1854 ?

Albion January 27th 1854

My Dear Brother

It is quite a matter of doubt in my mind whether I can find in my routine of domestick duties material for writing a letter that would be interesting to you who have bigger business and so much more of it to attend to but as you have requested it I will try My little ones are generally well with the exceptions of Phebe Elizabeth who has not entirely recovered from her cough and sickness in the fall Mott goes to school almost every day notwithstanding the cold weather he have to go a mile and half but have a very warme comfortable house when he gets there Egra C is as fat and full of mischief as ever he has not forgot how Uncle made him climb a tree and put him in the water he says Uncle Egra may come here agone if he can behave himself Ellen May is (we think) a very smart child run around before she was ten months Is full of mischief but good natured and pleasent People say she looks like ~~Mother~~ Carnell and if she makes as good a woman I shall be satisfide with her Dwion is making an effort to get lumber for sheds for his cattle and sheep and like wise boards to build a fence the length of his farm on the road consequently he is a goodeal from home he started for the mill this

morning to be gone till tomorrow might am I think by the look out he will have a tedious time I very much regret his not being able to give you a satisfactory report of his proceedings while in your employ I can but think it was his desire to improve his time to your best advantage and if he failed must count it his misfortune I hope it will cause you no great trouble I read a letter from sister Jane yesterday She says Father and Mother are living alone this winter except sundays which makes me feel quite unhappy as I think it must be very hard for people of their age to have to build their own fires these cold winter mornings and attend to every thing themselves I think their children would think it tough to build fires some of these mornings although a number of years younger than they Nithought its their choice if there is no other way for them to be situated I wish they were here for I think it must be very lonely and hard for them Jane says Brother C B is in the lottery business some this winter which surprises me very much I dont know but its honorable business in N.Y. state but we dont consider it so here Uncle Johns health is poor yet they expect Orris home soon

Now Brother you see I can write although I cant do as well as some and if you dont write to me soon I shall think you are satisfide without hearing from me agone

Most affectionately your sister Mary G Robertson

To E Cornell

Toledo O.
Jan. 27th 1884

E. Cornell Esq-

Dear Sir, I had quite forgotten the Dec. Rept. with so many other things bothering me ~~just~~ lately. Please excuse the delay - I could have made it out 3 weeks ago - You will notice in it the charge of messages sent over Speed Line & not checked - The errors might have been detected long ago but whenever I proposed to Scott to compare books he was otherwise engaged or with not spare time & when he was ready I was busy at my instrument having no asst - My asst in May made the most of the errors by sending over the messages without checking them - Again, the charge in Aug. Livery Bill - omitted in Aug. Rept. - I was obliged to go & pick out the Aug. charges in Sept. myself in order to make out Aug. Rept. & in settling with him the other day out of remittance from Cincin - the other charge showed itself on his books as you will see the Aug. receipt differs that amt from acct in Aug. Rept. - With regard to that $50 that

you say C. A. Speed has me charged with I never rec.d it. & I feel satisfied upon comparing accts with Speed you will find it chargeable to some other office — I had rec.d $50 in Tex from Chicago office but no other money —

Pumpelly's lands ~~have been~~ was sold for taxes some 2 years ago — 2 persons have paid taxes on it since & I have been trying to get at all the particulars — I have written him & await his answer —

Our line has worked finely since Hicks paid it so that I think he did it up pretty effectually — I could get no statement from him as he was paid & gone when I rec.d your letter —

If he fixes line between Ty. & Ch. as well as he has this end we may look for a rushing business this coming season —

Scott retires from the Speed office on February 1st or 5th. & it is proposed to have me move my instrument over there & take charge of this & the Speed Line but leave my main battery here until we know what are to be the permanent arrangements. —

I would respectfully suggest the occupance of a room by ourselves even if a basement under Johnson's block is prefer-

ence to remaining in connection with the Express office - The noise & confusion consequent upon their regular business is a ~~nuisance~~ great annoyance & when you couple with that the blasphemous & obscene conversation almost constantly indulged in by Express messengers sitting around the stove it becomes an insufferable nuisance -

When will you be here so as to arrange things definitely for the coming busy season? What shall I do about securing an ass't to operate on our inst.? The Speed line have one now on hand - What proportionate salary do you propose paying me for our line, in case of a permanent arrangement, as Manager? - While our books are seperate & reports to be made out seperately &c. the managing duties will keep me busy enough I assure you -

Please answer soon as possible -

Yours truly

R. Chadwick -

P.S. I have p.d. Farley & divided the balance of the money around so as to satisfy a few of the larger unpaid ~~claims~~ debts - Please send rest due here soon as possible. R.C.

