

Danville Dec 11th 52

Mr Cornell

Sir having understood that the Kunda Office was ~~vacant~~ vacant and being out of employment I did not know but what I might get that office I will take it at \$18.00 per month and if the receipts do not cover the expenses of the office and my wages I ~~shall~~^{should} expect you to send them by mail. I would like to have that office Mr Perin has the Danville Office in charge now and does not want the Kunda Office. I will take it on those terms, Let me know soon.

Yours &c

Marion L Townsend

Roxbury Mass. Dec. 1st 1852

E. Cornell Esq
Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 23rd ulto
making inquiry about Hinton's History of North
America has been received. The work is
now all published and completed in forty parts.
—the residue (Nos 31 to 40) 10 numbers price \$2.50
can be furnished & forwarded to you by
Thompsons & Co express. if you so direct with
remittance of \$2.50/100 and I will pay freight — or
you may forward me 2^d and pay the
freight yourself as you may elect

Yours obt friend

Sam. May Jr

P.S. Please address me at Roxbury Mass
as I now reside in Roxbury. S.M.

Amt brot ford 48.68 45.57
 Dec 1st 1852 My services from Oct 1st
 to Dec 1st 1852 at \$25.00 per month 50.00
 98.68 45.57
 My due Dec 1st \$53.11
 D. P. Gordon

D. P. Gordon
 Dec 1st 1852

Pike Dec 8th 1852

Dear Sir

Agreeable to the request of Mr
 Cornell I have made out these accounts
 & send to you, they are correct & easy
 to be understood with some explanation
 In the first you see I charge my time
 up to first clay at which time I went
 east on a visit & when I returned we were
 all down west of me & also between day I
 consequently I did nothing untill June
 11th when I got 2 to connect & to line
 and worked under their bat & remitted
 what I need for ahv lines and made
 no charge for my time, I went with
 Mr. Cornell over the line on the 22nd Sept
 & spent most of the time after that
 in making arrangements for repairs
 but as you see I make no charge till
 Oct 1st, the understanding was to pay
 monthly & I expect it will be coming
 now soon as the line is begining to
 earn something, there was nothing said
 about Office Rent & therefore I charge
 nothing so far, mean to do about as
 I would be done by

Yrs. Sincerely

Respectfully Yours

D. P. Gordon

N Y & Western Union in ac with D P Gordon		
Aug		Dr Cr
	About the 1 st Aug Recd fr E. C. by Mail	10.00
	Dr 20 four days over line to Ok	3.00
	paid horse hire & Expenses	7.25
	5 th Nitric Acid	1.25
Sept 23	Recd cash of E Cornell	20.00
25	Paid E. Cornell's Livery bill at Portage	4.50
	city expenses home for Perrysburg	75
	paid for strap for mice	28
30	Paid Platt for work on line	3.18
	" for tools for repairing	1.75
	" for four poles	1.25
Oct 5	" for poles	.50
"	" for board	1.00
"	paid stage driver for errand	.18
"	" for nails	.13
7	" for board self & Platt	1.00
9	" Platt for work	687
21	horse hire & Expenses on line	4.15
25	" " " " to Aunda	1.44
28	" " " " to Springville	2.75
"	Recd fr E Cornell by Mail	10.00
Nov 3	Recd for Election returns	3.12
Oct 15	" for Corn	80
Nov 1	" " "	40
8	" " "	20
"	paid horse hire & Expenses, repair	4.25
13	" Express Chgs on Zincs	25
16	" city supper & lodging on line	38
"	6 th Nitric acid	1.50
"	2 nd sulphuric	1.40
23	1 24 Lamp Oil	28
26	horse hire to Portage on line	75
29	Recd for Corn	1.05
Over		94.68
		45.57

Mr E Cornell

Chicago Dec 9. ¹⁰ / 82

Dear

You will much oblige
me by dropping me a line letting
me know what you intend to
do in regard to ~~that~~ debt you
are owing me. It was expressly
agreed & stipulated in the contract
between us that if the money was
realized from any Person or Persons
before the year was up on the
sale of the line you would hand
it over to ~~me~~. Other creditors
have been paid off & I have to
go without my pay. I have told
you in two letters that I am
much in need of the amount
on account of bad luck on the
steamer Atlantic another string of bad
luck I have to record is sickness
which will cost me considerable
of an amount when I can pay
it. Let me hear from you
soon. & much obliged Yours in haste
E. Webb

Stonisdale Penn^a
Dec 9th 1852

Mr Cornell.

Dear Sir I received your
letter dated 7th Dec. making inquiries
with reference to my taking charge of the
office in Stonisdale or going to New York
as operator. I will take the office in
Stonisdale for \$30 per month.
For various reasons I prefer to remain
in Stonisdale. And if you should conclude to
have me take the office I shall endeavor
to discharge it's duties with fidelity and
dispatch.

Yours truly

O. S. Gustis

Buffalo 11th Dec 1832

Chas. A. L. L. L.
Dec 11/1832

E. L. L. L.

Dear Sir Yours of the 7th inst forwarded from Cleveland has
just come to hand.

A statement of circumstances with regard to Down's case will I
presume be satisfactory. He reached Dunkirk as he informed me previous
to your departure ~~for~~ home but receiving no instructions from you felt
in an awkward position as he informed me, which was the reason of my
sending you the despatch that he was waiting orders &c. - Van & Henry
evidently considered him an interloper told him neither expected to leave.

