Pike Oct 26th 1852

Dear Sir

in relation to sending over the line on the day of Election I dont think it will pay unless we are down for it is more than I can do to go as often as that occurs and one thing is certain it is indispensible that we have an operator at Springville & I only wonder that you have not sent one there before this time, I have had one trip already of 30 miles since you left Dk & there is another on hand for tomorrow, yesterday we got Dk through for a few hours & then it failed East about half past two & I had no doubt it was this side of 2 for he could not be raised, & I made arrangments to go this morning & I must say I dont know how to account for all the manuevering west, about four K si opened & remained till near six when it closed up good for a few minutes & from that time to now I have had no si either way I have been two miles east of Dn today & find all Dk but when I got back found it as I left it & now I am quite

discouraged, if it was but 14 miles (as it should be) I could do it up with a good grace but to think of starting off three times that distance fairly makes me sick of the bsns, I have worked some over a month faithful as I knew how & expended some seven Dols of my own funds (& I fairly begrudge every cent for I dont know how to do without it) & a fair prospect for three or four more & I have not been able to do any bsns yet & as for my keeping up 50 miles of this line under presant circumstances I cant do it & if you will pay me off & give me an honerable discharge I will resign my chance to some better man (I hope) as respects Election returns I will do the best I can & probably will get enough to pay the Extra expence here but if you require what you did in 1850 it will turn out as it did then I shall have to stay here all night alone & not a cent will they pay, would like to say a great deal more but not time now & will write again soon, pls write me on receipt of this & say what I may depend upon

yours truly

E. Cornell

D. P. Gordon

Gordon Oct 26. 1852

Ithaca Oct. 27 1852

E. Cornell -

Dr. Sir -

In view of Mr J. H. Tichenor coming in this office - I would like to have you write us a joint letter - directed to me - telling each what his duty is to be - I want no trouble or misunderstandings, and will do my work willingly and faithfully - but I am aware that he will attempt to get off without touching the battery, and will attempt to be head man here as you probably know (knowing him very well) - Under such circumstances, if you will write us both on one sheet - what our duty is to be, "there will be no getting over it" -

I think the right of having charge of the office does fall to me, and I think I am competent to take charge of it well - I do not think it would look very well for Tichenor to come in over me now - If you are willing I should have the management of the office under you, you will please plainly say so in your letter, I will tend to it right - keep battery up well, and keep line up on my section -

Smith at Dansville says he thinks his man will go to Munda and stay over

Election - Line is up this morning to five -
down between them & OK -

Please write us as soon as convenient
& oblige

Yours Respy
M. A. Spencer -

Mrs E. Cornell
New York -

M A Spencer
27 Oct 1852

Bath Oct 27th 1852 to E. Cornell Supt NY & WN Tel Co

Mr Underhill is to furnish Office and lights. Stationary for Office and to work the instruments for one half of the net receipts. and to keep up the line, the Company doing general repairs.

Will you ratify such an arrangement on the part of the NY & Western Union Telegraph Co. G. W. Skinner

Bath

From NY to Skinner Bath

The arrangement is satisfactory if Mr Underhill is a man who will attend to the business promptly, and who would be acceptable to the citizens of Bath Receipts for other lines I understand he is to pay over to the Company for said lines for which they are collected - and receipts of Bath office based on the prepayment system - E. Cornell

New York Oct 27th 1852 Supt

Bath Oct 27 - 1852 - to E C - Underhill is a very prompt man and the people are satisfied by his having it in his store - Any have a prospect of getting $15. or $20 for Election returns

Skinner

NY to Skinner Bath. What do you say about Company having receipts for other lines, and the Bath Receipts being based on prepayment system is that the understanding with Underhill

E. Cornell supt

Ba to E. Cornell

yes that is the understanding and I have had pike & and he has gone out on line west & will I get pass this week

G. W. Skinner

Pike Oct 28th 1852

Dear Cornell

Yours of 25th inclosing ten Dollars Just received which about makes me good again on expences and I feel a great deal better than when I wrote you before, pleas excuse me for feeling a little down in the mouth then for I had a load on my hands then & it is not all off yet although it is off my hands yet all is not right I sent a man west yesterday as I wrote you I should he has been through and found all Ok but there is no ci yet I think it must be A Dk is deceived in consequence of the line being down east of me first & he thinks the reason he cant get me is because I am out east but he ought to know I wd not be gone three days ---. Line wrks like a book east now for I can get every ofs on line & heard you talking with Bath today first rate but I cant break the first man, I want you should send me a bill of tarriff & some blank Reports & some Zincs and write me as you say when you get time, now is the time I want to buy my winters provision &

