Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois Telegraph Company.

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STATE SENTINEL JOB ROOMS, INDIANAPOLIS.

Vincennes, July 11th 1854.

The following Message was received from .....

Dated, ... 1854.

To Mr Sherwell

Dr Sir,

You will find by report, that, from June 17th to 30th inclusive, the receipts of this Station was $1,77- and Expenditures $1,75- if my Report is not according to the general formula used on your line please point it out and I will rectify it. Hoping that this Station will pay you a fair percentage

I remain yours very truly F. Mass.

Evansville Indiana
July 11th 1854

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir: Some time since I wrote Col Speed in reference to the patent for a line from this place to Mt Vernon, which letter was answered by you, and from the tenor of your reply I expected another letter from you in a few days from that time. None has been received. Can you now inform me the minimum cost per mile for that line, or one via Mt. V. to New Harmony Ind. If it can be obtained for 10 $ per mile or less I will make an effort and see what can be done immediately. If the cost is over that it is useless to try. That is the price charged in Kentucky between good points only. Please reply

Yours Truly
E. G. Earnheart.

Shelbyville Ind
July 11, 1854

Mr. E Cornell
Indpls Ia

Dr Sir. — In April last at your request I sent a man through on the line, from here to Connersville & paid him for his services & expenses Ten Dollars ($10.—) on the faith of your promise to refund to me immy. I sent you the report of the condition of the line, immy, after my man returned, & also stated the amt of his bill which I had paid from my own pocket. I have heard nothing from you since. I understood Mr. Wallick to say you recd my letter. Please remit the amt at your earliest convenience & oblige

Yours &c

J. W. Elliott

No 1.

Providence July 11/54

Friend Cornell. Dear Sir, Yours of July 7th is rec'd. Before the Rec't of this I had advised the House Co that the Contract had been left at Adrian to be fulfilled on our part, and that the matter rested with S.M. & Line. I have this day said that you had been appointed Superindent, and that ~~any~~ the "Contract would be fulfilled to the letter in good faith and any further particulars could be obtained on application to you at Indianapolis, Ind." I have not commented any one in the correspondence, or orally, but have only said that the Contract would be kept, and expressed the hope that the matter on both sides might be arranged in an amicable manner. I hope the House Co will not write me again. I am rejoiced that you have triumphed in the late Election. The Directors of the Bank are highly pleased with your success. I have great faith in the ability integrity & perseverance of Mess'r Cornell, Haveland & Cobb.

When your assignment came without explanation I was surprised but your letter gives valid reasons for it. But I think that the assignment will not be valid as it purports to secure notes given to me, when the fact is, the notes were given to the President & Directors of the M & M Bk of Providence R.I. I wrote you and Allen on this, and sent it to Allen requesting him to call your attention to it. It appeared to me that the assignment, referring to previous assignments should state the amounts of previous assignments; to whom made, when given, should have been recorded on the Books of the Co. or in some County; should have been under Seal and witnessed. It seems to the Bank that it may be well to take another correcting these errors, and making the explanations as to previous assignments. This might be held till you can settle with Col'n Speed and deliver the $15,000 Stock which I suppose can be done soon. I am glad to learn that Col Speed is able to pay what he owes you. This being accomplished the evil designs of your enemies will be crushed

Over

No 2

I note you in reply to the stories I heard, for which you asked names. I hope it will be satisfactory, and that the matter will drop here. I cannot consent to be drawn into the Law, in the case. The truth is I get no Salary as President of the Bank or as Mortgagee of the Lines, and having a large business of my own to attend to, desire to give my time and thoughts as much as I can to my own business. I am satisfied that truth and righteousness will ultimately prevail, without the aid of Law in this case. Reposing full confidence in your good feeling towards me I am satisfied you will let the matter drop. The false statements of the House Co in their Circular will form the basis of a good action, should you choose to bring one. Please accept for yourself and Messrs Haviland & Cobb my best wishes for health and prosperity.

Respectfully your friend & Obt Sr.
James H Read Pres. Mr M Bk
J H Read, Mortgagee
S. M. T. Line

As the Contract with House Co refers to the Northern M. L. as well as Southern M. Line it may be necessary that you should look to it, and confer with Mr Allen.

