Muncie June 25th/54

Mr E. Cornell

D Sir I wish you to inform me who is to pay the ballance due me I have been here 3. months and have received $29 which has barely paid my board I am in want of some money at present. if you allow thirty dollars per month there will be $61 pay due as my pay is smal I am under the necessity of making my money bring all I can Please inform me soon Will want some money by the first of July for sertain

Yours Respectfully

Thos J Hosford

O.P. My Of

Greenville Ohio
June 25, 1884

Dear Alonzo,

I came here last night to see if I could settle up with this RR Co. and get some money. they owe me about a thousand dollars but it is tight times with them and I fear I shall be bothered.

I go to Cin tomorrow to meet National folks who want to see me about the connections but I don't know what they want,

The House Co under the guidance of Wade will give me all the trouble they can but I doubt if they wont find quite as much to attend as will occupy

their attention without
devoting much time to me,
I shall have to be at Detroit
next week to attend annual
meeting of E&M Tel Co
and Expect your mother
to meet me there as I
wrote her from Ind and
Enclosed her $20,—
Help her off for I shall
be disappointed if she dont
come,

I have got new line
to work from Union to
Dayton which gives
us new line from Ind
to Dayton via Bellefontaine
RR. And I have satisfac-
tory arrangement with
New Albany & Salem
R R for putting line
on their Road from
Mich City to Lafayette,

I called on Dunham
at Mich City last week
saw Emily who looked
very well.

Did you get that
Dft discounted and
pay that interest?
Give me a list of
what there is to pay
in next six months,
and write me at Detroit,

Yours in Haste
E Cornell

A B C

Auditors Office D. Co. O.

Mr Cornell you Will please Return to me the
Value of Your Telegraph Wires Runing threw
this County and its Meshiney attached as
the Law of 52. Sec 21 Provids and
Oblige Yours G W Coover
Auditor D C O

Greenville June 26th 1854.

Wire Costs $30. & machines $50.

MORSE'S AMERICAN TELEGRAPH.

NEW YORK, ALBANY AND BUFFALO LINE,

CONNECTING WITH ALL THE

Principal Cities and Towns in the United States and Canada.

Office, 2½ Wall St., 4th door from Broadway.

TARIFF FROM NEW YORK

TO	First ten words	Each word added	TO	First ten words	Each word added	TO	First ten words	Each word added	TO	First ten words	Each word added
Croton Falls	25	2	Hudson	25	2	Little Falls	37	3	Geneva	50	4
Peekskill			Albany	37	3	Herkimer			Newark		
Cold Spring			Valatie			Utica			Palmyra		
Newburgh			Troy			Rome			Canandaigua		
Po'keepsie			Schenectady			Oneida			Rochester		
Rondout			Amsterdam			Syracuse	50	4	Brockport		
Kingston			Fonda			Auburn			Batavia		
Catskill			Fort Plain			Waterloo			Medina		
									Buffalo		

For Rates of Charge to more distant Stations please call at the Office.

WRITE PLAINLY—give FULL ADDRESS and Signature—USE NO FIGURES except date and number of Street. PAY IN ADVANCE except for answers to communications, on which is written "ANSWER PAID." Communications destined for Lines connecting with this, will be promptly delivered to the connecting Line, after which this Company will not be responsible for any remissness in transmission or otherwise. OFFICE HOURS, from 8 A. M. to 8 P. M.

NEW YORK, July 26 1854.

By Telegraph from

To P.

I have not rcd
from Wsn Line either of
the coms you mention.
M. Buffalo

NATIONAL TELEGRAPH.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE
NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA,
PITTSBURGH, CINCINNATI & LOUISVILLE,
The United NEW ORLEANS & OHIO & People's
ST. LOUIS, INDIANA & LAKE ERIE
TELEGRAPH LINES,
THIRD STREET, NEAR MAIN, CINCINNATI, O.

Dated, Utica 27 1854.
Received, June 27
To E Cornell

Our Co will accede to any reasonable arrangement for the general good mean time do not Commit us by any Course of acting Have written today selecting a conference for perfecting the Connection

Wood

Washington June 27th 1854

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir, Your letter of the 22d inst. came to hand in due course but I have not until now had time to consider its contents.

