Sandusky City Sept 8/57

E Connell Esq
Albion
Michigan

Dr Sir,

I have rec'd a long communication from Hon J C Smith of Maine, enclosing sundry documents concerning his interest in the Telegraph lines between Buffalo & Chicago. I am informed you are one of the principal stock-holders in the Ohio lines. On behalf of Mr Smith I wish to confer with the owners & leading men of both the Ohio & O Riley lines. When will you be in this place? My object in writing to see you, is, to lay the foundation, or make an amicable adjustment of Mr S. rights & claims. I apprehend it will be for your interest & that of the Co. to call & see me. If you will do so I will explain to you Mr Smith's views & objects & make known his claims. He has presented me with propositions for both companies, which it may be well to consider. Will you be kind & see me soon?

Yours Truly E V Sackett

Answer

Detroit Sept 20. 1854

Dear Sir Your favour of 8th inst. It is impossible for me to say when I may be at Sandusky City,

If you have any Statement to make in behalf of Mr Smith, or any proposition from him to submit I shall be happy to see it at any time, and will lay it before the Directors for their consideration,

I shall be happy to be informed of what "rights claims" you refer to as desiring to adjust

Yours Respectfully

E Cornell

E B Sadler Esqr

Sandusky City O

E B Sadler
Sept 8. 1854

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Mich City Lake House Sept 8. 1854

My Dear Maryann

I left Albion last eve at 5 P.M in Company with M, B. W. and reached here at 12 Midnight. Dunham says Emily is well, & feel quite well, as much so as for as I know as I did before being sick, but I am afflicted with biles under my left arm, in the very arm pit, I had two small or cat biles then ten days ago, but they soon came to a head & I opened & discharged them, and they only troubled two or three days. The one I now have coming, is of a large growth, it has been seven days growing, and is now as large as a hens Egg, and no sign of a head,

Some days it swells out rapidly and very painful, & then it seems to sink back, and is up painful, I hope it will soon come to a conclusion,

I shall probably remain here till monday & then go to Indianapolis. I want to get my business fairly underway before I leave here It is very difficult to get our poles distributed on the N. A. & S. road, as neither they nor the Central Mich RR have engines enough

to do their regular Passenger & freight busines
The business on those roads is beyond all precedent
The Central sends 6 trains a day over the road
and frequently, five. Six or seven first class
Cars full and 1 or 2 2d Class. full.
Our telegraph business is good, and would
be much better if we could do more, and
do it promptly. M. B. Wood is treasurer under
the present administration, has been since
July 1. 54. 2 months. Since that time all
bill have been paid, some $300. for new
poles to rebuild the old portions of the line
some $500, of the bills of the old Dynasty
has been paid. Operators, Repairers, Officers
and all paid at the close of each month
and, over $2000 — in the Treasury in Cash.
I shall be disappointed if we are not
able to divide 4 per Ct. each Six months
in future from July 1. 54. and keep a sur-
plus, of at least 2 per Ct on hand, and if
this proves true, it will give me about
$5,000. per year from this line which will
soon change the complections of my
debts. And debts paid off. I shall have
something to make my family comfortable.
I predict that in less than two years from
this period. My income from this disputed
and defamed Telegraph business will amount

to one thousand dollars per month, on an average.

Now suppose I had yielded to the kind advice of your father, and "abandoned the telegraph two years ago, and gone to doing something by which I could support my family" — What would have been the result?

It is true I cannot now tell what I might have done at some new business but the probability is that I should never have been able to pay my debts, and they would have remained a <u>Canker</u> worm knawing eternally at my vitals, and my exultors, a Cursing the head that kept my dear wife and Children from starvation.

Your father proffered the advice in kindness and it was such as he thought for the best, but he did not understand the subject he was talking about, nor the man he was talking to. Single handed and alone and in opposition to the clamor of an army of Open enemies & false friends has I prosecuted my <u>will</u>, and I shall be under obligation to none, in the enjoyment of its golden fruits. "<u>none</u>" did I say, I was wrong, I am under lasting and undescribable obligations, to my beloved wife, for her unshaken con-

-fidence, her unwavering fidelity, her
patient and cheerful endurance of any
long absence from her presence and so-
ciety, and to her alone shall the ob-
ligation be paid —

And long may she live to enjoy
the society of her husband, the blessings
of her children, and the reward of her
confidence in her husband.

