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

Utica, April 13th 1854

Mr. E. Cornell

Dear Sir

I have yours of tenth, and, upon inquiry, I find the "Follett" message, was not repeated, between Buffalo & New York, and Mathiesence, our Chief Operator at Buffalo, has forwarded you a copy of it, as delivered to this line, there; and, he likewise informs me, that the message was handed over to us, "Collect", and is so entered on Hackers book, but, they have since learned, it was "prepaid".

The work of changing the southern line, agreeably to your contract with our people, I understand, has been commenced, by Hopkins, who thinks he will have matters in good shape, there, by first June.

Our friends at Ithaca, & Dryden, are all very well.

Yours Truly Otis E. Wood

Ithaca Apl. 13. 1854

My Dear Father.

I have just received yours of the 9th written at Chicago, with one for Mother and Ellen, and as they are both busy quilting I will have to answer for all this time.

I had heard that J D intended to quit Cleveland soon but, did not know what he was going at, but was going to look around and see if he could buy him a farm to suit him. If he has any idea of setting up a broker's shop, he is a much greater fool than I supposed him to be, although I have not had a very high opinion of him since he was in Cleveland the first time, I think if he does try it he will be likely to have his eye teeth cut, if nothing more.

Jenny has just been having the measles, yesterday was his turning point and he is now getting better, and Mary & Emma will probably be down with it next week and Mother think, her sight for going to Vermont and Canada will be rather slim, but I hope you will have

her company for a return trip, but you must not calculate to keep her a great while for we cant spare her long at a time. Mamy does not seem to be very well this spring. She will have to travel, but Emma must stay at home with us, to keep us company

Frank is here this evening, says he want you to bring him that gun that you promised him. he think he can make it more profitable than you can out there.

I have been trying to expect you home for a day or. have been up to the cars once or twice but could not find you. I am anxious you should come home as a to arange the right of way with the RR Co. They will cross the road about the middle of the clearing there by the gun factory, and Johnson wants a deed for that little point running by him, some 3 acres, by that contract they are entitled to it at $145. per acre & interest since Apl 1849. which would make it about $62 per acre, I think you had better let him have it as it cant be of any use to us. and that will make a first rate sale of it. The RR Co will be here this week and want to secure the right of way but I shall stave them off until you come.

It is getting late and I must close this so as to let the rest go to bed, Please write

Very Respectfully &c

A. B. Cornell

Ezra Cornell Esq
Indiana

The Cashier says if you will give any particulars, how long you want the money, where you want to pay it. whether for circulation? what RR bonds for security &c &c and he will answer you definitely — The money market is getting tight up in NY and it looks darkahead

Chicago Apl 13th 1874

Mr E Cornell

Dear Sir

I find a man in Town that has Forty shares of the Ohio Ind & Sel Stock for sale. It was issued in first place to Delano. Now when I get the 100 shares of S & M Line. I shall owe you & speed $161. I will buy the 200 shares of Col Stone in the O I & I also the 40 shares this other man if you will allow me in some way to draw 7 per cent on the money invested up to the time the Line goes out of your hands and by that time I hope that our side will have enough to control it I hardly want to lay without the use of money for four years. What do you say & let me keep the $161 to apply on interest as I shall need it to make the purchase of Col Stone =

I have been out to Rockford - Made arrangements to put office in Depot all of which will be perfectly satisfactory I think. Will be at work today again finely = Line was badly down between

Chicago & the Junction. I think it would be well to put up a line to Junction & run ~~line to Junction~~ nine up & back open an office there immediately unless the RR Co accept Eatons proposition soon. I think more can be done by doing the Galena Co favors than in any other way. It is a policy that has never been tried and I venture to say that it would work well.

The Line between this & Mich City is down again today. Mich City has sent out = As soon as Line gets going to Aurora good, again I will open an office in the depot at Elgin

Let me hear from you by return mail & oblige

Yours Respy E Cobb

E. Cobb
Apl 15, 1853

Chicago Apl 14th 1894

Mr E Cornell

Dear Sir

Fillmore informs me that he thinks of selling his E & M stock to you for $30. per share. Please dont buy it & when you write him quote it as low as you can possibly I dont want to buy it if things work right as regards C & I stock There is 40 shares in town besides Col Stones which W J Delano's friend has that I will buy soon as can hear from you = It is a scrip of 40 shares issued to W J Delano, with Delano's power of attorney = Let me hear from you soon

Yours Respectfully

E Cobb

PS. The Milwaukee stock a friend of mine wants if can get it right — C

Chicago Apl 15th 1884

Mr E Cornell

Dear Sir.