Not feeling inclined to assist where he felt competent to perform all the
duties of both lines he made up his mind to leave. I also suspect those
there, were interested in making his situation annoying -

Another thing - The man who agreed to stay at Sandusky rec'd a
message to repair to Philadelphia at once - I sent a man to take
his place who was taken sick the day he arrived there & it became
imperative to send him (Downs) there to avoid closing the office

The inconvenience it might cause you I regretted although
Dunkirk's office seems well attended now - an improvement is
obvious for some reason.

On the 9th instant I was surprised in hearing a message
pass over the line to Rev. Speed, to notice what can only be termed
an unjust & ungenerous imputation against my motives

on the subject of Tariffs - There must certainly have been some misunderstanding of my action to have caused such expressions

That I had good reason for the course taken is evident from the fact that both Speed understood the matter as I did

I am confident that your sense of justice would not permit you to judge my action as dictating when I simply object to paying one party more for transacting business than others are ready & willing to do it for

When too I had distinctly before me both Speed's directions to ~~guide~~ the tariff at Dunkirk the same as at Buffalo & your own promise to me to take the business from the E.H. the same as Wapton it seemed to me peculiarly unjust to be charged with dictation

I will not deny but taking distance as a guide your line is entitled to more than 30¢ from 50¢ but do you not participate in the profits that may accrue to the E.H. I think I fully appreciate the situation this line bears to yourself & to the N.Y.C. so far as the facts are known to me & I know that no one has labored with more desire to advance the interests of Kemell & Speed as they are identified with this line.

It is true that so many of our messages do not go off our line at DK as should - that it is so is no fault of mine - But many do go which are answers to Wapton or Keese business - I sent a number of messages yesterday from here some of which I afterwards found were answers via Buffalo - For several days past except yesterday all messages not belonging here went via DK.

How shall we send bonds - as per J.S.'s directions until you & he definitely settle on a division?

Respectfully yours
J. H. Cavendish

SPEED'S
ERIE AND MICHIGAN TELEGRAPH LINE.

OFFICES—At Rail Road Depot and on Front st., between Buffalo and Center.

Communications Confidential, and must be pre-paid.

Write plainly—give full address—use no figures.

Dunkirk, Dec 13—1852.....o'clock.....M

By Telegraph from.....

To.....E. Cornell.....

St. Y.

If I wasn't too poor to get along
at all - I would not bother you
about salary now, but I am, and
as you may have perceived, my cash
receipts are very small indeed, not
enough to meet current expenses -

If you can make some arrange-
ments to help me please do so -
And advise me -

Few has been out of order
again for a week and is not
fit to "H.L." -

Yours Vanduzer

East Springfield Dec 14/58
A Cornell Esq
Dear Sir

On the morning of Dec
1st inst my nephew shipped Rose &
to you at Ithaca via Cayuga
Lake - I have not heard from
her since - Am somewhat anxious
to know if she arrived safe and
is in your hands - Mr Chapman
work man said at the time that she
had been bulling, sister the Duke
Afford had left, and also that the
Duke was not as sure as he might
be - Chapman told me that he
served Rose soon after her calving
in July - But ~~from~~ ^{for} which his man
said I think I should have brought her
cow home - Please keep your eye out,
and let me hear from you by return mail
to Ithaca

Honorable Parent
Dec 16 53

Dear Sir

I received your favor of Dec 11th,
in due time and after a few days reflection
upon your offer I find myself as undecided
as before, my preferences were decidedly in favor
of remaining at Honesdale but still feel
that I would be willing to go to N.Y. if
I could be of more service there than here
and sufficient remuneration given me

As your proposition was not altogether
as definite as I could wish I now write
you to see if you are willing to put it in a
little different form. I believe that by
strict attention to business I could
be of sufficient use to warrant you in giving
me \$400 pr month and carry it too.

This would be satisfactory to me, and
I think I could make it so to you, and it
would leave me unembarrassed in my
other arrangements I submit this for your
consideration. It is the best I can do.

Will you favor me with an answer as
soon as convenient
Yours respectfully
Mr E. Gull
O. Gustin

My Dear Brother

Dec 16 1852

I received your last a long time ago and blame my self very much for neglecting to write in return as I might have received two or three since had I done so for I have always found you a prompt-correspondent and nothing gives me more pleasure than a good old fashioned letter from you

We are all well except Arline who is suffering from an attack of Erysipelas. She was taken Sunday and has been quite sick we hope it will not spread any more. it began in her nose and spread over the left side of her face. John Gay's wife ~~is~~ very sick with same disease. How goes etyography with you in our days? I heard you were up to Cleveland a spell ago and had hoped you would come here as I heard you were to be there previous to the time you were that Arline is singing I guess she feels better

Mart is at home tonight and is just turning up his violin would it not send old fashioned to you? What are all of you about this winter. We have had about 1 inch of snow have the prospect of a mild winter

Farmers are having good times here as every thing is very high. There's but little

He was here yesterday. Our line is working fine
and doing pretty good business. Money seems to
be quite plenty and I hope you succeed in
securing a large share. as I think few have
had a harder struggle with dear fortune
and she ought to be gracious by this time.

We are having quite a tempestuous night.
Such an one as makes us think of those
who go down ~~the~~ the sea in ships.
I wish you could see me people say I
am getting quite fat and good looking
and I think it quite a pity my old
friends can't have an opportunity of looking
at me.

When will you visit - Much again! when our
RR is through you can come any time
of year. I do not intrude this because I
have any thing to write just the contrary but
because I want so very much to hear from
you. Write me a good long letter and
by that time something may happen that
I may have some news to write as we
have been expecting something to happen a
long time by way of news.