Speed & Wades, effort at my dis-
traction by their diabolical sale
to the enemy, has proved a signal
failure on their part, and will produce
them a harvest of curses from the
very men who were to reap the
golden apple of their treachery.

It will prove as fortunate for
me, as unfortunate to them, as
it hastened the time and gave the
excuse for a thorough reform of
the abuses that Speeds management
had suffered to invade every depart-
ment of the business

With affection I
bid you adieu

E. Cowell

Mary Ann

Hamilton Ohio
Sept 9th 04

Mr E. Conrad
Dr Sir

On Yesterday
I enclosed you my report
with a balance due you of
twenty five Dollars & forty cents
As you directed the division
business has been closed I
wrote to Mr Wade for balance
due me which he agrees to pay
on the receipt of his letter I
attached his set of instruments
& Eight Mile of Wire which I will
sell in a few days, do you want
the instrument— If I understand
aright there was a written
agreement between yourself & Wade
about the division business he
was to pay half the Expenses of

The Office can I might please
reply soon & oblige

Yours

Very Respectfully

Chas K. Smith

To Jno E. Cornell

Indianapolis

SPEED'S

ERIE & MICHIGAN TELEGRAPH LINE.

FROM BUFFALO TO MILWAUKEE.

PLEASE WRITE YOUR COMMUNICATIONS OUT IN FULL.

PLAIN WRITING—USE NO FIGURES EXCEPT FOR DATES.

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

By Telegraph, Dated ..... 185 , ... o'clock, ... min. ..... M.

Received Detroit Sept 9th 1854 185 , ... o'clock, ... min. ..... M.

To O. Rossell Esqr

Dr Sir yours of the 7th inst is at hand in relation to the Wire of Gold used at this office I have only to say that we are obliged to keep up a double battery in order to make the instrument work any way tapable & also that I might as much as you do the necessity of using so much for 1/2 of the amount is out of my own pocket. I had supposed that you would rather

pay $12. or $15. per year for
Board leave the office do good
business than to close that out,
& do no business in the office
- As for Lights We use Burning
Fluid & get along with as
little as possible without
Chasing the Line with lamps
to use the fluid in
Examined the footing to my
Lady report & find it Correct
with the footing of the report
I sent you - I think you
must have called some of
the figures

I am Sir yours &c

Jas. A. Dyer

Fr 281

Ithaca Sept 9. '54

Wm E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

Yours of 6th inst. is at hand — How I can explain the manner in which your books appear is a Mystery beyond my comprehension I never could understand them fully when I was in your Employ and at this time they would doubtless appear Stranger than at that time.

Before I left I made up a full Statement of my a/c on a Sheet which Col Speed and myself examined and all was correct — I ~~brought~~ ~~xxxx~~ about $200. before I left, which then left due me between $700 & $800.

which amt. I was to draw for in small amts. — the last amt. was under Protest, and not paid till May or June, '54. I suppose the Statement of our Settlement was fil'd, and put away among other acts, as it should have been, and if so that will explain the items, and show that it was all correct so far as I was concerned — I think you will have a tedious job to examine through and understand the books, of the Co. for the last five or six years, at least I should think I had a permanent and perplexing job, on hand to do it — I am glad to hear that your business, is so good, and hope you will yet realize all or more, than you have at any time anticipated.

I have not heard from Col Speed since he left here in June would be glad to hear from him and learn of his prospects — Suppose you and he have not yet got at a full settlement of your affairs — hope you both will be able to come at an Equitable understanding and Settlement —

Have you got any situation that would be permanent and that I could fill satisfactorily & that would pay? If so please bear in mind I would like it if it is any where this side of the Rocky Mountains.

When will you again visit us? I would like to see you when you come — Please write — I would be glad to hear

how you get along as often as convenient.

