

Elmira Feby 8th /67

Mr Cornell

Dear Sir—

There have not yet been any orders given to the Operators about staying in their Offices Sundays. If you will advise me about it I will send them orders in your name what hours they are to open on that day— It is necessary for them to have some regulation for that day as the trains are often behind & we must know about them. Besides other busineſs for the R R. Co. My Busineſs is on the increase & I think in time it will be first rate. I rec'd nearly $3.00 yesterday (the biggest day yet) The R R men keep me very busy & I am afraid that one man will not be able to do the busineſs here. In fact I think it will require the boy who I have & myself or some one in my place all the time even after he learns to operate. This is the first leisure time I have had this week. The Tel Co. of course cannot afford to pay for two hands unleſs the

Business is very large. The boy who is with me writes a first rate hand & has a good education & is fit for more than a common messenger. & would be a great help in an office.

You said, when you were here that you were not going to do Business for the Express Co, free any more. I wish you would let me know if I shall charge them & also tell all the offices not to send anything by express so we should not have to pay — I have not got my register so that it works well yet but think I can in a day or two so it will go a little better. I do not like this kind of battery for a local at all. Please let me know whether the Tel Co or R R Co pay the expense of keeping up battery. Mr Northrup & his men have got about half way to Corning I believe but today are out of insulators In my opinion Mr N. is not the right man for that Business. To my certain knowledge he has not done over 2 hours work on the line this week. He sits around in the depot reading novels & rides about on the cars & smokes drinks &c. He showed me a letter that he got from Mr Minott blowing him sky high. Mr Minott says

that if such & such things which he had heard of him were true he was not worthy of employment. Northrup in answering him said he was very sorry to find that some person or persons were trying to injure him by telling such falsehoods. I asked Northrup who he suspected but he would not tell me but I rather suspected that he thought it was you as I have heard him speak of you as though he did not like you much. Yesterday he came in my office & was looking around at the clocks & finally took up my loom book to look at it & I went up & took it from him requesting him not to look at it & put it in the drawer. He took it out of the drawer & with that snatched it out of his hand & told him He should not look at it & that he must not interfere with my business. Since that he has not troubled me much. It is almost impossible to do anything with Owego on account of his instrument & as he does most of my repeating it will be necessary for him to have a better one immediately. It is no use trying to work with him now —

We have got those blanks printed for the R R Co. & Mr Rutter wants me to distribute them among the different offices. The Opers must have orders when they send cons to give the time at which they are brot in the office in order to fill them out - If you wish I will give them such instructions when I send them -

Yours Respectfully
L. G. Tillotson

P. S. You may think I assume too much in my letters to you but I am sure I do not mean to & if I do hope you will correct me

L G T.

L. G. Tillotson
Supt. W. U. Tel. Co.

Ithaca 8 Feby 1854

Mr Ezra Cornell

Dr Sir

Agreeable to your request I herewith send a statement of your acct for Insulators furnished the N Y & Erie R.R. Co amt $1269.52 — In your dispatch by Telegraph you say that you have paid me "a greater portion than you originally agreed to do — Let us see how that is — You originally agreed to pay me from 17 to 18 cents for Insulator which would be the amt you would receive after deducting Glasses &c — Take the lowest 17¢ the number of Insulators delivered 9566 @ 17¢ is $1626.22

Cash p^d freight on Glasses — 19 24

$1645.46

less 2 dfts 1400

$245.46

You will perceive by the above statement that you have not paid me as much by $245.46 as you should have done according to the agreement first made — You now want an additional 2000 Insulators which at 17¢ is — $340.

add Bal on those delivered — 245.46

$585.46

If I deliver the 2000 wanted I should then be entitled to $585.46 less Brimstone used which you have given me no acct — A draft for $500. would not be more but less than you owe to pay me

Yours Respy

V. Conrad

Meadville, Saturday Feb 8-1857

Dear Sir

Your favour of 2nd inst was received this morning. In reply I would say, that I have been operating now for a little over one year, ever since our line was first put up. I am nineteen years of age this Spring

I consider my knowledge of the Tel business good, as I said before. to which effect I can get a good recommendation from all of our twenty one operators, with the exception of Fredonia office, which has as poor a repute on the line as any Telegraph Ofs need have.

