

New York May 11, 1837.

Dear Howard

After going out and fixing Old wire between D & Re - I found a tall stoop from Troy had caught our wire on Thursday morning and broke it down, it being rather low. I went up Friday morning, and yesterday morning about 9 A.M. I had it up again. The wire of the old line is now OK, and with the battens on that line I think it will work again.

The guests of M.C. leave with extra train Wednesday morning via Saratoga. The Post U.S. & several members of his Regiment will be along, also Governor of N.Y. - and other lions - They will lay over at Elmira, and probably have some speaking, and there will be some reporting to do.

Thursday night they will reach Saratoga and the proceedings there will be to report. This night the brunt of the battle will fall on you & Ben, and I will possess you an all night job. The next night they will return and stay at Ben, and proceeding will be to report from there so that Ben seems to have fair prospect for 3 nights work in succession.

I think if we attend to this matter we can make \$100 per day for the 3 days of the opening - and we want the money amazingly to pay arrears -

E. Cornell

NY, May 11, 1837

If Thompson is yet at Ithaca you had better engage him for the 3 days to assist at Ia or either of the other officers, that we might count him. Bn will require assistance during the 3 days & nights, and I have thought of sending Ingersoll up there for that purpose, but have not yet fully decided. Ra will want assistance on Wednesday night & I have instructed him to have Shippee come over from Corning. If necessary you could leave Thompson at Ia Wednesday night and you go to Bn and assist him.

Thursday night you must be at Ithaca, & on that evening Tillotson can go to Bn if necessary.

We must arrange so as to keep Bn double manned all 3 nights, Ra one night & Ia one night.

I expect to go out to Dunkirk either with the extra & night train, but am not absolutely positive that I can get away. Butcher is now sick and we are short of help here.

It is possible I may go up as far as Bn or Av Tuesday night, if so will Telegraph — Yours Affectionately

E Correll

A. B. C.

P.S. You will have reserve batteries mounted for Thursday night.

Get reports from Dunkirk Monday & Tuesday & Wednesday morning. Also get reports from Ra

Mansfield 19<sup>th</sup> May 1852

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

Your note came to hand this PM. I have considered the Country pretty well in relation to the Telegraph through here to Phila. the result is this. a majority of the business men wish to delay it till autumn or rather till after the N. & E. trade is relaxed from <sup>Commerce</sup> ~~Business~~ to Willemsport - and that will possibly take till Dec - all promise to take hold of it, I have good acquaintance with every particular plan. What do you think of giving me a place till then or if best times as we can go (as I have connected your name with the concern as the Secy) & at a fair salary can you do so. am pleased that the old N. & E. will be O.K. Sup you will do it sure I should like to be employed till we can send the ~~to~~ line to Willemsport still your plan seems joining Mrs. Sturges & her thanks for paid regard Mr. & L. Remond to you please excuse soon  
E. Cornell  
~~Very truly yours~~ J. W. Skinner

[New York, May 12, 1852

Dear Sir -

Smith closed his argument about 1 P.M. to day; I was not present, but it was said to be wound up handsomely and with effect.

Mr. Chester then commenced, and closed his before the court adjourned for the day. He spoke up <sup>for</sup> than 2 hours, and demonstrated to his satisfaction that he had said all that there had been any necessity for saying on the side of the defence at any time. He considered that much that Smith had said was for "bureaub" but regarded it as justifiable on the ground that the mass of printing and talk on the other side was also for "bureaub". Chester establishes the principle, that they have shown no cause or justification for the injunction, and that it must be dissolved. + Again, if any part of the contract of June 22<sup>1847</sup> was set aside all parts must be. + Also, that as Smith has been hindered by the action of Morse & Tail under the injunction from <sup>from</sup> executing the contract of June 22, he was now under no legal obligation to resume it, and proceed with its execution, and that Morse & Tail are responsible to Smith for any damage sustained by their interrupting the execution of the contract.

Chester & Smith are both sanguine that they shall triumph most gloriously in this suit,

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Kendall has not been in Court at all; and Prof. Morse deserted after the first day of Smith's argument, and their counsel has had no backers but fail, and he seems to have become somewhat dejected under the desertion. He says he shall want 4 or 5 days to answer Smith's argument.]

Smith has sold Haley \$100,000. of the stock in his Boston line, takes of Haley a block of 13 houses in Brooklyn at \$4,000 each, and Haley's notes for the balance, and Haley is trying to get a consolidation with the Main line -  
+ [Smith now proposes to organize the Erie line, he taking stock in lieu of money - and he says he wants to organize and consolidate all the way from Boston to St. Louis, and fight Taylor, and the Southern folks also.

If I can do it right with him on the Erie line, I will do so; but for the E. & M. that is another matter, and you must stand on your rights - no flinching - not to a hair's breadth. +

If I can carry the Erie line through the storm and save it, the E. & M. will take care of itself. +

Yours Respectfully,  
E. Corvill.