Very truly &c

D. L. Gilbertson

D. L. Gilbertson

Dec. 9, 1872

E Connell Esq Cleveland Sept 9/54

Dear Sir Yours of 4th inst –

As to commencing a Libel & Slander suit, against Sturges will be a difficult matter as your statement but we can look at that hereafter Sturges by the suit instituted by him can take all your stock in the Telegraph Co. in that State by the proceeding now commenced unless you can find to bring the suit – by the transfer was before the suit was commenced (as collateral security or otherwise) that will take it out of reach of Sturges claim – You must make a statement of your stock, when it was transferred to whom naming each transfer separately – Did you give notice of the transfer to the Officers when the Books were kept – at the time of the transfer? – You must state all your dealings or we cannot defend the suit

Yours &c
Bishop Parsons & Noble

Jamestown Ind

Sept 9th 1884

Mr E Cornell

Dear Sir

below you will find Statement of Expences for Jamestown Station during the Month of August

8 & 9th	To Horse Hire and expenses	
To	Indianapolis	3,00
15	To Hand & horse	1 50
28	To Some "	1 50
31	To paid Mon for 2 new Poles and puting them up	1 00
"	~~Hire~~ Salary	10,00
		17,00
Amount Due me previous to Aug.		133 95
		$150,95

I will expect some funds by the middle of this month

Yours

J M. Walker

Milan O. Sept. 9th 1854

Mr Cornell

Dear Sir

I just Rec'd Yours of Sept 9 & I have found the error in my list of figures. The first day of the month should be 4.76 instead of 1.76 as on my list you will see I have altered it. I will send my August Report as soon as I can get Collected I want to send money & all when I send it. I shall have between 2 & 3 Dollars for you in August. I have left the Office & am going to School this winter. Do you suppose I can have a berth somewhere on the line. I have taken all of my Reports & Bonds & sounds for 4 months. Think it is likely I shall want a situation. Walter Putman has taken Charge of this Office now. Please write me soon as convenient.

Yours Respectfully

R. H. Weed

P.S.

W. W. Bateman takes Ofc.
by Consent of J. D. C.

P. M.

O. P. McWilliams
Sept 2nd 1857

Newcastle. Lawrence Co. Pa.
Sept 10th 1854

E Connell Esq

Dear Sir. Time rolls on, & with it comes my expected troubles, thick & fast. Some, I am worrying through with, but they come too thick & too strong for me, & I am detained here most provokingly, by the intermeddle delay on the part of the National folks in making our eastern connections. I want to go north & take up that wire, which they are stealing & otherwise destroying. It seems there is no other way, to effect our connection with the Eastern lines now, but by an exhibition of our lines & your astute & convincing arguments (in person) that it is their interest to join us. I wrote you some time since, to Indianapolis, somewhat in detail, on the causes of the delay & what Reid & Duncan thought indispensibly necessary to be done immediately, & I telegraphed you to get letter soon & answer me what you could do & when you could meet them. I have not heard a word from you. Duncan leaves tuesday morning for Louisville, but says telegraph him & he will meet with us by having one days notice. Mr Reid is now in Phila & will see the President. He designs to get the President to Pittsburg. If possible & then we will all meet with them, if not able to get him there. then he says we must go to Phila without delay, that the House folks & Hode are to go east soon to see President & press their claims. They deny your control of Speedy lines, to the eastern Directors & make loud & great pretentions to them. They are

not in very good standing with the Pittsburg Men and it requires only your immediate attention & presence in Pittsburg to lay them under the ground - but delay is dangerous - The high winds & fires trouble our lines some - Sickness of Operators also has been a great annoyance lately - business & lines have suffered from that source - I have been twice to Erie & over the lines from N to Pittsburg since I saw you & have had to operate some in vacancies. The lines are working. Excepting between Erie & Waterford - There is a great fire at present & is constantly burning fires across the wire - It's pretty badly down now & has been for 3 or 4 days - Now my dear friend what is to be done - My Erie note must be paid the 21st of this month - The very last day - I have most positive & decisive information to that effect - not another day will they defer it - $321.5 It seems to me you can help me & it I will make it up to you & be a faithful servant to you until I pay you up for your precious aid & friendship - I have a good repairer, horse & wagon & operator & am not keeping him as much at work as I could if I had money - I want to keep him all the time if possible - a repairer is needed constantly on lines & I want him to help take down line north - He is as good to me as your $20. dollar repairers and only charges $15. I would start in morning north if could but I have not a single precaution, nor have I a place to get any - My Boston Office has paid $80. for me within 3 or 4 months & been to considerable Expense in repairs - Rowena Office has help me some -

no others. I sent line to Howland & is requested him to say to Wood to send me to Erie $25, & I would go to taking down wire & ship to Erie. Please answer me by telegraph if you can help me at Akron. My time is short there. I think I can worry through pretty easily if I can get from you the assistance we talked of. So help. Then I can go to work like a horse & fetch something about quick. Dont delay answer. to this place. I must do something immediately will take no step in anything unadvised by you nor contrary to your wish. if you help me. On me you can confide. mail closes in minute & must mail this