And as I said before, I am a good opr and can command good salery, and I ~~would~~ not consider it any object for me to accept of any office, without the security of four hundred pr year. I do not know any thing about Stonellsville only what I can see from the map of York State. I know not how large the place is, or the amt of business done there, or of what probable importance it will be to the line. However I feel myself compitent to do the business that any one operator could do in any office and would prefer a larger station. and had I preferance, I would prefer to be on this end of the line,

However my preference I do not wish to make any consideration whatever, But wd be willing to take any office that you might deem proper and best to locate at, Am not particular at all.

Please let me ~~refer~~ you again to my former letter of 20th Jan. and also let me ask you to call upon Mr S. N. Brown 55 Cedar Street.

Hoping that this letter will give you a little more satisfaction than former one, and that you will give me a reply soon and give me some information respecting the requirements of the operaters, how the line is to be conducted, whether said line is to be for the exclusive use of the Railroad Company or for passengers, & R R Co both &c

I remain, Yours respectfully
William Shippen

Mr E. Cornell ~
Supt N Y & Erie Rail Road Telegraph

P S. Are the Erie, Dunkirk, & Painted Post offices let? However I suppose Erie office will not yet be up for some time ~

Wm S.

I am yet in Meadville office, & will be till I get abr situation

Elmira Feb. 8. 1851.

Mr. Cornell—

Dear Sir. — I went to Penn Yan. Several circumstances are unfavorable. One of the largest business men has lately failed for a very large amount— a man who has taken much interest in all movements of public & private concern. It seems also that several other persons there have suffered in a similar manner. In addition to this, the people have subscribed liberally to the Railroad in progress there and feel hardly able to do anything for a Telegraph at present. Gibbs in behalf of the O'Reilly interest was there some-time ago and got up a subscription of six hundred dollars, or thereabout. That is the substance of his operations thus far. He proposes to put up a line and take the amount of their subscription for so much Stock. His proposition seemed to be prefered. Mr. Robinson, the Postmaster, and the active man on the Telegraph project, doubts whether the requisite amount could be raised to carry out my proposition. He said Mr. Paul, President of the Railroad Co. would probably subscribe $1000— the line to extend from Canandaigua to Jefferson — Gibbs proposed to run his line to Elmira. I think, if I had funds for a week or fortnights canvassing there would be little difficulty in effecting the object. Mr. Robinson said they were hardly ready to act on either proposition until the Railroad should be well under way, or finished— He took my address & said he would write me on the subject. I have not heard from him.

Truly Yours —

M. Johnson.

Newburgh Feby 10th 1851.

E. Cornell Esq. Prest.

Dear Sir.

Yours of yest. just rec'd. I am much pleased with yours & will try to write one in answer which shall be free from all complaints.

I am not aware & certainly I have never intended to intimate that you applied any of the funds of this Co to your own private uses. I have not so much as thought it possible.

It would have been pleasant to me to have rec'd pay in full as I went along, but when I saw the probability was it was not to be had, I based all my calls and complaints upon the fact that I did not get enough to pay expenses. In two & I think three letters of mine I have stated that if it could be arranged to pay my current expenses, I would wait as long as any one for the balance. You have one advantage of me or rather two. You are known to possess other means than what you receive of this Co if its rects were such that you could receive anything, with which to meet your bills when they matured. I possess nothing but what I get here & my character depends upon paying all when

& not upon my means to pay it aside from this afs. Whiteds bill for board against me is fifty three dollars eight six cents up to February 1st. That paid & I am greatly relieved.

You speak of moneys not being accounted for fully in that afs. I believe & trust you will have no cause for such complaint against this office when you discharge me. or even before that happens. I had no complaint against R. other than I told you when I was at Sa that I had seen him drunk several times while I was in N.Y. I never yet saw an Operator whose opinion was valuable while he was under the effect of strong drink. The fact that so many of the best ops in the city have become sots has disgraced the whole calling. From N.Y. to Maine such is the truth. & those who live in more temperate ways have to suffer in consequence.

