Covington Ind. Feb. 21st/54

E. Cornell Supt.
of O. I. & I. Tel. Line

Sir,

As the time is drawing nigh when I shall have to make out my monthly report, I thought it would be as well to ascertain whether you wish a separate report for the few days that I had charge of the Office last ~~month~~ month, or whether it should be included in this monthly report?

Since I have had charge of this Office, I have endeavored to discharge my duty faithfully, and were my exertions seconded by my fellow operators, I have no doubt that this Office might once more regain its lost reputation for the prompt despatch of business; but I am sorry to be under the necessity of saying that there is in my opinion one or two Offices on this line, where the business of this Office is shamefully neglected. I sent a mess. to Paducah Ky. via C.C. on the 9th inst. but have been unable either to obtain an ans. or to learn whether it was delivered. In the consequence is that the person who sent the mess. is compelled to go there himself, and starts tomorrow.

I have sent two mess. to the Paducah Office in

relation to it, but can obtain no reply or explanation.

There also appears to be considerable tardiness in one the offices North of this in obtaining replies to Mess. sent from here.

Hoping to get along more smoothly I remain

Very respectfully

Yours &c

J. B. Bally

Albion Feb 23/54

C. H. Spud

Dear Sir

As I passed Mich. City yesterday I received a dispatch from you asking about Hicks and the wire which he was ordered to take up and also about Daniel Cornell.

You undoubtedly know about Daniel by this time and in answer to the other question I would say Hicks has not taken down any wire. Now I suppose you want to know the Reason.

I saw at a glance that E Connells plan was not going to work for our mutual interest and interfere We should have been in a boat bad enough, and probably would

have got into a hard quarrel over the business. I took the precaution to ask our President and Supt if your line was taken down before a sowe of poles wer put up to receive the wire again whether they would allow the E & M line to be shifted off at Ty and leave us without circuit to Ch. They answer no. Well what follows. Why your portion of the receipts of Ch office ceases and the business all belongs to the E & M line and as your line ends at Ty we charge the regular tariff from Ch to Ty on all busines we take at Ch to go over your line and it must all be rewritten at Ty. Now how would such a state of things suit you. I know it is not for your interest to have such a thing take place and I have worked like a nailor to keep both lines working for the last four weeks. The horse is in good good condition, the harness mended up good and I have bought a good waggon and put a full set of tools into it and shall plan to keep it under motion on some of the lines running out of Ch. I wanted Hicks to do some work on K R. next week so I let George Edmonds have the horse and tools to repair Cornells line to Rockford. Soon as he gets that done Hicks can take it and Repair your line from Ch. to Plymouth which I am told needs some. There are some bills accumulated which you will have to meet. and If you cant come to Ty and attend to it you can send the money up there to me and I will settle them. I think I so will square up all I have the knowledge of

Yours truly W B Wood

New Burgh July 23d 1854

Dr Sir

Yours of 18th came safely to hand & according to your request I looked over my certificates of Stock to N.Y & Erie Telegraph Co I find as follows

Jan 15th 1854	Cert. from E Cornell 1st Ins.	25.00
Second Cert.	by Gage Williams & Boardman	100,00
Third Cert.	" " " "	75.00
Fourth Cert.	" " " "	50.00
		$ 250,00

The above is a true statement which the certs. show,

Respectfully Yours

O. B. Miller

E. Cornell Esq
Ithaca

Chicago July 26th
1854

Mr E Cornell

Dear Sir

With this I
send you two letters which
are all that have been
received here since I
sent your mail to Clear
Lake & Rush as requested.

I received your
note in relation to Northwestern
line & forwarded it to
Smith Yesterday. Everything
seems to be moving
off well now. We work
finely from here via
Ow to Belvidere & Rockford
Have not been down
East once this month
I am trying to find
some one to take the

at Elgin as you are probably aware that office is now closed. I shall try & open it in the depot when opened.

Fillmore has bought one fourth interest in the Northwestern Line and dictates considerable as to using it for our business to Rockford & Belvidere. Business of the office is good St Louis Line runs finely through It is now on the R R from here to Joliet & from Lasalle to Alton. Judge Caton says he has a good bargain for you and himself completed on the Bee Line Road from St Louis to Indianapolis

No news of importance Hope to see you soon.

Yours in haste

E Cobb

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LUSES' POWER PRESS

By Telegraph from .....

Dated 185

Received at Lafayette, ...