J. J. Spurr, Jr.

Dansville May 13<sup>th</sup> 3-2

Colonel Esq  
Goff

Let me hear about Path Office  
I enclose Instrument as directed  
Telegraphed you today about Path Office  
I would take it & pay all expenses for  
receipts if the line is going to be taken  
care of. If you can furnish an Instrument  
immediately & will let me have it long  
enough to make it an object to set up  
an Office & put a boy I have learned  
into it I will do it & the line will be  
kept up between "P & Q" as it should  
be. Please write me soon as you receive  
this. You can collect enough of N.Y. & C.R.R.  
Line to pay me up. I need it very much  
Please send it soon as you can & oblige  
Yours  
Hans C. M. S.

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*Received New York  
May 15<sup>th</sup> 1852 from  
the Erie Telegraph Co  
Three Dollars on a/c  
#3c Thomas A. Linn*

[New York May 14, 1852]

Dear Sir, Your favour from  
Chicago of 8th inst is at hand, acknowledging four of mine -  
then let me request you always to mention the dates  
of the letters you answer -

You say that I am mistaken as to amt of wire for Edell line  
I dont know how this is as I dont recollect what I stated  
it to be, but the wire and other supplies I have furnished  
for keeping the line to work greatly exceed your figures,  
which you put at \$3000 - but I have not the account  
by me. If you are so near out of debt as  
you state, and so fair a prospect of getting out the  
present season I dont see why you should  
anticipate your earnings by a loan, and thus save  
me from distraction, I saved you in your hour  
of need, and your directors ought to give you  
their personal aid in making a loan or getting  
a discount to help me through, . . . . .

I am really glad to see your prospects brightening  
and hope your estimate of our "Lake Erie line"  
rivals is correct. Also glad to hear that C & C  
line & C & St Louis line is working well & doing  
well -

Is there any possible way that I can get  
my pay of \$1000 - Has he any land, or  
village lots that he would turn out to me to pay  
what he owes?

A suit against the Edell Co would be my last resort  
to save myself from a quarter colony, but if that Co  
cannot help me to what they owe me, which would pay  
off well, & Co. It would be better to see them & collect  
and thus save my stock in the Co than leave it as  
it is, for the whole of my stock to be sold at a  
monstrous sacrifice to pay null & Co. If the Co  
make any arrangement with Wells & Co to save my  
stock I am content to wait,

I have done nothing with the N.M. Co, dont  
know as I can - have not seen Mr Soder for the  
last 10 days. He will be at home to day, & I shall



to see him. Smith's trial is through with; E. Fitch, Smith, Morse & Vail's counsel, said he should take from 3 to 5 days to make his argument in answer to F. Smith's, but instead of doing so he wound up his yarn the first day, and he heard that he made a complete fizzle of it.

Smith has no doubt that he has used them all up, though he may not have the decision of the court for some time yet.

Now Smith proposes that if I will clear the line of debt (N. V. E.) he will then take ~~the stock for the patent~~. Thus I should have to pay <sup>him</sup> for patent from Ia. to N. Y. being to pay that Co. \$5,000 in stock, and Smith again also pay him for the patent on the section of extra length for crossing the river.

~~Such as~~ Then he would unite with me in sale to N. V. Co. - he having half. No<sup>d</sup> of them & let me have half.

This offer was so infernal and unjust, that I rejected it. But it was evident that Smith had measured well my necessity, and made the proposition accordingly, and necessity may compel me to accept it.

I cannot see the practicability of your machine for fac-simile - you must write dots close together, and how it is to write faster than Morse's. I can't see. Then having to write on plates is bad again. You want some plan that a man can write his dispatch at his <sup>table</sup> and send his boy with it to the telegraph.

I guess that my plan is far preferable, and I know it is practicable.

Yours in haste,  
E. Cornell.

[J. S. F.]

P. S. I am having the sign of Am-

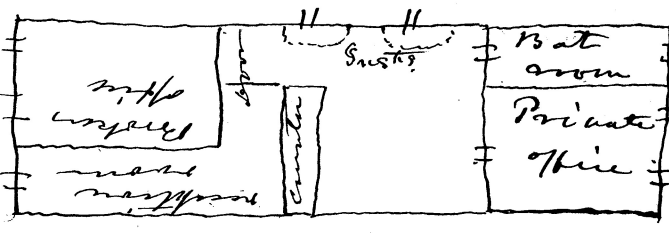
Friday I had an old fashion shaker all day - 200 rods 3

