Erie City Nov 3d 1854

Dear Cornell, How are matters with you? are you in trouble again? I did not get a reply, to the line I sent by Mr Wood, from Cleveland, about the middle of Oct. to Toledo, to you where he was to meet you, I went to Pittsburg from there, Saw Mr Duncan, he says now the prospects are very fair, quite certain for our connection & they, by Reed's Duncan's orders, commenced to give us back as much busns as we give them, & if we can keep our line working all the time, can do well, I am confident, but they want that old balance of about 60, paid down now, the clerk advanced from his salary to pay it & he needs it, Why does Haviland appear to be a mere automaton, He answers none of my messages, Nor Duncan nor letters, not a word, I cant see him, nothing obliging about him, I hear operators of your line saying he cares nothing about your line, & why is it I hear your own clerks & operators constantly saying the E & M is going to the devil as fast as it can? Whats wrong? you, may investigate, but dont intimate to a soul. I told you so, nor that you heard any such thing. No use of that, but see why it is going to the devil without any questions, Is there anything in this the contents of which I enclose from a Buffalo paper, & much talks about it, spose 'tis a Squasher humbug to injure you, write me fully & more frequently —

The National Lines in Pittsburg, are disposed to favor us & will give us all the busns they can, I think will surely be some, if our line can only do the busns good. The first thing, we should take down the second wire

from Cleveland to Franklin mills & put a $300, operator
there to repeat busns on that line & to go out on line
when down — Then in a week or ten days, after some
of my collection suits comes off. I can give my
attention to keeping line up. For a short time,
I will need some money to repair & put
up a few poles, The proprietor of the building
I now accupy in Pittsburg is a very kind &
well disposed man, but he thinks he ought
to have things so fixed that he would be sure
of getting his pay for rent some time — I told him
on the start, I could not pay him, unless line
earned it — & would go out any minute he
said the word — I said to him, that once in a
conversation with some of the people of the Lines I connected with,
in Cleveland, on the subject of rent — They said we must
try & pay it some way — {His now about $200,} He took
courage from that remarks that he would get his
pay some time — Try to find time to write me &
keep me better posted — I think Reid will see to
our connection. Evt. He is now in Philadelphia
attending to busns — Direct "Newcastle Lawrence Co Pa

E. Cornell esq

Respectfully
W. P. Pew

I have many & grievous troubles — so
I dont know which way to turn — but I
will not bother you, with them

Pew

W P Pew Nov 3rd 1857

Fort Wayne Nov 3rd

Dear Brother

I find that the money you sent me is not current it is worth only 60 cents to the dollar in the bank here and so I am nearly as bad off as before. Ed Grover is at work down by the reservoir he had only a dollar when I left him I am going down there tomorrow ~~today~~ + if I can get this money ~~off~~ I will let him have some + I will go to Indianapolis + go to work at my trade as I have got my satisfaction of Telegraphing I will see you when you come there + settle up with you + I hope you will have no trouble in finding some one to take my

place who will do as well
or better than I have done.
I cannot stand it to work
in the rain & mud. and live
on such fare as I have been obliged
to since I have been on this line
there is only two breaks now
that I know of between Huntington
& Toledo & they are 2 miles & 6
miles east of Huntington. Norton
will probably have them mended
today. Ed Grover will remain
on the line in the vacinity of
Defiance so you can hear from
him by writing there.

Yours truly

L. B. Cornell

E Cornell Esqr
Lafayette

Cleveland Nov 4th 1854

E. Cornell Prest E. & N. Tel Co

Sir

With this please find my statements for September & October

Having parted with my interest in the Southern Michigan Line & contemplating a change in my business relations I wish to resign my present position as Division Supt on the E. & N. Line to take effect on or before the 10th of November next

Very Respectfully yours

F. Harrison

To Pittsburg & Ne
& see me
Respectfully
W P Pew

Meadville Pa. Nov 4th 54 {Saturday Eve}

Dear Cornell, within I enclose you a line, I have just written Parsons of Erie. "Dear Parsons, by the devil, this Cat wont ram, such inattention to, & neglect of, the line, on the part of the operators, will never do in Gods world, the way we have been doing business the last few months, would ruin the best working line in the country, a large amount of business is daily lost, and customers driven to the mails, with their eternal curse upon telegraphs, & all by the sheer neglect of the operators. In the name of God and humanity, I ask what earthly good it does for me to slave myself to beggery & death, to keep up lines & have no operators to work them, I have not a faithful operator on my lines, I find on coming here, the line between Nc & Br, has been down ever since I left, notwithstanding my strong injunctions to go out on the line immediately, when down, & their positive promise they would.

