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Chicago, Nov 25 1854.

By Telegraph from

To E Cornell
Prest & Lessee

Dr Sir

The property & fixtures of the Ohio Indiana & Illinois and the Erie & Michigan Telegraph Companies are in Messrs Sherman & Bells Law office Davissons Buildings and in the Hall 2d & 3d Story of the same buildings = The Books of the Company I have in my possession to make up my a/c from

Yours &c
Emory Cobb

Chicago Nov 26th 1834

Dr Sir

My reply to yours of the present date is that I have no right whatever to make any surrender of any possession which I or those whom I rightfully represent now have; and, while I have no disposition to resist any rightful occupancy I deny any & all adverse occupancy and all right or pretended right to assert the same

Very truly Yours

Emory Cobb

To Mr E Cornell

O. S. Wood Nov 28. 1854

Montreal 26th Nov 1854

Dear Sir

Yours of the 18th is rec'd. I cannot at present give you an answer in reference to sending your business from Windsor to Buffalo at 30 cts. My impression now is that it will not pay us to work from Windsor to Niagara river 230 miles at 20 cts for irregular business. We have to pay the Junction line 10 cts on such business if we undertake it. but Mr Dwight who is in charge of our Western business will be in Montreal shortly and I will ascertain how much it will interfere with our Railway business. If your charges from Buffalo to Detroit is 50 cts & from Buffalo to Chicago 80 cts I do not understand how you figure our pro rata from

Buffalo to Windsor 30 ℔s – We will do it as low as we can & live if it will not trespass upon the R R business – We stopped putting on 2nd wire at London on acct of the difficulty of keeping the line up through the woods between London & Windsor – We hope that Considerable of the timber will soon be cut away –

I think there would be much more difficulty from putting on a 3rd wire than you fancy upon our present poles – Our lower wire is now almost or quite within reach from the ground in many places – It might be practicable West of Paris but between Paris and Niagara river it would not – as this Country is very uneven – I should prefer putting up another set of poles to taking too much risk by reason of having wires too near to each other –

My message appears to have been altered – I said 40 & 3 instead of 40 & 4 as you have copied it. There is not much prospect of Yankee influence in Canada – the only line they have here is from Montreal to Troy and that has never worked a day this side of Plattsburgh & I doubt if it ever will – The majority of our stock is now held in this City – not by business men but for investments – some of it in Quebec some in Toronto & a small portion on the towns along the route – We pay dividends regularly and the stock is consequently always held at a premium – the last sales at 44½ – I regret to hear that Cobb has gone over to the enemy – I recommended Phillips who was formerly an operator at Hamilton & very Competent to apply to you, as I was under the impression

that Dwight has discharged him on acct of his being rather headstrong & both young I supposed they could not pull together — I have just heard Dwights story and I now recommend you to have nothing to do with him — He was in our employ for 4 or 5 years & enjoyed the confidence of all of his customers I believe but I think you had better keep clear of him — W M Philp of Cobourg I recommended to apply apply to you — I discharged him a couple of weeks since for allowing the line to be down too long on his division — It will be a valuable hint to him I hope and I think he is a faithful & trustworthy young man — He has done more business in Cobourg than any operator we have had there for a like space of time although his predecessor was particularly active — My health is excellent though I am still lame & dont know but I always

shall be — I also sends love to Mary Anne and would like to hear one or two — I have no chiefly [illegible] to write [illegible]

McCarlle House
26th Nov 1854

Sir

I have in my possession a lease from Alfred W Davisson to the Ohio Indiana & Ill Tel Co for the rooms No 7 on third floor and half of No 8 on said floor. Said lease expires on the first of may 1855. The said lease has never been surrendered ~~by sa~~ or forfeited by said Company.

I desire to know if you intend to resist the occupancy of said rooms by said Company ~~or if they will be permitted to occupy the rooms without resistance~~.

An immediate answer is desired.

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell
Lessee
O L & Tel Co

Mr E. Cobb

Transcribed if original
Mr Davisson

New Buffalo Nov 27. 1854

E. Cornell Esq
Dr. Sir

I have been so much engaged of late that I have overlooked the Refg Reports - at the end of this month I will send all back reports -

Our cause of delay was that I wished to have some arrangement of salary fixed - When the office was established a Commission of 66⅔ pr ct on Collections & a free passage on the Railroad was the Compensation agreed upon - This free passage is now cut off - whereby my salary is reduced just what I pay for passage -

It is not a very large matter - but when every Courtesy & assistance is rendered as has been done at this office - & so small a remuneration received for it - it would seem that when a privilege, which was a part of the salary in fact is cut off, that some remuneration should be given in lieu of it -

Let me hear from you - I will send reports -

Truly Yours

A. Bennett

Chicago Nov 27th 1854

Sir =

The Object of this Communication is to notify you that the "Erie & Michigan Telegraph Company" and the "Ohio Indiana & Illinois Telegraph Company" and the "Southern Michigan Telegraph Company" by whatever names or descriptions they may or are correctly & truly represented, are not Entitled to the possession of the Rooms hitherto Claimed by them in Dawson's Buildings at the Corner of Lake & Clarke Streets: The possession of which has been preserved by me & the property therein hitherto being to which you are Entitled, ~~to~~ if you are entitled to any, is now in Messrs Sherman & Bells Law office, and in the Public Hall of the 2d & 3d Story in Said Dawson's Buildings :— This being intended merely as a notice for your benefit & for the benefit of those whom you represent & not as an admission in any respect.