Ann

if I can get that from Riggs it will put me on my taps for a while and no M, S, K,

I tell you I would like to see this line in sucsessful operation as well as any man and just put an Opr at Springville so that I shant have but 14 miles and if line is down on my rout more than three hours you may put me dows as Sick or some other Extreordinary thing the matter, will write you again & keep you posted up on matters well as I can I will be on hand Election night and shall probably have it to announce on Wednesday morning that Franklin Pierce of N. Hampshire is elected President of these United States and then Who will be P. M. in Pe next summer ha, ha, ha, ha,

Confidential & Ok Gd ni

D. P. Gordon

E. Cornell Esqr
N. York

D P Gordon
Oct 28. 1852

N. Burgh Oct 29/82

E Cornell,

While I write CS has his G wire on and has thus monopolized the line all day and this is not the only day. It is and always was his game to use G whenever he wants NY or X. If He is broken by me to call you or any one, in one of his infernal old granny yarns, about nothing he invariably uses it & keeps it on for half to 3/4 of an hour. You must either issue orders to him & X to stop the use of those G's or we can do nothing Besides NY NY NY is most the only call to day that we hear & no answers to it except once in two or three hours. & I notice when you are out it is impossible to raise NY only by long intervals Issue a general order in regard to ground wires immediately & save us an perpetual annoyance

Yours Truly

P. A. Hopkins

October, 1852

Copy of part letter to C M Smith

"Your Report for Oct, 52 shows recpts for the month to commence 9th Oct, & for whole mo. $17.53. & pd Ohr lines - $5.68 -

Another Statement which you sent me giving the Origin of messages over this & Ohr lines for Oct 52, shows that 2 Ofs collected on 37 Cons - previous to the 9th the amt $9.73. This statement shows the amt collected on Cons over this & Ohr lines for the mo at 2 Ofs to be $22.50, and paid Ohr lines for same time $25.28. Please explain this discrepancy -

Your
E. C
Supt.

C. M Smith
Buffalo

New-York & Erie Railroad.

Telegraph Office, Elmira Nov 1st 1853

To Mr. E. Cornell

NYork

Sir:

Owing to sickness I could not enter upon the duties in NY Office and as I was entirely out of money and credit and as Mr Minot Kindly offered to give me employment on this line I accepted as the duties were less arduous here.

When in NY last I was dissatisfied that I could not live on the salary you offered me, I am now able to go to NY and attend to business, but owing to the above reason I cannot accept of your offer.

I am much obliged to you for the kind interest you have manifested in my welfare.

Very Respectfully

John E. Dunn Jr

Detroit 1 Nov 1832

Dear Sir

I spent last Week up on the coast of Lake Huron to see about Cedar poles. I found any quantity of White Cedar within a mile of the Lake shore - Made a contract for four thousand, delivered on the shore for four hundred dollars - Ten cents a pole - Cheap enough, and I am afraid too cheap - I may have to increase the price to get them; but the man who took the contract has the timber & team & four big boys & says he will get them at that price - I will have to pay 20 for men to get them shipped to Cleveland & other ports, besides furnishing hands to help load the vessel - I am confident that I can get the Cedar delivered on the line for 4/ each pole, or about the same I would have to pay for hemlock and black ash - The Cedar will be not less than 4 inches at the small end & 8 to 10 at the butt & 24 feet long - Hemlock I can get larger & longer for the same money - Which had I better get? I can have the Cedar delivered in May & June - The hemlock can be delivered this winter -

A man has just called & demanded damages because his com was not delivered Saturday night, which came at half past nine with others - says he will see us, & has gone for a lawyer. Told him to go ahead -

Thursday & Friday it rained all day & wind blew so that boats could not land on Lake Huron - Friday I walked 22 miles & got as wet as water would make me - I expected to have an other turn of the skakes, but have not, & feel very well -

Howard says he will spend a day with me in a thorough examination of the Rochester suit as soon as Election is over - I will write you his opinion as soon as he can attend to it -

