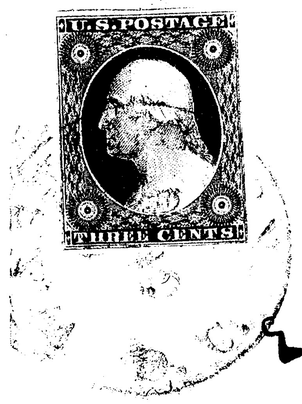

E. Cornell, Esq. President of E & M. Tel. Co. Sept. 1

Dear Sir:

Your letter of 29th is before me; and I hasten to reply — I regret that you have not received my response to your Circular of July 6. — I wrote very fully in answer to the several items of that Circular, near the close of July; and learning that you were to be in Chicago about that time, to attend a meeting of the Directors, I enclosed my letter under cover (for you) to Mr. Cobb, with a request that he would hand it to you. It was not handed to you, it seems; but Mr. Cobb informs me he mailed it to you at Detroit, about the 1st of August. I was as prompt in that matter as I could be, and it is mortifying to me that the letter has not yet reached you — I suppose it may be found in Detroit P.O; and if not, I will make out and mail another statement, as soon as I can be informed as to its necessity — Please drop me a word by telegraph on the subject —

In that letter I had alluded to the subject of my salary particularly; and from the fact that nothing had been said, I presumed that the arrangement as made between Speed and myself was to be continued, and made my reports accordingly. There was a definite understanding that I was to have 2/3ds of the gross receipts of the office — This agreement was with Speed, and was communicated by myself to Mr. Haviland, who made no objection to it, — as the amount collected for other lines was small, and as I always remitted quad-

ruple the sum that had to be paid out to other lines for this office. If you make particular reference, you will find that my reports have been made out on this basis for nearly two years past. Understanding, however, *now*, what *your* judgment is, I have no disposition to object to the establishment of the same rule in my case, as exists in regard to "all the offices" on our line through Michigan; and will therefore in future make the division on the principle directed. I think the average am't of receipts for other lines at this office has not been over $5 per month–

I enclose you a printed statement of the aggregate amount of *tel.* business done in this place since the establishment of an office here, six years ago– For a City containing a population of less than 4,000 inhabitants, I think you will concede that the *figures* are pretty fair; and I don't believe there is an office on this line, or on any other line in the country, situated in a village or city of no greater population, that can make so favorable an exhibit– It is not alluded to as an evidence that Kenosha does more *general* business than any other place of equal, or no greater size in the whole country– *She does not*– But it shows the difference between offices *thoroughly* attended to, and those *carelessly* or *poorly* managed. I have been the agent and operator here for six years, and I take pride in saying (not in *boasting*) that this office has lost less time, and been more prompt and thorough in attention to business, than has been usual in other offices– The figures bear me out in this statement; and so long as I have any connection with the business, I shall take an especial pride in having the future present as favorable a record as the past.

I had my report for August made up, and ready for the Express when your letter was received; and I concluded I could make no change in it — With my September Report, you will find the balance due; and thereafter, if it be deemed essential, I will save the Book-Keeper the trouble of carrying forward small balances.

Yours, Very respectfully

C. C. Sholes, of "S" afs.

Kenosha. Sept. 2. 1854

Norwalk Sept. 1st 1854.

To E. Cornell Prest.

Dear Sir,

The reason of my delay in making my Report for July and attending to your requests per your Circular was the great prevalence of the Cholera all the forepart of the month and the excitement attendant thereupon. Probably more than two thirds of our citizens fled for their lives and what remained were scarcely able to take care of themselves and their sick friends. On account of the illness of myself and family I was barely able to keep my office open & do what was absolutely unavoidable. I made out my Report on the 21st of August & enclosed in it $14. the balance due the Co and directed it to Detroit as heretofore, supposing as the time for sending off the Reports had expired before I was notified of the Change, the July Reports were to be sent as usual. It was sent by express the 21st day of August directed to the "Book Keeper Erie & Mich Tel office Detroit" Since receiving your favor this morning I have had no opportunity of asking De about it. I have made out a Duplicate of it and forward it herewith to Albion according to your request.