To
E Connell Esq

Yrs &c
Emory Cobb

Chesterfield Ind Nov 27/54

We the undersigned Citizens of Chesterfield Indiana do hereby reccommend the company who own the Telegraph line along the I.&B. R.R. To have an office for Telegraphing at Chesterfield Station on said Road, beleiveing as we do that it would be advantageous to us in the transaction of business and that an office here would do sufficient business to justify the company in erecting and continueing the same

Allen Makepeace
George Makepeace
David Fleming
B & W. Noland

I know the men & they are willing to pay something rational

J Nottingham

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Chicago, Nov 27 1854

By Telegraph from 8 Oclock P.M

To

Friend Cornel Sir:

This morning about 8. A.M I presented your order to Mr. Cobb he declined - Saying his books were not posted.

Mr. H Osborn Mr Draper & myself command to move out and put into Osborn room as rapidly as possible - At 11 a.m. talking with Mil.e About 12 with Detroit - All quiet and necessary Messages - Many little fixing are required to go on right - Southern line remains as usual -

Mr Cobb made particular inquiries whether you had left for the East! He has left for the East, where I dont know and telegraphed back today from Laport.

Nothing more if important to say your truly

Sam Stone

Nothing from Judge Caton yet

St. Louis
2 Feb 1854

Rockford Nov 27th/54

Mr. E. Cobb

Dr. Sir

I came here last Saturday Evening. The Agent says if you are not going to do any thing with the Office here he will take it down and have it out of the way as there is no use in occupying the room to no purpose. I think you had better send some one out to attend to it immediately unless you intend opening the office soon Unless some one comes out you had better write to B. P. Woodworth the Agent immediately what you intend to do about it

Yours Truly

C. B. Crittenden

P B Woodworth is
Rail Road agent at Rockford and
the office is in Rail Road office

Mr E Cornell

Mr Eales
Sent a note
in to Mr
E Cornell or
Mr E Cobb,
Wednesday wishing
to know about
his claim when
it would be
paid &c — I
referred the
man to you
at allison =
The within letter
needs an
answer from
some one

Yrs
Cobb

Chas B Crittenden

Lafayette Nov 27. 54

E. Cornell Esqr
Mich City
Ind

Your favor of yesterday just rec'd. I regret very much ~~xxxx~~ your detention at other points - we need you or some power to operate here. but will do the best I can during your absence.-

I am sorry that a letter from Wallace should have any influence with you prejudicial to me - I thought I had worked hard enough for the interests of "this line" for 5 years past to cause all letters of that character to have no effect. If Mr W worked "half" as hard to promote "your interests" as I do.. business would not be delayed as much as it is - You are well aware that sometime since I was compelled to send you here to fix the line between Lawistown & Indianapolis on account of their inattention. Here is a copy of a Mess rec'd friday last from Wallace (Enclosed) It shows how much interest he feels in the line. instead of for

rowing money & fixing it up at once he permits it to lie down. I wrote him that Gs (Jamestown) had sent out twice & for him to send a man forward until trouble was found but instead of doing so he writes you implicating me, that I had not done my duty. I have been raised in this Vicinity. My Father is a Merchant at Wabash & no one can bring one thing forward to stain my character. I am a married man - have a wife to support - to whom my honor & integrity is worth more than gold - I am very sensitive & anything brought against me or implied hurts me much - because I do nothing but what I think is to the interest of my employer & ever shall continue to do so -

The Line to Terre Haute has worked beautifully for the past 5 weeks. I have made a raise of some insulators & about 300 blocks. Mr Beck starts tomorrow morning to finish repairing line between Terre Haute & Vincennes with orders to leave 10 blocks & 10 insulators at each office between here & Vincennes - We will soon have a splendid line between here & Evansville. We must now have at outlet for their business - What good does Palmer & Gulthridge

do the line - not the 1/4 of the money expended by them - they look at line & when a pole is down put it up, no matter how many are just ready to fall the next wind. I want the line from here to Indianapolis put in order - Longley keep the man with whom contract for poles was made declines furnishing them on ac of price being too low. It is almost impossible for me to get anything to work with - what little material I know of is at Bridgets but cannot get it. or so small an amount that it benefits me but little - I wrote Guthridge to know how many blocks & insulators & how much money on hand that I intended to go over to Bridgets & return with him over line but I cannot hear from him either - what power have I - none at all. I am taking responsibilities on myself that others would not do - simply because it is to your interest. Since the wire was taken down between ~~Logan~~ Logan and Rich city there has been two operators at Logan with one instrument under salary. Some disposition should have been made of one of them as soon as you commenced taking down wire. but it was not attended to - on the 21st inst. I requested that one

of them should come down & assist me so I could pay more attention to the line in general until you came here but ~~they~~ both wish to remain at Logan neither one wished to give up to the other consequently Neither would come unless I promised ~~a~~ steady employment, they said they were fixing up old a/c &c. It will not do to pay both of them Salaries - I told them from that day forward, I did not think both would receive pay. If I had another good young man here to assist me I could do much more for you. I am not posted as to proceedings of the line & often am at a loss to know what to do. There are 3 good Instruments not in use in Terre Haute office. two of them belonging to Mr Wade. would it not be advisable to write him in reference to them - One thing more about Wallick. While Mr Beck was on his way to Terre Haute I telegraphed Wallick to send him some insulators ~~to~~ he could continue repairing through to Vincennes he said ok ok but never sent them when Mr Beck got to T. Haute & found none he was compelled to return at an expense to the line of near 5 dollars per day. 3 days = 15 dolls then to return now 15 more = 30 dolls

Nov. 27, 1854

besides losing Evansville business this length of time, 7

There is some 20 dollars due at Montezuma for office rent, & 21.25 due at CH (T. Haute) for office rent. I telegraphed CH that rent bill would be settled in month or two that we were repairing river line & our Expenses very heavy--

