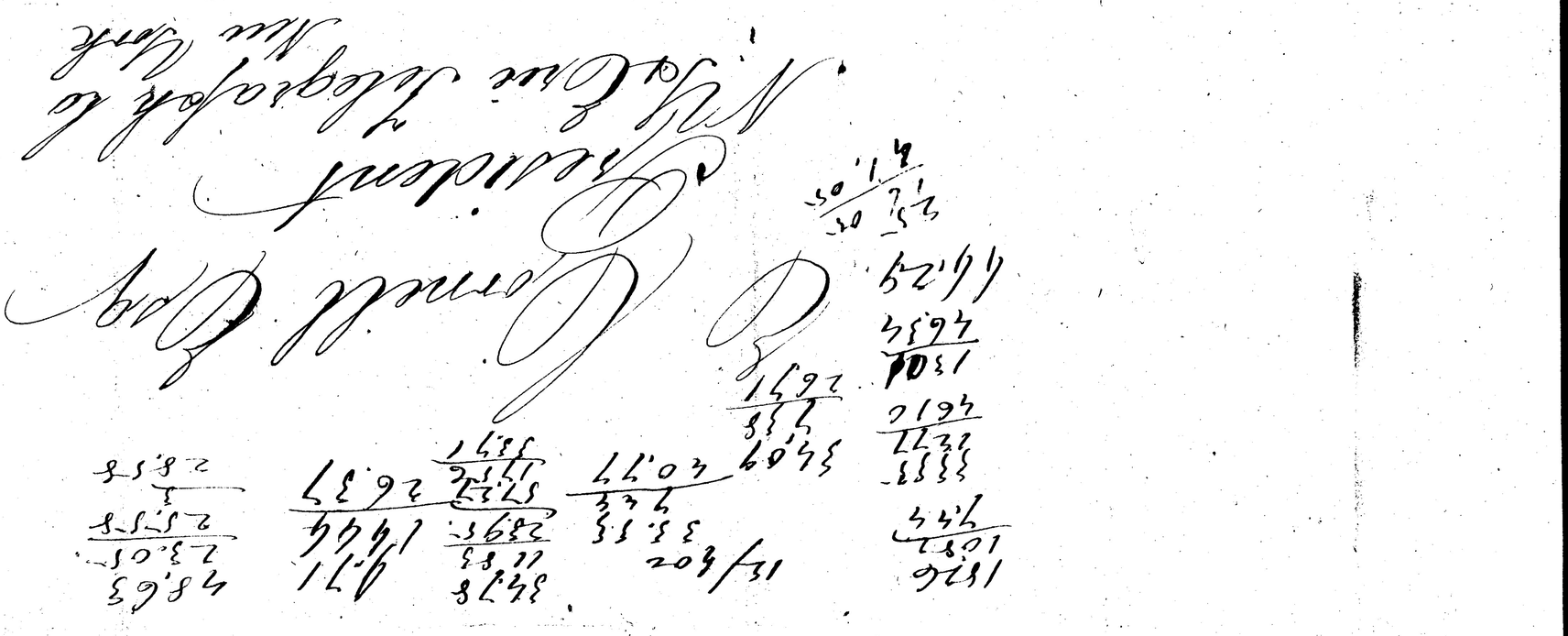

Birmingham, May 29. 51.

E. Cornell, Esq,

Dr. Sir,

Your letter has been received, and not wishing to enter into an elaborate why or wherefore of the case, which at best is an aggravated one, I come to that portion of your letter where you state — "I am not conscious of owing you the first cent". On the 14th of May 1849 you wrote to me as follows:— "I find that my men have neglected to trim the trees where the limbs come in contact with the wires — and as it is important that the wires should be free from contact with all limbs of trees or other things except the insullating caps, I wish to have the trimming done as early as possible, and send the amount of the bill and I will have it paid." On your promise that you would pay I employed men, who cleared and trimmed trees 7 miles on the road to Bridgeport, and 7 on the road to Waterbury — in all 14 miles and for which I paid them and cash out of my pocket, $15.00 Now, I ask nothing more ~~but~~ than what is honorable and right. Independent of this $15, I have paid upwards of $25 cash on your representation or inference, that all would be made right, and for the proof of which I have letters in my possession. I regret exceedingly the loss you have sustained, and in addressing you my~~ght~~ object was, to elicit some information respecting the line — what I should do with the machine, and also, to recover from you the amount of money expended by me, at your request, and on your promise that "the bill should be paid." There is nothing ~~bub~~dishonorable in this, and to your honor I appeal. Allow me, what you think is right, so far as you are concerned, and give me a few facts relative to how the line is situated, who has control of it, &c and you will greatly oblige me. If you will not accede to this manner of settlement, I will endeavor to get my pay in another way. The feeling in this community is, that if a Telegraph station was opened here, it would be well sustained. I am,

Very Respectfully
Yours, &c
T. M. Newson.

