Pigua June 10th/54

C. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

Why do you not send me the amount due me as you promised, I expected it some time since. Surely you can send it by this time It is hard for a young man to work for $25.00 per month and then have to wait several months for it. I need money badly and I hope you will have consideration enough to send it immediately. 7 3

Yours truly

John. F. Sawder

P.S. Send it to Pigua,

New York June 10. 1862

My Dear Sir -

Yours of 3d & one previous have come to hand. I am glad you have some light at your end of the road, though it is only such as you make for yourself. Here all is Egyptian darkness. I can get no word from any one - not even from Prest Butterfield. I am heartily glad that you are able to strengthen your position. I am satisfied that among the people men that you can accomplish nothing, or get nothing, without the power to compel it. Strengthen yourself therefore by all the means you can command, & keep me informed of every thing. You may always rely on my writing if I can get a sight of any thing appearing above ground.

I shall be glad to hear from you often. Yours truly E. W. Chester

Utica June 10th 1854.

My Dear Brother

Your favor of third instant, from Sandusky City, came during my absence at Saratoga, and I embrace the earliest moment to write you.

I am very much pleased to hear of your recent success, in obtaining a southern and western connection, entirely independent of the Wade Lines, and, as I understand the situation of your affairs, at this time, I do not see, that you have any good reason for being disheartened, at the course Myers, Speed & Wade have taken. While you hold a controlling interest in the Erie & Mich. Line, you can manage it, as seems best, but, all you have to fear, is a union of interests east of Buffalo; and, on the other hand, all we need fear, is a union of Morse & Noise interests, west of Buffalo.

The actions of the two lines, in this respect, are truly vital to each other, and, it seems to me, of the highest importance, that your Company, and

our people, should have a definite understanding, as to the course which may be deemed proper to pursue, with regard to business, in future. I can assure you, that no consolidation will be entered into, between these two state lines, unless our people are driven into the measure, by your action, with the House Co. I think, however, it would pay you better, to hold your stock, than sell at any rate they can afford to buy the balance of Erie & Mich. Line, though the amt, they have already invested might even induce them to bid very largely — With the interests of our people, which you manage in those western investments, I cannot see how you can sell, without injuring your joint interests, there. I should think it quite important, that you make a permanent contract, at Buffalo, at once, with our people, in order to set at rest, all consolidation schemes.

I am assured by some of our directors that there is no doubt that the Co. would, at once, close such a contract.

Please write me your opinion as to such an arrangement —

Yours Very Truly
Otis E. Wood

O. E. Wood Utica June 10, 54

In the Bill of 4147. telegraph copies charged
at 2 cents each, Conrad has uncharged
1½ cents a piece, one cent less than each
uncharged in this item. $70-

Brinsted charged in subject
to deduction of about $139.12
two thousand telegraphs copied
11 Boxes and packing charged
July 21. 1849. Retained the Envs 205.50 X
Nov. 20. 1849. 1000. Copies charged
at $120. cents unacknowledged Envs 120.
$535.12

Mr. Conrad received $642.76
Envs as above 535.12
$107.64

Mr. Conrad thinks rather
than to have a threat-
ening letter Conrad takes a judgt against
him for $300-
But thinks we had not better
write the office until he returns
again.. Attached

Attached June 12. 1854.

July 21. 49. 2000 Copies sent to Ny
Not filled - either towards Phila or Conn.
Nov 20. 49. 1000 sent left on hand at the close
of the old a/c a return the order from the Erie
RR a count part sent and the sum filled,
& the bal 400 sent the filling was taken out & the
sum refilled - ~~than the first~~
Then the bottom was changed so as to increase
the weight & mr ch 1c Each sent

740.75

12.55
60
7255

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580.75
160
740.75

Eugene Ind June 13, 1874

Dear Sir

I do not often complain of operators and do not now on my own account, but the operator at Covington is guilty of Gross negligence of duty. The line had got down across the river Between Py. & My again last week and, the operator got it up saturday morning Beery kept his ground wire on all monday night and then did not take it off till the operator a Py went up there himself. after having sent a boy up once which did no good. The line is up so now that I think it will stay a while. he took byer wire this time.

