New York and Erie Rail Road.

Susque. Division Agent's Office.

Elmira, July 20 1851

To Mr Connell

SIR:

The young lad Smith who has bin taken with M Gillibson 4 months has not bee any pay only what little I have paid him for staying heer 8 nights he has become quite a operator. plees let me know wether you purpose paying him any thing or not. Our Company will not pay him. he does all errands down town taking dispatches &c and quite a help heer. You know thear a goodeal of Telegraphing heer and it is important for some one to be on hand all the time. it is most impossible for Gillibson to be up night & day. he is heer from 7 a.m. to 12 midnight. and he cannot go to deliver dispatches. I understood you that you would pay the Boy. unless you desired on his part he will leave. Plese answer Respct Yr E Rutter

Elmira July 20th 1857

Dr Sir.

Mr. Rutter has been writing to you today in relation to the young man who I have in my office & acts as Apt Opr Messenger &c. When I first came here he came with me & worked for nothing about 2 months & then left me on ac of my poor inst &c. For some time I had to deliver all my despatches myself or get them delivered as I best could but I found I could not continue to do that & Mr. Rutter found a good deal of fault about my not being on hand, so I told him I must either have a Messenger or not be on hand any better than I had been. He then hired the Boy I have at $2.00 per week & I supposed the R. R. Co. were to pay him. They have paid him but $4.00 & he has been here just 2 months leaving a Balance of about $12.00 due him which Mr. Rutter says I should pay. Now if this is to be the arrangement I can never make any

thing out of this Office (and I doubt whether Mon will any way.) The young man wants his money (which he cannot be blamed for) but I shall not pay him out of the Rects of the Office as long as they do not more than pay me at any rate. He also says he must have higher wages or can't stay. He has got to be a pretty good Opr & thinks he should have $200.00 per year & I think so myself. Of course you cannot afford to pay $600, at this Office & of course I cannot do all the Business alone. There is too much night work & too much R.R. Business for that & in fact this Office keeps the Nite hot nearly all the time. I am up late nights & early mornings. Please advise me in regard to this matter of the Boy immediately or he will leave. If the R.R. Co. wdnt to use an Opr so much I should think they ought to pay part.

My Father was here last Sunday & he very much doubts the propriety of my staying here as things now are. My Business last month

was pretty good. Receipts $50.00 & might have been nearer $100. if the line had worked as it should. I live in hopes of its working better one of these days although there is but little prospect of it that I can see. I should like very much to get that old Balance. I need it very much for reasons of which you are probably aware.

I send a lot of Business from this morning by mail part of which was dated Buffalo 16th. Nice Telegraphing that. I have tried to keep up the reputation of this ofs but I am afraid I shall fail in doing so unless there are new arrangements

Yours Respectfully

J. G. Tillotson

P. S.

Are we to have those tin Boxes on every train? If so we shall have to be up at 11.30 P.M & 4.30 A.M, The Bsns. of this ofs will not be as good T. this month as it was last I think.

Youngstown Ohio
July 21 1837

Sir.

The Ballance of my sal due me from you, as pr last Report of June you will much oblige me by remitting me as soon as possible. I truly stand in need of it.

If you <u>cannot</u> pay me at <u>present</u> you will please forward me your note for the $31,46. Addressed to New Castle Pa

& Much oblige

Yours respectfully
N. Shippen

Dunkirk July 22/01

Mr Cornell Dr Sir –

Coll Spend is
here – was at Cleveland Saturday –
Order for 1000 Caps forwarded on
to him but no answer – His man
Hoskins is at work near here ready
to go thro them up as soon as instructed
They are scattered along at the different
Towns between here & Cleveland –
Western lines work finely – Only
trouble is too much to do on one
wire – Ci dont go round 2 a day –

Yours Respy
Geo F. Brigham

Birmingham July 24th 1873

Mr Ellsworth Esq

Dear Sir

I take the liberty of addressing you on the subject of the present locality of my office. I think if it was across the way in the Passenger Depot I would get double the amount of business. Passengers who are a stranger here don't know there is such a thing as a Telegraph Office in the place. & During the last week there has been more than 20 persons who were passing through on the Cars made enquiry of the Baggagemaster for the Telegraph office & by the time they found out where it was. Why the Cars were ready to start. How if the office had been where it should be I would have got there & my business in this place all safe. they had rather the office would be across the way. There is plenty of room on there & it wont cost anything to speak of. to move. & another thing I ask both. people coming in & out after freight & also by the noise in the house. Will you please have the kindness to look the matter on & let me know what you think about it. Answer this as soon as possible & oblige

Yours Respectfully

J. C. Thomas

Chief

Rec'd Aug 21. 57

Newburgh, July 24th, 1851.