To Mr Connell

business not been very brisk this Mo. I have had hard work to keep up with the demands for money but I think prospect good for increased amt of loans this Spring. I hope the line from here to Mich City will be put up early our Spring loss communication may Mo. We should have it & connection with it by all means. Do we settle our respective bills for loans with Drafts or do you have them

L. Haas
Feb 1854

Chyd to you. Did you receive
mess from me stating mess from h
Nullnes to Cin kept at B. offs from Tuesday
Evening ~~last~~ until Thursday night 7
oclock causing a loss of $50. dolls. &
thinking they did not; causes me to ask
y - this ing. Please drop me a
line - I'll N. Compts to you. true
friend we glad to see you
Yours ever
Haas

Mich City Jan 1874

O. K. Vale, Esq. Co

To H. B. & Sons Dr

1873				
Nov	4th	Team	Two days	5.00
"	9	"	Half day	1.00
"	16	"	Two days	5.00
"	18	"	" "	16 — 3.00
Dec	8th	"	One day	2.50
"	10	"	Half day	1.00
"	22	"		3.00
"	24	"		2.00
1874	31	"		11.00 2.50
Jan	2d	"	Day & half	3.75
"	7	"	Half day 4.75	1.00
Feb	8th	"	Two Days & half	4.75 1.00
				$ 3.17.5
			Contra by Cash	7.34
				$31.41

Mr Evans Sir

You will see on back of Report all debts due at this office since You leaven the line. I had no blanks to make out Report which was the cause of delay the one I herewith send was found among some old papers please send me some immediately & Telegraph for some but some been sent. I expect to commence taking Reports soon at $1.00 a piece Yours & Chapman

O. S. Tel Telegraph Co

In acct with J. G. Barnes Dr

To Balance Due for Repairing Line

from November third 1852 to May first

1853 $51.50

To Repairing Line from May 3d to Feb 8th 54 31.41

$84.91

Received Payment in full

to this Date Mich. City Apl 5/54

J. G. Barnes

House Line

House line had on hand Jan^{y} 1853 — 3.500
p^{d} dividend July 1853 — $8.000
Feb 1854 — 6.000
14.000
Less amt on hand Jan^{y} 53 — 3.500
10.500 Earnings for 1853 —

Receipts for 1853 $56,452
Less amt on hand Jan^{y} 53 3.500 $52,952
deduct 20 p^{r} ct for increase of tariff 11,590
$41,362

Receipts of N.Y. & Buf. line $91.077.00
Less. 20 p^{r} ct — 18.215.
72,862 00

Receipts in 1853 — 57.659
15,203

House line west of Buffalo ran in debt from opening of line until it had amounted to $8,000, Am Dexter Mc Sibley of Rochester that his assessments on his stock had amounted to $1100 which he had paid —

State of New York
City and County of New York ss

At the City of New York, in the City and
County of New York and State of New York,
5 on this day of February in the
year one thousand eight hundred and fifty
four personally appeared John Rutherford
and made oath that the foregoing deposition
by him subscribed contains the whole
truth and nothing but the truth, Before
a justice of the
Peace in and for the City and County of New York

The above deposition is taken
at the request of Ezra Cornell to be used in
a cause to be heard and tried by the county
court next to be held at Burlington
within and for the county of Chittenden
6 and State of Vermont on the first Tuesday
of May A D 1854 in which cause the
Troy and Canada Junction Telegraph Company
is Plaintiff and Ezra Cornell is Defendant

The Defendant living more than thirty
miles from the place of trial is the cause
of taking this deposition, and the adverse
party living and being more than thirty
miles from the place of caption was
not notified, and did not attend,

Certified this day of February
1854 by me

Bills Paid
for Ohio Ind & Ill
Tel. Co
Prior to
May 1, 1853

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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
New York...			Catskill.....			Little Falls ...			Newark		
Croton Falls..			Hudson			Herkimer.....			Palmyra.....	25	2
Cold Spring ..			Albany			Rome			Canandaigua .		
Newburgh....			Troy.....			Oneida			Rochester		
Po'keepsie. ..	37	3	Schenectady..	25	2	Syracuse	25	2	Brockport		
Rondout.....			Amsterdam...			Auburn			Batavia	37	3
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UTICA, March 1st 1854.

By Telegraph from Chicago

To J. J. Speed & Co.

Cornell —

What shall I say to RR Co from Dixon Ill do Desmoines Iowa Cooping river at fulton city they want a line immediately & want to know terms it can be built as an extension of Western from Dixon

Cobb.

St Joseph Mo
March 1st 1854

Mr. Cornell,

Dear Sir,

During this month, I have been solicited to send out, nearly every day, by Operators East & West of Richmond, I have done so, as you will see several times, & always found mine on my beat correct, & to satisfy myself that it was so I went myself, I suppose I have incurred the displeasure of some of the Operators by not sending offtimes, Line has been very bad all this month, & there has not been a day that I could not get to C. or B, but there has been several that B, couldn't raise C, Do not know any cause for it, yet, Line is down generally & badly insulated One thing is certain it is no worse between W & N. & M. than other points is as bad

Respectfully
N. S. Lud

Montrose Mar 1. 1854

Mr Cornel

Dr Sir

I enclose you a map of the proposed line of Telegraph, would have done it long ago. had I not been waiting for a run of sleighing so I could go over the line and learn better about the Morning Chestnut poles. That portion East of Montrose can be supplied with Chestnut about 3/4 of the way. West of Montrose very few can be had for 15 miles the rest may be furnished with Chestnut & Oak I am told. It will cost much more for Chestnut than Hemlocks. because the Hawling will be much greater.