Yours of 13th just received in relation to stock. Dr Carolin came here on Wednesday = Came to office inquired for you Speed & myself. Was told that I would be in that Evening He had letter to Col Stone, Went then to see him = Col found a purchaser for stock = The next day I was called on by the Purchaser & Stock offered me at $14 per share = I ~~have~~ had the refusal of it until this morning = This morning before getting your letter I bought it = I did not know as there had been any understanding between you & Delano & Col Stone Says that he did not from what man said. ~~Let me~~ I have the stock & power of attorney for the missing of the Same Let me hear from you again. I mistrust that Col Stone knew that I wanted some stock & got it in 2d hands for that purpose but I dont know

Yours Respectfully

E Cornell

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Dated, 1854.

Rec'd at Fort Wayne, Apl 15 1854

To Mr Cornell

My report has been delayed in consequence of sickness - Hope it will not occur again - There is urgent necessity of our line being inspected & repaired immediately - We are losing business & confidence in its reliability - The least exertion of wind prevents its working - Great difficulty is the many insulators that are out - Try to do something for us, I can afford to pay daily report through the season per month - Shall I take it - Inasmuch as they have to go to Laf - I think it would be best - Mr Cole at same time - I may possibly get more maybe not so much unless closed - Please advise me - My messenger will cost me $10 per month the very lowest I can get one for that is exact worthy. Yours &c Smith

Hamilton Ohio
Apl 15th 1854

Mr E. Cornell
Dear Sir

Mr Osmans left me in his place on the 1st of this month to take charge of this Office until I heard from you, I hope it will be satisfactory — I can give you any assurance you wish — I am acquainted with Mr Wm Elliott of Indianapolis formerly Sheriff of this County and Mr E. Sochs Express Agent there — Please let me hear from you

Very Respectfully
Chas V. Smith Jr

Cornell Esqr

Apr. 16, 1854

Dear Sir

In my first letter I stated to you that Mr Sellers intended quitting the O & L Line, but he has since his marriage, concluded to remain,

He expressed a wish to get charge of both instruments, and I think Mr Alford would be willing to give his mite into his charge provided he would give his line the preference for Eastern business (this may be only a supposition of mine,)

"You say, you will expect me to attend closely to business," I need not tell you I will my receipts per month would show for itself, I am attending to Mr Sellers mite during his absence, to Saporte, and for the week ending April 16th my receipts on the O & L Line ~~is~~ ~~are~~ will be about $20= a rough calculation makes it $20,59=

A great deal of the Evansville business goes via the O & M Line, which, by a little extra

work of the Operator here could be saved to the O&S during bad weather Evansville cannot get CH when this station can get both, CH & NS by simply taking business from CH for NS much time will be saved, this of course I would do with pleasure,

Mr Hubbell says he can never get quick or anything like satisfactory answers from Chicago via the O&S line, by the above arrangement this cause of complaint could be done away with, should you find it necessary to have an Operator of your own at Vincennes, and you appoint me to the place I will try my best to still make Evansville dependant upon the O&S Line,

Hoping to hear from you soon

I remain yours very respectfully

Franklin Mass

Vincennes April 16th 1864

Franklin Mass
Vincennes Ind
April 16th 1864

Cambridge April 17/1834

Mr Connell

Dear Sir { Please write me what to do in regard to moving this office into the post office is it to be done let me know what I am to do and where I am to go and when - I would like to have some money if you will be so kind as to remit me some I have been without it for about two weeks =

I awaits your orders Please write me by Return mail and send me some money if you possibly can

