Detroit Oct 24. 1865

To Directors of the
American Telegraph Co
Gentlemen

Having understood that the two Telegraph Lines have been united & that changes may occur we take this opportunity of Expressing our satisfaction with the manner in which the business has been transacted at the Dock Office by Mr J. W. Smith & hope he may be retained in that place, feeling confident he will give satisfaction to the Company and its customers

P. M. R. R. C. R. R.
Chas H. Hunn
Thos. Frazer G. T. agent
E. B. Ward
W. H. Benson
Geo. R. Givans.
E. B. Swain, Asst. M. S. S. Line
John Dasmer Freight Agt m.c.R.R.
Adam Cameron
Julius Ackford Ship Masters Insurance Co
A. J. Barber Canadian Line
Chas J. Vernor

Thos Christie Jr.
Andrew J Volger
Thos M Easton.
E. F. Wood Lake Shore R.R.
C Reeve & Bro
S. J. Reeve
G. O. Williams & Co

J. J. Brand
H. Tracy Stone & Bro
Edwd. Reed
Collins & Viner
F. W. Vanderkloot
Wm. Edwards Commercial
E. J. Bampton
Edmund Cooper
Geo. Wells
A. M. Rosencrantz Asst. P.M.

R. Gillespie
B. Franklin Baker Auditors Office M.C.R.R.
Geo. H. Gilbert Cashr. D. & C.R.R.
Jas. Sanders " "
Hugh O'Neill

Albion Oct 22 1855

My Dear Mary Ann

Your esteemed favour of 18th inst was rcd this P. M., It strikes me that your finances are running low, and needs replenishing, for which purpose I will enclose you $25, You need not be so particular as telling me how you spent the money for. I have entire confidence in your judgement & prudence in such matters, I am glad you have furnished an Asylum for poor Aunt Betsy Ann, and her little ones, E. B. was here yesterday, and would have started for Ia to day for her, but he lost his satchel at Marshall and left his trunk at Waukegan, and concluded he would hunt the one and get the other, and then go home, for his family and his father & Mother,

Smith of Detroit Dock Office telegraphed me this P. M. that he has forwarded papers to you to bring father & Mother through Canada, and Mr Curtis promised me he would send you a pass for Father from Cayuga to St

Mr Curtis said he did not like to ask for a pass for a lady, as the Co was very particular, I hope the passes may all reach you safely, and thereby save paying out the cash to get Father + Mother out here,

We had our Directors meeting at Dr last friday, and they confirmed the contract for consolidation, to take effect the 1st of Nov, the delay of a month in the contracts taking effect is a fortunate thing for us as October is the best month in the year, and any share of the earnings for the month will be not far from $1,000 = and I shall get the use of it at once, whereas if the contract had gone into effect the 1st of Oct the months earnings would have gone into the coffers of the consolidated Co, and my share would not reach me short of 6, mo = So all things seem to work about right,

I start this eve at 9. P. M for Lafayette, and shall return to Chicago and thence East to Rochester, and shall try to get home to stay over Sunday

I suppose you rather I would go home and stay over Sunday only rather than not at all,

Jane went to Detroit with me to do some shoping, and was verry glad to take your place on my pass,

She said the conductor looked as if he thought I had a likely young wife, = We went down in morning and return in evening,

Jane is a M.B. and dais most of the house work, Arlena goes to school,

Hiram & Mary was down yesterday all well, there,

Bush, Dunhams Brother in law is now at Mart, trying to buy a place in Al,

I think I should have bought out Koons house & lot this morning if he would sell, for $1000, but he says he cant find a place to live and must build before he can sell, so all is well,

My arm pains me yet, and this P.M my tooth has ached,

Yours Affectionately
E. Correll

M.A.C

Detroit Oct 22nd/63

Dear Sir

The enclosed paper was handed to me by one of our forwarders with a request to forward it. Their object is not so much the appointment of Mr P but they were afraid Mr Smith might be employed in that office by the New Company. I have been asked several times by some of their number to report the treatment they had received from Mr Smith —