Mum and Children join me in love
to all. ~~Set~~ us hear from you often

Affectionately yours
Sister Phoebe

Phoebe Wood

16 Dec 1852

Juddlowville Dec 16 1852

P A Hopkins

Dr Sir

You will oblige ~~me~~
me very much if you will inform
me whether you intend to pay me
for my services while on your line
last spring or not. I have waited
for it with a great deal of patience
knowing how you have been situated

But I think now that it is about
time that there was a settlement of
some kind made. You have not
forgotten the fair promises that induced
me to go to Dunkirk and of course
will endeavor to live up to them or
at least give some reasons for not
doing so. I shall expect to hear
from you soon & hope you will send
the money that is due me. By doing so
you will certainly save some unneccessa

my trouble & probably some cost - which
I am satisfied you cannot wish to
make or ^{should} be made

Direct to Sudlowville, D oblige

Yours &c
A. Allen

A. Allen
Dec. 21/6, 1852

Pike Dec 18th 1852

Dear Sir

I am here under rather discouraging circumstances but shall endeavor to do the best I can, Thursday we were crossed with R. R. line all day & could do nothing I could hear every word from you & every other Off east of me but could not break the first one, Thursday night we had a very heavy wind, here & yet sorry I could get no ci either way, waited untill noon & sent a man west & I went myself to An & back in the Evening & there is no ci this morn & I despair of hearing from you at present & it will be a cork job for me for the Lord only knows when my man will get home, he is out with a waygon & it commenced snowing last Eve & blows a perfect gale and the snow is from two inches to four feet deep & more coming & what is worse than all for me I have got it to pay out of my own pocket for I have no funds of the Company Yours in haste J. P. Gordon

New-York & Western Union Telegraph Co.

To Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee,
and other Cities and Towns, North, West, and South West.

Office, No. 38 Wall Street.

No RESPONSIBILITY is assumed by this Company, beyond the exercise of due diligence and good faith in the transmission of messages, but their best exertions will be used to forward communications directed to any point beyond the terminus of their own line at Dunkirk.

E. CORNELL, Sup't.

E. W. CHESTER, Pres't.

Tariff of Charges from	1st 10 w'ds.	each ad'n.
NEW-YORK to		
Avon,	50	4
Binghamton,	45	3
Bath,	50	4
Cold Spring,	25	2
Carbondale,	35	3
Corning,	50	4
Cleveland,	50	4
Chicago,	1 00	6
Columbus,	80	5
Cincinnati,	1 00	6
Delaware,	30	2
Deposit,	45	3
Dansville,	50	4
Dunkirk,	50	4
Detroit,	80	6
Elmira,	50	4
Erie,	50	4
Goshen,	30	2
Great Bend,	45	3
Geneseo,	50	4
Honesdale,	35	3
Hancock,	45	3
Hornellsville, ...	50	4
Ithaca,	45	3
Indianapolis,	1 25	8
Jefferson,	50	4
Middletown,	30	2
Montrose,	40	3
Mt. Morris,	50	4
Milwaukee,	1 10	6
Newburgh,	25	2
Narrowsburgh, ..	30	2
Nunda,	50	4
Otisville,	30	2
Owego,	45	3
Peekskill,	25	2
Piermont,	25	2
Pike,	50	4
Portage,	50	4
Penn Yan,	50	4
St. Louis,	1 45	10
Sandusky City, ..	60	4
Waverly,	45	3

New-York Dec 20th 1852

This Message just received from

For E. Cornell.

Mr Walker our chief clerk proposes to buy the note provided you talk favorably of the matter to him. I have told him you would no doubt be able to take it up for sixty dollars in the course of two weeks. If you only knew how anxious I feel about this mat.

W H Butcher

20 Dec. 1852

ten. and how much
it will affect my
living, you as a friend
would I am sure
help me to raise that
amount on it. - If I do
not get it. I must
stay. You have here-
tofore shown your
self my friend, and
I am sure, you will
not refuse this favor
in the eleventh hour

Yours Most Resp
W H Butcher

New York Decr 20. 1852

Dear Sir

At your request, and confidentially, I will submit to you a description of my telegraph interest and name a price at which I am willing to sell.

First, The line from New York to Dunkirk, hitherto known as the New York line, was built in the summer & fall of 1849, with 40 poles to the mile, excepting the distance from Ny to White-plains 25 miles, & from Binghamton to Ithaca 50 miles, which two portions ~~were~~ built a year earlier, ~~and~~ with from 25 to 30 poles to the mile. The wire was No 9, and of best quality, of plain wire. The insulators were at the time supposed to be the best that could be used, but they proved defective from the deleterious influence of the current that was used to fasten the glosers into the iron shield. Recent investigation of the subject has satisfied ^{me} that this difficulty has been cured by long exposure to the atmosphere, and that the section of the line having the original insulation on snow works as well as that more recently reinsulated with glass. About 100 miles of the line has been reinsulated the past fall with glass. I judge that about one ~~half~~ of the line, which is 440 miles in length, has chestnut cedar, or Oak poles. The remaining half is hemlock, about half of which had the bark taken off, when set. The remainder was set with the bark on. The chestnut, Cedar &c will stand for several years without retting. Hemlocks that had the bark taken off are sound, except at

the ground, many of these will require setting within a year, and the Henlock poles that were put up with the bark on, will require replacing with new ones within one or two years.