Yours truly

J W Carpenter

P.O. Cambridge City
April 17 1854

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

Your favor of 14 is at hand I have engaged a first rate young man to take charge of my Office, his services are to commence this morning & he is desirous to learn the business of Telegraphing & connect it with the P.O. & was engaged with that view, the young man now having charge of your Office has not been disposed to give him the necessary instruction Either with the hopes of getting the PO for himself or a friend of his, we have a good room & with indulgence

to take in Company the Telegraph Office at $300. per Year, including room rent & think we can give good Satisfaction & secure the receipts of your Office, providing you will Employ a Competent person to instruct the young Man for 3 Weeks. I have in the Dry Store a Clerk who is a good Telegraph who would give him the necessary instruction after this time as I move the P.O. to day or tomorrow we will be ready to take your Office also,

I think the young man you have will give the necessary knowledge, if instructed to do so by you, at once, Expenses of keeping up the line Stationery Materials &c to be borne by your Company, your Early attention will oblige

Yours Truly

Nathan Raymond P.M.

Muncie April 17th/54

Dear Sir

Please send my balance here immediately. Only 25¢ in my pocket. Mr Holsford took the office on the first of April —

Balance is $34.57 —

Yours truly

John F Lawder

E. Cornell Esq
Indianapolis
Ind

Chicago Apl 18th 1874

Mr Cornell

Dear Sir I received your letter of 15th this morning. I think I wrote you that I had bought the 40 shares I paid E B Stevens $4 per share for it before knowing anything about the contract you had with Delano. I know not what Stevens gave I have told him what your letter said about it. As far as I am concerned I am willing to let the stock go as I have it or undo the whole thing if it can be done. I am under the impression that Stevens knew nothing of the contract you had with Delano. I have the stock now sure with power of attorney from E J Delano. I have acted in good faith supposing I was getting so much from our opponents. Anything that you can do with Delano & Stevens will be acquiesced in by me fully =

I hardly want to go without the use of $1000 for 4 years - I did

not think that I was very hard on you as I supposed that it was for your direct interest and that you would be the gainer indirectly if not directly. Make me some proposition in some way in relation to it =

The line is at work between Beloidere & Rockford & Milwaukee I shall try & find some nice Poles to put up between the turn off & Junction & put up line there unless Judge Clark soon with the Galena Road =

I have your Letter from Bowd in relation to that Work & Porn message. He says it came to them Collect. I enclose it with this - He must have both Lines kept up between this & N City in some way = I shall keep Sullivan going somewhere all the time. He says he must have $12 per day & Expenses = Pretty good price but guess he will earn it. His wife got the $40 all right.

Col Speed starts for the East from Detroit tomorrow

Morning = When is the adjourned meeting to come off of I & M Line. Caton says wants to see you. I told him you could not be here before middle of May & that he could go to Indianapolis & back & two days from here. We need your Line from Mich City - to Lafayette badly. Hope you will get it going soon = I have become very well acquainted with the Superintendent of the Aurora Extension RR of late. He talks as though he would do most anything for a good Line on their Road. They have a good Board for us. I H Bunch C G Hammond J F Joy J W Brooks &c. Think can make something out of them.

We want that National Line business at Dayton bad. The other Line get it here now & it works against us - Where had we better get Poles to renew Line between this & Milwaukee = Let me hear from you soon as possible. You speak of C & M Line being made more reliable - It is never down on our beat over 6 hours. M City let it lay down day & half on his beat other day & my man fixed it - Yours Rift Elcobb

Jamestown Indiana
Apr 18 1884

Mr E Cornell,
Sir

By Refering to Reports, for the Months of January February & March you will find that you are indebted to me fifty three dollars & 85¢. This amount I would very much like to Have as soon as you can make it convenient I would not ask it of you now But as I had to pay out more for Repairs, than usual, during the last three months it has made it necessary for me to ask of you this amount, to pay off my engagements, hoping to hear from you soon,

I am Yours
Very Respect,
J. M. Walker

Detroit 18th Apl 1834

Dear Sir

The prospect now is that our Desmoine River Matter will go on. Gurd Clarke of Albany has agreed to furnish the cash and is to pay fifty five thousand Dolls in 15 days after balance as fast as it is wanted. I have relinquished half my contract for construction to him. so much for that, now for the Telegraph — The House tribe have made no arrangement with the Providence people, and the consequence will be that their line will have no Eastern connection. I think we could probably make some bargain with them to lease their line, or buy it, when they understand their future prospects. I have a notion that I could settle with them & get their line cheaper than to commence a Suit against them for violation of Patent.