In relation to the property and effects in this office belonging to the Company, It amounts to next to nothing I have nothing except the few articles that were in the office when I took charge of it five years ago, as follows

1	very Cheap Table	worth say		1.00
3	plain Windsor Chairs	" "	2/	.75
1	High Stool	" "		.75
1	Old fashioned Instrument nearly used up when I took charge of it, not worth half price dont know what it cost, when new			

I have purchased from time to time a few trifling articles of tools for repairing line but they have all been carried off by the Repairers. I have charge of both wires from here to Milan. The line is in good working condition at present I believe. The poles were set in the winter of 1850 and pretty much decayed being mostly Oak timber with the bark on. Probably not more than half of them will stand over a year longer. The old Iron & Sulphur Caps were exchanged this Spring for Glass insulators. There is nothing due the Company at this place and the Company owe nothing to my knowledge unless it be the last years Taxes on the line, about $2. which I believe have not been paid. There is no one employed at this Station besides myself, My Salary is $300. per year the Company paying Rent of office $45. per year & I pay all other Ordinary expenses. In relation to suggestions in reference to increasing the efficiency of this as well as the way offices generally I should like to say something, but my time will barely allow me to suggest that a card of good wholesome rules & regulations to be observed by all the operators on the line, is very much needed & would in my judgment very much promote the interest of the Company. I do not know but there are some Rules & Regulations in existence, but I have never seen them. There is time enough spent nearly every day in fighting for the circuit to suffice to send all the local busineſs, while as it is ~~that~~ a large part of that busineſs has to be returned to our Customers for the want of a few moments of time to send it in season. I think the circuit should be paſsed round and give every office a chance. That would satisfy my Customers and I am fully persuaded it would double the busineſs of this office. Cleveland, Detroit, Monroe, Toledo and Sandusky will frequently exchange busineſs some three or four times before they will allow any other one to send a despatch They will stop & send their busineſs to the way offices but will not receive any in return. But I must close. I have written this in great haste & perhaps without due reflection, but the facts as above stated are true.

The Receipts for month of August amount to about $75. Will endeavor to have Reports sent promptly, hereafter

Yours Respectfully

John Kennan

Knightstown Sep 1st /54

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir.

I received your letter some time ago Stating you would Send me the Amount due, soon but have not received it yet. I thought perhaps you had Sent it And it had Misscarried, if so I would like to know it. You say if there is an office here it must be arranged so as to pay expences, it will be impossible for it to do this. I will make you this proposition. I will take the office And keep it for the receipts. You paying the expences of the office And keeping up the line. This you will have to do anyhow. Also $18.00 a year rent, this is as low as it will justify. If you think you can accept write soon. The wire in this part of the country is being destroyed very rapidly.

Yours &c.

Chas L Morgan

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Milwaukee, Sept 1 1854.

Sir:

We hold 50 share stock of E & M Tel Co. We want $30 pr share for it & have it placed to our credit & take it in Telegraphing. We think you ought to do this.

What about Western Line to Janesville & Madison. What kind of a trade can we make with you to sell it to you. We own ½ & have a contract with M & M RR to pay $2000 to put it on their road. Let us know about it & oblg

Yours &c
R King & Co

Marion Sept 2nd 1854

E. Cornel Sir)

I am sorry that I am under the necessity of writing to you again on this subject but I have writen to you once & telligraphed to you once and you have paid no attintion to me whatever I think if you knew my circumstances you certainly would settle the amt. due me I have been sick since I wrote to you with the flux but if I am careful I think I wil get wel but my expence have been heavy through my sickness and being some involved before I hardly know how I am to get through now if you wil please send me the amount due which is $14.56 and you wil oblige me very much. I gave you the acct. in my last letter there was 1920 Blocks at $18.00 per thousand which was lower by $7.00 than any that I made before or since $20.00 I received of Parker leaving a ballance of $14.56 I hope you wil do me the favor which I have asked in the above

Jab. Brown

Sept 13. 1854

Sent my check on S. A. Fletchers Bank Ind for $14.56 for above balance

E C

Detroit Saturday Sept 2, 1854

My Dear Mary Ann,

I came down from Albion yesterday 9 P.M with Molly and little Mary they starting for Lapeer. We arrived here on time and I went direct to the Pontiac Cars with them, got their baggage on board and checked, found out the name of a good Hotel for them to stop at got them seated in the Cars, and left them to persue the journey alone,