New York Jan. 28. 1854.

E. Cornell Esq.

Dear Sir,

I have seen Mr. Butterfield several times. His folks complain much about the lease. He objects in some respects to your proposition – the setting of the poles & the insulation he says is much below the cost – I think from a conversation with Mr. Hopkins this is so – the insulation I think Hopkins says costs 12¢ each. With some modifications it is probable the bargain may be made.

Mr. Butterfield & the House folks are busied on a consolidation. I think this will be effected, & will embrace all the interests within their control in the West. Mr. Butterfield understands my views in this matter. He is desirous of bringing in all the lines in the West. I have written Mr. Wade, & I suppose he & some others will gladly come in. I think you & Speed ought to be represented here – or what is better be here in person while

these things are going. It is a very different thing to come into an arrangement afterwards that others have made & having a hand in the making of the arrangement from the start. From appearances at Washington there will be no more renewals of patents & the only protection to lines will soon be found in union. The parties meet here again next week. If a meeting with you & Speed & Wade & Shaffner is desired, can you attend? I wish you would write me your views – also telegraph me whether you can attend any meeting here on being telegraphed.

I presume the rent will not be paid on the First of Feb. but I still hope out of all these movements some right understanding will come in relation to every thing touching our telegraph interests.

I write in haste – Let me hear from you by telegraph & more fully by letter.

Yours truly

E. W. Chester

Ithaca Jany 28 1854

Sir

Your Son Alonzo has shown me a letter in which you make inquiry about your matter with Holmes.

Yours was directed to Mr Lane & he was absent at Jeffersonville for two weeks or more and it laid unclaimed in the Post office.

I have requested Judge Dana & understood him to concede to it that Mr Lane have time after setting of the present Court to Examine your Case and Appeal it if he thought adisable.

There is some difficulty about it. it presents only

question of fact which the Referee found against you. The Judges of this District have become foolishly tenacious about meddling with judgments which they concede are in their judgment wrong when there is no point of law involved but simply a question of fact. The whole of our trouble with the Place Cause has originated from the simple fact that we could not get Cuttenden to return McLean's objection to certain testimony which objections were as certainly made as the trial had. but Cuttenden had lost his mind & memory so that he had no knowledge of them — Poor fellow he has gone now — we buried him a short time ago.

The Referee in the Holmes case ought not to have decided against us. and strange as it may seem to you I would stake all I am worth that if the Referee had decided in our favor. Holmes could never have reversed his decision on appeal. notwithstanding this I have not full confidence of success on Appeal.

Such is the incongruity of the law that a technical objection to impeach testimony or some slight error in proceeding is worth more on Appeal than the whole merits of this case

We may on fuller examination find something that is certain ground for reversing the judgment. I do not know what the Lone Star Item 16 R.L. I have never advised an Appeal without succeeding in which I had full confidence.

Chicago Jany 31st 1884

Mr McConnell

Dear Sir

Yours relative to C H Speed's a/c is at hand. Please find the a/c as appears from our Cash Book

July	9.	Pd C H S	20.00
"	7	Pd C H S.	10.00
			$30.00

Oct	14.	Pd C H S	25.00
"	"	Pd C H S. for Chadwick	25.00
"	24	" C H S	20.00
"	25	" C H S	5.00
"	26	" C H S	23.00
			$108.00

This is right. The $10 in July that he has not accounted for I think he paid Mr Wilson here immediately after receiving it which probably accounts for his omitting to credit it. Line nothing finely to Rd We going to Bel today I think

I cant get any track of that bad Report. Have inquired several times & the P O folks have looked as often, & still shall try again as it must be in the P O or else sent to D L Office =

I think Gillmore of Milwaukee has bought Hopkins interest in the Wisconsin Lines. If so he will be an eternal bore to us at Au = Our business has not been very large for the Mo = Getting much better now. Great Excitement in Produce = Show $7 & $3 offered a/c I will show you when here which I expect will be ~~here~~ soon

Yours in haste

E Cobb

Cairo Feby 1st 1854

Mr E Carnefle

Dear Sir.