This line was formerly the property of the N.Y. & Telegraph Co. - which failed, and the line was sold by a Receiver by order of the Court, from which sale the present title is derived. It is now the property of the New York & Western Union Tel. Co., organized under the law of N.Y., as an incorporation, this Company have a contract with the N.Y. & Erie R.R. Co., by which it secures the right to put its wires on poles erected & supported by the R.R. Co and pass over the R.R. for the privilege of allowing the R.R. Co the right to use the wire erected by the R.R. Co for R.R. purposes. I consider that this contract with the R.R. Co is more than an equivalent for the decay of the poles, and in effect makes the line of equal value to a new line. This line was built in a more substantial manner than any other line had been at that time, the posts were of good size, and substantially planted in the ground. The actual outlay for the structure was \$82, per mile, which for 440 miles is \$36,080.

I will sell you the line including the contract with the R.R. for \$30,000. -

I will also sell you \$86,600 of the stock of the Erie and Michigan Tel. Co., which extends from Buffalo to Milwaukee 800 miles. This line was erected in 1838, and during the past season about one half of the line has been very substantially rebuilt and the 2nd wire added from Buffalo to Cleveland and the 2nd wire. Extensive repairs have been made on the balance of the line, all newly insulated. The

receipts of the line for the current year will be about \$60,000, Expenses of working the line about \$45,000, whole capital stock issued about \$115,000 — Increase of business has been about 25 per cent per an, with prospect, of continuing at about the same ratio,

I will sell you \$15,000 stock in the Cleveland & Cincinnati telegraph Co. — This Co has two lines from Cleveland to Cincinnati on different routes, capital \$89,000. One line has been built about 2 years, & the other one year — both in good order, and out of debt — are dividing of 2 per cent, and a surplus of 3 or 4 thousand dollars on hand —

I will sell you \$20,000 in the Cincinnati & St Louis telegraph Co, extending from Cincinnati to St Louis, 400 ^{miles} — this line has been finished during the last year. Works well, and ~~is in prospect~~ ^{is in prospect} of doing good business — Capital ^{stock} \$60,000 —

I will sell you \$10,000 of stock in the Cleveland & Zanesville line — 175 miles long capital about \$35,000, and is paying about \$75 per month over expenses — out of debt,

I will sell you \$10,000 of stock in the Cleveland & Pittsburgh line 150 ^{miles} — this line is out of debt and paying something more than ^{capital stock} \$21,000 —

expenses - making in the aggregate
\$141,600 which I will sell you for
\$70,000, ~~which~~ ^{this} added to the price
for the line from Ny & Dunkirk
is \$100,000 for my entire telegraph
interest -

Copy of letter
to Milton S. Hunt
20 Dec. 1852

New York Decr 20th 1852

Dear Sir

At your request and Confidentially I will submit to you a description of my telegraph interest & name a price at which I am willing to sell.

First, the line from New York to Dunkirk, 440 miles long hitherto known as the New York & Erie line, was erected in the summer of 1849, with 40 poles to the mile, excepting the distance from New York to White Plains 25 miles and from Binghamton to Athens 52 miles, which two portions were erected a year earlier with from 25 to 30 poles to the mile, the wire was No 9 of best quality, of plain wire. The insulators were at the time supposed to be the best that could be used, but they proved defective from the deleterious influence of the cement that was used to fasten the glass into the iron shield.

Recent investigation of the subject has satisfied me that this defect has been cured by long exposure to the atmosphere, and that the section of the line having the original insulators on, now works as well as that more recently insulated with glass.

About 100 miles of the line has been newly insulated with glass within a few months past.

I judge that about one half of the line has Cedar, chestnut or oak poles, about one fourth has hemlock with the bark taken off, and the remainder hemlock with the bark on.

The Cedar, Chestnut & C will stand several years without rotting, The hemlock with the bark off are sound above ground, but many are rotten at the ground and

will require resetting within a year. Those that have the bark on are not worth resetting and will require replacing with new poles within the next two years,

This line was formerly the property of the New York & Erie Telegraph Company which failed, and the line was sold by a Receiver by order of the Court, from which sale the present title was derived. It is now the property of the New York & Western Union Telegraph Co. organized under the law of the State of New York as an incorporation. This Company has a contract with the New York & Erie Rail Road Co. securing the right to put its wires on poles erected and supported by the N.Y. & E. R. Co. and a free pass over the N.Y. & E. R. for the privilege to the N.Y. & W. U. Co. of using a wire erected by themselves for the uses of the N.Y. & E. R. -

I consider this contract with the N.Y. & E. R. Co. as more than equivalent to the decay of the poles on the old line, and in effect it makes the line equal in value to a new line.

This line was built in a more substantial manner than any line had been at that time, the posts were of a large size and well planted in the ground. The actual outlay for the structure was \$82. per mile, which for 440 miles is \$36,080.

I will sell you the line including the contract with the N.Y. & Erie R.R. Co. for \$30,000 -

I will also sell you \$86,600 of the stock of the Erie & Michigan Tel. Co. - which extends from Buffalo to Milwaukee 800 miles. This line was erected in 1838, and during the past year about one half of the line has been very

substantially rebuilt, and the second wire put on from Buffalo to Cleveland a distance of 200 miles. Extensive repairs has been made on the balance of the line and all newly insulated, The receipts of the line for the current year will amount to \$60,000, Expenses of working about \$45,000, whole capital issued \$115,000. The increase of business has been about 25 per cent per annum, with a prospect of continuing at the same ratio.

I will sell you \$15,000 of stock in the Cleveland & Cincinnati Tel Co, this Co has two lines between Cleveland & Cincinnati on different routes, Capital \$89,000 one line 300 miles & one 250 miles long one line 2 years old the other one year old in good order, works well, out of debt, has made one dividend of 2 per cent and has \$4 thousand dollars surplus on hand.