I asked Mary if she would not go home with me to see her Ma, she said no, I asked her when she would go home & she said next summer, She appears to improving in health, and to be quite rugged now, and Enjoys herself first rate with the exception of the tooth ache about once a week, I went to Hirams Thursday Eve to carry some letters to Molly & Edward, and found Mary with the tooth ache, I had some cholera medicine rubbed on the gooms and around the tooth which out ached the tooth for a few moments & then both stoped,

She had her mind fixed upon having it out
the next day, but when I looked at it I told
her she had better try it a little longer
before she had it out; but she has others
that should come out,

When they came down yesterday to
start I had her go to the Gallery and
sit for a picture to send to her Ma,
She sat twice but did not have
time to stay to see what the result
of the sitting was. The pictures if good
will be finished by the time I get back
to Albion & then I will forward it to you,

Molly will spend a few weeks at
Lapeer & then go to Canada,

She says that John writes that he has
enquired of many persons respecting
the virtues of their Mineral Spring, and
all entertain the opinion that it will
cure scrofula John expresses the opin-
ion that they had better keep house &
Molly says she should not be afraid
to keep house & have John away if
Mary was with her, but she could
not stay alone,

John Robertson recd a letter a few
days since from Orris, who says he
shall come home in Oct It makes John
feel better than he has for some time,

It has been verry dry, and I dont know as they have had rain yet at Albion but we encountered two showers on our way down last eve, one between Jackson & Ann arbor and other at Ypsilanti, not enough by any means

It is verry sickly about Albion for such as have defective constitution or shattered health, and many deaths have accured, several while I have been there, No sickness in Hirams neighbourhood, and all our connection & acquaintance in usual health,

I have got quite strong again and feel well, but I have to put some more gum on my plaster as it failed this morning and half the length of it dropped off when I striped to wash, I have the gum and can soon restore it,

I cant say when I shall be at home, as my sickness and that of several of our men has thrown business back, and we must catch up, and the "Eye of the Master is worth both of his hands" - Our business is prosperous, E & M begins to assume a healthy aspect under the change of Administration -

I find it will take me about 4 days each month to do the work at book keeping that we paid old Mr Speed $500, per year for doing and when he entered the reports two to one they were entered wrong now I know they are right.

I have reduced expenses over a thousand dollars per an, and shall increase receipts I think about $5,000 if so it will tell well.

Orrin made a mistake in refusing my offer for his farm I would not give as much E & M stock now by $2,000 as I offered then.

M.B.O. just informs me that Col Speed has arrived from upper lakes and I shall see if I can make any progress in a settlement to day, so I bid you good morning.

Yours Affectionately
E Cornell

Mary Ann

New York Sept. 3^{d} 1854

Ezra Cornell Esq

Dear Sir, I received last evening your message in reply to mine of yesterday.

Butterfield called a Special Meeting of his Stockholders but four days before the regular annual meeting giving but a week's notice for the purpose of getting their approval of his project of union with the House Line. After discussion and explanation, it was voted down by 2600 and odd to a little over 600. A majority of the entire stock voted against it and if the meeting had been full the 2600 would have been swelled to 3600. The project is therefore entirely dead.

A ticket for President & Directors, entirely free from House influence will doubtless be elected tomorrow by a heavy majority and they will cooperate with you.

I was taken sick soon after the receipt of your last letter, and was entirely disabled for two weeks. My recovery was slow and even yet I have not regained my usual strength. I did not see how we could render you any essential service before the settlement of the question as to the policy of the New York and Buffalo Line. I doubt not the new Board will do all they properly can to aid you in your conflict with the pirates and traitors. Prof Morse and myself will do the same thing, and I doubt not that by concert among the Morse Companies, the House interest could be extinguished in two or three years.

I have heard nothing of our patent stock in the O, I & I Line or Eaton's Line, and until we get it we have no power there.

We wish to close up our affairs with F. O. J. Smith and to that end bring our suit with him here to a trial. The points on which you and I differed in the injunction case, are of no importance as the matter now stands, and we want your testimony. Will you attend here in October on notice? If not, I must send out a commission to get your deposition.

Please on receipt of this letter telegraph me on this point and write me how your campaign is progressing and what we can do to aid you.

With great respect
Your Obt Servt
Amos Kendall

Indianapolis
Ia.

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Ezra Cornell Esq.
Indianapolis
Ia.