Truly Yrs
W. P. Rw

Indianapolis Sept 13. 1854

My Dear Mary Ann

I arrived here last evening from Mich City disappointed at not receiving a letter from you, having fixed my mind on the subject, and not at all doubting but I should realize my hopes.

I am thus sadly disappointed, but have no doubt you are all enjoying usual health, and that the letters have gone perhaps to Detroit or Albion,

I am not now give some account of myself. I left Albion with M. W. last Thursday at 5 P. M. and reach Mich City at Midnight, Friday I went with M to Niles on the hand-car, which I helped him turn using my right hand, having a bile under left arm, it was 9 miles, & 9 back making 18. I was conscious of working harder than I ought but I could not sit and see him turn the car alone, This of it self I might have stood as I thought I could, but we had a shower which we could not escape from; and got quite wet through with a change in the air of several degrees cooler. I felt but little discomfort from all this and slept well through the night & felt well next morning I remained in till 2 or 3 P.M. yesterday, and

then walked out on the plank road 2 miles with
Abbott, and helped him fix a pole that needed attention.
and then walked back to town, it was sultry warm
and when within a mile of town I began to feel
very slightly unwell, and by the time I got to the
house at 5 P.M I suffered severely from that
pain in my stomach, I went to my room, took
some Aux. and laid down, in 15 min I took Diana
and alternated them each quarter, but I dont know
as they did a whit of good, I suffered severely
and, an hour after Mont came in (he having
stopped at office when we came down & not noticing
that I was in so much distress), and stayed with
me till we got on a wet bandage, and found
that would not give relief, when say about 8
P.M. I could not endure the pain any longer he
called the Dr a Frenchman whose name I forget
who was soon with me, While he was after
Dr. I got sick at stomach and vomited most
of the contents of my stomach, which was very
sour, The Dr pronounced it a bilious attack and
treated it accordingly, I dont know what he
first gave me, some hot drink 1/2 tumbler full
pleasant taste, which promoted the vomiting and
eased the pain slightly, in few moments repeated
the dose, and I had the satisfaction of having the
pain brought down to a point that I could en-
dure without a groan at each breath,

he then gave me rhubarb & soda in small doses and at intervils the balance of the evening, I vomited freely raising much bile, and soon got in a state of comfortable sickness; and by 11 P.M. I sent M B M to bed in another bed in same room, assuring him that I could awake him if I wanted any aid,

I did not have occasion to awake him during the night, except on one occasion to enquire after his health, he groaning rather loud, and inducing me to fear that he might be unwell, he reported all right and was soon snoozing again, Sunday Morning & every I took 2 pills each (vegetable) "to act on my liver" they operated as desired, and I was pronounced to be improving, but I was very weak, and the region of my stomach & liver was very sore, The big bile exploded this morning and discharged and does so yet, and still another is doing the same thing and a sixth one is coming on all under the left arm in the very armpit. Johnathan & Emily called in to see me Sunday & I stayed while I went to Church, her company was very acceptable & agreable though I needed no assistance, Emily is a good girl She was always a favourite with me for I fancied that she was more like you than any of the other Girls were, I never would

have yoked her with a (Dolly) Dumbsaw.

I think my case was as well treated at Mich City as it has been any where, I am still taking a medicine the Dr gave me, a tea spoonful at night don't know what it is, I believe some kind of "magnetic fluid" — Mummy I guess, but I guess it will do no harm & I will take it to please the Dr. as he did so well for me.

I left tuesday morning and reached here last night, coming finely, and have written nearly all day — this letter will close my days work,

Nothing new here that I know of, a fine shower here this morning,

I have not heard from Bradley since I left him at the Pontiac cars, shall probably hear from him when I return to Mich — Say next week,

I have not seen Daniel but he is well, and a mosquito is singing about my head reminding me that I must open war on them so soon again,

Yours Affectionately

E. Correll

Mary Ann

Niles Mi
Sept 13th 1884

W. B. Cross
Dr Sir -

In relation to the R.R. Blanks. Does the Rail Road business want to be made in with regular monthly Report or on the blanks for that purpose. Or does it have to be made in with monthly report & then on the blanks.