Smith at Wayne is without an Inst. He or some one in the office lost a portion of one, which I ordered sent here & sent one from Logan to him which is broken up too. I had the first one fixed by Ware at Cin at an Expense of some 15 dolls your orders. Such works needs a reprimand. He is an impudent profane & overbearing operator & had I power I would discharge him at once & send Boyce there, who is a moral & good young man. Mr Petree Proprietor of the Packet line came in & told me he was not doing the right thing there. The practice of General Repairers & builders of lines taking what few things our small offices have on hand to repair ~~the~~ line is wrong. The Toledo line does but little business. works

poorly to Logan. The line between Wabash & Peru was down when I returned home & they had given it up to remain so, but I had Logan put us on Toledo Circuit & had line fixed up. P (Twamey) has been OK most of the time since but works poorly. Where can I get Insulators —
I have written much more than I expected. have written very fast — & probably made some errors — which please overlook — Please write me again — if possible immy —

Our compts to you.

Yours.

J. Haas

J. Haas
Nov 27. 53

P.S. While at Vincennes, Mass the operator at said place sued line for back salary summons served on me. the amt due him to the first of Nov. was 84 dollars. I sold him the Inst & Table for that amount he guaranteeing it to remain in office a very good sell was it not. hope you approve of proceedings

Indianapolis Decr 12, 54

Answered Chesterfield, told them if they would pay me $80, to cover cost, I would offer office, & they manage it for the receipts of this line, B. & O. I. & I. lines

E C

Offs Ill & Miss Telg Co.
Ottawa Nov 28. 1854

Col James Stone - Chicago.

Dear Sir. - On my return home today after an absence of some weeks I found three letters from Mr Cornell. one dated Albion Nov 16 the other two from Chicago of 23d & 26. Nov. detailing transactions which surprise me beyond measure & which shall receive my earliest attention - I infer from these letters that he has never rec'd one from me which I wrote him on the 4th inst directed to him at Chicago in which I wrote him fully in answer to one which I received from him on that day dated Chicago Oct 30th & another dated Chicago Nov 1st I write to you now in haste requesting you to advise him by telegraph that I acted on the fourth inst. wrote him fully in answer to those letters and directed my answer to him at Chicago - As my silence must appear to him very strange I wish him to know immediately that I wrote him promptly -

Yours in haste
J D Caton

Albean Nov 30. 1854

Dear Alonzo

I have just time to say that you will find enclosed a dft on New York for $457.79 - bal you a/c. I send a receipt for the same to M.B. Wood Treas.

Write me and let me know how you settled the Glass Co judgment. Mother here all well. At Adrien, we got Sale postponed till May

Yours in Haste

E Cornell

Mr A B Cornell

Albion Nov 30. 1854

Dear Alonzo

I just wrote you hurriedly enclosing a dft on N.Y for bal your a/c, and Uncle Mart has now gone to Depot to put letter on cars, How much did you take out of the package of Indiany money. I Chd you for Dft $406, and for your self $10, and on counting balance this morning I find it short $10. — I have taken from the pile one or twice since and noted the amt on back of package, If you got but $10. I have made blunder in some way,

I got letter from Curtis saying draw at 10 days for $325 and 90 days for $1000, Let me know how you get along with that judgment,

The Directors of S. M line got an injunction against House Co & Stoped sale, or ready to stop it, and that led to a compromise to post pone sale till 1st May. and Cobb to Supt it, This will give me time to fix matters up, Yours &c E, Cornell

Office of the New York, Albany & Buffalo Electro Magnetic Telegraph Company,

Utica, Dec^m 1st 1854.

Mr. E. Cornell

Dear Sir

I herewith enclose to you the statement which you requested of Mr. Chapman showing a ballance due our Company from the Erie and Michigan Co for one fourth of the Rent & repairs of the N.Y. & W.U. line to Nov 1 of $780.89 which you will please transmit to this Co without delay as we shall be in need of the funds. Your Son was here yesterday & we paid him $325. Cash for the ballance of Rent due the N.Y. & W.U. line Aug 1 & also gave him two drafts at 85 & 90 days for $500 each for the Rent to become due Feb 1 and have your drafts as vouchers for both payments; I did this fully relying on the payment of the above bill against the Erie & Mich Co agreeable to the promise in your letter of the 23^d inst

I am pleased to learn that you are in a fair way to defeat the machinations of the common enemy; When you get the undisputed controll of both your lines you can receive & send on the Eastern business with full assurance that there will be no delay on our line.

In regard to the message which you mention as being refered to in the letter from New York City under date of Nov 20th written as you say by a decidedly Morse man & who only patronizes the Morse line

through a belief that his messages are sure to get through"

I think the person to whom you allude must be your friend Mr. Chester, as Mr Chapman informs me that he saw him in New York about that time when he Chester complained that the men in our office were uncivil &c; his reasons for this complaining Mr. Chapman found was because our men refused to send his communications free which our men would not have refused to do had they known Mr. Chester & the relations that existed between him & you & ourselves. — Mr. Chester said to Mr. Chapman that the Hawes Co did not hesitate to send his messages free at all times; now if he is such a decided Morse man why are the Hawes Co so ready to send his messages free; probably out of their particular regard for you. — You also say "My correspondent guessed pretty shrewdly for it is a fact that the message has not yet reached me." as Mr. Chester told Mr Chapman he sent it by the Hawes line I think there had not much time been lost under their new mode of telegraphing by R.R. Conductors & Butterfields Expressmen. — You say it is unfortunate to have business men in the City in possession of such feelings in reference to our office; I think such is not the case except with those who are decidedly in the Hawes interest as I think Mr. Chester is, or the man who thus wrote to you

