Attica Sept 12 1855

Mr. E. Comell

Dear Sir

Our Board met yesterday & appointed the Committee requested by Mr. Kendall to meet a committee appointed by the Stockholders to take into consideration the proposition made for leasing our Line. The committee are Mr. Mann Walker & myself

The Board also reappointed me President & Superintendent and placed the whole management of the Line under my supervision & said they should hold me responsible for its future management & working

Mr. Palmer came here monday morning & spent the time till yesterday afternoon visiting each Director making his statements as he chose he represented to them that the line was running down very fast & had been for some time before he went on the Newfoundland excursion because of my interference with his

management & yet the first intimation he has given of it to any one ~~xxxx~~ has been since he came here on monday he has labored hard with Mr Barton to try to convince him of the sad state of things. I think he failed to convince the Board that such was the case; your letter to Mr Childs had a favorable tendency to put things in the right light for which I am much obliged. He Palmer was very much disappointed at the result of the Board Meeting

Under the advice of the Board I have agreed with Mr Palmer to continue as the Superintendant under my directions for a month I shall then be governed by what may be deemed for the best interests of the Line I would like this pertaining to Mr Palmer & the arrangment with him to be confidential at present more particularly on his account.

It has occured to me that one reason why the House Co are so very anxious to close up the connection with you and your lines West of Buffalo is that in the event of the N.Y. Company's succeeding in securing by lease our line & also the House Line they might through the influence of the Potentates give all their business to your line West of Buffalo & in that case it would materially effect them.

I think our Board will prefer to make an arrangement with the House Co, through this State to leasing to the New York company & they are quite anxious that you should take the ground that you cannot Consolidate with them, until some arrangment is made or at least a negociation is commenced with a prospect of being carried through with our Co. I am quite sure if you consolidate with them before an arrangment is made with us, they will take grounds that our company will not comply with. The two negociations should be made to depend upon each other

I hope this will find your health improving I assure you I feel much anxiety on your account. I am fearful that your traveling so much will prove a great detriment to your arm the excitement and anxiety you have had to undergo together with the jarring of the cars I think must prevent your arm from improving as it otherwise would

With regards to Mrs. Cornell & your Family

Yours Truly
Geo Curtiss

If Mr. O. E. Wood is with you please give him my respects I am glad to hear his health is improving

Geo Curtis
Sept 12th 1855

Mr A B Cornell
Dear Sir

Yours of the 8th ult mailed the 10th ult came to hand yesterday too late to submit it to the Board at their meeting I will submit it to the Executive Committee for their advice tomorrow morning if I can get them together I think they will not advise paying over $1000. Salary to fill the office till they shall become better satisfied of the importance of having an experienced telegraphist to fill the Station In the event of Consolidation with the Howe Co the duties will be considerably more & of course the salary would be considerably increased

What say you to making a commencement at $1000. per yr Salary. I will give you the result of the action of our Ex. Committee soon Yours

Geo Curtis

PS I herewith send a letter I had written to Mr L. Howell Sec of the Ill & Miss Tel Co I send it for your further instruction for him to forward or if he thinks best if not for him to return it to me

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

Albion, Sept 15th 1855.

Mr. E. Connell
Ithica N.Y.

Dear Sir

I have just returned from Buffalo I was there only a few hours I learned that the head man at the Bank office Mr. Cutler had left some days since, I write this to acquaint you of it & also to enquire if you have any one for the station I think I can send a young man who has been at Troy he has had charge of the Vermont line there for the last 8 months he is competent & trusty but is not acquainted with your Western business manner of operating on your lines & you may think best to put a Western operator there. It is important that the station be filled soon as now is the harvest If you do not know of any one for the place & want me to send the one I have mentioned you will write or telegraph Smith is the operators name I have mentioned. The young men in the office made quite a mistake last saturday a party tel. from N.O the price of Corn 90, ¢ & he delivered it 94 & the party to whom it was directed went & purchased 11 000 bushels & has written me he shall make a loss upon it. I have just rec'd your letter

and am glad to hear that your health is improving. I saw Mr Butts about 5 minutes on my way to Buffalo He manifests great anxiety about your Western Consolidation & I think has some fears it will not be consumated I also discover that they want to close up the Western arrangement before they do any thing with us East but it will not do to have it done in that way He said to me plainly that they would decline to us but they must first close up their arrangement with you

In haste yours
Geo Curtis

Geo Curtis
Sept 15th 1855

Brighamton Sept 17th 1855-

E Cornell Esq

Dr Sir

My negotiations are not yet brought to a focus with the D & W RR Co. - I have been to Scranton twice since I saw you & expect to close with them this week. You thought 50 cts a pole would be a good price for setting - I do not think there has yet been a line built on ground half as bad. - Skinners foreman went over the road with me & says they had no ground on the Williamsport Road half as bad - aside from its being very Rocky all the way except a very few miles The ground is most of the way very steep side Hill or Embankment - If the poles do not cost me more than 75 cents apiece per setting I shall make a good profit on the job - If you can send me men that will set them for 60 or 65 cts send them along - Rocky. Steep. Hard pan. Exceedingly rough & a part of it with brush as thick as the Panama Swamps. is the general features of the ground as far as Scranton - I would like to see what wire there is on hand belonging to this Co

Which is only about 20 or 22 miles that is any where near the R R – There is more between Portage & Perrysburg, but some distance to be drawn & unless you abandon that route it would not be well to pick it up – What terms can I use said wire on – Replace it next year or next Spring? Or will you sell it? a time? There was about 10 miles collected between Bath & Dansville & about the same between Portage & Perrysburgh. There is seven or eight miles at Jeffersonville a little at Ia –

I wish you would arrange it in some way to meet your vote by the first of October or very near the first – I need it very much –

Please give me a little of your experience in building – Mr Archibald insists upon having the poles 9 inches through at the surface of the ground. Will not that make very large poles & very heavy work setting – He had a hand in the Contract with the House folks for the line between Toledo & Chicago & they stipulated that six inch poles they will have nothing short of No. 9 wire. Nothing said yet about galvanized wire – Please write me soon as convenient. Yours Truly P. A. Hopkins