As to the relations between Speed, Wade and yourself and your several interests in the Lines in question, I know too little of the details to venture an opinion as to your legal rights. I cannot doubt that you have some legal mode of redreſs; but what it is can only be decided by a better Lawyer than I am with all the facts before him.

I am disposed to act with you in carrying out, as far as we can, the arrangements of June 1853 and in punishing the conspirators by whom both your and my principals have been betrayed and defrauded. As to the Cincinnati and St Louis Line, I inclose my proxy and shall advise Prof. Morse & the Meſsrs Vails to send theirs; but I must decline being a candidate for the presidency. It would be impoſsible for me to discharge its duties and therefore I cannot assume its responsibilities.

I know not what Mr. Davenport can refer to in the extract which you send me. If it have any foundation, it must have reference to some declaration of mine that the patent right on any line by way of Lawrenceburg could be used only to protect the C & I. Line as provided in our arrangements of 1853, and hence the right of that Co. to put up a second wire, on another route was inferred. But whether they would have the right or not, would depend on their being the owners of the patent right.

Very respectfully
Amos Kendall

Indianapolis Ia.

Washington June 27th 1854

I hereby constitute and appoint Ezra Cornell Esq my proxy to vote my stock in the Cincinnati & St Louis Telegraph Company at the annual meeting of said Company in July next

Amos Kendall

U.S. POSTAGE
THREE CENTS

D.C.

E. Cornell Esq.
Indianapolis,
Ia.

A. Kendall
June 27. 1854
Proxy

Office of the New Albany and Salem Railroad Company

New Albany, Ind., June 27 **185**4.

E Cornell Esq
Indianapolis

Dear Sir

Yours of the 23d is at hand and contents noted

We may or may not put up a line of telegraph from this place to Crawfordsville along our line next year it will depend to some extent on the condition of our finances We will however consider the matter open for us under the arrangement to decide when we shall find it convenient, in the meantime will carry out the arrangement as far as it goes -

Respectfully yours
James Brooks Prest

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

Utica, June 27th 1854

Mr. E. Cornell

Dear Sir

Your favor of 22nd June, came to me, yesterday - I am much gratified with the appearance of matters at the west - I regret, that some one from our line could not have met Messrs. Reid, Pew, Haviland &c. at Cincinnati, this morning, but can assure you, that our people are ready, & desire to conclude an arrangement with you, for a business connection, with your line, and the other companies, at once - I am, also, instructed to inquire, when you, or Haviland, or both of you, can meet a committee from our line, *here*, or (if you cant be here) at Buffalo, to consummate the arrangement - I write Haviland, in substance as above, & desire to hear from you both immy -

Yours Truly

Otis E. Wood

Buffalo June 27th/52

Dr Sir,

Yours of the 22nd recd, I went to Rochester yesterday morning and delivered your letters to Mr Elwood & Mr Potter personally Mr P said he would lay the matter before the Board and Speed & Wade & would then Reply, Mr Elwood said would rather make consolidation then to go to law, and seemed anxious that something be done shortly for the interest of both the Lines,

Business very good now but will be a slight falling off probably next month, Lines work well & every thing goes off as fine as could be wished

Yours &c

N Hucker Jr

E Cornell Esq
Indianapolis

Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois Telegraph Company.

ALL MESSAGES STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

STATE SENTINEL JOB ROOMS, INDIANAPOLIS.

Indianapolis, June 28 1854.

The following Message was received from

Dated, 1854.

