Attica, Oct 1[illegible] 1853

Mr. E. Cornell,

Sir — Yours of the 13th inst. is before us containing much pique, some threats and a little good sense.

J. L. Standart has no connection with the writer of this whatever. The Standart of the firm of S. & C. is another man altogether.

You can sir, in a spirit of malice give such directions along the line as you choose and you think your interest requires, but it will never drive us from what we conceive to be right in the premises. The "Attica office has been, not only badly, but wretchedly managed for sometime past, as the citizens who have had any business there can attest. Therefore until the office can be put under better discipline, we again repeat that we will pay no more telegraphing until messages can be sent with more dispatch"

If prepaying will increase the speed of a message or the vigilance of an operator we would most cheerfully submit to an arrangement of that kind,

Yours Respectfully

Standart & Currier

Oct. 15. 1853

Mr. J. Haas

Dear Sir:-

Many citizens feeling much aggrieved at the manner in ~~the~~ which the office has been conducted here, have strongly solicited me to again assume the charge, provided it can be done fairly. Of the manner of conducting, I know nothing personally, but hear many *grave* *charges*. The within you may forward to the Supt. by letter, or Telegraph as you may think best. I should like to hear soon as may be convenient. Please write me immy on the receipt of this. I will see you on the 15th of Oct

Truly Yours

G. W. Bateman

The office of your line of Telegrap at this place is vacant and has been almost so, for several months, - the subscribers therefore respectfully recommend and petitio you to appoint C. W. Bateman to fill the same, Mr Bateman having formerly acted as operator here we feel free to recommend him as an effecient operator and capable in every respect of doing the busineſs of the office

E Hemphill

Wm Zeigler
Briggs Heasey
Chas M Thomas & Finney
Wm. S. Vanmeter
John Stevenson for P C Tuttle
Samuel Colman
Standart & Currier
A. H. Parker
J. H. Anderson
N. S. Brown
H J Green & Co

McMurtrie & Porter
Andrew Zeigler
J. [illegible]
Thos Roche
J. T. Elliott
Wilson Banta Jr
M. M. Milford
Jesse Birch
W. M. Crumpton
J & J Hemphill

Attica Octo 16/53

Mr E Cornell

Dr Sir

Messrs Standart & Harris
have just shown me a letter from You in which
You Speak of a message to me from Ft Wayne of 1.20
and my answer 70¢ being not paid. Now the facts
of the Case is Simply this On the 10th of Sept I
received a message from an agent I had out, from
South Bend this I received in the morning quite Early
I immediately answered it. he Stayed there
waiting my answer untill Monday Evening and
had Started to take the Evening train and
Come home when he received my answer Calling
him home, had the message went through
he would have got home Saturday night
as it was he got home tuesday night Causing
me 3 day Service which I otherwise would
not have had to pay for and his Expenses for
3 days in Short compelling me to pay Some Nine
Dollars more than I otherwise would have had
to pay, this is not the first instance I have had
but up to this time I paid all. but found that
this would not do to insure my business being done
promptly. I then told the operator that I
would not pay for these messages. I did not
know untill Mr Mills got home but what he
had received the answer and Something Else was

detaining him when I found the facts of the Case
I declined to pay and still do the same;
We have had great reason for Complaint here Ever
since this young man has been in this office and
I know that I have not done one half the
business with this office that I should had ~~to~~
it been Conducted properly, I hope now there
will be no further Cause for Complaint as
You have a good man in the office now
and one that will do it Credit Mr Bateman,
~~last week~~ the fore part of this week I went
to Lafayette. Mr N C, Porter the owner of the
building your office is in gave me a written notice
to take to the Lafayette office notifying
them that if there was not a new man put in at
once he would lock it up as he would not
allow matters to go on as they was going
any longer, and further this operator presented
a bill to me for this same as of 24° instead of
12° hoping that this will make it all
Satisfactory to You I remain

NB all of this I Can
prove if necessary

Yours Respectfully
Yours &c
J. L. Standart

J. L. Standart
Attica Oct 16. 53

Defiance Oct 17th /53

E Cornell

Dear Sir

Your Esteemed favor of the 10th inst is at hand. It is truly refreshing to hear the expression of such enterprising & persevering sentiments as contained in your Let I was not aware of the number of Lines that you are obliged to look after. & new ones being built. I begin to indulge in some hopes of a "good time coming" too. now that we seem to have somebody that can understand what needs to be done and. that can do it. to manage affairs. Peers left the line soon after getting through to Toledo: pity he did'nt leave a good deal sooner.