Amos Kendall
Wash. Sept 3. 1853

Lafayette Sept. 4. 54

E. Cornell Esqr
Indianapolis
Ind

D^{r} Sir

Owing to our great troubles my report has been delayed. We lost on last Wednesday our little daughter. a very heavy loss indeed -

I think of starting over the river line in a few days the weather is now so excessively hot that it is not advisable to start ~~now~~.

Logansport was paying 25^{c} for acid I sent him one carboy the other is for TerreHaute We need 50 or 100 zincs for distribution quite a number of our offices are almost out, being able to work but a few days longer. There is not an extra zinck in my office. & I know of none on the line. I Teleg^{d}

Cobb for some, but have not rec'd his reply— we will soon need some blanks for distribution. Shall I order them as needed by the different offices—

The man with whom contract was made for poles has not called I will go and see him once more.

I think it probable something can soon be done with the Lafayette and Indianapolis RR poles. I have been stirring them up— Please send me a statement of what you can do for them— something similar to your contract with the N A & S. RR.# they feel poor & unable to furnish money.

Please let me hear from you — accept our compts

Yours
J. Haas

Cleveland Sept 4. 1854

E Cornell Esq
Prest -

Dr Sir

Some few items in my August report may need explanation - as "Refunded to sundry customers. $4.25" - then they refused to pay. for various reasons, & I could do no better than give them up. "Refunded Iowa Democrat" - a defunct newspaper. that owed us $17.50 for Reports in May 1853. I sold the account for $12. to the only man in the State who could get or would give anything for it. - "Bad Money $2. taken by Mr Tubbs. "$10.65 for forwarding." is in checks given by Mr T. to other Lines. & not entered at the time in the Books. I inclose the accounts against the C.W. & P., C.W. & Z., & Wade's lines, and charge the Treasurer with the amount. You will perceive that Wade's Line owes no more on my pages than I had inventoried their debt at. this arose from some misunderstanding between Durham & myself - he giving me the wrong amounts. The enclosed shows the amount, as exhibited by Wade's own books. & is correct. I can send you, if you wish, the items of ofs expenses, on which a/c Wade owes us a considerable sum. I have been much driven with work since the 1st inst, and my report sheet shows marks of haste - but I have no time to copy it. I think Mr T. has paid all debts due by this Office -

Resp'y Yours

P.S. - I ~~inclose~~ will send the expense account of which I spoke by next mail

Yours

Milan O. Sept 4th 1834

A. C

Dear Sir

Yours of Aug 31st was Recd by me last Evening.. You do not agree both times.. First you say there is $11.46 that belongs to the Co and then you say there ~~ar~~ is $1.33 on hand which belongs to the Co.. on July accounts as I understand you. Now I have but one Cent that belongs to the Co on July accts & that I can send.. Now my Recpts for July including Market Reports are $60.15 And my Expenses were $46.41, now take $46.41 from $60.15 & it will leave $13.74 Which was all but 1 cent sent to De August 8th 1834.. & That I can prove if necessary.. I cant see how you take my acct as to make 1.33 due from me now. Please Explain how you do it.. As to My Reports they have all been sent to Detroit by mail from here.. It is very strange they have said Nothing to me if they have not been Recd but I am pretty sure they have been or I should of heard from it.. Please Explain to me.. How you understand my accounts"

Yours Respectfully
P. H. Wilson

P. H. Wilson Milan
4 Sept 1854

Lafro Sept 5 1854

Messrs Speed & Cornell
I wish you would
send me some blank
Reports I am out I
used the last one for
August also pleas send
me some blank mess
heads I am nearly
out I had to borrow
some from Logansport
also send me the
break that belongs to
my instrument I
never got the break that
belongs to my instrument
yet & it goes rather hard
to work without a break
pleas send the above
articles. Send bill &
I will remit
yours Truly
S. I. Anthony

Racine. Sep 6. 1854

E. Cornell Esqr

Sir,

Yours of 30 Aug. has only just come to hand. I did not think it necessary to send vouchers for all my expenditures as the printed Regulations lately recd. required us only to furnish "items for all accounts," but as I have made it a rule to get receipts for all the larger expenditures I herewith enclose the vouchers for last month, and for the future you will receive them regularly with my monthly Reports.

The Message heads I could not get done cheaper & I am sorry I did not get your letter before getting the second thousand printed. I shall be very glad to get them sent to me in future & if I could get all the materials requisite for the Office sent me it would be still better & cheaper.