I will sell you \$20,000 of the stock of Cincinnati & St Louis Tel. Co, which is a line 400 miles long finished during the present year, works well, has a good business, earning more than expenses, Capital \$60,000.

I will sell you \$10,000 of the stock of Cleveland & Zanesville line 175 miles long, Capital \$35,000 out of debt, earning about \$75 per mo. over expenses.

I will sell you \$10,000 of the stock of the Cleveland & ^{Pittsburgh} ~~Zanesville~~ Tel Co, 150 miles, line out of debt, works well and earns more than expenses. Making in the aggregate some \$141,000, which I will sell you for \$70,000

Which added to the price for the line
from New York to Dunkirk is \$100.000,
for my entire Telegraph interest,

If you desire to purchase the whole or
a part of this interest. I wish you to decide
upon it at the earliest convenient moment
as. I have other negotiations in progress
which will be affected thereby.

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

W. G. Hunt Esq

Copy to W. G. Hunt
20 Dec 1852

Office of the Montreal Telegraph Co
Montreal 26th December 1852

Dear Brother

Yours of the 7th came to hand last week - I have never met with any success in Book peddling yet - not having been able to collect from all the operators that I furnished with Vails Book - one at Lockport owing me some \$15. for them since 1845 and I have ceased to demand him - He is not the only one that is indebted to me for the same Book - I will however take 100 of yours for a trial - Send them from New York by Pullen & Virgils express and they will come free -

I have not procured the box of medicine, if you will send it with the Homeopathy Book by express the first time you happen in New York I will be much obliged - write me enclosing a bill for the whole and I will send the funds on receipt -

We have done a large business upon our line this year, but now have an opposition between Toronto and Kingston which will

take some of the business - We make another reduction in our rates on and after 1st Jan'y Under 200 miles 20 cts ~~and~~ ^{instead} of 25 cts Over 200 & under 400 miles 35 instead of 40 - all over 400 miles 50 cts instead of 75 cts - Our line is now about 175 miles in length extending from Quebec to the Suspension bridge at Niagara Falls - We are now Contracting for poles to build a branch over the Great Western R R from Hamilton to Detroit, ^(200 miles) and another from Montreal over the St Lawrence & Atlantic R R to Connect with Smiths line from Portland distance to the line 145 miles - In your opinion what is the best insulation that can be got - You have had as much experience on this subject as any one, I regret that you did not let me know the prospects of your lines - I have just rec'd notice of an advance in the rates between Buffalo & NY from which I conclude that some amalgamation must have taken place - Is there any prospect of an amalgamation of the Western lines? We shall want to Connect with Speeds line at Detroit if we can get across the river, and we will try -

Prof Benedict has his line completed from Boston to the St-Lawrence river opposite Montreal and threatens to crop in some other way if we don't allow him the use of our masts! This unfortunate Troy line is not likely to ever get out of debt, they were not making any too much money before Benedict's line was built and the line will soon require new pole -

Can I get apparatus for boring post-holes in New York such as we used on the N.Y. & Phila line in 1845 or something like them? any information that you can give me to favor our new enterprise will be thankfully recd. I do not anticipate a very formidable opposition from Snows line as he is building it so shabbily that it will tumble down in spring -

Julia unites in sending kind regards to Mary Ann & the Children -

Yours Very affectionately
W. Wood

E Cornell Esq
Ithaca

Dunsmuir Dec 21st 1882

Mr Cornell

Sir the operator at
Dunkirk told me last night
that the reason of your not
giving me an answer about the ops
at Chunda was because - then I
made so much trouble in this
office he said that you would
not let me have that office
now because there was so much breaking
and leaving keys open in this ops
and he said that you said it all
to me, and for that reason would
not let me have it, But Mr Cornell
it is no such thing for I have had
nothing to do with this office I
only came in the ops once and on
which and every time I do so I always
commence adjusting and as soon as I
do that Dunkirk commences calling
me and asks me if I have had my key
open, I tell him that I just came
~~into~~ into the office and then
he tells me that the key open this
hour, well I tell him it must be

the fault of the Operator & Mr
Perine for I have got nothing
to do with this office and
then how can you lay it to me
that has made the trouble
I am not hired to take care
of this ops and I don't have anything
to do with it - - - -

And then if this is all the
reason that you have not let
me have it your reasons are
unbounded, ask the Operator of
Drinking if it is not so for
a recommendation see B M Smith
at Buffalo he will tell you
- - - -

Now as I have the Canada ops
on those terms that I proposed
before send by telegraph. Yours

Yours in haste
Charles L. Younger

Office of the [illegible] [illegible]

settled, [illegible] [illegible] to
me - Below I state the [illegible] [illegible]
and cash business

Cash rec^d at this office to date \$29.07
" sent by E. Cornell 10.00 \$39.07

Contra

Office expenses (exclusive of salary)
repairs, paid O. Rielly line \$12.57
Checks not collected and refunded 1.47

My Salary 2 months & two days
at \$40.00 per month 93.33 \$107.37

Leaving a balance in my favor of \$68.30

which I would be much obliged to you if you
would send me by mail, as I have a family
and am not very flush - If not convenient to
remit the whole, a part would do for the present -