Write me reply must. was last report of

Yours &
John F. Johnson
Manager

Racine Sept 13th. 1854

E. Cornell Esqr

Dear Sir,

Yours of 6th received and in reply I beg leave to say that there is no error in my charge of $6,50 for Message heads inserted in my Report for Sept.

When I first came to this Office, by Mr. Cobb's direction, I got 1000 Message heads printed for which I did not pay until the last of July — About the end of August these were used up and I got another thousand printed, the price of which, when I was settling with the Proprietor of the Daily Paper here, is deducted from my a/c for Reports —

Instead of applying myself to the invidious task of assigning reasons why the receipts of the Racine Office are so small, I shall content myself with giving reasons why the Receipts of Kenosha Office are so large and they are these — that that Office has been in the hands of an honest intelligent and concientious man, who being always on hand at his business gained the confidence of the people and got them into a habit of doing their business by Telg., and even if there were disappointments sometimes they were overlooked, well knowing that in any event the Operator there was not to blame. Here we have the reverse of this — For the last few

years the Telegraph has come to be regarded as a medium of Communication something slower than a Mail Coach, and money expended on it was considered more than thrown away, consequently instead of using the wires for their ordinary business, as in Kenosha, it is sheer necessity that makes them call on us at all. You will readily perceive that it will take a long time of close attention to the business of the Office to remove this prejudice and establish for the time at this place the character it should have for promptness and accuracy.

But other things being equal, this place never in proportion to the number of its inhabitants sent or received so many dispatches as Kenosha, which although considerably below us in numbers is hardly any thing behind Racine in that kind of business transacted which requires telegraphing - For this reason I think it is not fair to make the business of Kenosha a standard for the business of this Office -

Now in answer to your question What can be done to bring up Racine right I will make a few propositions ~~it is this~~ they are these 1st I will deliver all business sent me as quick as I can with a messenger deliver them 2d I will receive an answer to any dispatch that may be sent here to any part of this City within one hour of its reception at my office

3d If I cant get an answer I will give a good and valid reason for the failure and

4th For at least one half of those requiring Answers I will get them in half an hour -

Provided that the other Offices on this Circuit will on their part engage to get answers to my despatches within three or four hours of the time of their reception or at the end of that time give a reason for not sending them -

Now if other offices will accept this proposition (I mean of course the Ch. Au. & intermediate Offices) and adopt it as a rule, not only will I be materially assisted in restoring this Office to the confidence of the Public, but the general efficiency of the Line will be also largely increased -

Yours respectfully

J Murray

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Milwaukee, Sept 13 1854.

Sir:

Yours rec'd They
[illegible] 200 in April next
give us exclusive right
to line of R R. They
to have section men
keep up the line
carry all agents & operators
free furnish offices
in depots free of rents
& use to do their business
free. I will sell
you line subject to contract
& give you a title & majority
of all old stocks for
$3500 $3500 public contributions
$2500 we will take in
Telegraphing over E & W
Line. Let me know
promptly

Yours &c
J. D. Fillmore

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Received Milwaukee, Sept 13

Dated, New York 13 1854.

To R. Kinzie

Your steamer dispatches promptly placed in Telegraph Office fault rests with them

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Sir:

Enclosed we send you a dispatch from St W in answer to one sent inquiring about our steamers dispatches There is & has been something wrong about them for last six months. Whenever there has been a great decline our dispatches have either not come to hand at all or not until 6 to 10 hours after other dispatches have been here from St W also Now we are paying you more than any paper in the west for news & wish you would see where the trouble is. We have taken these dispatches for three years & these things never happened until this

our

Summer. It is of great importance
to us to have them promptly
as our market here is very
active & large transactions
every day. The Officials news
of Sept 14th never came to hand
St Louis arrival came
next day after other mes-
sage & last July we lost
three entirely that Hunter
says left Buffalo on their
time! our own opinion
is you will find something
out of joint among the operators
that are under Cobb. but
are not positive. But
there has been some very
queer transactions there in
regard to business going
& coming to Milwaukee
For instance the large fine
here & various other items
Please let us know
if you can ascertain also
see that our dispatches are
put through & not lost or delayed
& oblige