Detroit 19 May 1832

Dear Sir

Yesterday & today, <sup>are</sup> as cold as winter -  
severe frost yesterday morning - Fear that  
our fruit is killed - I returned from Ch  
Saturday - Monday I answered letters &c, yes-  
terday I spent most of the day at Bailey's shop -  
I am certain that I can make a fac-  
simile telegraph, better by far than the  
sample I now inclose - But to do it neatly,  
the tracing point, or dotting point, must  
move slow - My pendulums were too short,  
and moved too quick, and I had some  
difficulty in getting the pendulums back,  
so the magnets would hold them - but all  
these matters can be arranged, and the  
thing made to work, and I believe it can  
be made to work as fast, or faster, than  
by any other plan. But there may be practi-  
cal inconveniences in putting the paper on  
the plates, and in writing on Tin foil,  
or metal plates, with ink which will always  
break the circuit - The little <sup>local</sup> magnets may  
sometimes fail to close the main circuit,  
and ten thousand other little things  
which can only be found out by practice -  
Morse's Tel works better than he <sup>ever</sup> anticipated

Hawaii's contrivance took years to make what it is now is - That I could make a face simile tel which would be a perfect thing, the first time trying, is not to be expected - All I say is, that it can be done, and made to beat all other systems - I say too that it will not cost ten per cent of the amount expended on Hawaii's contrivance - But you and I have spent our pile on brimstone, and have none left to try tricks with - I shall therefore be very cautious about spending even ten dollars, as all I own belongs to some one else - This is a rainy day, but we got Ben and Oh the first prop before I left, and live working to a charm both ways - We blot out some debts every month, and altho I am apt to be a little too sanguine, I do think our prospects are better, on our line than ever before - I have a capital office here, on ground floor, Private office & battery room & operating room - all on ground floor - I rented the old store for \$250 per year & went



to a Broken Spok  
his bus besides, for  
the same I pay for  
the whole floor, so

that our rent this year cost us  
nothing but what we paid for fitting  
up the building, about \$130. The chances  
are that we can keep it for several  
years. If so, we get our rent free -  
and have just as good an office as  
I want. Our receipts here last month  
were \$500 and the DR off 200. The  
Rochester tide will let us in without  
a premium next year.

I have made proposals, with McCallum  
and others, to the Central Illinois RR Co  
to build their bridges on Mc's plan -  
The whole cost of bridging is ten thousand  
but, and the job will amount to about  
\$250,000. If we should be lucky enough  
to get the contract, we will make some-  
thing out of it. The timber has to be all  
taken from Ch, and we would frame  
all the bridges there. There will be a very  
large loss some at Ch this year, as  
the various RR Cos will pay out millions  
of dollars there. I would like to have a  
hand in the game, <sup>twice</sup> if I can.

I have observed that the storms on our Lakes  
commence West of Lake Michigan, & travel East -  
In the fall, when storms are the worst, it takes  
about 24 hours for a storm to travel from  
Lake Michigan to Lake Ontario. Would that

he will for Uncle Sam to pay us for telegraphing  
the approach of storms, and have all the facts  
in relation to them indicated on the Light House,  
by means of suitable signals - (The old French  
Semaphore could be used) all vessels coming  
in sight of a light house, would know when  
the storm was coming, and how far off,  
& whether severe, or light; and prepare to  
meet it, or take shelter in some port.

I wrote to Genl Cass on the subject, and asked  
him whether he thought it of sufficient importance  
to justify the attention of the Government to the  
answer me, very courteously, and said  
he thought it well worthy of attention,  
& advised me to write to Professor Bache,  
of the Coast Survey, and said he would advise  
with the professor what further steps to  
take in relation to it. - I have written  
to the Professor, and estimated the  
expense of suitable signals, at 14 light houses,  
and paying for telegraphing a sufficient  
length of time to test the usefulness of the  
scheme, at ten thousand dollars. - I have  
not heard from Mr Bache; but I hope  
he will approve of it, and Genl Cass  
get the ten thousand in the appropriation  
bill. - If the gov. will do nothing to improve  
our harbours, they certainly ought to tell  
us when to look out for storms. -

Yours truly, J. Speed Jr.

I go to V. tonight & present to Ben.

Ms. A. 9. 2. 11  
May 19. 52

I think the true way to make a fine Simple Id. is this -  
use the Water Valve - (a plan of which I sent you) to regulate  
the running of two Cylinders - The Cylinders say 3 in in diameter  
of In. in, which would give the width of a sheet of paper - stop the  
Cylinders at each revolution - It would not be essential that  
the two Cylinders revolve alike - The cylinders would revolve  
uniformly & that is all that would be necessary - With the water  
gauge. I know, for I have tried it - That the Cylinders can be made  
to revolve with all the accuracy required, and with little or  
no trouble in adjustments - They can also be made to run  
as fast, or slow, as you please - The cylinder is preferable  
to the pendulum, for this reason, if no other, By the pendulum  
you loose the time when it swings back - If it beats seconds  
it takes one second to move the tracing point across the  
paper - one second to get back, and a fraction of a second  
to start again - there is therefore a loss of  $\text{over } \frac{1}{3}$  "third"  
of the time - the cylinder will start as quick as the pendulum,  
and there would be no loss time by the back motion - There  
is an other advantage in the cylinder. We can stop <sup>with</sup> that ~~by~~  
a magnet in the <sup>main</sup> ~~local~~ circuit, <sup>except to dislodge the paper</sup> requiring no local  
and by no possible construction of law could it be  
an infringement of Morse's or any other patent,  
unless Morse can stop <sup>(don't know for sure this)</sup> House - I will not say positively  
that a magnet on Pape's plan, or on any other plan  
can be made to work as fast as I would like to have  
it - But House breaks his circuit, & presses a tooth on  
his escapement about 14 times on the average to each letter -

