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Albion Jan'y 31. 1855

Before breakfast

Dear Frank.

Just before going to bed last night about 12 o'clock I wrote you a letter but I had filled my sheet before noticing all the topics of your letter

You mention that you have moved a half of your row of fir trees over to the Cemetery, I am glad to learn that Grandfather has had this improvement made it is in good taste, and will much improve the ground, One of the brightest marks of advancing civilization, that will be left upon the page of the present generation, is their care for the dear departed, It is evidence of our belief in the immortality of the soul.

The washing machine subject is a difficult one to solve. one of the gems humbug, is undoubtedly, a washing machine

Your Grandfather is a pretty good judge of mechanical structures, and has a reasonable & commendable solicitude for the dimes, so I think he may be safely trusted with the subject, and I will drop it, by expressing a hope that the girls may have their heart

by the choice — Who is to be the Supt of the new machine? or more properly the Engineer? Aunt Cassy, tell her she must be carefull, that it dont get "off of time" and by all means avoid a "collision" —

Telegraphing is rather dull at this season of the year, but the business is increasing and it has become as much of a fixed fact, as the Railroads, It cant be dispensed with and must be come profitable, Old Fogies, may throw up their hands, and roll up the white of their eyes, in astonishment or disgust but young America will stick to the telegraph. The receipts of the Erie & Michigan line has been $77,173.95 for the year 1854, last year it was — $72,695.15, showing an increase for the year of = $4,478.80;

I took charge of the line July 1, 54 and up to Jan 1, 55 = Six months the receipts of the line has been $43,164.62, The receipts for some months of 1853 was — 39,048.50, showing an increase for the six mo = $4,116.12 over the corrisponding period of last year, and showing that nearly all the increase of the year has occured during my administration,

While thus increasing the business of the line, I have lessened the expenses at the rate of about $2,000 a year, so that we are improving at both ends of our

business, We have earned 10 pr ct on our capital, in the last 6 mo, and paid a dividend of 5 pr ct, and paid out balance for debts we inherited from Shuldrum agument, and to rebuild the line, since I took charge we have put up 150 miles of new poles of the best kind, poles that will stand three times as long as the old ones did, and our line was never in so good order as it now is,
We now work from Chicago to Buffalo in two Circuits instead of three as formerly.

Our House friends, who have invoked all the Spirits of darkness to their aid, in hopes of organizing a force to drive us to terms or break us down, will find that we were never in half as good a condition to stand a Siege as at present, and they must mount "biger guns" if they expect to storm Sevastopol.

Our line however, though in far better condition than ever before and better than our neighbours, is far short of what it might be, and what it shall be,
I am determined to improve it as

as fast as our means will justify, and will carry soon being our receipts up to $100,000 per year, without any material increase of our expenses,

If I have my health for five years longer I shall put the Telegraph in shape so the boys can manage it and I can return to farming—

Uncle Abram has got well and his children are improving Uncle John Robertson is improving slowly, all the rest are well my health is good, and I can do as much as any man can I can learn,

Uncle E.B. is at Rich City but can't do much while the snow is so deep,

The storm is over, has left us 3 feet of snow and is very cold

The Cars will be running by tomorrow and I shall be off to Indiana

Affectionate

Regards to

Your Father

E Cornell

Frank

Albion Jan'y 31. 1855

Dear Mary Ann

I have just learned that I shall have to go to Ny to be there about the 7th to go to Kinderhook to take depositions in a wool suit the E & M. Co have on hand I should like to see you, but dont know as I shall get time to stop at Ithaca —

Cant you go to Ny with me and return your shawl for getting home again,

I start to night for Erie and have Indianapolis monday for Cleveland be at B tuesday and go East in evening, be at Owego on Wednesday's train. I guess you better meet me there. I will telegraph you from Cleveland

Yours in haste

E Corell

Detroit Jany 31st 1855

W. E. Connell
Albion Mich

Dr Sir

Yours of 25th instant I received this morning - and find upon examining the draft on which you are sued that it bears Date ~~on~~ "Ithica Aug 3d-1850" - it is on file in the Clerks office -

Yours &c
Howard & Mandell
by Mandell

We hear nothing further from Willcox & Gray about the Compromise -

1306.22
12/91.43-54
7.62
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1300
12/9100
7.58
4
30.32
1300
1330.32

O. D. & J. Telg. in a/c with E. & H. Telg.

1854		
Apl 3.	Refunded	.15
	Balance for March per Register	6.24
Apl	Advanced to repair Corning at V.	11.00
	Batty for March	3.00
May	Advanced to repair Corning at V.	6.75
	Batty for Apl	3.00
	Balance for July per Register	2.95
	do " Oct. " "	44

1854

	Balance for April	6.12
	do " May	1.78
	do " June	.37
	do " Jany 1855	3.15
	Balance now due	22.23
		34.05

34.05

Add to above balance your proportion of rent of office unpaid for about two years & you have rent of your indebtedness. A small portion of this rent is still in Robinsons hands, charged to you in his settlement but he has not yet settled with Wire the owner of office. Hee has promised to attend to it & I can then know the exact rent

I suppose it will be very nearly two years sent up to some day in January last. Which will be $37.50 1/4 of the whole. Alvord sentenced the officer, & we had better pay him our proportion monthly as suggested in my letter. & I so instructed Moore.