There is not a day passes, but some one or more offices lose business, because an other office cant be raised in time.

This evening, not three minutes after you left the key, a little before seven o'clock, there came into this office business for you ordering things by stage in morning. I called faithfully from 7 till 8, stopped a moment to take breath, when you came in & took battery off, which is another thing I have repeatedly requested you not to do, & only yesterday, when there, enjoined it upon you to have battery on all the time. I need not add, this loss of business & disappointment of customers, is no uncommon thing,

W P Pew Nov 4th 1854

To my certain knowledge, it is a daily occurrence, your protestation to the contrary notwithstanding, & it has been so for months past — When I have spoken to you, about it, you presented, what you deemed to think a good excuse, but I did not, however let it pass hoping for the better,

Eight o'clock, is too early to close at night, we lost from 50 cts to a dollar this evening & I & me both had business for you, neither of us could raise you,

To think, to compel people to come in earlier by one disappointment, is a mistaken idea, The arrival of Buses Hacks & stages after 8, & on unusual demand for some commodity, oysters &c in the evening — instantly & at a later hour than 8, calls for telegraphing, which could not be known sooner, The disappointment here last evening, called forth curses on the telegraph & on oath to forswear all use of them, & such things salute my ears often —

I appeal to your own good sense, if this is the way to run telegraphs? why if so they are no better than mails, & to the mails, all business men will resort, I am aware, that were you to discharge your duty according to your ability, there is not a man, that could be placed there that would stand any chance with you, but because your name is up, that is no reason why you should lie abed all day — we are the sufferers thereby, and duty, imperative duty, on my part, calls loudly for an improvement in that office, I am now, so reduced, there is scarcely substance

enough left, to form a shadow, & I am still dwindling into nothingness, I must at once, have business go off right or go over the board, low as I am, I have still resolution, & shall make a renewed effort to raise the line to the confidence of the public, Hopeing I will meet with a corresponding effort on the part of all concerned, & that immediately & earnestly. I remain

A Parsons Esq

Yrs Respectfully
W P Pew

To Cornell, this is the way, business is going, & has been, till I can stand it no longer. 'tis much the same way in Bleselend, and if I can judge by what I see & hear, we will all go over the bay soon, I wrote you, line from Erie, of what I hear from your operators & blicks that the E & M is going to the devil fast, why & how? it should be looked to, I am confident. you have not got the best managers, They are friends of mine & I think considerable of them, but if they were like the pupil of the eye twere not best to retain them, where better can be got — There is not vigilance enough, by the head of the department, one eye is worth a dozen hands threats &c &c &c, I cannot endorse your ways fully, I mean your plans to bring about reform, what you aim at, is right, but I question the course you adopt to bring it about, dont think me aspiring to office, I am not, I speak my honest sentiments

It seems to me, things dont go off, as well as when Haviland had line through to Milwaukie, whether it is because his salary is diminished & his thoughts divided & speculative or what I cannot say — but things do go right, by a thundering sight, neither East nor west, & in reference to Erie Office, Parsons thinks if he is discharged, he will go into the opposition office & run you hard, so I hear, he did not tell me so, He is a clever good & obliging & feeling fellow but that matters not, he should attend to his business I am able to put an operator there to attend to my business & cost, nor do I wish to go to the other office, & I am not satisfied with the way he neglects my instrument & I hear 'tis just so with yours instrument, I hope after all I have said to him & this line, that he will work up better — although he told me he would see all in hell, before he would keep open later than 8 PM —

Now if you wish any information from me, or wish me to do with you, you must implicitly comply with my request & that is, not to intimate what I have said or may say, in reference to any one or your line, nor that you heard so & so — but examine for yourself & govern your acts accordingly, in this my request, you must take my judgement & act according to my well — you ought to manage so as to come over your lines often & see for yourself — My help amounts to but little but I am disposed to do all I can, thinks we should work together — write me & let me know how things are going with you, I wish you could come down

E & M Telegraph Office
Ann Arbor Nov 6th/54

Dear Sir

Being the Operator to whom you address your letter of the 2d Inst. I feel it my duty to state to you a few facts connected with the subject (for as yet I have reasons to believe you have had none notwithstanding the reports of the Gentlemanly Operators in Detroit to the contrary) Admitting I am ignorant of the fact that two messages cannot be sent over the same circuit at the same time I think I am not ignorant of the fact that there is and always has been two sides to a dispute, and that they should both be investigated before we can form a correct idea of which is Right. So in regard to this so called quarrel. You have heard the report of one side and formed an idea that I am the only one to blame which I think you would not have done had you investigated the matter more closely, I will now try and state the facts as they occurred at the time you refer to (Vis) I came in the office and found the line was idle and two messages on the table to be sent One for Ypsilanti the other for Detroit. I asked the young man