I make a saving in distance of 38 miles, by measurement as the roads now run. More can be

Saved by leaving the Roads, & cropping the angles through cleared fields— I know of 3 or 4 places where I can save 1 mile in the agregate & the line not be out of reach of the Road when its desireable to examine the wire— 3 miles of wire can be saved by leaving Carbondale out of the line. but as there is now a line of telegraph from Car down the Valley to Pittston connecting with the line to Phil- It might perhaps be desirable to connect there with them—

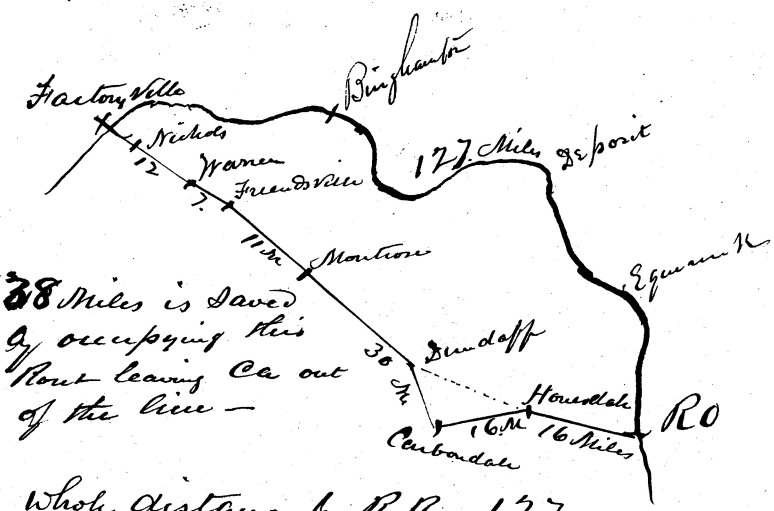
I am of the opinion that a line of telegraph may be Constructed acrop this Territory that will not require more than 15 or 18 poles to the Mile—

There is but very little timber on the rout not more in the whole distance than 5 miles & perhaps less— That portion where the line would pass Carbondale is on the old Turnpike and a good road, leaving Carbondale South of it about 3 miles, making the line straight, & to do which the old wire would have to be taken up from a point where the road leaves the Turnpike West of Dundaff to a point about 4 miles East of Carbondale, a distance of 13 miles. Which would pass through Dundaff. giving a station about Equi distant between H & Ms. & no timber on the Rout—

I Expect to close my present busines on the first of May next, Will there have any thing for me that will pay? I dont wish to be Idle long—

Very Truly Yours
Charles L. Brown

March 1, 1854



Whole distance by R.R. 127

" " via Ms. 94

35

Leaving Carbondale Saves 3

38 Miles

Defiance, ~~Feby~~ March 1st 1854

E Cornell

Dear Sir

Herewith find my Rept of rects & expenses for the mo. of Feby. Business was extremely dull, until towards the close of the month, when it revived somewhat. The Line has continued to work, with one exception without needing repair. I hope you will find it convenient to give early attention to the rebuilding of this part of the Line, this Spring. It will never be reliable until it is entirely rebuilt. In my Rept for Jany I sent you a statement in relation to an account I had with Speed & Hicks, which together with the bal. in rept amounted to 15. dolls. due me for January. I have not heard from you since sending that rept. I enclose a ~~draft~~ rept of the cost I paid for tapes in Paulding Co.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Respectfully Yours

J A Strong

E Cornell Esq

Covington Mar. 2nd. 1854

E. Connell Esq.

Sir,

Enclosed herewith you will find my report for February, and a remittance of $2.06 which only I regret to say is the balance after deducting Salary, office expenses and my share of the receipts. The expenses last month were much higher than I anticipated they would be, and had it not been for the expense attending the repairing and procuring of instruments they would as you will perceive have been much less. On my arival here I found the office and instument in the most possible condition — The office did not appear to have been swept for a month, and the instrument was exceedingly dirty and so out of repair that it would not run at all. I took it to the watch-makers to get some of the cogs raised or straightened as you will perceive charged me $1.00 but failed to cause it to run. I was then at a great stand what course to pursue, but finally concluded to go to Attica and telegraph you upon the subject and obtain the necessary instructing. The instrument I rec'd. from Lafayette although

much better than the one I found here, is yet very imperfect. As there is nothing to regulate the motion, it runs so very irregularly, that I am compelled to devote so much of my attention to regulating its speed and guiding the paper, that it is impossible for me to copy the message until after it is received.

The expense of going to Perryville was incurred in consequence of the Line's not working South, and at the suggestion of the Operator at L. went there and found the ground wire on and no one in attendance at the Office, (the Operator being sick).

