Narrowsburgh 1st Oct 1851

E Cornell Esq.

Dear Sir

I am Now free of all incumbrances or from all other business but the Telegraph, and have nothing to do only to attend to the business of the office and take Care of the Line ~~so far~~ so far as it falls to my lot to do. and Shall of Course go out in any Either Way when there is a break Which I Shall Try to have it Work better the Sometime part as you are the PO Confines me here all the time And I am sorry to Learn that it is to be Connected With a PO at, H I think that D is PO is Enough to Settle Mr. Cone that it is Not good Policy to have it Connected With any thing that cannot be left for a Day. Were I going to Stay here or on the Line it Would be my Wish to have the Line Disconnected With the PO at D & H. but my Stay is to be Short So of Course I have nothing to Say Let Me hear from you Soon and Oblige

Yours S W Simms

Boys the Boys Shepardise is a going to H he goes into a Shipping office in N Y Soon &c

S W S

E C.

GW Skinner
Oct 1. 1851

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Newyork Oct 1st 1851

E E Cornell

Dear Sir

I received your letter this morning and was surprised to learn that you did not know when the meeting was to be held, until you returned to Ithaca— The fact is, that I have been waiting two months for that meeting to come off to decide my future movements— I have lived, (as I told you when here) as long as I can in Newyork without money. My Board bill has got to be paid, And it amounts to 30 or 35 dollars

It was out most of last week on the Sea between here and White Plains, and have the consolation to find that we could now work to Rs 4 or Rs if we only had some body there to be depended upon, I had Rs 4 to this morning as good as ever, but no one can be found since because there is no one in office, I hear Bu. at plain as I wish to but he either can adjust or can't get me. The Newburyh mines are crossed continually below the office some where & 'tis there it stands. We can get a message Early

Signed W & Co. Now if you think I can live on such work as this, it's too much. If some one will tell Household words 2 cents we could work well. Skinner is about closing as he and can't attend to us at all.

Now I must have 30 or 40 dollars cumin, to square my bills or leave for different quarters. This is no more than reasonable & if you have such confidence that the stock holders are going to pay up. you can surely advance me that amount from your numerous resources, to draw from —

Butcher goes to Ro this evening to help me get a few necessaries through, but how long he will stay I do not know.

Shall I take western business? are you working west & if not write immediately & let me know what to do,

Yours &c
P. A. Hopkins

P. A. Hopkins
1. 1877

Peekskill Oct 2d 1851

E. Cornell Esqr

President &c

D. Sir/

Your Circular Informing me that an Election for Officers of the New York and Erie Telegraph Co. takes place at Ithica on the Second Thursday of this Month is Recd. and in answering I beg leave to State that your Representations Induced me to Subscribe for the Stock & to you I paid my Subscribtion and to you I have often applied for the Scrip or Stock Certificate in Vain and I wish to be cleared [illegible] matter all together as you have never given (as I can learn) any Satisfactory answer or Statement Regarding the Company

Yours Respectfully

R. R. Finch

Danville Oct 2nd 1871

To E Connell Esqr Supt

Dear Sir

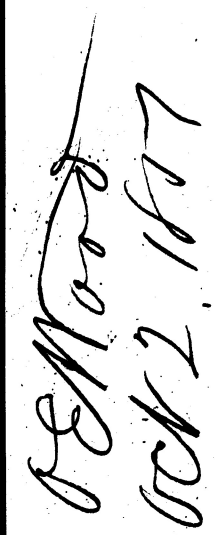
Yours of Sept 29th just received, I will explain that satisfactorily. June 2nd Expenses Bath to Pike, dinner 25c
" " over night, Expenses Self Horse 1,25,
" 7th " to Bath Dinner Self Horse 3/5 help fixing wire, 25c
Toll 7c, Total 69c June 13, to Bath over night, Dinner 13th 25c,
Self & horse over night 1,25, Here I have not charged toll & so
few from there being an over charge it is
a few cents less than it should be, Those are
the expenses while out exclusive of Livery Bill.

20 3rd	Horse & Buggy	West	two	days	$3,00
7	"	"	Sulkey	East	one day 1,25
13 3/4	"	"	Buggy	"	day & half 2,25
23	"	"	"	"	3/4 of day 1 00
					$7,50

The 23rd you will find toll charged & nothing more as I did not stop, The Rent you will find
Correct, If you look from first of Nov
the time I commenced in this ofs
If anything more is necessary I can
produce it, I have not paid a cent when
on the Line or at home that was not
absolutely necessary & not then if there was
any possible chance of saving it, I have been
literally as mean as possible & a great deal closer than I
would have been for myself, You will find
first $28 Rent charged for eight Months from
first Nov to first July, @ $4,50 from July 1st to Oct 1st
My Livery Bill is more reasonable than they generally
are & if there is anything exorbitant in any of the
chgs I have not found it out, Yours very Respy

E McSmith Opr

To E Connell Esqr Supt.





Utica October 2d 1857

Dear Brother E. C.