who assists me in the Office why he had not sent them and then called Gpsalanti and sent him the Message. At this time a Mr Noble came into the Office and wished to send a communication to Kalamazoo in reply to one he had received from that place informing him that his Brother in law was dying and wished to see him and wanted to know if he could come by first train — While waiting upon Mr Noble I asked Mr Speed to send the Detroit Message which he did — but instead of Detroit saying OK as is usually or I may say always the case for by this we know our messages are rec^d — He (Detroit) commenced calling Chicago — Mr Speed told him to wait a few minutes he had one more Message to send and that to Kalamazoo and that the circuit was his — And this no one can deny that knows any thing about Telegraphing. (At least I have been in the office a "Sufficient length of time" to know that this is the case) Detroit replied that he had a report which Chicago was waiting for and commenced calling again — He was then told that the Message was a 22. or death Message & must be sent — Detroit made no reply but in a very ungentle=manly manner commenced rattling his key so that no one could do any thing —

When he stopped I told him again that the message was a death message & that he should send no [illegible] message to Chicago until I had first sent my message to Kalamazoo. for it was my duty notwithstanding it being a death message which also according to Emory Cobbs directions (viz) All death messages and Rail Road accidents shall take the preference and any Office having such messages may break at any time at the end of a regular communication and send the same and after sending said communication he shall return the circuit to the office he received from. This is his directions verbatim? Also to show he has a right to make such rules you say in your General Regulations dated Detroit July 28th 1854 Article 1st By regulation of the Board of Directors the line has been divided into (2) divisions to be known as the Eastern & Western Division &c The Western division to Extend from Detroit to Milwaukie to which Emory Cobbs has been appointed division Superintendent &c Now the Employees of the Company on Each division will be under the control of the respective division Superintendent By this I understand that he has a right to make rules &c for the working of the

the western division.

I copy this to show you that it was not willfulness or that I had any desire to quarrel or rule in this matter - Far from it - But that it was very important business I had - and that it was your intentions as I understand it that such messages should take the preference. If I am wrong & in an error I hope it will be overlooked for it is through ignorance that I err and on the other hand if I am right I would be glad to be sustained in the right - I have ever desired to to do the business of this office to the satisfaction of my employers and those doing business at the office have no personal feeling to gratify in fighting for the right - and never do it unless in cases where I feel certain the true interest of the line require it -

I Remain
Your Respectfully
Uriah B Wilson

Uriah B Wilson
Nov 6 + 1854

E Cornell
Pres E & M T Co
Detroit

E. Cornell Esq.
~~Genal~~ Supt of E & M. Tel. Co.

Girard, Pa. Nov 7th 1854

Dear Sir!

Mr. J. Haviland, to whom I wrote two weeks ago in regard to my wishing to take charge of the Telegraph Office in this place, sent me words from Cleveland that he had forwarded my letter to you. — As it may be possible that that letter or perhaps your answer to me might have got lost, as I have not heard from you since, I thought I would mention this subject once more directly to you.

Mr. Asa Battles who at present has the charge of the office, has much other business to attend to, which calls him often out of the office and frequently even out of the place. Besides, under us, it is but the truth, when I say, that most of the Business men here, especially those who have Telegraphing to do, are not good friends with Mr. Battles & consequently do not like to do business with him & trust him with their private affairs. They especially complain about the irregularity in which the office is taken care of.

Mr. Andrews' letter, which was enclosed in mine to Mr. J. Haviland, will testify the

P.T.O.

above. The same influential Business men of this place who last spring petitioned in favor of Mr. Andrews would now like to have me in the office, as they wish to have someone here who can and will attend to the business regularly.

My business would allow me to be in the office from morning till night and having taken care of the same office already for about 8 months (fr. summer 1853 to spring/54) I think myself fully qualified to fill the place to your entire satisfaction & I do not doubt but that the office ~~will~~ after a little while will pay considerable more than it does at present.— I should of course take charge of the office at the same conditions as Mr. Battles does at present.

Having married lately I intend to make Girard my permanent home & besides my liking the Telegraph business very well, it would help me a little along

I would like to hear from you, if possible by return mail & hoping your answer will be a favorable one to me, I remain, dear Sir,

Yours

respectfully

Theodore Hempel

Addr, Girard Erie Co Penn^a

Rec'd Nov 7th 1854

M E Cancle. Sir I have yours of 1st inst. On the 24th of Oct I wrote you at Indianapolis that I had sent an advertisement to Allen to sell the Line at as soon after the 29th of Oct. the day the last Mortgage became due, as the publication of 3 successive weeks would allow, and would write you when Allen fixed the day. Allen fixed the day Nov 15th but having doubt whether "3 successive weeks" did not mean 3 entire weeks, the day has been fixed to the 28th of Nov. I will write him to send you a paper. In regard to your request to "postpone the Sale at least a month," I have to say, after consulting with the Board, that I cannot do it, without violating the Contract made with Messrs Barnell, Stoddard & ~~Co~~ that I would "foreclose in 30 days after the "last Mortgage became due".