I would be willing to settle with Smith on any terms that any fair disinterested man shall say is right - I would be willing to do more than we aught to do; but as to giving him half the stock & thirty dolls per mile besides & having nothing from him, is asking a little too much - If Smith will now give us a clear field & the exclusive use of Morses insts. I will relinquish all claim

for past damages & give him all he claims: but no man in his senses would now take all we have had, That is the use of Morses instruments in competition with an other line, as a free gift - you certainly would not have paid your money, nor would I have spent my time in building a line, if we had supposed that the OR line was to be kept up, and used with impunity - We made a bargain for an exclusive use of the Patent - Give it to us, & we will give all we agreed to for it - But Smith cant give it to us, & what he can give us is of no value comparatively - certainly the whole of the stock is not worth as much as the half would be if we had but one line - suppose the OR or Rochester tribe sustain their contract? What have we then had of Smith? nothing but a contract which he had no right to make & which has caused us to loose a great deal of money - offer to leave out all questions relating to the Patent on E&M line to two men - let Smith select one & you the other, or offer him all he asks, if he will

settle with our opponents, and give us their lines, at what disinterested parties shall say they are worth in our stock —

You may say that if our stock is worthless, why not let Smith have it? I say that after next year we can make it pay 7 per cent on the present capital — We can pay our debts & renew our poles in one year more — We will then have a line which will last four of five years, with very little repairs, & with all the competition we now have we can make 7 per cent, if we can keep the bus we have now — If you can make an arrangement with the Bain line & go into their office in Wall St., we would have an advantage in getting my bus quite equal to what we now have — Especially if the Bain folks would put their line in order to Buffalo — We would then be independent of Mr Faxton — But as soon as we quit Faxton he will help the O.R. line & they will get all his business —

I think it useless to propose any settlement with the R. Tube until we get a hearing

on their bill — If we now propose a consolidation they will think we are frightened — Yours truly I. I. Spencer

Smith threat that he will divert all Western business over other lines, amounts to nothing - He cannot control one dollar worth of business that we now get at the West - All he can do is to send his Boston business by other lines - I would much prefer being on good terms with Smith & would make any reasonable sacrifice to do so. But I do not see how it is possible to settle with him unless he could also settle with the Rochester tribe - O'Reilly evidently has no power to control the lines built in his name, and if he could I doubt whether it would be for our interest to settle with them - If we can keep up our line two years longer we will have but little to fear from opposition. Unless Hayton helps the Rochester tribe, their line will go down in two years, or they will have to put on new wire, which they cannot do. I would like to retain Hayton, but to prevent his aiding the R tribe, and in all your arrangements you must bear in mind that we have the R tribe to fight & have got them almost whipped & can starve them out unless Hayton helps them -

I think you better come to V
and Wade & me there

Speed
1st Nov. 1853

Chicago Nov 4th 1882

Mr Connell

Dear Sir

I wrote to you some time ago about the claim I have against you & as yet have received no answer. You will oblige by letting me know immediately something what your intentions are as in fact necessity compels me to make some move to get money from some quarter before long. I hope you will do what you can. Please answer

Yours truly
C Loeb

Ithaca Nov 4th 1852

To Messrs S. D. Spencer &
Jas. Tichenor As long as you wish to remain in the employ of the Telegraph Co

Gents, I shall expect you to perform the duties of the Ithaca Office with promptitude and correctness and with harmonious concert of action,
I shall assign to Mr Spencer the general management of the office and working of the line, and to Mr Tichenor the management of the books, reports from other offices and keeping of accounts,
I shall insist that you do not both leave the office during business hours, at the same time but so time your necessities for being out of the office that one only may be absent at the same time, As necessity requires you will assist each other in his duties,-
You will not allow any persons, under any pretence whatever, Excepting the President Directors, Treasurer, Sec or Superintendent, to go inside the operators room, if necessary to see a friend you must meet him in the adjoining room, The rights of our patrons demand that this rule should be observed, any infraction of this rule I shall regard as a proper cause for dismissal,

You will give your united energies to the care of the batteries, see that they are kept in the most perfect order, and not suffer them to remain up over night nor to be put up in bad order in the morning, The repairs of the line you will regard as the duties of both, only one to be absent from the office for repairs at the same time, taking turns about going out, and to go or send out immediately after being satisfied that a break has occured, and always make a report of the cause of the break as nearly as can be ascertained,

I desire that you should make the Ithaca office the middle office for the line,

Messages must be delivered promptly and answers got to all messages that require answers, or a reason given to the office sending the message, why the answer cannot be got,

Until a messenger is employed, one or the other of you will deliver the messages as may be most convenient for the time being, Your Salaries will be $350 each from the 1st of November inst. Yours Respectfully

E Cornell supt

Etna Nov 7th 1852

Dear C. C,

yesterday I went up as I told you I would and saw Southworth and tryed to get him to wate until the 1st of May next but he Says that is a bad time of the year for him but Said if you would pay up the interest Soon he would wait until the first of April if he could be quite Sure of its being paid then. he had the quite Sure over two or three times, and as I have written So it was left, and now under existing circumstances had you not better drop the idear of Speculation in that and look and find the Man that will take your chance in it and pay you back So that you will not loose, and if you cannot find a Man that will do it between this and the first of April next I must Say it is a dull piece of property and I know of no better course for you to take with it