P. A. Hopkins Sept 17/55

Providence Sept 17th 1895

E Cornell Esq

Dear Sir. I am surprised by yours of the 14th. When you was at P. you said that you appeared in behalf of yourself and the Southern Mige T. Co. to make a demand of me & the Bk I On the failure of the rest of the Tel. papers. it was proposed on the part of the Bank that on rest of said papers the Bk would examine the ground of your claims and of the Co at one and the same time as the Directors could much better do so. than to go over the whole case twice. It would then a submit copies of the claims to the House Co in the hope to receive such explanations as might give us a full knowledge of what had been done by those acting under us. and thus prepare the way for an amicable adjustment of both set of claims. To this course you at first objected, stating that your claim was distinct from the Co but as several of the Board understood you waived your objections and assented to our proposition. The proposition was not made for delay. but because it was thought that the numerous questions growing out of the several contracts of the Tel Co and yourself with us, could be ~~on~~ better understood when all the papers were ~~at~~ before us. than to have separate action. When you left I suppose you would request the Co to forward their claims. and have expected them for several days. Nothing has yet arrived, and I write the Co by this days mail for the papers. We have delayed writing the House Co for want of the papers. so that we could state the ground of complaint. On the rest of the papers. we shall proceed to examine and shall call for explanations from the House Co. and will report as soon as practicable.

I trust the course indicated will be satisfactory to you.

Regretting that there should any misunderstanding in anything relating to the whole business I remain

Very truly yours

James F C Read Mayor

& Pres. of M & M Bk

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E Cornell Esq

Dr Sir

I sent

You by mail enclosed June 19th 3 certif^s of Telegraph Stock in 2 companies - not having any reply I would be obliged to you to return them to me I have an offer here for them; the same as I asked you for them all viz $55. Be so good as to let me know if you rec^d my letter - Yrs Resp

H. G Marquand
247 B way
N York

N. York
Sept 18th

Vigna Sept 19th 1855

Dear Sir

Enclosed I send Statement of amt due me for rent of Telegraph office in this place to Oct 1st 1855. You will please remit said amt to me to the care of N. F. Wilbur attorney here, or make arrangements by which your agt can pay it here, If said amt is not paid by Oct 1st I shall proceede to collect the same and vacate the office to such as ~~will~~ can pay its rents.

Respecty Yours &c

H Simbocker

P.S. If you desire to corespond with me I shall be located at Indianapolis after the 25th of this month, I am pleased to have the place ocupied

for that purpose and have been very indulgent with your agents, but ~~have~~ cannot afford to take promises only for rent ten dollars of ~~his~~ amt was due last summer.

H. L.

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ITHACA Sept 20 1855

By Telegraph from Cobourgh

To W. Halsey

Be there twenty first — or as soon after as possible —

Miller & Clark

Defiance Sept 20th 1855

E Cornell

Dear Sir.

Yours of the 18th inst is at hand. I am sorry that you have so much illness this season, as good health is essential for attention to ~~of~~ business & the enjoyment of life. I was much disappointed that you could not furnish me the money. I have relied upon getting it by this time at the farthest. I have told you of my project in buying land. What little money I had I paid over and borrowed the balance for a short time and it is now due. I also need money for other purposes for I have not taken in enough from the line over expenses of Office to pay my board during the past Summer. and on account of the expectation of leaving here have not engaged in any other business so that I assure you I am now in immediate and most urgent need of the amt due. Allow me again to ask that you will if possible resort to some method by which I can get the money promptly. Although I am aware that you must find numerous avenues for the disposal of money, yet I have flattered myself that one receiving money from so many sources, and controlling as many resources as yourself, could almost any time furnish so small an sum without inconvenience. I still trust you will do so. I was over my "Brat" East yesterday and found him in pretty good condition. So far, but it is down between Toledo & Maumee and Beech drohnes trying to get it up I believe. So that we are doing nothing at this end at present. Yours Truly

S A Strong

E Cornell

Utica Sept 23. 1855

My Dear Mary Ann

I reached here from Rochester last Eve about 11 P.M. and met Mr Curtis at Depot who insisted on my going to his house, and I am now enjoying its hospitality, Mrs. C and Sister enquire kindly after you, and the little dress maker enquires after Em and her dolls,

Yesterday Morning I went to Nancy's and found Felander setting up, quite smart, he has rode out several times and they feel in much, better spirits than when you was there,

Mr Arm has been more painful than when I was home & sick, but I manage to dress it daily with the perm, but the bandage is rather yellow, and I should like a light colored one, soon,

I think I shall have to go home soon after my over coat, I have not suffered any yet, but the weather has suggested big coat, I shall have to go wist first however,

I shall go from here direct wist business looks fair, for particulars I will refer you to A B C,

Yours Affectionately

E. Correll

Mary Ann

Mrs. E. Cornell

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

Utica, Sept 24 — 1855.

Dear Alonzo

The consolidation is working to my mind, the Directors accept the basis of House proposition and a committee will go at once to Rochester from Utica to close up the Contract for a lease of the House line, at 7 p ct per an perpetual,

Mr Curtis will also write you to night to go to N.Y, and will want you to go as soon as you can get away from the Bank, you will have to work hard there, but that wont hurt you and it is a fine field to win a reputation and work to the head of the business.

If Otis was able to do it Mr Curtis would like to get him to go from Albany to Buffalo & put up the Railroad instruments in their Depots,

I shall go to Rochester tomorrow write me at Albion

Yours Respectfully,
E. Cornell

A B C

Defiance Sept 24th 1855

Dear Sir,

I sent an immediate reply to your favor of the 13th Inst dated at Ithica, but afterwards learned that you had gone to Buffalo & that you could not get that letter unless you should return to Ithica. So I have thought to leave another at the Office in Toledo in case you should soon pass that way you would get it. I have now only to repeat in substance what I said in my previous letter viz that by reason of having bought land, and borrowed money for a short time to secure possession, relying on soon getting the rent due from the Line, and the time for which I borrowed now having expired, I am in great and immediate need of the money. And was much disappointed that you could not furnish me with it. Besides I have paid over all the money I had some time since and as I have not any month this Summer made enough from the receipts of the line to pay my board, I am in

want of money for living expenses. You will have learned before the recpt of this, the condition of the Line, which of course cuts off all assistance from that source. I do assure you Sir, that I need every dollar due me in my, but if it all cannot be paid a part of course would be desirable. I fully appreciate your exertions in my behalf although ineffectual, and would not be so importunate were it not absolutely necessary, and I have felt assured that one controlling so many resources as yourself could raise so small a sum at any time without inconvenience, and I still flatter myself that you will find some method of doing so. Mr Beach will give you all the necessary information with regard to the Line. I will only say that I kept my part of it up "to the last". I hope to hear from you in my on recpt of this.

