

New York & Western Union Telegraph Co.

To Charles. L. Brown Dr

1851 August 19.	To paid Halstead Bill for repairing	
"	between Farmersville & Carbondale	\$ 2.25
" " "	Paid A. Turrell for Acids	1.75
" Sept	" do Sulphuric acid	.50
" Oct 3	" for Zincs & Porous Caps. To Norton N.Y.	
" "	+ Express charges	3.45
" " 15	" for Mending break (West)	2.00
" " 22	" do do	1.75
" Nov 11	" for Acid	.37 1/2
" " 20	" To Bentley & Read for Acid	1.75
" Dec. 4	" resetting poles & mending Line	1.00
1852 March 2,	" For Repairing line East by Cater &	14.82
"	B.N. promised to send me the money	6.25
"	for it, but never did	
" 4.17.18.	Paid James Fordham for Walking over	
"	to Ca. & putting it up in several places	3.00
" 5.	Paid J. Fordham 1 doz, for same, West	1.00
" June 1	" resetting poles & mending, (East)	1.00
" " 11	" do do (West)	1.00
" "	Account at Bentley & Reads for acids	3.78
"	Interest from August 1. 1852	30.85
		16.03

E. Cornell Esq

Dr Sir - Above I hand you copy of a bill which I made up about the middle of last September & mailed to the Itasca Office, but never having heard from you or any one on the subject I conclude it must have been lost. The account of mine that was paid out of the proceeds of Sale. You will find was made up to August first 1851, & during the month you were here & asked me on what terms I would continue, I proposed to attend the instruments from that time for the receipts, you paying the expenses - to which you never gave me an answer of dissent & I therefor conclude that was a bargain, Will you please send me ^{the amount of} this bill & the balance due me for services the past winter, My account is written up on your book & the balance

is \$32.³⁴/₁₀₀ — I notice you wrote it up differently, & I think you must have deducted three sundays in the first month, & how many more I cant say for I did not examine further,

You will recollect that my contract with you was for 6 months & that I was to have the privilege of going home occasionally. — I can never submit to have my account cut down in the manner you commented it & consider it very unjust, no additional expense was incurred by the company by reason of my absence.

Being thrown out of employment in the middle of my engagement, or nearly so, & then to see an attempt to dock of my pay dont please me much & I have a very great inclination to collect pay for the full term of six months & do not by any means relinquish that right.

Please give me your determination & views on this subject by an early mail & oblige

Truly Yours
Charles, S. Brown

C. S. Brown
but claimed

Amount due by E. C. from Jan^y 1853 to July — 16.03
Amount claimed by Brown total in Aug — $\frac{32.34}{48.37}$

U. S. Patent Office
August 2^d 1852

Sir

In your application for letters patent
for alleged improvements in Insulating
Telegraph Wires, the specification
is herewith returned for an amendment
of the claim; as at present set
forth it does not seem to cover
the invention.

The long postponement of this
case was owing to the fact,
that no answer was received to the
office letter of the 11th of March
1850, until your letter of the
23^d of June last.

Yours respectfully

Ezra Cornell
New York
N. Y.

Wm. T. Banks

Washington D.C.
Aug 2 1852

Dear Sir

You may not be aware that I am now disconnected with the Patent Office. I however informed the Examiner upon being consulted that in my opinion you were entitled to a patent for your insulation in fact the Patent Office is somewhat committed in your favor as I find the last letter on record addressed to you is to this effect, viz. "Your claim will need modification before your patent can issue" It would seem that you did not receive that letter, hence the delay.