Respectfully yours

C. Cornell Esq

Benj Wood

I enclose to you one Dollar to hand in for the Tribune for what time it has been sent me and tell them to Stop Sending any more for I am taking more papers than we Can Read

Detroit 8 Nov 1832

Dear Sir

I Spent the afternoon Saturday with Howard — Wadsworth Rose, and with us — Howard comes to the conclusion that the Rochester tribe could have had no other motive than to frighten us into a settlement — He thinks with me that seldom is two good Lawyers to be found for a moment that they could get an injunction — Howard thinks the Judge will dismiss their bill with costs, on their own showing, without even an answer from us — They show no authority from O'Reilly — even his old contract was void — Besides in O'Reilly's settlement with Smith he relinquishes all claim for damages, costs, & rights of all kinds, in lines built by Smith, or under his authority — That we will beat them the first hearing I have

not the slightest doubt - Shall we then offer to compromise with them & take their line? As soon as we get a decision against them, the Rochester tribe will be willing to settle, and consolidate with us on fair terms - Shall we do it? Shall we urge on the suit, or let it "drag its slow length along"? We can keep it in the mill until the Patent will expire, if we choose to do so; and I am not sure that it is not best to do so, unless you can make some settlement with with smith - Shall I urge Howard to push it, or let it take its course?

Baily has been very sick. My son Charles has also been sick for two weeks with a fever: both are getting better - I have got quite well again - Have to use all the money we can get for poles & work, just sent 200 to I to pay for poles & as much more wanted immediately -

I thought I would get out of the woods by 1st Jany; but I see that I am to have the old story of dunes repeated for an other year - We owe Jackson $1400 & Ward $1000 both of which must be paid - also Sturges on Zanesville line over $500 which must also be paid: but we have seen darker days, & our line is growing better every day - every new pole we put in, leaves one less to buy - Wade does not crow as much as formerly - He has used up all his subscription funds, and has to rely on his legitimate receipts, which are not much more than his current expenses = He has to replace some rotten poles - His beech & maple poles begin to fall over, & it will take all he can get, over his current expenses, to renew his poles - There may be money in the cursed wire; but I fear that our heads will be white

before we get it out — I think in one year more we can rebuild the bal of our line, & pay our debts, and after that is done, it would seem as tho' we might pay something — But how are we to get along for an other year? all we owe is due, and every body needs it — Jackson has sold his notes, & one of them is sued — Ward lent us the money when we needed it, & must have it back, as he has lost a great deal this year in his boats — You want, & need, all, and more than we could pay if we owed no one else — I will keep trying, & do the best I can —

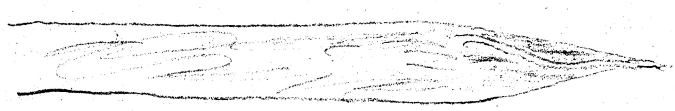
Yours truly

J. F. Speed Jr

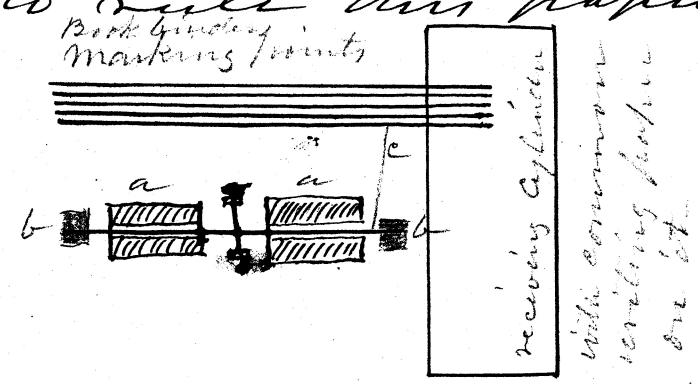
Mr E Cornell
N York

J. F. Speed Jr Nov 8. 52

(This was folded with Speed to Camille 8 Nov '52; but seems in deep [illegible] CHA)