Respectfully your Obt Svt

James F B Read

Corning Nov 7th 1854

E Cornell
Indianapolis

Dear sir

Yours is received
will attend to Matters OK
Line up and working to V —
works well one Man in
V dose $25 per month — —
I am building Line from
Attica to Buffalo A D Patchin
furnishes $1000 I do the rest
I want that Wire that
Lays at Jefferson to help
Can I have it. I can replace
it in spring - Many Cows
in slow ~~[illegible]~~ hard to collect
It is Electrindey here Ullman
get a Large Vote — —

Very Respectfully
E Cornell J W Skinner

Wabash Nov 8th 1854

Mr E Cornell

Dere Sir. I am here doing Nothing Cas yet this month with a large Amount of buisness to do Could I but have a Circuit to do it. I am wasting seid & Zines in trying to do Somthing & affecting nothing I want you to Say to Logansport & Peru fore them to go out Over there line & put it up I & Logro has ours. then we will be able to earn our wagers & that is what I want to do I also want you to Send me if you Can three Zinks Cups. the Cups that was here when I taken Charge of the office which was on the 1st day of Sept Last, is in a maner gone Except one & by havering 3. I Can get them a Long Better I have one that has only been in use Som Two weeks the other two are old ones that Mr Crawford had a long time before. Yours Truly

Wm James

1854

New York Nov 8th

Gentts

In reply to yours of 4th inst I enclose Copies of the two Message of Arabia's news and time sent

F, A. Abbot

1st Despatch

Sentinel

Arabia – Flour active — Ohio 42, Wheat advanced shilling on Week, corn two shillings do Consols unchanged – Bombardment Sebastapool commenced, 20.

13th

F. A. A "

Sent from here 1/4 past 8 A.M,

Second Despatch –

"Sentinel

Gutschakoff superseeded Menschikoff in command, Breadstuffs closed dull,

F. A. A."

This last was put in telegraph office 2 hours after the first and the remark about breadstuff was from the private letters and implied that at the close of the Market there was a dull feeling at the advance, My impression is that ~~from~~ your despatches are stolen on the rout and sold to Speculators,

F, A. Abbot

P S

It is now 12 M 8th inst and not one word of the Election have I received from you — I sent you despatches of New York, and New Jersey last evening hours in advance of "Report,"

Abbat

Utica Nov 8 1854

Mssrs Comell & Spud

Gent

We hereby give you notice that agreeable to the Seventh Section of the Agreement under date of Jany 21 1853 Signed by J. S. Faxton, John Butterfield, Silas D. Childs, Geo Curtiss James R. P. Gardner and Comell & Spud. We severally Elect to take half of the Stock purchased by our respective portions of said money advanced at the purchase price of said Stock and Cash for the other half of said money advanced with the legal interest on said Cash portion in lieu of the provisions in the latter Clause of Section third of said agreement

Geo Curtiss
Silas D. Childs
by J. Faxton

Nov 9, 1854

Mr Connell

Dear Sir,

I Revd your Note by Messenger & am sorry I cant see you as I would like to have a talk on matters. I am under Medical treatment today & dare not leave the House. I do however get down mornings and write up my Books &c - though I ought not to.

As to the inquiries you make I am as entirely ignorant as yourself Mr Bucker as far as I Know attends faithfully to his business, & I have heard nothing of his expecting to leave your employ. as to Bairland I heard he expected to resign or had something of that Kind but now exactly remember As to Cobb I have not heard the first syllable. I am entirely ignorant of anything that may be transpiring with either of the three. I attend to my own business as far as can & let the rest go -

Please leave word when you will be this way again, as I want to see you. That old Morgan affair never has been made strait as yet. I mean his charging me with monies I never had &c — You remember my giving you & Col Speed a memorandum of it — one time to talk the thing over since which time I have kept perfectly cool & said nothing the money would have done me a vast deal of good these times of high prices — Enough now as my Eye is too painful to attempt to write

Yours Respectfully

W. D. Allen

E. Cornell Esq

W. D. Allen Jackson Ky.

Syracuse Nov 9. 1854

My Dear Alonzo,

Yours by your mother recd and the two blank notes signed & oft accepted and enclosed with this,

I did nothing at Utica, they feel right but say they cannot raise funds at present to meet their own notes, They have a note for $15,000 due the 18th for purchase of Bain lim, and want to borrow money to meet it, they have appeed to Utica & N.Y. banks and can get no funds at either place. they will write to you to see Bates for them to see if they can make a loan of him,

I still hope to head House troops but dont know how

I will write more fully when I get to Mich

Yours Respectfully
E Corrill

A13C

Offs Ill & Mgs Tely Co.
Ottawa Nov 4. 1854

E Carmel Esq

Dear Sir.