Respectfully Yours
S A Strong

To
E. Cornell

P. S. I have to pay 180 dolls on the first of Oct next, and rely entirely on the money due me from the line to meet it

S. A. Strong, Sept 24/55

Pigua, O., Sept. 25, 1855.

Mrs. E. Cornell,
Indianapolis,
Indiana.

Dear Sir,

I wish to enquire of you if that part of the Ohio, Illinois and Indiana Telegraph Line running between Piqua and Dayton can be purchased from the present proprietors or a cession of it made to the stockholders whose subscriptions built it. I am aware that you have a lease on it that will not expire for several years yet, and in answer to the many questions which have been asked me in reference to the Line I have been compelled to say something which was very unsatisfactory and indefinite in the information it conveyed to the questioner.

As this part of the Line as at present managed is worse than useless the people here want to fix it in such a shape that they

Piqua Sept 25

can rely upon it to at least a small extent in the transaction of business. I have been connected with the office here as operator in times past, and the stockholders and people generally still come to me for information respecting the condition and workings of the Line.

Will you inform me by return of mail if the wire and right of control from Piqua to Dayton can be released and placed in the hands of those who have an interest in it and who will take care of it and endeavor to give its customers satisfaction? And if it can be done will you please say how?

The office here is doing nothing. There wire is down one half of the time and it is almost useless the other half.

Hoping to hear from you immediately, I remain,

Yours, &c.,

Barton D. Jones.

Rochester Sept 27. 1855

Dear Alonzo.

I shall leave for Batavia tonight and visit tomorrow without getting our contract to suit me, but the prospect is good that I shall get such a contract as I want, The House & Horse folks cost of the Segunda contract by committee yesterday, which is to be acted upon by Directors yet, but there is little doubt but they will come together, and we too. I have stayed with Cousin Mary two nights, Filander is getting better, wants me to Albion, Mr Curtis is in great want of you in my

His Operators in NY are trying to ride over him rough shod, and he wants some one there to halter them,

You had better go to NY soon as you can get away from Bank Eaven if you have to return to close up business after you get straightened in NY—

You had better leave Ellen at Ithaca a spell till you get established in NY—

Let me hear from you often after you get there

Yours Respectfully
E Cornell

A.B.C.

Albion Sept 30, 1855

My Dear Mary Ann

I reached here last eve 9 P.M in a rain storm, found all well, Jane here getting so fat that her cloths are too small for her, No girl, Phebe Arlena & Jane does the work, they say they rather do it than be bothered with a girl, an important discovery, After leaving home I sayed at Bu till the following Saturday morning, then went to Rochester, and evening to Utica Curtis met me at Depot, went home with him and stayed till Tuesday P.M, then went to Rochester and stayed 2 days, two nights with Nancy, F is improving but they fear he will have difficulty with his head, he is troubled with dizzyings — I left Rh for Bu Thursday Eve, spent friday in Bu, took night train for De, through Canada, borrowed over Coat of Makepiece & was comfortable, reached De Saturday morning 9 A.M & left at 5 P.M

reaching At as above, Hiram Mary and their two girls came here about 10. A.M. and are making us a pleasant visit, H + Ed are planning to go north in the Mich Woods to find a wild place on which Ed can settle and grub out a living and farm, a piece of folly that astonishes me, in this day of light and figures, I hope reason may prevail and turn his (Ed's) mind to some good Brains —

I hear that Gilbert Wright is dead and that James Wood is like to loose his place by reason of a mortgage that is on it against Gilbert of whom he James purchased, I hope it may turn out differently, for they are poorly able to sustain the loss, I guess we shall have to try to help them out,

P. says till Mary Ann we had a first rate time attending Mary Hannas wedding hundred or more there, Arlena had a bran frisky for another different last eve, and another expected tonight, Jane is in expectancy,

Adeline says mother is so tickled at her having a boy that she tells everybody she sees,

I think is That. gets out here on his way to Iowa, Hiram & Edward may go with him, and thus get turned out of the woods.

Our Consolidation works slow and somewhat + but. I guess I shall get it = after a while.

Jane says tell Mary Ann she must write to me, and I will then write to her that she cant hear from home, she scolds because her mother has not written to her.

Angeline is at Battle Creek

Edward is at Hiram's

They continue to make good bread out of the Graham flour.

M.B. is at Chicago. Will be here in Morning.

We fear some accident on the R.R. as trains East & West are now hours behind time.

Edgar is some better than when you left he had abscess in side it broke verrus yet,

Orson has got so he can telegraph & wants an Office, Oh!

It rained some this morning but has cleared off quite pleasant,

One train just coming, as I hear the whistle,

No frost about these parts yet and none in part of Canada that I passed by daylight say from Chatham west, nor from De West,

Hiram says he sowed 2 Bus of grown Wheat per acre and it has come up thick enough, and that the insect is towork at it already they want frost to kill them,

P. says. She has only spent $30. this past mo, Great reformation

I have not forgotten that you want some money. shall help you soon as possible,

Yours Affectionately
E Correll

Mary Ann

Buffalo. Sept. 30 1855

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir:

In the arrangement of Offices here under the new order of things on the first of Oct. next, I presume it will be policy (as it is now) to put the two — Eastern and Western — under one management. That is, have one man take charge of the financial concerns, have charge of the receiving and delivery of messages &c. for the two Lines; so that, as now, there need be no delay in messages passing through — as there must of necessity be if the Eastern & western are under two managements. If so, can you not use your influence to give me charge of that department, and give charge of operating the two Lines to the best operators of the respective Lines —

I think, that with an assistant I can do all the receiving and delivery of messages — keep the accounts and render Statements to the

Separate companies promptly and in satisfactory order.