The Howe folks claim, & I believe truly, that they can write faster than we can - & as they move their Wind valve from 14 to 28 times for each letter, and as I do not require an average of row & dots to a letter, why can I not get the 8 dots as quick as they can open & shut their valve 14 times? I can make the Magnet work as fast as they can, for it will not have a hundredth part of the work to do, that theirs has. I say therefore that I can write faster than they can - I had rather have the point which makes the dots come down on the paper at each dot, than to have a slide on the paper, as there is some discolouration of the paper after the circuit is broken, & that is one reason why Bain did not succeed in leaving the absence of the letter on the plain he & others tried. ~~the~~ the space cannot be left, but if the tracing point hits the paper all the time, there would be a continuous line, but if the point can be lifted up when the circuit closes, & come down on the paper when it is broken, I can get clean dots, and no blurring - If you say I will have trouble in making the Cylinders run uniformly, I deny that, with great confidence I am entirely certain that I can do it, and do <sup>N</sup> perfectly but not sure how fast it can be done -

New York May 21, 1852

Dear Alonzo

Your favour of the 19<sup>th</sup> rec<sup>d</sup> to day enclosing a note for \$200. for me to endorse which you say has been partly used for your Mother in making a move this is all very well and I approve of it, but the balance you only say you can satisfactorily explain, it would have been more satisfactory if you had explained - I hope that you will remember the large sum of money you squander while from home -

I have endorsed the note and enclose it and want to know what the money has been expended for. -

I have not had the ague for a few days and begin to feel better - yesterday I walked 18 miles and my rider broke by 10. A.M.

I shall get \$5000 - of N.M. Co to put the Erie line through with - other matters in prospective look well - I go to Denmark to night to see Speed -

Yours in haste  
E Cornell

A B Cornell



Burlington May 24<sup>th</sup> 1852

Dr Sir

Your of the 17<sup>th</sup> was rec<sup>d</sup> just at the close of our session of Court - which will account for its not being answered before. I have not sent you a copy in the case of the Est Co or you on account of its great voluminousness but will have a copy made if you wish. The facts upon which they mainly rely & efforts to recover are the facts of a deed not having been executed and delivered agreeable to the articles of association, alleging that Morse, Vail & Smith & yourself were thereby bound to covenant against the sending of communications by a more circuitous route than their own, between the cities of Troy and Monticel, claiming that all communications sent by the way of Albany Buffalo &c to Monticel should have <sup>been</sup> sent over their line, and that you are liable to make good the loss arising therefrom which their Secy told me would probably amount to at least \$10,000. I mentioned your proposition about sending them the use of two wires, for the purpose of effecting a settlement. In reply he said that he thought they would settle if you would release and give up to them all your property in the Company, all claims you have

against them for Avidemas on a/c &c. Secially  
Court. I should think, however you have this  
proposition. What course do you intend to pursue  
in regard to the suit - & as to my suggestion of  
additional counsel. I should like to confer with  
you personally about the matter, if you ever  
come within reaching distance of this place.  
That I should not advise you to come here, as  
they might - discontinue the present suit &  
commence another by arresting you & cause you  
some trouble about bail. I should be happy  
to hear from you as soon as convenient, with  
instructions in regard to the suit & will send  
a copy of the writ & declaration, if you wish.

Very Respectfully yours

L. B. Englesby

E. Cornell

N. York City

L. B. Englesby  
May 24, 1862

[ New York, May 25. 1852.

Dear Sir -

I arrived in N.Y. about 12.30 to day found your letter with fac-simile message, and it was not so bad a specimen.

I showed it to Chester and he was delighted with it - I also explained the advantages of the Magneto-electric machine as a substitute for the battery, all of which tells, he requested me to address him a letter of plausibility of the two, which I did, enclosing the specimen. He shows it to Dr. Parker this evening - Dr. Parker is a Medical Physician, who has a practice worth \$20,000, per ann., and who married rich. Chester says Parker will take \$10,000, and possibly \$20,000 - He says his aim is to get <sup>twenty</sup> 20 men who will go in for \$10,000 each in this city, and men who are A.P. and will <sup>act</sup> act together, and thus secure the control of the Co. in this City.