T. M. Newson
May 29, 1857

Dansville May 29, 1851

My Dear Sir:

I have accomplished one thing. The contract with Clarke is reduced from $8.000 to $5.500, which leaves the control of the Genesee V. line in the Board, who are clever fellows, and will give us fair play. It required work and management to effect this, but it is done and well done. So much for that

I shall not be able to go to Ithaca at the time mentioned for your meeting. A week later or even two days, would make a difference. But it will be as well. I have written Bagley upon the subject. If he comes, all will be as well. If not, you had better adjourn it to such time as he can come.

I am afraid the boys along the line are not at their posts regularly. Charles finds it almost impossible at times to raise them, and I see frequently that from 1/2 an hour to 2 hours is a fair average if he wants to raise some of the offices. Ithaca and Binghampton trouble him most. There may be a cause, but of course if there is a lack of promptness, it is well to jog them.

I expect to go to N York soon, and would like to make Ithaca in my route.

The House Line are mean and of course we must expect to fight them.

Yours truly

L G Woodruff

DANSVILLE
MAY
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N.Y.

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E. Cornell, Esq
5 Hanover St
New York

L C Woodruff
May 29, 57

New York May 30th 51

My Dr Sir

Yours of the 28th inst relation to the nontransmission of a message over our line from Newburgh on the 23d inst is recd = I have investigated the matter & find that the message was not sent over our line at all = Mr David at Newburgh says he took the message But after reading & seeing the importance of ~~the~~ it returned it to your office or told them he could not get it off in time to be of use as our line was at that time occupied

I am very glad to have you trouble me with everything of this kind where a message has been given to our line = If you had done so on former occasions you would not now have reason to say you have faild invariably over our line = If the fault is ours it shall be remedied at once

In haste Yours truly
J McKinney

E Cornell Esq
Prest
Binghamton

NEW-YORK AND ERIE RAIL-ROAD.

Superintendent's Office, New York, May 30th 1851.

To Mr E. Cornell
5 Hanover St N.Y.

Sir:

The operator at Middletown insists upon ~~the~~ payment for telegraphic meſsages on the Company's busineſs.

By direction of Mr. Minot Supt
Respy Yours obt servt
N. Byron Currier

Newburgh May 31st 1851

E. Cornell Prest—

If the coming meeting do not arrange so that my bill can be paid at once in full, I will arrange with you if it suit you, that you pay me twenty five dollars weekly on the last years account until it is paid up. I will remain here at thirty five dollars per month while such weekly payments are regularly made. I desire an answer immediately after that meeting adjourns. Respectfully &c yours

C McK Ingersoll
Opr

J Ithac
Ithaca Tompkins Co

C. McK Ingersoll
31 May 57

Weddell House
Cleveland May 31. 1851.

Mr. J. J. Speed

Dear Sir

I have your written acknowledgement of Mr. Cornells bill due (6 mos. from date) on the 1st inst.

As I do not often meet you here I have taken the liberty of asking you to send me the amt. by first opportunity the bill is $65.26 —

Yours Respy

H. S. Stevens

Over

Detroit 1 June

Dr Sir

I recd this today— our iron cups have to be all taken off & replaced with glass before we can do work on our line— We are consequently as poor as poverty itself, & cant pay what we owe to save our lives— What shall I say to them

J J Speed Jr

H J Strong
May 31, 1857

The Receipts of the Old line from Wash to New Orleans from 2 June 1856 to 1 June 1857 was $113.175.69 exclusive of what the Co rec'd for other lines

The report of the Old Co for the Current year will not be made untill the end of the current month but the receipts have largely increased the past year, so much so that the Operator in NY Ofs said to me that if their business continued to increase for the years to come as it had the past year they could not do it without another wire

The Receipts of the NY Ofs alone for the past 4 days were about $600—

I have no doubt the receipts of the Entire line will amount to $200,000 the past year

If we can divide those sums with the Old Co it pays a large interest on our Capital, and why can we not do it?— We shall have much the best facilities having 2 wires—and we can dispatch much the largest amount of business the line being 350 miles shorter. We can work more days than they can our route being so much the best to support a line on and so much less distance to support

Again we shall get a large business between NY— Phil—Baltimore & Washington which the

Old Co dont meddle with - having no right under the Patent contract to do so - They reach Ny by leasing a wire from the Mag Tel Co between Ny & Wash restricted to taking business for points south of Washington -

I think the circumstances justify the opinion that the new line would rec $100.000 the first year and perhaps more it is not unreasonable to anticipate 1/3 of that sum from Business between Ny & Wash which the Old Co have nothing to do with and the Old Co must do their business much better than ever heretofore to retain their best Custom against the Competition of a new line with Such superior facilities as ours would possess -

~~Petersburg~~ Richmond va to Montgomery Al - via Old Line is 1.178 miles
" " via New Route is 831
347