I was in Buffalo the other day & called on one of the principal produce men to ask his patronage I found that his [illegible] were in favor of the Hawes Co he having judged of the facilities of the lines

East of Buffalo from the manner his business had been done West of Buffalo; He then showed me messages he had recently received by both lines West of Buffalo & in most cases I found there had been much less delay on the Home lines than on the Speed line, I explained that there had been difficulties on Your line that would be obviated hereafter; this state of things has been working injury to our line as well as to your business which I hope will soon be remedied and I have no doubt also that a safe man at your Buffalo office can do much to remedy the evil. —

I have been to see Mr. Kipsock in regard to the Canada Junction line We shall decide very soon what We shall do in regard to it when I will write you again

Yours Respectfully

Geo Curtis

Mr. Butterfield has been elected one of the Directors of the Home Co

Jamestown Ind

Dec 2nd 1883

Mr E Cornell

London

You will please find below a Statement of Expenditure for this Station during the month of November—

Nov	6th To Hand & Horse	150
	9 " Son " "	150
	13 " " " "	150
	" " Tavern Bill	30
	22 " To Hand & Horse	150
	24 " " " "	150
	29 " " " "	150
	30 " " " "	150
	" Tavern Bill	30
	" " Salary	1000
		2110
	Amount Due on previous Month	145 50
	Total	$166,60

I have written you several times lately which have not been answered. I would be pleased to hear from you as soon as convenient. Yours J H Walker

Jamestown Ind
Dec 2

Jill Walker Dill
Free

Mr E Cornell
Indianapolis
Ind



Jill Walker
Nov Dept
Oct 1854

Meadville Dec 2nd /54

S B & H J Prentis Esqrs

I have taken the depositions of witnesses in the case of Randall Cook & Co vs The Michigan & Erie Telegraph Company, and transmitted the same to the Clerk. They were taken for the Defence.

Mr. Finney the Attorney here for Defts. says he has no money to pay expenses, and directed me to pay the Prothy and send to you, and that you would send me the amt

Tony fees	$1.75
Prothy paid by me	25
	$2.00

Please send me the same

Yours &c

Wm D Tucker

Providence December 2nd/1854

Mr Cornell

Dr Sir.

Have you a vacancy in any telegraph office at or near your place which you will give me and what salary. I have been in the telegraph business for fifteen months and feel myself competent to take charge of an office or will accept the place of an assistant providing the salary is sufficient. I will furnish you with all necessary recommendation. I have friends out West and would like to come very much. Please Answer this by mail and oblige

Yours,

J. H. Rogers

Box 365 PO

Providence R. I.

Dec 3.

E. Cornell Esq

Dr. Sir — Soon as convenient please let me have the paper so I can correspond instantly with Mr Smith.

I can be found mostly at 52 John Street — next room to Gillet & Lane's Law Office

Yours H. O'Bielly

Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois Telegraph Co.

ALL MESSAGES STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

STATE SENTINEL JOB ROOMS, INDIANAPOLIS.

Lay

Terre Haute, Dec 4 1854.

The following Message was received from

Dated, Dec 1854.

To Mr Pres of A. Haas

Sixteen dollars to repair line west towards Lafayette from Indianapolis

J W Guthridge

Peoria Decr 4, 1854

Jordan Stock issued as follows

J. A. Wade	192	Shares
Emery Cobb	37	"
John Butterfield	212	"
Geo Curtis	212	"
T. S. Paxton	212	"
Childs	212	"
	1077	

Balance to E Corwell in certificates of 100. Shares each and forward the whole to my address at Albion Mich,

E. Corwell

To L. Howell
Peoria

Chas. B. Crittenden
Rockford, Decr 11, 54

Roexford Dec. 9th/54

Mr. E. Cornell

Dr. Sir

Yours requesting information in regard to telegraph matters duly recd. The office has done no business since the 1st of Sept. I have not been over the Line since about the 15th of Sept. which was about the time I left the office - At that time it would not have cost more than $20.. dollars to put the line in good repair - since that time I have not been over the line - Since I have been back here there has been numerous enquiries if I was going to put the line in operation again or what was going to be done with it - During the summer there was a great deal trouble

on the Wisconsin Line
between White water and Milwaukie
where it run through a large
swamp but when I left the
office they talked of moving
the line on the Rail Road
between Milwaukie and
Janesville but have not heard
~~since I came back~~ whether
they had done so or not
Perhaps you know how it
is - I think I shall go
to Beloit this week and
can find out the Condi-
-tion of their Line -
I think it would want
about 10 or 15 new poles
between this place and
Beloit and some bad
Connections taken out
to put the line in good
working order for the winter
and it wants a Main Battery
of about 12 cups to make it
work right, there is 6 cups

here now but no
Zincs and only 4 Platinas
There is two Extra Instruments
here one of them the Belvidere
Inst. and the other is one
that Tallman brought up
from Oregon City and left
here. There is no question but
what it would pay if the line
could be depended upon
and have the business properly
attended to in Chicago Last
summer I had Messages
lay in the Chicago ofs. 24
hours before they were delivered
The Rail Road Co. have talked of
putting up a line between
Ch. and Freeport but on
account of the closeness
of ~~the~~ Money Matters they
have give it up for this
~~fall~~ Season. The Business
men are anxious to have to
~~have~~ an ofs. here - I shall
probally stay here through the

Winter if I can get into
any business and any further
information you may wish
will be ~~will be~~ most cheerfully
given - You had best write
some one what you intend
to do about it as the Agt.
says he will take the Inst.
out unless it is attended
to soon

Yours Truly
Chas. B. Crittenden

Montreal Telegraph Company,

OFFICE,

Bridge St. 3 Doors East of Commercial Bank.