He says he has no doubt of getting the stock taken, and that soon.

I shall hold myself in readiness to play my part of the game, and I want you to hurry up a few good specimens of

of the writing, and also hurry up a set of instruments in good style; also have a <sup>model</sup> moddle made to use in taking out a patent, also a <sup>model</sup> moddle for the patent for the Magneto-Electric machine.

Chester proposes, and I sanction the policy of giving the parties who take the stock for the line from N.Y. to N.C. the preference of taking the stock on other lines at same terms - that is, to pay \$300,000 for \$600 of R.R. with <sup>two</sup> 2% wins. P. Chester says if I am posted up correctly, that we hold advantages in our hands that will annihilate Morse lines, & all others all over the country.

If I can raise a company that have the rocks that will take half of our traps at \$50,000 (an undivided half) ~~where~~ they are patented, shall I make such a trade?

Don't get excited, and don't neglect the E. Ill. Line - keep that agoing, and make it pay \$1000 per mo. <sup>over</sup> last year, and as much more as you can, at same time perfect and make those instruments & <sup>model's</sup> moddles as soon as you can get it done, and we will get out our patents and put it through.

Shall we get patents in England, if we can get some one to pay the expense for a reasonable interest in the patent there, where obtained?

My faith in the facsimile has strengthened  
mightily since the alterations that dispense  
with the puddle & local circuits, I think  
I can see practical results in it,

What shall be the name of the Tel.  
Co. from N.Y. to N.O. if we get the funds  
to build it? ] x x x

No decision yet from the Superior  
Court,

Kendall has gone to N.O., he is in some  
mess with some of his lines - I presume  
his coast line is complaining at his loss of  
business via River line - and why  
they quarrel we must divide their  
system between them giving each a share  
and securing the fish for ourselves -

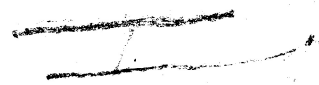
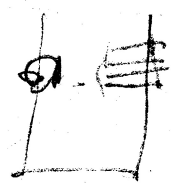
Write often and keep me posted up.

[ Yours respectfully,  
E. Correll. ]

[ J. H. Jr. ]

P.S. I showed that specimen to Weber and  
he said he could swear to that being a copy of  
your signature. - E.C.

*Handwritten scribble*



*W. S. Condit  
May 25 1832*

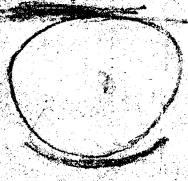
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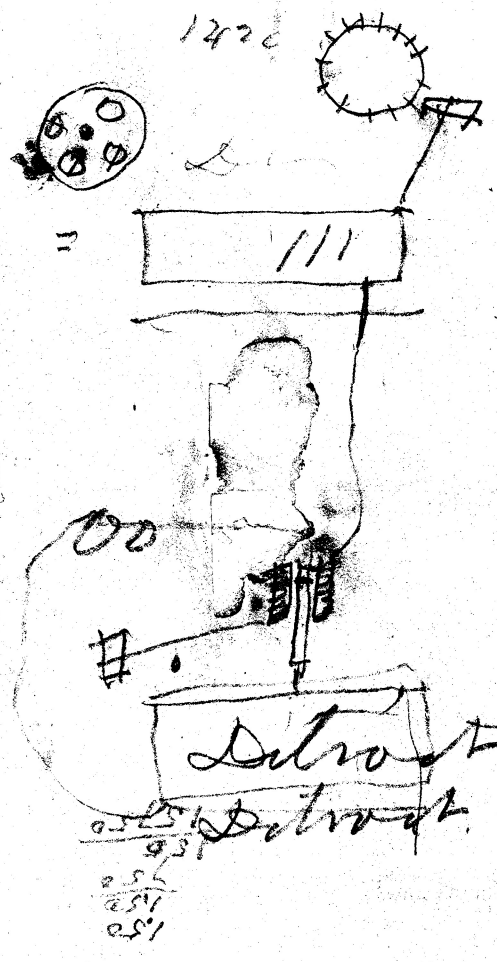