Yours.

W. S. Hubbell

Mr. Hubbell
Eversmeyer bill
$22, 23

N. Y. & Mich. C. Printing Tel. Co
Secretarys Office
Rochester Jany 1853

E. Cobb Esq

Sir.

As our Telegraph Line is now completed from Toledo to Chicago, it is necesary for us to set it in operation. So long as our friends under or in connection with J. H. Read retain possession of the So: Mich: Line as Mortgagee, we think it due to the latter Company to state what we conceiden our Line is justly entitled to - Indeed we propose to do with that Company what we esteem to be liberal, and we have no doubt it will be so considered by that Company.

1 In the first place we propose to open no office between Chicago and Toledo where the So: Mich: Line has an office - and in case our Company opens an office at any such place, the S. M. Line shall have the Receipts thereof.

2 From the first of February next, all the business on our Line for Chicago, and for places West and North of Chicago, shall be Checked directly to Chicago; and all local business at Chicago, and all business received from other Lines for Toledo and East of Toledo shall be checked directly through to the proper office on our Line.

3 All local business at Monroe, and all business received from other Lines at Monroe for Chicago or for any place where the Southern Michigan Line has an office, or for any place West of Chicago, shall belong to and constitute a part of the Receipts of the So: Mich: Line - and all the expences of the Monroe Office, shall be equally divided between the two Companies, except that each Company is to pro-

=vide its own Blanks and Registers, and to pay for its own Line Repairs.

4 The So: Mich Line is to have all the Receipts of all the offices on its Line beturen Monroe and Chicago; and also all the Receipts of the House Chicago Office for all the offices on the So: Michigan Line — and it is also to have all the Receipts of the Office at the Fremont House Office.

5 The Southern Mich: Line is to have the Fremont House Office free from Rent, but it is to pay other expences thereof — and the So: Mich: Line is to pay no part of the expences of the House Office, except that it is to pay one half of your Salary.

6 The So: Mich: Line is to do the Rail Road business free, in Consideration that our Company secures to it the free passage of their repairers & other agents, when travelling on the business of the Telegraph Company.

We think you had better submit this outline of our plan to the President, and we do not doubt he, as well as the other Officers, will be satisfied that our Company desires to give them their share and more than their share of the business, and relieve them of some of their Expences.

Isaac R Elwood
Secretary

Chicago
Aug 16 1856
Isaac R Elwood
Secretary

Cincinnati Feby 2. 1858

E. Cornell Esq
Indianapolis Ind

Dear Sir

I wrote you on
Jany 3d enclosing Bill of Lines, purchased
Septemb, and have rec'd. no reply, you will
please remit the amt $12 4/100 immediately and
much oblige

Yours respectfully G. F. Coffin
per F. G. H.

Detroit Feb 2nd 1875

E Cornell
Dr Sir

Enclosed I return you the letter you gave me directed to Your Wife. I was about twenty five minutes too late for the 3 oclock train that morning. I very much regret that I have not got the pass that you so kindly gave me to use to return to you. The Conductor on the 3rd division read it carefully & saw that it passed the Rest of the Delg Co & when he collected the tickets he asked me particularly & pointedly what my name was & could not conscientiously tell him other than my real name. I afterwards saw Mr Wibbard at Albany & tried to have him give it to return to you but he would not do it. Besides paying fare I was the means of your loosing your pass which I am very sorry for.

I also send you Report for Jany I think that no previous Report of mine has shown so small a bal to pay to

the Treasr nor where the Gross Receipts were so small. Debts contracted during the Mo & remaining unpaid will amt to about $35 of which about $8 was for more Dutch battery. I have not pd these bills because the bal to pay Treal was so small $24 odd - I do not now think of any extra-ordinary expenses to be incurred the coming Mo unless it is a Rent bill of $7.50 which with the above amt to be paid will make about $110 I anticipate Business sufficient to pay this besides paying Treal a fair bal. We get our answers from the east since making the new connection at Toledo rather more promptly. I forgot to state in the amt of debts contracted during the Mo is one of about $30 for Horse & Cupola, remaining unpaid

Resp'y Yours Chas. E. Wendell

Dayton Feb 2nd 1855

My Dear Mary Ann

I am here, how and for what? It is the unavoidable result of that lovely snow storm that I grew enthusiastic over a week Since.