Yours of 29th ult. came to me yesterday — Would like the a/c as soon as convenient for you to send it — Receipts of N. Y. A. and B. Line, nowadays, average about $115, and the two wires work beautifully —

Please do not make public the source from which you obtained your information, with regard to the Rects — Bronson is not now in Utica — McKinney said he saw him at Roch. during the Fair — I understand he has given up Telegraphing for the present —

Love to all

Yours Otis E. Wood

E. C.

E. Wood
Oct 2. 1857

New London Ct. Oct 3d 1851

Sir.

I am in want of a situation, and wish you to let me know if you can give me one in one of your offices. I have been in the Telegraph busines, over two years in one office, and can show the best of recommendations. The salary is not of much consequence as I will take a large office at a small salary.

Yours respy

Chas A. Caulkins

To Mr. E. Cornell, Ithaca, N.Y.

New York 4 October 1857

Mr Conner

Dear Sir I have not read your letter; Mr Collier was in the Office helping to attend to arranging the affairs of the Post Office, your letter lay on the table. I asked him to read it, he did, and observed that he never took back a bill of Land he had sold. he some time postponed the payment. he did not forfeit the contract if it was not paid by the day due. I did not know why he paid till I happened this morning to see the last of your letter. you say you did not go to see Mr Withers, It is his business to collect notes for the Bank, he is Cashier of, the takes the regular course as he did with the acceptance you give or rather sent me to have collected - he took the regular course and it was protested and returned - and I paid three Dollars and eight Cents expence and charged to you and Mr Withers will take the acceptance and send it

for collection to oblige me, if you will give directions how to proceed. my way is generally to in the first place wait on being made to come and not proceed with a suit fit a judgement and have the cost to pay, he would send it for collection unless you or I will tell him particularly how to proceed. - I loaned you the twenty eight hundred dollars to oblige you and help you to pay me other very few times in my life have I been put of being paid the interest if I would wait for the principle and I have not asked you to pay the principle - I lengthened out the note you give for the interest as long as you wished and as they became due - you did not pay any attention to them - the 3 remain in the Bank unpaid - you did not even tell me you could not pay them, & have been in business sixty odd years and have not had cause to make such complaints. If your property had been burned or you had been

sick. I would not have guessed any other man would have done so before you. I dont think you have done as a man of business ought to have done — if I had done as you have I dont know where I would have Landed,

I remain
Stephen B. Munn

PS you gave a schedule and value of the property act that Blunt and you own — and I think you call it worth about Seventy thousand Dollars I have sold you the half for Eight thousand.

Mr Blunt says his half stands him twenty two thousand Dollars, and he will never sell it till he gets what it cost him,

and Belbe abused Mack for selling my half to you for less than ten thousand Dollars — said you would have given it, —

Munn

PS Mack did not sell it but talked of it

Mr. Ezra Cornell
Telegraph Office
Wall St

J B Delavan
Oct 4 1857

New York 4 Octob 1857

Mr Carroll I have been very busy

But I find Mr Withers sent that note

and to collect through a Bk in Albany

and he says he can't send the

protested draft out to collect - perhaps

you can name some one I can send it to

I dont no any body there

wait your reply & I am

Stephen B. Munn

5th Nov 1857

My dear Sir Mr Munn handed me this,

this morning. I have thought best as

you were not here, to send it to you

I told him that you was of that

Class that fought best when you were

under, and that you fight out, and

no mistake. You will be all right

yet and make your Enemies ~~at~~ ashamed. I can do you much more good at No 6 Hanover than I could in your office.

Every body in Hanover St are opposed to you but me, and I stand by all day to Expose and Correct all misrepresentation in relation to you and your Send.

I say this confidentially as I am delicately situated.