Respectfully
Yr. Obt. Servt

T Ewbank
Commissioner of Patents
Aug 2, 1852



Extra Cornell Esq
New York

Ithaca 3 Aug 1852

Mr Cornell

Dear Sir I have only just got out having been sick with a severe attack of the neuralgia in my right shoulder and am yet very lame and write with great difficulty. I did not see Hammond but was told he got off in good season Monday morning. I have finally made a bargain with Shirley & Credit for 600 pins as you described for one dollar pr 100, and 600 brackets one inch to correspond with the pattern at 12¢ pr 100, on condition that we give them about 10,000 to make otherwise they will charge 16¢ pr 100, for this lot they think if you get those shingles turned they can do it as cheap as any body but would like to have as much time to procure the timber as could be given. They will have all these done this week, and as soon as possible I will forward them to Oswego. These will be made of oak

Mr Riggs says if the money from the Rail Road is deposited in New York to the credit of Tompkins County Bank they will allow interest from date - I have been trying to find Nate to lecture him about his battery but can't find him. James says he told him about it the other day. + Nate says the reason he has no quicksilver nor money to buy - Please write me soon - Yours in haste
J. S. Tichenor

New York 4 Aug^r 1852

McConnell

you say I agreed to wait three
months. why not say six we you did not
ask but thirty days. and you proposed to let
our Englishman have a part of the first
purchase and you father-in-law would
take the other part for your wife - and you
said you could have it arranged last
month - If I had made you such a pro-
mise, I would have fulfilled - I was ~~the~~ told
you are not in the city.

Yours
Stephen A. Munn

Ithaca Aug. 5th - 1852.

Mr C. Cornell -
Dr Sir -

• Mr. J. S. Tichenor
says. you tell him I do not keep
my battery in good order - I acknowledge
it. but to keep it in good order
I must have mercury &c. which
I have not got - nor have I any
money to get any - business has
been very dull lately. In fact I
have hardly had any.

Now that the list is beginning to
look up, my battery &c should
do so likewise - I am out of
Nitric Acid - also want some more
zincs - If you could also send a
small sum of money, I would get
some mercury & put up as good
a battery as could be -

• May I ask you what your
intentions are as regards this
office - The reason I ask is - Mr.
James H. Tichenor tells me you
want him to take it - Is it so?
If so why? Have I not been
constantly on hand for the

last six months - Ask any officer
if they have had any trouble in
raising La. When the officer can
afford it you will have no cause
to complain of my battery - As to
operating and attention to business
I flatter myself you would do no
better by the change - If this line
is to be made a good one, and
this officer a good officer, I should
like to stay here - but if you do
not wish it - of course I have
nothing to say - If I do stay I
shall attend to it well Please
answer - and let me know your
decision -

This morning Danville is "ok":
The battery is not strong enough
to work well - although I renewed
it this morning. Please send
me some zincs immediately if
possible -

Yours resp'y

N. D. Spencer

Cleveland 8th Aug 1882

Edmund Ey

Sir — The Rochester folks are trying to scare the Southern Michigan Ld folks with the idea that they are the sole owners of the patent (Morse) west of Monroe & that they (S.M. folks) have no right to use it as they now do by connecting with us at Monroe. I think you informed me that aside from the doubtfulness of O'Reilly's claim under the old contract — that there is not the shadow of truth or validity in their claim west of Detroit under him & that no contract was ever executed by him giving them any rights or shadow of right in that route.

They are to take this under consideration as I understand

at their meeting on the 7th inst
at Adrian where I go today to see
them to secure the continuation of
our connection with them at
Monroe - I wish immediately
on the receipt of this if I am
right in my impressions that you
would telegraph me Saturday
morning that they have no rights &c
in such a shape that I can use
it with them.

It is about time to commence
dropping hot shot into the enemy
camp & the first one goes off on
Monday by all the morning papers
from Bu to Milwaukee coming
to our line to get report - we
are to get from \$10 to \$15 per day
out of - the enemy papers will
come if we do it up right -

In haste yours truly
H. Barileau

1852,

Binghamton, Aug 8th 4 AM.

Dear Sir: x x x

I left New York last evening at 6 P.M. but as I could not get from Ow to La this morning by the Cars I stop here for breakfast and to spend a part of the day in passing over the line from this to Ow.