Mr Allen says that Bastow of Detroit, says that I can sell the S. M. Line by an Agent, though the Mortgage does not allude to it. Mr B. says "that it is done every day". Allen has just taken a new Mortgage on Northern Line under direction of Bastow in the same way. I mention this in the hope that I can sell the the Southern Line, without being obliged to come out again, to the detriment of my business. I hope your Lawyer at Chicago will alter his mind on this. My Mortgages on the Northern are $2367.55 and the Bk held $15.000 Stock. That is the interest of both with I wish to sell out. The last mortgage has 6 mos from July 5 to run. Yours J H Read

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Milwaukee, July 13 1854.

Sir:

What arrangements could we make with your line in regard to Line West from here to Madison & Janesville

Could we make any arrangements to consolidate the two Lines or will you buy one half & we will own one half & go forward & put it in good repair. Our firm now own one fourth. Can you propose some basis by which we can arrange matters

Yours &c
J. S. Fillmore

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Binghamton July 14th 1854

E Cornell Esq
Dear Sir

Your Circular & letter were duly received - I heartily congratulate you on your triumph over all Opposition in your western business - I trust the House Clique are now satisfied that they cannot controll the World because they have bought 2 traitors to their side - I can also communicate to you the good News that I have got the old Line at work again to Newburgh & it works first rate, although it is not thoroughly repaired yet any farther than Carbondale, or 5 miles beyond there - But I took a set of tools & a good man & went over the line myself, between Otisville & Narrowsburgh & put it in good working order & sent the man on to H, so that we now work fine, notwithstanding my repairer tells me he has 4 miles of new poles up this side of Ca without insulators, He got out of brackets & will have them on next week - I have also started another gang of men at Otisville to work this way - & having been through with the foreman & told him what to do: I expect he will make a good job -

of it — He is any old repairer & understands it — He had charge of changing all the wire between Pr & Otisville & got it done most two weeks a go & made a splendid job of it, So that I shall not fear even your inspection — The poles between Chester & Otisville averaged 80 to the mile and it took a lot of insulators — The Pr branch is only 20 to the mile — I wish you could go over the line from Otisville to Ro — I think you would decide to have it taken down & put on the RR although it is a little further For 24 miles from the Neversink Bridge to Ro it is almost one continuous forest Mostly small & gnarly growth but many places large timber, to fall & break the lines & liable to be cut at any time — The small trees growing up require continual trimming — This route is growing worse every day — The country will not pay for clearing & that which has been cleared is being left to grow up to brush — Many of the houses that were occupied are now tenantless — Leaving the whole country through, a perfect wilderness — It will in my opinion be utterly impossible to keep this section up, with any kind of promptness, so as to make it reliable — We can repair it & put it in very good order, by putting it on small trees, which we shall trim up & make poles of them — This can be done I think about 2/3ds of the distance — Please

give me your opinion of it-

As Skinner has got hold of the Buffalo & Hornellsville Line, will it be policy to build the Line over from Portage to Pennsylvania- It strikes me that we do not need it, I am aware that it is a much shorter route to reach the west, but I think a connection at Buffalo, will give us advantages which will balance ~~that~~ - At least I should like to get rid of the job of resisting that section, as I cannot get them to do it I fear, until the wire must suffer - But if it is necessary to do it, I can do it after a while- Who is supt of your Line on the Southern Mich ~~Line~~ R R ?-

Mr Jones formerly of Ca is here and is trying to make me pay the amt due him from you, for repairs of the Line while owned by you - He paid the money out for doing it, & ought to be paid - I have directed him to call on you at Detroit for it - The Saving bill at Narrowsburg also harasses me very much - Hoping to hear from you soon I remain

Yours Very Truly
P. A. Hopkins

P. S.

We need something done about surrendering the wire from Elmira to Hornellsville, as Mr Skinner is not inclined to arrange things at Elmira to our liking —

H

I have just received 2 dies from C Speed — They are top dies & as I have plenty of them they would be of no use to me, If you have any bottom dies send them along —

H

P. A. Hopkins Bro
July. 14. 1854.

Lafayette July 15. 1854

C. H. Speed

in your Note of this day you wish me to give you a bill of Items of that old bill that you speak of of some 36 dols I have examined my book and cannot make it out as the items in that bill was pretty mutch on a ticket and you and myself settled and you took the bill with you and as the items is not on my book I can not give you the Items

when you come over you can have access to my books and satisfy yourself

Truly yours

J. W. Burgess

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From _____ to Piqua.

Dated July 16th 1854

To E. Cornell

Seeing Mr Speed here I spoke to him concerning my claim against you. He said you had probably forgotten it. Will you please remit the amt on receipt of this — being $34.57 : 73

Yours

John F. Lawder

New York July 17, '54

My Dear Cornell.