On my return I find your favors of 30th Oct & 1st Nov. In relation to the first I would state that as I told you long since I desired to obtain more of the stock of this Co. if I continued to devote myself to its management and while I was at Utica arranging about the St Louis Tariff Mr Faxton offered to sell me his interest upon terms which I agreed to accept provided his interest was as he supposed for which he referred me to you and also agreed to send me a copy of his contract with you & Speed. This he has not yet done but subsequently wrote me that upon Examining his Contract with you & Speed he found he was bound to give you the first offer & that he had written you accordingly & if you did not take it I could still have it. I understand from your letter that you had agreed to take his stock as pr your agreement so I suppose that ends the matter. In relation to the use which I might make of the stock if I owned it as intimated in your letter, I only feel called upon to say that I supposed you had known enough of me & in trying situations too. to

inspire you with confidence in my integrity & uprightness in all situations. The only guarantee which I can offer is the past which is familiar to you. Unless I possess the full confidence of my Stock holders I prefer to withdraw & dispose of what little stock I have as my interest is now too small to make it an object to devote myself to the management as I have done. I can now retire with honor as I have demonstrated that the opinion I expressed two & a half years since that the line could be brought out was correct. It has been done & the line is now prospering & I think its prospects are exceedingly promising.

In relation to my negociations with the House folks at Rochester I have to state, that they agreed to all I proposed to them as I stated to you at Detroit I should propose respecting the St Louis business. The same thing was agreed to by the Utica folks. and thereupon I commenced fitting up a new office in St Louis. which I expect we shall get into in a few days.

In relation to the Galena & Prairie road line. I made it a preliminary condition to my continuance to have anything further to do with them that your interest as claimed by you should be recognized & secured to you to which they consented and I also refused to give any assurance that my share of the Stock in those lines should be used to secure any connection whatever with them East. I made them a proposition as to the

further negociations under the morse patent - which they did not accept nor positively reject but said I should hear further from them on the subject since they I have not heard from them - So that you see taking it all together I am in a fair way to [redacted] pretty much out of the telegraph business.

Now in relation to your letter of the 1st inst. from Chicago the statement which you make undoubtedly pinches you in the course which you suggest - I have no interest in having one man there more than another so as he is a man of qualifications & integrity & will attend to the business promptly & energetically & especially will put my eastern business through with all possible promptness & by the first conveyance for without this I cannot compete for the Eastern business at St Louis & my large increased expenditure there would become useless - This to my Company is of the first importance and I expect will be carefully provided for in any event subject to these suggestions I shall cheerfully acquiesce in any good management there especially as I pay but one quarter of that salary. I would meet you at Chicago but it is impossible for me to go up as I am getting ready to start for the Mississippi about the middle of next week - Let me hear from you again by return mail

Yours truly

S D Caton

Defiance Nov 9th 1884

Dear Brother

I am still amongst the living and am still at work here. Enclosed I send ten Dollar Bill which you sent me here. I got rid of one of them but cannot have the other although Both are on same Bank.

My health is some better than when I wrote you before. & I will still stay here until I hear from you although I am sick of this county & of this kind of Telegraphing. Strong has been at work east of here resetting poles &c line worked well to Toledo last night. line is all up now from Toledo to Wayne & I think it is up to Huntington. the sets at the Huntington office is out of repair. both wires were broken off close to the Spool I took the wire off of one spool & wound it on again but had not time to wind the other when I was there. had to go out & must break.

Please write me here sunny & I will do best I can until I hear from you

Yours &c

D B Connell

C Connell Esq
Lafayette Ia

E Cornell Esqr

Please forward

D B Cornell
Nov 9, 1854

Perrysville, Ind. Nov 9 '54.

E. Correll

Dr Sir: Messrs. Jones & Smith have favored me with a perusal of your letter of the 30th ult. — As a matter of course I expect, to submit to the rules and regulations of the Company, those mentioned by you being included.

If I am acquainted with the affairs of the office, it will require a list of prices to be furnished, as also a sample of the style of report necessary to be made.

Please inform me, if I am right in judging that your mention of the Ohio, Indiana and Illinois line means all lines within those three States, or whether it is the name of this individual line.