I am happy to be able to announce to you that the contract with the N.M. Co. is closed up and signed and sealed with the two great seals of the "N.Y. & N.M. Co." and the "N.Y. & N.W. Del Co" and also with the little humble seal of your Att. Secy.

It has required one month's faithful labour with the best of management to get this agreement in conformity to the satisfaction of all parties since the acceptance of my proposition which was in writing.

It is done however, and done right. I have secured all I asked, and considerable more, and done it so as to secure the best possible feeling on the part of the N.M. Co. I have had little sparring with Mr. Minot (in a friendly way), for which he likes me none the worse and Mr. Loder likes me the better, I find that the better man Mr. L. meets in making a bargain the

better he likes him. After the whole was closed up Mr Loder said, "I understand fully that there was no need of our giving you this five thousand dollars, that the other privileges we grant you are a full equivalent for all that you grant us, and that you would have made such a bargain with us if you could not have done better, but I suppose you want the money to put the line in order with, and it is as well for us to let you have it!" — All this I obstinately refuse to admit, for whatever the value of the privileges we get, I wanted the money the most. However I was glad to see that Mr Loder felt pleased at the idea that they had granted us an advantageous bargain —

I have got the wire remounted from Ny to X and find no improvement in the working of the line thereby. The line from Ny to X 50 miles with glass caps on an iron hook like Haxtons — does not work half as well as from X to No 90 miles with the old ^{iron} caps on where there is any, & with 4 or 5 miles of poles without any caps & wire fast to naked pin — The new insulation does not help us any. What is the meaning of this? I suppose now that it is for want of conducting capacity in the wire either from bad joints or from the general

Oxidation of the wire - I fired from
N.Y. up the river as far as the water is
salt. the wire is half destroyed by rust
it is deeply pitted like a pack broken
person, as soon as we get away from
the river it is as good as when first put
up. We shall not work successfully till
we put up 25 miles of new wire from
N.Y. north. I must put galvanized wire
on this end,

I asked Smith the other day how much
stock he would expect in a consolidated Co.
from N.Y. to A. & St. L. - he said the N.Y. & R.
could not be thus consolidated till Kendall
was paid for patent - that from B. to A.
on E. & M. line, he would take what contract
called for, and from V. to St. L. he would take
a quarter. I told him the stockholders would
never consent to such an arrangement,
and it was wasting time to talk about.

He accuses me of perjury bad
faith & treachery towards him, & to prove it
says you showed him letters from me
in which I say "I will act with Smith
as long as I can promote my interest by
so doing, and then turn against him." &
I don't understand this. I should like to hear
your explanation - I deny this position,
it is foreign to my nature,

Smith says he will go out to Buffalo in a few weeks, and settle up the E.M.,—but I have no expectation that any thing would be done if he went out, unless you are prepared to settle on his terms,—for my part I am not, and so I informed him.†

I am confident it is our true policy to go on and consolidate upon such a plan as was proposed at D.R. in May '87— or if we could get a fair hold of the Lake Erie line, to do so.†

Chester & myself will visit you & Wade, at D.R. or Bu. at any time you say, to see what is best. Chester will omit going to Ch. & Co. on account of the Cholera. —

The receipts of the Wash. & N.O. Tel. Co. for the year ending June 30, '82 was \$150,000— the year previous they were \$113,000.†

What has become of Bailey? I have not seen or heard of him in N.Y.— When will he get the facsimile ready to try?—

I shall now devote my time and resources to getting our line working through.†
What shall we do about operators at D.R.