By washing the tin foil with an alkalie, & removing all the greece, I think we may be able to write on the foil with Ink, which will break the circuit - With as many wires as would be necessary to cover a whole line on the paper, we could send any amount of bus, & give a perfect Copy of the writing - with one wire we could send as fast as we can now with one wire = I am convinced that the only way to compute successfully with Morses Inst is by making a fac-simile & I am also confident that all we now want to accomplish a very beautiful thing is some material to write on which will keep the circuit closed except when the tracing or closing point passes over the letter - Can you get of some glass blower a Glass style used instead of a pen - It is made thus  grooves are made in the point to hold the ink & the end twisted - whether the twisting does any good I dont know: but I would like to have one as I think it might write better on the foil than a quill or metal pen -

you promised to send me some tin foil - I wish you would get five or six sheets and bring with you to V or send to me by express - I am not yet done with the fac simile - I expect yet to reach in successful use between Boston & N.O. - Instead of a Syphon, or prepared paper, at the receiving end, I propose to use the points which book binders use to rule this paper - Thus -



a.a - Helices in main line - b.b. end, or poles of permanent magnet - c - a small wire, or silk, thread, from the armature which passes through the Helice, to the marking point - When the circuit is open - the marking point will be brought down on the paper - If we can get something to break on a metal surface, the thing is perfect -

Hans O'Reilly rescinds his affidavit
After we beat them we will
publish OR affidavit & show
the public that the Rochester
tribe are cheats all around

Do you know that the triumph of the Soc's is the best thing for us that could have happened? We want a fuss - We want continual change - property up & down - Money Easy & Scarce - Annexation of the Sandwich Islands, Mexico, & Cuba, fight with Spain - In short, it is for our interest to have an administration which will play the Divil ~~in~~ generally, & raise hell on a big scale - I guess Pierce will do it -

Memo in hand of J J Speed; found in his to E C 8/11/52

Camprille Morem 8/82

E. C. Cornell Esq
Pres &c Telegraph

Dear Sir.

I. Beg leave to call your attention to our Conversation relative to Line of Telegraph from this Depot to Store Some (50 Rods). Since I saw you I have talked with one of your Operators upon this subject. He remarks that an Office here would be very convenient in repairing & keeping up your Line it has been down in this vicinity quite often of Late. Now if you wished & would furnish me with a Recorder & &c in working Order I would connect with your Line when necessary & if required would take Charge of a portion of your Line in this Section and assist in keeping it up free of Charge at times when you wished me to connect with your Line. You could order me to do so. pr. my & R R Line. I do think that this would be a Capital Idea & any thing that you could do for me. I would greatly Oblige. Your Most Obt Servt

P. S. Please write me a Recpt of this

R C McNeil
agt

Pittsburg Nov 8/52 No 4

Dr Sir

Why dont I hear anything from you - our Lines are working finely now - & I could send you considerable business for NY city from Pittsburg - if I could ever raise D.B. & get my answers to my messages G.B. I now refuse my business because I never can get answers via Speedy Line, O'Reilly can send to NY & get ans in 2 or 3 hours. They are working finely everywhere - can send, & do, every day to New Orleans & get their answers every day from N.O. & Cant you get Pittsburg business & send from NY city? We are gaining confidence in Pittsburg & can do well if you will see us attended to at D.B. - Pls reply important that I know what you can and are gg to do G.B. - National office wants me in with them & I will have to

go there if I can get no more
business thm we can send
no My burns — I lose too because
I can't get spends Lin to do my
Eric business short of 2 or 3 days
If I could get that short
Eric & Waterford Lin up. I could
make ans Lin pay —
Do reply gts Have written
3 times before — no reply. Send
to Newcastle. Lawrence Co Pa

Respectfully
W. P. Pew

W P Pew
8 Nov 1852

Cleveland 11th Nov 1852

E Cornell Esq

Dr Sir — Your message came to hand last night & on the 3d page of this sheet you may find the locations desired Your No 36 Wall St is a good one — If other arrangements meet the demands of business your receipts must be large — Judging only from the messages of Mr O.R & yourself it would seem as if there must soon be an end to competition between the two existing lines — Can you see the end of the fight now on hand? If it is near at hand is it not best for us in this section to still preserve our connection with Faxton — sending answers & our business via Dx when down via Bu — In all my objections to sending via Dx I trust you will not suppose me as at all inimical to your interest — for that is not the case No one can desire more than I such a connection with N.Y. city as yours must eventually become.

Our business this month promises to be large — last month will over run $5,000 so will this month enough both of them to make Oct Nov & Dec amt to $15,000 — There is a fair chance of making such a connection with the House line here for Ch business as will be advantageous

Truly Yours J. Haviland

21st Nov

very much to my regret & annoyance I find this letter still here In the hurry of going on the line it must have been laid aside among the papers where I just find it on my return from the west. We are doing a magnificent business - better than ever before - The footings will exceed our estimate $1000 —

It has been with great exertion we have been able to keep one wire working from here to Buffalo for the past 2 or 3 weeks. The severe storms knock us down so much that all the repairing force is required to keep the old portions of the line in working condition - We have worked more than either of our competitors. East & west we beat the Rh line all to pieces - We have as much now as it is possible to do while they are not working apparently half the time when up they are not very much driven. This is so for I was most of two days in the office at Rome where all the lines are together & had opportunities of observing

It is possible I may see you in Ws. about the first of Dec as I have to be in Elmira at that time.