CONNECTING WITH ALL THE PRINCIPAL CITIES AND TOWNS IN

CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES,

☞ All Communications Strictly Confidential. ☜

Write plain—Give full Address of yourself and correspondent—Answer promptly by this Line, to avoid delay and confusion.

Company not responsible for the inaccuracies of the Operators.

Belleville, Dec 4th 1854,

By Telegraph from

To C. Cornell Esq

Dr Sir

I wrote you on 18th alt Respecting a situation, through Mr O. S. Woods recommendation. please inform me if you Recd my letter by Telegraph & Oblige,

I. A. Phippen

Montreal Telegraph Company

OFFICE,
James-St., near the City Hotel.

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CHATTERTON'S STEAM PRESS, HAMILTON

Hamilton, Dec 6th 1854.

By Telegraph from .....

To E Cornell Esq

Sir

I understand you are in want of operators & as I consider myself about as good as generality of them & will shortly be out of employment I should like you to give me a situation. I do all my business by sound have been employed here by the Montreal Telegraph Co for some time past. for reference apply to O.S. Wood or H.P. Dwight. I should expect

a salary of 500 dollars per annum.

Should you be in want of assistance I will be on hand. Your early reply would much oblige

Yours &c

J. J. Shippen

84 John St, New York
December 6th 1864.

E Cornell Esq
Indianapolis Ind.

Dear Sir

Please write us & say how the Telegraph Wire matter now stands — if you have or are likely to take any — if not what is the amount of Expense going on for storage &c.

In stated you had paid the freight & whole we shall not be called upon to pay any Expenses. Our only object in sending the wire was to serve you, & the profit has long since been Eaten up with interest & inconvenience by our being so long out of our money.

We have dreadfully hard times in New York & are under the necessity of urging you to make a remittance on account of the Wire.

Try & do so, awaiting your reply

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

James Cockerill

Erie Dec 6th 1854

E Cornell Dear Sir

Enclosed please find report & Small remittance which is all Can do this time I. Charge line Amount due from. Rees line and few Small accounts of two Years old & less. I have one more Bill of Eleven dollars against a large Lumber dealer the recent failures Cast put him Short. he has gone away for the present but his friends here think he will Come out all right Yet there will be balance due the line but I have Enough to show for it but Cant get it when I want it. If Every thing is Satisfactory and Con with Me to Continue

here I will fetch it all right.
as far as News line is Concerned
I intend to Keep them straight &
not receive from any but those that
intend to remit. The line is down
most of the time this way.
The Business will not be as good
here after Navigation Closes and
will not hardly pay Expenses for
one or two Months unless it
does better than Common.
You will notice in last Report
gas Bill Charged $4,00 and in
this again $3,50 they tried to
raise the price but the Business
Men Came down on them and
brought them to terms again.
as far as the O'Reilly is Concerned
I have no Simpathy for them
unless I am obliged to have. I
had had some broad hints from
You thought others that
probably had never heard You
Say a word on the Subject. Was
the Reason Why I Said What I
did in my last letter to You.
please write on Receipt of this

Yours truly A. Parsons Jr

Racine Dec 9. 1854

Dear Sir,

Yours of 29 Nov. came to hand, and in reply I have to state that the repudiating Editors name is C. Clement I have known him for several years and a more unmanageable character it is difficult to find. He has sold out his interest in his paper to a man from the East who takes charge of it on the 1st Jany.

There is no other Daily Paper published here but this one, and only another Weekly Paper. Before writing to You on this subject I had already spoken to Cushman about the Contract, and he says he made a contract with some of the Meat buyers to supply them with Reports one half the cost of which Clement was to pay; but he denies making any Contract with Clement individually, to which he says he is ready to swear on trial - whether he would do so or not is a problem too difficult for me to solve - Thus the matter stands and I am ready to act in any course you recommend me

Yours faithfully

J Murray

E. Cowell Esq

Maume City Dec 7th 1854

Dear Brother

Your kind letter of 30th received in which I find the best advice that could possibly be given to an erring brother, & I feel in duty bound to acknolege its application to me I have certainly been guilty of the misconduct of playing cards and other things quite discreditable to any young man, but since the receipt of your letter I have resolved never to be guilty of any thing of the kind again. I need not say a word in the way of an excuse as to my conduct in that respect has been reprehensible. but I will say here that I have not neglected your work for the purpose of playing cards, it has been when I have been on the Packits it is true, but I have only rode on them when it was to go to mend breaks or do other work along the line. I fear that I have been reported to you worse than I realy am, as I have been accused along the line of misconduct that I was entirely incocent of. but I find that that follows any kind of misconduct. as a matter of course. But I am done with card playing drinking & all of their kindred forever. I have lost your confidence, by my own unworthyness of it & cannot expect to regain it therefore I suppose I shall have

to quit work for you as soon as I see you but rest assured that I shall stick to the resolutions I have made what ever I may do els, and I am grieved that my second trial of the Telegraph business has turned out so unfavorable, & have found the great-majority of Telegraph men might do form in many things with great advantage to themselves if they chose

I have been at work with Mr Laffler on the E & M line since a week ago last monday we have just got it rebuilt between here, & Toledo— Wabash line is working to Day.