What success did you met with at Adrian with Reed.

yours respectfully
R H Waterman

To C. Cornell Esq
Indianapolis

O'REILLY'S

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LUSES' POWER PRESS

By Telegraph from Defiance

Dated June 13th 1854

~~Received at Defiance~~,

To E Cornell

Dear Sir

I wish to be absent from Town, for 3 or 4 weeks during the last of July & the first of August. There is no one here that can operate the Teleg. Will it do to close the Office for that time or shall I get some one to attend to it. The Line will be in good condition at that time. Please reply immy

Respectfully. L A Strong

Recd Adrien Mich June 13, 1854 from E Cornell, J. Haviland & E Cobb, three notes for $3,750. each dated this day one payable in one year from date one payable in two years from date and one payable in three years from date with seven per cent per annum, said notes being given in execution of a contract bearing equal date herewith, for certain telegraph interests therein described

A. G. Stillwell

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Adrien Mich June 14, 1854

Dear Alonzo

I reached here yesterday about 3½ P.M. after a pleasant trip, I found the sale of the line had been indefinitely postponed, and I went to work and negociated a purchase of the Stock held by the Bank, (a large majority of the whole) and of the Mortgages held by the Bank, as by 2 A.M. this morning I had all closed up Line 247 miles long, mostly new, price $13,250 – $2,000 down balance in 1, 2 & 3 years with interest at 7 per ct.

The poles on this line from Ch to LaPort will hold the wires of the O. I & I line and thereby pay $1,500 – on a/c of rent of that line, those poles are all new and good, and my contract authorises me to put the wire of O. I & I on poles of other lines and chg the same for poles as though put up on purpose for O. I & I.

Thus far all is prosperous, and our position is stronger than before we were betrayed,

Yours Affectionably

E. Correll

A.B.C.

P.S. Tell "Ell" to kiss Emma for me

STATE OF VERMONT.

Department of Civil and Military Affairs.

Sec'ys Office, Burlington, June 14 1854

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 9th is rec'd. I should have written you the result in your case, but my time has been so much occupied since Court it has passed my attention. The Rut. Co. refuse to give us a judgment and review the case rather than to comply with the terms imposed by the Court. We have sufficient bail for the costs. The suit will be a trial suit-term if the case is ready and we must be ready without fail. It commences 1st Tuesday November suit.

Truly Yours D. B. Eaglesby

E. Conant Esq

Hamilton Ohio
June 15th 1854

Mr E. Cornell
Dr Sir

It has been suggested to me by some of the Rail Road men that I move the office in the Depot I think the business of the office would increase & they would give two very good rooms & not charge any rent

The Expence of moving the office would be very small about three poles would have to be set to bring your line there & the Wade Line runs as near to the depot as it does to the office now

I have not spoken to the Present of the the Road about it yet but I understand he would be glad to have the Office there — Please let me hear from you in regard to this & Oblige Yours

Very Respectfully
Chas E. Smith Jr

Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois Telegraph Co.

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STATE SENTINEL JOB ROOMS, INDIANAPOLIS.

Terre Haute, June 1 1854.

The following Message was received from .....

Dated, ... 1854.

To Mr Cornell

Sir

Rec'd Your telegraph of yesterday - If can possibly find time to attend to that little matter today it would be a great favor to me I have now been waiting here 2 weeks on it & if I wait many days longer I may lose my place in St. Louis - I telegraphed him I would leave here last Monday but have been unable to do it & I dont want to stay here on expenses any longer than Monday next Pls try & send me ~~the~~ balance by Saturday night ~~if not sooner~~ anyhow So I can leave Monday morning, as the case is an urgent one I hope you will be prompt 73 Winter

South Bend June 15th 1854

E. Connell Esq

Dear Sir

Your dispatch rec'd — I have no property in my office belonging to the Southern Michigan Telegraph Company of any kind — unless it may be the book in which I register Communications. — The Instruments are my individual property — and even the Local battery I got up at my own expense —

Respectfully Yours

Chas. W. Keator

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Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois Telegraph Company.

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STATE SENTINEL JOB ROOMS, INDIANAPOLIS.

Huntington, June 16 1854.

The following Message was received from.....

Dated,..... 1854.

To Mr Thos L

Dear Sir:-

Yours of 15th recd. During the months of November, December & January this office was not in operation, and most of the time the instrument was undergoing repairs. So that the report would be "nil"

Yours truly

Wm Norton

Logansport
June 17 1854

E Connell Esq
Supt &c

Dear Sir:

Herewith I
send my report.

I have been somewhat unwell, and it has been delayed, on that acct.