Capital of Old line from Wash to N O $534,800 for one wire from Washington to N O —
Capital of New Co from N Y to N O ~~only~~ with 2 galvanized wires will be only } 300.000

The difference in distance is between Richmond va and Montgomery Al - which is much the worst portion of the Old line to keep in repair it being nearly the entire distance through yellow pine forest trees verry tall and growing in a light sandy soil and verry liable to blow down The new route between Richmond va & Montgomery will be through the interior along the Old ~~Stage~~ Mail Stage road through a far less proportion of timber land - The timber principly Oak of a dwarfish groth in a dark loomy soil and not subject to blow down The Expense per mile for maintaining a Telegraph would not be more than half as much on the new route as it would on the Old route. The Balance of way the Routs of the two lines will be nearly the same, the one having no advantages over the other —

N.Y

Office Rent	$ 1.000	
Chief Opr	600	
Asst	500	
Clerk	500	
Messengers	300	
Battery men & Repr	300	3,200
Trenton Rent	100	
Operator	500	
Messenger	100	700
Phil - Rent	500	
Opr	600	
Asst	400	
Messengers	200	1,700
New Castle Rent	50	
Operator	500	
Messenger	100	650
Baltimore Rent	500	
Opr	600	
Asst	400	
Messengers	200	1700
Wash Rent	300	
Opr	600	
Asst	500	
Messeng	200	
Battery & Repairs	300	1900
Alexandria Rent	100	
Opr	500	
Messenger	100	700
Fredericksburgh Rent	100	
Opr	500	
Messenger	100	700
Richmond Rent	200	
Opr	500	
Messenger	200	900
Scott Ville Repr	300	300
Maysvill Repairs	300	300
		12750

Lynchburgh	forward	12,750
Rent	50	
Opr	5,00	
Messenger	1,00	650
Salem Va Repr		300
Newburne "		300
Marrion		300
Blountsville Tenn		300
Beans Station "		300
Knoxville Rent	50	
Opr	500	
messenger	100	650
Kingston Repairs Tenn		300
Washington do "		300
Delphy — do "		300
Claysville " Ala		300
Blount Springs "		300
Shelbyville "		300
Mapleville "		300
Montgomery Rent	100	
Opr	750	
Messenger	100	950
Jackson CH Repr		300
Pearlington		300
N.O Rent	1000	
Opr	1200	
Asst	1000	
Clerk	1000	
Messengers	200	
Repairs	300	4700
		23,900
Battery		1000
Stationary		1,000
Repairs		5,000
Supt including Ex		3,000
		33,900
10 per ct on Cap		30000
		$ 63,900

D. P. Gridon June 2'51

Pike June 2nd 1851

Dear Sir

It is a great while since I heard from you & I dont know but you have forgotten me but hope not for I have always endeavored to conduct myself so as to merrit your confidence & friendship, Now I hate to be always complaining but I do think I have good reason for feeling dissatisfyed with my usage & I trust you will pardon me if I say some harsh things but I dont mean anything disrespectfull to you or any other man but I am a poor man & have labored under verry embarrasing circumstances for the last year, it is true I have some real Estate but dont like to infringe on that to support my family & there is Due me from the N.Y & E Telegraph Company for

Services before June 14th 1850	$60.00
for which I should have 1 years interest	4.20
ballance Due me since that time	76.72
making my Due June 1st 1851	140.92

besides some which I ought & probably shall have to refund, for instance a 43 com to

Racine sent May 16th & not heard from	$1.50
Also a 43 com to Bry May 11th	.45
Also 1 to Worcester May 26th	.65

& I cant even get ans to Dh to say Ops making inquiry conserning them, Now were it not for this state of things I mite have cleared

(Over)

lly way for the last two or three months but there is no incouragment for men to telegraph under such circumstances & I am sure it is no consolation to me to get Kens unless I can do it better, And Sir I am not alone in this matter for I hear the same complaint from other Offices West of Pa & no danger of my hearing any farther east,

I learn there is to be a Meeting of directors this week & I wish you would present this for their consideration and answer it by writing me immediately I was out 30 miles west on line last week & last Friday I heard it was down east of me & I went almost over to line & found it in the brush in two plases & fixed it up so I know my portion of the line is in good order with the exception of some glasses which I filed as far as I had them & I am sure if all Operators would take the same interest that I do things would go better, I found the story currant out west that they were going to move the line on to the R. Road, I think there would be but little objection here if they will pay back what has been paid for Stock pleas write what the prospects are & if it is any privacy I am as good a hand to keep it as you can find,

and help me to the amount Due me as soon as possible

Respectfully yours

E. Cornell Esqr

D. P. Gordon

New York 2 June 1851

Mr Cornell Dear Sir

I have yours of the 31 May containing acceptance payable at Chicago. I see your note is payable the 4th in 2 days. I dont think it is very prompt pay for money due for interest the first of last Septem. and you took as long on the note you give me as you pleased.