Leal S is now at Indianapolis - If a connection is made with the Wabash line as proposed we shall then get the Herse business west to Chicago & beyond.

Truly Yours

D Hartland

Buffalo	Corner Main & Exchange Streets & No 15 Merchants Exchange
Erie	Williams block opposite Burns Hotel
Cleveland	American Hotel building and over Ackt. Barneys ware house
Sandusky City	Exchange Buildings
Toledo	Poags Block
Detroit	Jefferson Ave opposite Masonic Hall & No 2 M.S.R.R. Freight Depot
Chicago	Corner Lake & Clarke Streets
Milwaukee	Dickermans Block
Columbus	Odeon Buildings
Cincinnati	Third St between Main & Sycamore
Terre Haute	
Alton	
St Louis	

Been trying all day to get these – will send by tel

not yet recd

Chicago 13th Nov 1862

Dear Sir

Don Mann is here = I have had a talk with him - He feels friendly to us, and hostile to the Rochester tribe = I think we can make an arrangement to get the control of the Wabash line, & secure that bus to our line at Toledo = I go to Aur tomorrow = Back to Detroit as soon as I can, & to Indianapolis by the 22d, when there is a meeting to choose Directors on the Wabash line - Reed will be there & oppose us all he can, but I will beat him if I can

I think there will be no difficulty in consolidating your line, the E&M line — Wades lines, & the Wabash line, & the line from here to St Louis, in one Co. — If we could settle with Smith, and then we could kill off the Rochester tribe, by refusing to take their bus West of Toledo, & Detroit — Smith could control the line from Sandusky to Cin, through Case, and the local bus would not enable the R tribe to rebuild their line — To accomplish all that, I would give Smith more than he ought to ask — I see that Smith has given to O'Reilly the control of all lines West of Toledo, & authorised him to settle with all hunters for the Patent — OR understood, and so does Mann, that the contract authorises OR to settle with us for the Patent, West of Toledo — If Smith will agree to let OR settle with us West of Toledo, I would think it advisable to settle with him on his own terms East of Toledo, if no better can be done — Or I would offer Smith One half the Stock East of Toledo, saying nothing about profits of construction, & settle with OR for 1/4 of the Stock West of Toledo — The distance from Bu to Toledo is 338 miles — @ $125. is $41250 —

distance from Toledo to Ala
via Dec - 462 - @ 1/4 or $62.50
is 28.875 giving Smith
$70.125 instead of $124.000
as he claims - settle
with Smith for Ly & E Patent
by giving him a liberal
share of that stock, say
half if no better can
be done - This would
give Smith a large
fortune, which would
be paying stock, and
close up the whole
matter with every body,
except the Rochester
tribe - fight them with
all the weapons we can
command - Mann has
Tel to OR to be at the meeting
at Indianapolis -

Your truly J. H. Spurd Jr

Cpd 13 Nov. 1852

Zanesville O 16th 1852

John J Speed Esq

Sir

Yours 12th inst duly rec'd, enclosing draft on New York $100. which amount I have placed to your credit. Do not suffer yourself to be annoyed by your payments not being prompt, as I am comfortably easy in money matters.

Respectfully Yours
Wm Sturges
per Henry D Sherwood.

Dave Lafler thought it would be best to get some $500 worth pols to be put up forthwith, somewhere this side O.

Pike Nov 16th 1882

Dear Cornell

I am at a loss to know what the trouble is with the line, I will give you a short history of the working & then you may draw your own inferance, on thursday of last week the circuit opened east of 2 & was so until about 12 K on friday when we got 2a for some hour & a half since which time we have not been able to raise any one east of me, there seemed to be a good ground connection east for it was good without my G, but could not hear from any one, I stayed at home until eleven K Monday when in consequence of the extreem bad going & being short for change to have a horse I started on foot & went to Au & back to Portage where I got supper & Lodging & come home before breakfast & you better believe I have as much as I want to do today to tend my Old Legs ha ha,

today I can get no ci of consequence without Ground wire in it it is now four K P.M. & no better & how long it will remain so is more than I can tell, the fact is we must have Opr who will take an interest in the matter & be on hand when a brk occurs and then if you will give us a reasonable distance we can do something for the line never worked so well as it does when all Ok. I have not heard from you in some time please write & give me your location

and prospects in N.Y.

