Eaton O
Sept 30 1852

E Barnett

Dear Sir

I understand that you are rebuilding Cars from here to Richmond, I am of opinion that it would be the best policy to build our Rail Road, the President and Directors have assured me that you shall have the right of way, as well as any thing they can do for you on the way of transportation

Yours in haste
John V Campbell

Jamestown Ind

Sept 30th 1854

Mr E Cornell

Dear Sir

I did not receive your letter in time to telegraph you at L. I received your letter containing Check for $50. The Line is in a very bad condition from Crawfordsville to Indianapolis Indeed so much so that the Expences of mending Breaks this winter will exceed the Receipts unless it is gone over. I will make this Proposition, I will furnish a wagon and Horse, and him an other Hand, and go over the line provided you will give us good wages and boy expences I would like to hear from you and if I am to undertake it. Send me Some Expences money, the Soone the line is Repaired the better the weather will Soon be getting bad

Yours

J. M. Walker

Jamestown Ind
Sept 30

Jas M Walker P M

Ind

Mrs E Cornell

Indianapolis

Ind

J. L. Walker P.M.
Sept 30. 92

Mich City Sept 30. 1854

Dear Abony,

Your favour of 22nd Sept
Rec'd last eve, I rec'd a letter from
Tillotson two days ago dated the
18th Sept,

The dfts & notes you enclosed
you will find with this,

I have no time to write much
this morning, I hope your mother
will come out with MBW. and
risk my going East to see Mrs
Curtiss Committee,

I have 5 gangs of men all
new troops at work on line
from here to Lafayette,

I sat 2½ miles Poles yesterday
the handsomest row of Poles
you ever saw

Yours Respectfully
E Cornell

P.S. Your dispatch says the
suit at Syracuse would not
be tried now, and I have
paid no further attention to it,

Yours &c

Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois Telegraph Company.

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STATE SENTINEL JOB ROOMS, INDIANAPOLIS.

Lafayette, 1854.

The following Message was received from

Dated, 30th 1854.

To Mr

Lafy 30th Sept 1854

Recd of Telegraph Co

10.00 Value Recd

J. H. Longley

Providence. Sept 30th 1854

M Cornell.

Dear Sir. The Board of Directors enquire frequently why you do not furnish the Stock in the Lake Michigan Telegraph Co. I hope you will do it forwith. You are I hope doing well in the Buffalo Line, and will I trust come out right in all your matters. the predictions of your enemies to the contrary notwithstanding. I suppose I must as Mortgagee ask for the Receipts of the line till the Sale is made therefore should have a/c of Rents & Expenditures the said sales monthly.

Very truly yours
James S. Read
Mortgagee

New Castle Sept 30th 1854

Mr. Cornell

Dear Sir

I received your letter last evening. I cannot sufficiently thank you for the kind words your letter contained, and also for the money you so generously, and thoughtfully, enclosed in it —

It could not have come at a more acceptable time —

Mr. Pew was obliged to borrow a few dollars, to go up the line with — and was in hopes he should be able to get a little money, and send me, but he has not been able to do so as yet —

I am in hopes he will soon get

some money, and refund this to you again — Please accept my warmest thanks —

The note you speak of, is held by the executors of old Mr. Yeter's estate, who resided I think, in Lansing —

One of the executors names, is Henry Settles — Liberty-ville, South Lansing

The endorsers are, Benjamin Pew, and T. C. Thompson — It is due the first of October —

I have telegraphed to Mr. Pew to write you, and I presume that before this reaches you, you will have received a letter from him, giving you the desired information — as he will be at Erie to day — I fear it is too late to do any thing now —

Hoping for the best, and again thanking you, for your kindness, and sympathy, I subscribe myself

Yours gratefully
Caroline Pew

Ezra Cornell

I must summon to mon pole &c
Prw. Oct 1. 54 yrs truly W T Prw

Waterford Erie Co. Pa

E. Cornell Esqr. Oct 1st 1854

Dear Sir. I came to town last night [Saturday] with a load of wire and learned from my wife of Newcastle of your kindness to her & also the request to write you concerning the Peter note She will write you & I send particulars which I am quite confident you will find in my letter to you, Henry Kettles of Libertyville, South Lansing. Tompkins Co. is executor & I suppose holds the note Peter J. Benjamin Prw of Ithaca is first endorser, T. C. Thompson 2nd endorser. Uncle has to pay note, being able to do it — or having property enough to pay it — I wrote them, if possible to get Money out of Banks for 60 or 90 days to do so. That I thought your Co. would help me, but not in time, as the note was positively to be paid the 21 Sept — They had put off the day of payment to oblige me five or six times Newcastle told me they thought they would help me