I sat up and wrote letter after letter, on wednesday eve last, until my hopes, joys, affections, commands, supplications, and greetings were sped in the directions of the four quarters of the Globe, and the hour of 12, admonished me that it was time to pack my kit, for my southern migration,

Punctual to time the iron coursers came snorting to the Station, as if bidding defiance to the storm, and in I got, and off we flew, with the speed of the wind,

By six oclock I found myself at Ty- with leaden eyes and aching head, but with a strong and hopeful heart, ready to continue my journey southward, but low! the the uncertainty of human expectations, my first greeting were "no trains from the south since the storm" — and nobody could guess when there would

be. I got breakfast, and at once resolved to change my course and go by Toledo & Bellefountain. After breakfast E. B.C got horse & cutter, and we started for La Port and arrived after a pleasant sleigh ride about noon, got dinner & returned and at six P.M I took seat in the cars for Toledo with Harper in my pocket, & the life of Greeley in my hand, and off we went, reading & reading, alternately, until some "wolf in sheeps clothing" stole my book, the reading of which I hope will make him a better man.

Reached Toledo, this morning 8. A.M Six ours behind time, at Toledo. I got breakfast, went to P.O. office rec'd & wrote several despatches, bought another life of Greeley, and footed it across the river on the ice, getting very cold, and took seat in Cars for Sandusky. At Clyde changed cars, and sped southward on Mad River R.R. hoping to reach Bellefountain in time to make the connection there, and succeeded in getting there in time to miss it.

I resigned myself and continued Mad Riverward to this City, reading and riding — ~~Reading~~ reading, until I have devoured about 200 pages of Horace, and sped three hundred miles of road.

I have enjoyed a good cup of tea, a light supper, and a chat over the wires with Cir. Pitts Louisville R.R.C. - ready for bed after closing my epistle to my loved ones, far, far away.

I shall store and da up that night's sleep in ours, (so I shant have time to dream), and get under way again by seven, hoping to reach Indianapolis by 11. A.M. = after which I refer you to the program. I sent you from Albion -

I could give you an interesting letter yet from the furnishings of the storm that has not probably reached you yet. but I could not do the subject justice this ~~evening~~. So I will bid you good night,

Yours. Affectionately
E. Cornell

Mary. Ann

Akron. Feby. 2. 1865.

E. Cornell, Esq. Pres't. C. & W. Tel. Co.

Dear Sir: Yours of 15th ult. was duly rec'd & contents noted. We are very glad of an opportunity of answering your questions, as we have been wanting to write to some person respecting Telegraph matters, & should have done so some time since, had we known to whom to direct a letter, but we will do so now to the best of our ability, & also Enclose you our a/c. from March 8. '64. to Jan. 1. 1865.

We are working & taking care of the Akron portion of the C. W. & Y. Telegraph Line, at Akron, at a salary of $35. per month.

The line at present is in a very bad condition, scarcely in a condition to work at all, & can not be worked much if any more than half the time, & is not to be depended upon any of the time. The poles are becoming very rotten & every wind blows down more or less of them. We have been out on the line a good deal the last year, having to take care of it from our office the entire distance to Cuyahoga Falls, the next office north of us, as the Operator there refuses to do any thing on the line, & we were out yesterday on his part of the line, & if the weather will permit, shall go again tomorrow, as there are 3 or 4 poles down & the line broke in several places, & in consequence we have no communication with Cleveland, but by the time one break is repaired another is made, & there is so much uncertainty about doing business, that we are losing & have lost our best customers.

What it will cost to put the line in good working condition we cannot say. Two men went through last summer repairing, or rather pretending to make repairs on the Line, but we think all they were paid was thrown away; for instance, at the time they were here on their way south we told them of a place where the line crosses the Canal where we have had a great deal of trouble, & told them to put up two new poles without fail, which they promised to do. but never touched them, — and they were told at Mapleton on their return & made good promises to put up new poles but never touched them. & in a very few days after they were on their return we had to go & make said repairs at an expense five times greater than it would have cost them to have made them. & in some instances crotched stakelles were set against the fence for the line to rest on instead of good poles being put up as they should have been. Such repairs you know, are worse than nothing.

If you intend to continue business on the line it should be put in thorough repair from one end to the other, as soon as possible. We would suggest that two good, faithful men, men that can be relied on, one, (if such an one can be found) should feel interested, with sufficient implements to work with, of course, be sent through & all necessary repairs be made, And also some arrangements be made at the Cleveland Office by which we can get that office in a reasonable time after calling it. which we have not been able to do for a long time past, It is a source of great annoyance to call Cleveland sometimes for half a day & then not succeed in getting them, & perhaps in the mean time lose half a dozen Messages, or more. We think if the line were put in first rate order & business be done promptly and well, at all the different offices, business would soon again revive, & we would soon do as much, if not more, than we have ever done on the line,

Yours, Respectfully

Beebe & Ellis,

Wabash February 9th 1857

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir Yours of the 6th of January is before me & in reply will say, that my reports has been regularly sent in with in a few days after time as you Say this one is. & in regard to other operators, making such returns I do not dispute it. But as to my Self. I will Show at the Close of my Brief remarks a Receipt from all my Clerks, from my Land Lord, & will further Say that the Telegraph office at Wabash is not in debted One Cent to any one but my Self. when I get any thing for it I pay as I Keep & Can & Credit it at the time, if no money on hand belonging to the office & pay my own, which if you Could at Short time Could & See me you will Soon See a Satisfactory Showing Our Citizens in regard to the office. I may get a mistake Some time & then by get a long in my Report only make it right at my Expense & all will be right with me, & Taken the office. it was in debt & out of repair I have got it now in good order & all it owes is to my Self in regard to my Duties Report, & I know & Understand it. it is a written one & had no blanks I wish you would send me Some