I have written to Haxton warning him not to unite with the House tribe. and I think I can prevent a connection

I want to see Gov Pumpelly, and my wife wants to visit her mother, I go tomorrow to Aurora, Lansing, Ithaca & Owego. When will you be at Ithaca? Telegraph me at Owego when you will be at Ithaca, I may think best to go to Utica before I return – our Eastern business is badly drawn and it must be improved – If the Morse line do unite with the Stone tube then I am in for building a line from Buffalo to Dryden – I would like to see you before I go to Utica –

Yours truly

J J Speed Jr

Mr Cornell

J J Speed Jr
Apl 18/1857

Columbus April 19 1859

Mr Cornell

Dear Sir

Through necessity I am obliged to apply to you for funds on Mr Palmers account it is a very delicate thing for a wife having a husband to tend to business for her to take upon herself his affairs though it is pure necessity — allows me to do this you being my husbands employer, I although I do this I do not approve of a wifes intefering with her husbands affairs I also lay myself liable to the displeasure of my husband, I have all this however on account of stern necessity, My husband is a good provider though of so easy and amiable a disposition

if there was any scarcity of money with his employers he would rather suffer himself than speak plainly of his wants. I have not had but about 40 dollars in nearly 4 months to pay board and supply myself and little ones with common necessities because my husband has not been able to obtain it for me. I owe at present 50 Dollars for board as my husband has been home twice without the means of paying it. He left home about a week and a hlf since expecting to send me money in a few days I have received no word or money from him. I had not five cts when he left my children are sick and I am obliged to depend on my brother for all the medicine I procure for them. I state the case thus plainly that you may see the reason of my applying to you and I cannot think you know how little money he is able to procure will you be kind enough to tend to this as I know not where my husband is please let him see this as I keep nothing from him, you will excuse this mode of procuring funds as you well know a family cannot be raised without means to do it

with. Yours Respectfully
Sarah Palmer

Mrs Sarah Palmer
14. Apl. 1852
Boxt $10.25

J. C. Wallack
Apl 19. 1853

Chilton Apr 19th

E. Cornelius
Dear Sir

As you will perceive the Receipts of this Off exceed some allowed as Salary by the amt of $103 - The receipts of this Off might be doubled if proper care was ~~exerted~~ used to get answers & send them to Messages to C & other Points in that direction - The Customers have got so that will not send Despatch to any Off beyond terminus of line unless the rect is insured —

Another cause of decline exists in the fact that when I refuse to take messages for N.Y. or Northern Collect, the Person sending will send or take Messages to Terre Haute & find no difficulty in having them sent C.O.D. - In one instance very lately I requested Opr at T Haute not to recv mess from New Yor

N. Orleans unless paid as I had refused to do so-having generally one already which person refused to pay for saying "never rec'd" - The Opr in J.H. promised to attend to my request but did rec'v next day the message spoken of & to collect - Such a method of doing business creates bad precedents & as you are aware is contrary to Telegraphic order - but the Opr at L.H violated more than Telegraph order tho' perhaps considered "no consequence whatever" - his word - The amount need here at the best, is no object to us but it notifies us exceedingly not to be able to do anything to justify public confidence in the line -

Yours Respy

R. Wallace

Opr

The balance on our Books can probably be very advantageously used in Refg him.

Lafayette Apl 19 57

E. Morrell Esqr
Indianapolis
Ind

Dear Sir

Upon my arrival at Vincennes I found my wife much better. We would have returned home sooner had not my Mother-in-law been taken suddenly very ill. We could not leave her fearing she might not recover but she is now getting well.