& gave me timely notice that it must then positively be paid & gave good reasons— I requested them to write me here but no letter here yet— I have 18 miles of wire down & have just bought it— amount in store here, on plank road 14 miles from Linn Depot 3940 lbs only about 200 lbs short as I put this wire up to Warren Pa last spring. I dont suppose it will hold out as well as that— I think a great deal of it stolen, & destroyed but perhaps there will be in all that I will get about 10 tons. I have seen no operator nor any one about it & dont know whether I will meet with opposition in selling it— Dr H. A Irvine of Irvine Warren Co Pa. is the President of the Co. but not at home— He sent me word to come & take it up— I have on their books $1150 added in my favor. & an account against their company of over $3000, what they will consent to do I cannot conjecture, but I have brought the account here & intend to sell it— I expect the E & M Co. will purchase it, I think Mr Wood told me. so, why he dont send me the 25 dols. I dont know I have but 3 cents left of borrowed money— & get trusted where I can along the road, I expect to go to Linn today & back here, 15 miles there, & then four & it 15 miles yet & it rains some now— a letter will reach me from you to Warren, Warren Co. Pa. if you write, be particular & plain in your address, as Warren letters are often sent to wrong Warren, The wire I have here is in good order— I examined every foot of it & left all connections good— put up in bundles of about 200 lbs, a little over, I will go on as long as I can. & if possible take it all down— Cobb of Chicago & Warren of Town near Titusville have used the Co— for about $300, & I heard was taking down wire in Ky & selling it, how

Mr Cs
I can't say - I wrote them forbidding
it & ordering every foot of it back
if they had disturbed it - I don't know
with what effect - It was all I could
them do - Some of my friends Stockholders
of the Co. told me to take the rails & sell
for my own personal benefit - others
look a little suspiciously at me - I expect
when I get to Columbus next week, I
will meet with some trouble, but I
will manage them some way - what
course to take & be on the safe side
I am quite at a loss to determine,
I will take very cautiously to them
& as judiciously as possible &
slip a reel or two in the stage
for Erie as it passes every day.
& bye & bye bring up the rest - I
intend to make sure of a little at
any rate - our line is working
very well from Pittsburg via Erie
to Cleveland - The other line don't work
well & wont until the undercurrent
is taken off & I go over & reset
every poll that can be pushed over
they are pretty rotten & fall frequently
the rail-road company from Erie to

Albion Sept 4. Monday
1 Oct A M 1854

My Dear Mary Ann

Mart and I came up from Detroit saturday night, wrote at our desks, through the day yesterday, and walked over to Browns in the evening, & H brought us back, they all continue well,

We start at 2 A M for Detroit, I am in settlement with Speed, I got up at 12 oclock and have been sporting a new plaster for my back, and shall call Mart up in 20 minutes, to put it on for me, and get ready to start for detroit,

I find blunder after blunder in the old mans Speeds a/cs. He has an account showing that Correll & Speed was in debt to the P&L Co some $5,000.00 my examinations, has detected errors in it to the almost entire amount of balance, and I am now satisfied that Correll & Speed wont owe the Co any thing, and that J. J. Speed Jr, will owe the Co some three thousand dollars & perhaps a few hundred more,

Things look well, We have paid our expenses, a lot of old debts, and have over a thousand dollars in the treasury from July business, and August sports will do as well for us,

My time is expired & I bid you good morning, I have not seen the pictures yet boy Sunday, Good bye Yours &C

E Correll

Mary Ann

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

Utica, Oct 5th 1854

E. Cornell Esqr
Albion, Mich

Dear Sir

Yours of the 2d inst is received. If you will send us a copy of the Spud contract We shall be able to inform you whether there be any difference in the agreements. Our Co have two conveyances from the Patentees granted at different times

If your deed does not convey a right to to the use of the Telegraph under the renewed Patent the right of Course remains in the Patentees. Our articles are very long and it would occupy too much time to transcribe them & We do not consider it proper to furnish to parties generally, copies of records which are necessarily private

Yours Respectfully
Geo Curtis
Pres't

Vincennes Oct 5. 74

E Cornell Esqr
La Fayette
Ind

Dr Sir

I am unexpectedly detained here on a/c of my wifes illness, owing to exposure, stage riding, and the news of her Fathers death caused an "abortion" she is doing better than most women under similar circumstances and I hope ere long to be able to start home with her which will be done soon as practicable - Last news from home was favorable everything moving along correctly.