The man now at work I think is more reliable: I sent a man to help him last week. We were unfortunate last week by a complication of breaks. wire got broken at Maumee. first. I sent man down half way same day. found it "OK" on my half. before they got it fixed at Maumee. (10 mls from Toledo) a break occurred on my "beat". I sent man to Maumee thinking the break was not repaired. he found it had been and came on & repaired the other place after considerable delay. I shall try not to have it lie so long again. ~~to~~ & will instruct man to go on till finds or hears from break.

Please bear in mind. that the 22 dolls. I furnished Pierce was independent of the deficit in report. The two dollar enclosed is not genuine; they are a well executed counterfeit and liable to deceive those not familiar with them. It is one of the bills enclosed in your last communication containing (with this) 10 dolls:

In consequence of small recpts. and large expenditures I getting somewhat "short". Expenses for repairs will not however be so heavy as heretofore.

Very Respectf'ly

S A Strong

S. A. Strong
Defiance O
Oct. 17, 53

Indianapolis Oct 17th/53

Mr Cornell

Sir I understand
that you are Superintendent of
the telegraph Company therefore I
thought it best to write you a few
lines respecting one of your
operators in Lafayette a Mr Hoss
I think you know him he is a
gentleman. I gave him a dispatch
to send to Wellington Ohio Paid
him $1,40 Stayed there two
days 1/2 with a pair of horses
on expense & got no benefit for
it the dispatch never went
to the Wellington office for I
have been there & saw Mr
N Hamblin which is the operator
he says it never come, now
if you tolerate such ~~such~~ proceeding
then I am done with the Company
& will publish them if not take
pains to inquire it out & pay me
back my money it is not the money
that I care about but the principle yours
in haste adress me at this place,

E. C. W. Higgins

I have written back Mr Hoss this Letter
but no answer

Oct 27th 1853

Mr Hoss

Will please inform ~~[illegible]~~ what the facts are in the Case within refered to, and please return this letter

Respectfully

E Cornell

Terre Haute Oct 17/53

Mr E. Cornell

Dear sir I think it my duty to call your attention to the Office in Lafayette, I dont pretend to know what the difficulty is but if there is sufficient help there they certainly neglect this part of the line shamefully, we cant get them over twice a day let the hurry be what it may & if we keep calling they scold & say they are busy on other instrument, they also send business without checks merely saying so many words pd or collect as the case may be without stating the amount, Several eastern messages have come marked paid but we could not tell whether your line was paid at "X" "D" or "C" & when we ask "L" to give full checks his answer is he has no time & we must check them ourselves, when our line is up to Indianapolis I dont call on him at all but send all that way even to the offices between "B" & "L" but it is asking too much of the boys in "B" & I dont like to do it, we have business on the books for south recvd Saturday before tea & its now 9½ Oclock A.M. & all we can get from "L" is (1) I sent a very important Via L to Toledo on the 6th instant requiring quick ans & Saturday P.M. got mess from X office Saying they did not receive the mess till 13th

I have sent messages via "L" several times for east when we were down & on getting up & asking "F" about them half day after being sent would find that they were still in "L" & would send them again & several times he has undertook to send them & by asking "F" would find that only part had come, this should not be & although I do not wish to complain without good cause, yet I do know that I can get an answer from Cleveland as a general thing sooner than fm "L" if Haas is alone he may not be to blame so much, but think he can have no excuse for loosing messages entirely or keeping them a week in his offc, I have got quite enough of Beachbard & shipped him, I now have in his place a Mr Elliott who has been at Shelby Ville Ind several years & I think will do well, business is rather dull but I think some better than a few months past, am keeping the books myself this month after that Mr Elliott will take them

Yours Truly A. Wade

Defiance Ohio Oct 20th /53

E Cornell. Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 13th ~~inst~~ Enclosing 4 a dollars was duly recd you refer to the remittance as being. together with ten dollars recd a few days previous. the Entire amt of last months (Sept) deficit. if you will refer to rept you will see that the amt against Office. is 34,70c which together with 22 dollars. I gave Peers. makes $26.70c. Bal" due me $6,70c. if you allow my items of expense as reported. | The two dollar note referred to in my last communication I omitted to enclose. and return herewith. it was among the bills making ten dollars in your first remittance. I shall endeavor to keep line working much as possible. the repairs already made are of great benefit. though by no means thorough!