To Mr W Alernan
Eugene. Ia

Should the bearer Mr Petheridge Run short of funds please let him have & I will send it to you by first mail. Cant tell how much he will want nor how long he will be on Line

13

Yours Resp
A Speed
Asst Supt

Waterman
Recpt

Received of R W Waterman
five dollars on the within
order
July 4th. 1854 J W Guthridge

Winchester, Ia June 30th

Mr Cornell

Dear Sir

Yours of the 20th inst was duly received and in answer to your propositions I will say they are accepted. and every thing will be in readineſs for you at any moment We want the office immediately Wm is getting better he had been verry sick with the Measeales If it is agreeable he would like to see to putting up the poles & wire here

Yours Truly

John B Goodrich

Indianapolis June. 30. 56

Dear Sir

I have recd a letter from my man at Buffalo who went to Rochester to serve notice on House. Co to the effect that I claimed the controll of the Patent as the surviving partner of the partnership of Cornell. Speed, &c owners of that patent, The remarks of President Patten & Secy Elwood, indicate clearly that they are uneasy,

A letter also from Mr Reid of Providence informing me of what the House Co said respecting the purchase by me of the Southern Michigan line, also indicate that I outgeneraled them, and made a good "strike"

Wade was at Providence to buy it for them at the time I was drawing up the Contract at Adrian,

They are clearly cornered, I go to Detroit tomorrow and have to much to do to write more in detail now

Yours in Haste

E Cornell

E.W.C Esq

Richmond 7 mo 1st 1854

Esteemed Friend

Jacob T. Wright

Just before entering the Cars this morning I found in the street a certificate of Stock in the Ohio Indiana & Illinois Telegraph Co. I will be obliged by thy having the enclosed advertisement inserted once or oftener if necessary in whichever of the papers of your City is likely to give it the most general publicity. the Cost thereof please charge to our a/c. the goods you ordered will be forwarded early in the week. respectfully thy friend

John Bell

Ohio, Indiana & Illinois Telegraph.

Found this morning in Indianapolis by the Subscriber. a certificate of Stock in the above Company. the owner Can have it on satisfying the undersigned that he is entitled to it and paying expenses.

John Bell

Richmond Wayne Co Ind. 7 mo 1st 1854

741 is Jan 28, 1854 To Ezra Cornell
Ithaca NY 325 Shares
742 261 Shares March 13 1854

Defiance July 1st 1854

E Cornell Dear Sir.

My Report for month of June is herewith submitted. showing a small excess of Recpts over expenses ($3.00) which I enclose. Expenses for repairs have been very small for the past month. I have been out but once. & have not sent out at all. and the Line is working well with a good business I should think. The poles have stood much better than I expected they would. Mr Palmer effected some improvement. but if he could have spent about double the time with his men between Ft Wayne & Toledo. that he did spend, the good Effects would have been more permanent.

I am unable to say where Palmer is now; he seemed desirous of Going home when here, presume he has gone before this.

Do You wish to buy stock in this Line. and what ~~is~~ can You pay? I think of going to N. England some time this month. to be absent 3 or 4 weeks. Will try to get some one to attend to the off during my absence. If I leave. I shall not get back ~~the~~ till some time in August. and will let Rept. ~~remain~~ for July remain until that time, if it will make no difference to you.

Respectfully Yours

S Attony

Corning July 1st 1854

E Cornell

Dear sir

Yesterday I ~~cl~~ closed a Contract with Buffalo and N Y City R R Company for the Line of Telegraph from B to Hornellsville—

I am to Take their Line and fixtures and work it for them doing their work for the Line controlling the Line myself. What arrangement can be made with you about connecting with you in Bu I hope soon to work to Bu Many is terrible close here—

the Corning and Bu R R Co say they are not Ready yet to talk telegraph to us so with the B & Syracuse Phelps says he is Ready and ~~als~~ only wants the Board to assent to his and my proposition

Let me hear from you

G W Skinner

P S I suppose you saw that Morse had got an Extention for 7 Years

G W S

E. Cornell Esq
Indianapolis Ind.

Wellsville 3d July 1854

D. Sir

Your Telegraph from Cleveland of the 1st inst came to hand by mail from Dunkirk this evening - I cannot spend the time or money necessary to go to Terre Haute upon any uncertainty of receiving back what it costs as it takes all I can make to get bread and meat - I do not know that I have any stock in the Telegraph Line as none has ever been issued to me, nor could the whole amount be issued according to contract without first having a settlement with Wade & Speed & Cornell - nor do I mean to do any thing by which I could possibly be considered as sanctioning any settlements or acts of those parties without my concurrance - I have been lied to, and about and cheated and deceived so much in this matter when I supposed that I was dealing with friends and honorable men that I have lost all confidence in human nature and as drunken and worthless as I have become still have sensibility enough not to throw away any of my rights knowingly -

