Dunkirk July 27th 1854

E. Cornell Dr Sir

Enclosed please find agreeable to your order, account with items against E Cornell Allegheny & Erie Tel Co & N.Y. & Western Union Tel Co &

Yours Respectfully

Jno. A. Townsend

Detroit July 27. 1854

My Dear Alonzo

Your favours of 19th & 23rd is at hand. In answer to 19th enclosing a copy from Cochrane, I can inform you that I wrote him some days ago from Mich City. This letter confirms any former opinion that he wanted my invention for Telegraph purposes. His mentioning Halifax in the connection convinces me that he has a connection with the underground telegraph movement, and to possess themselves of my patent is an important consideration.

It is true that the patent expires in between three & four years, but it is equally true that I can get it renewed for 7 years, making 10 years from this time, and it must come in use before that for subterranean Telegraphs.

I will find who & what this Atchison is!—

We had a directors Meeting this day, and I am appointed Supt with ample powers, Line divided in two divisions, Eastern & Western. to be each placed under charge of a division Supt, I shall appoint Haviland for Eastern Divis & Cobb for West Divis, and M.B. Wood, Master of Repairs, A. squirmed some but come in with tolerable grace, all will do well.

Col. Speed has overdrawn his acct at least $3,000 even if he is allowed full salary. The old Man is some behind dont know how much they have had a fine time, but the rust is broken up now, and I trust things will be different,

Your Mother Came with me as far as Gainesville, I went to Aunt Macys with her yesterday and left her there, found all well. I shall probably go there Saturday & stay over Sunday,

Molly has gone to see her sister who is sick somewhere above Marshall I have not learned whether she took Mary with her or not,

Uncle Munn must be content if he gets the interest on his bond at present,

The Burnetts have a note for what I owe them, so there will be no dispute about the amount,

I think I can furnish Mack with business enough to amuse himself with, without his giving much time to my affairs. He has three suits on hand with a prospect of as many more as soon as the Officers can reach him,

I am glad to hear that Emma is better, You must be particular to take good Care of her,

I think Aunt Anna Macy will go East with your Mother, and that I shall have to accompany them. Say sometime next week. What is the result of that Holmes Suit!—

The weather is good & cool today and will have a favorable influence on the health of western cities. The Cholera, is abating. I think, your mother and I both have had slight diorrah. but it readily yielded to homeopathia.

You may say to Grandmother that if Aunt Macy goes to Rochester as I think she will. She will probably visit Ithaca & Dryden. She was 70 years old yesterday, and looks quite as old as she is. Our visit was quite unexpected to her and nearly overcome her for the time so that she did not appear so well while I stayed about 2 hours. She lives with Marion, who is on a beautiful farm.

Yours Affectionately
E. Comstock

A.B.C. Jr

P. S. to Ellen

My Dear Ellen

You must watch the health of my dear little rose bud, Emm and see that she is not exposed to the opertunity of getting such things to eat as will bring on the Summer complaint, or grand derangement of her bowels,

A Slight supprudence in children is sufficient to make them sick and their inclinations lead to the imprudence in diet, hence the ~~necessity~~ for vigilance,

Please tell Emm that her mother wants to see her very much, and would have her sent out by telegraph if she could,

Tell Perry that he must also be careful that he does not get sick by imprudent use of fruit or other unwholesome diet, Kiss Emm for me, and for her Ma also

Yours affectionately

E Corell

Ell

E Corell
Detroit July 27, 1874

Dear Sir,

My absence for a few days had prevented my replying to your letter earlier.

In reference to the Pipe-layer which you patented in 1845 — the invention is known to short, and my property to be of it but speculative it would not be worth my while to pay a high price and almost for this reason take you the offer. but if you will write

your lowest price, I will at

Nice reply to your Candidly
letter it shall - Any person -
You take perhaps Made what-
ever You would expect for
the unexpired time - As both
as what You might expect per
Month, more for to Respect of
it - Subject to that is Found
in England - Royalty -
You son Replies to a letter -
I have, that he Cannot Refuse
Five Where I Can find the due
of Fe Hoeges - I have your
- Specifications & Observings

from the Patent Office, by which
I could have your permission
Set one Bucket, as I have
Reasons to Cayenne down some
fine forthwith -

Your Lady hill Obliged
Ser Jn. Obt. Servant

J W Bloodgood

Bath. Long Island
July 27th

Please address to me
39 Broadway New York

Knightstown July 28th 52

E Cornell Esq
Indianapolis

Dear Sir.