Respectfully Yours

I A Strong

Vincennes Oct- 20th 63

Mr Cornell

Dr Sir

Since mailing my August Report- I have had the Intermittant Fever for ten days but I have been at the office since Monday and I hope I am through now as this is fourth time I have been down sick.

You will perceive that the Receipts for this Month (Sept) is remarkably small and the only way to account for it is the way we have to work - but the largest part of this month (1st part) was unable to get "CH" at all the storms throwed line down between Hutsonville and Terre Haute, and it seemed as though we were never going to get her to stand as it was up one day and down two or three but I think we have it remedied now I have had a man fixing line for 16 miles north and Hutsonville sent a man to meet him and the Operator at "Hd" went north to meet man from "Ch" and today we are working well to "CH" and hear Lafayette very plainly I think by tomorrow all difficulty will be removed and then truly can we exclaim "Richard is himself again."

You dont know the disadvantages we have labored under for last three months - part of the time Evansville send his business here I would send it to "Hd" and "Hd" send it to "CH" and "CH" to "L" from that you can judge of some of the times - it was enough to make a saint swear.

The Balance from E & W Line is very small this month (Sept) as he sent nearly all his eastern business around by Louisville rather than to trust to repeating it so often.

I want Zincs, Paper for Instrument, Bill Heads (for messages)

~~and~~ I have but about 50 bill heads nearly out and want Envelopes - Have Bill Heads and Envelopes printed so as can use them for E & W Line & O I & I and I will collect half the cost from the E & W Line - thats way we always have been doing - please hurry them along.

And Mr C. if possible do please raise my salary there is not an office on the line but what the Salary is more than mine in proportion to work done - Mr Hubbell thinks you should raise it -

I hope to run up a large amount this month in the Vi Receipts Lily when things sent - Enclosed please find $1.76 and Rept for Acid also Write

Yours Respectfully
D W Sellers

E Cornell Esq
Indianapolis

Just as was going mail Report found error in account of $2.08 - made Rept look bad in scraping - guess you can understand it Sellers

Ithaca Oct 20th 1853

E Cornell Esq

Dear Sir.

Will you give Mr Riggs an order to pay me the balance due me, on the judgment issued against the N.Y. & Erie Tel Co. I understand he has funds to pay it but waits orders from you fearing that your claims will make him responsible if he pays me without directions from you. I dont wish to sue the Judgement if it can be avoided. Please give it your attention and have Mr Riggs pay the amt to my brother for me. Brother will receipt for the amt. Very respy &c

Yours

Chas McK Ingersoll

C M^c Ingersoll
Oct 20. 1853

E. Cornell Esq
Ithaca
N.Y.

Albion Oct. 22nd 1853

Dear Brother Ezra

Yours of the 15 inst came to hand Wednesday 19 which I have neglected writing until the present on the account of time and affliction When I came home 26th ult I found the children more or less troubled with the hoopingcough Phebe very bade one week ago last monday a fever commenced and has continued up to the present time I think that the prospect is pretty favorable at present I will endever to be with you as soon as she gets so that I can leave home In yours you spoke as to my desiring to work for you I should be glade to continue for some time yet if I can suit you

Brother John gains very slowly he is so that he can set up pretty comfortable for a short time

All well at Woods we have not heard from Ithaca since Maryann & Jane left here

Yours in haste & much respect

H D Robertson

To E Cornell

Newcastle Oct 23d 1883

Dear Sir, The spirit moves me to write you again, & I scarcely know why, Yesterday I would have written you quite differently My Spirits are up to-day caused by the faint hope that I shall succeed in effecting a loan of these citizens to purchase some new wire & remove the old, from the present poles to the new made poles — between Pitt & Beaver, the whole of the week the line has been down & 2 or 3 out on line & I have a piles of business in my file, that by failing to get through, may be of no little loss to those sending — I have worried & fretted myself until I could stand it no longer — I made an other effort & I think I shall succeed in getting money to remove wire, &c — I got your dispatch enquiring when I could meet you in P— 2 or 3 days after you sent it, I was then in P— operator said he sent you msg saying I was then in P— Oh I should have been so glad to have seen you, then, I would like to see you, very much Cant you come down to P— I think if we all go at them hammer & tongs that we can get answers to our business — I was about abandoning the line because I cannot get enough to pay my board bill. let alone the acid &c we need to work the line & the poles are all falling fast in every direction & I nothing to put them up. It is like parting for life from a woman one is wedded to but unless there is a change I must; I owe every body almost & must do something to pay off the debts & get a living & even more, someway. this wire is too valuable to be lost & most surely it will be gone very soon when the line is left to chance to take care of it. I have stuck to it in hopes some thing would take place that would enable us to work it & make it pay. Haven't you some business to see about insulation or something else that you can make it profitable to come to Pitt. I have no money or I would pay your expenses A change must be made with the office in P soon Either I must move in with the OReilly or Wade & I am inclined to think Wade would not like to have me with him. if he puts up an office in P which I some doubt. I mistrust he intends to do business that way, over his new line, I have been in his office in Alleg City to copied for the operator, I see a great deal of business coming there that used to come over our line & I notice a great falling off in our line, that was when we were working, but its true we have not worked very steady latterly But, dont for the world say one word yet. nor intimate the thing of his doing business over his line that ought to come by ours or I will not be allowed to enter his office, wait until we get to going good so we can always do the business up quick - How is it with you, you say you own 3/5 of this line, The wire is pretty good yet & too great a pity to have it go to waste, Can anything be done on that section between Cleveland & Franklin Mills, 36 miles, where the wires are constantly together & have not been apart so we could work un~~interruptedly~~, one day, for over 3 months It is down there now & has been the last 4 days we work to Ravenna, well with our battery