I will Explain more fully to you when you come down

I am, truly,

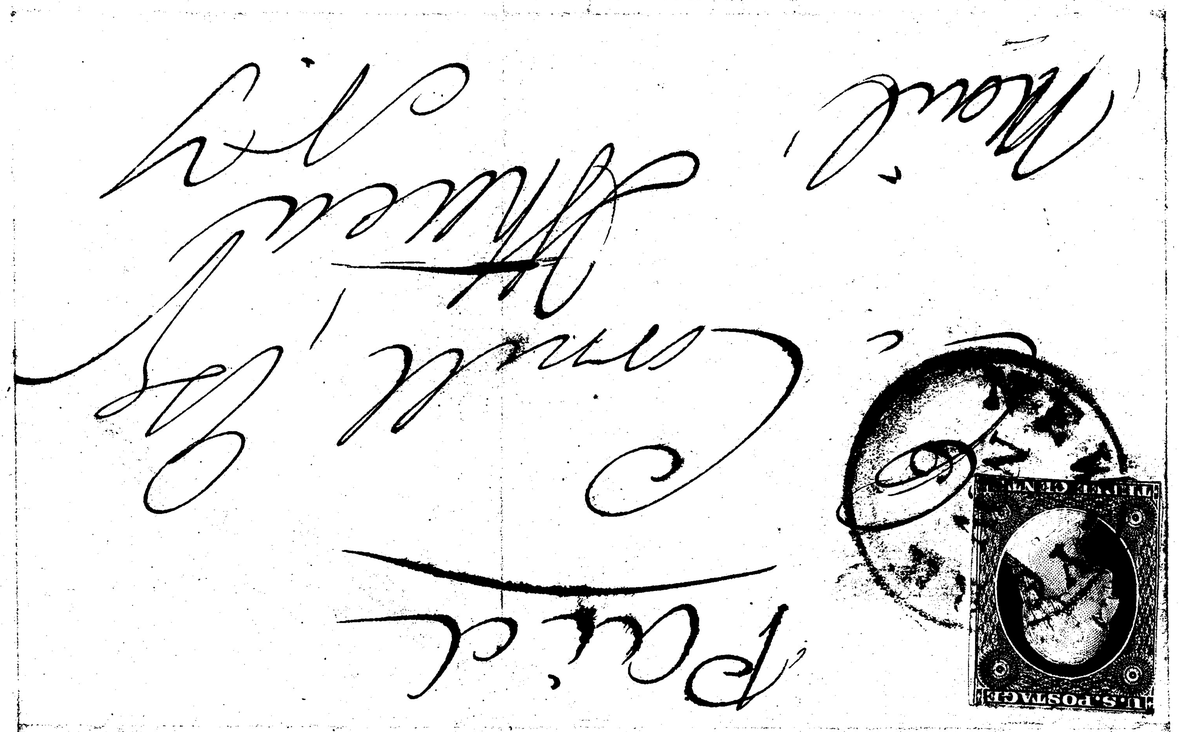
Your friend

[illegible]

E. Cornell, Esq

Thoreau

S B Munn
Oct 4. 1851
J S Bube
Nov. 5. 1851



Paid
Cornell, Ky
Mail, Wheeling

Detroit 5th Oct 1857

Dear Sir

I returned home from Milwaukee last night, sick - I had a severe attack of cholera morbus, and am still very weak - I found yours of the 28th requesting me to go to Ithaca on the 6th to I do not see how I can possibly do so, without sustaining greater loss by going, than I could possibly do good, by doing so -

I have been negociating for some time past with the Mich Southern R Road Co. to build a line for them from Toledo to Chicago, and work it as you proposed to work My & R Line - My proposition has been before the directors in N.Y. and they meet again at Laporte Ind the last of this week or the first of next, and have requested me to attend that meeting - I think it important for me to do so - Snows line has been broken down and any one connecting with it, and now is the

time for us to get a line there if we do. If I do not do it, some one else will and compete very successfully with us for Chicago business; but if we can get a line on the Southern Road + our line all the way on the Central road, and Rush every body else off, we can control the Chicago business. I will made decided efforts to do so, and from present appearances my chances are good — now if I go to Athens, I cannot attend at Lafayette, and altho I would gladly be present at your meeting, I do not see how I could be of much service to you — I certainly have no credit left at Athens, and would only have to spend half my time in being damned, + removing my promises to pay, which no body believes are worth anything + the only possible way

to make them of any value, is for me to attend constantly to my business — You say that you think the stockholders will submit to an assessment — some of them perhaps would: but the most of them will not — If they will, we can pay our proportion of the debts, as more than half is due you & our line — But you understand the whole matter better than I do, and can represent our interest better than both of us — If I was out of debt at Ithaca, and had any credit there, I could do some good, for I could in that case talk big, and make somebody believe the story: but I have told the lie too many times to repeat it again to any one at Ithaca — Besides it is bad enough to be dunned six times a day by letter, and I have no wish go to Ithaca to give my creditors a change to repeat ~~it~~ their dunning verbally — I have filled out 20 scrips for 20 shares each making 20000 dolls — I will send them to you as soon as I can get Howard to sign them, & as he is now at Home I can get it done tonight or tomorrow night. (He is in court all day)

I think Faxton is trying to make an arrangement with the OR line to get their bus & give them half of his — As soon as he does so I will make a bargain with the House folks and give them & Bain our Eastern business this side of Ny, and the Ny bus until you get so you can do it — If we could get a 2d wire on Ny & E Road & the old wire will insulated, you would realise to the fullest extent all you ever anticipated from Ny & E line — Enclosed I send a letter addressed to your directors & Stockholders which you can deliver to them or not as you think best —

Yours truly

J J Speed Jr

Oct 6

I did not get my letter ready in time for the boat yesterday and now send you the scrip for $20000 as you requested — If you think my long letter to your directors will do no good you can put it in the stove

J J S Jr

Why don't you send the Silk floss that I gave you the money to buy for — We have suffered for the want of it —

J J S Jr Oct 5-67

E M Packard
Oct 6. 1851.

Nunda Oct 6th /51

Mr. E. Cornell

Dear Sir

I recieved you letter continuing the Platinum for which I am much obliged — As regards my going a foot to mend the line, I would state, that I dont propose to stay here for $75 pr year & go on foot to mend Lines — As regards the good I have done for the amount of expenses, I can only say that I never have out only when I considered it absolutely necessary & have never hired any conveyance but the cheapest — & more I have scarce ever been out unless I did so with the advice of Mr. Bagley — & more especially

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at those times when my expenses were the heaviest — I have spent ~~but~~ $8 cts for the past 2 months for such purposes —

I have but 2 Tracts now & those are most used up — They are old ones which I got from 2 — & the last he had —

There is but little Dewness on line at this time — I think however a thorough repairing & new caping so as to make it safe can but secure to it plenty of Dewness —