I accept the appointment, and hope you will be kind enough to furnish me the prices and blank report soon.

Yours, truly

Andrew Robertson,
Perrysville, Ind.

E. Correll
Indianapolis Ind.

P.S. — In remitting I should have your address, that I may know where to direct.)

Andrew Roberton Nov 9th 1854

Wabash Nov 10th 1854

Wm E. Cornell

Sir When I rote to you a short time Since I forgot to to Say to you that I wanted Some Registern paper for my Instrument. and also Some insulators a grat many of the post is falen down & nearly all or the most of them the old ones is Lost or broken I would like much to have Some Soon & I will wood them my Self So as I Can nail them to trees when & where they are handy & Thirty Savers geting new posts, I would like to go out over my line Soon again I know of Some places where I Can make it good for years which at this time the post is almost down I prefer doing it before the dor fall Send them & I will go Immediately out, the Zinks Cups I want. Yours

Truly Wm J Ames, Opr

N.B. Logan & Peru is fixen their part of Line now. Wm J Ames

Providence Nov 11 1854

George Cilliano
President of South Mich Tel Company
Dear

The Board & myself as mortgagee have sued our interest in ~~the~~ mortgages & in our contract with Messrs. Cornell Hartland & Cobb to the New York & Mississippi Valley Printing Telegraph Company & letter a good & sufficient bond that the Co will will fully discharge all the duties & obligations due to your Co & to Messrs Cornell & Hartland & Cobb

The line is advertised ~~to~~ for sale at Adrian on the 28th & suppose Allen has sent you the paper to you — the whole business has been a great trouble to me & must have been to you I trust it may now closed satisfactory to all Sometime since Allen intimated that you had said that my mortgage were not valid — I think there is a mistake in this as no reason was assigned — If you know of any thing rendering them invalid please advise me — the report had no influence over us in selling to the N Y & M V T Company

James H Read

Providence Nov 11th 1854

Mr E. Cornell

Dear Sir.

The Bank & myself, have for good and valid reasons & just closed and disposed of our interests in the S. M. & T Line and of the Contract made with Messrs Cornell Haviland & Cobb. to the New York and Mississippi Valley Printing Tel. Co. taking a good and sufficient Bond that the Co will fully carry out in good faith the said Contract.

Hoping that every thing will be adjusted in a satisfactory manner I remain

Yours truly

Samuel Hoskell

I wrote you on the 7th at Indianapolis in reply to yours of 1st inst. that the Sale had been adjourned to the 28th instant; and wrote Allen to forward you a paper

George C Monroe Esq. Providence Nov 11th 1854

President of Southern Michigan Tel. Company.

Dear Sir.

The Bank and myself as mortgagee have sold our interest in the Mortgages and in our Contract with Mess Cornell Haviland & Cobb. to the New York & Mississippi Valley Printing Telegraph Company. and taken a good and sufficient Bond that the Co will fully discharge all the duties and obligations due to your Co and to Mess Cornell Haviland & Cobb. The line is advertised for sale at Adrian on the 28th and suppose Allen has sent you the paper to you. This whole business has been a great trouble to me and must have been to you. I trust it may now closed satisfactory to all. Some time since Allen intimated that you had said that my Mortgages were not valid. I think there is mistake in this, as no reason was assigned. If you know of any thing rendering them invalid please advise me. The report had no influence on us in selling to the N. Y & M. V. T. Company.

Very truly your friend

James H Read

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Albian Nov 12, 1854

My Dear Alonzo

I brought the Cleveland reports from De with me last night, and have Exd them to day and wrote up ur a/c, and make a balance of $457.79 due you instead of $315.83 against you as Speed had it,

I arrive at the result in this way I charge you with all the money paid out for Salaries, during your stay in V afs I also charge you with Amt due Buel, Marks & Cushing at the time you quit, and I charge you with the balance cash on hand as shown by October report $315.83 and I gave you Credit, for Salary at $400. $500, & $600 as Apr Operators had at same period, and give you Credit for the Salaries of Buell, Marks, Cushing &c for the time in question, for which you are Chd with, money pd them,

Is there any Error in this principle of arriving at the balance, I explained it to Uncle Mart and he concedes it to be correct,

State to me if you can from recollection the sums that Buell, Marks, Morey & Cushing was to have for salary —

Your Cleveland Cashbook for this period I think is at Ithaca, as I think I carryed it home with me to see what I could learn about the a/cs — Examine the desk chest up stairs &c &c & see if you cant find it,

It is one of the severest old fashion North West snow storms the day that I have seen for many a year, —

I left Mother & Em. at Brantford, and they promised to follow me the next train but they did not come, and I telegraphed them and they sayed they should stay at Brantford till Monday —

I learn that, the House, Co is to take all our Operators at V, and they are trying to get Jones from De, we shall have fun I guess before we are done with this war, — Yours Respectfully

E Cornell

A, B, C —

E Cornell
Union Ave 20th Feb

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Dated Nov 13th 1854

To Mr. E. Cornell.