Your several letters have come to hand. I have written you once, & should have written again but had nothing particular to write except my own thoughts, & them not having any very direct bearing on matters in which you are acting.

I am heartily glad you are succeeding so well. I have no doubt but if the House people knew their own interests they would come to terms with you. If it would do any good both to you & myself I could easily put myself in communication with the Rochester men by a visit to that place. Mr. Levi A. Ward is the Pres't of the House Company from here to Buffalo, I think - at any rate of one of the House companies. He is the brother-in-law of Judge Selden & closely connected

with him, living next door & ~~room~~ they own a large amount of property together. There is an intimacy between some of my family & Mr. Ward's.

Mrs. Chester made them a short visit a few weeks since, & was importuned into leaving her daughter who stays there a few weeks. If in Rochester I should be expected to visit them. Now could any thing advantageous be done by throwing myself in the way of these folks? I think I am in a position with them to exert some influence — & that influence, I think, would be in favor of their interests as well as yours.

I have not yet rec'd Spud's answer to my Complaint. I have no doubt he would be glad to settle. But my mind is made up to make no compromise for less than five or six thousand Dollars. As I don't believe he will give this, the case will probably have to go through its regular course. If you hear any thing interesting about it, I wish you would inform me.

I have seen Russell but once for some time. I am all alone — not even a boy just now. George & his wife have gone to New London & he is fishing about Nantucket. I am looking out for a young man for the office & hope to have one soon so that I can get out or at least have some one to send for people to see me. If you find a smart young man who wants to study law, I will give him a place in my office & $150 a year for such services as clerks or ~~use~~ students usually perform.

As to the cholera you see all the accounts in the papers — about 140 deaths by it here last week, almost entirely confined to emigrants & to the filthy parts of the city. The accounts from Chicago are frightful.

We have some failures, the result of fraudulent practices & of stock operations. The present distrust makes

money tight, but I think these failures among railroad men & stock speculators will make the money market easier, so soon as confidence revives, by relieving it from the constant absorption by these men of all the money afloat.

Let me hear from you often, & remember that I take an interest in all your operations.

Truly Yours

E. W. Clarke

E. W. Clarke Philada
July 17 1857

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

Mr Haviland

Utica, July 17 1854

Dr. Sir.

On the other side please find the a/c of this Co for the proportion of ordinary repairs of the New York & Western Union Line from 1 Feby to 30 June last to be paid by the Erie & Michigan Company. It has been usual to include in same Bill their proportion of Rent also, but in this instance we cannot do so inasmuch as certain repairs and changes, to be done by us and deducted from the rent, are not yet completed and we cannot yet say what the expense may be. I have therefore merely charged you the fourth of ordinary repairs, and when we get through the work in progress I will adjust the Rent a/c and write you again. in mean time shall be obliged by your recognition of the amount as now given.

Yours Respectfully

E. Chapman

Treas.

The Erie & Michigan Telegraph Co

to New York, Albany & Buffalo Tel. Co

Dr

1854

June For one fourth of ordinary expenses of the New York & Western Union Telegraph Line, from 1 July to 30 June ... as per Agreement ... $240.13

Aug 31, 54 Wrote to Chapman for copy of Contract with Speed respecting the above line and bill of items of the age

E C

Detroit 18th July 1854

Dear Sir

I got home Saturday night— Was sick at Indianapolis & have been quite unwell until today, am now better—

My trip to Terre Haute did not make me regret having sold my interest in the rotten poles & rusty wires— The same kind of harmony, and good feeling, which has heretofore been so prominent a characteristic in the business, is likely to continue— When the Angel proclaimed "Peace on earth & good will to men", there was no Telegraph

While at Terre Haute I tried to devise some scheme which would be satisfactory to all parties, as a compromise; but I could think of none then, nor do I see any now, which I think likely to be adopted. We have all had money enough to Lawyers— It had better be used in rebuilding the lines— As you & Cornell will not be likely to make an amicable arrangement; but both buy Lawyers more liberally, & more cheerfully than priests— He suggested

the propriety of my trying to negotiate with you.—

Cornell proposes to withdraw all opposition, and let Davenport go on with the new line, through to St Louis — and have all the profits of construction, (being not less than $25 per Mile Cash) amounting for the whole distance to at least ten thousand dolls — That Davenport relinquish all claim on the Telegraph Co for stock on the new line. The Telegraph Co to file the Davenports agreement with the RR Co. in relation to closing this business —