With regard to sending out on the Line I have made an agreement with Mr Sholes of Kenosha to send alternately to "S & Rc" instead of sending half way as heretofore, when line is broken that way.

My platina are nearly worn out and if I could have a few Zincs and a platinum to spare in case of need it would be of material use.

No Tariff Tables have come yet.

Yours &c

J Murray

Ypsilanti. Sept. 6th 1854

E. Cornell

Sir

When passing through this place a few nights since I took a paper from you just as the Cars started. I now offer an apology for the same. The way it happened was this Some of the young men setting near me. dared me to take the paper from you. and being of an impulsive nature. I acted on the spur of the moment. for which I crave you most humble pardon. which I hope you will grant. Mr Foster an intimate friend of mine received a note from you stating that you intended to see me on your return. You can act in accordance with your own feelings as to that. but I rather you would not do so. I own it was a contemptable trick. but as I stated before it was done inadvertantly. in consideration of which I beg to be excused.

With Respect I Remain Yours Truly

Alva S. McAllaster

New York 1 Sept 1854

E Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

The Object of writing now is to Enquire about the Erie & Michn Telegraph Stock. Whether there is any in the Market & the Value of it. I Understand you are largely interested in it & Can best inform me. I was told that the Compy Expected to declare a dividend Soon & if So could Some of the Stock be bought? where and about at What price? Please inform me & oblige

Your Humble Servant

G J Bartlett

4 Front Street

Marathon Sep 6th /54

Dear Brother

We arrived at this place Sunday noon all right. had to wait at Pontiac till after the morning train saturday. and did not get to Lapeer in time to get out here same day. Mary was quite sick. riding in the Stage and I was sick all night saturday night. thought I was going to have the cholera I took some cholera medicine and was better in morng we have both got over the journey and feel firstrate now my Sister lives twelve miles from Laper found them all well here. Mamy says tell Papa she is building a block house and would like to see him. she thinks she shall finish her old shoes in a few days. we have a mail once a week here. please write to us at Marathon Lapeer Co. I do not know how long I shall stay here the rest of the month I guess.

Affectionately Yours Sister
Molly

Detroit Sept 6th 1854

Dear Alonzo

I purchased wire of Charles Ely and owed him a balance of $2,000, more or less. I had a number of notes against him in Connecticut amounting in all to some $700, which I gave to Ely to Collect, and apply on my acct, he gave me a receipt for the notes, which is among my papers at home, and which I want you to find and send it to Jacob M Howard Atty Detroit, also send me at Detroit all the bills & receipts you can find relating to Ely a/c, had wire of Ely for N.Y.&E. line. Ct&H line and, T&C Junction line & some for E&M line.

Look all up and forward to Detroit at once, perhaps some of a/c is in books Love had at Court at Owego get them,

I have got Cornell & Speeds a/c with E&M Tel, Co and instead of owing the Co $5,000 as Haviland & the Old man had it, it is $0,000,

I have J.J.S. his a/c up and he owes the Co a balance of $3,000 - July 1, 54 and has used $2,000 - in addition for his private use that is Chd to Cornell & Speed by the Co this amt he proposes to

settel by the payment at Utica of
$2,000, of the $8,000, Cornell & Speed
borrowed there, He has already paid
the $2000 at Utica, so our debt is
thus reduced 1/4 there, and I collect
in the operation $1,000 of Speed,

I also got $600, of him on a/c
of Money Don Mann owed me
which I applied in payment of my
note due to Cambridge Livingston
on the 27 Aug, for $850, so I am getting
along slowly with him,

Finding that I dont owe the E&M Tel Co
any thing, as a partner of Cornell & Speed
is comfortable, as it leaves me good
for over half the $3,000, due the Co by
Speed, my being a stockholder owning
over half the stock,

My Share of Earning of the line in
future wont have to go to pay old debts
due the Co for there is none,

I want to go home but cant for
want of time. It is hot & dry, and
dry & very hot. There 100° the two last
days in the shade,

I. go to Albion to night, & then west
& to Indianapolis, &

Yours Respectfully,
E. Cornell

A.B.C.