It is 70 miles from here to Terre Haute via the wire - Hutsonville Ill is about half way between the two places - causing the offices to have considerable territory to go over to keep the line in order & the expenses heavy - owing to the bad condition of line they are unable to take in sufficient funds to keep it in order, without getting anything for themselves in shape of salary they do not feel willing to borrow money without some visible means of repaying it & getting something for their services. The Operators

here says he has not received his salary since he took charge of this office (June last). that he must have some money from the Northern line (Ours) or quit, that he cannot live on what he receives from the southern (Evansville) line viz 15 dolls month - He says he could get considerable business from this place if the Northern line was in order - The operator at Hutsonville who is a good man and a good operator has kept the office through the persuasion of some Railroad men. He intended to resign because he could not do business half of the time on acc of line being out of order.

The business men of Hendeison Ky have built a line from their place to Evansville which would increase the amount of business for the Northern line very much between Henderson & Evansville offices their remittance to your line would amount to near $2000. per year if it could be kept in good order. I do not feel willing to let this matter drop I wish that business to come to us by all means. Although Mr Beck was taken sick between Perrysville & Eugene & had to return home, yet as soon as my wife is able to travel I wish to go home & start over this line again. The line is in much more order than

I anticipated & must have immediate attention or it will "godown". The boys tell me it works beautifully as far as we repaired it (to Perrysville) - Palmer & Guthridge went over the line & "looked" at it at an Expense of near $200. without benefitting it $10. worth. they did not pretend to clear wire of obstructions to its well working. it is useless in my opinion for 1 man to go over the line as a general repairer - I heard of P. & G's work all along line & saw convincing proof of the accuracy of their statements myself. Between Lafayette & Portland which is 9 miles south of Attica or 32 South of Laf. we changed wire from 62 poles to trees - Reset 42 poles - put in 34 insulators - put 29 caps on poles & cleared line of every limb & leaf - It took 2 weeks to do it. In many places we had to clear wire by cutting bushes & trees for miles, some days going but 1 1/2 to 2 miles per day - I hope I will find 2 or 300 round insulators (with place for pin in the middle of it to keep it in block) at Lafayette when I arrive, to complete the work. A few blocks & insulators were left at every office it would add much to the well working of the line & As it is, they have nothing to repair with. I Expected a letter from you within a day or two after my arrival here but as yet none has been rec'd. I should be glad

to hear from you. I will be here a sufficient length of time to receive a favor from you if written immediately. Please post me in such matters pertaining to the line as you may feel disposed. I am compelled to write with an old steel pen not having any other with me. Please accept our compts

Yours truly Haas

P. Haas
Receivers
Oct 5, 1857

Ps No remittance from my office for last month, will send rcpt soon as I can after my return home

H

Nauvoo City October 6th 1854

Dear Sir

Your letter of Sept 21st Only Recd today — The difference you speak of in My Report for July of $10.19 is the balance due me from Monroe office which I have transfered to the books of this office which makes the balance due in July $30.43 as I think my July Report will Shew — The mistake in the Vitral Qr is just this, One half of it — I have Charged to Wabash line & it was all made out in One Bill which I did not intend him to do — So the Charges in Report of 80 cts & 23 cts are correct the other 80 & 23 being used for Wabash I have sent My Sept Report in which Shewes the balance to 1st Oct $69.33 I hope it will not pass unnoticed as I want the Money very much & have had no remittance since I have been here I wish too to call Your attention to the Back debts of this office a Statement & list of which I sent in to Mr Wood some of the men are very urgent for their Pay two months of the Quarters Rent due 21st July is also included

in That list & ~~he~~ it not being paid when due makes ~~gives~~ the landlord the privilege of taking forcable possession of the office if he is so inclined — There is also a year's rent due for the old office as you will see by the report or list I sent for Wood —