Yours respectfully,
E. Corwell

M. J. Smith,
Detroit.

E. Corwell
August 1882

E. Canell Esq. Dansville Aug 11th 52

Dear Sir-

Will you sell
your line from Jefferson to
Dansville, Nevada Pike road including
patent instruments &c. - For how
much cash down. The reason of
my writing I learn you have
sold from Jefferson to Oswego -
You certainly cannot expect to work
the western portion. It is for your
interest to follow RR. If you sell
to persons interested with me it will
have to be "cheap for cash." Do not
care for it west of Portage but will
buy at a price. This is not boys
talk. I am authorized to write by
responsible parties. Please write
immediately. Stating lowest terms if
you wish to sell. Pike tells me
line is in very bad condition west
of him. This will be "among the
things that were" if not attended to

Yours Respy

E. W. Smith

76 Mesdale Gap Works August 14/52

Mr E Cornell

Dear Sir ^{your} valued paper
came duly to hand contents noticed
in reply I have to say I have no prepⁿ now
over to erect the Insulators I as my
Business is confined entirely to Windsor Shop
at present, if the order should be large
I should like to make arrangements to supply
you as I could do so in a short time I
am not posted in relation to the price
but think they might be made for 15 or 80
cents per doz Cash I

Yours very respectfully

J M Brookfield

I should like to hear from
you again

D. P. Gordon
12 Aug 52

Pike Aug 12th 1852

Dear Sir

Yours of Aug 8th just recd. and I thought I gave you what information I could on paper & was in hopes to have seen you before this time but as I said before I think we will lack about 25 poles & nearly or quite 1 1/2 miles of wire, the condition of the line as near as I can describe is as follows about three miles west of Pe some 4 or 5 poles destroyed by lightning, abt 6 miles down for considerable distance one or two poles wanted but wire fixed up so it will be safe I think untill we can go through again 9 miles 22 rods wire gone, 20 miles from Pe 40 and 40 rods gone, between 22 & 26 miles some 250 rods wire & 6 poles gone, two miles west of Springville 60 rods wire & 2 poles gone, 3 miles from W, 16 rods wire gn, abt one mile this side Lodi some 30 rods wire & 3 poles gone between Lodi & Perrysburgh when we cross the R Road some 100 rods wire & 4 poles from there to Morrisville the line is in good condition but in that village it is all down & wire destroyed, and one mile west of there some 60 rods wire gone, I left two coils of wire at that place with

M. S. Made the tavern keeper & some
with H. M. Barker at Lodi & some 50 pounds
with Crosby tavern kpr in Sardinia & your
man left what he had with him with
me, Speed has taken down his wire
from A to where we interest with him
and cut off our line & connected with his
north of there so as to work to Silver
Creek untill he gets his wire on the
new poles via Sk,

I have engaged to go to Cuba
for a week or two for the 1st to go on
a visit shall probably be back by the
time this line is Sk, would like to
see you & make some arrangement by whos
to be carrying something or I must try
some where else for I have lost over three
months now & earned nothing & am compelled
to go away if this line is fixed so it will
work & an ops between here & Sk I would
rather stay here than any other place
or if you want me at Sk will go, if we
can agree on the terms, I shall be at
Hornellsville Monday next at noon
on my way to Cuba after which you will
find me there for a while would like to
see you personally or hear from you by
letter
E Cornell yours in A. L. & P.
D. P. Gordon

Amelia Aug 19th / 82

Mr Cornell

Enclosed you
will find report for July + receipts
small, on account of the bad state of
the line + considerable business offered
but was unable to do it +

I have during the past month fixed the wire together in 6 or 8 places, for which you will find no charge for every pair, because I went a foot — The repairer was along a few days since, & put it up a little — He does but very little good — I can't work with the P. only occasionally & I ^{cannot} ^{not} ^{work up the P.} ~~not~~ at all — I can get on but no one further — Thorough repairs are emphatically called for —

I stated to you, I thought in April
that I should leave on the 1st of September.
That I shall do — ~~at present~~ ^{perhaps} you
in my letter about 12th of July, to send
me some money, or at least let me
know when I could have it — The
balance due me was from 10th of