The next most important items of expenditure you will perceive are those refunded Mess. which I will endeavor to [illegible] as far as I am capable to explain.

After waiting several days for answer to the Paducah Mess. (which by the by was checked paid) I sent another unpaid & to "collect" them, and next day rec'd. an ans.

I then inquired of the Opr. at Paducah if the first one had been rec'd. and was answered that he had "rec'd, no such Mess." I have since sent two very important Messages to Henderson Ky. for the same person, one on the 1st 3rd and one on the 28th ult. To neither of which have I as yet received any reply. I have telegraphed to the Opr. at Hd. inquiring if such messages had been rec'd, but can get no ans. The person sending refuses to pay, and I am reluctantly compelled to report it as refunded.

The above and many other frequent and unnecessary

delays attending the transaction of the business of this office, have convinced me that it is shamefully neglected.

In consequence of the above difficulties, and the marked disrespect that is manifested towards me in my endeavors to perform my duty and obtain prompt replies from other stations, I have determined to resign; and should you have no other vacancy by the close of the present month, I shall feel in a manner compelled to leave the Line entirely.

The telegraphing public have loudly complain of the apparent neglect with which their communications are treated. Some are even under the impression that they can get their messages answered more promptly by having them transmitted from some other station, and am credibly informed that "one individual last summer having failed to obtain a response to his despatch here, went to Perrysville and telegraphed from there, and obtained a prompt reply." I mention this merely to show the want of confidence which such a course exhibits; and that the interests of the Line demand that that confidence should be restored without delay. The best Operators of this office told me last night that if he could obtain prompt replies to his messages this business alone would almost support the office.

I could cite other instances of neglect but forbear at present, feeling satisfied that what I have already said will be amply sufficient.

March 7th. At the suggestion of the Op. at L. I went today to Perrysville and found the wire broken where it crosses

the river and one swept down stream and entangled in the end
the branches of a submerged tree.

The tree in the top of which the wire is attached on the West bank of the river, is so much undermined at the roots by the water that it is more than probable that it will not be able to withstand the continual washings of the Spring freshets, if it does the present one. It will also require a person of considerable more experience in such matters than I possess to raise the wire sufficiently high to be out of the way of Steamboats; one of which I was informed struck and broke it. In fact I believe at this time it would be impossible to raise it sufficiently high to be out of the way of steamers. I would however have attempted to raise it but could procure no boat, neither had I any pullies.

After consulting with the Opr. at P. B. We concluded it would be best to write and telegraph you inmy. for pullies and instructions.

Respectfully
Yours &c
J B Barry

Covington
Mar 2, 1874

P. S. In endeavoring to pull the wire out of the water we broke it, and as it is much smaller and lighter than the wire on the poles it will be necessary to have some more of the same size
J B B.

Knightstown March 2nd /54

Telegraph Office,
Indianapolis.

I send you to day my report for the Month of February. It will be impossible for this office to do a credit business altogether. I wish you would send me money immediately on this receipt of this

Yours Truly
Chas. D. Morgan

Cleveland March 4, 1854

My Dear Alonzo

I left Buffalo this morning at 7.30 in company with Col Sprid, and arrived at Cleveland about 2 P.M. stopping long enough at Dunkirk to pay J. C Barbour $60. balance due him by the N. J. & W. R. Rd Co. I also enclosed $28. Gaynor & Mt Pleasant Saratoga Co N.Y yesterday for balance due them for insulators. Thus is but little due by that Co now after you pay the sums I ordered from Utica. I think thus is due Chas. L. Brown at Montrose Pa about $50. which I did not mention in letter from Utica which you may pay him, and say I am west, and dont know what balance is, and will adjust any balance properly when I have opportunity.

I have lost a certificate of Ohio, Ind & Ill Tel Stock for about 345 shares. I wish you would look about the desk and see if I have left it at home, and let me know at once if you find it or not.

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

A. B. Cornell
Ithaca N.Y.

P.S. Spid & Sir. Brown in the United new, Dayton new York, Quarry Co, Utica, Fall Creek, Cayuga, Thompkins, Raymond Cross at Ithaca — E.C.

Cleveland March 5, 1854

My Dear, Mary Ann

I wish since I stole from your side, from between a pare of clean shirts at the good old homestead from which I enticed you more than a half score minutes ago, I snatched a parting kiss from your angel lips, and left you to snuggle my blossom of hope, Emma, to your maternal bosom, while I again entend the arena of the worlds endless strife called business.