The two notes I enclose. One was addressed to the Gas man. After much persuasion I succeeded in getting him to allow the Meter to remain in the Depot office. He had sent a man to take it away. He said he would not have anything to do with a person who would send him such a note &c &c —

The other I gave to one of our principal business men whom I always found

just & fair in all business
have had with him —
These remarks I make not
from any ill feeling towards
Mr S but a desire that where
there is anything wrong & working
against the Interest of the Co it
may be made known to you

Respy Yours

C. E. Wendell

J. E Cornell Esq
Albion

Detroit Oct 31st 55

Wm E. Connell

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find a Petition to the Directors of the Consolidated Telegraph Co it is an article got up & written by R. A. Rice Supt Gr. C. R. R. and signed as you see by the best men we have in our City and a body of men that do more Telegraphing and pay for more telegraphing in the course of a year than all the balance of the City put together = The directors will please notice a Petition got up previous as I understand by Mr Parsons and some of his friends that bears the signatures of two of the same firms that Mr Rices does = and those two firms namely F. Mc Vansicklen & & R. S. Whitcomb requested me to say to the directors of the Tely Co that the reason their names were put on the former Petition was from the fact that it was falsely represented to them & that they wish said directors to consider their names as Erased

from the former Petition and as having no effect only upon the latter that was written & signed by R. A. Rice = They wished me to say to you that when the former petition was presented to them the Bearer simply requested them to sign a petition to the directors of said Poly & to retain an officer in this End of the town a matter which they were all in favor of and placed their names to the article & the Ever reading its contents = the fact of which is proven by their placing their names to the latter to ascertain the contents of the former =

I Remain Your Obedt Servt

J. Wesley Smith

Utica Oct 23d 1855

E Comell Esqr

Dear Sir

I have only time to write you a line or two before the mail Closes to day the Haure Directors met at Rock to decide whether they will fulfill the contract with us that their Com. made when you & he was there, I am quite sure they do not intend to fulfill I learn something new ever day which satisfies me that they do not intend to carry out the contract I have just learned that Craig is depending on them to send his reports another year & numerous other things have come up to satisfy me that such will be the case Now as I wrote you before you are the one to bring them to terms. Your relations to us are such that for your own sake you should insist that you cannot enter into an arrangement with them without the Consent of

our Company, I really cannot see how you can in good faith do any thing with them unless We do something, We shall not sit down quietly & take up with what they think fit to parcel out to us of the Western business

I now wish to say to you that the interests of our Company will require me to write immediately to the Directors of the South Mich Tel Co & make proposals to use their line in Connection with Montreal Co for through business, We shall not stop at Buffalo and the House Co will find if they play the traitor in this case We shall give them a harder fight than they have yet thought of. I think you should not delay writing them ~~that~~ you have done what you have supposing that We should arrange East of Buffalo

Yours in haste
Geo Curtis

Your son & wife hoped here yesterday to M

29 N. Curtis
23 Oct 1855

MORSE'S

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New York, Albany & Buffalo Line.

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Principal Cities and Towns in the United States and Canadas

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WRITE PLAINLY—give FULL ADDRESS and Signature—USE NO FIGURES except date and number of street. PAY IN ADVANCE except for answers to communications, on which is written "ANSWER PAID." Communications destined for Lines connecting with this, will be promptly delivered to the connecting Line, after which this Company will not be responsible for any remissness in transmission or otherwise.

F. H. PALMER, Supt. **GEO. CURTISS, Pres't.**

Buffalo, Oct 21 **185** 5

By Telegraph from .....

To E Cornell Esq

Dear Sir.

Yours of 20th at hand. You are in error in regard to my acp for Sept.

In first place there is an error in genl expense acp of 50 cents in your favor then there is an error of 50c in Total Expense acp in my favor which just balances

the books between us —
Is it not so?