Yours very truly

D E Mills

D. E. Mills
Oct 6. 1852

Ithaca Oct 6. '54

Mr E. Cornell

Dear Sir

Yours of 30th Ult. is at hand — I do not see how I can explain things any more fully than I have and what the documents in your possession show — The $140. Speed, Nott, was his private a/c with me, and should have been charged to him at our Settlement on the Company's Books — Cornell & Speed owed the $283.13/100 for balance due for Services all of which with Construction a/c &c. &c. was Examined and fully understood at the time. The $350 I rec'd should not have come out of the balance, as it was previously paid to me, and the

drafts drawn by me was for the actual balance after our settlement, ~~and~~ I can make no other explanations that would enlighten you that I think of. I am glad to hear you are getting along so well with your new lines, and wish I was with you. I had every thing turned out as I anticipated when I commenced the fight, in 1846. I presume I should have been in the field yet, but I had experience enough to learn that promises (sometimes) are like self righteousness— but it is too late in the day to complain. I am glad that time and experience, has shown to you the real worth of some men, who have all the reputation for business and stability, that they are deserving— I think I shall be west in about ten days and may see you— I think of going out with a lot silk, from the Manufactory, of Hibbard & Co, but cannot determine my route till I hear from N. F. Hibbard who started west the 4th inst. with a lot,— Yesterday I rec'd a letter from Luther, saying that Col. Speed, was in N.Y. last Saturday, I have not seen or heard direct from him since he was here last June. I hope you and he will be able to jump at a settlement, without difficulty— I saw Mr Wood, from Albion, last night, thinks as you do, that every thing on the Erie Rt. line, is now in a prosperous way to make and save Money—

Very truly Yr's &c
D. D. Tillotson.

Let me brag, by saying that I set with a gang (of 8 men) 4 Miles (120) poles in one day, between Little Fort and Southport.

Chicago Oct 6. 1854

My Dear. Mary Ann

I went to Albion Wednesday and found Matt & family at home & rec'd your kind favour by him. Should been better pleased at meeting you. I worked all day Thursday & left in eve 11 P.M for Chicago in Company with P. H Hopkins, arrived here after a tedious drag to day at 11 A.M and no breakfast. Go this eve to Mich City and to Lafayette tomorrow P. will go with me.

I rec'd a letter from Utica, but instead of their appointing a time to meet me at Thaw, they want me to go to Utica & on the whole I guess that is best as then I can get the board together who will have authority to act.

I cant set a day yet when I can go, but shall try to do so soon.

The business of this office is immense, receipts of all the lines were over $5,000 - for Sept.

and if the busines could be done as promptly as people desire it would have been at least $1000 more, and that it can be so done is certain. It only wants such lines as I know how now to build, and we are improving the old lines daily, and daily approaching nearer perfection, which is still immensely in the distance.

My route from here to Lafayette will be a long stride towards improving our facilities from this point.

Phebe appears well pleased with her summers visit, and I doubt not she has enjoyed herself first rate, and still all hands are glad to get home again. "Home is home, if ever so homely" — "Home, sweet sweet, home". —

I should like to be freed from all cares of business and go home, and make a good visitation, but it is impossible I am impelled onward by the irresistible current of events and there is no more stopping than turning Niagara back upon the resistless pressure of Lake Erie.

Onward! onward! onward! and so mote it be. I will make home portable, and take those that my life holds dear, with me the little girl with her "trabble drop" shall commence her trabbles, and her Ma shall accompany her, and settle's destiny may double his pressure, while we move onward with accelerated velocity, and will be happy still.

How is politicks in New York, will you Elect a fusion Governor, what will be his Composition, & "1/4 "maids law"

½ "Anti Nebraska" ½ "Canal enlargement" & ½ "Know Nothing" — Exact proportions, What a lump of a nondescript,

Col Burton, Woolly horse was swan skin compared with him,

Fusion, fusion, fusion, it produces such "noise & confusion" that politicians, can't make themselves heard, and hence their consternation, at the prospect of total annihilation,

Three Cheers for fusion, Bring out your "strong minded women" — if they can't vote, they will dictate to those who can,

So here goes, Three Cheers for Newyork politicks,

Yours for fusion

E. Cornell

Mary Ann

(Copy)

No 5

" Corning Oct 7. 1854

Recived of P. C. Ward One Hundred Dollars in for pr 2 Shares on Bro Shares in the New York and Western Union Telegraph Company for contuction of line from New York to Dunkirk.

$100.—

G. W. Skinner Supt "

Howells Ville Dec 16/1858

C. Howell Esq

Dear Sir/ Above I hand you a copy of my Certif[e] of Stock in your Co.