Frank was ready up, and soon at the door with his dapple steed harnessed to the buggy, with a comfortable buffalo robe overspreading the seat very invitingly into which I wraped my self with him by my side for horseman and away we went, Frank boasting of the good qualities of his horse & I shool by turns. It was cold, but I did not suffer. Frank insisted that it was the kind of weather he best liked, and so we chatted the time away until we arrived at the foot of the hill at the junction of the Cook road at Fox Hollow, where we separated he to left & I to the right,

he taking the Creek road home, and I the same. I reached home in good time for my brakfast, found Mr Skinner there, packed my Valice, went to town arranged the appeal of my suit with Holmes, and off on the ten o'clock cars. I followed the rail to Elmira to Canandaigua & to Auburn, when I found a clear berth at the American at the meridian of night, Tuesday morning I got a good brakfast, and a shave with an hour & half left to see the Ithaca & Auburn Railroad folks, did not succeed in finding the President Mr Howe, saw the Superintendent and learned that Directors met that day to determine about when to cross Fall Creek. Got a pass to Utica, and off at 10. A.M. and arrived at "Utk" an hour behind time, say about 3. P.M. Stopped at "Baggs," and got dinner, I found that Col Speed had not left N.Y yet. So I kept Baggs for a couple days awaiting his arrival, I collected our rent $1000 for "Old Erie line", made provisions for spending the money in the payment of our debts, and left 2 A.M Thursday Friday morning with Speed for Buffalo

Remained at Buffalo till saturday morning and left at 7.30 A.M. for this city, arriving at 2 P.M.

The weather is beautiful & Spring like. I think about such as you will have of about a fortnight or three weeks hence.

I saw J. D. who appears quite well, and I presume Emily is also, as I hear nothing to the contrary, and he being busy at the time I saw him. I did not enquire.

This Morning after breakfast, the Col. and my self took a walk to the Eastward about 5 miles and back by 12 M.

On our return we encountered Messrs Henry, Grant & Warren of the Clinton House.

I think We shall remain here until Tuesday Morning when Speed will start for Detroit and I for Indianapolis.

I wish you was out here with me as I think you would enjoy the delightful weather that is in prospect for us.

Alonzo when I left had not yet fixed upon a removal, but seemed inclined to move, which I thought was poor policy but I find no fault at what you all think best. If you move it would be satisfactory to be informed of it in season, so I may know

where to find my Wife & babys —

I. Offerd A.S. $10.000 of E & N.T. Stock for his farm. My desire to buy it was prompted by a wish to provide you with a home, that shall be placed beyond the contingency of any accident that may occur to me, If I could have purchased it I should have the title placed in you,

He said if he sold it he wished to reduce on it so he could use the money to build at Montreal. I therefore dropped the subject and did not raise it again

Whether his reason was genuine or only raised in pursuance to saying that he did not want such pay. I dont know nor care, I will show him however if we both live a few years longer that he has declined a good offer. The stock earned over 10 per cent last year, and I just learned that Jan & Feb of this year gave $1,000 each over the receipts of the same months last year and last year the receipts were $72,000, the increase indicates as good as $85,000 for 1854 and $100.000 for 1855, a business increasing at such a ratio is not to be despised, The interest of the stock I offerd A.S for his farm will buy it six years hence.

Yours Affectionately

E. Corrill

Mary Ann

Carrington Mar 6th 75

C. Cornell Esq.

Sir

I hasten to inform you that the wire is broken where it crosses the river at P.O. I was there yesterday and found that one end of the wire was fast in the branches of a tree submerged in the river. The tree to which it is not attached will probably soon fall, owing to the continued washing away of the earth from the roots. The wire was broken by a steamboat & it will be a difficult matter to raise it so as to be out of the reach of the steamers pipes while the water remains so high. The wire is entirely out of one tree which is surrounded with water to the depth of some 5 or 6 ft rendering it impossible to get a ladder to it. Besides I can neither get boat or pullies — there being but one boat at Pengsville and that is used as a ferry boat and the ferryman refused to let me have it.

I shall go down again this P.M. and if it is possible to procure a boat and pullies will make an effort to raise it if possible

Respectfully

Yours &c

J.B. Barry

P.S. I mailed report and letter today

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

Utica, March 7 1854

J. J. Speed Esq
Dear Sir

I am enclosing three hundred (300) dollars in your favor. The amount of our pc rendered was $297.67, the overpayment $2.33 I carry to your Co in the a/c of the current quarter.

The receipt given you below will explain to you that it is paid as the proportion, due from your Co. of the Rent and Repairs of the New York & Western Union Tel. Co's line to 31 Dec last, according to the terms of the agreement existing between the Co and yours.—

I am Sir
Yours Respectfully
Edwd Chapman
Treas

Received March 14, 1854 from the Erie & Michigan Telegraph Company, by J. J. Speed, Trustee, three hundred dollars & apply on proportion, due from that Co. of the Rent & Repairs of the New York & Western Union Telegraph Line to 31 Dec 1854

Edwd Chapman
Trustee
New York & W. U. Tel. Co

Plymouth Mar. 8" 1864

Mr Connell

Sir= Will you be so good as to give me a Statement of how I stand with Telegraph office. = Shall I hire a man to fix up Polls= Line liable to be down Every day= About forty Polls down between here and La Porte.