The line to day appears to be down some ways south of me. The wires appeared to be crossed below me & I sent out though it rained most furiously & the young man was most drowned. There was no cross when he got over the line. The same has been the case several times when cut off the west I get them on south side of my "G". The wind must cross & shake out the cross again before we reach it. such may be the case as it blows like all possessed

down the river. If he does not find trouble on his side I will do my best—to get—it—examined on this side immediately—

Yours Respectfully &c. and in this instance I hope (uncomplaining) friend

Chas H. C. Ingersoll

E. Connell. Prest—

Office of the North Am. Telegh Co.
Washington D. C. Feby 10th 51.

Ezra Cornell Esqr.
President &c &c.

Sir,

Stephen B. Cushing Esqr. of Ithaca has been selected as Commissioner to take testimony in the case now pending between our Co. and the Magnetic Telegraph Co. in relation to an alleged infringement of Morses patents. I have learned that you were posted in regard to Morses Claim for the local circuit, and that you had suggested at the time the government line was building the application of a local circuit similar to one patented in June 1840 to Wheatstone and Cook of England. As Morse pretends to claim the origin of the local circuit we wish to call for your evidence and learn all the facts in your possession.

If you aided him in applying it to his plan of telegraph we wish to give you full credit for the suggestion.

Very respectfully
Henry J Rogers
Gen. Supt.

New York 10 Aug 1847

Mr Cornell Sir

You tell me you Gillies don't seem to say much about the division of the property at Ithaca — I never knew him to do anything that he did not make about it — you will find Mr Blunt is the cause of it being delayed — I have never asked you for the two instalments due on the first sale I made you. nor on the one due on the last sale I made you

I gave you a long ~~long~~ time without interest — consequently no interest was due until the first of September last and which I want you to pay I dont ask you for the instalment give me a good note at six months if it will suit you better and pay the interest as it. I want to get a long square and friendly with you.

you could not have borrowed the money
from any body but me or them little
houses in Ithaca is your welcome before
I made you the last sale you told me
how sick you was and that you fully
believed I am with due Respect
Stephen D. Mann

Mr Geo Bonnell

New York

10 Feb 07

Summ S

Buffalo Feb 10 1851

E Cornell Esq

Dr Sir

I think I have been in the Office here long enough to know about what will be required of me. I find I have twice as much business to attend to & several more hours a day to work & I hardly think it is right you should ask me to work for the salary I have desired. I shall if we can agree try all in my power to merit your approbation.

I was in the Office a part of the day yesterday at the request of Tillotson.

I think probably you have heard from Mr Northrup as regards my dilatory character as he has threatened to turn me out of this Office but I will refer you to more honest men than he to know

He came in my
office & scribbled all over my
desk ordered me how to do
this thing & that & at last granted
me to lend him $2. I having heard
of his previous character refused
He told Tomlinson afterwards he
would injure me more than that
worth & Saturday he sent me word
it was a "God dd shit off" & all
this after I had shown him all
the kindness he could wish except
lending him the $2. which I knew
if I did I should never see it again

Please answer as
soon as possible & let me know
what you can do —

I write
this in very great haste as the
cars are now in

Yours Respectfully

Silas Clay

April 1875

Erie Pa. Feb 10th 1851

Kind Sir

Yours of 2nd inst. came duly to hand and was thankfully recd. In answer to your first inquiriè — I would say that I am willing to work for twenty five dollars per month. 2nd I am twenty five years old. 3rd I learnt in Erie Ofs and commenced in September last. 4th You have seen me twice. Once in this Ofs with Col F. E. Speed last fall while on your way to Cleveland and also when on your way to Buffalo. Will any Ofs probably be opened before the time you mentioned for all and where. Should you wish to make anyother inquiries I will endeavor to answer them satisfactorily.