That Cornell be allowed to build a new line from Cin to St Louis, via Indianapolis, Terre Haute, & Alton, & have all he can get out of the RR Companies, (Say 100 per Mile, same as Davenport gets) That out of the profits of construction, Cornell shall pay all the debts now due by the Tel Co, including the bonds to you and others — Cornell to have no stock issued to him on the new line, and Davenport none to him; but each party to have all that they can get out of the RR Companies, except that Cornell offers to pay out of his profits, the debts now due by

the 2d Co. say $7000 - for the privilege of getting all he can out of the RR Companies - Or in other words, Cornell offers to pay $7000 for the privilege of doing on the Northern route what Davenport is to do on the Southern route - You may say that the House people can get $100 per Mile out of the RRoad companies as well as Cornell; but they wont pay $7000 of debts for the privilege of doing it. If this arrangement could be made, it would put the line into the hands of the House people free of debt, with two new lines, & the stock would be worth something: but if $100 per mile is to be issued for the new lines, & the old debts remain unpaid the stock will be worthless - The result will be, that the line will be sold to pay the Coupons - Would it be right to let Davenport make ten or fifteen thousand dollars in cash, & as much more in stock; and let some one else make as much more on the Northern route, and then have the lines sold to pay the old debts, & Cornell Lee & others lose all that they have paid in

Judge Catron made a contract to build a line on Brough's road. Perhaps some arrangement could be made to take that line also into the same Co. The House folks having the use of all of them during this Session.

I would like to be instrumental in doing some good before I take my final leave of the Telegraph, and if I could persuade you & Connell to believe and act upon the old maxim, that "Molasses catches more flies than Vinegar", I would think that I had done so.

Yours respectfully

J. J. Speed Jr

Copy J. J. S. to J. H. Moore
July 18, 1877

Detroit 15 July 54

Dr Sir

Enclosed I send you a Copy of a letter that I have this day mailed to Wade:
If he refuses to let you build the new line & pay the debts & the line has to be sold, it will have a bad look -

Yours &c J J Speed Jr

Very hot - some few cases of Cholera said to be very bad at ch -
Saw Mr Jones Saturday on his way to Ann Arbor - great many

Kohler left the good many
up at Meanaw & St Marys

New York July 19. 1854

My good Friend -

In looking this minute into the cholera reports at the West an anxiety came over me about yourself, & I determined at once to drop you a line. Take care of yourself - avoid exposure & over exertion. As to eating you are probably more likely to exercise due caution. In relation to the other things against which I caution you, I have less confidence in you. I have only to say be careful.

Another thing struck me. If in the partition of your business you were to be taken away, it would be disastrous both for your family & your creditors. None but yourself can manage your complicated interests. Falling into other hands they would be almost worthless. This, in addition to the natural love of life, should be an inducem

to you to take care of your health.

As life is always uncertain, would it not be wise, if practicable, to get your business into some condition where your death, should it come would not cause a sacrifice of every thing. I am certain that no man could take your business & interests & manage them to any advantage.

Think of these things, my good friend. I laid down my newspen to pen them to you on the thrum of the moment.

New York is not only quiet but dull. Wall St down in the valley — men who have notes to pay, crying hard times. I think I shall remain here till about the 10th of August to give George, now in New London, or fishing about Nantucket, time to recruit. Shall then go to Gilbertsville, Otsego Co. to spend three & at Oxford, three or four weeks with my family. Let me hear from you.

Yours truly

E. W. Clark.

Mr. Clark (Pr. C. J. S's Treasurer) & Mr. Sadler from Boston were both with me yesterday on some little business.

There is an abundance of fighting ahead, I think — many knotty questions to come up.

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STATE SENTINEL JOB ROOMS, INDIANAPOLIS.

Toledo, July 19th 1854.

The following Message was received from

Dated, 1854.

To Mr E Cornell

Dear Sir — I must write a few words explanatory of my delay &c. — Since I took charge of this office or of the two rather, I have not been fairly dealt with I think — Feb 1st to Mar. 1st tending to both books & acct & one inst — with~~out~~ ~~but~~ 1 asst. From Mar 1st I had an asst at each inst — & was getting along finely when 1 asst wanted to make a trip home of 5 days he said promising to be back in time for me to catch up bef. month ended — he left on 20th Mar — & retd 31st — 11 days — That threw me back as matter of course — subsequent to that I