Your favour of Jan 23 is rec'd and contents noted – We have raised the necessary funds to comply with your letter by subscription to be paid to Mr Samuel Anthony and by him to you on the opening of the office – The money is not yet paid in but undoubtedly will be on demand – We would be glad to have you open an office here as soon as may be convenient – Mr S Anthony will be the operator and would like to have an instructor at the office for a short time – He is very ingenious and I think will learn very readily and a young man of unexceptionable character –

Resp'y Yours

W. R. Barlow

Dunkirk Feb 2, 1854

Sir

Please let me know if I can expect the sum or any part of the sum due me from the N.Y. & Western Union Telegraph Co during the present month. Mr Conell assured me that such would be the case and that you were the person who had the funds—

Yours Respectfully
John C. Paw Dugan

E. N. Chester
N.Y.—

Plymouth Feb 2nd /54

E. Cornell Esq

Sir= There is a Mistaken Idea somewhere about the Telegraph office here= I was to have $5 per Month and Everything found And have not received anything as yet= When you send me Money, you only send the difference between "Receipts and Expenditures" leaving the $5 out, so you can see I have to lay out of a considerable of my own Money, because the Expenditures are Generally higher than the Receipts and I get Repairs done as Cheap as I can. You will see by Reference to the Month of September that there is Something coming to me, at the way I had the office then All the Expenses that was over $5 for what the Receipts was I wasn't have pay for

As Regards that Mare the man I bought it of made a Mistake in cost mark 22c is as Cheap as I can get it

Yours Respectfully

J McDonald

Zanesville O Feb 2 1854

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

For the
Two dollars received from you
a few days since I send
you today 6 doz porous
cups, such as I have on
hand. Heretofore all the
demand has been for soft
cups and we have none other
on hand at present and just
now it is impossible to pro-
cure clay to bake harder
ones Hoping they may
reach you safely

I am yours &c

F Hauffmann

Utica 3 February 1854

Sir

Yours was received yesterday - in regard to the interest due on the money loaned yourself and the speed I supposed the intention was to pay the interest on all sums to 21 January being one year on the contract which would leave the second years interest on the whole sum - likewise Mr Butterfield and Curtis informed me that you stated to them in New York that you would forward all the interest to 21 Jany - if you have understood the arrangement in regard to interest differently it is a matter of no importance but I think the closing of the whole for the first year would be quite as well

Respectfully Yours

L. V. P. Gardner

Mr E. Cornell
Indianapolis
Indiana

Attica Feb 6/54

E. Cornell

Dear Sir:-

Please excuse lateness of Report — cause sickness in my family, and necessary absence from office for few days. Have Young Tuttle in office for week.

Several charges to "Refunded": Mess to Springfield ordered destroyed, I ever forwarded could never hear from it. Cincinnati Mess received after men went to Cin. and back. Young-Jeffersonville Mess. is this way: Sent on Saturday for Stranger — kept him waiting here until Wednesday in suspense and on expense, and would stay no longer, and in justice as I concerned, refunded amount he paid. Same night his answer came, paid. All the while could hear nothing from Jeffersonville or the "Bi" I wrong I will lose the amount. Refunded to Standart was our charges on Mess

received for him from Cleveland.— coming checked to be paid here

Mr. Palmer was here on the 30th. I paid him $10,00, and as you will see, there is a balance due me of one dollar sixty seven cents

If you should discover any thing which you consider to be wrong, please inform me that I may rectify Yours Truly

C. W. Bateman

C. W. Bateman
Akron O. 1857

Knightstown Feb 6th/54

Telegraph Office
Indianapolis

Dear Sirs.

I send you my Report for the Month of January. That it is imperfect I am aware but under the circumstances I do not know how to remedy it. There are several messages that I know nothing about as Frank sent them and of course recieved the tariff. Where the messages have been sent to one office to be sent on other lines I have charge the office to which I sent them full tariff.