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir:— My engagement with this Co. expires on the 1st of August. Hearing that Edwards wishes to quit telegraphing, I propose as follows:

I will take your office for its receipts paying all office expenses keeping the line up to the river on the south and half way to Goshen on the West side.

Perhaps I ought to state that the Erie line desire me to take their office on similar conditions. No trouble, however, will ensue. I am familiar with both systems. Etc, particularly will be shown either line. I would send my business the first opportunity — over whichever line might be convenient, thus giving you an equal chance on messages originating with me and elsewhere. It is understood, moreover, that I will pay all necessary punctually attend to the repetition of your business when the ill working of the line may render a repetition necessary.

I think an arrangement like this would prove mutually advantageous. As you are aware, the business of this place is not adequate to the support of two offices. I am quite sure that I could not realize a remunerative sum I now receive, were this arrangement effected. I should however be in some respects more pleasantly situated.

Please write me by return mail. I have conversed with stockholders of both lines. All favor the proposition.

Most respectfully, Yours. H. David

Ithaca July 26th 1851

E Cornell Esq

Dear Sir –

I wish a pass from Ia to N.Y. & Back by Thursday of next week or so I can go down Friday morng.

I am speaking within bounds when I say it is principally in connection with my former engagement with the Erie Co that I go down. My connection with said Co makes it necessary that I should go to N.Y. next week – Let me hear from you by telegraph – Send the pass by Mail if you can do so willingly and without exceeding the rights afforded you as Supt of Erie Co –

I understand that the R R passes such as find it necessary to go on busines connected with the telegraph Co. If such is the case I think I am entitled to a pass –

Respectfully &c

Yours C.M.K. Degenoll

Opr

Dunkirk 28 July 1837

Dear Sir

I waited here all day Saturday expecting you; Went to Ru[illegible] in the evening - came back on line to Silver Creek yesterday, and here again to day, where I find yours of the 25th. I have no doubt but your line would work respectably well, if every other hole was cut down, and the iron, brimstone fixings taken off between Ithaca and Binghamton. But I have great doubts about your being able to keep it up, and do through business with so many small pieces on the line, as will as it can be done by Factory and Rain with two mules each, and Horses wine besides to relieve them of some of the hard labor - But again, as you remark, how are we to get the funds to do even what is essential to be done, to work at all! I have had all I could do to keep afloat & save our lines in Ohio - I have

been lucky in borrowing, & we would have been just as bad off by this time, as your line, and nothing could have ruined us- If I had left the iron axles on Six mos. longer, we would have been so effectually used up, & in debt, that you now would have not for the first dollar back for all your investments out West- I have actually borrowed $500 of Mich Central RR- $500 of Livingston & Hampo 750 of Wm Sturges at Janesville- $300 of State Bank at Detroit $100 of Jackson by sundry $1000 of Stockholders & I have paid $500 to save Janesville line, 1000 to reinstate & pay debts on Pittsburgh line, and spent the balance on our Lake line- In 4 weeks more I will have our No 2 line in as good order as our No 1 is- between Buffalo and Cleveland, and that is good enough- I can, & will, save all our interests out West- How I am to get the means to finish Erie line, I can't say: but it must be done- Wade has made money & he could put the means to finish Erie line- I opened him the same

proportion of the profits of construction that we have. That is he should have as much stock for each dollar he paid in cash, as we have for what you and I have paid. I thought that was a very liberal offer: But Rand finds fault with it, and thinks we will have to let him take the Stevens line on his own terms, which is to give him four dollars in stock, for one dollar in cash, which he may have to expend in finishing it. I have written to Lee to come to Cleveland or Detroit, and if nothing better can be done, we had better let Rand take the line & finish it, with an agreement to give us our answer — I am told Rand is going to build a line from Erie to Stevens, and he would no doubt take Lee's line on such terms as would be better than Rand's offer, and if Rand should take it, we could sell all of his Eastern lines over it, besides all we could make by it would be good stock, and your line would be a good investment