Yours Truly
W. Shakspeare

Sholes Oct 24, 55

Friend Connell

You will perceive that the contract, a copy of which is enclosed, covers only the routes from Chicago to Galena, and from Milwaukee to Galena. We have the necessary assignments - from Powers to Hotchkiss, from Hotchkiss to Smith, and from Smith to the parties composing the "Wis. State Tel. Company - The chain is complete.

Make the best arrangement you can for us as regards the right to use the Howe and Morse patents in territory not covered by our existing contracts.

Telegraph me when you desire to have me on hands in connection with Foster to make the necessary investigations under our appointments as committees.

Please consult the new parties

in interest on this subject of our having control of the working of the circuit from Chicago to Milwaukee. That is, if you deem it advisable. It will be a disappointment if this matter is not so arranged, and injury will be a necessary result.

Yours, very respectfully
C. C. Sholes

Oct. 24, 1855.

Toledo Oct 24th 1855

Dear Sir –

Yours received this morning – You speak of the item of book keeper in my reports as being to steep – At the time I employed a book keeper we were running four instruments & have continued to do so until within a short time that the Wabash has been down I work an instrument tend counter copy messages & C myself I found it impossible to do this & keep books myself & either had to employ another operator at 500 per year & it is impossible to get good operators for anything less than that & very scarce & or pay for keeping the books during the busy season at the rate of 33.33 per month – This was only for the busy season – I intended that Expense should be done away with by first of November if possible Was there any thing wrong in this – You say that my booking could be all be done in two hours – I had not the two hours to do it without I set up at night to do so & after working all day at an

instrument I did not feel that my health would allow me to set up nights to book — I have not intended to do anything that is wrong & hope you will see it in the same light that I do — You are probably aware how much I have labored here to keep the lines at work suffered in mind & body as the way they have worked &c as my frequent letters to you will show — You speak of the Toledo office paying so little to the Company this is true — We are a repeating station — To do business right requires help I am willing to do all I can, work as hard as any other man, do my duty in every respect to my employers & I think you will agree with me that I have done so — I do not wish to praise myself or speak of what I have done but in this case think it ought to be done — before we had the N W line I had very little help almost killed myself with hard labor at the instrument for a number of months myself & one operator did all the repeating & other work of this office — Soon as we got the S W line here then we had to have an Extra operator — In July I asked the operator that was at Maumee to come & tend Wabash till close of Soregation The line was owing him some considerable

Which he would have to have had before this if he had remained at Maxwell — He owed largely for board &c To Keep things quiet then I employed him here for short time We needed him — It needs an operator at each instrument & we have four of them — About the ice bills I had never seen them disallowed in all of my telegraphing I have never seen any objection to having ice in the office for the operators — If you think this is wrong then I must stand it myself — I would like to hear from you again or see you here — Anything that is right I am of course willing to do — We shall have the Wabash at work by tomorrow — Dave is doing it well — Is a faithful repairer —

Respectfully &c

W. A. Beach

E Cornell Esq

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

Utica, Oct 26th 1855.

E. Cornell

Dear Sir

I regret you did not get my letters I wrote that I did not think the House Co did not intend to carry out the Contract agreed upon by the Committees when at Rochester I am still of the same opinion & I now think that Elwood Sibley & Butts did not at the time intend to consent to any such arrangment & only wanted to keep us along till they should get their matters arranged with you I think Clark is & has acted in good faith & would like to make the arrangment He telegraphed me a few days since to know if He would consent to the Western unless the Eastern was effected I telegraphed him He should not

Our Board think you should take decided ground against doing any thing West unless the arrangment is made east I am quite sure our Board will not be willing to carry along the loans made to secure Western business & be defeated in the object I think it is of no small consequence to you to see that our Board are satisfied in this matter Most of our Board look upon this backing out of the House Co as another

Bain operation & they will not sit down very quietly under it

I have your tel asking me to meet you in Rock monday & tuesday I had arranged to be in NY at that time I suppose you have found out how the thing will go while in Rock to day & I suppose we may as well not think of doing any thing with them