have tried to catch up but sick-
ness in the family & increase in the
local messages for delivery
pressed on me — June 5th
1 of my assistants again left
me — true in a day or two
I had another but the trouble
of breaking him in to our rou-
tine & reading reports till
he got used to them took
3 or 4 more days — after
~~that~~ I was gaining finely
till the prevalence of the Chol-
era here to quite an alar-
ming extent induced the pa-
rents of one of my assistants
to migrate Eastward for some
2 months & he went part of
the way with them — that was
~~5th~~ July & since then I have
had to rough it with 1 asst. read-
ing daily Repts & helping at the
instruments &c — so as to have no time
to book at all — I have asked Mr.
Haviland for an ofr to supply place
of one gone but he sends none — I could
overwork myself by working late &c but
while we have the Cholera amongst us as
it is now prudence forbids my overtasking
myself during this hot season — still I look
for better times when I can once more be every &
as business is slacking up I can now catch up a
little. We had 12 deaths from Cholera in 24 hours from noon
yesterday Resp. R. Chadwick.

July 1 [illegible]

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STATE SENTINEL JOB ROOMS, INDIANAPOLIS.

Toledo, ... *1854.*

The following Message was received from .....

Dated, ... *1854.*

To Mr

P. S. You speak of local receipts paying all local debts — ~~It has~~ they have not done it but once since Feb & if you examine you will see it is so. — The apt & myself must have our salaries as also the messenger or we cant live & after they are paid there is nothing left for rent &c — & in fact not enough to pay ourselves every month — that shows a necessity for a remittance here surely. The bill for Aud is accumulating as also the Rent & both Creditors getting anxious

Yours Resp^y
R. Chadwick

No signs of Adrian line going forward yet — what is trouble?

Detroit 20th July 1834

Dear Sir

Yours of the 18th
rec'd today -
Haarland made the
arrangement at Waukegan. The Operator was
to have receipts & pay
all expenses: but if he
did not do so, and
the debts were incurred
for the benefit of the
Co. I conclude that the
Co cannot avoid the pay-
ment, unless public
notice had been given
that the Co would not
pay debts created at
that office - Never having
had any difficulty
of that kind, we have

not taken the proper precautions to guard against such liabilities —

The operator should be required to give a bond, with security, for the payment of all debts created by him: but that has never been done —

Extremely hot weather here, I was quite sick again yesterday: but am better today

Yours respt

J J Speed Jr

Mr E Cornell
Prest.
Indianapolis

J. J. Speed Jr. Dec. July 20, 1854
Manhattan Debts

Evansville Indiana
July 20th 1854

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir.

Yours of the 16th received.

The matter stands about this: They want a continuation of the line to Mt Vernon Ind. distance from here twenty to twenty three miles - do not know the exact distance, but not over twenty three miles. also continued from there to New Harmony, ten miles further. Both places are small and they can not raise a large amount, as, if built, it will have to be done by but few persons. The whole distance is, say not over thirty three miles. There is no prospect that this line would ever more than sustain itself. If done at all they wish it done before the business season commences so a

to be of some utility to them this season.

I have just completed a short line in Kentucky (only 10. miles) Connecting Henderson Ky. with this place. I have on hand several miles of wire and wish not to return it until I know what can be done.

It is impossible to raise enough to pay over Ten dollars per mile for patent, even this would be a close fit.

Please write me definitely on receipt. as I wish to return the wire I have and let the matter drop if I cannot have time to complete it this summer.

Yours Truly

E. G. Earnhart.

E. G. Earnhart
July 2 or 1885

Rochester July 20. 1854

E. Cornell Esq

Sir

I have rec^d your two letters of the 15th Instant. I have sent to Wade a copy of the one relating principally to his conduct, and in due time, we shall get his version of the matter. Hear both sides before deciding is a prudent rule of action.

You greatly misapprehend my letter written to J. H. Read Esq. I did not complain of the sale of his interest to you.

But I did complain and now insist that it was a violation of his contract to discontinue the office of the S. M. Tel-Line in Chicago & run the wire into the office of the Erie & M. Line. I now complain that we do not, either at Monroe or Detroit get as much business from Chicago, as we should have done had the S. M. Line continued to be worked, indepently, as it ought to have been, during the life of the Bank contract.

If you intend to fulfil this contract, (and I certainly will not impute any other intention in the face of your declarations,) I must say that I think you greatly misunderstand its true & fair import

Respy Yours

Isaac R. Elwood

Copy

Columbus O July 21, 54

Dear Col Speed

Yours of the 18th inst just rec'd. Whenever Mr Cornell proposes peace to War, I will meet him on liberal ground, and overlook every thing of an unpleasant character, relating to the past,

Contracts that are made must be carried out, or compromised, we cannot disregard them to please Mr Cornell even. But if Mr C will give reasonable security to do what he proposes I for one, would favour it & would endeavour to compromise existing contracts accordingly, and think I can bring it about,

Sorry to hear of your ill health Was quite sick myself when I got home but am convalescing,

Yours Truly

J H Wade

Mr I. Kierstead
Dayton O.