Feeling much interested in the welfare of the line I tried to ascertain how the office at Vincennes was conducted. Mr Sellers and myself are friends yet I think it my duty to post you in relation to everything that I think is wrong or anything that will benefit the Line. The citizens complain of his inattention to the office. that he is not in the office half of each day and very seldom if ever in after Tea. While I was there he did not appear to care whether the Inst was adjusted or not I went and adjusted several times finding some one waiting. he feels but little "interest" in the line uses no Exertion to keep it in good order. He does more business with the Evansville line than

with this. His Father is buying furs for Hubbell who is acting as supt of the southern line, feeling secure on account of the business connection between his Father & Hubbell, he is very independent thinking Hubbell will stand by him. I would have advised him in this matter but his disposition is such that he would not receive friendly advice in a proper manner self importance predominating. I know pretty well what can be done at Vincennes I had charge of that office prior to my coming here. Evansville paid me balances every month from 70 to $100. I each day took checks of all business to & from Evansville. As it is now Vincennes knows nothing about the amount of business done between the two lines, at the expiration of every month Evansville sends him the balance due this line when there is any but sometimes there is "none".

Mr Hubbell and I had two long talks about the conditions the lines &c. He wishes to give you all their business (which amounts to from 150. to 200 dollars every month) if this line is kept in good order, that he cannot keep business waiting for this line to get ok, that it must go to "O & M" Line unless this line is kept in "good order" that he has paid the "O & M" Line within the past few months enough to put the line from

Vincennes to Laf in "nice order". The increas in local business on this line would be "considerable" if the line was only in good condition. Mr Palmer went over the line bet Laf & Vin" but he did not perceptibly improve it. One man cannot do it as it ought to be done, the poles should all be tried. those that are much decayed or nearly ready to fall should be pushed over and good ones substituted. All along the line (in the towns also) the wire rests on bushes trees &c these should all be cleared away or limbs trimmed so as not to interfere with the wire. there are a goodly number of insulators out also. The trouble is not at any "particular point" it is the great number of "small obstructions" that keeps the line working so poorly all the time. If the River line was in order and a direct connection with "Cin" via Union be given me it would be of great benefit to you.

While at Terre H. I assisted by Mr Hunter I put down a new GW wire for the Wade line. they have heretofore been using mrs. causing much trouble when we used the "GW" at "CH" by repeating when either line was in use. it now works nicely.

The Line from Logan to Chicago is in very bad condition. I have been informed that the old poles are fast tumbling to the

ground, that the wire is supported by fences bushes & trees in many places. I feel very anxious to "increase our business and to give satisfaction to correspondents" but we cannot do either now.

One word more about Vincennes office. Mr Sellers has just been married, his Father-in-law wishes him to assist him in his business. ~~We must~~ says he will attend to the office closely & can secure nearly all of the local business, would it not be a good time to set matters aright.

I have been in the habit of crediting some of our business men and settle with them at the Expiration of each month. This month is nearly past and my repair bills were so heavy last month that I expect the balance will not be very large. if you are willing I will report both months at the same time, thereby making much less trouble for us, but it shall be as you desire. Please let me hear from you, and much oblige

Your obt
Haas

Compts to Self & family

Albert Haas

Attica april 19 1854

E Cornell Esq
Indpls

Dear Sir:

In reply to yours of the 14th I need hardly remind you of the $800. Yet due Mr Keisted & myself on Milwaukee Lease, half of that amount added to $200. allowed me individually by the Board at Lafayette. makes the sum of $600 as stated in my letter to Mr Speed,

As to the legality of these claims it is not necessary to remark they having been admitted by the Board individually & collectively, it only remains to be seen whether we can agree upon terms for their payment. Please write me here. & I would be pleased to learn what Ind Stock can be sold at now. are you buying or do you know of any one that is —

Very Resply
R. E. Bryant

Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois Telegraph Company.

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STATE SENTINEL JOB ROOMS, INDIANAPOLIS.

Cambridge City, April 20 1854.

The following Message was received from Cambridge

Dated, Same date 1854.

To Mr E. Cornell

Dr Sir

I would like to make a proposal to you in Regard to this office, I think that after you get the new line ~~[illegible]~~ along the Rail road that ~~[illegible]~~ there will not be quite so much Repairing to do & therefore the Expenses will be some what less - & with this hope I will agree (that is if you will also) to take this office (and devote every moment of my time to it) for one year and Pay all expenses Keeping

line up and all that is
if you move it over on the
Rail road for the Receipt
of the same - Mr Raymond
wanted me to learn some
one here to take it which I
promised him I would do
but if you will let me
have it for one year the
way I propose I will -
promise to be punctual in
every respect - Please write
me as soon as you Receive
this and let me know what
you think about it

Yours truly

D. M. Carpenter

D. M. Carpenter
Feb. 28th 1854

C A Haskins
Apr 20 1854

Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois Telegraph Company.