Yours in haste
Geo Curtiss

The draft you mention as having mailed for the interest has not come to hand

Geo Curtiss
26. Oct 58

Fort Wayne Ind
Oct 29th 1855

E. Cornell Esq

Dr Sir

I have just received a notice from J. Haas La Fayette that he has discharged me, without assigning any reason whatever, Will you please inform me by return Mail whether it was done at your instance or whether it meets with your approbation. The line is indebted to me as you will perceive by my reports at Albion & I certainly had some anxiety to get it — November receipts with line working to Toledo would in all probability square us — It remains with you to say whether I shall go or ~~stay~~ I want no difficulty but I think under existing circumstances I am justified in retaining the office until I hear from you — Please write or telegraph me whether you sanction Mr Haas order & oblige

Yours &c

J. McNutt Smith

P.S. I have the line working to L today & Mr Palmer is at work between De & X hope to be OK this week

J.

A/c Oct 31. 55

A Wells Esq

Cornell deducted from your
a/c a/c 8. 1855 — £898.75
being the 600 & interest
in dispute —
he now owes that amount
Less (600 / 553.55) £46.45 & interest
from Mch 9. 49 — to a/c 8-55 66.23

Bal a/c 8th 55 £832.52
Interest to Oct 9th 55 32,24
£864.76

assuming that he paid you
538 29 a/c 8. 55

Defiance O. Nov 1st /55

Dear Sir

Perhaps my communications of late have not been of the most agreeable character. But I beg leave to be indulged in another of the same kind. What I have said in my former letters about my great need of money was all true, and my need in that respect is every day increasing. I did believe on receiving your despatch dated at Detroit near the first of last Mo" that you would send the amount due me long before this. But I have not yet rec'd it. I hope now that you will send it forthwith. Take what I have before said on this subject and give it the force of about six weeks additional maturity and I need say no more about it here. Our Line worked from Y to L yesterday for the first time in nearly 2 months. Palmer is here today - Lafler is on Line now between Toledo & Delaware. I hope they can be kept on it till it acquires some degree of stability. It will work well & without interruption soon as boats stop running. I learn that you have effected a consolidation

of lines with the House &c &c. I trust it will be to your advantage and indeed to the interest of all parties. Will not our Line now receive more attention? Will you not send balance due in my?

Truly Yours

S A Stacy

E Connell

S A Stacy
Nov 1, 1858

Newport Ind Nov 3, 55

Mr I. Haas
Lafayette Ind
Dear Sir

Receipts for Newport Telegraph Station for month of Oct /55 amts to, three Dollars $3.00

Expenditure of Office &c
Same,

Your Respy I. M. Hood
Opr

PS when will you have my inst repaired, I need it now very bad. I cant read by sound to do much good & consequently can do no business scarcely. Ship it on Packet to Howard in care of Grimes if Packet is running if not send down by Stage - at as early a day as possible -

Your very truly
James M Hood

Ithaca Nov 5th 1853

My Dear Husband

I have a few leisure moments and thought I would improve them in writing a few lines to you, I heard today that you were in New York on wednesday and think you must have staid there longer than you expected, I could not help but regret that you did not stay at home over sundays, it was a very lonesome day to me as it stormed all day and Emma and myself were here all alone all day, I hope you will be home again soon and stay long enough to get rested and give your poor arm a chance to recruit up a little, I think by the time they all get out there, that they will be as thick as three in a bed and two in the middle, I hope you will not be obliged to be there much of the time, I have not heard a word from A.B. and Eden sinse they left, how were they when you were there,

I will close with my love as it is geting dark the folks are all here ready for a start in the morning