Piqua July 21st 1852

Dear Sir

I have been requested by Mr I. J. Julian (the agt of the U. S. Express Co.) of this place to say to the Supt. of the O. I. & I. Telegraph Co. that he will furnish an office free of Rent if the company will pay for the fuel or he will furnish the fuel and the Co. pay him forty dollars per annum rent provided the office is given to him at the same salery that was paid Mr Jones

I have no acquantance with the Supt. or I would write to him but if you will take the trouble to say to him that Mr Julian is a man that can be depended on you will oblige me — Julian is a Jeweler and has more work than one man can do and not enough for two and for this reason he would like to get the office

I have no doubt at all the he can

make the office pay better than it has ever done—

Be so kind as to write to the Supt. on the subject soon and oblige

Yours very truly

Wm. L. Daniels

Mr. L. Bruce, Agent
Cotton, Ga. Depot
Aug 22, 1854

Logansport Ia
July 21. 1854.

E Cornell Esq,
Dear Sir:

Yours Dated "N City, 19th is at hand.

In answer, I would state, that ~~the~~ my absence from the office at times, is caused (not by my neglecting my duty, to stay at the house but) by my being on the line —

There is no use in sending one man on line, alone, to set poles, & put up line, when it is so bad, and either my assistant or myself always go with our man Mr Downs, to repair or mend line — As poles fall, & line gets on the ground, at least once a week, generally much oftener, it is necessary to go on line much oftener than is agreable, but I endeavor

to so employ my time, that it may benefit the line most, whether in the office or on the line –

By going out with the man, we save one mans expence, which in a year, would be quite an item

Palmer stated when here, that you recvd from the Company 2/- for each pole we set & 4/- for each new pole set. I was not aware before that any such arrangement had been made, or I would have kept an act of them. I will count them, and send you the number –

How do you count it when we put them into trees, thus dispensing with a pole? Is any act to be made of that?

Please advise.

Yours Resp'y

Ch. H. Haskins

P.S. 9–30 A.M.

"Plymouth" says no circuit from M. City battery. I told him to go & mend line, He says line is on the ground" a mile in one place and no poles near"

Says "no use fixing line, when it will be down, before he can get home."

He has agreed to go out and mend it this time but he dont want to keep the office, unless some different arrangements are made. From what he says I think he will not stay long, and I am afraid he will leave us in the lurch—

He tells me that M City ofs told him, he need not go South, to mend line again, As it was while you were at M. City, he supposes it was by your order, And I to send through to Plymouth, when line is down. (40 odd miles)

Respy

Ch. A.

Bryan Ohio
July 22 1854

Dr Sir

Your of 17th rec'd
forwarded from Troy.
You mention a mistake in
adding My receipts. There
may be one but I think not
Mr Culbertson has added it up
for me he says it is all O.K
but if there is one it is my loss
I have not had my salary changed
since I came on the line It was
arranged by Speed at $3.50 per
year & he put down my salary
for the first month $29.33
but I suppose 29.16⅔ would
make 350 but I had no desire to
reduce my own wages so I
put 29.33 I hope you will not
find a Jones in me

Though I do want more Salary
but shall not raise it without
your permission and as you
told me I might have such
Salary as I might indicate
I now apply for 400. pr year
or $33.334 per Mo. I think that
is nothing but a common
Salary. I shall expect It
I have been with you about
9½ Months & all I have is the
balance due me $58. I have
not bought a full suit of
Clothes nor been extravigant
in any way I have not lost a day
in the time I wanted to go
home & promised my parents
I would make them a visit in
June but I had to disappoint
them as well as myself
I expected to hear from
you. but If you are so

~~are so~~ behind with your
business as not to notice a
May rep until now I do not
wonder I did not hear from you
You are aware that Mr Cul-
bertson has the H. (Troy) office
now & That I have this
I like it here very much
hope you will let me stay
here. & raise my salary to
400. pr year & let me visit
home in a month or three
I shall then be contented
I think I am not asking too
great a favor! Shall I retain
the receipts of this office until
I make up the deficiency
in my Salary I am sorry I
I paid for that Seal press
at Troy without consulting
you though it is a very handy
Instrument & I dont think

the money realy misplaced because they had nothing of that kind nothing but the plain Envelope & It would cost that every year for Printers fee

Still I dont feel the least inclined to dictate to you whats best. The N Yorker you speak of is here quite unwell but think he will able for bsns soon. I hope I may hear from you as soon as you can make it convenient would like to this month I hope I have explained things to your satisfaction.