I dont know any body at Chicago to send this acceptance to. Shall I return it to you or keep it till you come? I am

Stephen B. Munn

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Mr. Ezra Cornell
Ithaca
New York

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S B Munn
June 2. 57

New York June 3d 57

My D Sir

Yours of the 2d inst is at hand I am right glad to see you carry out what I have so long wished every one having charge of a line would do

I have several of the same Kind for your consideration but am too busy now to give particulars &c

I was in Albany the day Mr Williams Message to Sherman was recd & in fact recd it myself about 8½ K A M = It was dated the day previous = the reason for its bearing that date Newburgh said was that it was not handed into our office from your line until so late the evening previous that he could not get Albany = I have just askd him about it again & he repeats the same = The ans to the message I remember distinctly was returned to Newburgh before noon of ~~that~~ the day it was recd =

If this be true our line is clear of any delay either in the original or its ans

Yours very Truly
J McKinney

Corning June 3- 1837

Dr Sir,

Enclosed I send you a full Report of receipts & expenditures of this Office for the Months of April & May. From which you will see that the Office has sunk $26.16

I have as yet, not taken in enough to pay my expences here. While at the same time I have other little debts which I must pay.

If it were in your *power* to remit me immediately the amt. my due I would be under many thousand obligations to you.

Hoping to hear from you soon,
I am Sir, Your Obt. Svt
W. Shippen.

P. S. I have not yet seen or heard any thing about the Battary which I wrote for, a few days since W.S.

Newburgh June 4th 1851

E. Cornell Prest

Dear Sir,

In answer to your question I have to say that to the best of my recollection you were at "G" at that time & told me that com must go by 3 P.M or it was of no use. I informed G ofs immediately that it could not get there by 3 as it was then past that time but that I would do my best. The same day I told Bn via G that his com could not get there by the time set by you, I think I asked G what I was to do with that & one other which you said must go by a certain time. The other ofs did not take the com at all as it was past 3 when I recd it.

I took that com from you just as if taken here & a time fixed when it would be of no use to send it. You know I could not get N.Y. at that time or you would not have directed me to send by other line.

All coms sent to me without particular directions will be repeated or forwarded to N.Y. as soon as possible. If directed to be forwarded in any, it will be done as soon as possible. When ordered off here to the other ofs to hasten them & to make them of any use, they will be so forwarded if at all, unless N.Y. can be reached within the time — The com died a natural death under your order.

Yours Respectfully

C M K Ingersoll

Opr N.

New York 5th June 1851

Mr Cornell The note you give for interest that was due due 1st Septem payable yesterday in the State Bank remains unpaid will you pay it?

Ezra Cornell Bond No 3 $2,800 in a/c with S. B Munn

Bond dated June 4. 1850

1850		
Dec 3	By cash on a/c interest pr. J. S. Beebe	$119.
" 4	To six months Interest due this day	98
		$21.
1851		
June 4	By 6 mo. int on $21.	.74
		$21,74
" "	To six mo interest due this day $98.	
" "	By bal. carr'd to debit a/c	76.26
		$98. $98.
" "	To Bal. due this day from you $76.26	

will you pay the above?

I am

Stephen. B. Munn

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Mr Ezra Cornell
Ithaca
New York

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S B Munn
June 5. 57

1851

Pier Head June 6 -

E Cornell -

The enclosed Bill has been placed in my hands with the request that I would send it to you - Mr Styles having nothing to with the R R thinks it should be paid - I also forward a similar Bill contracted by Mr Butcher while out on line for NY office -

In haste

Respt

Chas. L. Chapin

Newburgh June 7th 1851

N Y & Erie
Ofs.

It is too bad that I should sit in my ofs all day and listen to you. I get evy word you say to P & much that he says in answer. You knew yesterday or day before that there was a cross between you & Z and that Z never goes out to see to any difficulty unless by express orders from N.Y. It could have been removed yesterday by noon, after which you could have recd bsns direct from Bn if we or rather you (for I am only an outsider now) had some one like Hopkins at Bn. That man now then calls me by the hour while I get every dot of his. I also for three days have had "Ia" & "Ow" fine at all times when H keeps his G off. We have had a break for part of yesterday below me. It was a bad one over the creek & took some time to repr it. If I engage with E Co for longer time I will have it understood that I am never to repeat bsns if trouble is owing to a cross except when

Some one has started out to remove it. I will be hanged if I will. Rr when it is owing to cross & weather fine & no one out to fix the cross. You may think as does E.C. that I am disposed to find fault. Well, I resigned some month ago to please him and he forgot entirely to answer me in regard to its acceptance. I don't like the postponement of that directors meeting. You know I left NY with $50. & the next day I had not enf left to take me home. To night I have 13 shillings & 12d of that goes to Lem.

If I could borrow I would take the boat for home tonight.

Let all that go. I hope that cross will be removed tomorrow. If not out monday I shall not be in hearing! Tillotson used to say that this line never did work on the day of the meeting of the directors and from the best of my knowledge he was not far out of the way.