I have been waiting for some weeks to know what you are going to do about the office at this place, so that I would know what to do myself. I would be glad if you could let me know by to morrows mail. If you will send me a Key and Battery and plenty of Paper wire I will fix up the office again. I saved the instruments and Relay.

There is some twenty five or thirty dollars due this office which I must have soon. I have lost most of my Clothes and books by the fire and am greatly in need of all the Money I can raise Please send it immediately.

Do not fail to write me immediately on the receipt of this, if you know a good office some where on the line that

is because I would be glad to
take it.

Yours very Truly
Chas D Morgan
Operator
Knightstown

P.S. I think I can fix up
the office so it will cost but
very little for rent, if anything
C.D.M.

Chas D Morgan
Knightstown July 28.87

Shifford 8th July 24th /54

E Cornell.

Dear Sir

Yours of
the 24th inst is recd. I have felt for
some time past that I ought to be doing
a more remunerative business than
that of Operating the Telegraph at
Defiance: and left there pretty much
determined on trying to find such. and
think I could succeed. I like the business
very much and should be glad to continue
in it for a time. if I had a satisfactory
situation. In relation to my ability as
an Operator. I will say. that my experience
and nearly all my observation ~~as to~~ on
in telegraphing has been confined
to the Defiance Office. Not from what
I have seen & know of the business

in this place. I ~~shall~~ should have confidence in assuming the charge of a more responsible place than the one I have hitherto occupied. I think Sir. that some important reforms must be effected in the Telegraph system, before it arrives to that degree of usefulness & importance. to the public, as well as pecuniary value to its conductors to which it should & may attain. I should be glad indeed to be able to contribute in any way, or degree, to such a result. I had noticed with much satisfaction the improvements that have been brought about about on our Line. within 14 months. I feel myself under great obligations to you for the very prompt & satisfactory manner in which you have thus far dealt with me. and think if you can furnish me an office affording a satisfactory salary. I will accept it, and pledge the exercise of my best endeavors to perform its duties in a manner that will be satisfactory to you. I shall probably remain here two weeks longer. & then return to Defiance for a few days. A letter addressed to this place soon after the recpt of this will find me here.

I remain very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt

E Connell Esq

Logan. Pa. Aug 1
1854

E Cornell Esq
Ind Agt
Dr Sir.

Herewith find my Report for July -

At the same time, please accept my resignation, as manager of this office, dating ~~August~~ 1st

Owing to the bad state of the line, receipts are small & expenses large, and as I have waited in vain, for 3 months, for my balance, and you have not remitted, or paid any attention to my repeats for it, I have concluded to accept of a better offer, where I can depend upon being paid punctually. With the best wishes for your success, I remain Sir,

Yours Resp'y
Ch. H Haskins

J. A Moon Aug 5, 1853

Logansport Aug 5th/54

Mr C.

Dr Sir

As I have few Spare moments
I thought I would write you
about matters in general -
I am here alone at the
present time & have liberally taken
charge of this Office As Mr Haskins
Pronounced me competent to do So
& would like to know if you
would Secure me for the Same -
I am very familiar with the buenies
& receive by sound altogether also
what is another advantage I am
well acquainted with all custo[illegible]
have remained here for some five
years when Mr Haskins was here
I did very near all the buenies
I will take charge of this Offic
for 40 dollars per month I
messenger $5 - So that our Salary
$45 instead of $80 what was the Salary
when Ki was here See that
makes a vast difference for in
the Salary

Rockford Aug 2nd 1854

Mr. E. Cobb

Dr Sir

Enclosed please find my Report for July— Line is OK again and hope it will stay so for some time to come— I want six Lines and a roll of Instrument Paper very much— Can you send me some in day or two? When will you be out this way again. What is the prospect about getting line from Ch. to Rd. direct. Dont Chary and with the Andes and Canadus news received yesterday and I think it will not be of much use to send Steamers news at present— It is very dull in the grain Market— and no one will take them at 1,25 Mr Stewart says he will take the Reports at 1,00 Each and I think after three or four weeks I can get one or two others to take them at that price

Yours Respty

Chas. B. Culbertson

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Write plainly—give full address—use no figures.