Yours &
Knight

10 King, to J. J. Adams
Sept 13, 1854

Terre Haute Sept 14th 54

C Bonsell Esq

Dear Sir

I have just perused both your letter from Mich City & P. O. and although as you say the figures look large it is a great consideration to me that I came out as I did The line from Ft to L is in such a miserable situation that we hardly know when the line is up and when it is not, and have hardly got one break fixed before there is another one in another direction. As to that matter of the Gilt frame it was something I thought over for some time and came to the conclusion it would be a good investment. It is a frame 2 feet wide By three in length. I have it hanging up So when a person comes to the top of the stairs he will not fail to see it and he soon knows whether to turn to the ~~right~~ left to find the Telegraph Office or to the right and not find it. As to the matter of the lights you say I must make my office

the head quarters of a set of Rowdys to require so much light. Supposing I did (which emphatically is not so) I do not see as that would be necessary for an increase of light. There has not been a game of cards played in my office for five months. You say if it is the case I & you must settle up and change part of our fortunes. I do the best I can and honestly think in operating under the circumstances could have managed better for your interests as well as for that of the Patrons of the line. You must consider that the line down this way is in a very bad situation and that it have many things to embarrass me that I will not have next month as I hope by that time the line will be in good order and I give you my word for it you should hear from Terre Haute in a different way then. I am as economical about the lights as I can be but I will get along with less hereafter if you think it advisable. The desk is something that my office should have as

there is a great deal of paper wasted by having it lying around on the Counter. You would say yourself if you were here that it was much better - As you are aware I board at the Briton House which is only a few doors from the telegraph Office and it is because it is handy and does not require so long to go to meals - That dont look much as if I did not attend to my business I should think. I have no other business to attend to as you are aware and I pay my whole attention & Whenever it occurs that I cant be raised then is Something wrong, as for answers to messages I certainly have the best Messenger boy Owen Sam & When he dont get the answer it cant be got at all. The £4,80 was paid to the Keeper of the Rail Road Station including £3.60 per day to the livery stable for the ten days he remained at the station Upon I knew he was here & done my best to have him deduct some off the bill But he said he could not do it. Allow me to assure you Mr. Conner

I am doing everything in your
for your interest and as soon
as the line is Repaired which will
Be in a few days I can show you
a Better side to the subject. Hoping
this will prove Satisfactory for the old
matters I must say that I should
not like for you and myself to have
to part our interests until I can have
a fair chance to bring up my
character as being an extravagant spender
with you. The part as I have said was
owing to circumstances that no one could
avoid and I hope to yet ~~show~~
prove to you that you have not an
Operator on the line that looks to your
interest more than.

Yours Truly

O Haas

P.S. Please excuse the hasty manner in
which my letter is written as I shall have
to hurry in order to get it in the mail

H

R. Haas & Co. Mississippi

Newport Sept. 14/57

E. Connelly Esq

Dear Sir—

I think the
Anglo contracting Telegraph
parties are now in a fair
way for consolidation - and
they will take all claims of
mine upon you & other proofs
of construction under their con-
tracts &c.

It may be, we can adjust these matters - I was
in the hope of seeing you here
during this campaign -
but, as you have not come,
I take it for granted you
will desire to see the "great
Eastern," & for that purpose
we visit Portland - and if

constitution make me
home your home while
there, for two reasons -

1st. Because there will be
no hotel room, probably, for
half the people who will then
visit Portland. &

2dly - Because I should
be greatly disappointed,
if the existence of a law-
suit, to settle mere differ-
ences of contract, should
be considered as any reason
for ignoring personal friend-
ships by individuals who
have been and ofherwise
so much of the world, as
each of us has -

I shall probably return
home Thursday or Friday of
this week. The Steamer will
sail tomorrow, & reach Port-
land in four & a half, or six
days - much quicker than
the Atlantic Steamships can
run a complete mes-
sage, according to my belief -

I have got some half
heads from the Berkshire
you sent me - but have a
hair of other sows on which
my next month, I am expecting
something of the price

I am negotiating here
for a very handsome Durham
Bull - from P. Portland's
farm - & mean to get a
pure clean Devon, if one
from your stock fails to
be forthcoming -

As ever
Your Ob't Serv't
F. O. Smith

Knightstown Sept. 15th 54

E. Cornell.

Dear. Sir.