I will have my account made out when I see you, where will that be & when— Please answer at Toledo

You sent me 20 dollars on the wabash river bank ~~at Defi~~ to Defiance & I only got rid of 10 dollars of it I sent the other 10 to Lafayette office requesting them to hand it or forward it to you & I know not whether you received it or the bank was reported broke before I received it, please let me know about it, in your next

Respectfully

E, Cornell

E B, Cornell

Anderson. Dec. 7th 1854

Mr. E Cornell –

Dr Sir =

Owing to the press of business in my Office it is impossible for me to attend to the Telegraph instrument = You will therefore please send some one to attend to it during the Winter =

The bearer Mr Ross is a very Good hand & will attend to it on as good terms as any one you could get = & think =

Yours

P. F. Siddall

If I do have to attend to it nothing less than Five hundred Dollars a year will satisfy me for my services = but would prefer your sending some one else that could devote his whole time to it –

Yours –

P. F. Siddall

Delphi 9th 1852

Dear Sir

I am somewhat late with my report but could not make collections sooner some of my customers being away, I have to pay from two fifty to three dollars per thousand for envelopes here perhaps you can get me some for less I never have been supplied with envelopes or bill heads as other offices I merely make the suggestion use your pleasure

Yours Respectfully
O P Davis

Racine Dec. 11. 1854

E. Cornell Esqr.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Sholes has informed me that he has had your consent, through Mr. Durkee, to my going to Kenosha for a few months to take his place there during his attendance at Madison as a Member of the Legislature of this State.

His reasons for this, he says, he has explained in a letter to Mr. Wood.

Before taking any action in the matter I thought it right to have your consent, directly from yourself, to this arrangement, lest any misunderstanding should be the consequence.

It is unpleasant that a necessity should exist for my leaving my business here, going in so favorably as it is, but it is now the dull time of the year and during my stay in Kenosha I will visit this office at least once a week, make my Monthly Report &c. and see that nothing shall go wrong until my return here. I wish to have it distinctly understood that I go to Kenosha only on your assurance that I resume my place here again on Mr. Sholes' return from Madison. Be good enough to answer and give me such instructions in the matter as you think fit.

Yours respectfully

J. Murray

Lafayette Dec. 11th 52

E. Cornell Esq
Indpls
Ind.

Dear Sir

I jumped on cars last night at dark & returned home to spend sabbath will be off again at 5 oclock tomorrow (Monday) morning to resume work on line - we are hitting 6 miles of Crawfordsville - the lower part of the line (bet. Laf & Crawfordsville) is in pretty good order so far - There has been near one mile of wire from the river line, taken away - The T. Haute office furnished the necessary amount to repair it - It would be a good idea to have some wire on hand at this office.

To operate correctly with the New Albany & S. RR Co, it would be advisable for me to have a copy of your contract with them. Please send it -

You will hear from me again before long - Please let me hear what disposition will be made of Boyce in Haste

Hugo

1854

Nov" 12th. Recd from Mr Brush Tolls Officer	25,00
" 15th " " " " " "	30,00
Dec 6th " " " " " "	25,00
Total Recpts & Moneys for this Offs in Nov"	9 18
Total Recpts	$89,18

Expns - 121.14
Recpts - 89.18
Bal" Due for Nov" $31.96

Deficiency Dec" 11th 1854

E Cornell - Dear Sir.

Above is a Statement of Recpts and expenses of this Offs for the last Mo". You will see that I have kept hands at work a good share of the time - although we have succeeded in keeping the Line at work for a greater part of the time the result of the above expenditure has not been so satisfactory as I could have wished. During the last 2 weeks of the Month I was unable by reason of Lumbering to be out with hands.

The weather for much of the time was also unfavorable. We had rain almost daily. which rendered the clayey soil extremely muddy. I found it impossible for one set of men to maintain the Line in working order, which attempting to reset Locks that were down, and such as could be easily pushed over. While navigation was open, the Line was constantly almost daily being broken at some point or other. and frequently at places quite remote from where we were at work. The running of Boats were not perhaps so instrumental in pulling locks down as has been supposed. but when the Line ~~was~~ did by any means fall near the Canal, it was sure to be trodden into the mud, or broken. It was necessary that such locks as were ready to fall. and thus subject the Line to the depredations of boats. should be either reset immediately or their places supplied by something more permanent to support the Line.

As it was impossible for the hands that I had Employed. to

worth all such poles within the time in which it was necessary that something should be done in order to secure the use of the line for the winter. I deemed it best to substitute the light poles. such as I had put up in some places at the time you was here. We now put about 150 of them in the line and went some of the old poles, and now turn over about 40 miles of line in that way. Another reason for adopting that plan was. that my men were entirely unused to the business of repairing. and could not accomplish as much as those better acquainted with it. or as was requisite to make their labor a fair return for the wages paid them. The line has worked finely from Toledo to Ft Wayne during the past week. & part of the time from X to A: and a pretty fair business. I have owed 80 dolls from Toledo office which has been appropriated as per Rept. I have given D B Connell at different times fifteen dollars in all. five of which was included in my Rept for Oct". & two in this. He did not quit with my own because he was never here when I wanted him. and when it seemed to me he might have been here. I beg leave to suggest that it is now three months since I returned to this line times which time I have spent considerable labor & money to repair it. and for which labor & money I have not at this time rec'd a dollar in return. The each dues to this office are as follows

Bal". Due Gibson for expenses & Labor in Sept	——	24.21
" " Mc for month of July		17.71
" " " " " " Sept		45.79
" " " " " " Oct.		66.43
" " " " " " Nov		3196
	Total.	180,40

A part at least of the above amt would be very acceptable to those to whom it is due. Can I draw on Toledo office for money to defray necessary expenses. and to pay what I have expended of my own? What is prospect for another Office? What is to be done with the line in the Spring: removed to B Road or repaired up where it is. Please reply immy. Respectfully

E Connell

J. H. Strong

Dayton Sept 1854

Items of expenses in repairing Telegraph Line. Nov. 1854.