With sincere Respect I remain your humble Servant

M Boyce

Mr E Cornell
Inds

M. Boyce Ripley
July 22 1857

Indianapolis July 23. 1854

My Dear Aloizo

I arrived here in company with your mother yesterday 4 P.M. from Mich City which we left at 8 A.M. We were one week there, which I improved in getting my writing up it having got some two months behind. There was a few cases & deaths by cholera during the time we were there but nothing to cause alarm, the immediate cause apparently filth and bad liquor. There has been a few cases here on last evening of an old citizen who had just returned from a tour to Lake Superior passing through Chicago.

Your mother and myself are both very well and shall avoid all exposure to causes likely to aggravate an attack. Mary is with her aunt Wally in Mich and appears to be improving in health her appetite having much improved.

I dont know when Mother will go home, possibly soon. I have to go to Detroit to attend a Director Meeting on the 27th and shall probably leave here

tuesday morning for that purpose and quite likely mother may stop at Ypsalante and go to Aunt Macys, and stay while I am at Detroit, as we hear that Aunt desires to accompany us to Rochester, this being so your mother may start from there for home the last of the week or perhaps the first of next week,

We are disappointed in not finding a letter from you on our arrival here you promised to write on your arrival and return that pass. If I should go with your mother I should have to pay fair on the Erie road by reason of your neglect to return it,

I found your dispatch here saying you must have $200. Monday, and asking me to send you some money,

I dont know how I am to get along, as my out goes exceeds my incomes just now, $300. due me from the G & M RR. Co I dont get, and have more than that amt of debts waiting, for the money. Making the raise to buy the Southern Mich line was an unexpected effort, $500 for that has been

taken from the earnings of the A.E.&I line besides $70. to pay the Dft I gave on Ch of S on Johns a/c, this together with the Bellefontaine RR Dft. Let you have when I was last home, is making more than a thousand dollars and again in March I sent you $150 and paid Cambridge Livingston $500, and have to pay him $800 next month,

Then again this Wade & Speed treason is interfering with my business as it has interrupted the progress of the Ind & Cin RR line leaving me with some $500. of Material on hand to provide for.

If you Cant get along without you Can draw on Chicago Office for $100, at ten days sight and I will try to take Care of the draft,

A month from now I can calculate better what available resources I shall have to do with.

I think the prevailance of Cholera in Chicago will not tend to diminish the receipts of the office, and may increase them, Write here and at Detroit

Yours Respectfully

E. Cornell

A.B.C

Daniel is here and quite well. Our men all keep well as far as I know, I have heard of no sickness among them yet,

E Cornell & Mother
And July 23. 1804.

Dear Children and especially Alonzo

Why in the world did you not write to us on your arrival home here I have been almost a month from home and not receivd one word except a couple of telegraph dispatches one on your arrival home and one yesterday, you must think we dont care to hear from you. I hope that dear little Emma is well I think I shall not go away again to be gone so long and leave her I have wished a great many times since I left Mamy with Molly that I had her with me but I hope she has been well if so I shall not regret leaving her at home, I hope to have a letter from home soon

affectionately your Mother

Mary A Cornell

SPEED'S

ERIE AND MICHIGAN TELEGRAPH LINE.

FROM BUFFALO TO MILWAUKEE.

PLEASE WRITE YOUR COMMUNICATIONS OUT IN FULL.

PLAIN WRITING—USE NO FIGURES EXCEPT FOR DATES.

The Address and Number of the Street to be given fully.

By Telegraph, Dated Detroit

July 24 1854 o'clock, min. M.