After doing all for Wade that he could ask, and enabling him to make over $15000 in three years, he would see you and me both so to the devil, rather than help us, unless he could make money out of us - He is now quite as tall as Coon as he should be, & I dislike the spirit he manifested after I had been to Mr Vernon, and got his second vote according to the Stockholders, and every thing proper just as he wanted it - I had rather at Red have the St Louis line than Wade, at the same price, & I think you had better see Read, and see what kind of a bargain can be made with him - to take it and finish it - What is to be done with the Ry & Erie debts? Some one will see before long, & get a judgment - Would it not protect our interest to some extent for the Erie & Mich line

to have a transaction, if suits
me to bring it, & this line sold in
Newyork & Erie line now owes us
$880.69 up to 24 July, besides Just
I could easily get Cobb & Brigham
claims, which would increase the
sum to considerable over $1000. If this
line is to be sold, will not some
one buy it in for a song, and
we loose not only all our interest
in it, but the debt due & the line
besides. I am sorry you did
not take this early line Saturday,
I must go West - I cannot put off
ending this line night, before this
other gets all wrong - Woodward
Hamlins are both West of Detroit,
but we have not had the direct
from Detroit in near two months,
and our business has dwindled down
to almost nothing West of Detroit,
I will say I can be able to have
this end of the line, and must spend
a month on the West end - I will
come home or visit you at Chatham,
any time you say - If we do not do
a splendid fall business, we must
be mighty near broke; but we must
do it,

and will have two cars to do it with, and both in just as good order as ours be, with old poles. If I could sell $100000 now cash, for 10 of a price, to pay the balance due for the cursed things at Erie, I would feel better. The heavy expense we incured last year, and the great loss of car this spring, has taxed my skill to the utmost to get out of the scrape. I will do it, but as the dutchman said about going to Heaven, it will be dam'd tight fit.

If we could make some arrangement with the Lake line, so that we could command the whole of the cars from Buffalo, we might then make money by having a line on N.Y. & E. Road, on the terms you mention; but if we are to have competition from Buffalo I much question whether we would not lose as much as we may we could make on N.Y. & E. line. Now if we had a line which would work. If we had a through car from here to N.Y. that we could

defunct one, we could compete with O R line for Cin & St O business Hoxtons boys say we may have a through car on this line, and this will give us the exclusive use of it, if necessary, and as long as they connect with us as they now do. that is, give us traffic from Cleveland to St. (they sending to T Jne on our line, & we sending from T to St Jne on this line) It is, most decidedly better for us than to send over St L & pay 40. and have but 60 to T— If we can get St. L. & Cin & St Louis buy to anything like the extent that made predicts, we must do a capital business as soon as we can get our No 2 wine at work.—
I expect to do twice as much in Sept, Oct, & Nov, this year, as we have ever done the best three months we ever knew, and if we do, it will get us out of the woods—
I see no possible way for me to get the funds to help me through, or to consolidate your line— I think I could get the money, one of some body, by going to St Louis this week & handing over

two months: but if I come on line it will go to the devil, and I had better save that & let St Louis go, than to try to save both, & loose both— I could make $50 a month more out of My & E R R line, if it was not for the O R devils— They have an office here now, and often to do wonderful things if Nottingham will give them his bus. The consequence is, I have to do twice & three times as much for them fine, as I would if I had the field— I go in for consolidation, on other lines. Patent or no Patent— I will leave here tomorrow for Erie & Cleveland & home— I have not been at home in a month—

Yours truly

J J Speed Jr

Ohio Shipping
July 2 & 07

Tindonia July 29/21

Mr E Cornell

Dear Sir

Upon receiving your letter about protested Dft &c I had drawn another at 60 days on Son at Sly and the funds & paid the old Dft. for that I did not ask your acceptance of $1400. but a Dft of the same amount dated Mayfield Monday July 18th 1921. being the same date of your acceptance. I had hoped to have seen you while east but did not. I hope said Dft will be accepted and paid at Maturity.

On Sim I am very sorry to say is not in very good order & consequently not doing much on the west end at all events. I have informed us as to acceptance of Dft &c and much obliged

Yours respectfully

Emory Cobb

Dansville July 20 1851

E Fomell, Esq

Dear Sir:

I have your favor. I am in favor of calling a meeting of Directors, and insisting upon the attendance of all. A meeting of stockholders can accomplish nothing that I can see. If any thing is done it must be by the Directors. It may be well to ask the attendance and co operation of some of the more influential stockholders.

I will attend a meeting at any time it may be appointed, but Ithaca is the worst place to call it, as we shall be more sure of a full Board. Elmira was talked of as a half way house, but I doubt the policy

Yours truly G W Hallock

L C Woodruff
July 30. 1887



Cornell Coll
Ithaca
NY

Jefferson Aug 1st 1851.

Dear Sir

my opinion is that the stockholders had better be called togather. as I believe that some thorough measures must be gone into, and I believe they had better know all about the whole matter. and then they can act for themselves. and not have blame all rest on the directors

Respectfully Yours &c
Orlando Ward

E Cornell Esq
Ithaca

New York. Aug. 1 1881.