Notwithstanding I entirely disclaim the ownership of any stock in the line I will send you such authority to act as may answer your purpose

Yours Truly John J. Sley

Rockford July 5th/71

Mr. E. Cobb

Dr. Sir

Enclosed ~~[illegible]~~ my report for June you will see that the receipts have increased ~~since~~ May —

The great difficulty I have in getting answers to my messages from Ch. Offs. injures the business very materially and unless it can be arranged so that we can do business quicker than by mail we might about as well shut up shop

Dont charge me with com sent June 29 Address J. B. Eastman Ch. Sig B. J. Wheeler (Refunded)

I sent the above com to All. at the time Eastern train left this Station and Mr. ~~Eastman~~ Wheeler said it was not delivered until after he ~~had got~~ arrived in Chicago — He lost money by its not getting there sooner besides making him an extra trip to Chicago next day. I think he said com was not delivered until the next morning about 10 K Also Com from Ch 1st July to J. Wilber Rd. Signed C. Walker & Son Man had left before ~~he~~ it arrived

I have been unusually unfortunate in getting Ans. to Coms sent to

Chicago Offs during the last two or three weeks I sent com to Ch June 30th in ~~m~~ before noon and it had not been delivered next morning before western train left Ch. and was in care Geo Smith & Co.

I have done the best I could since I have been here and shall do all I can while I stay but my business is mostly for Ch. and all depends on quick returns.

When will line be in operation between Ch & this place direct and will you open Bev offs. before that is in operation.

I have part of the Instrument here to prevent its being ruined

Yours Respty
Chas. B. Crittenden

Geo. J. Pumpelly Owego
July 5th 1854

Owego July 5. 1854

Dear Sir

I have just now got your letter of the 30 June — I regret very much the misunderstanding between you & Speed —

As to my advance to Speed & the conveyance to me from him of all the rights he proposed to grant to the Illinois Central R R Company — a year ago — you was present & should know —

The Grant was full & complete to me — but I afterward gave my verbal consent to the proposed arrangement for building the whole line by contract with the R. R. Company at $100 the mile — whereby I was to be entitled to a certain portion of the profits of said contract — which was then estimated —.

Finding when in New York from Mr Burrall Pres. Illinois Central R. R. that Judge Caton was going on under Speed. through this consent of mine — I at once stated to Mr Burrall that I was satisfied & that I would not, without notice to him, dispose of my rights under Speeds grant to me —

I understood from Col Speed when he was here, that my rights were fully stated to the House Folks & would be reserved if he sold out — and I have no fear of any difficulty in the matter but am prepared to arrange with Judge Caton or Mr Burrall for the Illinois Central to convey if needed all the rights derived from Morse & Co through Speeds conveyance to me —

If Mr Burrall prefers it I will sell out to him or to Judge Caton for a consideration which will realise to me the Sum named by Speed & yourself as the result of building the whole line

---

I have not heard from Col Speed since he left me more than 2 months ago — but Should be glad to see him & indeed should be glad to meet you both together & reconcile your matters if possible

Let me hear from you or meet you soon

Yours truly

Geo W Campbell

Richmond 7 mo 5 1854

C. A. Speed
Indianapolis

I have received thy communication, & in accordance with thy request have by this mail forwarded the Certificate of Stock in the Telegraph Co found in your City to Jacob T Wright

respectfully
Jno Bell

Corning July 5th 1854

E Cornell Esq

Dear sir

Yours of the 29th ult Was received this day

In Relation to the Buf & N Y City telegraph to its sale &c Allow me to say That said Line is to be (or is) sold, but there is a misstake in the name of the Purchaser: it is not Bicknell. But your humble servant (G W Skinner). I have been negotiating With the Buf & N Y City R R Co for it for a month past and on the 28th of June I Closed a Bargain for it and Wrote you the following Friday to that effect I represented the N Y & W U telegraph Co in the trade We are to take the Line and fixtures and do the R R Co's Work for the Line &c as you ~~must~~ Learned When I ~~told~~ you then the Terms I Would take the Line it struck them Record and pleased them too. I get along slow Will Writ again tomorrow or next day