Buffalo, Aug 5. 1854 o'clock, M.

By Telegraph from

To Mary Ann

My Dear I left home yesterday Morning with my left Eye very ~~sore~~, and by the time I reached ½ way to Aur. the other one began to feel sore. and was much inflamed and very sore by time I reached Auro. I went to Conroy and says till 5:30 this A M, called on a Doctor & he gave Belladonna & Sulphur, This morning my eyes felt better than when I went to bed. so instead of returning home as I thought I should when I went to bed, I started for Buffalo

and reached here this morning at 10½ A.M.

Now at 5 P.M. they are comfortable, have improved all day, and will be well as usual I trust by monday.

I go to Cleveland tonight by Steamer, come this way to avoid the dust of RR travel up the Lake Shore Road. —

Mart is at Erie to day and will, he goes to Cleveland to night, I shall see him there tomorrow —

I saw Henry Moore this P.M. He is engaged in the furnace business here, and looks prosperous. He is well,

My Eyes made me sick yesterday, but I feel better as they improve —

Yours Affectionately

E. Cowell

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

By Telegraph. Dated Cleveland Aug 6. 1854

185 , o'clock, min. M

Rec'd at

185 , o'clock, min. M

To. My Dear Mary Ann.

I droped you a line from Buffalo last even ing which will inform you of the progress of any journy & situation of my Eyes to that period, I intended to have come to "C" on the Steamer Crecent City, & had my book & selected a room about 8 P.M. The Clerk told me she would not leave before 9 P.M. So I went to Allens office and sat & talked with him till ½ past 8. and returned to Boat in time to see her off, but to far off for me to get on board, So I made a hasty Ex.t. for the Cars, and reached the Station in full foam just as the Engine was being "hitched on" to start. One minute later, would have defeated me here, I was in time however and Came up with Cars and arrived 2 hours in advance of the Steamer. When she Came, I got my boggage

from her, and the money refunded on my ticket, so ended that adventure,

My Eyes did not suffer much by the night ride, and I slept better than usual on the cars, so will that same of the way was entirely oblivion,

M. B. Wood got on board the cars at Girard, He says he say little Mary, at her Aunt Mary's since we left, She did not go with Molly to where her sister was sick,

Molly had returned, and she was at Hirams also, M.B. says Mary was out helping Mott plow, and she looks much more rugged & healthy than when you left her,

The Climate & Exercise seems to agree with her first rate,

Mollys letters was forwarded to — but did not reach her before she left and she is waiting at Albion for their return, I believe that M.B said Mollys sister was improving,

The day is comfortably Cool, and a fine breeze stirring, looks like rain, which Ohio is suffering for the want of,

I got to sleep just before dinner on a good lounge in my room, and slept away all chance for dinner, and fast till tea time, I wrote to Aunt Ann yesterday,

Yours Affectionately
E. Cornell

Mary Ann

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Chicago Aug 7 1854.

By Telegraph from .....

To E Connell

I have deposited
to your Credit at Bank
of Commerce Chicago $429.71
which you can use any
where with these Checks
Indorsed = I am going
East to see My mother
for few days = Write
me at Kings Ferry Cayuga
Co My if anything wanted

E Cobb

Binghamton Aug 7th 1854

E. Cornell Esq
Dr Sir

Since leaving you at N Y I have thought more of your generous offer to pass me over several routes west & have concluded to take such a trip in Sept, if matters continue to thrive here, as at present — And I shall be obliged to you if you will furnish me such passes, between now & the 1st of Sept —

My line is now completed & in good order to Newburgh — Opening an office at Owego is a puzzle to me, We cannot get a room in the depot, and shall be obliged to build a mile of line if we go downtown with it — Please write me

Yours Truly
P. A. Hopkins

Indianapolis Aug 8. 1853

My Dear Mary Ann

With this I enclose you a letter from Molly to you.

You will please excuse me for opening it as my anxiety to hear from our dear little Mary Emily, was such that I was sure I could successfully plead that in justification, for the breach of propriety in breaking the Seal of your letters.

I wonder what Molly means about my rocking the babies? is that the way she adopts to inform you that She is in an interesting Situation. Well I suppose I shall have to be an Uncle, again, then. You may tell her that I say. I dont Care I had just as leaves rock the cradle one or more for her as not, for the sake of seeing what she puts in it.