Dear Sir

As Mr. Crawford the present Operator here thinks of leaving before long - I write to you to enquire if I could get this Office whe he does leave. Can give you the best of refferences here as to character &c. and can Operate very well. do not have any trouble in sending or receiving messages. You can refer to Mr Crawford present Operator or to M B. D. Jones who was manager in this office for some time. as to Competency. I learnt while Jones was Operator here.

If you will give me the Office when Crawford's leaves. will give you my word that I will take care of it punctually. and do the best I can while in

Geo W Kirk Nov 15th 1854
it –

Please answer at your earliest convenience –

"C.B."

Respfy. Yours.

Geo. W. Kirk

Newyork Nov 8th

Gents

In reply to yours of 4th inst I enclose copies of the two messages of Arabia's news & time sent -

F.A. Abbot.

First Despatch

"Sentinel

Arabia - Flour active - Ohio 42, Wheat advanced Shilling on Week, Corn two Shillings do - Consols unchanged - Bombardment Sebastopol commenced 13th

F.A.A."

Sent from here 1/4 part 8 Am,

Second Despatch -

"Sentinel

Gutschakoff superseded by Menschikoff Command - Breadstuffs closed dull

F.A.A."

This last was put in Telg office 2 hours after the first & the remark about Breadstuffs was from the private letters and implied that at the Close of the market there was a dull feeling at the advance, My impression is that your despatches are stolen on the

the Route ~~for~~ and sold to Speculators

F. A. Abbot.

P.S. —

It is now 12 m 8th inst, & not one word of the Election have I rec^d from you — I sent you dispatches of New York & N Jersey last Evening hours in advance of "Report".

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Milwaukee, Nov 13 1854

Sir

Enclosed find answer to Setter sent to Mr A about Arabian news. Now what does this mean The despatch about markets left first & arrived here six hours after the other. Nothing could be heard about markets at all here. Now to day on arrival of Atlantic same thing could get no despatch about markets until long after report came & report although long contained not one word about markets

Something wrong & it effects us here

Yours H
R King H

E. Cornell Esq.

Girard, Pa. Nov. 13. 1854.

Dear Sir!

Your favor of the 10th inst. has just come to hand and according to your wishes I will herewith give you the wished information.

My business here is mainly teaching the modern Languages, but as the place here is not very large, it takes me but 2-3 hours a day (mornings & evenings) to hear my Classes recite. Besides I shall keep a small store of Books & Sheet Music on hand. All my business is to be done in two adjoining Rooms in the middle of the Business quarter of this village & as I of course would have the Instruments in one of these two Rooms, I would be in Office all day & in such a way be enabled to attend to the Telegr. Business as A. P. T. O.

ought to be attended to.-

I have been in this place for abt. 1 1/2 year & am well acquainted & I can say, that all the Business men in town would like it, if I should get the Office.

At present the Office is not only kept in a very irregularly way but also in a place not fit for a Telegr. Office, it being in the Stage Office, where the Drivers & Stable-men are lounging about most of the time.

References in this place I could give you as many as you might wish.

I hope to hear from you very soon & remain

Dear Sir

Yours respectfully
Theodore Hempel

Defiance Nov 14th 1874

Dear Brother

I have been here now two days waiting for funds. I am entirely out & consequently cannot do any thing. I had made up my mind to abandon the Job entirely but was talking with Strong this evening & have concluded to try once more & see what I can do towards getting line up. Strong will let me have money to get through to Toledo with I shall expect you to send me some here as soon as possible, it is no use to try to Keep line up without thoroughly repairing it. & if I am to do it I want money so that I can Keep to work & Keep more men with me, as for two of us trying to do it, it is all <u>nimonadol</u> no use at all, get to down as fast as we can get it up, Let me hear from you soon, I start for Toledo in the morning write me there

Yours &c

D B Cornell

C Cornell Esqr

Cincinnati Nov 15th 1854

Dear Sir

I have a Bill against O Ind & Tel Tel line, for Repairs on Instruments, which I am told by Mr Swan and others, by whom the work was ordered must be sent to you, for payment Please find Bill enclosed, If you will send the money, or order Mr Swan to pay it, you will very much oblige me, for I am in want of money

Yours very Respectfully

Henry Ware

E Cornell Esq

Pittsburgh Nov. 15. 1854.