The balance due this office, $21.04, I should feel under many obligations if you would remit the ~~same~~ amount To me, as I have paid & kept paid up, all the livery, & other bills against the office, so that the

deficiency comes out of me alone —

If you will please remit, I shall be much relieved of my present embarrassment, as I have a note to pay soon & cant raise the money, unless you do —

The lines, in the direction of Delphi, & Plymouth are in a very bad condition. The Lafayette line, if not thoroughly repaired, very soon will be almost useless, as the poles are so rotten that no one can climb one of them to put in a glass, and many poles are without, in consequence — Wherever the line has got down & it has been possible, I have put it upon trees, but much of it must necessarily have poles, & these poles need renewing at once. The line North, works at times very well, & then in apparently good weather, will not work at all, owing to the wet state of the ground, upon which the line lies, in many places. This causes much bad feeling with the office at Rich. City; at times, when no office is blameable — We do the best we can always to work in every direction.

promptly, & thoroughly but the bad condition of the line, precludes the possibility of giving satisfaction -

The boy assistant, at Mich. City, does not appear to understand this, and consequently his anger frequently displays itself, when neither myself or assistant are at fault -

Please write me in regard to Lafayette line, if you wish anything done.

Yours Respy

Ch. H. Haskins

Manager

C. H. Haskins June 17 53
Resignation
Sagamore Office

Albion 18th 1854 of June

Dear Brother

When I left Ithaca I came West with the intention of through your assistence of getting a job on the R. Road. So I talked with Mowzo. and he said he would speak to you for me to that effect. As you are aware I have been in to that business some three years that is. running Engine. in the Foundry and in that time I have becom pritty well aquainted with Locomotives and their construction. in so much that I hazard not in saying with a few month practice on one to learn the regulations &c I could run one with credit to a company and myself. and I desire you to get me a birth on one somwhere in your western travels. as you can do it if you have a mind to. as you are with proprietors of Roads every day. as I did not see you and

and as Alondzo did not attend to it so promply as I expected I have agreed to work for Hiram until april next, when I hope I shall be able through your influence to get in to some business that will pay better then working on a farm for 13, dollars per mo as I am doing now. if you hisitate in regard to my qualification to take cair of a Locomotive I will refer you to Henry Moores at Ithaca, he will give you all that information you may wish. I hope me plea will meet with with your approval, and receive prompt attention. address me at Albion. Yours Affectionately E. S. Cornell

E. Cornell

E. S. Cornell
Albion Jan 18 '57

Supreme Court
Anthony Yorks
vs
Erra Cornell } This action is brought to recover for Services of Horace Bronson in 1848. & 1849. Claim held by the Plaintiff by assignment.
Complaint Served by mail June 20th 1854 Answer must be Served in 40 days from that time
E Cornell. Lowe & Rowe

P.S. Send the facts if you are not coming in 40 days. & Especially if this is the Claim you Spoke of as having been once in Suit and refused - give your attorney name and residence So that we obtain facts to plead the pending suit in bar of this action
J. Rowe

Rochester June 20 1854

J. H. Read Esq

Sir— After one interview yesterday it occured to me it would be no more than just, to lay before you briefly our views of our rights under the Contract with the Lake Erie Co, made by your agent Mr Greene. By the contract it was agreed that the South, Mich, Line, then and now in your possession should be worked in connection with the Lake Erie Telegraph Line at Monroe and Detroit, with a mutual interchange of All their business, for points on their respective lines or beyond the same, when in order, and to occupy the offices with the said Lake Erie Line at Detroit and Monroe and the total office expenses to be equally divided— and this connection is to continue in force until and for three months after the first of July 1854 and until after three months notice has been given.

1. This contract is absolute till the 1st day of Oct, and could then only be discontinued on three months previous notice.
2. You have no right to remove the line from our office in Monroe during the above period.
3. You are liable to pay one half of the expenses at Monroe office
4. We are entitled to a mutual inter-change of All your business.
5. If you run your line into the Office of the Erie and Mich, Line at Chicago, the manager could not, by any possibility know what portion of the business received there, ought to be sent and given over to us at Monroe, and therefore we contend you have no right to discontinue your seperate Office at Chicago and unite with a rival line.

We have no disposition to do anything that should be considered illiberal or unfair toward you, as we are persuaded you did not intend to do so with us. Should the Causes of our just complaints be rectified at once, I can venture

to assure you, no notice will be taken of the wrong already done.