Yours Respectfully

A McDonald Jr

E. Connell Esq

Indianapolis

Phebe Albion
Mar 9, 1864

My own Dear Broth. Albion March 8

Yours from W came today and found us waiting for it. We are all well. How fortunate that you had nothing else to do just then as I should have been disappointed if that letter you probably know on the which I is as he went to the same three weeks ago. I do not see why you have not heard from me as I have answered your promptly except at N.Y. that one we delay and I thought you would not be there and Mart wrote on to that and sent to Ithaca did you get his letter? I think it is just as well to have the consolidation and we talk if it is not hard talk this time must be done a large business

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We have to be on hand to get the way business in and people begin to have confidence in us. We are very fortunate in getting prompt answers and successfull telegraphing depends much on that. By the way I have a Lady Student who would like a Situation. Have you any office on any line which would be suitable and convenient for a Lady. She is about 24 Steady and discreet would mind her own business will never make a very brilliant operator but might do well in some places. Then is no office on this line disconnected with other business. I am glad to hear you had so nice a family visit. Dont think you hardly do Mary justice as I think she or even I could contribute our share of Gossip. It dont pay to be always minding our own business The merits and demerits of people must be canvassed and not to the one not capable of doing it I am happy to hear Norman combs prospects are so fair. I must assuredly will not tell the "ideas" but will say with Burns—

"Would That Heaven the gift ma gie us
"To See ourselves as ithers see us
" It would frae mony a blunder free us
" And foolish notion

I for one Just now feel very grateful to those friends away down east as they furnished my Model brother material for a very interesting letter which he was kind enough to send me We just heard that James Moore has determined to emigrate now what can be done for them. The only chance I know of is the last one. is at a little place called South Haven on lake Mich about half way between the mouth of St Joseph & Kalamazoo

Rivers. There is about 300 inhabit-
ants in the village and there is a piece
of land of 119 acres lying on
the lake and joining the
village that can be bought for
from 4 to 5 dollars per acre
It is timbered land and they
send wood by vessels to Chicago
which they can get to Ch for 2
dollars per cord. They have an
appropriation for a light house
which will be built this summer
The place is 30 miles from Pawpaw
is an excelent place for keeping
cattle. and well adapted for it
is settled with good sort of folks
some very fine folks from this
place. There is a house and barn
near the land that can be rented
cheap. They begin to talk of a state
Shore R R which would bring them
in town. Now what do you think
of them going there. Please write soon
May rec a letter from you. She is well
Yours &c Phebe

Lafayette Mich 9th

E. Cornell Esqr

Dear Sir

Learning you have arrived at last I herewith send my report. If it will be more agreeable to you I will hereafter send my report at the expiration of every month to Indianapolis. Your dispatch na Clinx & Toledo has not yet arrived. Eldridge bill was forgotten at the expiration of last month, is the cause of its appearing now. Have send in Cyrus Sims & Co bill for cutting 10 rams paper they think it is not paid. work done in August last I think the money was paid to their Foreman. Our Line in a distressing condition. The wire across the river at Ply has been broken by some steamer our operator at Ply & Dy have worked hard but cannot fix it. The line having been down between D & L for a week & 10 days & having sent out on our part twice, I thought it my duty to send Mr Trinder with help on the line to go as far as I thought best and the line required towards D. They fixed it up between L & L on Monday I then told them to

to G.

P.S. Mr Moore at G having sent out several times without getting it OK. We had a severe blow the first night causing the line to fall between G & L cutting them off from me. I sent out this morning towards G having gone towards Dy on yesterday myself. I requested B last week to send this way until he found the difficulty but his men had not on Yesterday got to G. I learn that Mr Linder arrived at B this morning I think it best to have them return on line as to that do as you think best. I hope you approve my actions. Please let me hear from you. Also what you wish done at "Dy" track. I telegd several times to Speed but could hear nothing from him. Fearing that I would not be in time for Express I have been compelled to write my last. Should be glad to see you accept Comps.

Yours Truly

S Jas

Aud. Loftus &c
Mar 9, 1883

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Chicago Mch 9th 1894

Mr E Cornell

Dr Sir

I have just deposited in the Express Office Report for February with $380. I sent the Jany Report to Indianapolis same as this I presume you have received it as I have not heard to the contrary. I am obliged to leave this Evening for St Catherines C W via De. Shall see Col Speed on my way = Intend returning in two or three days = Sickness calls me from Cincinnati =

There is Enough to do here. The Line east has been doing well. Receipts last month $75 = I hear today that Line is down across River at Rockton and that River is so high & running so swift that they cannot fix it I have told Beloit to send all Evenings for Belvidere & Rockford via cars to Belvidere twice a day = I have not received Rockford Report for Feby yet = Receipts for Belvidere Office are $28.24

for July - Office opened July 6th for other Lines. $280. leaving Amount $26 for 19 days working =