Respected Madam: I was, unfortunately, out when Mr. Cornell called a few days since, but was pleased to hear that "Sis" was still improving.

Mrs. S. has been driving a great business in the visiting line, but has finally arrived at home, and is preparing for another excursion — South.

I hope that "my friends" mean you are all well, for I sincerely pity any person who is sick.

How is the little Miss — my little patient — now?

Mrs. Nichols wishes me to inclose this bill which Mr. Cornell left for her. It proves to be a counterfeit. It would accommodate her much if Mr. Cornell would send her another in place of this soon.

I suppose your Father is hard at work — sick — or dead, unless he has gone on a visit somewhere.

I am anxious to hear from my friend Miss Edith. Is she recovering from her difficulty?

How is Emily's health?

When did you hear from Orin last?

Do you hear any thing from grandfather Bonesteel?

Any other question you may think of please to answer, and I will acknowledge that you understand the catechism

Respectfully, S. E. Shepard

Mrs. Nichols desires to be
kindly remembered to you, and
Mrs. Denbar undoubtedly would
if she knew that I was writing.

Penn Yan Aug. 4th 1845

E. Cornell Esq.

Dear Sir

I am constructing a Line of Telegraph from Canandaigua to Elmira which I hope to have completed within a month or six weeks. I would like to see you and make some equitable arrangment for connecting with your Lines at Jefferson & Elmira.

Please write to me at Jefferson & let me know on what day within two weeks I can meet you at Jefferson, Elmira or Ithaca

Yours Truly

E. A. Gibbs

P. S.

I hope to have the Line completed to Jefferson within three weeks

E. A. G.

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.

Newark Aug 5th 1851

By Telegraph from D Thacer

To E. Cornell

The boy has gone to N. Y. to bring up some instruments for NY Office — I suppose he is in the Company's employ — I might come to see you a day or two

Yr Obt Servt
J Tillotson

If you will settle with him for what he has done & give him good security that he shall be paid for it, he may come — Yr Obt Servt E B C

E. Covell Esqr

Mendon

Ithaca Aug 8. 1857

Dear Sir

You are hereby notified that there will be a meeting of Directors of the New York & Erie Telegraph Association, at their office in Ithaca, on Thursday Aug 14th inst at 8 oclock A.M. – ~~X for~~ Recent investigations has led to the discovery of ~~assured of being able to lay before the directors the true~~ the cause that has prevented the successful working of ~~the~~ line of ~~Telegraph~~, and it is very important to the interest of the Company that there should be a full meeting of Directors, so that a prompt remedy may be applied for the removal of the difficulty, ~~and such other measures adopted as the interest of the Company may demand.~~

~~Very Respectfully~~
E Cornell

There are other questions, the first consideration of which demands a full board of Directors

E. C

Post

Call Directory
Meeting 15th
Aug 1884

Cleveland Aug 11th 51

D. D. Spade Jr. Esq

Dear Sir.

I understand that Mr E Cornell purposes dissolving all connection with the N.Y. & Erie A.R. Telegraph Line. W. Wade advises me to go to Dunkirk & solicit the superintendency of the Line. I write you to ascertain if you think it advisable. & if I can expect any encouragement & if so. will you be good enough to assist me through your influence.

Please answer by first mail & oblige

Yours very Respectfully

D. P. Benedict.

Aug 14, 1857 — Delano Statement to H. & K.

Total issue of Stock 3438 Shares on
$171,900 —

No. Miles 795, at $300 per mile = $238,500

Patents 1/4 deducted 59,600

H. & K. Stock $178,900
Issued as above 171,900
In hand of Co 7,000
To be issued —
To be issued to Germantown 1,000
6,000 held by
Company of O'Reilly's stock to pay
debt to Co of $1000 and balance due
those who furnished funds to be
repaid in telegraphing about $500.

Com. Earned in May & June 57 over
Expenses $1839.89 looked up by you
indebtedness of the Milwaukie line to this
Company.
Total Receipts from Aug 1, 56 to Apl 57 $22,285.84
Expenses per Same time 21,581.65
$ 704.19

In letter to J. D Dimitt dated June 14/57
Delano says. No dividend has been made yet - The line has
it's expenses up to May 1st last. Its present rate of busines
clears about $400. per mo — If this rate is sustained for a
year there will be a dividend of about 4 per ct —

O. S. T. A.
F. L. Co.

Mr. Connelly's

Memoranda.