E Cornell
Detroit Sep 6 1854
Telegraph - Journey

Sept. 6th .. 1854

Dear Sir

I received your Letter of the 5. inst. Enforming me of the a mount I received from Cleveland office. you say my a/c agrees with your Books up to April. My Book agrees with Cleveland office in April it gives Cleveland office Credit for — $ 47.00 &
it gives J. Haveland Credit for 75.00
Sent the 13th from Detroit & added 122.00

This is all the Money I received in April I will Now give you the a mount received of Cleveland office in May. the 18th. $ 20.00
the 29th. $ 10.00
added — 30.00

& from Treasurer the — 29th. $ 175.00
added — 205.00

This is all the Money I received in May I will Now give you the Month of June with Dates. June. 6th. from J. M Tubbs $ 15.00 & he told me there was five Dalers that he gave me in May that he had not given him self credit for in May so when he gave me fifteen dalers on the sixth of ~~May~~ June he told me to give him credit for twenty which I had Dan then — — $ 5.00
20.00

adde -- 2000

if the Mistake is Not here I know Not where it Can be Mr Tubbs may have Charged me with Those fine in May & for got & had Charged the Same fine on June the Sixth I Made a Memorandom of it at the time in My Credit Book

The balence I received in Cleveland During the Months of June - from 14th P.M. Tubbs $ 5 00
Do " " " " 19. P.M. Tubbs - 10 00
Do " " " " 20. P.M. Tubbs - 20 00
Do " " " " 24. P.M. Tubbs - 5 00
Do " " " " 26. P.M. Tubbs - 10 00
adde - - - 70 00

This is the Exact a Mounts that I have had During the Months of April. May & June I have Been always very Careful to give Credit as soon as I receive Money from any office or officer of the Line I am Certain I Did Not have onley $205.00 in May & $65.00 in June & I Claim the fine a Bove Mentioned was Charged twice

Respect fully Yours
Thos. W. Hamilton

Mr. E. Carnell . Supt. Detroit

Mr C. Carnell
Detroit
Mich

T. W. Hamilton
Sept 5, 1854

SPEED'S
Erie and Michigan Telegraph Line.

Erie Sept 7th 1854 o'clock M

By Telegraph from

To E Cornell

Dear Sir

Yours Received and in reply I would say in reference to those two Charges the Report was made out for two Months in one report June and July. It will be impossible for me to get my accounts straightened for this but will try and do so in my Sept Report. Bews line is owing me Considerable for Money Paid our line for different offices on his line and in hopes it will all right before long. I will write You More fully in few days or see You at Detroit Week after Next When I go after my family at Ypsilanti

A. Parsons Jr
Sept 7 / 54

Would like to See You
at that time if You are at Detroit

Yours Respectfully

A Parsons Jr

E Cornell

Sandusky Sept 7th 1854

E. Cornell Esq
Albion Mich

D Sir

Yours of 28th received
On cincinnati business I pay them what they have to pay other lines and on all their business that comes to collect, for instance if they receive a message at Cin for Buffalo to be paid in Buffalo I pay them the whole amt from C to Buffalo which is 70¢ Each line have all the business received on their line. By this arrangement I think we lose nothing, as we receive more business on our line for them than we receive *from* them The reason why we pay them so much is this they receive so *much* business at their offices to collect. where our folks send as little business as possible unless pre-paid.
The line works finely to Cin through all weather

Yours Truly
I. S. Downs

Albian Sept 7, 1854

My Dear Mary Ann

~~With~~ I have forwarded you by Express two Deguerreotypes, one of Hiram & Mary, and the other Mary Emily & Myself they are not first rate pictures, the hurry and bussle incident to their being taken is some excuse for the artist, I hope however you will esteem them as better than none,

Hiram, started to Mich City yesterday to work for me in building the line from that to Lafayette,

M.B.W & I go there to day, and I shall continue on to Indianapolis —

The weather changed yesterday eve- and it is cool to day but no rain yet, they have had plenty rain this week in some parts west of here —

My health is good, again and I feel, gigantic, business is satisfactory, and the "Augian Stable" is being cleaned out, and assumes a better aspect,

I am in no particular writing mood and you must excuse the brevity of this, I have not heard from Molly or Mary since they went north. All well here, and dont here of as much sickness as we did a week since — Hope to hear from you soon.

Yours Affectionately
E Cornell

Mary Ann

I have a first rate picture of Mollys sister Calista for Molly. C. did not go to Lapeer with them, and had a picture taken for Molly the P.M. M.B.W. started for Lapeer

E.C.