I admire the patience of each & all of you in receiving business from me when it works so hard: I get you so gd that you may be disposed to lay it to my imperfect writing. Gd PM. & Sfn. urs & e

Kps to all fr Jw

Nunda June 9th /57—

Mr. E. Cornell

Dr Sr

I received your letter of the 4th Inst— You state that my Report for April was incomplete, the Station Name being wanting— This was I confess a gross neglect, which will look out for in the future— There was a short note enclosed with it however, which if you saw, had the name of the Station on it &c— With regard to those articles which I considered that I was in need, I would state, that I have received one roll of paper from N. Y. Office & that abt one week since, which I very much needed— My old paper having been written over so many times— The Iron wire that I wanted, perhaps as you say. I can get from Q. I have a very short piece that Q. gave me— The Coper wire I dont now need— When I sent for it I contemplated putting in new wire from my machine to my battery, but I have them now fixed so that they work without any difficulty—

I also wanted some blanks— I have but one pair of Zincts— And if this letter reaches you before Mr Bagley returns I would like that you would send me one or two pair of Zincts & some blanks—

Enclosed you will find all the Bills (Mr Bagley's excepted) which have formed against the Company — Mr Swains Bill for acid obtained by Mr Thompson he is unable to state the exact amount — You can ask Mr Thompson the amount, I think he told me it ought to be about 40¢ —

The line as you probably are aware is in a very bad condition — A great number of the Cups are off — The line in very many places is out there entirely — Many of the poles are in a bad plight — Such being bent over &c — So great are the obstructions that 1/2 hours rain will so disconnect & break the circuit as to render unable for us to work — As for my using Copper wire to mend line — I have never yet found the line ~~down~~ apart since I have charge of the Office — & when with Mr Thompson we never used any Copper wire out of doors — with one exception & then we used both — the Iron wire being so short rendering it necessary — and it was the last we had — I have but 3 Cups that are fit to be used & but a few good glasses — My Platina that is soldered onto the arm of the Zinc is a very poor one, being very small & all bent & broken to pieces — I merely mention these things (many of which I sent for 2 months since & which had the line been generally good I could not have done without) that you may have a correct idea of it all & be a correct judge of what you may send — Act your own pleasure in sending the blanks, Zincs, wire, Platina, Cups, glasses &c &c — I sent my May Report in due season, which you will find designated by the Station — Those men whose bills I here inclose are anxious that they may be paid – The instability of the line for the last month has been very much ag^st its Credit – which is losing ground every day as the repairs are neglected – We can send nothing way with any degree of Certainty that we shall ever hear from it again – which makes bad method for the line's interest & very disagreeable loss –

I shall try to do the best that I possibly can both to keep the ~~interest~~ reputation of the line & to meet the wants of our Customers –

I am your most Obt Servant

To. E. Cornell Esqr E. W. Packard
Pres. of N. Y. & Erie Tel. Co, Nunda Office – Liv. Co N. Y –
Ithaca N. Y. –

Corning Telegraph Office
June 9th - 1851

Mr E. Cornell.

Dear Sir

My circumstances being such as they are, in pecuniary matters, I am under the necessity of _having_ to call upon you for some money.

From my report of April & May which I sent you a few days ago, you will see that there is $26.16 my due. Mr circumstances are very limited & I am thrown upon my own exertions for a livelihood as also are _others_ in a measure, & this being the case it is _absolutely_ necessary that I receive my Salary as it cometh due. The Agent here offers me work in the office at $25.— pr & payable monthly, _if_ I will give up the Tel Office. I have engaged with you & should much prefer staying in the Tel Office - But will have to accept of othr offer if I cannot rcv my Sal as it cometh due. I state to you my case _frankly_ so that _were_ I compelled to seek othr employment you might know the cause -

Hoping to hear from you soon

I am sir Respectfully H N. Shippero.

P.S. I have Telegraphed & written twice to you for some tumblers & Zincs — dont receive any — nor do I hear from you — I make hard work without a battery —

&c M.S.

W. Shippen
June 9. 1887

Newburgh N.Y. June 12th 1851

Dear Sir,

The message you sent me f Ia while you were at G, signed by my brother was answered by me the moment I got mine. The answer was of importance to him as much as though it had been a paying message. I have written to him about it and he say it was never recd. I quote from one of yours to me. "Why was it not forwarded to "Ia" by you"?

Let me hear from you immediately as to any arrangement made at the "Ia" meeting to pay old debts; *mine in particular*.

Edwards or "Ew" as he signs, wishes also to ask you if you can say immediately as to the prospect of his having a Station. It must be arranged immy or he goes in a freighting house here. Will continue at telegraphing if it will pay him better than his othr. offer. Pls answer the young man.