Ezra Cornell Esqr
Indianapolis

Sir, The "Western Telegraph Co"
are indebted for the rent of
this office in this city, to me,
an amount which I have
been unable to collect from
Mr. Reno, personally, but he has
assured me from time to time
that you would aid him in
making up the amount of rent.
The office is a valuable one for
the line, in a central position
but I cannot afford to let him
continue without payment.
Will you do me the favor to inform
me by return mail what I may
expect from you in regard to pay-
ment, Sir, Very Respectfully yours
Geo. Reed

Telegraph Office
Fitchburg Nov 15th 1854

Ohio Indiana and Illinois
Telegraph Company

in account with

H. Mass

1854			
June 19 to July 1st	Expenses	$ 10.75	
" "	Receipts	1.77 —	8.98
July 1st to Aug 1st	Expenses	27.09	
" "	Receipts	12.41	14.68
Aug 1st to Sept 1st	Expenses	25 55	
" "	Receipts	3.87	21.68
Sept 1st to Oct 1st	Expenses	23 75	
" "	Receipts	4 26	19.49
Oct 1st to Nov 1st	Expenses	22 00	22.00
			$6.83
Messenger Boys Salary, June		$2.00	
" " " July		2.00	4
			$2.83

Cornell Esqr

Dear Sir,

Upon will perceive the balance due me up to the first of November is $2.83 I have deducted the Messengers salary from the months of June and July as after that time I discharged him or rather he discharged himself. Thus having the balance as above, I have examined each charge and find it correct,

You say there is no use in

Keeping an Operator in this Office, under existing circumstances I fully concur in your opinion though Mr. Mitchell is anxious for me to remain and says it will all be right soon. I have been an Operator for the last four years and now wish to go into other business, Mr. Hayward Operator at the other instrument is fully capable to take charge of both lines and until you can make some arrangements about your line I would advise you to get him to attend to it, he will not charge until your line goes into operation and will represent your interests to your fullest satisfaction.

I can assure you that the line would have paid well had it been at all reliable, as there was days that the line was OK to C.H. and unless the Operator at C.H had knowledge of his own to get off he would not turn the circuit on to us. Mr. White is aware of this fact as well as myself, with fifty dollars, I could put the line in good repair, but unless something is done soon, it would be useless to attempt it, as the wire will be carried off from the line. By remitting the foregoing amount I will return you a receipt in full. Please inform me of your intentions at your earliest convenience.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Frank Wass

Buffalo Nov 15th 1852

Mr. E. Gould.

Dear Sir.

Your letter of this 10th reached me in Utica, just as I was on the point of starting with our Superintendant for this place to visit our different Stations on the way here.

I am glad you find you will have more time to take care of the Southern Mich. Tel. busines than you expected when at Utica, & I feel very anxious that you should succeed in securing your rights, and also that of the Line.

In regard to your request for liberty to draw for the Rent due the N.Y. & W. U. Tel Line, due Aug 1st & the Amt to become due Feb. 1st and also in regard to the payment of the loan for the purchase of Stocks I would say in regard to the first, that I am not posted up in regard to the Amt that will be due on those accounts, as Mr Chapman, our Treas. has the whole charge of that business. — In order to take care of the $15,000 debt which our Co owe, and which is due to one of the Utica Banks, we have given notes to become due monthly, for several

months to come, & in so doing have anticipated all our receipts & resources, & therefore, it may be quite inconvenient to comply with your request.

I will see our Executive Committee immediately on my return to Utica. If they can be satisfied that by so doing, you can secure the object you mention, and that the Rents afterwards to become due to the N.Y. & W.U. Tel. Line, can be applied on the advance, we may make, they may think best to comply with your request. You had best write me on rec.t of this, on these points

In regard to the extension of the amt due on the loan for the purchase of Stock, I will consult with the different Parties who made the advance. I know they will all want their money, as soon as they can have it. I think they will do all they can to accomodate. You know Butterfield is one of the Parties, and as he has not given you the 3 mo. Notice mentioned in the Contract, I think it best not to say any thing to him about it. He probably would not be disposed to accommodate you, standing as he does in his present relations with the House &c.

He ~~will~~ probably, will not think to give you the required Notice very soon. If Judge Eaton should purchase Foxton's interest, you will then have to negotiate with him, so far as his interest is concerned

I will try & get you the pay of Mr Hibbard & send you this week. Perhaps I had best send it

directed to you at Buffalo, & to be held there 'till you call for it. You can then get it there on your way down & when you get started. I think you had best come to Utica & see about the amount you wish to draw for.

Yours in haste,

from Geo Curtis
EC