Soon. Yours Truly

Wm Adams

Received in full of William Sons
for all his Accts up to February 3rd 1855
at Three dollars pr month
(Wm Sorenson

N B
if you wish it I will get a Receipt
from the Livery Stable man for Horse
Hire the sum I paid for working on
Sirs is all your Boy was Irishmans
belonging to the Rail Road I would
not know them now if I
should See them as I know of
doing more than one Job that I have got done
to them as apps, pls Ans this Soon
yours William Adams

N. B. The accounts Stands as follows Viz
The months of Novem to Mahoon Station
The Sum of $4.704 Dreden do $4.35
January $1.55.

Total Amount in
All. $38.98

Due to me & me only from
yours Wm Adams

Mahoon
Wm Adams
to Acct for Boat
Feb. 3. 55

Baltimore Monguma County Ohio
February 3 1855 Mr E Cornell
i receid your leter and i have
ben looking for you with
paliene i have to move
be pore the first of march
and i would like for you to
come be fore that time i am
very much in need of the
money yours

Michael Frontman

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE

Washington and New Orleans Telegraph Company.

Washington City, Feb. 3d 1851

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir, Your letter of the 25th ult. came duly to hand.

My inquiry about Smith's interest in the Erie & Michigan Line arose from a proposition on his part to sell us all his interests out of New England; but it has ended in nothing.

Next week there is to be an argument in the Newyork Court on the law points involved in our suit with Smith when it will be decided whether Smith is bound to account to Morse and Vail for the price of the patent on the lines sold to Mr. Hotchkiss. If it be decided that he is not, they will be open for compromise or sale. As far as built upon, they were expressly excepted from the sale to Speed.

The suit you suggest against the House concern would be a good thing; but unfortunately there is no concert among the Morse companies, and no one of them singly is willing to encounter the entire expence when the benefits of the result are to be common.

The next best thing short of a general com-

promise would be a treaty of alliance between the Morse companies producing a business concert, which would use up the Home interest.

I will approve you of the result of the argument in New York

Very respectfully
Amos Kendall

Albion
Michigan.

P. S. Whenever the Home interest commence building any new line in your region, please inform me in full. Can you inform me where Reed or Wade have any property? Or whose paper they hold as consideration for their sale to the Home concern? I may hold them uneasy after a while.

Mapillon Sept 4 1865

Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 2d inst is at hand and I shall now try and give you as much information on the different subjects you have asked as possible. We have done the most busines for the last two years. For the last three or four months we have not done as much. The consequence is the Wade Line has taken all of the Western and Eastern Business done in this place. Dow asked me if I could get the receipts of the other Office I think not. Think it a very doubtful case if I should happen to get them I shall let you know. Well I should judge that the most busines is directed to Cleveland Pittsburgh Alleghey City and Columbus Population of Mapillon is 6.000. and growing very rapidly. No Sir I have no other busines but Telegraphing. Well I was 17 years old last December. Learned the busines in the Month of June 1863. Have been

around the Office acting as messenger and Operator for the last two years Have had the Office under my own control since last October. Yesterday I spoke with the Collector of this place and think some of moving the Office where it will not be so expensive. ~~I~~ By this means I shall get all of the Boat busines which I think will help the line a great deal I shall not move till I hear from you and get your opinion of the subject so I will not incur the expence of moving. I ~~shall have~~ pay $40. per year where I am at present and think that if I go where the Collectors Office I shall not have to pay the half of that amount. I shall now wait for your decision and hope you will let me know as soon as possible.

Mr. E. Cornell.
Albion.
Michigan.

Yours Respectfully
William Atwater.

Franklin Mills Feb 5-th /55

Dr Sir

Yours of Jany 26 is at hand asking the condition & name of the line that this office is on & it is the Cleve. Warren & Pittsburgh line & it comes on the same poles that the C W & Z line does from Cleveland to this place where it seperates one goes & the other west This line is in very poor order the poles want resetting & then it would stand several years & think it would be for the interest of both lines to have one of the wires taken off & have it arranged so as to connect with them both at this place It would save expence in repairing and there would be the connections as there are now With the lines as they are now when they get down they are apt to get crossed & stop our work but if it was single we could generally work if the wire was down for it does not generally get on the ground but usually on the fence This office does not pay expenses but I think it would if the line was kept in good order It has been down so much that people

have lost confidence in it and will not patronize it more than they can help
The receipts & expenses of this office since I have been here to Jany 1st are as follows

Amt rec'd from	Mch 13th	to	Apr 13th		$11.74
" " "	Apr	"	May	"	14.37
" " "	May	"	July	"	28.35
" " "	July	"	Aug	"	17.56
" " "	Aug	"	Sept	"	13.86
" " "	Sept	"	Nov	"	14.79
" " "	Nov	"	Dec	"	8.04
" " "	Dec	"	Jany	"	4.97 $113.68

The expenses of office exclusive of rent fuel lights &c	$14.80
Repairs of line	9.61
My salary @ 10 per month for 10 mos	100.00 $124.41

I am employed by the R R Co and receive more than 10 per month but that would be about the proportion to charge to the Telegraph office. I do not report to the Telegraph Co
This office was likely to run down several years ago and Mr Pew the manager of the line told Mr Kent that he would like to have him take charge of it and keep it open which he has done He bought a new instrument which he owns now and has furnished room for office The R R Co pay the balance

of the expenses that the receipts fall short of paying.