Yours &c

Chas D. Morgan

Dayton Feby 6. 1854

E Cornell Supt

Dr Sir

Herewith please find my Jany Acpt showing a balance in my favor of 30 cents - close shaving that -

You telegraphed me to credit you with Allen & Co bill of $8.71 & Coffin bill $28.91. I find on examination that the latter is not included in the $496.07 allowed by the board: The items allowed by the board are as follows

Balance due Dayton office May 1. 1853.	428.37
A I Cox bill paper	10.70
A Newell bill	47.29
Shellabarger bills	1 00
Allen & Co bill	8 71
	496.07

The claims not yet allowed are as follows

Geo Coffin & Co Zinc bill	28.91
Carrolls bill	6 57
O Kilndger bill	4 00
Aughtelin bill	9 20
	$48.68

When at Dos I did not know what items constituted the 496.07 - To keep the matter straight

I give you credit for $8.71 on the $496.07 - & let the Gmc bill stand for future allowance. As you have the voucher for that you better charge it directly to the Company. I am sorry you could not have arranged to pay me in larger amounts than $100 per month, as I have been within the last week pressed for abt $300 of it. You would greatly oblige me if you could pay me abt $200 on the 15th instead of $100

I had a letter from Bryant Saturday He is getting quite impatient abt the Mill rent. I trust this matter will also soon be squared up There are 4 or 5 months rent in arrears. I have had hard work to dissuade creditors from attaching the line, which would have been done months ago had I given my consent I am glad that such means was not resorted to

I learn you are going to build the Greenville & Union line to Dayton. I would suggest that Hoy & Pegue be put in that Circuit & worked with one battery either at Union - D or G -

Resply Yours

J. A. Kincaid

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Office of the Confederation,

Washington City Feb. 6th 1854

To Ezra Cornell Esqr

Dear Sir. Your letter of the Jan 31st was received today. I notice your remarks on message blanks. 80,000 at 1.20 will be 96.00. You say you get them for less by $37, making $69. total for 80,000. This then is less than I pay for the paper before printed. The Printer has got you in some other respect to meet his loss. Please send me a sample of the blanks.

The late decision cant be well explained, too long. Was 2 hours reading it. Of course Mr Kendall was not satisfied as the 5th claim was deemed too broad, though the patent not forfeited. In every other respect it did, and as we understand it, that part of the patent sustained is so full that we understand the Court to go so far that the House lines are as good as gone. I think they interpret the balance to go as far as the 5th claim could go. Only 4 of the 9 judges voted for decision. 3 were warm against it. Curtis did not act as he had been our Counsel and his mind was with us

The other was a new judge since the argument. If the question had been before the 9 judges 5 would have been for the 8 abro=gation of Pa & Nelson of N.Y are hot for all the Patents. Suit will be pitched into the House line at Phil forthwith in the Grier Court where we are sure of an injunction. Get it there and they are gone and Nelson of N.Y will follow it without any doubt.

The whole result is, we now know where we are, what can and what can not be accomplished. All we got to do is to get the proof and we have them. All our companies ought to aid in the suit.

Have you made up your mind to subscribe for the Tariff and pay part in stock of your line.

Yours very Truly

Geo. Stoughton

I had those washers put on the new Register and they are an improvement. Is my Tariff O.K. Please examine Tel No when you get it

MB Wood Feb 7. 54

Albion Feb 7th 1854

Dear brother E. G.

I left Hicks to take care of Daniel untill the board of health were satisfied there was no danger and got tools together to work with and on the 30th made a push for the west. I found the Indiana line in the best condition it being down only in one place and two hours work put it in complete working order and has remained so 10 days and I do not believe it will fail once a month The E & M line was badly torn down for 4 miles it was all flat and the wire broken bad but not much of it wasted. It took five days to put it up. I put only 13 new poles and about 60 lbs of wire extra and cut all the trees in reach of it that were to be cut this season and both lines are now working finely and can do a good seasons work just as they are

It would be bad policy to take down either line untill a line of poles are set to receive the wire The practice of shifting off at Mich. City is an intolerable bore and we cant suffer it to be done when there is a crowd of business. It leaves us without a battery on the west end and the consequence is a ground wire at Ar-ok and leaves 150 miles without circuit either way. If either line gives out between Ch and Ty the lines can be shifted untill the break is repaired and we have a double chance of working off the business. I have taken the responsibility of the delay in taking down wire on these grounds and I think on reflection you will approve it I have set things in little different shape at Ch. and propose to reduce the livery bills from $60 per month to $6

This can easily be done if our "Supt" will second my plan. It is of no earthly use for those operators to go out in a covered buggy without tools to work with, or disposition to work if they had tools. I think Daniel is well enough to go to work but he wants to visit some yet at Ypsilanti I received the $50 and paid all the bills that were made out but there are some to come in yet. I let Hicks have only $5 of it and shall pay the expences of the trip west from the funds of E & M line as we did near all the work on that. I think it best to keep the horse at Ty to be used as we need on any of the lines. Haviland has telegraphed me to go to Detroit to day. Dont know what for. The old man thinks I will get discharged. I dont borrow any trouble.