I feel pretty well to day, but Cant find any hemlock pitch. Send me some by express to "M B Wood Albion".

Mr Barbour is nominated for Congress & I guess he will be Elected.

Yours Affectionately

E. Cornell

Mary Ann.

SPEED'S

Erie and Michigan Telegraph Line.

Toledo Aug 8th 1854 o'clock M

By Telegraph from

To Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir: As Haskins (the late Manager of the Logansport office) has left I write you to ascertain what the chances are for obtaining the situation, provided you have not already selected some one for that office. As to my qualifications & business habits I would refer you to Mr. Chadwick, (the Manager here) whose assistant I have been for about 2 months. As I have had considerable experience in the business, I hope

I may receive a favorable reply - Please write soon -

Very Respy
Yours
James K. Goodwin

R M Waterman
Aug 8. 1854

Cuyne Aug 8. 1854

My Dear Sir

Your personal presence is absolutely necessary on this line, it has been down north of here for five days and although it has been put up between here and Perrysville & between Perrysville and Covington across the Wabash ever since Saturday last, still we have no connection with La Fayette South of here the line is up but we are cut off from Terre Haute nine tenths of the time & yesterday all day we had no circuit to Terre Haute till evening & then we could not raise the Operator at Terre Haute. although we could get Hudsonville 30 miles beyond It is running the character

of the line and something will have to be done. or you might as well close the offices. You ought to come to the line yourself and pursue the course I recommended a year ago It is outrageous to have the line working and not be able to raise an office when the operator has no business but to attend to the office, and never be able to get an answer from a message even after the receipt of it has been acknowledged.

Yours very Truly
R M Waterman

To A. Cornell Esq
Indianapolis

Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois Telegraph Company.

ALL MESSAGES STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

STATE SENTINEL JOB ROOMS, INDIANAPOLIS.

Troy, Aug 9th 1854.

The following Message was received from.....

Dated,.....1854.

To Mr Speed or Cornell,

I sent you a Message about the condition of line between here & Piqua It is now all to pieces & cannot be fixed without some one who is able & understands the saw stand under the hard work about 40 poles down wire broken in several places. Boyce gone & Crawford is without funds to do anything with, I have done a very good business so far this month, but the two days last past I have had Dayton but twice & have had to give up business & Refund money for the reason I could not get it off in season it was said that when Battery was put on at Piqua all would be well & things go along smooth, but it has

T. F. Culbertson Troy
Aug 9. 1854

been the same thing they come to us just when it suits their convenience can you not make some arrangement by which we can have things done in a more satisfactory manner, there is no reason why A & D should not at the end of every month send to you from ten to twenty dolls please stir those Boys at D, n/s & see if we cannot get along better in future

Yours &c
T. F. Culbertson
Supt

Cleveland 10th Aug

Elsemere Ky

Dear Enclosed please find note from Bishop Bates with their opinion in the Thayer judgt. It seems he did obtain a judgt in a civil suit which was carried on although you was discharged on the capias. This injunction puts all the interests existing between the Company & yourself in statu quo for the present not only in this State but in every state wherever the company hold any property to the extent of any interest you have in that portion of the line in this state. So I understand the counsel. A queer doctrine.

I have to attend an examination of witnesses in the civil suit at Chardon tomorrow. No way of getting rid of it

Yours &c A. McFarland

received in the three prior months, compared with what we gave him, instead of $225.34 he would have given us $438. as compared with two prior months. it would have been about $446. a small difference !!

There is not only the loss at Monroe but also at other points. For instance if we send a message from Ny to Chicago. it is most natural that the answer would, 9 times out of ten, return by the same line. so if we got the answer for Ny. we should be likely to get the next business which these persons had to transact - thus creating business for us at both ends. Although you may not be familiar with telegraph business. I think you can't but perceive such would be the consequence of business transacted by one line, and if diverted a loss would accrue.

I also enclose you a weekly comparison of the business received and given at Monroe and leave the matter for the present to your consideration Resp yrs Isaac R Elwood.

Amount of business rec'd by the Lake Erie line from the S.W. line at Monroe and the amt given the S.W. line at the same place weekly.