Yours Respectfully
Geo D Whitcomb

Wm E Connell
Albion Mich

P S This Rail Road was Chartered under the name of the Franklin & Warren R R The name was changed the first of Jany to the Atlantic & Great Western R R

G D W

Corning Feb 6th 1853

E Cornell Esq

Dear sir

Your favor of the 25 is recvd &c.

I Can Lease the Williamsport or Susquehannah Line if I Choose I have a proposal before the Williamsport and Elmira R R Directors which has been favorably received what may come of it I Cannot tell yet. Today Mr J R Redfield asked me for my terms from Rochester. - I shall Commence on the Scranton R R in march or April. Line will be 130 miles Long. I also Can have a Line from Elizabeth town N J to Eastern Pa if I will work it I think I shall take it and Connect the Line on the Scranton [redacted]

R R ~~Line~~. I think I had better go on my own responsibility for the present to obtain some other position. the Line from Williamsport to Phila pays more and in any form Condition When I get ready to Commence on the Scranton Line I shall want some funds think you Can help me to get some at Pa for a short time.

I am pretty much ready to settle up from 6 to 8 a How do you get along and have you heard from Curtis It is very Cold here. Mrs S. send Respects &c

Let Me hear soon from you Very Respectfully

G. W. Skinner

Owego Feb 7, 1853

My Dear Mary Ann,

I telegraphed you from Canton asking if you would go to Ny with me and go to Washington if I went as I may. This morning I arrived here and at 10 A.M. after I had been here an hour & 4 hours behind time the message came along having got within 30 miles of Geneva and again stopped for "Nate" to "clear out his battery". If such is a specimen of the telegraphing our customers get I don't wonder at their dissatisfaction at the delays of the telegraph

Are you ready to go to Washington? If I go I should like for you to go along. I may stay 2 days in which you could see much of the "national pleasure Gardens" as Grisby called it on account of his visit to the Senate & House.

If cars had been on time this A.M. I could have gone to Ithaca but have not time now.

If you go to Ithaca or Ny you must start for Ny tomorrow, stop at Marshall Hotel Ny. When I will look for

you, I may return from Washington
visit via Balt & Pittsburg, a new route
for you & me. You can then stay or return
home via Cleveland & D&E,
I may however not go to Wash and
go to Albany & Utica, so don't be disappointed
at any course,

Yours Affectionately
E Cornell

P. S. If I get time I will write
ABC though I have nothing new
to say —

Cincinnati 7th July 1855

E Connell Esqr
Indianapolis

Dear Sir / Yours of 5th inst is rec'd and contents noted. the person who rec'd the Inquiry on Sunday a small lop by the Blunder made in transcribing of my despatch - is a Brother of mine who is a citizen of Terre Haute engaged in pork Packing & has a very important Law Suite pending here for several months past & not yet decided. as soon as he rec'd my despatch he considered it urgent for him to come on here immediately & thought it was important to be present here at the earliest practable moment in consequence of the Suite at Law. this was one consideration, & another was, that some of his relatives here had died or was about to Die & knowing he could not get the letter described in my despatch until late the following day, he came on at once & was here before he could have rec'd the letter at Terre Haute. and the alteration made in transcribing the despatch led him to believe that the letter would only explain the contents of the despatch & he would had to come here & by doing

doing so would have all explained here as early as he could at Terre Haute had he waited for the letter — had no loss or extra trouble been sustained by a mistake of your operator, then no fault would been found, nor would any claim been made but where a loss is sustained by such mistake the least that may be done is to Repair that loss to the parties sustaining it. You say had he waited for the letter & Red its contents he would not required to come here admit this — but from the wrong wording of the despatch as transcribed by your operator led him to believe that his presence was wanted here in the quickest possible manner & considered it unnecessary to wait for that letter

all I ask of you to do is to advise your operator in Terre Haute to pay Alexander McGregor a reasonable compensation for his travelling expenses here & Back & one day at a Hotel. If the public knew that they could not have redress from your company where by any of your agents made such a mistake that led parties into a serious loss. the telegraph lines all over the country would soon go down — that is no one would patronize them. I have sent your

letter under cover to my Brother at Terre Haute & expect that will advise the Officer there to settle the matter amicably

Yours very Respy
J McGregor

~~Copy of~~ my despatch was as follows
Collect if possible

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the copy delivered to J McGregor as follows
Come on if possible

Illinois and Mississippi Line.