We regret that we had not seen you before you went West, for although we might not have been willing to give you what you might deem your interest worth, yet we are persuaded that you would have been satisfied, we were willing to pay all we thought we could afford in the uncertain and unpromising condition of Telegraph business

Respy Yours

Isaac R. Elwood

P.S. During the week ending June 17 our Ley office ~~at Monroe~~ rec'd, from other Lines $133 as reported to me by Operator, nearly all of this, I suppose comes from your Line. If diverted from us, it is quite apparent we ought to be compensated

J. R. E.

Providence July 1 1854

Mr E Cornell

Dear Sir.

I found on arrival at Providence yours of 22 June. I think there is much force in your remark that I am not "acquainted with Western men and manners." I trust all will come out right so far as you and Messrs Haviland and Cobb and the Bank are concerned. I found also on arrival a letter from Isaac R Elwood Sec. of House Co and being desirous of having you know the views of the Co I send you annexed a copy of said letter. I have no doubt you will manage to give the House Co no occasion to say that the Southern M. T. Line has broken the contract. The grounds of complaint will be seen by their letter.

With my best wishes for your success
I remain yours truly
James H Read

Rochester June 20. 1854

Mr E. Connell

Indianapolis

Dear Sir

On arrival in this city the House Co sent for us and complained that the removal of the office from Chicago & Munroe is a violation of our contract with the Lake Erie Co which copy is left with Allen they say it is such a violation as will occasion a suit for damages please look at the contract and by all means conform to it We do wish to act in good faith I will write more fully soon

Yours truly

James S. Read

A. G. Stillwell

Terre Haute June 20th/54

Mr. Speed

Just received letter and I hasten to reply - Mr Gutheridge will be here tomorrow evening. The line South is working very well today. We heard Us this morning the first for near two weeks - They have been moving wire from Vi to Us onto the Rail Road - The line South now I think is in tolerably good repair - We had some little difficulty in getting the horse and wagon - Although the men were anxious to have ~~him~~ the horse off of their hands - they did not appear to want to let him go without a small payment on the account and to have some security of his being returned. They said if I would see it all right if anything should happen they would let him go - I told them I would do so - and got wagon repaired and Mr Gutheridge off in less than no time - Mr Cornell insisted upon my getting him started immy - so strong that I took the responsibility myself of paying them a moity of their account as it was

the cheapest and quickest way of getting him off - I think he has made pretty good use of his time - The line north works a little hard now - But I think after the man goes from Ch to S we will knock things along pretty fast - Do you suppose the Wade line will be rebuilt this Summer? - Business is quite fair

Yours Respty 73

A. Haas

A. Haas Terra Haute
June 20, 1854

Hutsonville Ill June 20 1854

Dr Sir

Mr Gathridge leaves here this morning on his return from Vincennes - he had the line in good order Saturday - put up new Postes wherever they were down - but I was not able to get Vincennes since Saturday but think it is because there is no one there that will attend to the calls - I advanced Mr Gathridge $5,00 on his way to Vincennes to enable him to get the line in good order - which I think he has spared no pains to do - for it worked as well Saturday as it has for twelve months past - think he has done all that any one could do - Sellers told me Saturday that he was going to leave the offs & that a Man by the name of Mass was going to take his Place - & I expect - if Mass does take the offs he will do very well - but dont think there was any one there yesterday - hope we will have better times in future -

Yours &c
J. S. Wilkin

E. Cornell Esqr

Confidential

Office of the New York, Albany and Buffalo Telegraph Company,

Utica, June 21 1854

W. Cornell

Dr Sir,

I should have replied to yours of the 14th inst, sooner. but I waited a day or two to see the issue of the question of our patent renewal, and also to ascertain more of the feeling of our People in regard to the vexed question of consolidation. — You may be assured of the fact, that on that question, our Stockholders are, with the exception of 4 or 5 persons known to you, entirely adverse to it, and our present Board stand 14 to 4. — in short we only want a good permanent connection with western lines, liberally planned, and faithfully carried out, to give "consolidation" a complete quietus. This I learn from Mr Wood you are disposed to also; and if so we ought to have an early conference to make arrangement. — I have talked with Messrs Childs and Curtiss (of our Board) and they concur in my opinion, and request me to communicate to you their desire for proposition to come from you, having the above object in view, in order to bring it before an early meeting of the Directors; and I think I can assure you that any arrangement

made for the mutual interest of ours and
western & Southwestern lines will be faithfully
lived up to, to the very letter, by this Co.—

We are now doing an excellent business,
our line will soon be in better condition than
for years past, many miles of it are being rebuilt,
and in fact it will be as good as new in relation,
2 or 3000 new poles, and the outlay of a good deal
of money can possibly make it,— we flatter ourselves
that we give it a careful superintendence, at the
hands of Messrs Wood & Palmer, as can be had,
and an effort is spared on the part of all to
do business "telegraphically", hence we believe
it for your interest as well as ours to make an effort
and bring about a permanent connection at Buffalo.