G W Skinner

E Cornell Esq

Perrysburg July 8th 1854

Mr Cornell
Indianapolis

Sir

Mr Bancroft informed me yesterday that he was going to Leave Maumee Office and said he thought I could get the Wabash Office and gave me your address and told me to write you.

I am in Perrysburg Office O'Reilly line can take by sound as good as most any one on the Line I should like to get Maumee Office My folks live there

Should you wish for reference you can refer to ~~L~~ G C Allen Supt on Line please answer and let me know the ~~pro~~ prospects

Yours Truly

Chas. ~~Stewart~~ Stewart.

Flint 5th July 54

Dear Sir. Not knowing your name & thinking that you may perhaps inform me of certain things, I intended to address you. I wish to know in first, where Mr. E. Cornel is or where a letter would reach him. & also who is president of the old NY & Erie line running fr. Binghamton to M.S. Ca. H. Ro. &c & lastly whether a small bill could be collected against them. I advanced cash for them 4 years ago to repair line off from their beat (for I had charge of office at Ca.) by order of Hopkins who was Supt. I have their acknowledgement of my bill being correct & that they would pay it soon but I have never been able to get it. I heard Cornel was in Adrian this state, & wrote him & got his sacred promice to pay it in 3 months & it is now about 8 or 9. I think the debt now is about $21. including interest.

Please inform me of the facts in the case & much obliged.

Yours &c. Wm. W. True Opr.

X Office Erie & Michigan Tel Co Detroit, July 6 1854

To Mr

Manager Office,

You will please make ~~a~~ an inventory and return to me, of all the Effects, of whatever nature at your office belonging to the Erie and Michigan Telegraph Company, Specifying the articles, amounts, and value, Estimated by your judgement,

You will also, please make a statement of the present condition of the line over your beat, or from your office half way to the next office, ~~Specifying~~ stating how much of the line has been rebuilt and where, Specifying the kind of timber used for poles and the kind of insulators used as far as you know,

~~If you have any~~ Suggestions ~~to make~~ are invited in reference to the improvement of the line or increasing the Efficiency of your office ~~they~~ which will be cheerfully & duly considered,

Office of the Erie and Michigan Telegraph Company,
Detroit, July 6, 1854.

To Mr. ....

Manager .... Office:—

Will you please make an inventory, and forward to me, of all the effects and property, of whatever nature, at your office, belonging to the Erie and Michigan Telegraph Company, *specifying the articles, amounts, and value estimated by your judgment.*

You will also please make a statement of the present condition of the line over your beat, or from your office half way to the next office; stating how much of the line has been rebuilt, and when, specifying the kind of timber used for poles, and the kind of insulators used, as far as you know.

Suggestions from you are invited in reference to the improvement of the Line or increasing the efficiency of your office, which will be duly and cheerfully considered.

You will also please inform me of the financial condition of the Company at your office, stating particularly any debts the Company may owe within your knowledge, to whom payable, and the amount, as well as any debts that may be due to the Company====the amount, and from whom due?

You are also desired to make a statement of the number of persons employed at your office, the names of the employees, the capacity in which each is employed, and the manner of compensation or amount paid for salary, &c.

You will make the report above referred to, setting forth the condition of the Company on the first of July, instant, and forward the same to me at Detroit, the earliest practical moment.

Yours, Respectfully,

E. CORNELL,

President.

SPEED'S
Erie and Michigan Telegraph Line.

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

Cleveland, July 7 1854, o'clock M.