The Subscription Book in which my Name was Entered contained the the agreement that I should have the right to use up the Amt in Telegraph Messages if I desired. This has been denied me and I have paid over the $100. for Messages to & from N.Y. since the Completion of the line to this place. Now I desire permission to use the line to the Amt as agreed, or I should be glad to get $50. and return my Certif[e]. If you will pay the Amt to M. Adsit Esq. Banker here & my Credit I will Guarantee the rec[t].

The other Certificate alluded to in my Letter of 18[th] ult. left with me, I am content you shall do as best you can with the owners thereof, but I desire mine arranged if you will please do so at once. Hastily & truly Yours P. C. Ward

Perrysville, Ind. Oct. 7. 1854.

Telegraph Agent, Lafayette,

Dr Sir: We would recommend Mr. Andrew Robertson as a person entirely and fully qualified as concerns responsibility and integrity, education and permanency to attend to all the duties of Operator at this place, and would feel gratified if the office were entrusted to his care and supervision.

Jones & Smith
I L & W Patrick
E. H. McNeill
R D Hopper
Thos Cushman
Wm H. Smith & Bro
Foland Ferguson & Co
J. Odell & Co
Rogers & Rupe
D. P. Anderson

I gave him appt Aug 1st paying all Ex. since
Sp. Oct 54 EC

Perrysville, Ind. Oct 7, 1851

Dr Sir: Enclosed you will find a recommendation from those most interested, recommending my appointment as Operator at this place.

I as yet know but little of the art; but, if I am made secure in the appointment, I shall immediately take the necessary lessons from D.T. Waterman, of Eugene, and enter upon the duties of the Office.

There is no Operator here now, nor is it likely there will be, at least for two or three weeks.

Should you be willing to invest me with the appointment, please send a good instrument, that I may have it "set up" when the Office is removed. It is now in the lower room, and it will be necessary to place it in the second story of the same building.

Please answer at your earliest convenience, and oblige

Yours. respy

Andrew Roberson

Tel. Agt

Lafayette Ind.

Milan Oct 10th/54

Dear Sir,

Yours of 5th inst from Fremont just recd & have nothing to do With Ofs here & left Fremont the first of last August With Mr Haviland consent to come here & take Charge of this Ofs When Was there & think always had my report off first of month & send Sept report for this ofs tomorrow morning Should have had it off first of month But have Been Waiting for amt due from Thos Hamilton So could send Bal due the Co With Report

Yours Truly

E. Cornell W. L. Butman

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By Telegraph from Toledo

Dated Oct 12th 1854

Received at Toledo,

To Mr Stacy

Dear Sir—

Tariff from Toledo to

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

I hear you are out mending the telegraph ~~lines~~ mies — as a friend I wish advise you not to spend your money on the mies until you know there is a prospect of you getting back at least half of it — under existing circumstances I do not deem it advisable to spend any money on the mies till I hear more

from the right head-quarters
Confidential between us.—
I have written F. W. Wright
Logansport Director to as-
certain if Connell has not
violated his lease sufficiently
to have the line taken away
from him & told him there are
parties standing ready to take
the line for a term of years
& put it in complete work-
ing order & wishing an early
reply from him — In Haviland
Lafft of Speed Line of which
Connell is now Pres. says Con-
nell has no funds to fix line
with & that is the only way to
get it going again — Others
say Connell is going down hill
as fast as possible & that no
dependence can be placed upon
him — Let me hear from you
what you know about it & the
condition of affairs around you
I am closing up my accts here
& do not keep the battery in order
at all —
Yours truly —
R. Chadwick.

Milan O October 12th 1854

W Cornell

Dear Sir. Yours of the 5th
was Rec'd a few days ago and this is
the first Chance I have had to answer
it as I am going to School now.
I think I see where you get the
133 the amount cannot be Collected
for Death and absence of the persons
have made it good for nothing. I
am sorry it is so but when I
trusted to the amount I supposed it
would all be good. Do you think
I ought to make the amount good.
But as it is a Common thing for
any Office to trust I don't know
as I am liable. You say what
you think ought to be done about
it. and I will try and do what is
Right about it. The amount due
in August 27.56 is good and is half
Collected & will send soon as can
get balance. Mr N. L. Putnam has
Office here now he is out in

Fremont now has been here for 2 months. Please write me soon.

Yours Respectfully

Alexander H. Milton

Mr Cornell Esq

Milton Mich

P. M. Pillsbury Milton
Oct 12 1857

Cornell Esqr.

Dear Sir.

Owing to sickness my Report has been delayed for some time. The Line is down and has been for some time. Between I.I.D and C.I.I. Mr Haas of La Fayette is here and tasks of repairing line between here and C.I.I.