{E. Cornell Esq N.Y.}   Respectfully &c CMcK Ingersoll

Washington June 13th 1851

J. J. Speed jr. Esq

Dear Sir, On my return from Louisville whither I was called by the sickness and death of a daughter, I received your letter of the 23d ult. and an answer has been further delayed by my own indisposition.

I hardly dare hope for a consummation so desirable as your letter suggests. I think my principals will readily agree to the proposition with the stipulation that wherever they have stock they shall be put on the same footing as other stockholders in the same companies, submitting every thing else, including their claims on Mr. Smith, to arbitrators as you suggest. But I doubt whether any thing can be done without first getting rid of Mr. Smith and I doubt whether he can be gotten rid of on any reasonable terms. I am informed that $100.000 - perhaps more - can be readily raised for that purpose among the quondam O'Rielly men who will rid themselves of O'Rielly if we can rid ourselves of Smith.

With the main object in view, I will com-

A Kendall
13 June '51

communicate with you from time to time and ask the same favor in return. We must first consider what lines should be embraced in the arrangement.

It will not do, however, to proceed upon the assumption that I am to be placed at the head of the consolidated company. In the first place, I do not desire it; and in the next place, such an assumption might deter some parties to whom I have made myself obnoxious from coming into the arrangement. I would accept the position only on condition that every thing beyond a rigid supervision be placed in other hands, and then only in the event that it should be the general wish. Let all personal considerations, therefore, be put out of the question and let us proceed on the basis of the general good.

After a little more reflection I will write you again as to the lines which ought to be embraced &c.

With great respect

Amos Kendall

Pike June 13th 1851

Dear Sir

Yours of June 4th is Received by which I see there is some Missunderstanding in my account which I will try to explane to your satisfaction & if I fail I shall have to throw myself on the Mercy of the Court & take what I can get, I commenced work here May 10th 1849 & worked till June 14th 1850 without any price set when I met You & Mr Boardman at his Office to agree on some price you did not ask me to take less than one hundred Dollars a year which would leave a ballance due me up to that time of about 76 Dollars & little more I thought it rather hard & you proposed to give me one hundred Dollars & ballance the account to that date, We parted without coming to any desision expecting to see you or Mr Boardman again but did not, After I left I wrote Mr B— that I would comply with that proposition & commence anew for $150, per year

I have before me his letter of June 19th 1850 which says my proposition is accepted & I am credited with the amount on Book besides $3.75 personal expences while making repairs, Your proposition to accept of $150 a year for services & Office

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Rent is also Asscepted and your salary will commence from the 19th June

I have also a letter of June 25th 1850 from him in which I received $40 which leaves as I figure $60,, June 19th 1850 & now for my bill as I gave it before

Ballance	60,00
1 Years interest	4,20
Due me for June 19th to July 1st	3,23
for July 1850	11,56
~~August~~	$78,99
from Aug 1st 1850 to June 1st 1851	61,13
	140,12

Now it is evident where the misunderstanding is & please lay this before the board of Directors & have the matter settled & send me what is my Due & we will endeavor to keep things straight hereafter

In regard to those boxes I mentioned the first was May 12th sent to me from Wethersfield in this county to be sent to N.Y. Sig W. Flare to Cooper Storm & Smith 104 broad st N.Y. check 9 Pc 45 & 43 & 9 which I have never heard from & the man has been here 8 miles three times, the other was sent by Mail from Warsaw May 16th Sig J. R. Doolittle to John H. Cary

Racine Wis, Chk

20 Pe 150 pa 120 & 4889

Now I have no face to ask these men to pay for sending & rather loose it, myself than do it, Shall I loose it or not Also 1 Sig J. L. Platt to E. S. Mills 6 Cortlandt St NY sent May 16th Check 21 Pe 78 Mills writes that he never Receivd it May 30 I sent one to NY Ofs making inquiry for that & the one to Cooper Stone & Smith & not a word from them

Now I am doing nothing this month nor shall I be able to while things go in this state, But I think you must be tired of my complaints & I am sure I am tired of making them & will stop

Yours with respect

E. Cornell Esqr

D. P. Gordon

Cooper Stone Smith 102 Broadway

Call not on Books

Corning. 17 June. 1851

Dear Sir

Yours of 16th was duly received this morning - I was perfectly unconscious of having purchased any articles for the use of the office that would not meet with your approbation - I can however assure you I will try & do so no more - "The first five items" I deem necessary for every Tel Off to have & consider no office perfect without them. These however I will pay the Co for them just what I paid for them - "Tacks" I use to keep my wires from coming in contact with each other, as they are not covered with the gutta percha - Ammonia I shall say nothing about, only that I have been used to taking funds! from the office to pay for it -

The report which I sent you is just as I have been in the habit of making them & not knowing your way I of course followed my old plan -

You say it will not be convenient for you to pay me at present any more than the receipts of my office - Let this be as it may - I can only say as I said before - My circumstances demand that I have my pay as it cometh due. & in consideration of which I feel that I will have to leave you employ & try my luck at something else.