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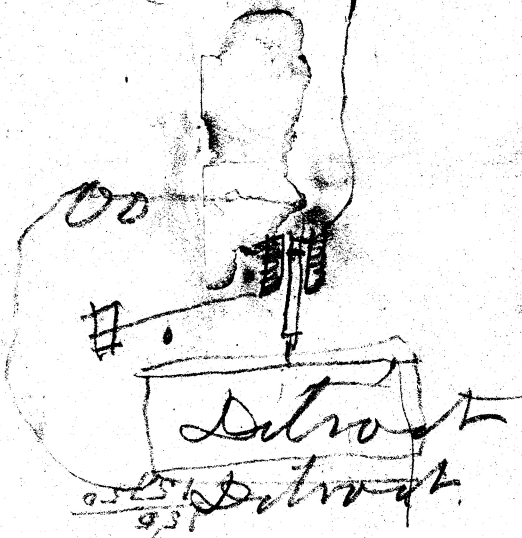
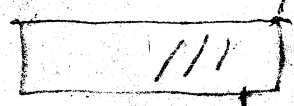
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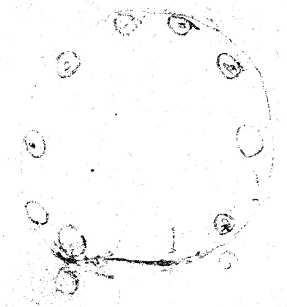
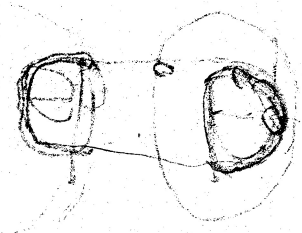


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Chicago May 25, 1852

Stephen B Mumrays  
New York } Dear Sir

Yours of  
17th inst is at hand, we are sorry to  
say that the acceptance you sent us  
for collection was not paid at the  
time agreed by Mr Hotchkiss. And since  
that time he has not been to Chicago  
to our knowledge. His business brings  
him here occasionally, and we shall  
take such steps as, all necessary, as  
soon as we can hear of his being here  
to determine definitely whether he can  
be made to pay or not.

Yours obediently  
Samuel M Cagg -

E. Cornell Esq

Ithaca May 27. '52

My dear Sir

As it is my calculation to leave "these diggings" for 2 or 3 months (if I can raise funds for the purpose) I called upon Mr Boardman today for the amount of my Judgement knowing the funds had been paid over to him. He refused to pay me without an order from you saying it would all be right, I asked him his reason for so doing, and he said he understood I had assigned my interest to you and consequently could not pay without your sanction of it. I endeavored to explain it by saying that I had signed a paper last winter which I supposed all interested were to do in order to prevent the line from being sold and sacrificed, but as the arrangement was not perfected and that I had no other interest I thought it time I received my money with others, but it would not all do. I therefore wish you would give him immediate orders to pay over the amount as I want to get away next week and have no other resources to rely upon. and have



let the amount lay calculating I could at  
any time when the pinch come realize them  
and it took me by surprise to hear his  
excuse for not paying over. Please give it  
immediate attention otherwise I shall suffer  
greatly.

Very truly &c.  
D. J. Tillotson


New York May 28<sup>th</sup> 1852

Mr Cornell

Dear Sir

I am disposed to accomodate you - and there will be no kind of need of closing the Mortgage if you will pay the Interest - and which, you can do - I want to get along smoothe and friendly with you - of late I have been very short of money - I have had to borrow eight thousand six hundred Dollars on Interest

I am sincerely

  
Stephen A. Munn

A. B. Munn  
28. June 52

Mr. Ezra Cornell  
New York



Chicago 29 May 1832

Dear Sir

Yours of the 25<sup>th</sup> recd here today  
I have most implicit faith in being  
able to make a far Simile Tel Superior  
to all others; but to do it will necessarily  
require more or less practice, and various  
trials before the machinery can be made  
to work perfectly. You ask me to go  
on and complete a full sized  
machine, and also a model. You  
also propose that I should have a  
Magneto Electric machine built as  
a substitute for the battery; but  
at the same time you caution  
me not to neglect the working  
of E & M Lin. The last caution I  
will attend to, and the next I will  
do when I have time & money to  
do it. If I could get all the machines  
perfected for \$500 and by spending  
two months time, it would be quite  
as low an estimate as I would expect.

but I have neither the money, nor  
the time to spare, I think you will  
have to wait some time before  
you will get the machines -

I have improved our prospects  
here materially, within the last month  
our receipts run down here to 5 to  
10 dollars per day - They now average  
25 dollars per day, and I hope  
obviously we can increase them  
to nearly twice what they now are -  
I mean to pay all we owe this year,  
and can do it; but I have also to pay  
1300 on Zanesville line, which is now  
due, and I cannot pay; but will  
try and get some more time, and  
work it out. I may have to draw  
on you, in order to get time, as  
drafts pay in N.Y. are preferred -  
If you have a draft payable  
from Zanesville for \$830 at 60 or  
90 days, I wish you would accept  
it, as we are in for it any way  
and I think in 90 days I can

make a raise & pay it -

I may also renew the apt which  
made for discount for 30 or 60 days,  
We must have 300 to 500 to pay  
for poles and, <sup>as much more to</sup> use on line; for  
if we do not keep the line up, we  
are certain not to have the means  
of paying: but if we do keep line  
in order as it is now, our pros-  
pects were never so good before.  
I am trying to make a bargain  
for an office here on ground floor.  
I like our offr so much at lecture  
I would be glad to play the same  
game here: but I have not yet  
been able to effect my object -  
I will go home next week