Well today again rejoice with me. I have raised by subscription that will be paid enough to move wire as above mentioned, now for it, It is a terrible job, to move the wire. more than a thousand connections will have to be made & each ought to be soldered, then it is the worst place in the world to move it to, I shall put in my best licks & bring it about soon as possible, & Do Come down lets talk over things & see if we cant save the old line we must do something up towards Cleveland & fix those wires so they wont get together & our office rigged in P— & business got back & something worth while must be done right off, a little boosting will enable me to put things right again, if there is anything to encourage a fellow in the near future —
Cant you come. My spirits are at flood again & I can make all fly before me now for a time at least — I will be down on line between P & Rn

now for some time. I expect shall unless something unforeseen takes place to prevent Come come - come -

Truly Yours
W R Rew

Wm P. Rew New Castle
Oct 28. 1853.

Errors. Cash not Credited —

First $116. by Draft on Troy Bank paid by Alonzo B Cornell. on acct of Troy & Canada Junction line — Feby 1848

Second $125 paid at Troy Telegraph Office on account of Troy & Whitehall Line 26 July 1848 —

Third $32. charged as paid Holmes per Masters. by A.B. Smith of Pike. Masters being my order from Holmes...

[redacted]

Fourth. $~~90~~ paid Holmes by Hand. 21st Aug 1849 — credited on small book of Holmes & not footed in acct —

Fifth $20. paid Holmes by Hand 21st Oct 1849. paid on order to Chs. Van Dorn. Van Dorns Receipt given —

Errors — of Over Charge

$100. Charged in Book as Cash Short — & should not have been footed in account.

$19. Charged at Burlington to Cornell Jany 30. & at same date or soon after $19.78 Charged as Expenses home.

$38. for Board 19 weeks at $2. per week on Troy & Montreal Line.

$100 Chgd as paid Oct 28 1848
& not paid to Cornell.

Labor of Holmes. Overcharge of time.
Holmes charges from 25 March to
28 Sept.
Got home from Troy line
Sept 28th. Commenced again
on N.Y. & Erie line 14 Oct ~~##~~ 16
days overcharge. at 12/- per day.

On Erie Line closing up Western
line from Feby 11th to Feby

Alonzo B. Cornell. son of Plaintiff. Prove hand writing of Chs Van Dorn (if he knows it) knows Chs Van Dorn. was one of Holmes men — paid by Draft. on Troy Bank $115. & $10 at another time Had Holmes Receipt — payment made Feby 1848.

Knows his fathers Books and manner of keeping accounts — charges made in these books of all moneys paid out Expended & usual expenses from time to time. Holmes collected money of Deft & others to use on lines for disbursing.

Supreme Court
Samuel A Holmes
vs
Ezra Cornell } Reference before L. B. Cushing Referee Oct 24/1853

Boies opens case – claims Balance due on Settlement. Plf produces & offers book in Evidence after admission of Cornells hand writing Statement of accounts on page marked by Referee A).

Merrill L Wood. Knows Ezra Cornells writing. Statement & signature is in Cornells writing Knows that S. A Holmes had been engaged for never knew any bargain between Cornell & Holmes. has seen them together, never saw him at work.