Mr Fenton has sold out, but I cannot now
see that it may be detrimental to that question.

I wish you would write to Mr S. D. Childs
soon as you can, give him your views and plans
in full, and you may rely on them being brought
before our Board promptly, and at same time write
to Mr Butterfield to same effect— I shall be glad
to hear from you when you have time to write on the matter
in question—

Yours Respectfully
E Chamberlain

E. Chamberlain June 21/1859

Detroit June 21/54

C. Cornell Esq.
Indianapolis Ia

Dear Sir

As agreed in Chicago, though rather in anticipation of time then specified, I address you a line concerning probability of my being able to do something on the Toledo Line.

I feel very forcibly the importance of immediate action in that matter: first: because the immediate possession by the R.R.Co. of direct communication with Toledo, will be a very striking argument received why they should hurry on their contract with the House Co. And I do not think the movements of the House Co have yet been so generally "known" as to prevent your getting something subscribed in Toledo and elsewhere towards the expense of the new line.

But engagements here together with the fact that I am somewhat the worse for my last fifteen months work, will hardly allow me to take charge of a job which ought to be put through so rapidly and at the same time so thoroughly as the one in hand. And

I conclude on the whole that nothing but extraordinary remuneration for my time and services ought to induce me to accept the job. As there are so many at your beck fully capable of doing it upon right for ordinary compensation I presume you would hardly be prepared to advance much on common ways for such services.

After I get fully clear up on my Northern Lines, which perhaps may be brought about by your purchasing them at the sale proper I shall probably be glad to avail myself of any respectable opening in telegraphing that may present itself.

The day fixed for the sale has not yet been fixed probably about the twentieth of July.

Very Respectfully Yours

Geo. Allen

G. M. Allen
21 June 1853

Oswego June 21. 1854

Dear Sir

I have not seen Speed or heard from him since the conditional sale of the Telegraphic Interest — and did not know until the House men had paid him —.

But in any case my interest in the right of the Illinois Central is untouched and I supposed Judge Caton was building the whole line — under my conveyance from Speed —

I went to the Illinois Central Office, but Mr Purdee was

still in Illinois —

I certainly prefer that Judge Caton should go on & complete the line, as was agreed upon between Speed & myself previous to his sale —

The House men were fully informed of my rights & Speed & I shall not yield that right to any one, but for due consideration, nor to any parties not in the interest of the "Illinois Central Road" as was the understanding with Mr Burrall the President — last fall.

Let me hear from you again soon & oblige

Yours truly

Geo Plumpelly

E. Cornell Esq

I do not believe Speed has sacrificed you. he certainly has not if I understood him right when he was here — GP

Geo J. Pumpelly June 21, 63

P.S. I hope Judge Cutton will make the Contract spoken of at once — without regard to the House men, or anybody else — and build the whole line, as soon as wanted

G.P.

1854 the Ohio. Indiana. Illinois & Wade. Telegraph lines
To Cooper & Ray. Dr.

March 3rd horse 1/2 day 50 — 4th horse 1 1/2 days 150 —	2.00
do 6th horse 1 day 100 — 8th horse 1 1/2 days 150 ..	2.50
12th two horses 100. — 13th 1 horse 1/2 day 50	1.50
17th buggy 1/2 day 100 — 18th buggy 1/2 day 100 —	2.00
19th buggy 1 day 2.00 — 20th buggy ~~1/2~~ 3/4 days 1.50	3.50
22nd buggy to Brazil 250 — 26th 2 horses 150 — —	4.00
28th two horses 150 A Haas — 31st 2 horses & harness 100 —	2.50
April 1st buggy 100 — 3rd buggy 1 day 200 — — —	3.00
7th two horses and harness five days 10.00	10.00
10th single buggy 1 day 200 — 12th two horses 200 —	2.00
17th two horses 1/2 day 1.00 — 30th buggy 1 day 2.00	3.00
Keep of horse from 26 of January to 13 of June 15 1/2 weeks	28.50
	$ 64.50

from the last date Mr Haas paid his own bills
and also five dollars on old bill. Cr 500 — 5.00
Deer — 59.50

N B. I find it impossible to designate between the differant times as we ~~to~~ kept the account only against the office

Cooper & Ray

please let us hear from you soon direct to Jas^h Cooper

Cooper & Ray
Livery bill, $59.50
Terra Haute against
Wade line —

Absalom Says Cooper
& Ray ap against
the Wade line

Salmadge & Dawson
against Bailey line

Indianapolis June 22nd 1854

My Dear Mary Ann.