Yours truly,

J. S. P. Jr.

Pike May 29<sup>th</sup> 1852

Dear Sir

You will think perhaps by this time I have forgotten you or do not intend to fulfil my promise to write you but be assured I think of you often & wish I could do something to relieve you from the people's pities attending the management of this line, and think I shall make some move next week, the reason I have not written before is when I got home I found a letter from Cayuga Co making it necessary for me to be there immediately on important business therefore I left and have just returned and made what discoveries I could & find things in a bad condition, the line is connected to Ia but he can't get a word from me I can get him & others east of me but cannot raise them unless as it were by accident, I just had Ia & he says he can't get a word from me for wine is on the ground half the way between us, I learn by the stage driver the wine is broken in two places between here and Lodi, I have no money but soon as I can learn there is some one at Ia I shall go & put it up & trust luck for the pay, I wrote Hopkins four days ago & am waiting for instructions from him, I have had more pens offered this spring than ever before but could not take it for a telegraph wire is a poor thing to communicate over when it

is down every five miles, did you  
make the arrangement with R. Road  
Company and is it shure you will  
get this line to work so as to want  
me please write me particulars in my  
box I have other chances for bus if  
I want, but here is my home & I can  
live here cheaper than any where else  
and more than that I want to see this  
old thing come up & be something and  
while I stay on it will do all in my  
power to make it work but I am  
sometimes almost discouraged and  
I do not wonder you are,

and one thing more & I have done this  
time but will keep you advised of what  
is going on in this section and that  
is my salary is too small at the best  
and if I stay here must have pay kept  
up or I cannot support my family  
I have run my face now till I have  
no confidence to ask for credit.

Please write in my & if you ~~can~~ squeeze  
out \$25. I will be ~~very~~ glad.

Respectfully Yours

E. Cornell Egan  
E.C.

D. P. Gordon

D. P. Gordon  
29 May 52



New York, May 30<sup>th</sup> 1852.

Dear Sir -

Your letter of 26<sup>th</sup> was rec<sup>d</sup> yesterday, and in the "nick of time," as McKimney called on me an hour after its rec<sup>d</sup> to know if I could help them out of their approaching crisis - (that is the sale of the N.Y. & Bu. Train line). The line is to be sold the 7<sup>th</sup> June, on a judgment of \$30,000 & intent, to pay the bonds given to pay the 1<sup>st</sup> year's deficiency in working line, and the bond-holders are afraid of the Train patent. They are conscious of infringing Morse's patent, and are afraid to buy the line in to work it under that patent. What McKimney wanted of me was, to know if I could help them to any system that could be successfully used & not infringe the Morse patent, if I could do that, the bond-holders would like to make a bargain for right to use it, or in that event would buy the line in if it did not sell for too high a price. Faxon is also laying back for this sale, and will bid it up to more than the structure actually cost in all probability - for Faxon to buy it would be a good hit for E. M. line, as long as you maintain present relations with Faxon at the best with your business going via N.Y.P. and Faxon connecting with O'Reilly's Lake line, it would not be so well to have the Train line in Faxon's hands.

Well, I showed Mr. the best of the samples you sent me - he looked at it with amazement, and had to be reassured that it was written by Polygraph, when he looked

Cornell  
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under and confessed if we could do what I claimed and what the specimen seemed to prove, that we had them.

Now what is to be done? Here is a new element thrown into the <sup>charlie</sup> coyote map out of which the future is to be created. I had a short interview with Chester (who was delighted with the specimen, as it showed <sup>prop.</sup> notwithstanding your injunction not to show it) and explained to him the situation of the Bain tribe, and suggested to him that we might weave them into our platform. He resolved the subject over in his mind <sup>until</sup> Monday, when we hold a conference to determine what is best.

If the Bain Nonholders will buy the line in, and put it in to a new Co. (to cover the Union) at a fair price, I think it is best to make such an arrangement with them.

Then the question comes up, as to the interest of the Et. M. line & western connections. If we can manage so as to deprive the O.R. Lake line of the business from this Bain line, and for Et. M. to retain present connection with Harton, and sustain its legal claims against the Morse patent, it would soon use up the O.R. Lake line. Now, how would this plan work. The second win from Bu. to F. has not been sanctioned by Patents, the Et. M. Co. own me for it, - let me take that win on fair terms & pay Et. M. Co. for use of their pole, and I connect this win with N.Y. & Bain wire, & thus get a connection with Wade & consolidate to Cin. & St. Louis, leaving Et. M. line with our win to connect

with Haxton, thus giving Haxton all  
the benefits of connection with our wire  
to West. Au., which is more than A.M. Lake<sup>d</sup>  
line could offer, and thereby keep his connection  
to his business away from A.M. Lake line, and  
give us a chance also with the west, we  
leaving the door open for E.M. to come  
in when the question ~~with~~ Patents, now,  
disposed of & A.M. Lake line used up, and  
Haxton at our mercy or ready to connect  
date with us.