Will you think of this, and do for me the best you can, and in return command when I can serve you—

By my Statement which I send to-morrow, you will see you have a balance yet in my hands of $409. which I expect to be able to pay to your order in a day or two— Have not yet received remittance from Canada as expected Saturday—

The Glass caps will be ready to ship from here some day this week and I will send them direct to Milwaukie from here—

Yours Truly
W. S. Shakspeare

Lafayette Oct 1. 55

E Connell Esq
Albion
Mich

Dear Sir,

Your favor at hand informing me of your indisposition. You have been very unfortunate of late. & hope after you recover from your present disease that you may be more fortunate in future. I expected quite a lengthy reply to my 2 letters. There were several things in them of a good deal of importance which I hope will be answered as soon as your health permits.

We have had a great deal of trouble between Huntington & Wayne boats having dragged off quite a large quantity of wire. Palmer is now at work trying to get it fixed.

We have trouble again below Terre Haute. We cannot it appears keep that wire up for more than a few days at a time. I have sent a Dutch battery of 30 cups to Terre Haute & also a "Switch" by which I feel in hopes we will be enabled to keep the

line in better order & to work with Evansville until the line is put in better order. "desperate cases require desperate means" I have also got Everything ready to make "Union" a switch station, giving him Indianapolis battery. which I think will enable us to work with Cin. As soon as we get line up to Wayne I hope to be able to make a "switch station" of that also. When we get lines in good order we can then dispense with the switches but until we thus get the line those switches are indispensably necessary, in my opinion. I cannot rest with things in their present condition. I must try something. Any way to improve the working of the line. Between the old line & our Enemies we have a pretty hard road to travel. But we must try & overcome every obstacle. "A faint heart &c"

Did Maunee purchase the right to have an office there on our line, & where did this instrument come from. I have been hard pressed for instruments to accomplish my present arrangement on the line. I telegraphed Chicago office to send me the instrument in their office belonging to our line. They knew nothing of it. I then Telegd Cobb about it. He had charge of our instrument before we commenced taking up line between Logan &

2 Laporte. He knew nothing of it but thinks it may have been sent to Manmee

10/1/55 On 12th sept Kiersted teleg'd me that some one from Chicago office had teleg'd Pittsburgh that business was invariably 3 or 4 days getting over Indiana line that if they wished business done right to send it via Sandusky. Duncan then gave orders to have it sent that way. The fact of the case is, from some cause, the E & M line is doing all ~~they~~ can to injure this one, no matter how it is done. The telegraph referred to above is a "falsehood" Pittsburgh always refuses to send business this way unless Kiersted tells them "positively" that "CH" is OK "this way." It is very seldom any delays occur on the Ind line. They give us but little business & from present appearance they give us business that has been delayed somewhere east for which all blame is laid upon our line & may do it intentionally. I do not say this is the case but think it may be so.

The Manager of "CH" office is as "crabbed" as he well can be. When teleg'd to in reference to anything pertaining to our line. There is some cause for this. From what Brinkerhoff tells me Mr. Wood is also down upon us.

Brinkerhoff tells me that "Ch" is not on hand to receive business

more than 4 or 5 times during the day.

Ware of Cin refuses to do any more work for us until his a/c is paid which is between 30 & 40 dollars. There are several of our Instruments needing a little work. What am I to do in such a case.

I understand Millikan of Laporte claims near $200. as due him from the line. Has he charged regular salary from the time line was taken down north of Logan until the completion of the line on the N A & S. RR. He charges us 24 doll year for permitting our Instrument to remain in his Justices office &c. I do not see how a man can do such a thing & see every months business fall far short of expenses thereby running line in debt.

Davis at Delphi is engaged in the Drug business & also charges 25 dollars salary & 2.00 for permitting Instrument to be in store. What think you of it.

Prior to my officiating in my present capacity no account was ever taken of the articles furnished the offices on the I & B. RR. this was wrong. The RR Co are bound to pay for everything furnished the offices except what is required to start them - I

have an ap of everything furnished them for about one year which amounts to quite an item & should be attended to "at once".

I have both Teleg^d & written S McKee & Co of Pittsburgh for glass according to your direction when I was on line between Dayton & Union - to be charged to you, - I can neither hear from them by letter or Telegraph or get the Insulators. we are "suffering" for them now. "I have none",

An agt on the PA & S. RR or the builder of a house for the RR at Francisville cut our wire coiled it up & laid it aside so as to permit them to run up their building - It was 3 or 4 days before we got it fixed - They should pay damage & the person cutting it should be prosecuted nothing would save him if dealt with according to Law - We should not permit such liberties to be taken with our line,

Piqua Troy & Germantown offices are a heavy Expense to us. We pay out no less than from 2 to $400. per year to other lines. we have also had to pay many debts for them. I made good safe contracts with Piqua & Troy ~~this~~ last summer but those operators do not come up to the mark. They think the business has been too small consequently they have applied that portion that should have been remitted

to us or applied upon old debts as I [illegible] to their private purposes, I have been trying for 3 months past to get them to correct matters but have not as yet succeeded & do not expect to at all — We might close the offices yet that would not correct the past. They do so little business that we cannot get operators to go there for the local receipts of the offices. She sent to Germantown for that Instrument but the stockholders refused to give it up & then wrote Mr Barbour in regard to it. He replied that he thought an office could not be closed except by you & the board of directors in conjunction, I drew a different inference from your remarks when speaking on the subject once in regard to Hutsonville office, I want two more Instruments badly,

Strong of Defiance has made some arrangement at Defiance which causes him to decline taking any other office.

Stevens of Cincin office says you promised to send him a blank register to enable him to make out Reports as you desire that you have not done so, consequently he "cannot" make them out that way —

Beach of Toledo gave up the line between that place & Defiance, said nothing could be done for it. — I encouraged him to go ahead & hope to be ok soon. I sent Defiance money he went over his portion of line & represents it as being in better condition than last fall.

When we get

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into successful operation with our switch at Union & find that our office is not attended better at Cincin we had better send an operator there for our line. This is the only means of getting justice done us at that point, so long as P.C. & L folks have the Mad River line under their control.

We do not need two operators at Indianapolis. one good one at a salary of from 550. to 600.$ can do all the business of that place. It amounts to "nothing" to attend that short line to Madison it does but little business yet we are paying more to attend to "that office" than "Lafayette" where we have the terminus of "four" main circuits & where all the repeating is done from one circuit to the other. My salary should not "all" be charged against this office for I am unable to pay much attention to the "working" of the Instruments, yet I do all I can at them. Coleman Willson will leave Indpl he says unless his salary is increased. He spoke of going with Winder when he left for Missouri —

Is there no way to stop the Mich Central road from charging us freight on our shipments. Both times Tincs were sent me from Detroit they chgd freight causing unnecessary trouble here. — A mark of "Free" amounts to nothing.