Please send me some Tracts soon or tele me where I may get some —

Yours

Respectfully

E. W. Richard

E. Cornell Esq

Ithaca

Tom Co

New York October 6th 1851

E Cornell

Dear Sir

I have forwarded this day to You at Harrowsburgh My Resignation as operator on the A. G. & Erie Telegraph Line and which as I am uncertain whether it was received by you O. K. I now beg leave to repeat by better and which you will please accept

My main object in taking this step is an anxious desire to better my condition I find it indeed impossible to get along without being paid the amount that I have so hardly and honestly earned since I have been in your employ the Balance due at this time & allowing every offset is $48. 22/100 Dollars which amount you will please pay to my Father E M Greene from whom I have been compelled to borrow from time to time and to whom I am largely indebted Be assured sir that I take this course from no want of respect to you but solely from the cause I have named above I cherish the most friendly feelings towards you and can safely say that to the best of my ability I have always endeavoured to please you by doing my duty faithfully in every respect and believe me that If I can do any thing in any other situation that I may be placed in to further your wishes

I will do most cheerfully

Yours Respectfully

Thomas P Greene

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Peekskill 10th Mo. 6th 1857

Esteemed friend

E Cornell

Thine of the 12th Letters is received, informing, that a meeting of the Stockholders of N Y & E. T Co. would be held on the first Oct. as also a printed circular of the 26th, stating that it would be on 2d. Thursday of Oct. which I do not quite understand,

In the first thou desires my attendance with Proxies to represent the stock of Peekskill, I have consulted most of them in this place, and I Seymour proposes to authorise, Williams of Ithaca to act on his behalf and perhaps some others may do so, which will supersed the necessity of personal attendance,

So that it is not probable that I shall comply with thy request other than that I may join with that arrangement if it can be accomplished —

I may, some if not all feel dispatisfied
with the concern, as we do not understand
that it is legally organized, and very
little is known in reference to the manage=
=ment, who has the diction, and the
idea is that it is not well conducted,
and the presumption is that what is collected
is retained in shape of salary,

I hope those who have the care of the concern
will act discretly,

Will thou be so kind as to lay this
before the board of diretors, and let us
know as to those particulars, and also
whatever they would deem interesting
to the Stockholders, as some of them are
not speaking of their censures upon the
personaly, I should be glad to get
a clear and more agreeable account
than is looked for —

Thy friend
James Brown

E Cornell

Ithaca

N Y

D Brown

Oct 6.57

Detroit 6 Oct 1857.

To the Directors &
Stockholders of N.Y. & E.
Rl Company

Gentlemen

Mr Cornell has invited me to attend your meeting at Ithaca on the 14th inst. I regret that my business is such that it will be impossible for me to do so; But I beg leave respectfully to present for your consideration my views respecting your line.

When I united with Messrs Cornell & Smith in the construction of the N.York & Erie line, it was, with all of us, designed as the outlet for our Western business. We then had in contemplation, and have since completed, several thousand miles of Telegraph line, reaching almost every Village, and every important Town, in Ohio, Illinois Indiana Michigan and Wisconsin. We also connect with the Morse lines at Cincinnati & St Louis, giving us the whole of the business for all places North of

Philadelphia, originating on the line from Neworleans to Cincinnati, and from St Louis up the Missouri to Fort Independance, & also from St Louis down the Mississippi to Cairo, and through Kentucky & Tennessee to Nashville—

That you may the more fully understand the subject, I give you the lines that We within control absolutely, or have such arrangements as secures the complete control of the business

Erie & Michigan Line—Buffalo to Milwaukee	814.	Miles
Buffalo to Tonawanda	9	"
Milwaukee to Green Bay via Fond du Lac &c	150	"
" to Galena Via Janesville	200	"
Madison to Baraboo Via Ft Atkinson	60	"
Racine to Janesville	100	"
Chicago to Freeport—	100	"
Cleveland to Cin. Via Mt Vernon & Newark to Columbus & Via Washington & Wilmington to Cincinnati—	300	"
Cleveland to Cin Via R Road to Columbus & Via Dayton to Cin—	250	
Sandusky City to Mansfield	60	"
Columbus to Portsmouth	100	"
Columbus to Lancaster	26	"
Cleveland to Janesville	175	"
Zanesville to Wheeling	50	"
	2394	

Miles brought over	2394
Cleveland to Pittsburgh via New Castle	150 miles
Fredonia to New Castle Pa	150 "
Cincinnati to New Orleans	1500 "
Cincinnati to St Louis	400 "
St Louis to Ft Independence	400 "
St Louis to Nashville via Cairo	300 "
	5294

We also get the whole of the business from known lines in this State; but have no control over them; & may not be able to retain it. We also get a fair proportion of the business on Ohio lines, in Indiana & Illinois; but may not be able to retain that. Those lines are about — 600 miles

You see that we have the entire business from our five thousand miles of wire West of Buffalo, for N.Y. City & the Eastern States. I cannot be mistaken in supposing that this immense country will furnish business enough to employ our wire from our Eastern terminus to Newyork City. My most sanguine expectations have been more than realized in respect to the amount of business which we can control to go over some wire to Newyork. But in