By Telegraph from

To

Dr Sr,

You will perceive that Sandusky's check column is not used. The impossibility of getting at either his receipts or expenditures to lines, is my excuse — no report at all is as good as an incorrect one.

— Vandusen

Rochester July 7th 1854

W E Cornell

Dear Sir

Yours of June 30th is recd The Directors of the Bk are well satisfied with your explanations. When I wrote you at Saratoga I was suffering under severe indisposition and probably wrote in an excited state of mind. I am well satisfied that all is right. I think you can take care of yourself in the case, and hope the matter will rest here. As to who told me the particular things written about it would perhaps be difficult to say which of the several Directors that happened to be together said the bad things about you; and I if could do this I should not feel at liberty to do so. You will recollect that I commenced my letter by stating that I should depend on your honor to keep the matter confidential. I hope and pray that the matter of libel will stop here for I have had trouble enough with these Watson matters for all of which all I got is the thanks of the Bank. I hope you will be able to go on successfully in telegraphing and will come out right. It annoys the House Co exceedingly that you have purchased our interest in the Line. I sent you a copy of Elwood's letter complaining of an infringement of the Contract. I have sent Allen a copy. I consider that this matter rests entirely with the S.M.T Co and hope that you and the Directors will so arrange it as to avoid a Law suit. With my best wishes for your health and success as well as that of Messrs Haviland & Cobb I remain Your Obt St

James G Read
P

You speak of the House Co having broken the Contract with us by selling out. I cannot see that a Sale to a party could do this, provided the purchaser observed the conditions of the Contract, but I have not a copy of the Contract, but by all means avoid breaking the Contract and let such notice be given of its termination as may be expedient

Yours truly J G Read

I believe that the Contract embraced both Northern Southern Lines

Since writing the aforegoing I have recd an assignment from Allen of all your Interest in the Erie & Michigan T Co. This is different from what I expected I supposed you would give the Bk Stock of the Co and may perhaps yet. The Capital of Co is how much? How much of the Line do you own? You allude in the assignment to a previous ~~Mortgage~~ assignment but do not say to whom and how much. Please advise me.

Yours truly

James C Reed

N. York
July 8/54

E Cornell Esq

Dr. Sir:-

I recd. your note - all right only make the time short as possible. I have 20 shares more for which I would like a cash offer. I would take a little less than for the other.

Yours &c
S. K. Zook
66 wall st

Providence July 8/1854

Friend Cowell

Since meeting you this day I have sent you
assignment to Allen. It strikes me as wrong
It is to secure a note given by Mess Cowell Seaborn
& Cobb to James H Read. The Gentlemen never gave
Read any note but gave "The President & Directors of
the Mechanics & Manufacturers Bank of Providence R.I."
certain notes. therefore I hold that is entirely defective.
Should it not have been signed under Seal and
witnessed. I cannot see why you did not send the
Stock as specified in the Contract, which you will
see by looking at it. Should you give the Stock and the Bk
should be willing to give you a Power of Attorney to vote
on it would it not answer. In case you cannot give
the Stock now would it not be well to make another
assignment, correcting the above errors? If you send the
Stock the Bk will send you the Power to vote. In what place
is the Office of Treasurer & Secretary of Erie & Michigan Co.
Are the assignments to be recorded by your Secretary & Treasurer.
It seems to the Bank that assignments unless made a matter

of town - County or State record, are uncertain kind of Instruments. You will probably see or hear from Allen, and I have no doubt you will make all right:

Wishing you health & success I remain yours truly

James H. Read

for Merch Bank

G. Allen head quarter

is at Detroit.

Saratoga 8 July 1854

Mr E. Cornell

Dr Sir

Your favor of 3d inst came to hand just as I was leaving home, consequently had no opportunity of making enquiry respecting the RR Bonds. There are many worthless ones floating about in the market to the injury of the credit of those that are good — I shall be home in the course of a fortnight, perhaps less

The demand ought in good faith have been paid long ago, it being considered at the time a cash transaction. I do not despair of finding some of these days, that some of your numerous property will be so untrammelled that you will pay us up —

Your Ob Servt

Joseph N Howe