EW Packard

13 Aug 1892

For money you will see is \$71.01 - If you will please send me the said amount or some part thereof, & tell me when I can have the residue, without any fail you will greatly oblige me -

The amount due from me to the old Company, less the amount due from the Receiver to me, can be disposed of, perhaps by way of deducting from the present amount due, & whether you have anything to do with either or both of those accounts, you know better than I -

Please write me without delay on the receipt of this of this, that I may know what to rely on - I rely on the money to go away with me on 1st of September -

Yours most respectfully

S. Cornell

EW Packard

Ithaca -

Mr E Cornell

Dear Sir

Steamer Morton

Green Bay 17th Aug^r 1832

I have never before been
ten miles away from my business
since I came West. But I have been
anxious to see something more of the
Great West, and determine for
myself whether it would pay to
take Hotchkiss' lines off his hands,
and put them in order. I came
from Chicago near three weeks ago
to Milwaukee. Since those two days
I went out on Hotchkiss' line to-
wards Port Washington. The most of the
road is woods, and the poles are Beech,
maple, White Elm & anything easiest
obtained along the road. Many of
the poles are already rotten and
fallen down, at one place I
found four poles down in
succession, & the wire on the brush
& on the ground. From Milwaukee
I went by boat to Port Washington &
Shubogun. They are small villages &
cannot be made to pay more than
Ypirtambi & Albion. The receipts will

not pay for keeping an office open to
the line up. From Shelbygan, I went
to Fond du Lac by stage, on the new
plank road. The line was built
on the old road, and frequently
out of sight of the new road. The
wine, I think, is now half gone so
far as I could see the line. The
whole distance, almost, is woods, and
a worse place to keep up a line
than we ever had between Galumago
& Chiles. The only possible way to keep
up the line would be to rebuild it
on the plank road, and that would
cost six to 800 dollars. Fond du Lac is a
thriving village of 2000 inhabitants, and
increasing fast. I intended to come
directly from Fond du Lac to Quincy
& thence on my present route home.
But I met at Fond du Lac Mr. Bureau
of Prairie du Chien, who invited me
to go home with him, and as I had
never seen the Western part of the State
and was anxious to see it, I accepted
his offer. We went to Madison & from
thence on to the Wisconsin river & down
the river to the Mississippi. I was a
little unwell at Prairie du Chien and
staid there two days. From thence

I went down the river to Seeburg
and Galena. From Galena to Platt
Hodgeville, Mineral Point & back to
Madison, following Hotchkiss line
from Galena to Madison & the
O'Reilly line from Galena to Mineral
Point. Hotchkiss line was badly
built. The holes small & timber any-
thing to be got cheapest. The wire
is down about half the way and
I think from $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{3}$ of it gone. The
O'Re line was admirably built.
first - best white oak poles, large
size, & 30 feet long. There is also
down, and I think more than
half the wire gone. There is probably
wire enough on both lines to rebuild
one, & by taking Hotchkiss wire & the
O'Re poles it would make one good
line. But the business would not
pay for keeping it up. Those Mineral
Point men have been nearly deserted,
the miners have mostly gone to the
land of promise to dig gold. The
O'Re line from Peru to Galena &
Seeburg is also in bad order
but pretentious to be worked. I
think our line very well made
to pay expenses as far as the

near as La Crosse - From Madison
I came to Green Bay, via Ash Kosh,
Sheena, Manasha, & Appleton, which
are small, but growing villages, on
Hay River & Lake Winnebago - From
Tondoe Lake to the Bay, Hotchkiss line
was once in working order - The
O.R. line had poles up but no wire
on - Hotchkiss line will come in in
no better condition than the O.R. line,
as much of his wire is now gone,
& the balance even will be - To run
up the whole - Hotchkiss line from Madison
to Galena 100 miles. From Milwaukee
to Green Bay 100 miles, is entirely worthless,
and will not for years be renewed.
The 200 miles of wire is lost, this line
from Milwaukee to Madison may by
possibility be kept up, but if it is, the Road
Co will have to pay for rebuilding it
on this road, which I think they will be
likely to do - This line from Chicago to
Lancaster, may also be kept up, by
rebuilding on Chicago & Galena R.R.
but on the old road where it is now
it cannot be kept up, & in one
year more he will not have fifty
miles out of 500 in use - I wanted
to see the lines & towns myself, so I
judge of the value of the lines, & I am
fully satisfied that all his lines are not
worth one dollar & not one half can
by any possible means be made to pay expenses.
Yours truly J.D. Speed