I am Sir Yours
John C. Raw Dugan
Receiving Clerk

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	1st 10 w'ds.	each ad'n.
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Cold Spring,....	25	2
Carbondale,....	35	3
Corning,.....	50	4
Cleveland, ..	50	4
Chicago,	1 00	6
Columbus,	80	5
Cincinnati,	1 00	6
Delaware,.....	30	2
Deposit,	45	3
Dansville,.....	50	4
Dunkirk,	50	4
Detroit,.....	80	6
Elmira,.....	50	4
Erte,.....	50	4
Goshen,	30	2
Great Bend,....	45	3
Geneseo,.....	50	4
Honesdale,.....	35	3
Hancock,	45	3
Hornellsville,...	50	4
Ithaca,.....	45	3
Indianapolis,...	1 25	8
Jefferson,	50	4
Middletown,....	30	2
Montrose,.....	40	3
Mt. Morris,....	50	4
Milwaukee,....	1 10	6
Newburgh,.....	25	2
Narrowsburgh,.	30	2
Nunda,.....	50	4
Otisville,	30	2
Owego,.....	45	3
Peekskill,.....	25	2
Piermon,	25	2
Pike,.....	50	4
Portage,	50	4
Penn Yan,	50	4
St. Louis,.....	1 45	10
Sandusky City,.	60	4
Waverly,.....	45	3

New-York, Dec. 23rd 1852.

This Message just received from A. P. M
For E Cornell Esq

In consequence of
the illness of my
Sister I leave for
Philadelphia
tomorrow morning
Will return as
quickly as I possibly
can
Yours
J. G. Bain

Auburn Dec 25 '92

Dr. fr.

I have your letter of 24th inst.
The Rail Road which you refer is not
located in Tompkins Co, that is why the
maps are not filed in the County Clerk's
office. The Engineers have about concluded
their survey for a definite description of
the line & the maps will be made & ready
to file in a few days. As I understand
the line crosses Fall Creek about $\frac{3}{4}$
of a mile from Attaca, but I am unable to
give you definite information in respect
to the land through which it runs.

Northington Smith Esq. of Geneva has
charge of the business of procuring land
titles in Geneva & also in Tompkins County
I have forwarded your letter to him with
the request that he communicate with
you on the subject referred to in your letter.

Correll &
No 38 Wall St.
N.Y.

I am Very Respectfully
Yours
Samuel J. Hough
President

New York Decr 27, 1852

Gentlemen

The ~~Over~~ eight years Experience ~~that~~
the development of the Telegraph system
of this country during the past eight years
has ^{furnished} proved conclusively that the reasonable
expectations ~~of the public~~ of the utility of
that ~~telegraph~~ ^{great invention} can never be realized while
the wires ^{are} frailly suspended in the air subject
to the casualties of every ^{storm} as they ~~have~~ ^{withstand} ~~have~~
^{have} ~~been~~. It is equally certain that if the
telegraphic conductors could be so es-
tablished between the principle points of
communication that their use ^{could} ~~not~~ be
impaired by the causes that ^{so frequently} ~~interrupt~~
them the ~~telegraph~~ ^{instrument} would ~~perform~~
~~all that its most sanguine friends claim for it~~
~~meet the expectations of~~
It is evident therefore that the improvement
which the Telegraph requires to meet the
public ~~expectation~~ ^{wants} is to place the conductors
in a condition to be at all times in work-
ing ^{condition} ~~condition~~ this condition can be attained, and
the telegraph rendered as reliable and certain
in its operation, as the movements of the
Cars on a Rail Road,

This improvement secured and the telegraph is all that the wants of the public demand, —

I propose to secure this improvement in the following manner. I propose to ~~use~~ copper wire, (copper being the best conductor) covered with gutta serena. The wire thus covered to be placed in the center of a stick of timber 6 inches in diameter, which is to be bored out through the center ^{inches} $1\frac{1}{2}$ in diameter, the wire to be placed in the center of the hole thus bored in the log after which the hole is to be filled with asphaltum which of itself is a good nonconductor of galvanism.

The wires thus enveloped in two of the best insulating mediums known, and protected by the surrounding timber ~~are~~ to be placed 3 feet beneath the surface of the earth. In this position they would be entirely secure from the effects of storms, atmospheric electricity, and all other causes that render the telegraph so uncertain and capricious in its operations. With conductors thus insulated and protected the telegraph would at once become reliable and business men could calculate upon its use in the transactions of their business, ~~xx~~ with even more certainty than they can upon the punctual arrival of the mail, —

I estimate the cost of a line of telegraph with 4 wires of copper No 16 in size, insulated as above, and placed in timber 6 inches in diameter, buried three feet deep in the earth to ~~cost~~ \$1250 per mile.

In consideration of one dollar to me in
hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I hereby agree with John J. Speed of
Detroit that I will use my best endeavours
to contract with and procure funds from Rail
Road companies in the States of Ohio and
Indiana for the erection of lines of Telegraph
on said roads, and superintend the erection
of the same, rendering a true account of
all disbursements of said funds in the construction
of said lines or otherwise, and after deducting
all of said cost of construction including
my personal expenses, but nothing for my
services, to divide the balance of all money
or other property so received for the construction
of said lines equally with said Speed.
It being understood and agreed that said
Speed is to procure and furnish the right
to use the right of Morse patent for the
Telegraph on said Rail Roads.