Telegraphing, more than in any other business, it is death to a line to do the business badly. The competition is such that the business must be done well, or it cannot be got. The great difficulty with the Newyork & Erie is, and has been, that it works bad, and never can be made to work well, until the iron cogs are all thrown away, and glass insulators substituted. But even with the best insulators, it is utterly impossible to do the business between the West and the East with one wire, and that connected with fifteen or twenty way offices. If there was no competition between the Lake and Newyork, you might, by working the whole twenty four hours, do the business as quick as the Mail: but to do it in that way, is to loose it all, as others can and will, do better. If you will allow me to give my plan for working your line, it is as follows—

Reinsutate your line complete, with glass + take down the line from Nunda to Freedonia - build a new line on the Hornellsville Rail Road to Buffalo, and put your present wire from Nunda West on it - Put up a second wire from Buffalo to Hornellsville, and thence on Ny & Erie Rail Road poles - (which they will keep up) to New York - ~~The Morse Patent bill expires next August (even if it should be decided to be good)~~ you can then take our business ~~from New York to~~ Buffalo, ~~which with~~ the way business on your present line, can be made to pay the whole expence of working both wires - The cost of doing all this, and supplying your offices with good instruments, would not exceed twenty thousand dollars, and I have not the slightest doubt but the through business can be made to pay that sum annually - You may ask me if we have heretofore done that sort of through business - I answer No - we have done as Mr Cornell did, put on Iron caps which came very

near breaking it down. Our lines worked ~~[illegible]~~ as bad as Newyork and Erie, and we could not do the business. But our irons are all off, and our lines are now working as well as any lines on this Continent. We are now doing a through business to Newyork amounting to $1000 per month, and it is constantly increasing. We have never, until recently, had the business of the New Orleans line at Cincinnati: but our arrangements with that Company are such that we can retain it, as we are now in a position to do it as well as any other line. Our Connection with St Louis will soon be more direct from Cincinnati, the line being finished from Cin to Afton & the remaining 25 miles will be completed this month. I think I hazard nothing in saying that the business between our lines West and Newyork City, will be over twenty thousand dollars per annum. If it can be done as it should be. But if it is idle, and time and money thrown away, to attempt to do it, over your line as it is now—

When I commenced Telegraphing, I had no practical experience. Mr Cornell had. He got up the Brimstone Caps and I adopted them. The consequences have been exceedingly disastrous. But the business was new, and no one knew much about it. All lines make more or less mistakes. With our present experience we hope to avoid them in future. Should you conclude to reinstate your line, and put up a second wire for the through business, no effort shall be wanting on my part to make the Newyork and Erie line, all that we ever anticipated. The great artery between the East and the West. Mr Cornell has complained of me for not sending more of our business by your line: but I cannot do so until the line is put in better condition than it has ever been. We must have no obstruction of business between our line and Newyork. We are now writing in one circuit from Cincinnati to Buffalo, and if our business can be done as well from Buffalo, to City, we can divide

the business at Cincinnati with the O'Reilly line via Philadelphia. The amount paid at Cincinnati, last year, for Telegraphing, was over fifty thousand dollars — the amount paid at St Louis would be nearly as great with the same facilities for doing it — We can, and will have a fair share at both places. With the hope, gentlemen, that I may live to see your iron caps, (where mine all are) at some furnace for old iron, and your line made what it should be, the medium for sending all our Western business to the East, I

am very respectfully

Your Obt servant

J. F. Speed Jr

Sept 30 1867

N Y Oct 6 57

S Connell

Sir

I stop calling
on for a few minutes to
let you know especially
we are used. I have called
on steadily ever since 11 o'clock
about once in 2 hours to
see answer and I get off
about ten cents then it is
for something, and 2
hours more go. I have had
ten twice in that time &
got off 5 cents. Of course
now we cancel off from 8
& every one else. I have
expostulated & threatened since
11 o'clock And a half dozen ans
for ca ans & a lot of western
business, which last must
be refunded or.
Now
Why in the name of goodness
wile you not let Butcher
stay in Ro or send a man
there who cares a little
whether he does the business or not.
If I could get off business
enough to pay my board I
would not grumble or scold
at you if the cents all went
over board. But I will have
a heavy amy some in some
way. I send B to me to
help me & he died while he stays

I send here book agent
tonight and if he does not
stay or leave one else,
I may as well pack up.
For here that Hannins
head is full of town
thing else & he will not
do 2 cents worth for us
Please reply Yours &c

P. A. Hopkins

P.S. I shall expect to see you
here Friday Even

P.A.

Oct 6. 1857

Pike Oct 7th 1851

Dear Sir

Yours of the 2nd inst was Received & I can assure you that I Appreciate your kindness in writing me the facts on R.R. and I thought then I would go if I had to pay myone expences but now think it very doubtful for myown Affairs correspond with yours in regard to the assessment & repairs of the line but on consulting my friends I find most of them in favor of selling the roads & paying the debts & dividing the remainder among & I cant hear any thing else into them, in fact they are Rabid so much so that one man offered me 6 shares for the Lots I Should require him against any further liability & I dont like to represent men under such circumstances, I should like well to be there but now think I had better stay at home & save what I should spend by going, my opinions is that they will decide to sell on some terms but what that will be is more than I can tell, I wish I was able to buy the stock through this meeting for it can be got at a bargain, I shall want to hear the result of the Meeting

over

and please inform me by letter soon as it is over that I may know how to act in relation to it, the line works good now on this Ci, when it is Ok but there is a Nigger in the fence some where for there is no other cause for its getting down so much in good clear still weather, now last night we were Ok but it is now 2 Oclock Hand there has not been any 21 east of Le & as fine weather as need be and it has been so two or three times within the last month, now there is no man on Earth can work a line to advantage under such circumstances, I want to tell you what I am in favor of but not to dictate and that is to have stations oftener & have Operators who will take an interest in the bsns & then they will keep the line up, now there is some 40 miles from Le to Sa & here is 65 fr me to F & in case there is any one disposed to do mischief they will be sure to select such places, but I have said Enough & perhaps too much & will stop here please write me immy