The Iowa Central Railroad are desirous to negotiate for a Line from Dixon Ill to Fort Desmoines Iowa = I told them that You or Col Speed would be here the first of next week and make a fair arrangement. I think You can close it up with them O B Ring is one of the men & H P Adams another both may be found by Calling at Farmers Bank Chicago = It ought to be a Continuation of the Western Line in some way = Judge Caton will be here next week & wants to see You & Speed. I shall be back by Tuesday Evening at the farthest

I want to see You much & would not go away now if it was not imperative =

Yours in haste

E Cook

Chicago March 18th 1884

Mr Cornell

Dear Sir

I wrote you yesterday stating that I was obliged to go East on acc of Sickness = Last evening as I was preparing to leave I was taken very suddenly with extreme pains shooting thro my System & was obliged to come to my room where I still am. I think it the Quinsy same that I had a year ago. Shall remain in Room & not take more cold & be well in a day or two I think. I received your letter this morning relative to Talleman. You say there is $48.69 due him after the $30 was paid = I only paid him $20 when you told me to pay him $30 as it was after Bank Hours when I received your message & had only $20 in currency on hand Consequently there is now due him $58.69 - You refer to the Report I sent you see if it is not $20 instead of $30. Let me hear from you by next mail stating when you will probably be here as Judge Cotton wishes to meet you & Col Speed here soon as possible. I wrote you about Northwestern Line Yesterday

Yours Respectfully Elcott

Brantford 10th March 1854

Dear Brother

On my arrival here last Evening Molly gave me your letter of 6th inst and requested me to answer it which I do with pleasure.

We should be much pleased to receive a visit from you and in passing our new B. & B. R. R. if you stop here and Engine for A.B. Comm. you will find Mary and may possibly find me but as I am from home most of time. If you will drop me a line abt what time you pass this way. I will endeavour to see you.

Read your former letter respecting Dubois business all right and am much obliged for the accomodation and will endeavour to meet the payment as stated when I write you.

All well

Yours Truly

Jno W. Cornell

E. Cornell Esq
Wades Telegraph Office
Indianapolis
Ia.

J. H. Evans
Pleasant Mills Ind. 11, 1862

Centreville Ind Mar 16, 1854

My Dear Mary Ann,

I can't remember when last wrote you or what I wrote about, but it is my impression that I have written you since I left home, if I have not you will please excuse the neglect, and accept the few lines I will now write.

I have nothing special to write about but there is but one subject that is prominently before my mind, and that relates to a huge bed bug that I carried from this house with me last July or August as far as Sandusky City, when the poor fellow cut my acquaintance, for what reason I did not learn but possibly through fear of slaughter as the push boat that swept the bosom of Lake Erie that evening caused fear in larger if not stouter hearts, &c. was a "right smart chance" of a fellow. I can assure you, about the size of a York shilling, and as stout as an office holder.

I doubt not the poor fellow has scores of relatives here yet that would gladly learn something of his fate, but I have not yet discovered them, and hope I may not,

I reached Indianapolis Wednesday evening and found David had got well and returned to his work,

His small pox, was a nice little affair for expense, including expense, loss of time and Cloths, it will not cost him less than $150.

I left Sun after remaining one day and went yesterday to Dayton and returned here last evening, shall remain here one day and return this evening to Indianapolis if Cars get through

It has rained two days & nights, and flooded the country, and its effect on these new roads is disastrous, banks sliding in, and track under mud & water in many places, but I hope to get through and back to bed by midnight to night,

I mentioned to you before leaving home that my father wanted a suit of Clothes, but did not provide you with the "ways & means" — Adams has some funds on hand belonging to me or the Tel. Co, and he can let you have what is necessary for that purpose, and I wish you would give the subject your attention at

over and get him, such a suit of clothes as he wishes, and by the by, I think you had better get a good suit, so that he can have a "nice rig" to visit with, while he stays with us.

He has worn poor clothes enough through a long life, and can afford good ones now, and if not I can.

Mother May want a new gown also, which she must have, so that she also may feel at home in good Company.

And if Mary Ann should want a new frock why she shall have it, you know she shall, and if no body else will get it for her I will, so she has only to decide what it shall be. And so shall "Manny" and so shall "Emma" and so shall "Ell" "Ell" must be content to come last, as she is the youngest of Pa's girls.

I haven't yet got the boys, but they can take Care of themselves, and if they don't like that, they had no business to be boys.