Please answer this and much obligt

Yours Respectfully

E. H. Curtis

E. Cornell
New York City

Erie Pa. Feb 10th 1851

Kind Sir

Yours of 2nd inst. came duly to hand and was thankfully rec'd. Mr Wm. Miller paid all expence incured by hireing horse and cutter and the expence of Rockwood while on the road, and offered to pay Rockwood for his time but he declined receiving anything except for actual expence incured. Mr Stephens has been doing busines with Mr Wm. Miller also with a Dr F. W. Miller. Wm. Miller answered his com. with ten words which ~~was~~ was sent the 8th Jan. and will read as follows "thanks for your proposal. I am engaged but will write" For this he paid fifty cents. Dr F. W. Miller answered his com. the 10th Jan. using thirty one words and did not pay for the same. The three dollars claimed by Rockwood was for two days time spent in sleighriding and not for any expence he had been to. I took charge of the Ofs. during his absence as opr. free of expence to him. The above statements you can rely on as being correct

Yours Respectfully

E. H. Curtis

E. Cornell
New York City

Elmira Feby 11th 1851

Mr Cornell

Dr Sir —

You may think the postage on my letters comes to more than the letters are worth. If so I hope you will say so.

Mr Hay at Owego tells me his brother wants him in his store & that he shall leave the line unless you pay him $25. per month. Now I don't know that it is any of my business but I think it would be better for the interests of the Co. to pay him that than to let him go. Since he has been at the depot he has been very steady & has attended to his business well as far as I can see. I do not say this on a/c of personal friendship because if I did not think it the best for the Co. I would not say so. Hay is the only Oper between here & Piermont who is fit to repeat business & it is quite important that there should be a good Oper at Owego. He says that Mr Tomlinson will probably take his place. Mr T. is a miserable Oper & it is almost impossible to work with him. &

as far as I can learn he is rather a worthless kind of a man any way. I only say this from hearsay however. Mr Northrup told me that you were owing Tomlinson some $60. & that he was fishing around for a situation on your line so that he could get it. You may say that you know about your business better than I do but I do not wish to assume any thing more than is proper & if I do presume you will tell me so.

Do you think you will want any one to learn for the Morning office? except some RR man? We have had two or three applicants for that or some other office. The boy that I am learning is getting along very well indeed but I cannot make this register work well so as to give him as good a chance as I should wish. The screws are all loose & everything about it seems wrong. I can get along with it well enough myself but he can't do any thing with it. I asked the Editor of that paper whom you spoke to about getting up a daily yesterday & he said it looked rather dubious but that he would write to the Editor of the BN daily & see what he said about it.

I wish you would let me know about ~~Passing~~ some one learn at Corning so I can give them an answer.
When do you expect to be up this way. & is our line ever going to be up across river? I sent a message to Cov. this morning for N. Y. & he said it would have to go to N. Y. by Bains line. My Business is not very brisk yet but I am in hopes to bring it up before long.

Yours Respectfully
Luther G. Tillotson

Detroit 11 Feby 1851

Dear Sir

You have no doubt thought it strange that I should not have written you sooner, and not written you a word for six months - the fact is, that I did not want to write, as I thought it exceeding questionable whether I would not be compelled to tell you that I had gone to the devil headlong, and with no hopes of salvation hereafter - I have delayed writing until I could make up my mind whether I was to live, or die, - the question may not be settled fully yet, but I now think that I can fight my way through another year at least. You know that there was nothing of immortality connected with our locks, or the little pins which held on Connelly's iron knobs, and they have broken down, and broken off by the hundred - the result is, that I have had to erect a great many locks, and buy a great many new ones; besides keeping four or five hands constantly on the line to [illegible]

In addition to the ordinary, or extraordinary, repairs, I had to take off and Change some thousands of curved sulphur caps - Besides all that, Connell sent me the wire, and I put it up, between Buffalo and Cleveland, which cost some thousands more - Added to all that, young Connell managed our Cleveland office most carelessly - got in debt near $1000, and used all the money foolishly - This is one side of the picture - Delano completed his line from Toledo to Chicago - Snow completed his from Monroe to Milwaukee and consequently we have two lines all the way from Buffalo to Au, and three from Chicago - all competing for Eastern business - One line would pay well - two or three cannot make a living, and somebody must die - I think we got as much business at Ch, as both the other offices; but that leaves us only half percentage of the whole, while our expenses are in no respect lessened; but rather increased; as we had to get a room in the 2d Story of the Saloon buildings, instead of the 3d, & pay additional rent - Snow pocketed $600 on his office at Au, and made such great protestations that it is not strange he should have got a considerable proportion of the biz at first - We are now doing twice as much as he is, and his failure to do as he promised