I have not contracted or got out as many poles this winter as I intended for I could not get the assurance of any money to pay for them and the old line can work another year well with the supply I have on hand now
I dont feel satisfied with not getting a report of our business the past season. I am rather hard pushed for funds for the reason that I cant make any collections. My liabilities for the next three months will be over six hundred dollars and nothing but my wages to meet it. I have to pay ten per cent on the notes and would like to stop it if possible. I shall try to keep the old line digging away for that does bring in money I hope to hear from you soon

truly yours M. B. Wood

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NEW YORK, Feb 6 1854.

By Telegraph from New York

To Ezra Cornell Esq

Sir

In reply to your dispatch which I received here in N York, I will say that if you depend on the opinion or report of Gillett in anything respecting the Telegraph case you will be wofully led astray. I begin to find out where much if not all the false rumours respecting decisions in Telegraph cases originate. Bain is utterly annihilated by the late decision, and Sam so confident that it disposes of House in the same way that I shall endeavor to have the point judicially tested with as little delay as possible.

Respectfully &c. Sam. F. B. Morse.

Corning 9th Feb 1854

E Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

Your Dispatch was received this Evening I have not got paper yet I am Collecting Money slowly shall ~~[illegible]~~ send three hundred dollars for Wine next week - sent to Boston got a set of Instrument and paid for them ordered 2 set more when will you be this way

Yours &c

G W Simmes

S. S. Speed Feb 9, 54

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STATE SENTINEL JOB ROOMS, INDIANAPOLIS.

Indianapolis, Feb 9 1854.

The following Message was received from

Dated, 1854.

To Mr Dr Sir

Your Telegraph Received I forward you all the Letters here of any importance - The Reports it is not worth while to send. The Line is not doing as well as it did in Nov & Dec, Rcts Chicago only 370.00 Suppose the bad condition of E & M makes some difference also The South Wick Line. They say that Line works fine & Rcts at Cin aff Keep up to full business -

We are only behind 30c
at Dayton in Dec. Have
received no Remittance
from any office but
Chicago — $162. from Line
Commence Union Line
Tomorrow. Impossible to
set poles. Will put up
the 15 miles of wire we
have up on Trees — Can
Replace it on poles when
we can set them to advantage
Insulators shipped from Pitts
but not arrived at Union
yet — Common Council of this
city say we shall not put up
so Large poles in this city. I
Expect they will order to take
them Down. Have put one
up on Washington Street &
four up the Alley Leading
down directly in front of
the Union Depot. Come out
Corner American & Alley. I
Understand ~~they~~ since I put
them up that it is a private

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STATE SENTINEL JOB ROOMS, INDIANAPOLIS.

Indianapolis, ... 1854.

The following Message was received from .....

Dated, ... 1854.

To Mr

alley & that they are to
Extend the American Hotel
across the alley in the
spring. It telegraphed me
to that Effect & I did not
put the wires up. I have
been to see to Mr Barbour
He says he will attend to
the Common Council. He
thinks they are just such
poles as are necessary for
Town — Especially if we put
all the wires on them —
The only objection the city
have to them is they are
too Large — Chapman come
out in his paper on us —

& said that the City had been disgraced long enough by a lett of crooked unpainted miserable ~~whip stalk poles~~ & poles & now somebody were putting up poles which were dangerous both to passers by & a nuisance & worse than the old ones — Barbour will see it all right so that when we wish to build through the whole street we can do it without trouble. I st has been at Marion for a week & nothing has been done at Union Depot — Palmer left Sunset yesterday morning. Line works considerable better — Telegraph me if I am doing as you wish in regard to putting wire on trees on Union Line — Contracted for 600 at 28.00 per hundred good contract. Write me the result of the meeting with Wade at Chicago

Yours truly
C H Wade

Batavia Feb 10th 1854

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

I wrote to you at Indianapolis & suppose that you have not received the letter.

You informed me that Mr Hopkins the Supt of this line, was to inform me if any changes in this line were to be made, and that I could not make any overtures to the Genesee Valley Co. until that was done.

Mr Hopkins has not communicated with me since I saw you, and I am informed by men who have been through here making Repairs, — that at several points on the line between here & Ch. men are making repairs — This would seem to indicate that the present route was to be maintained —

I have however taken pains to

inform myself in respect to the affairs of the Genesee Valley Co. and I am informed upon reliable authority, that the Capital Stock of the Co. is $50,000, 2/3 of which amount is distributed along the line in small shares, no individual probably holding over $500.