Yours of the 14th inst has been duly received. The following is a statement of my account with the Company.

For the month of January there was due me after deducting the receipts of the office and paying expenses. $15.05

February	10.38
March	11.41
April	11.51
May	12.30
June	11.71
	$77.36
Received on the above	50.00
	$27.36

C. F. Morgan. Sept 15-54

There was also due me for the Month of July some 4 or 5 dollars & my Book containing the account for that Month was burned. I will put it at $3.00 which will leave a balance due me of $30.36. I have a livery bill to pay out of this which I will do and send you a receipt for the same immediately on the receipt of the money. It is for the month of June & part of July.

I do not think I can accept your proposition to attend to the office here for 3/4 of the receipts as it would not pay me $50.00 a year. I am willing to take it at the proposition I made you and I do not think I can in justice to myself do better. You will receive all that is taken in at the other offices for messages sent to this office which will pay you better for the use of the line than the receipts here will pay me for the trouble and time of attending to the office.

I would be glad to take some office that will pay better than this one and devote more time to it than is required here. I will take the office at Richmond for 3/4 of the receipts and pay all expenses except paper and blanks, envelopes &c. Or I will take it at a fair salary and give it prompt attention. I think by proper attention I can make that office pay 1/4 more than it ever has. You will please say nothing to the operator at Richmond about this as he and I are old friends and on good terms. I have line in R. and know how that office has been managed.

You will confer a great favour by writing me immediately on the receipt of this. and letting me know what you will do. If I open an office here I wish to do it soon while I have an opportunity to get a good room

Yours Truly.

Chas. D. Morgan

Ithaca Sept 16th 1854

Sir

The Cause of Anthony Gurtis against Orra Comstock is noticed for trial for Oct Ses 2nd next at Geneseo An Affedavit of merits will be required to be filed in the Clerks Office of Livingston County by the first day of Court. You will send the affedavit down to you to be Sworn but you are in another State and the acts of a Justice of the Peace there without an Authentication would not be proof in the Courts.

You we suppose will have to come here to make arangements for

trial a little in advance
of the Term,

Yours &c

Erwin Comell Lowe & Rowe

Enclosed is an affidavit
of merits which if true
is a Commission from
the State in Detroit or
if true are other officers
then so that the same can
be properly authenticated
you can swear to and
return to us. This must
have been filed on the
first day of Term or
an inquest & judgment
can be taken by default

Yours &c

Lowe & Rowe

Jamestown Ind Sept 16th 1854

Mr Cornell

Dear Sir

I write you this morning. for the pourpos of asking you to Lend me Some money. I am very needy. I owe money which must be paid. I have tryed to borrow of Friends. I have applied to the bank. and cant get a dollar. what is due from you to me would greatly help me, and indeed I cannot. Pay out money to Repair the line much longer unless. You fournish me Some funds. I would give you Your own time to pay me and would not ask You for it. were I in a Situation to do without it. You will Plase give this an early attention. and by So doing you will very much

Oblige

Yours

J. M. Walker

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

Utica, Sept 11th 1854

E. Cornell Esqr

Dear Sir

Yours of the 23d of August was duly received I am much obliged for the information & suggestions therein contained. You are no doubt aware of the result of the Election on the 4th inst. We now have a good Board of Directors all opposed to consolidation. We are anxious to make a permanent arrangement for Western connection and are desirous of seeing you at an early day to consult on the subject

Our Board have appointed a Committee to see and consult with you on the subject and also to attend the meeting which we have been informed was to be held in Buffalo the last of this month. Please write me on rect of this and ~~state~~ at when & what time the meeting is to be held in Buffalo.

Please give an early reply to this

Yours Respectfully

Geo Curtis Pres

Eaton O. Sept 16. 1884

E. Cornell

Dr Sir —

I write you for the purpose of obtaining some information in regard to this office. I would like to know if you are going to continue it? and if not could you give me a situation in some good office? I feel desirous not to abandon the cause but remain a Brother operator.