has done our line no harm, and I think we will continue to get much the greater portion of the business. Still some will get some, and all he does get is so much out of our profits - Hotchkiss has completed his line to Greenbay, Galena, Manitowoc and Fort Winnebago from Chi, and from Chi to Janesville, making in all over 600 miles of line, and some 30 or 35 offices. those lines connect with us, and must give us a considerable business, more than we will loose by competition at Chi and Ant. those lines have just been completed, and up to this time have been an injury rather than a benefit to us, as Hotchkiss owes us for money advanced, and has not been able to pay - His lines are now doing and he will pay us what he owes, and give us some thousand dolls or more every year in business on our line - Wade's line from Cleveland to Cin, is now doing well, and on other season we must get a great deal from him - Lee's line from Cin to St Louis is done to within 15 miles of St Louis, and will be finished in the Spring, that line will increase our business - What Pom will do I cannot say - I guess he can teach school well -

you will see from all this ~~this~~ that I have not lost my old habit of looking to the future, with confidence that it will not be like the past, but bring forth better fruits - I may be again disappointed and yet have to own beat, and abandon the field to our more wise, or more fortunate competitors: but you had better believe that they must get fat, while I starve - You will ask when can you pay? That is a question which is certainly an interesting one, not only to you, but to sundry others of my old friends and acquaintance - If I should answer it, and fix a time, I might have to do as I have often done before; follow the example of the Latter day Saints, and get an adjournment, or postponement, until a more convenient season - I can only say this - I do not mean to spend one dollar on our line the coming season, not absolutely necessary to keep it at work - I think our receipts must be more than last year, as we have so many more lines connecting with us - Should my expectations be realized I will pay some old debts this season - and more among the rest -

I wrote to my old and valued friend Mack, from Milwaukee, sometime ago; but it was, as well as I remember, a more gloomy letter than the one I now send you. Tell him, I feel less discouraged than I did when I wrote him; and will make a pretty strong fight of it yet, before I die. I know you now the Patent question will probably be settled, as the Patent will expire in August 1854, if not renewed. At one and as much in the way of our opponents, as they are in ours, I think they will buy us out, or make some bargain by which all parties will be benefited. It certainly would be very foolish for me to abandon the field as long as I can get bread, and if I get nothing else; as I do stand some chance to make some money for dining if I can live a year longer.

I was from home the whole time, except one week, from the time I was at Athens in the Spring,

until about the last of June — I am now getting up our books to 1st June — Father works hard, but he is old and forgetful, and cannot always understand the accounts, as the boys make them out — It will take me more than a month longer to get the books up to June — as I have to go back to the opening of each office & examine each report — I do not mean to be from home as much as I have been — Haviland has gone to Cleveland, and I mean to stay here. The man who made your instruments for us has just come in to deliver mine, so I will stop, and remember the promise to pay him —

Your truly

J. J. Thomas Jr

Mr D. F. Elliotson
Ithaca

New York 11 July 1854

Mr Connell Sir

The Interest on the
Bond is five hundred Sixty 8 dollars &
no you draw on Nelly & Co — you may
give me a draft on them at 12 ms
and pay me the Interest on it 8 ms

Stephen. B. Munn

Mrs Ivan - Conrad

S B Munn
11 Feb 57

All Communications strictly confidential.

Office of the New-York and Erie Telegraph,

This Line connects with all points where there are Telegraph stations in the United States and Canadas.

Ithaca Feb 12 1851

By Telegraph from Detroit

To D T Tillotson Esq

Draft is not
paid and will not be
before June or July —
Will suit.

J J Reed Jr

New York and Erie Telegraph

For the convenience of persons travelling on Cayuga lake and those residing at and in the vicinity of the various steamboat landings, arangements have been made with Capt Bigbee of this boat to receive communications and deliver them to the office at Ithaca where they will be forwarded promptly by Telegraph to their destination—

Those who reside at the landings and wish answers to their messages, can have them returned by Capt B— and travellers can have answers sent to any place they may be going to where they will be left at the Telegraph office until called for.

The following are the

Prices from Ithaca.