If you can possibly remit me ten or fifteen dollars for present use, you will oblige me very much. One or two persons to whom the line owes small bills, intend to sue me or attach the Instrument and line if their bills are not paid soon by attending to my request you will confer a favor upon me Please answer and let me know what you will do

Very Respectfully Yours

Tuscumbia Oct 12th 54 F. Mass

J. W. Gu[illegible]
Oct 12 54

Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois Telegraph Co.

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STATE SENTINEL JOB ROOMS, INDIANAPOLIS.

Terre Haute, 1854.

The following Message was received from

Dated, Terre Haute 12th 1854.

To Mr C. H. Speed at as[illegible] train
Stopes at this Station & Conrel left
For Toledo and left no instructions
I cannot get hans without cash
and that Scarce Every night I think
that it is very Strang that any
man Expects to Do Such a job
of Work without the Money
to Pay hands Every night one of
the hands that I had here has Been
up hear on the hunt of me you
know that they followed you a
Bout after the air Say they have
Told us hear that they cannot
Get the Say for their work
I Started from Indianapolis with
ten Dollars and you know my
Expense to Get hear

Now I wish you to advise me —
What to Do Conrad Said that he
Was a Going to Toledo & Thence to
Lafayette If I Do not get money
Before Monday I Shal Be at
Home I Cannot think of imploy
ing men to work on & then Put
them off for their Pay I Cannot
Do that I Positively will not hire
any when up here tel I Get money
to Pay them I Wright to you Becaus
I know that you are interested and
Do not wish you Pass this By with
out answering me to night and
Let me Know what to Do
I Will wait the Return
there is no Sales Come I have
about 3 Miles to Put up I Shal
Dig Coals tell I hear from
You Yrs Gitteridge

Racine Oct 12th. 1854

E. Carroll Esqr

Dear Sir,

Understanding that a Petition was forwarded yesterday to some of the Officers of the Company, having for its object my removal from this Office, I thought it better to write to you in relation to it.

As I am unacquainted with the charges made against me in that document except with one of them I cannot enter into a vindication of myself. That one grave charge I have been told by those who got up this Petition, is that I am City Clerk of Kenosha. This is strictly true. I have acted as Clerk there for the last three years and last Spring when this office was offered to me I accepted it in being assured by Mr Cobb that, as long as I conducted its business properly, I should not be removed from it. I was particular in making this stipulation with Mr Cobb because I knew very well that my taking charge of this Office would prevent my re-election, and if I stayed where I was I could have the Clerkship as long as I wished. Occasionally, since the wheat season opened Mr Sholes of "Sun" telegraphed me for an abstract of the Markets here, and I gave them to him as truthfully as I could, and when this came to the knowledge of Mischief Makers here they magnified it into a Report that I being Clerk of Kenosha was wholly in the interests of that place and although

when I found it displeased them, I stopped sending any more Reports they would not be appeased till they got up this document - If you could be made aware of the antagonism existing between the two rival Cities you could easily understand how such a report properly circulated would create a momentary distrust against me with the unthinking, and how under the spur of the moment such a paper would be got up as the one London stand has been forwarded to you -

I may have done wrong in sending those Reports to Mr. Sholes, but he being long and favorably known in this Line I took it for granted he would not ask any thing from me that was not in the legitimate line of business - The reason Where I succeeded here sent these Reports regularly last season without creating a single remark -

It is hardly necessary for me to say that, coming here as I have done to make this place my residence, I could so far forget myself as to betray the interests of a place where I had come to establish my own and the reputation of the Telg Office -

I do not like to speak of myself the Operators in the Offices in immediate connection with mine Can best tell whether I have been on hand as I ought, and of these aggrieved parties, at least half of them are no natives of the line & some never sent a Despatch in their lives! Can prove me incompetent negligent, disobliging, ever absent from my post Can prove the failure of any despatch coming to this Office -

in fact if they can substantiate a single charge against me whereby I have in the least degree stepped aside from the path of my duty in any particular then I shall very cheerfully resign a place which I would not deem myself worthy to hold any longa ~~time~~ the time necessary to procure me to fill my place I would prefer by all means not to hold a place where my honor or integrity would be in the slightest degree questioned or where I could not have the confidence of the Directors as to my ability to conduct the business of the office. I should say however here that all the intelligent business men here who have been asked ~~the~~ to sign this petition have refused to do so, and if names to a petition are a necessary indorsement for the qualifications of an operator I can get plenty of them here at any moment, of the best men in the place, as Mr. Sholes knows all about this business I beg leave to refer you to him for an explanation.