Yours truly

E. Cornell Esqr
Ithaca

L. P. Gordon

Gordon Oct 7. 07

Ithaca Oct 8, 1857—

We hereby agree to purchase of E. Cornell of Ithaca & Joseph Blunt of City of New York.

A. Lot of ground at Fall Creek situated as follows— Beginning at the south east corner of the Paper Mill lot, thence running along the south line of said lot and the street leading to the Paper Mill— Westward one hundred and Eighty feet, Thence southward one hundred feet, Thence Eastwardly one hundred and Eighty feet, Thence Northwardly one hundred feet to the place of beginning,

Also that portion of the Water power on the Paper Mill fall which was reserved in the deed of the Paper Mill privilege,—

Also the removal of all restrictions from the right to use the Paper Mill privilege for other purposes than Paper making—

For all of the above named property we agree to pay said Cornell & Blunt the sum of six hundred and seventy five dollars to be paid or secured to be paid when a good and sufficient Warranty deed of said property shall be executed & delivered to us free & clear of all incumbrance and we to have the immediate possession & use of said premises and to pay interest from this date.

John Lewis
James French

Elmira Oct 10th 1851

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir. Yours of the 29th ult. has just come to hand having been mislaid. Enclosed I send you a Bill of acids &c which I neglected to send before

In reply to your other remarks they are so ridiculously absurd that I have nothing to say. I never was away but a day & a half for the R. R. Co. & that was to Olean to try & get him to work & once to Susqa 4th of July to assist the Conductor coming up in collecting fare. I never heard any complaints from you about inattention to my Business while I was working in your employ. By collecting your thoughts together you will probably remember that when you & I first came here you told Mr Rutter that you wanted to get a Boy to assist me & that you did not wish to pay over $3.00 per week The Boy came & he has never received the first cent for his services except from

the N. Y. Co. I am sorry the office ran itself in debt. It might not have done so if your line had worked so we could do Business as it should be done. I did not suppose you would accuse me of inattention to my Business - however My Conscience does not reproach me on that score. I went to Ithaca two or three times to officiate as Opr. there so for my refusing to go to Dn I wonder that you did not discharge me immediately as I should certainly do under the same circumstances

Yours &c
S. G. Tillotson

Binghamton Broome Co.
Oct. 14th 1857

E Cornell Esq
Prest N Y & E Tel Co

Dr Sir

I am informed that there will soon be several openings upon your line for Operators

I would Enquire whether I could obtain one of the best paying offices from Bingn to Nanowsburgh by learning the art and producing the requisite testimonials if such an offs should be vacated

I am now Engaged in Fire Insurance and think of Changing my occupation for the coming season

Please ans at Bn

Yours Respt

P. Hood

Narrowsburgh 15 Oct 1851
E Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

under the Circumstances I have concluded to Leave if Mr Wheeler Will take care of the Switch he seems to Wante to Stay and ~~of~~ of course I have No Chance to do as I Wish therefore I rather Leave and Now please accept My Resignation from this date. I cannot have any one in office to Controll me and is the Disposition Manifested by some of the Re Re and other Operators. on this Line I therefore Must ask You to forward my pay as soon as possible as I Must have it to settle up ~~with~~ for board & on some other Bills. I regret to Leave you but Mr Wheeler and I Cannot agree this is the 3d person that has been here to take My place. Within 3 Months and I think I Shall Leave let Me hear from you immy — Yours &c

G W Skinner

E Cornell Esq

Lake Ridge Oct. 18th, 51

Dear Sir - I wish to obtain a small quantity of the Telegraph wire from Ithaca to Ludlowville; and I have been directed to you for that purpose. Most of it has been carried off & destroyed by boys; - and as I would like to make use of 40 or 50 rods of it, and not feeling at liberty to take it, I thought I would say to you, if you will tell me, what I must pay you for it, I will forward you the money to Ithaca, or where you may direct.

Truly yours,

D. T. Tillotson. S. Edwards Todd

Direct to Lake Ridge, P.O.

Answd & refered him to E. Cornell - as principal proprietor, told him I had no interest in it whatever - others have applied to me for wire.

D. T. T.

Lake Ridge
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Mr. D. T. Gillattson

E. Cornell Esq Ithaca.

Oct 18 1880

Worcester Octr 19 th 1837

E Correll Esq

Dear Sir

We shall not be able to reply definately untill the return of a member of our house who will be at home the early part of next week

In the mean time we thought you would ask you how soon it must deliver and also whether it is required to be bright or annealed whether made from Foreign extra refined stock or from a good common stock. and what kind of security you can give for the payment of it— We must figure very low and therefore cannot afford to loose one dollar on it.