Harrodsburgh Aug 17th /52

E Cornell

Dear Sir

I am writing letters
and dunning newspapers are the
order of the day with me &
I am bound to death. I enclose
you Allen's last letter of just rec^d
and wish it could be settled in
as much as I could hear &
agreed with your consent that
he should have his pay every
month. Mr True of Cambridge
leaves I suppose for the west today
after waiting a week for an answer
from you. He telegraphed two or
three times that he would engage to
you for \$500. per year to work as
you proposed - and now has left
his account with a Lawyer. If he
calls on me here for it I shall feel
bound to pay it myself & look to the
C^y for my pay, as it is debt contracted
under a promise & mine that I would
see him paid, in order to get the line

measured - when down & no other way
to get it up. But I can make no
more such agreements with any
operator to see him fail for such
expenses - and we can never work
the line if it is misrouted, until
we have an understanding at every
office to send out. We are down for
the 5th or sixth day between Ca &
Mt now, the result of what I have been
speaking of - I say, we want a full
set of operators now while we are
starting the line more than we
ever have or shall want there - But
perhaps I am mistaken - It appears
you are having a good time also east
of W. He says the line is OK to Ct - It
works well from B to D - I promised
\$130. dollars more in Portland on Sat
next, & must have it immediately.
Shall I come after it, or will you send
it to me - Please answer this by
Wednesday night express train &

Much oblig^y yours
P. A. Hopkins

P. A. Hopkins
Aug 17, 1882

New York Aug. 18/52

Dear Sir

I am desirous
of hearing from you & as I
can have not opportunity of
seeing you without great loss
of time would be greatly
obliged if you will write
at this office. It is very
desirable to me that our
business matters should
be brought to some shape
instead of remaining as they
have without any step toward
settlement from the time
my services were rendered
& I think I am not un-

reasonable in asking
that you will state as def-
initely as you can, what
you will pay me & when
in settlement of the whole
matter. Unsettled affairs
like this have not only sub-
jected me to temporary
trouble but have prevented
me from engaging in
profitable business too long
& I am desirous of squaring
up once more if possible,
or at least of knowing
my condition.

Ezra Cornell Esq. Respectfully
Yours - Saml. D. Backus

Detroit 21 Aug 1834

Dear Sir

On my return home I found your letter of 25 July & 1st 8th & 10th Aug. & I expect to meet you soon I will answer only that part of yours of the 8th ^{in which} you say Smith accuses you of premeditated treachery to him & proves it by saying I showed him letters from you in which you say "I will act with Smith as long as I can promote my interest by so doing, and then turn against him" This cannot be true, for two reasons. First because I never had such a letter from you - and second, because I would not have been such an ass as to show it to Smith if I had - he must have ~~discovered~~ it, or got his information from the Spirit ~~trappers~~. It is apparent that we are to have trouble with Smith or give him half the stock on our line & \$50 dollars per mile for profits of construction - This you ~~say~~ very properly say you ~~would~~ do - Smith now threatens to make

the best terms we can with the
Rochester tribe & fight us. - Well -
let him try his hand at that -
It only requires a fight between us,
& Smith to complete the circuit - the
family will then have had a
fight all round -

But I will meet you and Wade
at Cleveland & we will see
what further is to be done -
or had you not better come
up here - It will cost nothing
to stay here, and it will cost
us a dollar per day each at
Cleveland - I am now at work
at the Fairville Rd, & if you
& Wade will come & help us, I
think we can make it go -