It appears to me that such an arrangement can  
be made as equitable between the E.M. Co.  
and our selves, and leave the E.M. Co. with  
its legitimate demerits to demand its rights  
of patents.

If we can make such arrangements with  
Maine folks & with E.M. and bring + Cleveland  
& Cin. also Cin. & St. Louis lines in - we can unite  
at Troy, with Troy Canada junction line, which  
fixes matters for the north west pretty well  
to begin with - then go ahead & build the  
N.Y. & N.O. line with the link from Cin. to  
Knoxville, and the south & Southeast is  
provided for - this done, the east is at our  
mercy, as our Maine bondholders are stock  
holders in the Maine Boston line, which could  
be brought in - that done, we would con-  
centrate our forces for storming Smith's  
Castle, which is already finding it difficult  
to sustain the stock from the ten cent  
battery of the Maine line. I am satisfied  
that the Maine Boston line is paying expenses,  
while Smith is falling behind hand.

The Bainx folks have two Galvanized wires from  
 to Bu. 550 miles, & one wire from Syracuse to  
 Ogdensburg, 200 miles. & N.Y. & E. has one wire  
 from N.Y. to D.F. 440 miles, & Etell has 2<sup>nd</sup> wire  
 from Bu. to V. 2 miles. & now how would  
 it do to put N.Y. & E. wire & Etell. 2<sup>nd</sup> wire,  
 including right to use our patent, which  
 obtained, in as equal with the Bainx wires, &  
 and call the Bainx wires \$450,000. & ours  
 \$450,000. to be put into the new Co. at  
 \$100,000, which would be about the same proportion  
 that we propose for N.Y. & N.O. line - Then put  
 in Wadd's two wires from V. to Cin. at \$45,000,  
 would be same relative proportion - Cin. & St. Louis  
 at \$40,000, would also be in relative proportion.

We then have, N.Y. & N.O. line 1600 miles, 2 wires - \$500,000

Bainx 2 wires to Bu. & 1 from Sy. to Ogdensburg,	90,000
N.Y. & E. & Etell. 2 <sup>nd</sup> , from N.Y. to Bu. & V.	90,000
V. to Cin. 2 wires. say 150 miles on 2 routes,	45,000
Cin. to St. Louis, & 1 wire 400 miles,	40,000
V. & Pittsburgh, 1 wire 150 - "	14,000
V. & Zanesville, 1 wire 150 - "	14,000
	<u>\$593,000</u>
Et. N. line to come in by 44, say 800 mi. 1 wire,	80,000
Troy & Montreal, 200 miles, 1 wire,	20,000
Cin. to Knoxville Tenn, 225 miles, 1 wire,	20,000
	<u>120,000</u>

N.Y. to Boston, 200 miles, Point South 5 wires,	100,000
Boston to Portland, 100 miles, 2 wires,	20,000
	<u>120,000</u>
	<u>120,000</u>
	<u>\$833,000</u>

Add some other necessary lines to  
 make up a Million of Capital, and  
 it would embrace a system of operations that  
 would pay, and one that Kendall & Co. would  
 feel. It would be an organization that would

command respect from any other organization  
that could be found out side of it, and would  
result in an ultimate consolidation of all  
lines systems, or in breaking down all  
rival positions lines and it would make  
our now unproductive property valuable,  
and give us a respectable weight & position  
in the new order of things.

Kendall & O.C.'s opposition have consoli-  
dated to some extent. what to what extent I  
don't know, nor the terms, but I learn  
that the O.C. office in this city, the office  
of Phil. Pillsbury & Pillsbury & Sawmills have,  
given notice of increase of tariff to 100%  
from N.Y. to Cin. & same proportion to other  
places.

I have not been able to see Rowdell  
yet, to get matters arranged with W.M. Co.  
No decision yet by Superior Court,  
in Kendall & Smith's suit.  
Kendall had sent all the copies<sup>100</sup> of his  
"Mormon bible" to Boston. I could not  
find a copy here for you. Hop telegraph  
Smith to send you 6 entire sets.

Hurry up your instruments as fast  
as you can, and have them right. I have  
no doubt about the Syc have working clear  
and far from clogging.  
Write often, and let me know what  
progress you make.

Yours respectfully,  
E. Conell.

J. J. Spurr for

Mr Cornell President and Owner of the  
Schenck N York and Erie Telegraph  
Line You will please to  
pay Mr J. W. Allen the sum of \$9.31 and  
oblige your humble servant Greenham  
May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1852. Patrick Wynn

Patrick Whim

Order on  
The Railroad

Co —

Recd - Aug 12, 1852 from Elmore  
two \$1,000 dollars in full  
~~for~~ the within order

J. N. W. A. C.