An early reply will much oblige

Respectfully Yours

Ichabod Washburn & Co

Telegraph Office,
Mt. Vernon, O. Oct 22. 1857

Mr. E. Cornell—

Dear Sir—

Please excuse the liberty I have taken in addressing you, but the importunity of patrons renders it necessary that I should give them some satisfactory explanation for the non-arrival of answers from New York either by Telegraph or mail. This failure is working seriously against the reputation of the Line from Cleveland to New York city, so much so I am really afraid to take messages for New York. If my recollection serves me rightly, I think but in two instances since this Office was opened, have I been enabled to receive answers the same day from New York, and one of them came back by the O'Reilly line via Pittsburgh and Janesville— This may be the fault of the correspondents, and probably no blame can be, ~~all~~ or should be attached to the Telegraph, but it is hard to make people believe so —

The following messages no account ~~has~~ of har reached us, either by Telgmph or mail, and fears are expressed (with some harsh language intermexed) that they never reached

their destination, as messages of inquiry were sent after them, and no attention paid to them either :— viz:—

May 1. '57— To Pratt, Woodford Nco. from J. W. Miller Nco
Aug. 28— " Mead Nco from Cooper, Eichelberger Nco
Oct 15— " Mr. Spaulding. " same
" 17— " Daniels & Baker " J. W. Miller Nco
" 21— " Graham Nco " M. Abernethy

All the above started with the necessary directions to render their places of business easily found.—
The Tariff on the first one I returned, as Miller kicked up a fuss in general.

Please answer if they were duly received and delivered— and if possible why no answer

I remain

Yours. &c

J. W. White
Secy C. & C. Sch.

Telegraph office
Cincinnati O. Oct 24 1857

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

Please buy for me one mile. best Gutta Percha wire, with as little delay as possible and send it to me at St Louis by Express. have it well secured by Canvass or basket in short. do it as it should be, and tell them to draw on me at sight, at Columbus. O. for the amount

I find it important to get it down this fall. and if so we must have it as soon as it can be got there,

I write you at Ithaca by this mail and send a duplicate of this order not knowing where you may be

Write or Telegraph simply. the result

Very Respectfully
Yours.

J. H. Wade

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Telegraph office
Cincinnati Oct 24 1856

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

Your favor rec'd. in which you speak of your plan to free your line from embarassment. I think your plan is a good one and the only way I see under the circumstances to get through. I should be glad to render any any assistance in my power to facilitate it. but it will not do to depend upon me for any part of the amount. I find I have already on my hands all I can get through with. the condition of the St Louis line is much worse than I supposed. And had I known what I now know I should not have undertaken to set it to work. but I am into it, and shall probably get through. sent my brother onto it with team & men. and money and told him to repair what had been built, and build and pay the debts the balance. and I would keep him in funds but it is taking more than I expected. In his letter from Terre Haute. he says

"The whole business of the line line has been done in a most wretched manner. the books have been badly kept. and some of the offices never kept any. while enormous bills were run up against the line & offices, and so far as I can learn. nothing

paid. not even the messenger boys of last year. at this ofs I looked over their livery bill, which was between $50. and $90.— one charge was for two horses & carriage $7. and in three fourths of the cases they had taken two horses, I paid a bill for printing $30. a bill at U. Really ofs $12. Every store $20. Message boy $30. office rent $50. up to last July"

These bills were all at Terre Haute ofs. and beside them I have paid the operator at that place $70. and his boards bill $125.

The receipts Lea has issued, and the money he acknowledges the rect. of shows the line, to have cost about $80. per mile. what I have built has cost less than $50. and is worth one third more than his. ours is free from debt of every kind. his is in debt where ever they could get trusted. I have thus far paid the debts on St Louis line, as fast as I found them, but they must hold up soon or my food will be out.— Can you explain what Lea has done with the money he has rec.? — I cant but I have my own opinion.

Please buy for me with the least posible delay one mile, of best Gutta percha wire for crossing River at St Louis. and send it to St Louis by Express. it must be there soon or we cant get it down this fall and I find it is very most to get it down. Shaffner Telegraphs me from St Louis to buy it in about four

pieces. and have it well canvassed, &c— I did think of coming to N.York and buying it. and in the mean time see the different kinds and learn what I could about it. as I have seen but little about. but as I cant well spare the time you will do me and the firm a favor if you will attend to it. tell them to draw on me at sight at Columbus. O. for the amount.

Not knowing where you are I will send a a duplicate to N.York. Please write me imm. if it is attended to. and let me know the amt.