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STATE SENTINEL JOB ROOMS, INDIANAPOLIS.

Logansport, 1854.

The following Message was received from

Dated, Apr 20 1854.

To ~~Mr~~ E. Cornell. Esq.

Dear Sir:

I have been absent for eight days, I went to Michigan, to get married, & my wife was taken sick on the way home, & detained us a week at LaPorte, So please excuse my apparent inattention, to your messages —

In regard to the line; North, the condition of line, beggars description — It is almost useless in its present condition — Towards Peru, it is better, but Mr Hicks left standing, very many poles,

which will soon fall, & give as much trouble, if not attended to — The line below Peru 6 miles, was all in the canal, where the new canal was built — I took a man with me & the Peru operator, & repaired it — It was very badly down — Many insulators are wanting

The line from here to Delphi, needs many insulators, & thorough repair. I have been out of insulators, for a long time & blocks also. I did not think it prudent to purchase tools, for setting poles &c, in the present hard state of expenses, & owing to my having supposed the repairers would soon be along — I have "guyed" it up, with old square insulators, & set poles, when possible — If you see fit, I have an excellent man, to go through to Lafayette, & then perhaps north, or towards Toledo — Please advise me what you wish done, soon as possible —

Yours Resp'y, A. H. Haskins

Corning 20th April 1854

E Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

Your letter was received and I have delayed to answer from the fact that I was waiting the motion of the several RR Co's you named and am not able to answer yet the matter rest as it did when I saw last I have addressed rest of the RR Co's upon the subject of telegraph but have heard nothing only that the subject was under advisement. Mr H is getting along very well but slow. I am cultivating funds and laying them slowly but safe I think shall pay for more enough to have built to Hornellsville this week have over

hand two miles now I did
not know any dispatch
from you. the instrument
have concluded to use one
at ~~the~~ AW. and the other
at R.A We have had
a heavy snow here it fell
some two feet from the 15 to
to the 18th I hope you will
follow the house folks
Please let me hear
soon

I Very Respectfully
G W S Rimmer

P S Field send
Regards
G W S

G. W. S. Rimmer Corinth
Miss 20.1862

Wabash April 20. 1852

E. Cornell

Dr. Sir:

Your favor of 17th, has just come to hand in which it appears that I have made a slight error in adding up Receipts. & also stating that you have not received any explanation for my not enclosing funds, I wrote you previous to sending Reports, explaining reason, but as it has failed to reach you I will explain to you again.

My reason for not enclosing funds to is this I design going East the first of May to be gone 3 or 4 weeks, and wish to use the money, not having enough without it, for wich I shall allow you six per cent Interest. You may fill up note & forward for my Sig. or I will receipt to you for advance payment on Salary. I would like very much to have the use of the money. I am really sorry my letter failed to reach you. Please answer immediately and let me know

The result if I can have use of money it will a great obligation indeed and if not I will forward to you immediately P.S.

Respectfully Yours
A. D. Crawford

Mr. E. Cornell

A. D. Crawford
Mulbach Apl 28 50

Cincinnati April 27. 57

Mr. Cornell.

Dr. Sir.

I was disappointed in the funds I was to get here this morning, and was compelled to borrow the twelve hundred Dollars to be paid to Day in Bank at Dayton. You shall have what I promised you this week without fail.

I regret to have to disappoint you this morning, but cannot help it, possibly.

Yours truly
E B Taylor

Please advise me with whom to have your money or what disposition to make of it, and I will comply.