You will be good enough to send me at your earliest convenience a copy of this Petition with the signatures, with your own remarks, that I may, if necessary, explain any misrepresentations or at least see what I have been guilty of.

I am &c

Yours respectfully

J. Murray

P.S. Perhaps it is to Mr Cobb they have sent this petition; if so I will write to him to forward it to you.

Jm

Medayville Oct 13d 1854

Mr E Cornell

I Am in Receipt of your
Dear. polite Note I will just say in answer
to it that I do not no Know how much
money you gave Speed or Longly but I
do Know how much you give me
and what use I have and Intend to
make of it I Have payed the Boarding
of the men and myself at San Pierie and
this place also payed three men for
3 days work 3,75 So far as Regards the
payments of the men I ~~Know~~ no thing about
it I give them their Amount of their
time & if you have payed them
you Know how it will Agree with
that part of the note ~~that~~ you sent me
that you give me Cash Sufficient to pay
my Hands and my self and Boarding
Here it is

Patrick Cuningham	$8,75
John Hanlin	8,43
Timothy Cushin	2,50
Martin Flanagan	2,50
Patrick Welsh	2,50
Lewis Keblinger	3,12
3 Men 1 Ace 1 Day	3,75
	$31,43

the Boarding is taking out of this
I will explain more fully when I come down
I will have explain why I thout the men
was not ~~payed~~ paid Speed told me that
the men was Running of us 10in every day
above yod have this names and yod cand
find out whether they have been paid or not
yd directed me to Let yod know who
worked and what they did yd have got
this names and see this work Judge
for yourself the Digging South of this
is very hard being in Clay Land and I cant
progress so fast I will just say here
as soon as suits your convenince yod can
send a man to take my place I wish that
done the first of next week

Yours
Respt
J. W Eskridge

P S Answer if any thing more
wished by next mail

J. W Eskridge
13, Oct 57

La Fayette Oct 14th /54

Dear Sir

I have Succeeded in Contract
ing for 4.20 Poles to Be delivered on
on the R.R. at Bakers Corner 12 miles
from Lafayette all White oak & Black oak
to be Shaved at 25cts Each
my health in Improving Speed and
my Self Commence at the River to
Stake on Monday

Yours Respectfully
J. H. Longley

M. E. & T. Comell

Covington Oct 14th/54

Dear Sir

Enclosed you will find five dollars Seventy 2 cts Due you which I could not send by mail well. I would have sent you Reports Sooner but had no Report blanks

Yours Respectfully

J. H. Briggs

Mr. E. Cornell

Indianapolis

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Binghamton Oct 15th 1854

E Cornell Esq

Dear Sir – I arrived home on Friday night and made out my report on Saturday – I will forward you a hundred dollars in a few days – If things turn out right in the matter of the school section My two hundred dollars will secure me a good proportion of the whole 640 which I am willing to trust to your fairness in deal, when a division is made to give me my share of all benefits derived from location on the R R or off. Prairie, wood &c – I want an interest in that Swamp land we examined & if you have concluded to enter it, please let me know in time – We ought to take all the vacant Swamp land in that vicinity. of the Morning – I should enclose the draft in this letter if I had have had time to get it – Will send it this week to Indianapolis, unless otherwise ordered – The line has worked well in my absence, only been down two or three days – We work direct from Hornellsville to Newburgh, & work first – I was in Buffalo all day Friday – & I think the Circuit from N to Buff is managed as poorly as any line I ever saw – Allen told me considerable, besides what I saw – He says he

can not send to Cleveland and get answer in half a day to save him & cannot get an answer, when you are ok, from Milan Ree the same day, once out of a dozen times - This shows a great defect in the systems - which I noticed on the whole line - Never or less quarrelling for circuit & wasting time in talking about the right to the circuit - I mention this because I know you are too busy to see it - The only salvation is the second wire, and I learn that Haveland cannot work two wires on the same poles. If that is so he is no Telegraphist - Please drop me a line on receipt of this & let me know your decision in regard to the Swamplands

Yours Truly
P. A. Hopkins

P. A. Hopkins Esq
Oct 15, 1854

Office of the Black River and Utica Railroad Co.