Lodi Aug 15 61

Mr Cornel Sir
I have bee talking with the
Commisioners they are getting very
mich engaged in relation to the
wire croping the Bridge here
there must be something done befo-
re many days or they will
tare it down, I stoped at
Perrey Burg last night my
health is better I hired a man
to come here with me I wrote
no line last night as it was late
before I got in I have founde
those caps & gleeves you expect to take
them all along I suppose, I think
of nothing more
Yours in due time
Margnis M Hibbard

Ten Days

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Cornell Esqr

Ithaca

Tompkins Co

N Y

A. M. Kirkland

Aug 15, 57.

Narrowsburg, Aug. 15, 1851.

E. Cornell Esq.

Dear Sir, -

If I remain here I can have the Post-Office and Express Agency, which will pay me pretty well - Skinner has resigned the former and given up the latter. I asked S. today if he intended leaving this place, he said he did not know whether he should go away or not, - that it depended upon circumstances - I do not see, myself, how he is now going to make it pay to stay here; he has a wife to take care of - I do not wish to supersede him, nor will I under any circumstances, but I am importuned to take the offices mentioned and do not know what to say as I know not whether you are going to keep me here - If you intend shipping me to some other office please to let me know it and where -

Yours Respectfully,

M. Wheeler

Aug 15, 1851

Receipts Newport & E Tel from Opening line to Oct 1st Excepting such Offices as work for Net and have not reported $25,938.69

Less Amt Rec'd for Tel to Op Line — 1,563.04

Net Rect Newport E Tel $24,375.65

Amt Rec'd and disbursed by E. Cornell — 4,709.05

Amt disbursed by Operators at the several offices for Salaries & Expenses $13,666.60

The Line has worked 806 days and the average Receipts amount to $22.80 per day upon an average —

The average daily Cost of Working line and Repairs, has been, Exclusive of E. Cornell services — $28.77 per day.

The net daily Rects from 15 Aug to Dec 1, 1850 were $1.44 per day — and

Average daily Expenses 25.00 " "
Daily gains — 6.44

The Average net daily Rects from April 1st " to Aug 15, 1851 were 20.42
Do Expenses 35.00
Less per day 14.58 — — 4.58

The average net rects from Oct 1st to April 1, 1850 were $29. per day —
Expenses 25
$4 daily gains —

On Motion of Mr. Sage moved that the Com
be ordered to pay the bills —

— On Vote — Clerk appointed —

D. T. Boardman
W. M. Thomas -
J. Q. Shaw
~~A~~ Hubbard
Seeley
Conwell —
W. H. Sage

Elmira Aug 7th 1857

E. Cornell Esq

Dr. Sir.

I herewith resign my situation as Tel. Opr. in Your Employ. I hope I have attended to My Business to Your satisfaction since I have been at this station & always before. If You consider me worthy of a recommendation from You I should be very glad of one

Yours Respectfully

L. G. Tillotson

P. S.

According to the Agreement made in Our Contract of course I will remain here one month longer

T.

Elmira Aug. 17th 1851

E. Cornell Esq

Dr Sir. I herewith resign my situation as Telegraph Operator in your Employ. & will continue in it the same as I have done for one month as agreed upon in our Contract. I hope I have done my business satisfactory to you since I have been here & allways before. If you think me worthy of a Recommendation from you I should be very glad of one.

Yours Respectfully

L. L. Tillotson.

Tibbetsville August 17. 51

Friend Cornell

Yours came duely to hand and I deferred answering it to obtain information relative to your enquiries and I learn that you cannot do any thing with Power in the way of criminal prosecution nor civil at present your case ~~was~~ with Thayer was referred to Judge Dewey and J D Cobb & they gave him a Judgement the amount of which I don,t know and he laid upon that part of the line which was in Vermont and Massachusetts and sold it to the Boiley Co who are about constructing a line from Boston to Albanny we [redacted] should have beat on the case had we have had the Book of subscription to the stock but we had not and we cracked the matter—

Yours &c

A L Rupell

E. Carroll City

Dear Sir

I found on my return home after an absence of three weeks your favors of Aug 25 & Sept 8

I regret that I had not had earlier notice of your intended meeting but that I could have made my arrangements to attend I think nevertheless that the business can be as well & more economically conducted without the presence of the Board as to give general satisfaction to the Stockholders and best promote the interests of the Association & produce

Yours &c

R. L. Ely

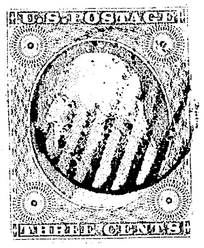
Rd Leeds
Aug 19. 1857

Thomas Co
Pa.

Edmunds
Agent



S L Russell
Aug 17. 1837





Ezra Cornell Esq
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N. Y.