Ever yours affectionately Mary A Cornell

Mary Ann
Nov 6th 1855

E. Cornell

Albion Nov 5, 1855

Dear Alonzo

Makepiece promised to remit to your order the Buffalo bal $200, or more, last week, and today Mr Wendell will send you a dft for $300, which is as much as I owe Wells under any circumstances, and I think I dont owe him any thing You better give the dft to Mr M C Riggs and he will know what kind of receipt to take of Wells for the money as he understands it I pay the money with understanding that the a/c is to be Exd and Error corrected—

I agreed to pay the money in 10 days from the time I was there—

If Wells claims any little balance over the $500, pay it to him and let me know and I will remit it to you

In Haste

E Correll

A B Correll Esq—

Albion Nov 5. 1855

My Dear Mary Ann

The day after my arm was broken I recd a letter from N.Y. Enclosing some certificates of Telegraph Stock in Ohio. Ind & Ill Tel Co. and the Ill & Miss Tel Co. It lay on my table at the Bates House for some time, and I supposed it was put in my valice, the letter in the envelope all right, I wanted it yesterday and spent the whole day nearly in overhalling my valice to find it.

I dont know but it may have been transferred to my desk during the time I was home in august,

Please do me the favour to examin all my papers in desk and drawer and see if you can find it, and if you do please forward it here by mail =

I have recd the appointment of Supt of the part of Union line from Buffalo to Chicago &c as I expected, thus far as I expected, and I feel quite sure that the House folks will act in good faith —

I reached here friday evening. Pew got here Saturday and is here yet, yesterday Sunday morning he & I walked up to Herons and got brakefast returned after brakefast, and I went to work, H & Mary came down to the Spiritual lecture and to MBWs after meeting and Mary was so enamored with the discourse that she insisted on my going in P.M. and succeeded in taking me along. and I heard a good historical discourse on the attempts of the orthidox world to put down the Spirits, and their failure to do so &c &c

There was but little of it new to me but it was well spoken and I was well satisfied with the discourse,

Edward was down in Evening and stayed all night, Jane was here but went home with H & Mary in afternoon sunday,

Today Arlena & P has letters from Daniel & Emma wood of DeRuyter, all well I believe,

Daniel has bought a lot, has $50. to pay between this & Jany is there going to build a house, and is about to buy 5 acres of land out of town for a country residence — so it goes all will get a country residence

before we shall, Oh, dear!
To night we all start for Chicago, that is M.B.W. Pen & Myself =
I wrote you hastily from Detroit enclosing $15. for E.B.C to pay Father & Mother Expenses to Mich,
All are anxious for their arrival and I doubt not will have a good time visiting untill it becomes an old story, how long it will take to get old I dont know, I hope a long time.
Please write me, and let me know if you recd the letter & 15$ –
I forgot that I had not said any thing about N.Y. Well here it is,
I am reaching Owego, went to the Mansion, and Mrs Gere, on seeing my hand went and made some weak lye and had me soak my hand in it as hot as I could stand it, It was verry soothing, and made my hand feel better,
I reached N.Y Sunday 10 A.M and met A.B.C, and went with him to Dr Kingslands to Dnr and after Dnr took a walk up to 50th St & back.

I stayed in N.Y till Monday 5 P.M and left for Albany, & Rochester, reaching the latter city at 8 A.M got brakefast and returned to Utica for dinner, and back to Rochester by daylight next morning, Left the same Wednesday night for Buffalo, stayed all night, returned Thursday to Rochester closed my business and started at 7.15 P.M for Detroit via Suspension bridge reaching De at 10 A.M Friday & Al 9 P.M same eve,

ABC & E have a good place to board but it will cost them all that he will earn to live in the City I fear,

Mr Knapp is now here on a call and I cant write any more without risk of copying their conversation, so I will close with my Love, Affectionately

Yours

E. Cornell

M. A. C

Rochester Nov. 6. 1855.

E Cornell Esq
Albion.