During 1852 the line paid 8 per ct. dividend, but has been neglected of late — so that it is said by some that it does not pay expenses.

I think that now — before any changes are made — would be a favorable time to buy the Stock, and if you are prepared to make any offer, and choose to authorise me to act for you, please inform me how much, and at what rate to buy, and I will attend to it immediately.

Yours

P. S. Underhill

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Line 44 miles long cost Co $125 per mile –

Wabash Feb. 10, 1854.

E. Cornell, Esq. Dr. Sir—

Owing to the late and rapid advance in produce &c, which has taken place here and throughout the Country, it becomes highly necessary that I must seek at your hands an increase of Salary at this Station, or be removed to a Station which will afford a heavier Salary, as the present one is not sufficient to Justify me in retaining this Office, and suppot my little family. If you think it not Justifiable to increase the Salary at this Station, be pleased to set me on a Station that will Justify yourself and me also. Please answer this immy. 73

Respectfully Yours &c

A. J. Crawford

Mr. E. Cornell

Portland July 10/54

L. Bowell Esq

Sir -

I am in receipt of your letter of 8th inst.

I shall endeavor to be at Bennington on the trial, if I am a party to it - If the claim be only as you say, very little defence will suffice.

Respectfully
Your obt Svt
F O J Smith

P.S. I should like a pair of the wild turkeys - if to be had -

Has the Genl Mr. Hinckley a residence?

Burlington Feby 11 1854

Dear Sir

Yours of the 8th is at hand. The depositions of Wells & Butterfield will be of use, also the addition which will be made in Hopkins, that his instructions as Res'd &c were to send messages by this line. Also the further testimony that messages &c were usually sent this way when the line was in order will be important. Your presence would be well at the trial, as there are many things which you would be more familiar with than I could be, and if you decide to come I will procure a protection from arrest from the Court. The case presents only two question. 1st In relation to not transferring the title of Patent and 2nd the damages resulting from sending messages by a different and more circuitous route. I should like to show that the title to the patent was transferred to you by the patentee. If you come you will be permitted to testify under our Statute making parties witnesses

Yours C. B. Eighsley

Corning 13th Feb, 1854

E Cornell esq

Dear sir

I wrote you last Wednesday about Matters — I have collected some money on the subscription this week I shall get about $500 which I have the promis of from the subscribers here — I have at the Request of Subscribers here waited untill this week because money was hard and some of them say they will pay up in full if I would wait I that best to do so I shall get the ~~two~~ first and second instalment too then I shall go ~~a~~ to Hornellsville I shall get all at one payment at Addison as soon as I get to that place. I have got an instrument

Skinner Febr 3. 1854

from Boston shall have
two for Addison & th Ville
this month I have not put any
time next of the post yet
for I have not got any and have
not collected money enough to send
for it but shall this week —
no paper yet — have
you got any for me ——
Shall I see you when you go
West Let me know when you
go and I will go a part with
you — My family have been
all the past two weeks
getting settling down ——
Very respectfully
G W Skinner

Ithaca Feb. 13. 1854.

Dear Sir,

I have given Donald Mann the requisite notice specified in an agreement a copy of which I herewith enclose and he has not made the exchange of stock agreed to, and I have no evidence of his ability or disposition to do so. I therefore hereby notify you, not to pay the said Mann (or any one else on his account) anything on account of his interest in the contract between him and you referred to in the enclosed, power of attorney.

Very Respectfully &c

Col. J. J. Speed Jr
Detroit

New York 14 July 1854

E Corwith Esq

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of yours under date 23 June 1853 I have been absent for a few weeks or I should have answered promptly

all I can now say is that in consequence of constant breaks in the canal last season delays did occur and I would not ~~[illegible]~~ if the wire was detained. I learn it was sent by steam and an additional charge made after 15 Sept & 15 Oct your letter ship notes were subjected to that increase. I will however make minute inquiry about it If injustice has been done it shall be made right

I remain Sir
Yours Truly

E Griffith agt
G W Lane

Salem Indiana February 15 1854

Mr E Carnell Sir

Mr Barlow showed me a letter from you a short time since stating that you would put up a Telegraph Office in our Town for Two Hundred Dollars. which amount I have made up and ready to pay you as soon as the office is put up in our Town. I expect to act as opperator you will please bring some man with you to instruct me as opperator

Yours Respectfully

Samuel J. Anthony

The contents of
this is a telegraphic
you at N.Y.