I wish to leave you employ with a perfect understanding & on good terms - For You feel that you cannot pay me as my sal cometh due & I feel that my circumstances will not allow me to work for you unless you do - Please let this be the fair understanding. Were I otherwise situated in pecuniary matters I might ~~have to~~ wait for my pay.

For the last six weeks I can say much to my satisfaction that I have felt as though no office could be attended better - by one person - Both late and early have I been in attendance

The agent never wished to take me from your Employ but on the contrary I solicited all my leisure business hours for so doing.

Matters here standing as they are I feel that I must leave the first of next, or the last of this week - You will however receive another report from me ere I go

All I wish to ask of you is to understand me perfectly & let me leave your employ on good & friendly terms.

Yours Respectfully
W. Shippen.

Jefferson June 18th/51

Mr Cornell
Dear Sir

I received your letter some time since and I mean to keep my "eye wide open" and I dont mean to let any coms slip from my non attenance=
The line has not worked well this month so far and I am afraid my receipts will be rather small in my next report=

I would like very much with your permission to spend the fourth of July in New York with my brothers- if you could find it convenient I would like to have you send some one here then for eight or ten days I should not like to lose any business on account of my absence

I think the telegraphing business is going to be good in Jefferson there is a company now constructing a line from Canandagua to this place—

I have been out on the line west some seven or eight times since I have been in Jefferson and have found ~~the~~ line almost invariably broken in a place in-

Crosbys woods six miles this side of Bath I think it is the work of some rascal who holds spite against the company — I was told in Bradford hollow by an old gentleman that keeps a house of entertainment that Crosby made a great fuss because the line was tacked on his trees without his permission —

I would like to leave here the last day of this month or the first day of next month

Mr Hurd has been in the office some two or three times since I have been here looking at the books and he appeared to be very much pleased at the amount of business I have been doing for the last month or two —

I would be much obliged if you would send me ten dollars I am as ragged as a street beggar I need some clothes very much —

Will you be kind enough to answer at your earliest convenience and oblige

Your obt Servant

Thomas P. Georne

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E Cornell Esq
President
N.Y. & Erie Telegraph Co
New York

T P Greene
June 18. 1857

Corning June 18-1857
9¼ A.M.

Dear Sir,

At eight O'clock this morning I received a number of messages from N York, which Owego sent me. & went on to say "that is all there is any use of sending. I have three more, one fr N Y to the N Y Bank & 2 fr N Y office, & one from E Cornell asking why you did not get answers to them"

In reply I would say that I have had no ci either way since yesterday noon, I had quite important business for R R yest P M but could do ntg - There is a young chap in Ra offs that keeps his G N on much of the time & in this way bothers my office very much - Mr Conklin from Hornellsville has gone to N. Y City, & the line is broke west of here -

I can assure you, as also can others of my close attention to the office - Hoping the above is sufficient reason for not obtaining answers

I remain Sir, Yours Respectfully
W Shipper.

Fredonia June 18th /51

Mr E Cornell

D Sir

I send you reports again for November & December 1850 on the last form of Reports. That Draft in May of $135. is due the 6th & 9th of July. You will see by my report of May that I disposed of the amount in good faith for the Company. My endorsers Mrs Pratt & Brigham are men of more name than capital & it would be very hard for them to have to meet it & you know full well what my circumstances are. as regards funds I get just enough to live on. E & M Co are owing me also the M & E Co for that old debt. Please dont suffer it to return here as we have nothing to pay it.

Western Line is working better of late. They are reinsulating it now

We are working beautifully from here to Y by way of Ancaster in our Circuit never saw a line work better. I sent a repairer over our line towards Pike a day or two ago. He is one of Speeds boys but I got him to go over for us. The line I see is working better. I hope we shall get out of the woods before long Your interest at this Office I have Ever tried to do & study although I am aware you think you have had sufficient cause to think to the Contrary but there has always been a nigger under the fence.

Please write me or tel me on receipt of this & let me know about that Dft as I feel Considerably interested. I should very much dislike to have my paper Come back.