Moves for nonsuit on the ground that the Statement does not show an admitted Balance due Holmes. but disclaims a balance due & shows that the sum is not due. at Bottom are these words. "The above computation is subject to the correction of any Errors that may be discovered in it – E. Cornell

Second on the ground that there was should be some proof of the facts stated in the Statement

Objections overruled

Objection. — —

Says all the accounts in the books are in handwriting of Cornell 3 memorandum books

I have general impressions that Holmes Recd of

My is money was paid my wife in summer of 1848 – thinks that money passed between the Plf & Deft and knows none of the circumstances.

OHIO, INDIANA, AND ILLINOIS TELEGRAPH:

O'REILLY LINE.

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The following Dispatch was received at this Office.

From Middletown O

Dated Octr 26th 1853.

To Hon E. Cornell
Indianapolis

Dear Sir— Will you please Send me Some Blank Reports— I am entirely out— applied to Dayton office—but they had none refered me to you —

Respectfully
J. G. W. Siedman

Indianapolis Oct 27th 1858

My Dear Mary Ann

I reached this City about 4 P.M. this day, and found a couple dozen letters & reports, awaiting my answers, and your favour of the 11th inst which you expressed a desire to have answered as I was about leaving home,

It always gives me great pleasure to have a letter from you to answer and I do not now recollect that I ever rec^d one from you that was not answered, so you may always know how to draw a letter from me, just write for one when ever you are in want

The Storm of Monday delayed the Erie trains so that I reached Owego in time to go to Corning with the mail train. arrived there at mid-night, beds all full at Dickinson House & I turned in with Skinner and slept till 4 A.M. when I was called for the train west at 5, Breakfast at Hornellsville - and reached D.K. on time & took dinner there,

Heavy train in from Buffalo, nearly on
time, they put me through from
D&E to Cleveland without change, doing
full honour to my NY&E Pass—
Reached Cleveland about 7 P.M.
put up at the Franklin for night—
Mr Patrick enquiring after you
and Children — After tea went to
Tel Off. Got Speed at Do Off. and
had a confab with him, and
arranged for him to come to
this City to see me, and expect
him to night with train —
Dunham & Emily quite well —
I left D. at 8 A.M. for Galion
remained there till 5 P.M. looking
after my valise which I found
O.K. — Left G. 3½ hours behind time
at 5½ lost 20', and came on
to Winchester Ind. about 12 Midnight
and stoped & took bed — This morning
I took train back to Union 10
miles, and when day train came
on. I came with it arriving
at this place 4 P.M. 4 hours
behind again to day, I saw Daniel
as I passed his work, he looks
O.K. — After I reached here I went
to work and read my letters, found

over hundred dollars in reports for Sept which had not reached me before I wrote last, and this eve. have answered dozen of my letters,

Letter from H. W. Robertson says. Children have been sick with Whooping Coff & his daughter Phebe had fever, is now getting better. John is improving — Hy. Expects to be able to leave home soon to go to work again.

The book I tride to ~~th~~ think of at Binghamton for you and Molly I found on Cars it is "The Lawyers Story" — it is good. I have read it nearly through & will bring it home to you —

We have had a couple days rain here which makes our work sloppy.

I have written this in great haste but I sup. you can make it out.

My love to the babies, and I will bid you good night —

Affectionately

E. Cornell

Mary Ann

84 John St New York
October 27th 1853

E Cornell Esq
Indianapolis Ind.
Dear Sir

Your Esteemed favor with remittance amounting to One hundred & fifty Dollars ($150) is at hand & has been placed to your Credit with thanks

Wire has been forwarded this day (as per Invoice Enclosed) to Mr Skinner according to your instructions. Your remittance was in western funds & upon it a discount of 1/2 per cent - also 38¢ for Express - the latter we are willing to pay but the former we must debit you with

Soliciting a Continuance of yr favors
We are Dear Sir
Yours truly
James Corker & Co
J. Heagleton

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LUSES' POWER PRESS

By Telegraph from ------------------------------------

Dated -- 185

Received at Lafayette, ---------------------------------

To Mr Cornell

The money should have
been refunded to Higgins
He wrote me but I wished
to hear from Wellington office
I Telegraphed Several times
but could not hear from them
I afterwards heard from
Wilmington office saying
no such person as Higgins

there. The Telegraph made
the Error somewhere.
The money I enclose
which you can send
him & Explain if you please
He calls himself Dr but he
knows about as much of
Medicine as my boy. ~~I~~ can
hardly spell his name correctly
& acts like a pretty hard
case "dressed up". I deem
him beneath my notice.
I have many other things
concerning him to say but
cannot now. Should be
glad to hear from you by letter
Haus