NORTHWESTERN DIVISION.

IN CONNECTION WITH ALL OTHER LINES IN NORTH AMERICA.

WRITE PLAIN AND USE NO ABBREVIATIONS.

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE HAS JUST BEEN

Received at ~~Galena~~, 1854.

Dated Freeport Ill. Feb 8th 1854

To E. Connell Esqr.

Dr Sir

Yours of 31st Ult
duly Recd. The reason I have
not written You before was
I did not know where to
direct as You was travelling
so much and Expected You would
write tell me where to Direct
I Engaged with this Company
Soon after I wrote You and
have no further information about
Line between Rockford & Belvi
But think it Could be repaired
so that it ~~would~~ work till Spring

Chas B Crittenden
Feb 8, 1855

at small expense say about
ten dollars— Wisconsin Line
Works well so Beloit operator
says— They have taken the Dust
down and the railing of the offs.
at Rockford

Respectfully Yours
Chas B. Crittenden

Hamilton Ohio
Feby 8th 65

Mr E. Cornell
Dear Sir

I enclose my report for January Line Deficient $30.89 you are aware that the Line was down a great part of last Month both above & below & I was out Several times the wind is getting quite rotten is time to be rebuilt Yours of 26th ult rec'd & I am sorry to say that out of the twelve miles that I attached I get about one mile & have the instrument yet & wish to dispose of it Nash still owes me thirty Dollars or more

Please send me some
report Blanks & Mileage
blanks —

What is to be
done about the enclosed
bill of Mr Campbell
please reply soon &
Oblige Yours

Very Respectfully

C. K. Smith Jr.

Eugene Ind. March 9. 1855

Mr A. Haas.

Dear Sir

I send you an account of money advanced to Mr Guthridge on account of W. S. & Ill Tel. Co

July 4. 1854 To five dollars advanced on order of C. Reed assist. Sup.int. $5.00
Dec 1854 To cash advanced to Mr Guthridge at Terre Haute when he went there to get C. H. office open. 5.00
10.00
Credit by money sent from Indianapolis by Mr E. Cornell Feb. 5. 1855. of 2d. class paper 5.00

Balance due 5.00

John can tell what time it was I paid his father the money at Terre Haute. for it was while I lay sick at Buntins.

yours very Truly
R. M. Waterman

Covington Ind^{a} Feb 10th 1853

E Cornell, Esq.,

I received yours of the 5th inst on yesterday, enclosing $13. 2^{d} Class ~~free~~ Bank-money, which the verry best I could do with it, was ten pr cent discount to Convert it into par funds, Therfore

Received of E Cornell Eleven dollars $11\frac{70}{100}$ in part pay for Rent of telegraph office in Covington Ia for five months rent ending Sept first ~~1853~~ Eigteen Hundred & fifty four (1854) leaving a balance due on said time of Eighty cents

A. R. Heath

I presume the balance can be Settled by the operator here, threw your orders,

Yours A. R. H

Winchester Feby 10th 1855

Mr. E. Cornell

Albion Mich.

Dear Sir, As in-
-structed by Mr. Haas, I
herewith send acct of acts
of this Office for the month
of Jany 1855= Your Brother
informed me when he opened
the Office that you or Mr. Speed
would send me a blank upon
which to make statement, when
the same was desirable =
Having rec'd none I am at a
loss to know how to proceed
but can give the exact amt
collected at this office which
for the month of Jany. is two
dollars and twenty nine cts.
($2.29) This is the whole amt.
rec'd for the month, which
you will conclude would lit-

=tle more than buy a hungry
Mans Supper= Jesting aside
The profits are of course small
to the oper= In this however I
am not disappointed. The
instrumuth is company for
me which is desirable con=
sidering that I am Compelled
by a misfortune (falling from a
building) to Constantly occupy
my room.. Nothaving walked
a Step in three years, with
no prospect of ever recovering
the use of my lower extremities.

If you will send me a blank
with instructions how to make
out Statement so as to be Sat=
=isfactory to yourself, I will
send Complete acct of receipts
from Commencement to gether
with with amt due you af=
ter deducting expenses of
Office= The only reason I
have for deferring so long is
simply that I have been a=
=waiting instructions."

Awaiting your com=
=mands I am
Yours Respectfully
James L. Collom
Jr.

Winchester Ind

P.S. I have not footed up
the receipts for other months
but presume they are lar=
=ger than those of Jany.
at least I hope so.