Your Affectionate

E. Cornell

Mary Ann

Offs Ill & Miss Rly Co
Altona March 11 1854

E Cornell Esq
Dear Sir

Your favor of 6 come last night & although I hope to meet you & Col Speed in Chicago monday, I will answer it fearing you may be detained-

I made an arrangement with Brough in the name of "Speed Cornell & Co" to build Cedar line from St Louis to Terre Haut at $10,000 per mile and the cost of submarine Crossing - He to carry the poles here &c either from Cairo or Chicago as required- Mutual arrangements for reciprocal service substantially on on Bellefontaine line, a meeting is necessary to perfect this soon as possible - His road runs on the line of the old Ohio line & not on the Marie line. I had to compete with Rea who was in the field at any price on behalf of old Ohio line- But I had the strings & beat him-

The negociation with Ill Central has been a difficult & difficult one but has now assumed a favorable aspect again & I expect a favorable answer in a few days - I have been pressing the way with Solano directors & go to Chicago Monday in hopes to conclude with them - I have the promise of an arrangement with the Milwaukee road who are under particular obligations to me for help when they were in a very tight place this winter

a bill passed the house which would have ruined them & contributed very materially to its defeat in the Senate. I secured for them several votes which were pledged against them & which they could have got in no other way - after this the bill was easily beaten - Judd who is a senator & one of the directors pledged me that the arrangement should be made at least as far as the State line which is the extent of their road - I think an arrangement may be effected from there to Milwaukie.

I got the first intimation of the House arrangement on the 15th of Feb & started the next day to Chicago & telegraphed you & spied to meet me there in hopes & devise some plan to break it up - I used every effort alone but could not succeed the contract had been made - Chance is blind now for stopping them - The next move they have in contemplation is to reach St Louis over the Alton & Terre Haut road which runs along the Mobile line - Of course I shall not be idle there & can explain more when I see you which should be as soon as possible.

Yours truly
I D Caton

Burlington March 11 1854

Dear Sir

Yours of the 2nd inst and also of March 6 from Cleveland are rec'd. In reply I would say that I am very glad to receive Mr Nicholas proposition. The balances due you from the Co will not come in question in this suit, they having attached them. All of the depositions, except 4 or 5 have had to be returned on account of omissions in their captions rendering them inadmissible. I returned to Messrs G. W. & E. F. Chester N. Y. with instructions to have the omissions supplied & returned to me. One I returned to Utica to the Magistrate C. G. Heath (I believe his name was) with instructions how to complete it & return. They should be here by April 1st. You can come here safely during Court this Court commences 1st Tuesday May. Rejecting the formal defects in the captions of those depositions as the substance was in point & with the wish that you would write your N. Y. correspondents-

I am very truly Yours C. B. Eastaly

Columbus Mar 11th 1854

Mr E. Cornell

Dr Sir

Having served some time at the Telegraphic business I thought I would apply to you for an office (providing you have any open) I learned the business in Newark Ohio in that office and continued for some time after leaving from thence I went to Columbus at which place I still remain There being two of us I will speak for him also he is a splendid operator has taken messages by sound for about two years We would be much pleased if you could give ~~both~~ each of us a situation or if you have an office that would do require the assistance of both it would as well. Please Answer immediately

I remain your humble servant

E. Ferry

P. S. If you have only one situation It will do as well — E. F.

I will give you reference
if required P.T.

SPECIAL MEETING.

You are hereby notified that a special Meeting of the Stockholders of the TROY AND CANADA JUCTION TELEGRAPH COMPANY, will be holden at the American Hotel, in Burlington, on Thursday, March 23., at 10 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of raising money to Rebuild and Repair the Line.—

It being important that all, and necessary that a majority of the Stock be represented, it is hoped you will be present in person or by proxy.—

Do not fail to give this your presonal attention.

JNO. B. WHEELER, *Secretary.*

Burlington, March 11, 1854.—

We hereby authorise and empower.....

of..... to act as our attorney at the Stock=holders meeting of the Troy & Canada Junction Telegraph Co., to be holden at Burlington, on Thursday the 23d day of March, A. D. 1854, and also for us to vote on all the Stock standing in our names, on all questions to be considered and acted upon at such Meeting, and we do further hereby fully authorise and empower our said Atty., for and in our names, to pledge by vote or in any other manner he may deem best, any and all the Stock of said Company standing in our names for the purpose of raising money, for repairing and rebuilding the Telegraph Line of said Company, and for us and in our names to vote to authorise the Directors of said, Company to pledge our Stock to raise money for the above named purposes, and we and each one of us will be bound to abide by whatever our said Atty. shall do in the premises.—

Troy & Canada Junction
Tel Co Special
Meeting Mar 23 –
Rec'd Sunday 19, 1854
at Indianapolis 9a

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Ezra Connell Esq
Indianapolis
Indiana

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S. B. Bentley Esq

Indianapolis March 11, 1854

Gents

With this I enclose a letter from Mr Englesby which shows that our depositions are wrong, Please do what you can to correct them and get them back in time,

They are addressed to "E. F. & G. M. Chester"

H. Wells lives at Aurora Cayuga Co., N.Y. but stopping at Astor House when I was there,

A. S. Wood lives at Canada, "Montreal Canada"

I do not understand wherein is the error,

M. L. Wood lives at Ithaca, N.Y.—,

T. S. Faxton, at Utica N.Y.— Palmer in Telegraph Office 24 Wall St,

If one is wrong all are,

Yours. Respectfully

E. Correll

Messrs E. W. & G. H. Chester

N.Y.