Yours &c
D. P. Gordon

C. Cornell Esqr

D. P. Gordon
Nov 16, 1853

Smithboro Nov 17 1852

E Cornell Esq

Sir A day or two since I was at
at our Depot in this place and saw a Mr Dunn (I
think his name is) Operating with Telegraph which made
me think of a machine that fell into my hands some
time since And I asked him if he knew who wanted
to buy an instrument of that kind and he refered
me to you saying that if it was a good Machine
you ~~he~~ presumed would buy me what it was worth
He has since tried it and says it is all right and
works better than those more recently made
He says the Registin Magnet & Key are good ones and
in good order and that I might safely reckomend it
as a good Machine
Will you please inform me whether you are in want
of such a machine as I have no use for it and
would like to sell

And Oblige
Yours &c.
N. Mitchell

Bath Nov. 17th 1852

M. E. Cornell Esq

Permit me to suggest to you the advantage of providing new operators with a printed list of instructions in the Technicalities of the business. By this I mean the forms for commencing and closing communications — so as to distinguish clearly all the details relating to accounts — and also some rules relative to Calls and answers, so that there would be an entire uniformity. These things are an embarasment to new operators, and must occasion much annoyance to the experienced.

Some other regulations seem to me

to be needed, such as will save the frequent enquiry for answers, made by one operator to another — &c &c.

I take the liberty to suggest these things, because they appear to me to be needed for the purpose of facilitating business, and giving satisfaction to the patrons of the line.

Mr Skinner informed me that you had books for the Accounts of each office, with printed head to the pages — if so, please send me one.

Yours

R. L. Underhill

New York 20 Dec 1852

Mr Cornell I will thank you to pay me that interest. I want it for expences. I have been confined to my room 2 ~~Weeks~~ Weeks last last Friday night. I fell and injured my limbs and cant get out to make any money arrangements. I would like to see Col. Speed if he has time. not to pay any thing unpleasant to him. I Remain

Sincerely

Stephen A. Mun[illegible]

Ithaca Nov 23. 1852

Benj Loder Esq Post Master

Dear Sir I have just rec'd the following message by telegraph from Binghamton to which I wish to call your attention.

"From Binghamton to E. Cornell. The wire was broken at Rail Road crossing 3 miles ~~west~~ of Binghamton, Poles cut down by order of E.L. Mutz. Mr Wilson cut them down — Mr Mutz just told me he ordered it cut down, and hold ourselves if we could, signed E. M. Skinner"

I telegraphed Mr Mutz as follows and rec'd his reply as below —

"From Ithaca to E.L. Mutz Binghamton

Why did you order our telegraph poles cut down at the crossing near Binghamton

E. Cornell Supt"

"From Binghamton to E Cornell Ithaca

Because they were in the way of the second track of the Erie Rail Road. Mutz"

This is dealing with us in a different spirit from that which we have manifested towards the R.Road, and this is not the first exhibition of it, if it were so I

should not have troubled you with this note, It is scarcely a month since the same thing occured at another crossing between Owego & Binghamton, We were not even notified that the poles were in the way of the Rail Road in either instance,

I do not suppose you men have any authority from yourself or your Directors for thus wantonly distroying our property and interrupting our communication Yourself & the Directors know better what is right, and that we have rights as well as the Rail Road Company—

There was no objection to the removal of the pole, indeed if it was in the way of the Rail Road track it was proper that it should be removed, It is the manner of removal that I complain of. Mr Mintz knows as well as any man how to have removed the pole without injuring our property or interrupting the communication and it was his duty so to have done it,

There are many more complaints that I could justly and rightfully make but my unwillingness to trouble you unnecessarily with these unpleasant matters induces me to—

Forbear, There is no man who appreciates the Nyk R Road as a public improvement more fully than I do, and none who possess a kinder feeling for its Managers, or wishes the great enterprise better success.

But I must be treated in a different spirit by its employees to long retain the same regard for them, or whoever may be responsible for their acts,

I shall trust in your sense of right, to give such directions as will prevent a repetition of so gross a wrong.

Yours very
Respectfully
E Cornell
Supt.

Dansville Nov 24th 1892

Mr Cornell.

Dear Sir,

Mr Sherwood was here last Saturday, and told me that he would like to have me take the Office in Munda. I will do so upon these terms. I will take it for 18 dolars a month and if I have not business enough to defray my expenses and those of the Office, I shall look to you for pay, and expect to receive it every month. I was at Munda Saturday, and found the wire broken in the Office. I made it all right again.