J. L. C.

Fort Wayne Ind
Febry 10/25

Mr E Connell

Sir I recd yours of fifth, and I will now reply. Firstly. I do not know exactly how much Cash I recd. but I will give you a statement as I have it. In July when Mr C H Speed was examining the accts I find that there was a balance of Twenty-five dollars due me. I then worked with S. Palmer (on the Line along the national road) Forty-eight days, at one dollar & Twenty-five cts per day which would make Sixty-[redacted] dollars. I do not Know exactly how much money I recd of him, but presume it was about Twenty-five or six dollars

Lastly I worked with B-B Connell thirty-two days (from October 11 to Nov 14) which makes forty dollars. I loaned him. Two dollars & ninety cts. The cash I recd of him yes Thirty three dollars & seventy-one cts. He charged me with two bills. one of which was six dollars & forty six cts- the other was two dollars- both of which I paid myself not more than a week ago. He also charged me one dollar for an axe which was stolen from the Telegraph Office in Defiance. & which I think I ought not pay. However if you think that I ought why I will. I must say that You would be doing me a great favor if you would settle immy as I am greatly in need of Money, Hoping to hear from you soon. I remain with sincere respect & esteem

Your Obedient Servant

E G Groner

$4.00
K

Rec.

Nov 95 M B Wood & E Cornell
pay David Mitchel
Sixty dollars & 93 for work
on New Albany & Salem
Telegraph line
Michigan City Feb 12 1854
E B Cornell
Rec'd payment David Mitchell

ed of M B Wood four dollars
vertical orders of David Mitchell
for one pair Boots

S. Worth

Telegraph Company Dr

To David Mitchell	26½ days work	$26.50
" Paid passage on Cars Mich City		3.75
" Rope to measure from the track		.15
" Mending Crow Bar		.25
" " " "		.25
" Paid passage on Cars		3.75
		$84.65

Telegraph Com Dr

Dec 29th By Cash $1[illegible]

Mr Wood Please leave orders with Mr George Hannahs so that I can draw it from his office if you are not here

David Mitchell
Albion

Jan 20th /82

Robertsons bill shows only 25½ days work whole amount of bill according to this would be $33.65

Paid cash and boots at Wis 14.00

$19.65

Rec Payment 6.93

12.72

David Mitchell

Plymouth Feb 13 1853

Mr Cornell

Sir— I am out of Business— and if you have an Office on your line Vacant I should like to work awhile.

The Stockholders of that Instrument say you can have it if you will agree to replace it if it should ever be needed here.

Yours &c.

D McDonald

Zanesville July 13th 53

Dear Sir

I rec'd a line from Mr. Smith of P. Office N.P. yesterday stating that Mr Cornell is anxious for the Stock holders of this Line to yield their interest in the defunct from to J. in order that the Michigan Tel. Co. may have the remnants & rights thereunto belonging for the purpose of erecting a permanent Line from N. to Columbus,

I will say to you from the inquiry I have made from time to time that the Stock holders here at R. Washington & New Comers town with few exceptions in the last named places are perfectly willing

to donate their interest
to any party, disposed to
keep up all conveniencies
that is all any intelligent
Stock holder ever expects
to realize for his interest
In [illegible] Shubrick
cases you may have
to deal with will not
amt to much

Yours &
P. Wade
Pres

Jonesville February 14. 1853

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

You are hereby notified that a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Michigan Telegraph Company will be held at the Office of Murphy & Baxter in Jonesville Hillsdale County on Thursday the 22 day of February instant at one o'clock P.M.

Yours &c

Jno. G. Parkhurst

Secretary

Montreal Telegraph Company.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

MONTREAL. 15th Feby 185[illegible]

My Dear Sir

I am anxious to know whether the enemy have Completely annihilated you or only stunned you so that you are only Silent temporarily - They are giving it to us as vigorously as their Batteries will work but it is sufficient to just keep us strung tightly - We made last year over 16 per Cent upon our increased Capital and we are making a much better start this year than last - I intend to put on the second wire between London & Windsor early in Spring after which we will make an arrangement for doing your through business if you wish -

Make your tariff as low as you please, say 50 or 75 cts from Sty to Chicago and send it on on line we will undertake to do it at a fair pro rata price —
I know we can do it as cheap and as well as any other line as we have done all of the N.S. takes business to & from Dayton (180 miles) for over a year at ten cts & shall continue at same tariff
When is your line that has given a low tariff so fair a trial —

I have not been able to understand how you could continue Hucker in charge of your business at Buffalo when he was admitted to be decidedly a loose man while in Ithaca a few weeks since I ascertained from above that you are only waiting for Mr Curtis to secure the Canada Junction connection from the Morse Patentees to enable you to make a change —
I hope you will let me know soon what you are doing — and what your prospects are —
I was disappointed at being obliged to return before May Ann arrived — Julia has not been well for a month — She is not confined to the house but has had a fearful Cold constantly for that length of time — Our new lines all work splendidly

Yours Very Truly
A Wood

E Cornell Esq

P O

Indianapolis Ind
Feb 15th 1893

P M Attica Ind

Dr Sir

Yours of yesterday is before me In reply I am sorry to inform You that owing to having been out of a genuine article of Copying Ink, We were using at that time quite an inferior article which has faded so much that it is not readable now, hence we cannot give you any satisfaction regarding the Bills

Respectfully
Yours

W W Wright Pm
By A P Sayler
Recording Clk

Certified copy

C. J. Smith
for C. J. Richardson, Pm

The Union Telegraph Company,

BETWEEN

New-York, Providence and Boston.