On my return a couple days since from the north. I found your very affectionate note of the 4th in which you express disappointment at not hearing from me for three weeks, You say "I am fearful in your perplexity of business that you will forget that you have any friends at home that care for you".

Now My Dear why did say that, for you cannot be fearful of any such thing. You know that I cannot forget my dear, my kind hearted, my affectionate wife. You know that I cannot forget my dear children from the first dear pledge of my wifes love to the little Cherub that said "Ma gone to Canada, and mama gone Dryden" and "I want to see Ell". You know I could not forget the dear mothers that bore us, and that watched with anxious care and affection the expansion of our infant minds into blooming youth and promising maturity, and our

dear Fathers, whose protecting care guarded and forgave our infantile waywardings, and youthful misdoings until, ~~until~~ ripened judgment led them to transform watchful care to approving confidence in our every desire or wish, can they be forgotten? Can such friends be forgotten? As well might the glorious orb of day forget to gild the rosy morn with streaks of golden light, or to mark the fruitful seasons with heart gladening harvest ~~with the~~ of ripened grains,

Nature shall forget her laws, and the needle repelled by its polar center as soon, as I forget such friends,

"Perplexity of busines"!! Busines has no perplexities, for me, the knowledge that my busines is to yield fruits, the golden harvest of which will gladden the heart of my dear Wife, disarms it of perplexity, it doubly arms me for the battle of life, and I go forth to conquer, like Sampson conscious of my strength, for the deceitful ~~Philistians~~ Philistians have not yet

shorn me of my locks, they have simply bound me with a few green withs, as they did him of old, and like those they are rent asunder, discomforting the deceitful betrayers of honour, who would make merchandize of their own souls if they could find bidders for so worthless an article.

There is no Delilah in my household, for the Philistians to seduce to their traitorous designs, and hence their ill judged and pigmy efforts, to arrest my progress by withdrawing my Spirit, or supposing I must wade through the labyrinths of their corruption, I shun such paths and wend my way with new power, and accelerated velocity.

I know my Dear Mary Ann was not serious in writing that word "fearful" and ere this She has found the anxiously looked for letter, which I had directed to Montreal, instead of Ithaca, under an impression that She would leave home a few days earlyer than She did, and

first meet it there.

A dispatch which I rec'd from you dated Montreal leads me to suppose you are home by this time,

I trust you have had a satisfactory visit among the Loyal subjects of Queen &c - I am not able to say whether I shall be at home or not before I go to Detroit to attend the annual meeting of E & M line. If I do not you must turn out and meet me there

I am not positive as to the day of the meeting but think it is the 3rd of July if so it is only a week from monday next, and I may now correct that sentance and say I know I shant be home before that time and want you to meet me at Detroit

You leave Ithaca friday morning of next week and go down the lake and take Cars at Cayuga you get to Buffalo in time to take "Central Michagan Boat" either "May Flower" or her consort, which I dont know the name of, this lands you at Detroit Saturday P. M,

Ithaca

If you start Saturday morning you get to Detroit Sunday P.M,
If weather is threatening you had better go through Canada, and if you start Friday you could stop over a train with Molly at Brantford if you could find her out. I dont know how you would find her, To do this stoping at Brantford you would let your trunk go on having first got it checked through which. I suppose you could get done at Rochester if not at Cayuga, If they dont check through from Cayuga to Detroit through Canada, you would have to look after your baggage at Rochester when you change Cars, and go from Rochester to Niagara Falls or the Suspension bridge, and have to see that your baggage was checked right to Carry it through Canada to Detroit,
You would have to look out before reaching Niagara Falls to learn when passengers got out for Canada road, I suppose at the Suspension bridge which is crossed on foot, The Conductor will impart this information, Stoping with Molly you will

only want your Carpet sack, and your Checks will obtain your baggage, when you arrive at Detroit,

I will depend on your starting friday morning, and I will meet you at the Exchange Detroit. I think it is the "Michagan Exchange" – and I guess Phebe will also come down & spend the Sabbath with you,

If I have not arrived when you get there take rooms & wate for me,

Telegraph me when you leave home, Enclosed please find twenty dollars which I guess will carry you through

Yours. Affectionately
E. Cornell

Mary Ann,

A. Haas. June 22, 54

Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois Telegraph Co.