Send	Ft Agt Union	$57.60
"	Rockwood	50.00
"	Palmer	50.00
"	Cocker Sto John St NY	500.00
"	E Cornell to Ithaca	50.00
"	C.B.S/ard	100.00
		$801.60

M. B. Wood Albion
Apl 24, 1854

Albion April 24th 1854

Dear Brother

I feel it my duty to write to you though I hardly know what to say or how to say it. Your inquiry about operator Blodget is easily answerd, my opinion is that he is to lazy for any service you would require I discharged him as not worth having about. I tried to get a man to go at the poles at Mich. City but the one I spake of got sick & came home, I was out there & moved office last week and tried Hicks on the pole dicker but he had not the resolution to take hold of it, Haviland was crowding me up to fix line toward Monroe so I could not stay to do any thing for you

I understand that Tallman went through to Oh and sent hosse back by cars & kept waggon harness & tools. This leaves us in bad fix at Ty for repairing lines I will get another establishment togetther soon as I can leave the hands on Monroe line. The work is so scattered & comes on so fast I hardly know which way to go first. Our contract with Cushman ends first May and I must go with man & give direction what to do there, I will call & see Clark about poles if you wish me to but perhaps you will be there first. I am bothered bad about insulators. I have a great mind to stier for Pittsburgh and get a pattern that suits me & establish a corespondance that I can depend on. It is all important to have our lines well insulated and the old iron & glass caps are giving way every day so I must have a full supply on hand all the time. It is a question with me whether I had better confine myself to the work with the men and depend on others to procure material ~~or~~ or whether I had better set myself up for a general to manage and direct the work over more extent of country Our Sup't will start next week for Iowa on a speculating tour and I believe I shall take the liberty to travel over more of the line and see what I think must be done for the year to come. Dunham writes me

he has tendered his resignation on Wades line and will appear with his wife in Albion about the first of May. He thinks of starting an Exchange Broker's office some where in Mich. John Gornell writes that he is coming to visit us in May. I guess we shall have some visiting to do next month from the appearance now. Edward & James say they are coming sure and the tide setting west is very strong. The money market is quite stringent at present. at least the banks haul down on us hard. Our line however is doing a good business I would like to meet you at Mich. City soon and talk up matters a little

Yours truly W. B. Wood

Hamilton Ohio
Apl 21st 1837

Mr E. Cornell
Dear Sir

Your letter was rec'd by todays mail in reply I would say that formidable as your difficulty appears I accept. If I succeed give me no credit as it costs me no effort to comply with your request

Very Respectfully
Chas W. Smith Esq

Cambridge City
April 21/54

E. Conklin Esq
Auburn

Your is rec'd, the age & competency of the young man I have, is all sufficient to discharge the duties of both offices, or a business house, & will always be found at his post,

I propose to charge you for the services of the young man $300 pr year including room rent, fuel & lights, — Respecting up the line stationery & materials only to get it down & charge up to office I have nothing to do with, I have removed my P. O. to a good room & have arranged for a business room, or the telegraph office, & if it met your approbation you can remove the office to it, I make no case, where it will receive the necessary attention & should you think it not advisable, it will not conflict with my arrangements, Carpenter says he shall leave 20th May,

Please answer by return mail & oblige as I shall be absent during after Monday,

Yours Truly
N. Chase
Raymond

Piqua Apl 21 1854

Mr Cornel

Dear Sir

Your dispatch was re=
ri the afternoon of yesterday, and you will please accept our thanks for the interest you seem to take in our Son. You no doubt appreciate our anxiety for the welfare of the boy We have had many sleepless hours since we learned he had left. You will please observe his movements, as you may have opportunity and give me the earliest information. I suppose he may have gone to see his brother at Muncie. I have written to John in regard to him. Should you see him, please give him all the advice and encouragement you can Impress him, with the anxiety and uneasiness his mother & I feel for him. Assure him that we most ardently desire his return. And Should the Office here become vacant and you should think best to let me have it, I will see that the business is properly cared for. I will endeavor to learn so as to give it, if necessary, my personal attention. Any thing you can consistently do for me will be regard as a great favor

Yours with respect & many obligations

Wm A Lawder

New York Apr 22 84

E. Cornell Esq
Indianapolis Ind.

I have your of the 17th. I prefer that you do not set posts along our line west of the junction until Mr Skinner and you agree - as I must not embarrass him in any way desire to act in all respects with him and his judgment as to what is best. I remain here some days yet

Yours
E. F. Drake

I would be pleased if you and Mr S could agree

Centreville Ind. Apl. 22nd/54

Mr. Cornell

Sir

In accordance with my promise, I address a few lines to you concerning the establishment of a telegraph office at this place. I have conversed with several of our citizens about the matter and they manifest some solicitude to have an office here. I have consulted my family in reference to taking charge of the office in connection with my book business, & we have concluded to take charge of the office on the terms you proposed when you were here. I do not anticipate a lucrative business, but I am desirous of trying the experiment. I shall be pleased to hear from you in reference to the matter,