	Business rec'd from S.W. line	given to S.W. line	Balance in favor of Lake Erie line	against Lake Erie line
1854 Apl 1.	2 20	3 63		1 43
Week ending " 8	74 02	55 41	18 61	
" " 15	82 51	70 87	11 64	
" " 22	84 53	78 39	5 14	
" " 30	53 19	58 95		5 76
" May 6	77 20	62 78	14 42	
" " 13	96 07	70 38	25 68	
" " 20	77 93	70 71	7 22	
" " 27	81 35	69 64	11 71	
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" " 24	91 19	83 18	8 01	
" July 1	82 40	76 39	6 01	
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Dudley 31	6 00	13 35		7 35

Copy

Rochester Aug 4. 1854

J. H. Read Esq

Sir

Your note of the 11th ult was received saying that "any Contract made with our Co you shall execute to the letter and in "good faith." That we have never doubted, but we have not the same confidence in the persons to whom you have entrusted the execution of your contract. I thought it was not worth while to trouble you until we could produce some facts which we could submit to your consideration.

You will recollect that your Contract required you on the S. Mich Tel Co to give us all its business at Monroe and we were in return to give all our business to that Line.

You will recollect also, that I insisted that the discontinuance of the Office of the S. Mich Line in Chicago was a breach of that contract.

I send you some facts with one or two comments, and leave you to draw your own inferences.

In April we received from S. M. T. Co. at Monroe business amounting to $296.45. We gave to it $267.25

In May	379.57	"	318.76
" June	421.36		378.73
" July	224.34		388.21

Your friend Mr Connell, took charge the last of June and you will observe the balance changes sides. Had he given us business in July in the same proportion, as we

Roxbury Aug 10 1854

W E Connell

Dear Sir

I enclose a copy of a letter from Mr Elwood in which you will see his grounds of complaint. I regret to be troubled with the matter and hope you will be able to explain to the satisfaction of Mr E. As the R.R. I. Line hold me accountable as Mortgagee for Receipts & Expenditures of the Line & strike me it would be well for you to give me Reports monthly of the business of the Line. As you know we expect to close up the matter. Before Mr Bratton's death he told Allen that it would not be necessary for me to sell in person. though no provision was made for a sale by another. Bratton said that a sale by an authorized Agent was a common thing in Michigan. A new Mortgage of the Nathan Line was made like the Southern in this respect.

By the way what can I do with the Nathan Line. Can't you manage it to buy it? What do you consider it worth? My Mortgage amt to about $26,000 Twenty six hundred dollars. and we have $15.000 of Stock. —

Hope you will be able to furnish from the Stock $15000 of Erie & Michigan Stock as agreed in our Contract. Wishing you great success in business

I remain yours truly

James F Read

I have written Elwood that I had sent you a copy of the Letter from him. but have expressed no opinion on the subject matter of complaint. I trust it will be got along with in some satisfactory manner to all parties.

J F Read

I write Elwood some time ago that I wished him to conduct the correspondence with you. that I was unacquainted with Telegraph business and that you was the Superintendent &c

Cleveland Aug 10/54

E. Cowell Esq

We have had your letter to Mr Haviland placed in our hands and have read it over—

There has been a judgment rendered against you here on the transcript which you saw at the time when you were arrested here— that judgment enables the holders of it to subject any interest which you may have in this State subject to the payment of this judgment—

Service at the office of the Telegraph Co at Elmira will subject any interest you have in Ohio— but all those and those against the Company must first be paid before your interest can be subject—

You are made party to the proceeding by advertisement so as to enable the party plaintiff to subject your interest in the Company in this State—

We know no way for you to avoid having what interest you have in this State in the Telegraph Co. subjected to this judgment by the Company one dollar sufficient to absorb that stock or if you know of it, nothing can probably be subjected. Yours truly

Burton Bacon & Hoff

Backus Bishop & Stabler
Cleveland Aug 10. 84

E. Sowell Esq

Ohio

Springboro Aug 11 /52

C. Gornell

Dear Sir:—

When I left home, I directed Gorman, left in Office, to remit to You, the first of this month the probable amount of "balance" for July. And I would furnish Report on my Return. I have not complied with my requests to Dayton. Wanted to stay from Cin. but were not working.

Will be at home about the 25th. instead of 20th as contemplated delay caused by Sickness.

Yours Truly Gorns

C. W. Bateman

Hope to see you on my return through "B."

M E. Connell
Williamsport's. Ia.