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STATE SENTINEL JOB ROOMS, INDIANAPOLIS.

Terre Haute June 22 1854.

The following Message was received from .....

Dated, ... 1854.

To Mr Haas

Wm Lothridge has just got
Back from Ill - He has
had a pretty hard time
I think from the looks
of himself & wagon -
The horse got so very
lame they could bring him
no farther than Prairieton
where he put him in
pasture - I shall have him

brought up in the course
of a day or two - Dont
think he will answer
for the Saf trip at all -
Mr. G I think has made
good use of his time -
The line South works as
well as I ever knew it to,
The line from Ch & S needs
considerable repairing and
if you & Mr. G can make
the terms suit I wish you
would send back here
and I will fix him out
and get him off to Saf -
73
Abb Haas

SPEED'S

Erie and Michigan Telegraph Line.

OFFICES: { AMERICAN HOTEL BUILDINGS, L. RAWSON & CO'S WARE-HOUSE.

Cleveland, June 22 1854, ... o'clock ..... M.

By Telegraph from .....

To .....

Received of Speeds Telegraph Office ten dollars in full of all demands to date.

J. Hanks

(Strictly confidential) Saratoga Springs. June 22 1854

Mr E Cornell Dear Sir. Before writing this letter let me depend on your honor that nothing in it shall be so used as to involve me in a Law suit. While we were at Rochester the House Co having intimated a wish to purchase the S. M. T. Line it became necessary to say that you had purchased our Interests in said line, but the price and mode of payment, nor the nature of the Security was not disclosed. I was informed that your only purpose was to annoy the House Co that you know you could not make money with a competing line side of it, except for the little time previous to the completion of the House Line. That you never would pay for it, that you would be a Bankrupt within 12 months, that a judgement of Court for $1600. could be bought for $1200. against you, that you had been frequently sued and given bail, and in one case the Bail became alarmed and gave you up, that you were embarrassed, did not pay your debts, and was fond of Litigation &c. &c. &c. — It was represented that the Stock in the Lake Erie & Michigan Co might be worth 20 to 30 cts on the dollar now, but if a Suit against you for infringement of Patent to be tried this week at Detroit should go against you, then the Stock would not be worth much. That though the Receipts were large last year, yet a large amount would be necessary to put it in Repair, that no dividends were ever made where Mr Cornell had a controlling interest, because Mr C. wanted the proceeds to purchase other Lines, to annoy others. That the House Co had $20,000 in said line for which they should be glad to have an offer &c. &c. &c. But I will not tire you with a repetition of all that was said. "In the multitude of words there wanteth not Sin" as the Scripture saith. Of course I make great allowance for the high coloring of belligerent parties in competing lines, but I think it due to you, to myself, and to the Bank to let you know what I have heard and give you an opportunity to explain. I understood from you that the Stock in Lake Erie & M. T. Co was as good as any 7% at Bank and from Mr Haveland that he had purchased, lately, at 50 cts on the dollar. But I never supposed there was any difficulty about the Patent. — Now Friend Cornell will you in the first place, keep the contents of this letter from bringing me into trouble in any way. Now Mr Cornell you see that the Committee are placed in a very delicate situation in this matter. The Bank gave power to sell as they saw fit, still the general expectation was that we should sell for Cash. We varied because we thought we had something as good

you leaving assured us, that as to the goodness of the Security there was not a millionath part of a doubt. and I feel confident that you can make it appear so. We have not communicated the information we received at Rochester to the Bank but had previously written that we had made a Sale. Now Friend Cornell Will you have the goodness to explain your Financial condition. Will the warfare in completing Lines, be likely to materially injure you eventually. 2d Will you have the goodness to say whether Messrs Haviland & Cobb are worth any thing in their own right. 3d Will you explain as to the condition of the Lake Erie & Michigan Telegraph Co and the ground of Suit against it, for infringement of Patents and the decision thereon, if obtained this week?.