I always preserve the remnants of worn out zincs - When we were so hard up for zincs a short time since. I sent what pieces I had on hand to Wabash who wanted a local battery & had him cast some. he made 12 zincs - each weighing about 3 lbs out of my scraps -

The Operator at Wabash returned his Aug. report with the Salary unchanged saying you had authorized him to charge the $25. It is not my place to countermand your orders unless you authorize me so to do when I find it to our interest to make changes. I have probably transcended my power in making an alteration in this instance, I made one however to our interest. If it is fulfilled.

I have made an arrangement with a potter of our city by which we can get Dutch porous cups at 7.00 $ per hundred thereby saving breakage, Express chg, boxing, drayage, &c &c.

I am satisfied that stone ware is not good for Dutch battery they are "too Porous" I have worn 75 at this place & find that the Sulphate works "through" them.

If we build a line on the Lafayette Rd I do hope steps will be taken to transplant trees so we can ultimately transfer our wire from Poles to

the trees - I have been noticing more carefully the action of the wind on the trees & feel satisfied that the introduction of trees for telegraphic purposes instead of poles will be of the greatest importance to the lines &. We can put wire on hundreds of trees between L & B now. I notice this every time I pass over the road in the day time -

Mayo of Troy has sent me his bill for rent. it appears that no rent has been paid since the 1st of January last He is anxious to have it settled.

We are about out of blank reports, what shall be done

In thinking about Wade line from Cin to St Louis the other day it struck me that a good portion of that 1800,$ lease money came to you - am I right in the supposition?

Who is Supt of S M line since Haskins ceased acting

Mrs H. has been lying dangerously ill for near six weeks. The Doctor almost gave her up two weeks since. I have worn myself almost out. watching & attending to her wants. our friends come in & set up the forepart of the night & I ~~would~~ take the latter part. thus far my clothes have been off but 3 times during her illness. she was taken with the flux. which acted very stub-

bornly, causing her lungs be affected. & I fear lastingly - but after her troubles of confinement are over she may improve - but cannot much before - which event is expected daily.

What arrangement have you made with the House folks.

I have been troubled very much about my note. I have arranged it for a few days hoping to see you I would not have it protested for anything. The Gramercy Bank would probably let us have some money again. or if not I might get it of some other Bank for 60 or 90 days by you will send note as before which time you could get your affairs settled up - Please assist me -

I should be glad to hear from you at your earliest convenience

Yours I Haas

I. Haas

Toledo Oct 2d 1855

Dear Sir -

I have been waiting patiently for you to come to a stopping place that a letter might be got to you I wanted to give you statement of the condition of the Wabash line between here and Fort Wayne- We have not worked direct with Defiance or Fort Wayne for two weeks or more- I tried faithfully for two weeks to keep it up and working One of us going out on it every day almost- As fast as we got it up in one place down she was in another- I found my expenses so heavy and considered it impossible without more effective means than I have to keep it going and have done nothing at it for some time- Story at Defiance refuses to do anything more unless he is paid Says the line already owes him 3 or 4 hundred dollars for money advanced to keep it up- It was no use for me to try to keep it in repair from here to Fort Wayne- The distance is to great- Having no one to do anything at it but one of us operators in the office- We worked

it it a long time and did the best we could— If it is not thoroughly repaired soon and it would cost as much to repair it as it should be as it would to move it on the Railroad and rebuild entirely— It ought to be taken down & taken care of or it will be stolen— I have been in hopes that you would call this way and have deferred writing thinking perhaps I should see you before long— What is best to be done I can get no one here to do anything at it Have no means to do with— If you get time would like to hear from you— I heard yesterday that Downs at Chicago was very sick— We have escaped so far but it has been very sickly here & around us— I suppose We shall have to look up other business as soon as consolidation goes into effect— Our line is doing a heavy business— I think larger than it has ever done before— Would like to hear from you soon if convenient

Respectfully &c

E Cornell Esq

W. A. Peach

Newport Ind Oct 3rd /55

J Haas Esqr

Dear Sir

Receipts for Newport Telegraph Station for the month of September 1855 Amounted to, $2.25

Expenditure &c Same

Very truly

James M. Hood
Opr

Albion Oct 5. 1855

Dear Alonzo

I sent Cambridge Livingston another draft for $200 from Buffalo, and shall send him the balance of his note in four days as soon as September rents come in. I wrote him hastily to this effect from Buffalo, but I wish you would also see him and say so to him, and get him to hold on quietly for a few days.

I want you to see Henry Wells No 4 Wall St. and say to him that I will pay him any balance I may owe him after it is settled that I do owe him, which I doubt, and I believe an investigation of his books will show that he owes me, for I find in my safe I gave him credit twice for the same note, which he claims the $600 was sent to pay, this is the way it occured, Nov 6. 1847 I settled with them for a lot of English wool bought of

Cocker Ho. for which I gave them a note at 4 months for $533.55 and gave them Cr in my account for the note at the time it was given, again on the 6th of March 1848 when the note became due I gave them Credit for the again $533.55 and Ch them with Dft for $600. sent from Ithaca Mar 5th 1848.

On Sept following I called at their office to settle with Day their book keeper, and he said the balance against me on his books was. $501.63, I added up the a/c on my books, and found a balance due Mills of $501.63 on differing two cents from Days a/c so we did not look over either a/c but took it for granted that both were right then being so little diffm in our balance, It now turns out that this near approach to a ballance was a singular coincidence, but wholly the result of chance; as Days a/c was made up of several items that I had Ch'd in Mills Ho wrong after Johnston Livingston came into the

firm, and he had left out of the a/c altogether the $600. draft, now to get at the right of the matter I want a copy of this a/c from their books which I have never had The books are in a box in the cellar of Harndens & Co Express Office Broad way below Wall St, Marsh, of Wells Butterfield & Co. Ex Ofc knows where they are, and if Wells want have the a/c copied I wish you would do so, take all the a/c against me up to the striking of the balance when they make me in debt $501.63, sometime in 1848, I have it Sept 4, 1848, or such is date of my last chg—

With a copy of that a/c I can sift it out and find error—

I enclose you Marshes letter in which he exhibits such extraordinary ability in casting interest, also the note in question, which was at 4 mo without interest, also a

letter from Wells of recent date in which he threatens to sell my stock,

Please get me a copy of this a/c as early as you can,

We have a Directors meeting tomorrow, after which I shall go to Rh and try to close consolidation with house Co and may slip down to N.Y.