Sir/

Received your despatch about drawing money to pay for poles &c. I have answered by authorizing you to draw from the accruing surplus of the Milwaukie $400. if there be so much there, for the purpose of paying for the poles. If there should not be enough there in time, then you are to draw $200 from Chicago —

In some cases, it may be a question whether some of the bills to be paid, should be paid by the E. & M. Co. Company. In spite of all we can do, there will likely arise some confusion in the accounts for a month or two. But if you and all the persons are careful to keep all matters which accrued prior to Nov. 1. separate from those which accrued after that day, it will save much labor.

We try to be very particular about our vouchers, & I trust you will set the best of examples in this respect — The receipts for the poles should specify the kind, size, and number, and when & where delivered. —

Yours &c
Isaac R Elwood

Ithaca 7th Nov 1855

Mr Ezra Cornell

Mr Munn is dead and sleeps soundly at Greenwood. My daughter is entitled to $100,000 out of his estate, and I intend to have it for her and myself. I have to be in New York on the 13th of this month to appear before the surrogate to prove his will, as a subscribing witness, when I shall have to undergo a severe examination, and shall prove him a crazy man. I have the tools to do it, and I shall use them freely.

You know that I am poor, and you can easily understand that I cannot live several weeks in New York without some money to pay my expences, and I have no one to ask but you. I am too proud to beg or steal; but if you should think me entitled to your sympathy, and should be pleased to send me a few dollars to help me stay in New York a few weeks to put myself right with the Munn's you will please do so. If not, not.

I called to see your wife to day, and found her well

Yours truly

I S Bale

I send you the "American Citizen" with my review of Munn's Will. Read the article. It is true every word.

J. S. Dale

New York Nov. 7. 1855.

My Dear Father,

Mr Curtiss this pm met Morse Kendall Cooper Field & Hunt & says M & K are badly frightened about the new Telegraph which was on exhibition at the Astor House when you were here.

Cooper & Field or the New Foundland Co or some of their tribe have purchased the patent, and now are bound to rent this Line or build an opposition, & Curtiss thinks they will do so unless we unite with Hunts Co. in which case he thinks we will be so strong that they will not venture on our route at present.

Morse & Kendall now prefer renting to the new concern than leasing the House Line, but say that if the consolidation is effected they wont object to it.

Mr Curtiss wishes you to write to Rochester & let them know that they must come to terms at once or they will lose the chance.

I think if those parties have bought the new patent they have been gloriously humbugged. they think that for instance Albany Syracuse & Buffalo could all write to New York on the same wire at the same time, which is preposterous. I have seen the thing work & think it decidedly inferior to our instrument,

I shall have 2 through wires in 10 days now if Mr Curtiss fulfils a promise made today. & one week more finishes our reporting for the press. when I calculate to do business better than any other line out of the City.

I have received $89.41 from Makepeace & $300 from Wendell which I suppose is for you but I have no directions about using it. but am expecting to hear from you.

I shall write you again soon.

please write me fully, & let me know when to write you.

Yours Very affectionately

A. B. Cornell

E Cornell Esq
Detroit

A. B. Cornell
Nov 7. 1855

LAW OFFICE OF

M. C. & L. E. RIGGS,

No. 10 Wall Street, New York.

Nov. 9th 1855

Ezra Cornell Esq

Dr Sir— Yours of the 5th inst rec'd yesterday. The a/c as found due by Mr Munn was $832.52 on Apr 8/55 — As the $500 — was not sufficient I have in consultation with your Bro made arrangements as shown by accompanying receipts —

Yours very Truly

M. C. Riggs

Buffalo Nov 9th 1855

E. Comell

I arrived here this morning was in New York city before yesterday saw Messrs Morse & Kendall & with them met Messrs Cooper Hunt & Field the ladies who proposed to lease ours & the House Line I think they are endeavoring to defeat our contemplated arrangement with House Co & trye again to go into the plan of leasing & I think Morse & Kendall will favor it although both of them said they would agree to any arrangement that our Board might conclude with the House Co. A company is formed with a capital of $200,000. & they say they have purchased the Patent for the new instrument which is said to work such wonders in telegraphing & they intimate that they can put up one wire lines all through the country that will use up all present lines. Although this State they say they will lease our line if they can do so at fair rate & let the Hamilton go thinking they can use it as they say they do not consider it worth any more than the old wire & poles are worth thus they talk, on the other hand Craig & Hunt are using all their influence with