Yours in haste

Emory Cobb

Mr E Cornell

Please forward
this to Mr C if not at Ithaca cf

S Cobb
June 18. 1867

Montrose June 18. 1851

Mr Cornell

Dr Sir — Your letter is received and in answer I can only say that I am not conscious of not having used my best exertions in promoting the interest of this telegraph line and I know I have done more, much more than I contracted to do. Its not only been vexations but a damage to my interest, having had to pay more money for assistance in my office business than my salary, besides very often having to advance of my own funds to repair the wire, I am not one of those who think its easy for a Superintendent of a telegraph line to keep all in order & at work right but it appears to me that where there is an interruption on the line that is cornered down to within the distance of 50 or more miles with pretty good reason to suspect a particular point that it ~~it~~ might be fixed & put in good working repair within 2 Months or so. May be I am mistaken, If You recollect something like one Year ago there was a time for 2 or three weeks when it was impossible to work the line clear through & the trouble was not apparent. You sugested to me that my instruments were not in good repair, & that the Keys might be loose - on Examination I found that to be so and put them in order at once now there may be a cause of the same Kind at one of the offices at H. Ro. or D. and truly the difficulty appears to me to be at or near one of those points. There is great disorder of the wire on the first 7 miles west of Carbondale and there ought to be some very Essential repairs made there. The floods have washed away several poles, very many caps are gone & the insulation is not much better than stretching a wire on the fence - I have a number of times requested that Caps and Glasses should be sent me, and offered to put them on or have it done - none has been sent - There is no very serious fault in the line between Montrose and Farmars Ville which is 23 miles East & the half way point between M s & H. Mr Wheeler has never been there but once to the best of my belief & he is now making a great ado about the

line being in a horrible condition near Ca-
he has the office at Ca. opened & I get
him good. - part of the time we get H&
RO. Good & I had N. one day last week
about an hour. when somebody kicked
up a bobery since which I have not seen
him - I have no other interest in the
success of this line than the benefit to
arise from its use to my fellow citizens
& the pride of an opperator & I must
say that is hardly enough to cause me
to be willing to advance for repairs more
than I receive unless I have the individual
pledge of some responsible person.

Your interests in that respect are
very different from mine -

I firmly believe that the line can be
made to work well and to pay also - but
to do that my opinion is that there must
be a change of some of the opperators at
least, & if I am one at fault I should only
be glad to know where & have the ofs removed - You spoke of opening an of
at Dundaff - unless they will do all the
Expense my Judgment would be that it
would not be advisible - Its only 5
miles to Carbondale & all the important
business would go there any way

The stockholders are often asking me about their certificates of stocks and whether the company has been change or not. They want their certificates whether they are valuable or not as some of them would sell at any price if they had any thing to pass over that would be considered tangible evidence of stocks — — when a new sett of directors are chosen we shall insist on there being one located here — & see whether we can furnish one who attend to his duty —

I am paying for property and need all the money I can get every six months & had been in hopes that I should receive a remittance before the first of July next. If such a thing be possible please let it be done & oblige a friend

Very Respectfully Yours
Charles L. Brown

C L Brown
June 18, 87

Forestburg ~~Ind~~ June 19 1851

Dear Sir

I reievd yours of the 9 of June yesterday and take time to rite you an answer to the same you state in your letter that you had examined the bill ~~&~~ that I left with Hector Vail Now that you may understand the bill and how I came to work on the line in the first place Mr O Coleman requested me to look to the line in Forestburg and if there was anny thing rong to rite it and he would se me paid accordingly if there was any thing rong that I saw or hird of from the Mongaup to the Nervisink I made it rite ~~&~~ as quick as none to me for wich I charged two Dollars and he has my recipt for the same about the time that Hector imploid me ~~&~~ so that what I have done since was Charged to the Company I will now state how I Come to brush and repair last fall I met with Hector at — Cuddeback Ville and he stated that he was brushing and repairing the line and would like to get some person to brush from their to Bever Brooke I told him that I would brush it for two Dollars for wich he paid with the express under standing if it took more time than two days to do it in he was to pay me at the rate of one Dollar per dy I then told him that it was verry much out of repair ligwise glases out boxes of and the wire down in a nomber of places with in reach of a persons hand he then stated to me that you wanted to get some one to repair the line to Narrowsburg and if I would do it he would se that I got my pay if he had to pay me out of his one pocket I now have stated every word as ny as I can remember if I am rong and you are not satisfide pleas to rite to Hector and se if I have stated anny thing rong I consired at the time he was

~~ton~~

Direct your letter to Montosillone and send it a few days before you will mete me as I am starting a mill for one of my friends and he cannot get any one else in this County that rigs the works as I do

Acting as agent for the Company I will now state the bill as I have it on my book

Began work for Telegraph

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27	To Do horse and boy	2 63
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You will find in the bill two charges for going to Goshan after caps and Glases when I begun Becton gave me some fue to begin with thinking they would nearly finish but they hardly be gun and after I had got out I was shure I would have a nuf the second time but found more gon than wee had expected and had to go agane the eighty cents over is fare on Rail Road to and from goshan

The irons is for to put the Caps on ware the pins was broke of you no dout nue it was verry bad from the Mongap to Narrows Burg and no it is verry slo work to rite the pols and put up your ladder and mount it and then get down a gane and hall it of and on the wagon at evry pole or so and such a butiful Mc Addam road to travle to find some plase to stop ove nite in the darke

You ask the question if I would worke on the Line a gane I answer yes if my bill is paid and you will advance anuf for my expences for me to pay my boy [illegible] expencez and wate anny grate length of time I am not able Now if you will rite me a line and state which of the plases you will mete me Newburg Goshan or New York and the Day of the Month I will mete you

Mr Vail
June 19 – 18