Yours. Respectfully
E. Cornell

A.B.C
2 1/2 Wall St

EC
30 Oct 55.

Office 2½ Wall St.
New York Oct 10, 1855.

My Dear Father,

Since I saw you I have been hard at work trying to get things in shape, every days from 7¼ a.m. till 10, 11 & 12 pm, and I find it impossible to do all I want to even then, but I do the best I can and trust fortune for the rest.

When I came here anything was confusion worse confounded, Cummings short in his a/c to the Co. $1000 or more, and Chapman was here until yesterday attending to it, & that gave me much trouble, Operators have acted badly, but I have got them pretty well trained and tomorrow I expect two new & fresh ones when I hope, to get along better,

I have engaged board at Kingslys, and as soon as they are ready for me I shall go home and bring Ellen down, say in a week or ten days, and when I go I want to square up matters at the Bank, and then on the 21st Inst. I have a note due in City which I gave to take up the last of them Canal notes for $200, and if you can spare it much you would let me have at least half of the $1000 due at Utica Feby 1st, and more of it if you could get along, If so will you please send me a draft on E Chapman Esqr at 4 Mos which will make it after Feb 1st pay. to my order for $500, (or more if possible) and also endorse the blank notes which I enclose to fill up

the balance, whatever it may be, I can tell exactly what it is as my book is not here,

Mr Wells came in this afternoon, while I was very busy and did not have time to talk with him, but agreed to go with him in a day or two and see Marsh,

It is now quite late and I will not write more now but try and write you again as soon as I see Marsh and as often as possible,

Please comply with the foregoing if possible and write me by an early mail with the enclosures, and write me as often and fully as you find time,

I am exceedingly sorry to hear that you are not well today, but hope you will be better speedily

Yours very affectionately

A. B. Cornell

E Cornell Esq
Rochester
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Rochester. Oct 12. 1855

My Dear Alonzo

I went to Bu yest morning & returned last evening, and found your favour of 10th inst this morning at Rh Tel Ofs

I will endorse the notes and enclose them, I think I will be able to get along and let you have the draft for $500. on E. Chapman Treas but as to that I will wate a few days to see the result of this consolidation negociation. All the trouble arises from the $90.000 debt of House Co The Contract that Howard & Walbridge & House Committee signed provides that our stock or property shall not be liable for the payment of this debt, but pledges all the earnings of the

consolidated co for that payment which will prevent stockholders from getting any dividends intill that $90.000 is paid, I want stand that because I cant I must have something out of the business I propose to pay out of earnings first $10.000 per an on said debt and then divide 6 pr ct dividends next, if any further surplus apply it to the debt,

I think I shall succeed in the modification, as it is apparent that the House folks do not want consolidation with a quarrel with me, They will yeald, if they find I want, and I want.

In regard to Wells a/c I dont want you to confine yourself to an explanation of that draft & note, but to get me a copy of that a/c from its commencement up to the time that the second Livingston (I forget his first name) came into the firm, for there is an error of at least the amt of that draft somewhere, as in my a/c I gave them cr twice for the note of $555, Give me a copy of the a/c from their books and I will find the error,

I sent Cambridge Livingston a draft yesterday for $450, this makes $900. I have pd on the note due 27th Aug and forget whether the note is a little under or over that amt it is not much either way, see if I got the Dft for $200. sent latter part of Sept by Makepeace from Bu. I have no acknowledgment of it yet.

I have been quite sick here but am better again quite well today,

I guess Curtis & Chapman finds they had a rotten nest at N.Y. I am surprised that they stood it so long as they did. it will prove a benefit to you as it leaves a chance for you to make the greater improvement.

You will have to work hard but I hope you will omit nothing necessary to secure success. I am glad you get a chance to board with Kingsleys What do you have to pay a month

We have prospect of good business in Oct, our 2 offices in Bu are $80. head of Oct recpts last year for the first 10 days of mo.

Last Tuesday our recpts was $150.000 in Buffalo. probably $400 on entire line — I hope to make a dividend by 1st Nov when consolidation will probably take effect.

Yours E Cornell

Rochester Oct 13. 58

My Dear Mary Ann

I have been here all the week Excepting. I went to Buffalo & back on Friday. I was taken sick Tuesday morning and quite sick Wednesday, thinking again with a fever. Called Dr Matthews and he gave me Mercurious & acanite, I am now quite well again. I have boarded with Nancy, and pd her $3. this morning for my board.

She says Father & Mother must stop them over night when they go west,

I have labored hard with these folks all the week to get the consolidation contract to suit me, and have at last succeeded to my

utmost expectation, and
shall go west tonight if
I can get away in time
If not I may go home with
Mr Curtis & stay over sunday.
I should go home & stay over
sunday if I could get there
but as Ia is off any main
line of RR. I cant reach
there by an evening train.
I had a letter from A.B.C
who is getting on very well
and Mr Curtis and Directors
are highly pleased with
him, If he manages as
well as he is capable of do-
ing he will soon occupy
a splendid position,
He says he will board with
Kingsbys folks, and shall
be after Ellen as soon
as they get ready say in
week or two days —

I feel well at the prospects
for the future, I have no doubt
this consolidation will make
my property worth $50.000 more
than it would be without it
and it will put it in shape
so it can be managed to
advantage in case I am
taken away, and before it was
not so, It will also be so
I can retire from it to a
farm easier if I should want
to do, so
The truth is, as matters was
every thing depended on me
the whole burthen of the
fight was on my shoulders
now there are other Gen-
erals to help command
and the fight will be
at an End, I begin
to feel like a happy man

You may throw up your
Old bonnet for it but
things in shape. so there
is a fair prospect of your
reaching your long coveted
wish of having me now
at home and rid from
so much bussing and
anxiety.