Yours in Host W. D. Quinn

Eaton Ohio

Cleveland Sept 16/54

Dear Sir,

It is thought by my attorneys advisable to take your deposition in the suit pending between myself & Wade. Can you make it convenient to be at Cleveland soon? If so when? It is necessary to have the day definitely fixed that we can give the other party at least two days notice.

This is thought to be advisable as your business keeps you on the wing much of your time, And it might be inconvenient for you to wait here the delays incident to a trial.

Please answer by telegraph.

I Remain Yours &c. J.M. Dubbs

E. Cornell, Esqr.

1854 [?]

Cleveland 1st Sept

E. Connell Esq

Dr Sir Enclosed please find a statement of my a/c to the 1st of July 1854 which is minute & long enough to be correct — I find a charge of $7.25 for desk & lock made in two places by some oversight — I give credit for that in Sept a/c

I see you do not in your statement forwarded to me included a charge of $4.65 for discht of dft on Allen — You will perceive by my a/c that more than that amt was due me at the time & I should not bear the expense of raising the money — It could not be otherwise obtained — It was necessary to get it to meet liabilities — Since then having been able to get funds from the Treasurer I have met it myself — How I should be subjected to a discount in raising money due me by any equity I am at a loss to discover — The charge seems to me correct & believing it to be so I included it in my expense a/c

Yours &c

J. M. Garland

Guyandotte Sept 17/54.

Mr E. Cornell. Esq.

Dear Sir:— I write you to give some information of the affairs of this office.

I have never been furnished with the proper books & blanks upon &c for Keeping the accounts of the Office in anything like a systematic manner: although when you were here the last time, I requested you to send me some, and you said, you would on your return to B.

I have never received any as yet. Since, I have asked the postmaster in B office to send them but have never received anything but some Mississippi blanks. Therefore I have had to keep a/c's. the best way I could.

This Office will never amount to much as far as any business is concerned. The people here don't seem to appreciate the advantages of the Telegraph. The Line is used but little at this point with the exception that the Railroad does some business. I thought when the Line first opened, that after the people became somewhat adapted to it, that they would avail themselves of this mode of transacting their business. But the Office has now been opened some six months or more, & there is but very little, if any increase in the average amount of business, since

the first months of the opening. I am very sorry that it is so. but I presume it cant be helped.

The following is a correct statement of the business of this office, from March 17. to Sept 27 – 1854.

Whole amount of money Received at this office, during that time, for dispatches is $52-89

From which deduct for light building & other office expenses. during same time $7.61

Leaving the net proceeds of Office $45.28

The Amts Checked to other Offices is as follows:

To	Union — — — —	$7.74
"	Dayton — — —	6.15
"	Piqua	35
"	Winchester	50
"	Troy	2.04
"	Cincinnati	1.58
"	Hamilton	90
"	Anderson	92
"	Middletown	1.84
"	Indianapolis	2.22
"	Fort Wayne	5.19
"	Muncie	92
"	Germantown — — —	25
	Total —	$31.00

Add total receipts of this Office $52.89

Making whole amt. of business with this office. $83.89

I suppose this will fully answer any explanations you may have

formed concerning the business of this office; I know that exhaustive to be obtaining.

Below you will find a statement of my account with you,

E. N. Bromell.

In Smith. E. Bromell. Dr.

To cash rec'd at Telegraph Office Evansville from March 17- to Sept 27- 1854 for dispatches — — — $45.28

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By 6 months & 11 days services in said Office at $20. per months - 126.66

Balance in favor me $81-38

I should have been very much pleased indeed had the receipts of the office been sufficient- to adjust the salary, & not be obliged to call on you for the amount, But it has not, And as I am very "hard up" just now, I shall have to ask you for the amt, The RRCo pay me barely enough to pay my board, so that if I don't receive my salary as it becomes due me, I can hardly get along.

Please send me the amt. or an Order on the RRCo immediately on receipt of this. I would rather have the money if you can send it at once, as the RRCo are "hard up" too. & I would like to likely to get any money at present.

from them. But if you have not the money, just send me the orders & perhaps I can make some term that will suit my purpose, for money I must have some how or other.

Please attend to this at once & much oblige Yours

answer immediately Very Respectfully

E. M. Brownell.

E. M. Brownell
Greenville
Oct 7, 57