Pyria Aug 11th 1854

Dear Sir

I learn the Telegraph office at this place and as an inducement I will furnish an office if I get it free of rent and Chg nothing for work in writing provided you allow me the same salary you pay Jones $350 per annum.

Our place is a convenient point of access and perhaps more so than where the office is at present located — I am well acquainted with the business and business men of the town having opened the office when it was first located here and operated for about a year — Our Room is but a few doors from where the office is at present on main St.

Any information you may want regarding may be had by inquiring of Jo Reinstad

of the Dayton Office
Yours very Truly
Thos L. Daniels

Thos L. Daniels
Pigua Darke Co O
Aug 11 1859

Genoa Cayuga Co
Aug 11th 1834

Mr Cornell

Dear Sir

I find my mother in good health & finds all well generally in this vicinity — Have not called on Uncle Ben Ford's people yet shall try to do so before I return = I left things in good shape on the line Guess they will all go off right = I presume you got the notice of there being some $420 in Bank to your credit at Chicago — I suppose I should meet you at Ithaca or on your way back but missed you = If anything I can do for you write me at Ithaca I will get it there next week I am feeling strong & better than I have before since last Winter = Tallman wants some money I told Bob at Chicago he can give him some if you say so = Shall call on Alonzo first of next week = I expect to be at Chicago about the 20th inst —

Yours in haste

E Cobb

Bates House

Indianapolis Aug 13, 54

My Dear Mary Ann,

I was taken sick last tuesday night, with my Old Complaint, as I suppose, though the Dr think it only a common bilious attack. By midnight I sent for a Homeopathy Dr. he was soon with me say ½ hour as he lived at some distance. I had got some medicine of him in the Evening & Explained my old trouble to him & Expressed a belief that I then had the premonitory simptoms of an attack. His remidies given in Evening did no good. When he came at midnight, he gave me two other remidies, without success. I then with his concurrence had Dr Ritchie called, he is Alopathic & boards in the house, & came promptly. The two counciled together & K administered for me. I got relief very slowly, and had a very sick night & day following. K. has since attended me & I am recovering, but am very feeble.

The boys, Daniel, Reid, Wallace & Palmer have attended all my wants & I have been nursed well Palmer is with me constantly as nurse, and

he is a good one,

I shant hurry myself out, and therefore may be here a week longer.

I have confidence that my case has been better treated than ever before by an allopathist.

My writing will convince you that I have but little strength, though I have written so far without a rest.

Ask Monge to say to Love that he must have Moore's testimony in the Conrad suit. Moore is at Buffalo.

Dan is well, and all the rest of our boys as far as I know.

Please write me how on earth of this.

Affectionately

Yours,

E Carroll

Mary Ann

States House Monday Eve
Indianapolis Aug 14, 1854

My Dear Mary Ann

When I wrote you yesterday Eve I had some misgivings whether I was not premature in announcing that I was improving, but anxious to give you the earliest intelligence I prudently could. I ventured to write as I did.

At this writing I am not in doubt I am much better than I was yesterday. I rested better last night than I have before at all. My night fancies (or dreams if they deserve the name) were of a pleasanter order

I am stronger to day as my writing will bear testimony and I look better as my Dr asserts,

I took Castor oil this morning to grease the interior machinery that had got some what rusted, it has passed through all the valves, pipes, cysterns, trunks, channels, clappers & plungers, and all creaking seems dispensed with. So I judge the machine is in working order again.

By the by, I must tell you how I took

it as I did without tasting it, If I had not seen the oil put in the vessel I could not have believed that I had taken any. The Dr said this morning that he was most afraid to let me know what medicine he wish me to take, I told him I supposed it was oil. He said I had guessed rightly, I answered that I abhored the taste of the stuff but could take it, that his word was my law on that subject. He said he wished me to take some, and that he had taken it in a glass of good "Scotch Ale" without tasting it. I asked him if I could safely try the experiment of taking the "oil" he said I could. A Hiram posted Palmyra for a "bottle of best Scotch Ale" He brought one at a cost of 50¢ and on tryal it was sour I returned the ale to the bottle, and he exchanged it for a better One. but this was at least 2nd quality, but as it was not sour I tried it. Accep. I poured out a glass 2/3 full of ale, 1/4 of an inch of the top of which was foam. I poured the ale by a small stream into the center of the tumbler. It settled to the bottom of the froath, and floated on the ale beneath. I then applied the tumbler to my lips and drank a fine Glass of ale without leaving the least taste of the ale, The ale has not

since been tested, but it has performed its office, and I pronounce the experiment a successful one, and the invention worthy a patent.