In case you fail to make the Bank satisfied, I have no doubt, that under the circumstances, in which the Committee are placed. you will be willing to give additional security, as to annul the Sale. I cannot yet believe but that Messrs Cornell Haviland & Cobb are honorable. high minded men. When I asked for reference you spoke of Mr Speed. Would it not be well for you to ask Mr Speed to write us. I have not his address.

You will have the goodness to excuse me for troubling you with this unpleasant letter. I shall be sorry if any thing in it, or what may grow out of it, shall disturb the very good opinion I have formed of yourself. and Messrs Haviland & Cobb.

Mr Stilwell went to Providence on an arrival at Albany. As I may be detained here, on a/c of indisposition, please address him at Providence. R I.

The undersigned takes the occasion to express his ardent hope in the success of the ~~X~~ Messrs Cornell Haviland & Cobb.

James F B Read for the Committee.

W. E. Borrell

Indianapolis

Indiana

Saratoga Springs June 22 1854

M E Cornell

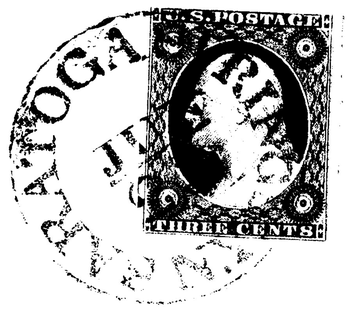
Dear Sir. The great fatigue of my journey has occasioned an indisposition which I shall endeavor to remove by a stay here a few days. I found on arrival at Rochester, that Mr Wade had been to Providence to make an arrangement with our Line, which was declined because the Bank did not then know what the Com. had done, and that Mr Wade in behalf of the House Co had given notice that by uniting the Offices at Chicago and the removal of the Office at Monroe the House Co considered that we had broken the Contract with the Lake Erie Co and held us for damages in violation of sd contract. When at Rochester the House Co sent for us and entered complaint. They say that by uniting the two Offices it will be impossible to designate the particular business which comes over their line on which to divide the Receipts &c. I have not a copy of the Contract which was left with Mr Allen for your government, but I pray you to look at it, and by all means have it carried out. The House Co demanded that I should write Allen which I did and sent a hasty note to you to the same effect. It did not occur to me when at Adrian that uniting the Offices would be a violation of the Contract. Now this matter lies with the Directors of the Southern M. T. Line, with whom I trust you will advise. I hope that we shall not get into the Law with the House Co and I have no doubt they will take every advantage they can. Therefore it will be cheaper to live up to letter of the Contract. The truth is, the House Co are disappointed that I did not call on them in going out. Say that they would have purchased our interests &c and had written Allen to that effect. I told them that I had not heard of it, and that as they were unrepresented at the Sale, and had sent a Protest forbidding the use of the Patent, that I had nothing to expect from them. They speak of having paid out $50,000 in buying up Lines lately and find that telegraphing cannot be done profitably unless they can buy up or kill competing Lines &c.

As I may be obliged to be here several days please address A G Stilwell Cash Providence

~~I [illegible]~~ I said to the House Co that as business in telegraphing was increasing I could not see the need of such beligerant feelings in rival Companies.

Very truly your friend

James H Read for the Committee



Mr. E. Cornell

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Indianapolis, 28 June 51 1854.

The following Message was received from

Dated, 1854.

To Mr T. A. Morris Esq
Prest I & C RR. Co

Dear Sir I have rec'd 6720 lb of the wire for the Telegraph along the line of your Road amounting to 473.40
Charges on same - 79.14
also 2 sets of Inst 110.00
$662 54

The wire is at Bellefountain RR depot consigned to American Express Co Instruments at Adams & Co Express Ofs I desire that your RR Co pay pay me an estimate on the contract with Cornell & Speed for Erecting a Telegraph along your RR. as therein provided to meet the above payments,

Yours Respectfully
E Cornell

84 John St New York
June 23rd 1834

E. Cornell Esqr.
Indianapolis Ind

Dear Sir

We wrote you on the 3rd inst & are surprised you should not have advised us about the balance of the Wire you wished to have made.

The lot we forwarded Care of the American Express Co as per your instructions on the 3rd inst we have heard nothing from as yet — please let us know if it has reached its destination.

We are prepared to send you 5 Tons more promptly if you need it. Waiting your reply

Yours very truly
James Cocker Jr.

326.72
352.48
25.76



E. Cornell Esq
Telegraph Contractor
Indianapolis
Ind.

NEW YORK
JUN 23

Checked for
10.34 –
Apl 18.1861

Jas Cockerill & Co
June 23.1859