New York Decr 27. 1852

E. Cornell Witnys

J. H. Wade

Bunker Dec 28/52

It Sir I arrived here Sunday
Evening. found my line working to
Youngsville 60 miles & down - T & M to
Buffalo only - all other lines were burnt
up & have been for about 2 weeks. We
are having a terrible gale. The winds blow
the poles & wires & trees down faster than
men can put them up - Now every line
in Df is down excepting mine. I have
stayed here two days & fixed up things
I found the office looking worse
than a hog pen between you & me old
fellow don't tell the boys. I knew what I
saw - but it was a drug store, Cooper
shop, wood house, tin shop & hog pen -
I swept & garnished it. Cleaned out
the battery room & fixed up a tolerably
good battery. Yesterday all the boys
were out, in line. I stayed in office
& received \$2.44 in cash & did about
five dollars business. No way to have the
office left without a soul in it -
Van Duzen, said he could hire no
body for he had no money. I none would
take the credit of the Co - so he had to go out
on line Bye the Bye - Van talks as if
he was Bunker. But by George I don't
know whether a Bunker operator
would stay contented in an office
& not clean up better than I found
it - It was difficult to get through &

it - Don says he is going to leave in
a week unless he has funds paid
him - The Rail Road Company have
made him an offer. He feels under
obligations to you but says he cant
live this way. That his family must
have grub & he cant furnish it so
without funds. Still Stanley leaves
this week & the affair will be entirely
waived unless something is done this
evening - I leave at one o'clock tonight
for Erie & Waterford. I think I will
go to go & get my horse, I cant
go on horse backland nor any other
agent on my lines farther than
60 miles down - I dont know what
condition they are in now how to go
down first, will immediately return & fix
up my line & be ready for you
before you are far on the I fear -
If you could possibly get the money
it would pay well to keep a man
near Donnell to repair & open that
offspring. It is the only way to keep the
line up I think Spencer was here
today & has gone out on the line
again but I guess the wind is too
much for him & blows him down
faster than he can put it up -
I have been looking for the Colonel
to try about he come? or has he passed
I wanted to see him
Your Pss

New York 29th Decr 1852

My Dear Alonzo

Your favour enclosing a letter from your Uncle Corin was rec^d this PM

I know perfectly well beforehand what your Grandfather's advice would be respecting the sale of the 30 acres. as it is not yet a month since he urged me to sell it for \$20. per acre if I could get it and if I could not get that to sell for less -

It may be best to sell for 75 as I may not be able to hold it the few months longer that will suffice to secure purchasers at \$100. I have no doubt of its being worth \$100. per acre and I have no doubt it would sell for that in the Spring - I rec^d a letter from Howe, who is Pres^t of the N. R. Co in which he understands that the N. R. will cross Fall Creek about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from Ithaca, and that he has passed any letter over to Worthington Smith Esq of Genoa who has charge of the business of procuring land titles in Genoa & Tompkins Co with a request that he communicates with me on the subject, I have little doubt but that I can get

the Depot located at Fall Creek,

I rec^d your despatch this morning and am ashamed at my carelessness in forgetting to attend to that note, and I have nothing to pay upon it at this time although it ought to be reduced to at least \$300. I shall be under the necessity of asking Williams to renew it for the full amount. I have reduced the amount \$75 within the past year and that is about as well as I have been able to do with any of my creditors, I could have paid \$25. now upon a pinch had it not been for the recent brake across the river.

I don't know what well Perry could have fallen into. If there are any open wells in the neighbourhood it is unsafe for such children to attempt to draw water from them, and he must not be allowed to go a near them.

I am glad to hear that your Mother has got an opportunity to go to Dryden for a few days, on a visit.

I don't know but the flashings of the lightning will be such as to carry me out to Indiana for the year to come to bring the Ohio Indiana & Ill lines into rank, if so we shall lease the line from N.Y. to Ill out for a price that will pay a dividend to

The Stockholders, If I make such arrangements, you will have install Elu as mistress of the house and take care of Perry and let him go to school. Let Frank live with his Grand father or go at something else and let your Mother and the little girls live with me part of the time - visit Emily at Chelton part of the time, visit Phoebe & Mary at Mich a part of the time, and visit La & Bryden or where ever else they please the balance of the time, Spending the year as happily as the circumstances will permit - The Worlds fair in N.Y will have to be visited during the year by every body.

That matter of tax I cant provide for now and dont know when it is to come from.

I dont know but the N.H. Co may sue for gravel, and I dont know as they do for I dont know what they have batted lately, you might ask Humphrey the question, as he would know what was right.

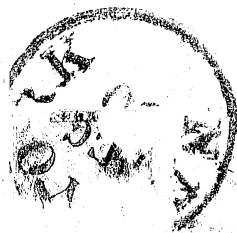
I shall expect to hear from you in the morning by tel respecting how much Perry is hurt.

Yours Respectfully

E Cornell

A.B.C

E Cornell
N.Y. Dec 29. 1852



Mr. A.B. Cornell
Attaca
N.Y.

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Boston, Dec 29 1852

Mr Cornell

Dear Sir

Yours of the 27 is at hand & in reply
will say that we can make your
Magnetines in 4 days after you order
them - they will cost about 10. dollars
will make them soon as you order
we supposed you wanted to know the
price before you ordered

most respectfully yours

Samuel Hale

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Dansville,	50	4
Dunkirk,	50	4
Detroit,	80	6
Elmira,	50	4
Erie,	50	4
Goshen,	30	2
Great Bend, ...	45	3
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Montrose,	40	3
Mt. Morris,	50	4
Milwaukie,	1 10	6
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December 31 - 1852

This Message just received from

For E. Cornell, N.Y.

Having formed other engagements, you will please accept my resignation, and supply my place by January 3^d on 4th. There is a balance due me which you will please empower my successor to pay me, or attend to yourself. Do not fail to send some on Monday, as I must leave about that time and the office will probably be entirely vacated unless

you attend to it =

Yours.