Defiance Office.

Nov.	3d	Saw D B Cornell Cash		2.00
"	6th	Paid Geo Shaffer for 2 days labor		2.00
"	"	" Blacksmith for making Climbers		75
"	"	" J Kiser for Straps to Do		50
"	"	" Dinner for 3 men		50
"	"	" Supper " " "		50
"	"	" Nails		06
"	8	" Lodging & Breakfast self at Ives		45
"	"	" Tea & Dinner on Line Boat		38
"	"	" Supper at Napoleon		25
"	"	" Breakfast for 2 men at Junction		50
"	"	" Dinner for " "		38
"	9th	" Supper " 3 men		50
"	"	" for 2 lbs nails		13
"	10th	" 1 Chisel for Hammer		75
"	"	" F Snyder for 2 days labor		2,00
"	"	" L Ryder for 250 feet Lumber		2,50
"	"	" Geo Shaffer for 2 days labor		2,00
"	11th	" I Garrett for Sawing poles		2,00
"	12th	" Saw D B Cornell Cash		3,00
"	13th	" Davis for use of Boat		1,00
"	"	" Geo Shaffer & Hands-horse feed & Dinner		50
"	"	" " " for one & 1/2 days Labor		1 25
"	15th	" " " " One days Labor		1 00
"	"	" " " Breakfast Dinner & Supper		50
"	16th	" Breakfast Dinner & Supper for 2 men		75
"	"	" Man at Antwerp for 1/2 days work		50
"	"	" Geo Shaffer for one days work		1,00
"	18th	" F Snyder 4 & 1/2 days labor & Board		5,08
"	19th	" Geo Shaffer ~~for~~ Dinner Supper & Breakfst		75
"	"	" " " Horse feed		25
"	"	" " " for one & 1/2 days Labor		1,50
		Amount Carried over		35,53

		Amount Brot over		35	53
Nov	21st	Paid for wire at Birdsall			44
"	"	" 7 lbs Nails "			42
"	"	At Schodtys Dinner for 3 men			50
"	"	Bner Hoffman for one days work		1	00
"	"	for nails			04
"	"	Supper & Lodging for 3 men & Horse feed		1	62
"	22nd	" D Mansellus for Rope to Pulleys			40
"	23d	" Supper Lodging & Breakfast for self			75
"	"	" Breakfast & Horse feed for 2 at Junction (2nd on			62
"	"	" Dinner for 2 & Horse feed			62
"	"	" Supper " "			50
"	24th	" Lodging Breakfast & Horse feeding			87
"	"	" Dinner for 2 & Horse feed			62
	25th	" Supper on 24th Lodging Brkfst & horse feed		1	25
"	"	" Geo Shaffer for 8 1/4 days work		8	35
"	"	" B Hoffman for one " "		1	00
	27	" Drayman			38
	28	" Wm Richardson for 3.25 ft Lumber		3	25
	30	" B Hoffman " one days work		1	00
"	"	" Dinner for 2 & Horse feed at Florida on 24th - 2 men			62
"	"	" Lodging Supper Brkfst & horse feed at Texas on 28th		1	50
"	"	" Dinner & Horse feed at Walnuts on 28th			75
"	"	" Supper Lodging & Breakfast at Providence on 29th		1	50
"	"	" Dinner & Horse feed at Napoleon 29th			62
		" Supper Lodging & Breakfast at Florida 30th		1	50
"	"	" B Hoffman for 4 1/2 days work		4	50
"	"	" Geo Shaffer " 3 1/2 " "		3	50
"	"	" L Whitney for use of Horses		1	00
"	"	" Davis for use of Boat 7 days		1	87
Nov	15th	Paid D B Cornell Cash		5	00
Rent $3.00. Fuel 1.75. Lights 62¢. Stationery 25¢				5	62
Salary & Labor on Line-Self				25	00
Total Expenditures			$	121	14

425.14
9.18
111.96

25¢
96.14

W. H. Beach
Dec 11 1854

Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois Telegraph Company.

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STATE SENTINEL JOB ROOMS, INDIANAPOLIS.

Toledo, Dec 11 1854.

The following Message was received from

Dated, 1854.

To Mr E Cornell Esq
Supt & Co

Cant you afford to start three men to go through from Toledo to Lafayette - The old line would pay well if about one hundred dollars could be rightly applied to reset poles we get business through to Lafayette today but it works so hard that it dont pay & is not safe to take it - It takes 48 hours to get an arss from there by Sandusky - It seems to bad to let it lay so - If Lafler with two men could be started to go through the line could be repaired in 10 days so we could depend on it - In my Nov report you will find two bills not collected - The commercial Bank bill is a matter of some bond

whether good or not - It will be some time before its affairs are settled so that we can tell its assets being in the hands of Receivers for adjustment - Bill against Smith & Kemp is supposed to be good - The principal partner being east settling the seasons business Hope to be able to forward both of them collected in my next report - I have material for Battery & am ready to divide the line here & work direct with Buffalo & Chicago whenever you see fit - Presume that the lines are all ready to do this now east - I would not recommend furnishing funds for repairing the Wabash line without it could be done as it should be - only way I know off is to start men & have them reset poles & go through to Lafayette to make it work at all - Would like to hear from you soon as regards dividing the circuits of E & M line at this place as soon as convenient

Respectfully
Yr A Beach

Pequa, Dec. 11. 1854

Dear Sir,

I send you to-day, a report of Mr Crawford's business for Oct. & from 1st to 15 of Nov.