Perhaps it would be bad policy to patent such an improvement, for as soon as the "Main law" passes, every body would want to try the experiment, and I fear would soon impair it by "boring" the oil.

I have not heard from home since I left. I suppose my letters have gone to Abbiard, where I hope to go by last of the week.

Mr Barbour came near loosing his little boy by a cholera attack since you were here, but they saved him, His family now all well.

Considerable flux here, now and then it runs into the cholera, nothing however to cause alarm, full as healthy as when you was here.

It continues very dry, though we had a fine rain in and about the City on Friday last.

I am not strong enough to write more comfortable, so I will close with

Affectionate Regards

E Cornell

Mary Ann

Office of the Buffalo and New York City Rail Road Co.

Buffalo, Aug 4th 1854

Connell Esq

Dr Sir.

Your last was duly rcd. I am gratified to learn my proposition is accepted & there is a prospect of a final & speedy settlement of the unpleasant matter. If you can send me the amt this week it will greatly oblige me. I wish to take a trip east & north with an invalid brother & shall need the money very much. Please do the best you can in the matter & I shall not forget it. The negotiation with Mr Butterfield for the Line from Attica to Buffalo is not terminated & does not look favorable for as now

C. M Smith Bunker Aug 4. 82.

We shall know dfinitly about it this week when I will write you if you wish.

Yours Respectfully
C M Smith

Burlington August 14 1854

Sir

Have you made any
arrangement about your work
with the Telegraph Co. If it is time
to finish any preparation we
may wish to make for that work
soon

Respy Yours
L. B. Eastisby

E. Corson Esq

Bates House Aug 15. 1854

My Dear Mary

I have been better today than the day before, look better, feel better, Eat better, Sleep better, and twice as much strength, Have been full dressed to day and walked to the Telegraphy & back, Thus I suspect that I am well again all but the recovery of my Strength & that will come rapidly. I have purchased a "Prairie Chicken" this morning upon which I expect to breakfast in the morning,

I rec'd My Tribune of 12th to day & learn by it that my old friend Geo. N. Sanford still sits in "Wisdoms Gate" and I have written him a letter, That and this is the sum total of my writing to day. but I have read the Tribune all but the advertisments,

If I fail to write you tomorrow take it for granted that I continue to improve, and have been busied about some thing else

Affectionately Yours

E Cornell

Mary Ann

Ithaca

P.S. Don't fail to write Emma for me

Detroit 15 Sept 54

Dr Sir

If you want
$600 before I return
my wife will give
you a check for
that amt on the State
Bank - I cannot
pay any more on
Mummy Ape at present
Give a receipt for
it to apply on the
money you let Mumm
have

Ruth

J. J. Strand Jr

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Newcastle aug 1554

Dear Sir. I got Mr King
I Evil to wait a month.
I have not heard from Ithaca
yet. How to meet my friend
in Pittsburg who was to pay
my clothes is the question. I go
there tonight. I am making
preparations to go take up
that note to Sunbirds. Think
I will go up next week if all
Pittsburg matters go off right.
I Can & will make all right.
& remember you to help Mr
over. if you will help in
this my time I need as
you Can. I dislike the delay
& Connections in Pittsburg.
I will look to it tomorrow

Respectfully

E Cornell Esq W. R. Pow

Offs Ill & Miss Tel Co.
Altoona Aug 15. 1854

E Carnell Esq

Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 8th came duly to hand but a press of engagements has prevented me from answering sooner. The Ill Central R R Co has assured me that they will be unable to progress with the Telegraph this season, but still hold out encouragement that they will go on next year. The truth is that the money market is so very close that all the R R Cos. are postponing everything which they possibly can. In this state of things it is impossible to say what it will be safe to propose to the Company, but I think it will be safe in a short time to arrange with them on the basis suggested by you.

I hear nothing further from the House party in relation to my contract with Speed. I think I shall go & see Speed in a few days. There is about 500 miles of the Central road not occupied by this Co. three weeks since the new line was completed between Chicago & St Louis page 25 of the lower end. Since then we have worked regularly

Yours truly J D Caton