Connecting with the Eastern and Northern Lines to Halifax.

TO THE TELEGRAPHING PUBLIC.

Please write plainly; answer quickly; PRE-PAY; use no figures except dates—they cost more; give name, street and number of the party addressed, to insure prompt delivery; also, your own address under your signature; no charge for address and signature The above is for your safety as well as our convenience.

CHAS. F. WOOD, Sup't. H. M. SCHIEFFELIN, Pres't.

☞ *Office in New-York, 21 Wall-Street, corner of Broad.* ☜

~~BY TELEGRAPH.~~

Dated ..... 1854.

~~Rec'd~~, New-York, Feb 16 1855. ~~o'clock. min. M.~~

Know all men by these presents that I hereby appoint and constitute Ezra Cornell of Ithaca NY my Attorney, and lawful proxy to vote on my Stock in the Ohio Indiana and Illinois Telegraph Company at the next meeting of Stockholders, on all questions that may arise at said meeting

Charles O. Smith

Keuston
Feb 16. 1858

Dayton Feby 16. 1855

I. Naas. Esq

Dr Sir

Your enclosure of $85 Ind State stock paper was rec'd. but too late to be used in the settlement of the judgment. I compromised the matter by paying Newell $75 Cash & Costs $4.55 - total $79.55. I paid this out of My own pocket supposing that the $85 would probably make me even. but there was only $17 of it specie paying which was at a discount of 5 per Cent and the balance was worth 85 & 75 on the dollar. Aft trying for 3 days to get rid of just Clear Ind paper even for paying debts. I gave it up in despair & was abt returning it. when a friend came to me for a loan & lent it all to him for 6 Months without interest This operation will just make me square with you. as it is the same as loaning

it at 12 per cent. though I have more need of the Money than the interest. When I got rid of that Money I made a firm resolve never to touch another dollar of Ind Stock Money. I hope such banks will be wound up speedily I trust that the disposition of your $85 will be satisfactory inasmuch as it settles a debt of $86.81.

The history of the claims are as follows. Before Mr Connell took possession Newells acid bill was $47.29. It was allowed by the Ind board & Mr Connell assumed its payment. Since Mr C's possession the balance of the acid bill was made. Getting tired of settling these bills out of My own funds. I endeavored to put him off from time to time until Newells patience gave out & the first thing I Knew I was a Summons served on me as agent of the Ind Co. Thinking the proceedings irregular I told them the notice was bad, but Nevertheless judgment was given & before I was aware a levy made. Considering the debt a bona fide one. I did not feel like attempting to set it aside. as that in the end would have made things worse. The line would have been surged & perhaps taken down & sold.

The line between here & Pegua will need overhauling as soon as the weather permits. Between here & Inds I would suggest that 20 or 30 bracket insulators be left at each station, so that those going out on the line could do some good when they go. There is too much riding up & down the line & looking at it When wet weather comes we are dead in the shells. Repairers must have material & tools - else it is waste of Money & time sending them out. With insulators at every station. 2 men could go over the line & in 2 weeks work put it beyond the power of the Elements to interfere with our working. 2000 brackets could be used with profit on the line bet B & G. I

Knew of no more economical expenditure than this & Nine that has so much money in it for the line

In answer to your inquiry - I thought you was aware that Chas Griswold is & has been operator on 2nd line for 4 or 5 years in

Demarest is here now & out of business. He would be glad to have the Hamilton office. Now so badly attended to. I think he would bring it up. Ed is used to going out on the line & will keep his beats up well. I would be glad if you could send him there on the 1st March.

In regard to reporting the amts pd on the lines for each office it will be a little difficult to put it on the register, but I will try it next month.

Hoping to see you ere long for a general talk on matters & things I remain

Very Truly Yours

J. H. Kinsted

Chicago July 16/85

E Cornell
Pres

Dr Sir

I have bought the Sentinels interest which is 1/2 of Western line and papers are assigned to you Draw dft for $4.10.00 on you for 90 days to meet Hopkins note. and Sentinels bill & their share of Eastern line debt - & gave due bills payable in Telegraphy for the balance. The Statement I have and will show you when you Come here - I leave for Janesville in morning to buy Smith out and put men at work putting on wire to Madison - The Contract with RR Co is all ready to sign when we can get together.

I have collected of associated press two hundred and twenty five dollars for reports for Nov Dec & Jan - which funds I have advanced some of towards putting on Wire & will keep an a/c of it which I hope will be satisfactory. That line will do a good business when in

working order to Madison

When wire is on to Milton we shall draw about $800.00.

We are doing as well here as could be expected under the circumstances. We must get down on the ground. They have moved down and now have three places for receiving. They have the house instruments now working also the Morse. When can't work House they work Morse & put House in short Ci & print them out for Customs, they are making all possible time for business.

We must have different arrangements at Y we can't get anything East after 7½ PM as he closes at that time. I have tried to have him keep open longer but could not get him to do so. Hence the change.

Yours very truly
J. S. Draper