Yours

S L Perine.

Office New York Erie R.R Co.
New York. Nov: 26th 1852.

E. Cornell Esq
Ithaca N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

I am directed by the President to acknowledge the receipt of your letter in relation to the cutting down of Telegraph poles, and inform you that he has referred the subject to the Chief Engineer West who will take measures to prevent the occurrence of any such complaint.

Very Resp
Jas. Maynard.

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Office of the New York, Albany & Buffalo Telegraph Co.

Utica, November 30th 1852

Wm. C. Comell

My Dear Sir

Will you please write me by first mail, the condition of your line, and whether you have got it so far insulated, as that we may depend on it for messages from the extremities, or from stations where we have lines connecting with yours —

Our boys frequently inquire about stations on your line, and places in the southern tier of counties, with which we have no connection by Telegraph, other than by your Line, still, neither they, nor I know how matters stand with you —

We can give you much business, if you can take care of it for us —

Our Line is working generally very well, and would, constantly, were it not that our folks have got saddled with some insulation, which almost shuts us up tight in rainy weather —

Remember me to Sister Mary, and the family, and tell me how they all are —

Yours Truly

Otis E. Wood

11/30/52

We the undersigned being anxious to contribute our influence in closing up all unsettled contracts and disputes between the Morse patentees, and the several parties interested as contractors or Stockholders in the territory embraced in the limits of the contract made between Morse Vail & Smith June 22nd 1852 for a division of territorial jurisdiction in the disposal of said patent, with a view to harmonise all conflicting claims, removing ruinous competition between local and disjointed lines, and elevating the character of the Telegraph business to the Standard that its importance as a business agent demands,

Do hereby propose to Mr Henry O'Reilly and through him to Mr F. O. J. Smith, that we will unite with them in good faith in bringing about a consolidation of the Telegraph lines now existing in said territory under contracts between the Morse patentees, and Henry O'Reilly, or the undersigned in our company and interest upon the following basis, to wit

The Ohio Indiana & Illinois Telegraph line shall be estimated to be worth three hundred dollars per mile as a standard, and all other lines (Excepting the late N. York & Erie line) that may be embraced in the union shall be valued relatively at the same price reference being had to the present condition of the structure of each and the receipts of each for the last six months prior to the 1st of December 1852. The late N. York & Erie line not having been worked during the past six months previous any estimate being based upon the receipts of

the line, but its being estimated to be of equal value with the Erie & Michigan the price fixed for the Erie & Michigan line shall be taken as the price of the New York & Erie line—

The stock of the consolidated company, shall corrispond in amount with the aggregate value of the several lines imbraced in the union as determined by the above Standard.

One fourth of the said value of each line to be awarded to T. A. Smith, in the stock of the consolidated company, and three fourths of said value to be awarded to the respective stockholders in said lines in proportion to their several interests therein in the stock of said Company—, Excepting the lines of such companies as have paid or may hereafter pay for the patent, and to such the whole estimated value of the line shall be awarded to the stockholders of such line in the proportion of their respective interests in the stock of the Consolidated Company, Excepting also the New York Erie line the value of which shall be divided equally between the said Smith and said stockholders and stock in the consolidated company ~~shall~~ shall be awarded to each respectively in that proportion, The consolidated company shall enjoy the privileges secured by contract with the New York Erie Rail Road Company, and shall assume and fulfil the obligations of the New York & Western Union Telegraph Company to said Rail Road Company

Any line that may hereafter be erected in said territory under any contract

from the Morse patentees, shall be taken in and become a part of said consolidated company at such price as may be agreed upon by three disinterested persons, one of which shall be appointed by the Director of the consolidated company and one by the parties furnishing the capital for the erection of the line thus to be added to the consolidated company, and the third shall be appointed as an umpire by the two former, and the price thus agreed shall be awarded in the stock of the consolidated company to the stockholders of the applying company as the price of said line—

The consolidated company shall assume and fulfil all obligations or contracts entered into by any of the local companies of which the consolidated company is formed with Rail Road companies for telegraphing,

Each of the local companies forming this union or consolidated company, shall pay all debts that may exist against them, and put the line into the union free from debt, or the stock to be awarded to said company shall be held in trust for such indebtedness—and all surplus funds that any of said companies may have on hand shall be beyond the amount requisite to discharge all obligations against them shall belong to said local company

Cleveland Nov 30th 1852

E Cornell

J J Speed Jr

J H Wade