Rec'd at Detroit

185 , o'clock, min. M

To E. Cornell

Indianapolis Ia

To Wm W Wiley N Y did not pass this office from the 7th to the 10th — On June 9th To W W & N Wiley Alegsinia Place Elizabethport N.J. dated 8th passed through here as Wabash business & sent to Toledo 9th To Wm W Wiley N Y did not pass here from the 9th to the 12th —

Chas. E. Wendell

Indianapolis July 29. 1854. 9 P.M

My Dear Alonzo

Your favour of 18th inst was rec^d this evening forwarded from Detroit, We were verry glad to hear from you, your mother was quite disappointed saturday eve at not finding a letter here,

I understand Cleveland to be verry much as you describe it, I have my Eye upon them and Shall have a revolution there soon, and it may be necessary to revolutionize some other offices,

I have not Settled with Co^l Speed yet, but shall probably do so without deficulty he appears desirous to be fare now after doing all the mischief he can, He has sold the House Co about $7000 more Stock than falls to his Share, which he proposes to pay me for in some other interest,

At Terre Haute, Wade & Devenport had there operations stopped with an injunction suit brought by some of the Stockholders, dont know what result will be, but I think ~~H~~ Wade has made himself personally liable to Cornell & Speed, for the advances

made to Lee & himself.

I purchased $500. worth of him some time ago and agreed to pay for it in the stock of Ind & Cin RR Co stock, expecting to get the stock of that Co on contract for building the line for them, they suspended the execution of the contract, and I could not get the stock to pay my debt, and have been fearing I should become liable to pay Cash, but to day I found I could buy the stock at 60. and I borrowed $200, and put an hundred with it I had by me, and with $300. bought $500. of stock & paid my debt.

I shant execute that RR Contract now, it was made at 65$ per mile, the RR Co assisted it, and I think I shall soon have them on the hip, so I can make them pay $100. per mile for doing the same thing, and their conduct richly deserves the punishment.

Your mother has not been very well to day. She was attack this morning with diorrah, but she is better this evening and is packing up to start in the morning for Detroit. Considerable sickness here mostly among children, I funerals yesterday, 6 of them children 8 years old & less. In regard to your going into the Telegraph business again. I dont know

what to say. I have no doubt that you could be of much benefit to me in assisting in the business but there are difficulties in the way of location. We must keep a home, and Ithaca is the most appropriate place for it, and the telegraph business is away from Ithaca.

Ellen would not enjoy herself as well away as she would there, so that you are situated so as to locate better at Ithaca than any where else such reasons has prevented my suggesting to you the same thing that you suggest on the subject of Telegraphing —

Is there any misunderstanding between you and the Cashier, or any of the officers of the Bank? —

I go to Detroit to attend the first meeting of the new board of Directors, and after that shall know better the disposition of all parties, the meeting is next Thursday.

Daniel is well, gone north to day to mend a brake in line,

I continue very well —

Yours, Respectfully

E. Corell

A. B. C

P. S. You must be especially careful of Emma, that she dont get sick or neglected, Molly says Mary is improving

Plymouth Ind July 24/74

Mr Cornell.

Sir- I have written you twice & Telegraphed you once outside this office. but Spose you didnt get any of 'Em as I have not rec'd anything from you- The matter stand just this way. I expect to go into some other Business And cant possibly keep it and if I dont go into business I shall be obliged to resign Post office for the Salary I get from both will not support me-

Yours V. R. Respect

A McDonald Manager

E Cornell Telegraph

Indianapolis

Cleveland July 26th 1854

Dear Sir —

Yours of 21st was duly received last night — Father being from home I take the liberty of replying —

I have carefully examined our forwarded business of June 7th 8th 9th 10th 12th & 13th & no messages at all passed here on those dates from Laporte —

Think it could not have come this way —

Yours, Very Respectfully
Fred' C Tubbs

E Cornell Esq
Indianapolis

New York July 26th 1854

E Cornell Esq
Indianapolis Ind

21 Wall Street

Dr Sir

Yours of the 21st came duly to hand — I have examined our books from June 7th to June 17th and find no Niles message entered — We received no messages from Laporte during those days — I also requested Mr Makepeace of our Buffalo Office to examine his books and ascertain if such message were received from the Western Line — Please find his answer enclosed — They must have been sent via National or House Lines — Am glad to learn that the Morse men have been successful West, and can assure you the Consolidation movement is killed in this State — The result of the coming election will teach a certain few a good lesson — I am reinsulating the Bain wires, when completed and you are ready, think we can work from NY to Cleveland with perfect ease —

Respectfully Yours
H H Palmer

Buffalo July 26th/52

Dr Sir,

Yours of the 21st is at hand I find no such message on our books from 7th to 12th June, They were not rcvd at this office, I also examined the House Line books here but find nothing of them, Probably they were sent via Dayton,

Business very good for this time of the year, fallen off some since the very hot weather has set in, but will recover very soon [redacted] I hope —

Truly Yours

N Ducas Jr

E Connell Esq
Indianapolis Ind