(Here insert a Tariff of Prices)

Travellers and others, entrusting their business to Capt B can depend upon having it attended to as promptly and at the same price as if they went to have it at the office themselves—

No trouble or care will be spared to secure promptness. All communications are considered strictly confidential—

E Cornell,
President.

Ithaca, 1851.

reason why it should not have been attended to as promptly as a paid message— I fear it will prejudice him against me. Thinking it was not attended to because it was not paid— he pays all but rail road business— It was very important and I cannot even get a reason why there is no answer— I have been very successful with Grants business of late and he is doing considerable. Sage is doing something, and will do more if I am as successful as I have been— I believe I can get rents up to $100. per mo or more after March—

If you could give me a good & late report Early Tuesday morning's I would like to get it for Selkreg— He would help us with some gass— Please speak to the boys if you are not going to be in NY.

all well— Affectionately Yours
Alonzo B Cornell

E Cornell
New York—

Humphrey says we shall not be troubled by any of his men

Ithaca Feb 13. 1854.

My Dear Father—

On the opposite page you will find a "Telegraph notice" — You will understand my idea from perusing its contents— Why would it not be a good idea to make the arrangement alluded to with Capt B and also with the Capts on Seneca Lake? I believe we should get considerable business in this way— Please think it over and let me know. You can see Capt B and make your arrangement with him when you are at home again. He is in town every day after 4 PM. I believe he is a man that people would place great confidence in. We might give him 20 or 30 or even 40 per cent and make money at it as it would be all clear gain or nearly so. (I mean such a per c of our share)

What is the line coming to? We dont work as much of the time between here and Bfo as we did before RR mine was put up—

I am making a good impression on Do folks— Jan'y rects doubled Dec. and Feb will nearly double Jany I think— though the bad working east hurts. I think I can bring A T Williams around to do something—

Why was not answer got from Wm E Dodge for J R Williams. message sent yesterday? Its being free was no

Feb 14th 1851

Edmund Esq Dear Sir

Yours was duly received I do not consider that I am under any obligations to remain on this Q.S under any contract made with Mr Boardman I only agreed to attend to the old line & nothing was said of any other I can see clearly if it should remain it would only be to have some trouble with you every few days, therefore I think it best to resign and you will please send some one here to take my place as soon as possible

I will find out whether Mr Boardman considers I am under any obligations to stay I do not much think he will but he does

Yours Respectfully
Scott Hay

E. Connell — Onego Tioga Co N.Y. Feby 14th 1837.

In miting these few lines I do not contemplate asking or receiving any favors from you, for, as the case stands I think that you are under more obligations to me than ~~any other~~ I possibly could be to you, Our affairs, previous to my application to you for a situation, were of such a stamp as really made you the obligated one, you are well aware that I have letters both from you & Mr N.H. Powers acknowledging the debt of the Connect. & Vert. Line business, and that you wrote me at one time, if I would make out my bill and send it you would see it settled, that was the last I heard from you for two or three months, I then wrote you again, in reply, I received a very plausible communication stating that you had lost some $10000, by that arrangement, and therefore, there was no claim to make you responsible for the debts of the Line, But ~~that~~ is ~~not~~ the ~~only~~ object of my miting, is not to remind you that above fact, which I should hardly think your conscientiousness would let you forget.

But, I am well aware that you received from one of Sadlers tools, false reports concerning me, and which you have very kindly condescended to carry along and convey the idea to others that it is all true, Well now, I dont care one straw about it, for there is but very few men and them of your stamp that will believe it, but at the same time I dont think it would be at all advisable for you to say anything more about it, more on your own afc than mine.

However that is not what I am miting for, it is another object I have in view, and it is in

regard to Mr S. C. Hay, your Operator at this Station.
Since I have been here there has been considerable fault found, and perhaps a great deal of blame attached to Mr Hay, which is decidedly wrong, for there has nothing been done but what he has acted perfectly right in and for the interest of the Telegraph Co, the fault that is found is mine and should come on to my shoulders, instead of his. Perhaps you will say he ought to have kept me out of the Office, But then you must recollect he did not Know me, He was not aware that I was dishonest and not worthy of trust, he did not know that I would try to injure you, He had now rights to judge me, or to believe the reports he had heard of me, until he could be convinced by my actings. But, again you say, I gave him orders to Keep All out of his office; Mr Cornell, if you was an Operator situated as Mr Hay is you would find it a mighty hard job to Keep one half out, let alone the others, but when you come to turn an Operator out, it would be a sickly job. I must say that Mr Hay has done his duty as far and as nigh as lay in his power