Yours truly
J. J. Spence

Binghamton 21st Aug 1852
E. Cornell Esq
N 3

Dear Sir

On Monday Last
I started for Conondale the line I found
in quite good order between B & N & M & S.
and but little repairing needed to put it in
as good working order as possible with the iron
caps - between M & S & Co I found it very
bad. I found poles broken down and gone
and line down on ground about 3 miles East
of M & S. Replaced the poles put the wire
up trimmed the trees thoroughly - along
through Brooklyn. I found the line on the ground
for a half a mile poles broken down &
coming off - put the line ^{up} set new poles
put on glasses. on the mountain found
5 poles down reset ^{them} & pin put on glasses.
Trimmed the trees ~~same~~ - In Hartford (or
Hartford) found it down bad & wire broken
4 poles broken down one gone wire off
& others - through Lenox still worse -
wire on ground about a mile poles gone
wire cut into trees for a 1/4 to 1/2 inch
in large Maple & Hemlock this remedied

I passed on through Clifford where I found
it worked down for a half a mile down
in the Creek and on stumps trees and
ground put 200 rods and 8 poles given
and down. Next we replaced them and
put it in order. put on glasses tried the
trees - found wire broken again $3/4$ of a
mile west of Co. poles given (2 of them) -
I have now given you an outline of
what I have done. I think the line is
now quite clear of trouble or general
connection as I have taken care to
trim the trees and in some places
found with poles taken them to fill
other places. I had not tools to do as
I wish - however it things clear and
out of the way of every one. the
line will stand now unless broken
by design or pole giving away or there
is a long stretch of them very tender.
The people in N.B. & Co. wish that
some responsible agent should be sent
amongst them as Mr B at N.B.
is thinking of buying and store at
Co. never has had one they could plan
much confidence in. Shall go to
La on Monday to repair the failure of

the time please let me hear from
you when I return to the place on
my return I found the line out of order
between B & O W I was to broke down
at Sawyer's (about 40 rods east) pole cut
down in wire ~~hammered~~ ~~cut~~ off. —
could not find out about it. Now the
Bills out affording the \$25 Reward —
I stand in need of a small set of
pulleys and a long piece of cutting
pliers please send the pulleys sure to
me I can in many places save poles
and make the line much better
if I had them there is one place between
M & C where the creek was the
poles if I could have a light pair of
pulleys I could ~~and~~ ^{each} should obviate
that difficulty by swinging the wire
in two places about 45 rods ^{each} entirely
out of danger of both man and flood
please let me hear soon.

Yours be de e

J. W. Skinner

E. Cornell Esq
Supt of N & W
Utah Tel Co

G W Skinner
21 Aug 1852

E Cornell Esq
Prof of Nat Sci
Telegraph Co
By R. Williams
61 N. Rutledge
St NY

New York 27th Aug^r 1852

Mr. Cornell

You told me you would
arrange to have some one take land I
just sold you - will you do it I will make
the terms of payment easy by being paid
the interest / Please reply to this I remain
Stephen A. Munn

Ed Osburn
23 Aug 1892

Mr Ezra Cornell
Ithaca

N.Y.

Harrisburgh Aug 28/82

E Cornell

Dr Sir

Your of 22d inst
just at hand by up mail & I answer
by return mail - I can prob-
ably get such a paper cashed, un-
doubtedly at Ithaca or Portland
but would prefer a draft payable
at Ithaca as it would cause
me less trouble than otherwise -
Why not give me a regular draft
from the C. B., signed by the president
or one of these banks - If this
can be done send it to me
immediately as I am behind the
times now - and I see no reason
why it can not as well be done
in that way as for me to draw
on the C. B. I would be more
likely to meet with success
Please reply by telegraph at
once