E.

Philadelphia
Jan. 15. 1862

Burlington Feby 18/51

Dear Sir

I return the deposition in order to have the Justice name inserted in the superscription. It is omitted and the deposition will not be received without it. After the words "sealed up by" should be the name of the magistrate sealing.

Very Truly
Y. B. Eighmy

E. Cornell Esq

Albion Feb 19th 1854

Deer Brother

You say you want my accounts from the Bellefountain line the reports that I have made out and sent to you include all of my accounts except my expences for the month of Jany (from the 1st to the 12th) which is $6.48. I want to settle with you as soon as you can make it convenient I want also to talk with you about matters and things pertaining to my trouble at Michigan City

Yours &c.

D B Conell

C Conell Indianapolis

New York Feby 20 1854

Dr Sir

You were kind enough to promise me a wild Turkey. As the season of incubation is approaching, I should like to know if I can get him early enough for my flock. If you can send him to Messrs Fellows & Davis Albany, he will be taken care of.
If there were female turkey with him, they might amuse themselves on the way

Yours sincerely

J Blunt

Mr Connell

Evansville Ind.
February 20th 1854

Col J. J. Speed,

Dear Sir:

I have been applied to to construct a Telegraph line from this place to Mt. Vernon Ia. if the necessary funds can be raised. The line would be a mere line of convenience for the business men of this place & would never pay. Mr Shaffner informs me you have the control of the patent for this section. What will you charge for the right for this line per mile cash paid at time of construction. If it is not too high I will try and raise the amount & construct it this Spring. I may have a chance of extending it to ~~Mt Carmel~~ New Harmony Ia & also to Shawneetown Ills. Please reply & let me know the lowest price per mile. For lines constructed south of the Ohio I have only paid $10. per

mile and a larger sum than that could not be paid on this side & I doubt whether it could be made profitable at that. I have been Telegraphing for the past five years and have constructed some with Mr. Deland.

If you can let me have the right at $10. per mile or under, I will make the effort immediately & the amt. of the claim will be paid as you may direct. I wrote to Mr. Deland to write you on the subject, but as he is in Jackson Mississippi it may be a long time before a letter through him would reach you.

Yours &c,
E. G. Earnhart.

E. G. Earnhart
Letter Rec'd Mar 12, 1873

Detroit 11 Mar 1874

Dear Sir

Enclosed I send you an other 7L letter and have written the man that you would answer him —

O'Reilly came last evening.

Strothers is to be at Chicago with the rocks Tuesday

O'R has $500. which is $495.45 more than he had when we first went to Iowa — He insists on my going with him, which I will do, as it is necessary for me to see my partners in Iowa, before we commence the work — I do not mean to be gone over two weeks and while there must you

and Made and settle
upon the Matting

I think there is now
no doubt about the money
being paid; but there may
yet be some unexpected
failure - I will let you
know soon whether I
will Telegraph or R Road
for the next year or two -
If I can make such arrange-
ments as I would like to
make you must take
the Telegraph; but I now
think that I will not have
to spend any time in
Iowa after I get the
contracts all completed
and Mr Clarke moved
out there -

Yours truly

J J Speed Jr

Mr Clarke goes with us.

Binghamton Feby 20th 1854

Dr Sir

I received your letter a few days since, requesting me to collect some money on Military Scrip - I have seen Morris and shall have no difficulty in getting the money & shall probably mail it today -

I wish you would send me an order for the amt of my bill against the N Y & N H R R Co, if you cant send or bring me the money - before you go west - So I shall have no difficulty in getting it - For you must certainly agree with me that I have waited long enough - & also that I am entitled to interest on it, being so large a sum - If I do not see you please write me the result of the Bd meeting -

over

You may return me the draft I sent you at Chicago, as I have partly arranged for a house & lot here & shall want the money as well as all I can raise. Please endorse the draft as it is drawn in your favor & return as soon as you go to Chicago —

I have seen Butterfield and he has consented to taking down the wire between Portage & Danville but not until my men had part of it down — It is now all down & will be at the Nunda Depot tomorrow — I should like to see you in regard to putting it up — & various other Subjects —

Yours Truly
P. A. Hopkins