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Jefferson - Feb 15th 1851

Mr Connell -

Dear Sir - I have just been called upon to pay a small debt for some clothing & putting my hand in my pocket - I find nothing wherewith to do it - Your assistance would be extremely acceptable just now I assure you - Up to Feb 1st Seventeen dollars & 99ct will just - just - me on the Square' & O! how willingly my empty pockets would receive it -

If you will pay promptly I will attend to promptly to business as not to lose a dot - if I can help it -

The express company have desired me to take their tremendous agency in this place - it pays the enormous sum of $10 per mo & tho' the business is light - like the telegraph it helps to make me stay in the office all the time & is far from making me neglect the telegraph

I am falling considerably behind in receipts this month (only $5 so far) & I would be very glad indeed if you would remit - by first express

And Oblige

Your obt Servt -

Geo M Huntington

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15 Feby

Detroit ~~1 June~~ 1838

Dear Sir

Yours of the 5th rec'd. last evening - you wrote it early in the morning, before breakfast, and when you was in a bad humor; but you may have been right, and I have enclosed your letter, with suitable comments to Bill at Erie, and sent duplicates a copy at Cleveland - The boys at Erie and I deem to be turned out, if they did as Cobb says - I have asked for an explanation - Haviland will revolutionize matters at Cleveland, and not only have the business properly attended to; but he will see that it is sent East by the line to which it belongs - Haviland, and all others, understand that all original business goes by Mr. Erie Bros and Delano, we must give Erie a chance at it, or we won't get it at all - Hopkins answers we must give him, or not get the business - As I have often said before, we cannot keep business on hand to wait

for My & Elmira to get any when it is down, except when it comes from Hotchkiss lines, where there is no competition - Cows that are can be had on to, we will Kick as long as we can; but a com from here or Ok, or from any of our offices where other lines have an office, must be sent through, or the customer will go to other line and get an answer to a second com before we get the one given us to Dy.; I cannot tell why it is; but it is true that the OK line does get answers quicker from the East than we do, as a general thing, and when we do our best, they generally do as well. It would wholly destroy our business, if we kept cows on hand 24 hours, when we could get them through by giving them to Hopton - The result would soon be that you would get less business from us than you do now, as we could not get it to send. It is certainly as much to my interest to send biz by My & Ry as it is to yours, and I would be an ass to sanction

the sending by Hapton, or any one else, when we could get it done as soon by M & R line— We must experience a sound detection, and send by the line that will in the end pay best— If we had the field to ourselves, we might be a little more independent— I do not believe that Hapton, or his boys, can yammon say much— They have had us a good deal more money since last Spring than we have them—

You may remember that I asked you, when you was at V— if you ever tried to work a Tel line, with the induced current from permanent Magnets— You said the experiment had been tried, and failed— Bixby lately made a magnet for a man here, with helices revolving near the poles, to galvanize with— the magnet was 10 inches long, and the coils about like a common Relay magnet, but with coarser wire— I borrowed the machine last Evening, after we had done busy, and worked our line with it to Kalamazoo perfectly— With Kalamazoo's battery on, and the

permanent magnet, alone, the current was very strong: with Kalamazoo battery off, and nothing but the permanent magnet on, the line worked tolerably well - Kalamazoo got on writing as well as he did with both batteries on: he got his writing, but not quite so well - I was surprised to find that Zo could break as at all - I tried it on the Eastern line to Toledo, and it worked good both ways, and Toledo had no battery to cut on - Whether it can be used instead of our present batteries, I am not yet prepared to say; but I think it can, and will be substituted, on all lines for the batteries now in use - I spent so much money on our line last year, and we are so poor this winter, I would hardly agree to pay $25 for a machine which would work our whole line, and I certainly dare try no tricks which, could any thing + But it is worthy of some consideration, and I would like to know what you think of it -

Yours truly

J. Steel