Affectionately
Yours ~~Respectfully~~
E. Cordell

P. S. I beg pardon. but
just as I was about to
close my attention was
called off and I wrote
Respectfully, without
thinking — EC

Indianapolis Oct 15 1855

E. Connell Esq

Dr. Sir

Sudden and unexpected ill health requires that I should spend the coming winter in Florida I have had an alarming attack of bleeding from the lungs, and I think a change of climate will be of service to me. Under these circumstances, I feel that you will excuse me for asking you to pay the amt due me for Surgical attendance on Wm in June & July last I believe I told you the amount was $58 dollars, and that you expressed yourself satisfied with it. I will consider it a great favor if you will send the money immediately, as I must get off sometime near the middle of next month, and I have no other way of raising the funds than by calling on my friends, and I have no doubt you with others will do the best you can for me Present my regards to Mrs Connell If the amount I have charged is not satisfactory fix it to suit yourself.

Yours friend

John M Ritchen

N. P. Pur ~~Sept~~ Oct 17
1855

Newcastle Oct 17 1855

Dear Sir, I wrote you to Albion — but don't recollect what I wrote, I have been in such a stake of mind that I hardly know what I am about — I think I wrote about the wire on Erie bus, & the National folks, I begin to think I am not competent to cope with the world or at least not well shielded in rascality & am altogether too credulous & too loose with all my contracts, — & really need a guardian — If I had a good school master in a business view, it might be of some service to me, I know not what the National folks will do, I suppose I should have been at work for them on Erie bus, if I had chosen to do so — They wished me to, but my law suits & wife, have kept me running about attending to them — & I can't bear to let this all go, to waste, tis half gone now & I

going fast - 'tis as good as ever for all I can see, If I could make immediate sale of it - I would get 75 dollars & take it up, if I had to sell myself to get it, I suppose now is 7 or 800, I left - I suppose the National folks have been waiting to see what you were going to do If it will be best for you, I hope you will not consolidate with the House folks, I think you & the National could work together well & make it to both your interests to keep together; They have talked of putting me into the Cleveland office independent office if you go over to the enemies - But a house of cards, I hope I shall get somewhere soon - If I had this note up, I should draw something to a focus One thing, I must honour my

Contract with them made
better, it was to be changed
from what it is, when I got
back from Ithaca whither
I went at the time in such
a hurry - Now I have been
here - on Expense 3 weeks trying
to get money to raise that wire
& today my only & beloved
brother died in Corning
I have tried of the National
of the citizen here & of Mr
Lubbs to get money to go &
attend his funeral & visit the
family, but I cannot get
anything yet & it is now
nine o'clock in the Evening
It seems to me I cant give it
up, all the folks will be from
Ithaca & ~~my~~ - & I are only
brother not there - it seems
horrible to me - I dont suppose
after all I have done here for

this place in a telegraphic way would be sufficient to get $5, to save me — Dad blast them — I shall make them rue it yet — in someway if no other. I will try to rid them of a telegraph Why are you not more Communicative & let me know more how you are getting along — Please write me the prospects of a Consolidation & whether there is any chance for me, with you immediately somewhere — if I do appear to be a poor cart, I think there is resolution & grit enough left, to make something of me ~~yet~~ under your tuition I want to be a servant to somebody that will pay me

accordingly - I will 10/17/65
all they will give, if I dont
I wont ask a cent - I want
for my employer or for
myself - a circumstance
unknown to me - with any
I have in my employ -
I know how to make work
tell & money too. 5 dollars
with me goes as far as
$10, with any body I can
get. If not more - Write me
fully & particularly & do the
best you can consistently for
me - if you keep the lines
I know I can be of service
to you - I dont believe you
any one knows what I am
worth - not much it is true
but I feel very sure I
could do a thousand times
than three if your help -
believe I am some pumpkin

yet - notwithstanding I have
played the fool so long -
but I do get discouraged
sometimes, thinking I am
not worth a thought to myself
nor any body else - & often
feel that the sooner I am
out of the way the better
Then my pride comes up a
little, & have more than
one kind of trouble. that
which often drives men
to desperate deeds - but
I hope while my reason
remains good. I will act
rationally

Yours truly
W. P. Rice

E. Cornell Esq

Jonesville Mich Oct 18 50

My Dear Mary Ann;

I left Buffalo tuesday evening on the Steamer Southern Mich and reached here this morning 2 A.M. Stoping 6 hours in Toledo. I came here to attend Session Meeting, but have to wate 3 hours for Parkhurst of Cold Water, and improve the time in writing to you. I was at Cleveland Sunday and Monday till 5 P.M. Then I returned to Hatfield and tuesday morning by carriage over line to Dunkirk, thence by R.R. to Buffalo.

I mentioned to Tubbs that I had talked of moving to Cleveland, where he mentioned that there was a nice cottage house ready furnished (that the owner had left to spend the winter in Montreal) to rent for $100. for 6 mos, I made up my mind to take it, and he went to see the agent Monday morning to engage it, & to found it had been taken on Saturday previous so dash goes our hopes, I am not yet decided where it is best to locate but this chance seems so good to me

a sojourn till I could look about and determin what is best that I should have taken it to a venture if I had not been a day to late,

The beauty of the country, and its fine adaptation to fruit growing, about Forestville, (the first station east of Dunkirk on N.Y.C.R.R.) has almost won me over to giving it the preference at a place to locate. It would be a point that I could reach tolerable easy. It is 8 miles east of D.K. if Dunkirk suited me as well as Forestville does I would give it the preference, but it is a bleak mud hole, with scarce an attraction to relieve the dreary gloom of the picture,

I dont know but some R.R station in the vicinity of Cleveland would offer the best inducements, for a location.

I have my mind earnestly engaged on the subject, and may study out something satisfactory, if not I must rely on your generous forbearance, as I can assure you that I shall earnestly seek the right, but the question is involved in so many complications that it is really a difficult problem,

Cleveland is a central & healthy location and one that offers great facilities for Educational improvements, but the difficulty is that I should have to get out of town further than would suit me to find land at prices that I could pay As I should want at least 5 and should prefer 10 acres.

I shall go to All this P.M across the country as we did when you was with me the last time here, and tomorrow morning go to Detroit to attend Directors meeting to decide the fate of consolidation,

A dispatch from Phebe yesterday says all are well, A dispatch from E.B.C yesterday says, Can you bring my family wist, I answered they can come when Father & Mother does,

I cant say what day I shall go East but shall have to do so probably some day next week, as far as Rochester and then go to Ia and get Father Mother &c, &c.