Yours Respectfully
P. A. Hopkins

Marionburg Aug 28th 52

Dear Sir:

I wrote you a short note by
mail today, but had not time to
write in full. As to the NY office
I was aware that it would be a
difficult matter to get it filled by a
competent man. And yet if you can
afford to give a good salary there will
be no trouble in getting the best of a
head for that office. I am very much
of ~~the~~ ^{your} same opinion & that help in
general are not willing to give
an equivalent for their wages, but
we have got to come some where
near other peoples prices in order
to secure our share of talent. We
can get enough of the other thing but
the grand desideratum is and ~~will~~
always will be wanting in cheap
help in this country where they
come and go to the Highest Bidder.
Until we can get one of the right
stamp, I think Butcher will answer
if you will be more strict with him
& keep him in the office. If he gets
sick of the service, let him leave

for I think his loss will be no
material drawback to the line -
His notion of having some one fill
his place every few ~~days~~^{weeks} for him
to go out & spend his booze change
does not suit my notions of business -
I have made arrangements with another
jeweller to learn the business at Ca-
and in order to make it more per-
manent I told him that we wished
no one to learn, unless his prospects
were good to remain in the office
at least one year. Which he thinks
he can, as he intends making Ca
his permanent residence. He is
only 23 years old & I think will
make us an efficient hand. Writes
& spells well - Mr Barber the
old operator there will teach him
without any trouble to us. Some-
one in Ca has purchased the
instruments of True & we get the
use of them -

Allen of Avego wants to
go into the N.Y. office, very bad
but I think he will do us very
little good there. He is too slow
for this business in any capacity

whatsoever. although he thinks he
would make a good hand at a
Receiving clerk, book keeper & assistant
operator, which he would if he was
quick enough with a quill. What
do you think of it. You have my
opinion & your own knowledge of
him. Let me know—

Please send me a
draft as I wrote today's mail
if possible or if it must come
in another form draw it up &
send it to me to sign & use
as soon as possible. I will
stand the discount on a draft
on any bank even in the city at
reasonable rates. — answer regarding
this ~~same~~ I do not see as I
could leave here to go to my for any
length of time as time wears now
fast I shall have to repeat all the
business and take all my time &
work hard, there is as much to do
when I R R everything as in my office
& would take Butcher's time as long
to do it as myself, because he cannot
read by sound — Reply soon yours
E. Cornell Esq P. A. Hopkins

Owego 23rd August 1852
E Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

Pardon me
for writing at this time and also
on the subject.

Much feeling is expressed here
in relation to the operator at this
station people say that they have no
confidence in the incumbent in
the office: and express some suspicion
that he is left to manage your affairs
in the way and manner he does
the other cases, nothing what ever
about your affairs farther than to get
what he can out of the concern.

If the instrument could be moved
to some other room in the R.R. Building
and J. Allen or some one else to
take charge of it much more business
could, and would be done, People
here will not do business with him
(Mr. Wheeler). if they can help it - I
have an anxiety to see you prosper
in the working of the Erie Line
I write the above which is strictly
confidential - I would not say a

word to Aust Mr Wheeler. yet as he does
not care anything about your Lin or
he says to me, Will not do anything to
help you further than to take all the
business he can and keep the funds -
Therefore I think I would for your interest
to put some one into the office that will
see to things - if Wheeler is allowed to
go on later. he now is going on he will
drive all business away and you
will be obliged to keep some one be-
tween him and the Bank But to keep him
up the Wheeler will not go one step
out to see to it and it is down more
half of the time or more than -
I shall be obliged to get a new pole
to set here in the canoe. I have been
out to Concord today taking out Bimston
and putting glass insulation timing
lines so I shall get 4 ft in
more and go on the whole of it -
then I shall have a full days work
to do between Union & Cornselle
when the R.R. folks are at work
in the school house must more
faster Let me hear soon at
Yours very Respectfully
J. W. Himes

G. W. Skinner
23. Aug 57

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