Very Respectfully
Yours
J. H. Wade

J. H. Wade
Oct 22nd 1855

Dyden Oct 25 1851

Respected Uncle

I called on Mr Southworth this Morning and paid him the Money and he gave me a different receipt from the One that you handed me on account of Not having a Receipt that he gave for Antwist that had not been Endorsed on the bond and he could not say that this made it in full

He Said that he would See Dissa Dobson and then he would be prepared to say whether he would Set you how the Mortgage or Not

Respectfully yours
B W Squire

L B. Wood Esq
Dyden

B W Squares
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Burlington Oct 25. 1856

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

Yours dated at N.Y. I rec'd some time since & should have answered sooner but wanted to see Mr Peck who was then absent. During that time your letter got mislaid & is still out of my sight - though I can answer some of your questions - Mr Hickok (J.W.) would be the proper man to address in relation to the matter of Connecting with your line for W.S. Im glad to hear you have taken hold of it - Hope it will be made to pay & in so doing be kept in repair through - We are doing a very fair business - tho might do double what we now do We are working hard for a dividend in Jany - When the annual Meeting takes place - (first Wednesday -)

Yours Respectfully

L. L. Dodge

L. C Dodge
25. Oct 1852
Annual Meeting
1st Wednesday in
Jan'y

74 Liddow Street

Supt Streets Office

New York Oct 25. 1851

E Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

My son Thomas P. Greene when about leaving your employ on or about the 8th of this month left with me for collection his claim against you. I had previously to this time advanced him different sums of money which he promised to refund so soon as you paid him. I have not been able to see you since his departure. inasmuch as I believe you have been but little or not at all in the City at least I have so understood. I received on Thursday last a letter from him (Thomas) at Susquehanna a under date of the 22nd inst covering one from you at Utica under date of the 20th Oct Wherein you state "that it is impossible for you to state the exact situation of his accounts inasmuch as you believe he had entered some items of battery expense and Horse hire at Jefferson with disbursements which he had not paid and which you mention you Had charged to the Company You further state that "if you knew how many and what items of that character were not paid by him you could then tell how the account stands.

Please pardon me for observing at this time (and I do so with great deference) that it would have been far more satisfactory to have specified the

*Battery Expense & Horse Hire

the particular items *which you allege had been entered with the disbursements at Jefferson but not paid by him illy son Thomas is young; it was his first absence from home and it is possible therefore that some trifling error or errors may have occurred but I really doubt whether the balance +due him would be altered to the extent of a Dollar by reason of such error if any there be. I speak thus with confidence inasmuch as I had repeated conversations with him on the subject and have made all necessary enquiries and have now his Book detailing of course his doings while at Jefferson in my Inspection I enclose you the account made out from Thomas' Book and which is believed to be correct Thomas has the highest possible opinion of Mr Cornell and I should regret any act that any misunderstanding should occur Please write me here

Your Obdt Servt

Edward Greene

E Cornell Esq Ithica

Total amt received for Communication

at Jefferson Month of April 51/51			$ 14.83	
" " "	May	"	21.33	
" " "	June	"	11.65	
at New York " "	July	"	18.11	21.25
" " " " "	August	"	19.96	21.01
" " " " "	Sept	"	6.83	7.83
" Newburg N.Y. " "		"	3.00	
" New York " "	to 6 Oct	"	2.00	2.00
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Amount paid for N.Y. & Erie Telegraph Co
at Jefferson as follows Paid Fryer on a/2.00

1851 "	April 11	Expenses on Line	1.75	3.75	
"	May 7	" " "	1.00		
"	" 12	" " "	.50		
"	" 26	" " "	1.00	2.50	
"	June 14	" " "	75		
"	" 23	" " "	1.25	2.00	
at Newburg Sept		" " "	2.68	10.93	
				$86.78	

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E Cornell Esq President N.Y. & Erie ~~Rail Road~~ Telegraph Co

To E Greene Dr

To Salary due for Services of my son
Thomas P Greene from 29 March to 6 Oct/51 $

27 Weeks at $5	135
Deduct for 1½ Weeks absence	7.50
	127.50
Cr By Cash Recd	86.78
Balance due	$ 40.72

Edward Green
25. Oct. 1851

Bal due Coleman at D
for repairs during June & July
1850. of $2.63 besides his
salary

$60.60
360

G W Skinner
15. Oct. 1801

MORSE LINE

EASTERN MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH.

From New-York to	For 10 words	each added word	From New-York to	For 10 words	each added word	From NewYork to	For 10 words	each added word
Boston	20 cts	2 cts	New-London	20 cts	2 cts	Portland	40 cts	3 cts
Worcester	20 cts	2 cts	Norwich	20 cts	2 cts	Bath	60 cts	4 cts
Springfield	20 cts	2 cts	Providence	20 cts	2 cts	Bangor	65 cts	4 cts
Hartford	20 cts	2 cts	Fall-River	20 cts	2 cts	Calais	90 cts	5 cts
New Haven	20 cts	2 cts	Taunton	20 cts	2 crs	St. John	115 cts	6 cts
Bridgeport	20 cts	2 cts	Newport	20 cts	2 cts	Halifax	165 cts	10 cts

The original of messages to be sent, must be written plainly, to guard against mistakes.

Figures are counted as if written into words. The address and signature are not counted.

The Proprietors assume no responsibility in business transacted over their lines, beyond the exercise of good faith, and due diligence, and the amount paid for a transmission. And they assume no responsibility for the accuracy or dispatch of messages beyond the terminus of their respective lines. ☞ All Telegraphic Messages are treated as strictly confidential.

OFFICES—Corner Beaver & Hanover-sts.,—Corner Broadway & Wall-st.

New-York, Oct 15 1851.

The following Communication has been received at this Office by Telegraph, from Portland

For C. Smith

I cannot. If you wish you can see me here on this much top of time

F. O. J. Smith