Our lines are doing a large business thus for this month, if it continues through the month, it will be the

largest month's work. Even down on the line, on the 9th ult, the united receipts of our line & House line, was about $1,000 — This embraces the same office that will be in the consolidation The receipts of the consolidation will average $500, per day, and I think our expenses can be kept down to $300. per day. if so, it will give the consolidated Co. a net income of $62,000 per year which will be 12 per ct on its Capital my share of which will be $9,600, per an, You may think these figures are too large to be realized, but I hope not and if realized, it will soon place me out of debt, and then you may have all the money you want to spend, you may even spend it foolishly for a spell as many other women do. So you may know by Experience how it seems —

If your Father should not sell his place within a year I am thinking seriously of buying it, so as to preserve it as a homestead in the family, and let Frank take charge of it, Please write me to Albion,

Yours Affectionately

E. Cornell

M. A. C.

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

Utica, Oct 18th 1855

E. Cornell Esqr

Dear Sir

I returned from N Y this morning; from what I learned there I am fully satisfied that it is not the intention of the House Co to carry out the arrangement they agreed upon with our Com. at Rochester

I am quite sure that certain parties in N Y are acting in concert with a part if not a majority of the House Stockholders to prevent the arrangment agreed upon at Rochester being carried out We begin to think that it has been only a pretence on the part of the House Co to pretend that they would consummate such an arrangment in order to prevent our interfering with their negociations with you. You know I have wrote you & insisted from the beginning that they were over anxious to consummate this arrangement with you and would do & submit to almost any thing to effect it & would have submitted to almost any terms you might dictate but I was not prepared to believe they would go so far as to make a pretence to rent their line to us in order to have us stand by quietly till they arranged with you Yet I now think I shall find that such was the case I do not know whether the House Co

are depending on making an arrangement with Newfoundland Co or what they expect to do but something of the kind is on foot I am quite sure of it. H. G. Hunt offered & urged me to buy his Stock yesterday & offered to take my Bank Stock or would give me any length of Credit He appeared to be very anxious to sell I was also informed by Ellsworth that some new project was on foot, but he would not tell what it was & said he did not know Certain Said the National Line would not consent to the Western Union Line giving us all business coming from Southern Ohio & Ind. &c

Geo Curtis. Oct 18/53

Now what I want to say is that our Co will depend on your taking the ground that you cannot carry out the contract with them till the arrangement is closed with us that such has been the understanding all along between us that neither was to make an arrangement without the consent of the other I hope you will give them such notice. I think Truman Clark may have acted in good faith but I doubt if the others have We have notified them that We were ready to carry out the arrangement as agreed upon. Your Son goes home tomorrow to be back next monday. O. D. Wood writes me he cannot assist to put in Rail Road instruments & Hopkins cannot Come at present Yours in haste

Geo Curtis

Ithaca Oct 18th 1855

My Dear Husband

I just recd a letter for you from Dr Kitchen and thought I would write a few lines and forward to you with it. We are all in usual health at present, and I hope you will be favoured and not get sick from home, I think you will recollect of giving me fifteen dollars before you left home. I have used it very prudently, and been just as saving as I could and bought nothing but our living, no clothing, but Emma a pair of shoes, and have lent Betsey Ann one dollar and it is all gone but fifty cents, and B. A. and her family are here having used up every thing they have and by the time you get this I suppose we shall all be on the town,

I have no time to add more as I want to get this in the mail tonight and will close with my love

Ever yours

Mrs Cornell

Oct. 20 1855

Mr E Cornell

Dr Sir

Yours of the from Janesville is rec'd — I will take $50 for the whole of the stock in both companies — there were 10 shares in each Co. — I wrote Judge Caton a long time ago making enquiries abt the Co you speak of. I never heard any thing about the assessment you mention — I see nothing in his letter of the stock being sold = Mr Mann (some relative) of O'Reilly. Said he would give $4 pr share for it — I have tried hard for years to get reports of the doings but have been unfortunate in knowing where to go to — The stock cost me several hundred Dolls — If you do not wish to buy

Be so good as to return
the whole of Certificates
& much oblige Yours truly

H G Marquand

N Y Octo 20th
1855

I am sorry to hear
of your rail road damage
it seems as if there was
no safety in travelling
on them.

Saturday Eve
Rochester Oct 20 1855

Mr. E. Cornell

House Co have had meeting to day & adjourned to next tuesday Russell from N.Y. was here. The opposition is mainly from Elwood Sibley & Russell. Clark has just told me that Butts also says he will not now go into the arrangment & sign Contract although he was one of the Committee to sign the other Contract Now you are the man to bring them to terms Elwood Butts & Sibley will come in if you put yours on the terms of our coming to an agreement & if we do not you will not Yours in haste

Geo Curtiss

Clark says that Elwood & Sibley find their nets have been large this mo and

now think they can
do better with all the
Western business to turn
in to their line at Bu
than to take 7 pr ct

Geo. Curtis
Oct 20. 1855

[redacted]r Bennett

Sir We have about Enough trouble with your telegrafing and verily believe you never intend to pay your business when you can get along without

doing so by throwing the blame
on us when none but Your
Correspondents are to blame
and we have lost about enough
by you = so I request you to
[illegible]ver bring business unless
[illegible] bring the Money J W Smith

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185 , o'clock, min. M.

To Mr Hanford —

Now for the future I wish you by god to send your bill in the first of the month and not get your brussels up in this way when you are the only one that is to blame

J. M. Smith

G O Williams & Co

The Union Telegraph Company

The undersigned having heard that one of the offices now in operation on the Rock at Detroit is to be discontinued in consequence of some new arrangements of the Proprietors, most respectfully desire to suggest that the very attentive & gentlemanly operator Mr. Parsons be continued in that position, he has uniformly discharged his duties in a manner entirely satisfactory to us & merits as he will receive our continued patronage

Detroit October 20th 1855

Walter Shelton

V Fr Wingfield

O. H. Parsons

Augustus Bement

Calvin Joyce

E. Stannard Jun

G. Whitney

Joseph Bement

Wm. Harris Jr

D. L. Hurd & Co

Ezek Galloway Jr

H. N. Strong & Co

D. W. Parkins

G. Williams Esq