Yours Truly

David Denwiddie

Indianapolis Apl 22.53

Dear Alonzo

Your favour of 15th inst. Rec.
In reference to funds & RR bonds
I dont know what I may want,
I have made a contract with the
Indianapolis & Cincinnatti RR Co
to put up a telegraph from Ind to Cin
to be done to Lawrenceburgh as far
as road is built by 1st Aug, they
pay $2,000 Cash and $3,720 in
their stock at 90 cts on a dollar
with privilege to redeem it in
1 year by paying 90 cts cash & 7 per
ct for 100 stock,
This is the shortest & most direct
RR from Ind to Cin, costing thus
for about $22,000. per mile for
road & stocking, Must be a
paying road, I may be glad
to get about $5,000 for a year

If I get the money it will be used to pay for poles, labour & C & C in building the line and will all be put in circulation in Indiana.

The Stock of Co is being bought up by a few heavy men in Ind & Cin to be held, as investment and is soon expected to be above par in market, How that may be I dont know.

I hear that it is selling now for 88 ¢.

The President, & Engineer T. A Morris of this City, I have great Confidence in as a good manager, and doubt not the road will be well managed.

I shall leave in few days for home on my way to Burlington Vermont.

The line is doing well March was our hardest month for the whole year owing principally to high winds & storms, and that exceeded my estimate of $500 per mo. so much I gave you when I based the line, and some months have doubled it.

This loss was worth $20.000, but it is regarded as fabulous and I am content that such an estimate should be kept upon it.

I have too much to do to write more at length to day

Yours Respectfully
C Corell

A.B.C.

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By ~~Telegraph~~ from Toledo

Dated Apl 22d 1854

Received at Toledo,

To E. Cornell Esq. — B.

Dear Sir, —

I am still behind with my repts mainly owing to moving off & fixing up things & the delay caused by the Speed line apt. going away on a visit home, promising to be back in 5 days & staying 11 days, keeping me busy at the most when I could have been looking up. Hope to be in season hereafter —— Do contrive some way to send a remittance here — Hough getting uneasy about rent — Livery bills accumulating & messenger & assistant hounding me for their pay — I need my own pay as bad as they & shall come out short with Speed funds unless you remit soon — Please order Laf. off or Cin. to remit me something, they must have surplus funds — We need more fixes & platinas here to put on, more battery to work through ground connections — I have no envelopes except plain ones — Can you send some. — If this line is put in thorough repair with this Eastern war rise in flour

Tariff from Toledo to

Defiance,	25–2
Fort Wayne,	30–2
Huntington,	
Wabash,	
Peru,	35–3
Logansport,	
Plymouth,	
Delphi,	
Laporte,	
Mich. City,	45–3
Lafayette,	
Attica,	
Covington,	
Perrysville,	
Chicago,	
Jamestown,	
Eugene,	
Newport,	
Clinton,	50–4
Montezuma,	
Terre Haute,	
Crawfordsville	
Indianapolis,	
Cambridge,	
Richmond,	
Eaton	
Dayton,	
Vincennes,	
Hutsonville,	60–5
Troy,	
Piqua,	
Middletown,	
Germantown,	
Hamilton,	
Cincinnati,	
Evansville.	75–5

corn & provisions you can coin money, but with such half way repairing as last years no one will place any confidence in line - particularly when mail facilities are increasing daily - when a letter can reach Laf. in 2 days at outside from here pressing want telegraph unless the message can surely go on the day it is sent in - as to sending via Shelby line when we are down - that is impossible now that Spring business has commenced - the same way with Terre Haute & Indianapolis business - Dayton, Piqua, Troy & Cincinnati business I don't pretend to send over our line - Even Defiance & Fort Wayne send their D. & Q. business this way paying full tariff from X. - such a state of things is killing the line daily - I am afraid to take in a message beyond P. or A. at farthest - I speak for your interest - excuse my plainness -

Yours truly
R. Chadwick