Utica, Oct 17th 1854

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

I am disposed to sell my Interest in the Telegraph Stock for which am to at Utica and would there Morning, and have offer it to you for amount named and Interest, prompt pay. Do you want it? please answer by return Mail

I have offered it to Mr. Eaton & he agreed to take it, but I since on Looking over the articles I agreed that any one of the Lines offering to sell must give offer it to ourselves & Mr Eaton.

Yours Respectfully

J. J. Hanton

P. S.

I offered it to Ingle, Cating first as I then Lain on to the Lines to be with them but could not find them Either,

Rec'd and answered Oct
24th saying I would
purchase his interest
and arrange it in few
days at Utica —

S.C.

Cheviot, O. Oct 17./64.

Dear Sir.

Your letter of 9th inst. rec'd & I hasten to answer.

I made an arrangement in March last with Mr. C. H. Spudy, at Union, in the presence of Rev. Aylesworth & Mr Rockwood, by which I was to receive $20. per mo. for attending this Office. I asked Mr S. if that was the best he could do. He replied that it was, but thought I might get some employment from R R Co's which would increase it to a full salary. With this assurance, I came here and set about making an arrangement with Mr Wilson, Secty of R R Co which resulted in him giving me $10. 00 per M the R R Co was concerned, making the whole salary $30.—$20. to be paid by you.

From this you will at once see that I did not come here to work for R R. as you have understood, I had no idea of working for it until after my conversation with Spudy and do but little for it now, & regret but a

very small stipend for what I do.

When you was here the last time you asked me about my arrangement for pay &c; and I told you then what my arrangement was. You said nothing about it at the time. You connived at it, & gave tacit consent to the arrangement. If it was not satisfactory, why did you not speak of it then?

Neither do I would have a sorry thing of it. To get only $10. per Mo. & receipts which in seven months have amounted to but more than $50. with office expenses deducted. Is it probable that I or any one else would agree to work for that?

I agreed to no such thing. In all the arrangements made the word "receipts" has never been mentioned, and surely it has not been understood.

The first intimation I have had of working for receipts was from your letter, and I, in turn, "was surprised" that you thought I was working for the receipts of this office.

From these facts, I cannot see why you should be surprised at my claim of

$81.38 or amount due me to 17th Sept.

To Sir: No matter of surprise, my claim of the amount due, is perfectly correct & just, & from the circumstances above narrated. I have a right to demand it. You will oblige me very much by writing immediately on receipt of this, Letter, as I wish an early adjustment of this account, My situation at present requires me to press it.

Very Respectfully,
Sir.
E. W. Brownell

E. Cornell, Esq
Ithaca,

Tuscumbia Oct 19th 1864

D. Cornell Esqr
Indianapolis

Dear Sir. I wrote you when I sent in my report, requesting you to remit me a small amount of money, If you can spare me ten or fifteen dollars it will be a great favor. Sickness has thrown me somewhat behind hand with my Land-lady. and she is compelled to have some money, my promises to her were based upon receiving at least the sum of ten dollars from you. By a reference to my Reports you will see that I have not received any money for the actual amount expended upon the line.

By attending to the above request you will greatly

oblige, Yours respectfully

H. Wade

Detroit 19th Oct. 1854

Dr Lis

I returned home yesterday- I stopped at Rochester only a few hours, and introduced Judge Eaton to Judge Selden & others. I had nothing to do, and did not learn that anything was done. but I left Wade and Haviland at Rochester, and what they did I do not know.

I have been for some time on the Ohio River near Millsville, and expect to return there in about ten days- In reply to your letter I find on my Cash book the following entries-

1851.
July 5. Pd Haviland at Detroit ——— 25.00
Oct. 22. Rec'd of Haviland ——— $3.00
Nov 18. Sent to Haviland by Express ——— 150.00
" 29 Sent to Haviland to pay Vincent & Gardner for work on office while ABC was at D } 100.00
1852 Paid Haviland at Detroit 50.00
Feby.
Oct Rec'd of Haviland 13.00
16.00.

325.00
16.00
$309.00

I cannot tell from any books or papers I have what the $49.80

was for. Nor can I tell anything about the 36.58. What I could find out by an examination of the books & papers at the office I cannot say - The best way to get at it would be to have Haviland make more explanation himself -

I am willing to render all the assistance I can in settling all those old accounts. but I expect to leave home again soon, & spend most of my time on the Ohio River -

Yours &c J L Spencer Jr

Mr Connell
Pres Dan Talbo
Indianapolis