Nan Dwyer

Nan Dwyer
Dec. 21, 1892

Binghamton 31st Dec 1852
E Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

I returned last night from D.R. - I have put our wire in tolerable good order on the R.R. - I commenced on Tuesday morning at D.R. with a man with me to help - and went over the line from ^{D.R.} to Perry'sburgh, mended four breaks - took of three trees from both wires - mended both wires also went to Lodi, from there to Bagdad about three miles east, and set a Chestnut pole where one had blown down - sent a man ahead east to Yorkshire Corners, I also made arrangements with the stage driver to look after the line from Lodi to Yorkshire Corners, he passes over the line every day. - There should be some other arrangements made to keep the line up along the R.R. - if you have to hire a man to ^{not} ride over every day from D.R. to L.R. It will ~~do~~ to depend upon the operator at D.R. - Every Wind that blows - blows down trees on to the line, and no one to go out - D.R. has got the Devil into him some way - An Officer at Lodi and Springville would do a great deal to help keep Sir O.R.

With an office at U & Di and a man to go over the line every day between D.R. & P.B. and back, stopping to mend breaks should any occur - we need not be down two hours anytime. And without some arrangements of the kind I see no hope of working successfully. If it will pay to be up a part of the time it will surely pay under arrangements that would keep it so all or nearly all the time - I am pretty sure that a office a Gorwanda or Sodi would pay two to three hundred dollars. I spoke with a Mr Brown at Sodi about taking the matter in charge - he is said to be a prompt man - I explained the matter to him - and he seemed desirous to get hold of it - yet I think it would be better to send a man there independant of them - I have sent Charles Abben to Pe to learn for the Springfield office he understands repairing Sine very well. Now what do you think of this plan?

And let me make a suggestion Craving your pardon the whilst.

Would it not be well for you to have a man (one in whom you could confide) to take the intire charge of the out door affairs of Sine. Confering with you in all important movements or changes - I think you have enough to do to look after the financial matter at present. Now what do you think of this idea. I think if you could make some arrangements of this kind ~~and~~

give him power to act and sustain him in
all judicious acts. We could work as well as
the best of Sines —

And get a man too that would not be
afraid to walk 20 30 or 40 miles if necessary
to get matters OK —

I have spoken freely to you — I should
say more could I see you — Please write me
what you think about what I have said —

Pass Runs out to day please get
one — get it for 3 Months if you can

Yours &c &c &c
J W Skinner

E Cornell
Supt.

- 535 Grand Duke (10.284) - Property of
Thos Bates. Kinkleavington England -
546. Grand Duke - Bred by Geo Tail Troy now
owned J. M. Jones Utica -
547. Grand Duke bred by S. P. Chapman Albany
Pleasant Farm. Madison Co. N.Y. -
- 548 Grand Duke ♂ bred by Mrs S. Cowles & Son
Farmington Ct -
- 1135 Young Duke bred by S. P. Chapman Madison
Co. N.Y.
J. M. Jones =
- 1136 Young Duke of Ketchikan.
- 1137 Young Duke of Ohio
- 920 Rocket Bred by Jas. Madsworth Genesee
Swanton Co. N.Y.
921. Rocket bred by Mrs Thompson Mercer Co. N.Y.
- 921½ Rocket Bred in England impt 1858. by The Modern
A. impt Co.
- Old Splendor bred by Thos Weddell East Bloomfield
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Dansville 1852.

By Telegraph from

To

Tillotson writes me
Mr Minst paid you
the amt due us from
RK Line - Please remit
amt due us from your
Line first convenient
We need it much for
dividend. I have received
orders from directors to
refuse all further business
from your line. I am receiving
it now on the strength of a
remonstrance I sent them. May
not long. It should be settled
monthly.

Cornell Co.
Schenectady

New York
Monday May

I am obliged to leave town
by the train this morning but shall be in town
this evening about 8 P.M. and if you will
leave a line at my office I will meet
you at any time after that either to night
or tomorrow morning. If you have not
the order spoken of with your directions
it will have my prompt attention and
I think you would be satisfied with the
article. I am

Yours Most Respect
J. K. Weston
for A. B. Weston

Correll

St. John
1852

My dear Sir

My black valise at Hunter
has my shaving tools in it, and my
head brush and clothes brush
are there also, and as I shall
not return to New York till Sept
I need them very much. Do send
them to me as soon as possible
as I can't afford to get shaved
at a Barber's. Don't neglect
it. Please have the rest of
my things put away together that
I may be sure to find them
when I return. The Memo. that
I gave you before you left will
fully explain.

In haste
Yours truly
J. S. Pellé

E. Cornell Esq
C

Grinnell, Ag
from J. H. Riddle

1852
J. H. Riddle

I want you to look among my papers
and find those blank duds I made out for
for Mood & with Mr Munn's
releases attached to them, and forward
them to me at N.Y. -

I feel anxious to hear from My ~~little~~ Mary
you mentioned that she was not very well
I hope she is better before this. I do wish
that those little feet and hands of hers would
get well. You will have to bring her to
N.Y. again when warm weather comes and
I guess you must go to Providence with
her.

I am home sick, and cant write, I
want to go home and stay there. I am sick
of telegraphing, sick of busings - sick of every
thing, except my wife, and I wish I could
live with her, but I cant - I have got into this
scrape and must stick to it manfully until
I can work out,

I will work out, but I am in a mood
to write about it now,

Yours Affectionately
E. Cornell

Mary Ann