Pittsburgh Dec 29. 1853

Mr E. Cornell

Indianapolis Ind

Sir

Yours of the 26th inst is to hand. We can furnish You with Such Insulators, as those We furnished Mr Wade for the Bellfontaine R.R. Line at twenty five dollars pr thousand. We can furnish the amount You want in a few days. ~~fm~~ after the recit of the order

Yours Respectfully

J McKee & Co

pr R Wallace

Zanesville O 29 Oct
1853

J J Speed Jr

Dr Sir

Yours of 25th recd with enclosure to your Cr. $100
Herewith I hand statement your acct showing balance to your debit $517.74
which please remit to Mess Sturges & Ellis #14 Wall Street, N. Y. for my Cr. at once

Yrs

W S Moze

1858
Montezuma Oct 19th

Mr E Cornell Sir

you may not ~~find~~
first Report correct being my first I could
not get evry thing wright in the first place
I did no notice how to make out report
when I was Learning This report is made out
according to my own judgement I expect it is
not ~~wright~~ right I allowed my self 20 00 Dollars
per month wich was what others got here
in Marking off expendtures I forgot to put in
my wages and rent until I had it ready
Toledo has 30 cents charged to me I expect
I Recd a miss there John Sebil who had Left
the day before I did ~~[illegible]~~ not know it for
three days that he gone did not know then
what to d with miss I ought to have let him
know it I have not got it on Report if there
are any other defalt let me know ~~and I will
see to it~~ I will send ~~+~~ one dollars an 30 cents
please send me bill turriffs as cant know them
if this report is not right pleas instruct me in
a letter wher I am rong ~~if any thing is not~~
I think that my expences ~~[illegible]~~ are small and
wher you see 10 cent online it is for ferrage
the line was broke one time an down at another
which caused me to go over several times
there is no pole up in one one place about a mile
acerross the River frome here must I have it
put up Very Respectfuly H Briggs

A. Briggs
Montezuma 29 Oct
1853

John Hancock
$1- Bank

Burlington October 29/53

Dear Sir

I would again request you to procure and forward the papers relating to your suit here, all of them. I shall be absent a week or two and wish on my return to prepare the suit for trial as thoroughly as can be. The deposition of the Gentleman you spoke of in N. Y. must be procured and I shall write Mr Rice if his testimony is of use shall take measures to procure it and also ascertain what I can here in regard to it. I would suggest that the procuring of this testimony and the preparation will be attended with some [illegible]able expense

Truly Yours
L. B. Englesby

E. Cornell Esq.

Hebrville Oct 29 48

My Dear Sir I received your Note directed to Mrs Northorp Extra Loveing the rong name and rong address I did not received as soon as I should hed it been directed right in answer I would say that Mr Pinkham requsted me to Pay your men the two French man & a Tommy I believe is his name some money in order that he might keep them on the tun, I paid two of them one dollar a piece and the other two dollars and makeing my account of the money in my hands I made the charge in this manner as nearly as I can recollect ~~$ Do Cash~~ (Do Cash four Dollars Paid to Mr Braytons men) which ~~i can prove~~ I Paid and can prove by Mr Pinkham and at his request I paid it — In ~~[illegible]~~ conclusion I would say any respectible in quiry in regard to it post Paid will meet with prompt attention

Respectfully Yours

the above is a true Coppy of Letter to me

S V R Brayton Esqr

J Northrop

N.B. you will Notte Cornell that the charge is as made to me it should be made to to Mr Pinkham not in ~~tth~~ also you will se that I never received a dollar of Mr Northrop that the way that I understand it.

Dated Abby Nov 16th 48

Yours &c
S V R Brayton

Mr E Cornell

Albany

NY

Fort Hunter & Brayton
per Hal

Germantown, O, Oct. 21, 1853.

Sir—

I herewith send my Report, for the month just closed. You will observe, that I never take any account of light, fuel, and rent,— the instrument being in the Printing office, and those expenses being necessary, whether the Telegraph is taken into account or not. The principal item of expenditure is Acid, for the Battery, which amounts to about 25 cts. per month. I could have made the receipts run up to $20. or $25, this month, had the line been in good order towards Indianapolis and Lafayette, for some days past. I was forced to decline a number of Despatches, in consequence. For a month or so past, I have had quite a number of Despatches to send to distant points; but have been singularly unfortunate in receiving answers to scarcely any of them. Where the fault lies, I cannot tell. Although such business is very profitable, yet I scarcely know ~~what~~ whether to attempt the job, in nine cases out of ten, on the above account.

Very Respectfully,

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