Mr C conducted this office in a very indifferent manner. His receipts were about as heavy as usual; but he makes his expenses equally as heavy. He not only made the expenses unreasonably large; but had all materials furnished the office charged, — he pocketing the money for his own use. He charged the Line very extensively for repairs, but I learn he has not really paid the amount of $4. for repairs. He has left the office in debt, for Acids, fuel, lights &c to the amount of $25. or more.

He was in the office little more than three months, in that time, from his receipts, he should have remitted you at least $60. but instead has left Office extensively in debt. As an instance of his way of doing

business, he bought 20 bushels of coal & charged the office with 35 bushels. Had the 20 Bu charged, give the office credit for it, & pocketed the price of 35 Bu. — & so with every thing bought for office, which will have to be paid for twice,

In report for Oct you see a balance of 9.36. which is totally lost, I paid for the 20 Bu Coal, - 10 of which is charged in report for Oct, the remaining 10 will be put in report for Dec, The other materials furnished and unpaid for will be reported as soon as the business is adjusted to pay for the same,

Mr Crawford has no vouchers for any thing. I will take vouchers as I pay for these things from time to time. When I report the remaing ten Bushels of Coal, I will return a voucher for the whole amt.

The business of this Office has been entirely killed off during Crawford's administration The Line don't work half the time, & people have lost confidence The reports of Line now are not supposed — to repair Line You must send men to do it Unless the Line is repaired soon the business will not recover

the expenses. Between G & K, about poles are down; & between H & D some 40 or more are in the same situation.

There is a good business at this place if it could possibly be done satisfactorily, which, in the present state of the Line, it is impossible to do. I hope some plan will be adopted to place matters in right shape, & speedily.

I presume you will be surprised to learn that I am again, in this office. From the pay that I was getting at Greenville, twas utterly impossible for me to live, therefore I had to quit & await your disposition of the difference of understanding in relation to my pay for attending the Greenville office. I came here & Mr Culbertson discharged Crawford & put me in his place.

I wrote you a letter before leaving Greenville; but learned that you had gone East, & suppose you did not rec it as I have rec^d no answer to it. If you have rec^d it & deem an answer necessary, I shall be pleased to rec^d it.

Yours &c

E W Brownell

Ithaca Dec 12th 1854

My Dear Father,

Last week I rec'd a letter from Mr Munn addressed to me saying, "N Dec 6. Dear Sir. I think you paid the Int on your Father's Bond the last time and you no doubt know it was pay'd again the 4th of Dec, Will you pay it? All the principal was due in June last, I dont want to be compelled to sell the property and hope to get paid without, I lent your Father the $2000. to oblige him, Please let me hear from you, I get no answer to what I write to your Father, I am Respectfully S. B. Munn"

I wrote him a long letter telling him all about your matters of the conspiricy &c &c and telling him that you were bound to go through and flattered him a little by telling him that he had been very kind to you and that you appreciated it and I hoped that if the Int was paid promptly he would be reasonable about the rest, and if so. he should be paid just as soon as possible, that the security was abundant and he could realize the amt from the property without any difficulty if he tried, but I thought he had better be a little easy, and enclosed a draft for $90. to pay the Int. and when I took the letter to the office the next day I found the following addressed to you. "N Y Dec 7 Dear Sir. I loaned you $2000 to oblige you. and it became due last June. and I asked you only for a part, You have paid none but the Int and the last as you well know became due the 4 Dec. and I have not heard from you,

"If you dont pay it I will close the mortgage. We shall then know if it is worth two or three times the amt as you told me it was. Stephen B. Munn," and this evening I received the following in answer to mine. "NJ Dec 11 Dear Sir. Your letter is a good one and I have no doubt but it is true. But I am not well enough to reply to it, and neither you Father or you will have cause to complain of—

"Respectfully Stephen B Munn,"

Quite a change of performance I should say. I think I will have to show that series of letters to Rube, it would do him good. I guess the old man will be easy now. but if it comes right bye o bye you had better pay him say $500. and if I can stave off the pays on those two Bonds of mine for a year. I guess you will be able to strike back before a great while, on Mr Wade and his friends.

I wish I could see you again and have a good long talk and look matters allover with you. and see if we cant devise some means of relief. I am putty good at financiering and I am confident that I could be of considerable assistance to you. That Buffalo office wants over-hauling and a change in the administration. Had you not better come down there and meet Mr Curtis, and do so. I wish you could do so say about Christmas so I could come out there and see you without loosing any time at the office, if so I could go out Saturday night and back monday night.

Grandfather Wood was here today, He said he had received a letter from you. He was sorry that Bristol had done as he had but he needed the money and he did not know what else he could

have done. I told him that I was only sorry on Bristol's account, that you would be in a position in one year that you would not ask the indulgence of friend or foe. I guess he thinks that you might better have sold out last spring. Just as soon as you get your debts paid I want to see you give him $1,000. so that he will feel that he has not lost anything by your advice, in investing in Telegraph stock, so that he will feel that you are perfectly independant of him, but the first thing to be done is to pay your debts.

If you could only make an arangment with the Utica folks to take the Erie Line so that you could get the Ohio and Line rebuilt and buy enough stock to control it, and bring My business on the Es W at Toledo from O & I, and get control of Caton's St Louis line and get the My & St Louis business on the Es W at Chicago it would give you at least $25.000 a year profit from your interest and give the Baxton line a business worth at least $50.0000 per year now and increasing 20. per ct a year.

Please write me fully and often.

Yours Very Affectionately

A. B. Cornell

Ezra Cornell Esq
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