Hawes Co to prevent their carrying out
the arrangement with us saying & writing
to Freedmen Clerk that if He will give
up the arrangement they will promote
him & all that go with him / let it on their
stock for any kind of goods & that with
him on their side they will use up the
Moreline & in this they count on Elwood
Butts & Sibley. I know Butts Sibley & Elwood
are acting with Craig & others to defeat
the arrangement Butts goes to NY to day
He was telegraphed to come down by
Craig The Hawes Co had a meeting day
before yesterday but done nothing Sibley
Butts & Elwood intending they will stand
to the agreement if it is legal but they
insist that it is illegal. Now the
result of this whole thing will be
that nothing will be done & We
have got to go to work to take care of
ourselves our Western business We
look upon as gone & in truth it is so
from this time on for now We get only
what they cannot conveniently send
from Buffalo East Your Wires are
out of our office & We have no reliance
on any business from the West & you know
they do not intend to carry out the contracts
you made on the part of the Erie & Mich
Co you know if they should intend they

11/9/55

to do so that they would do the business in such a way as to destroy our business especially if the opposition exists that will exist after all that has been done for I assure you there is getting to be a feeling aroused in our Board that will drive some things to extremes and with it all I fear that you may personally suffer for you know that the money that our Board & individuals of our Board have advanced goes to secure Western business which they now consider lost. I have no doubt but House Co will be prosecuted for infringment & that they will see the time that they will wish they had lived up to agreements

Clark is true & is doing all he can to carry out the agreement they came to him yesterday to get his price for his Stock this was Butts after he had got a Telegram from Craig to come to N.Y. Clark gave them 110 as his price. I want you to understand that in an effort we are about to make to secure the South Mich Tel line it is for self protection not to injure you our Co will not stand quietly by

and loose all our Western business
I suppose you have provided that your Western consolidation shall pay the proportion of expenses agreed upon at Buffalo last spring I trust you do not expect to leave all these for us to pay

I write in great haste as I have to leave in the cars in a few moments I will write you again in a few days

Yours
Geo Curtis

Makepeace complains that you have put in an operator here that will not do his duty & yet hold him responsible for the well working of the business &c here

Geo Curtis, Utk
4 Nov 1855

New York Nov 9, 1853.

My Dear Father,

I enclose you a letter from Riggs & a copy of the receipt which I have in my safe together with 80 shares of stock received from Mills. As I telegraphed you I received but $89 from Wakeman instead of $200, so I advanced the balance & am expecting a remittance from you for the balance.

It is now 5½ PM and our business is all up clear on the line. We have done a heavy business today and I think we have not had a message lay on our hooks over 15 minutes all day, and I mean to keep doing so. We have worked to Buffalo every day since I have been here except two days & then line was badly torn down in West Troy. We care nothing for a rain storm.

We have had to send the Lottery drawings to Albany and Troy for the Horse Line 3 days already this month,

We stop sending newspaper reports next Wednesday if the Horse Line will undertake it (sending reports)

We need not be afraid of their opposition if we do not succeed in consolidating,

Please write me

In haste Yours affectionately

H. B. Cornell

E Cornell

Copy

$500. Received New York Nov. 9. 1855. of Ezra Cornell by the hand of M C Riggs Five Hundred dollars to apply on a/c between said Cornell and myself, with the understanding and agreement that all matters in difference between us are to be re-adjusted and determined if desired by either party & the money now paid me or any part thereof to be refunded if upon final settlement it shall appear that said Cornell is not indebted in the amount now paid.

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(Signed) Henry Wells

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Henry F. Mills

Ithaca Nov 11th 1855

My Dear Husband

I recd yours of the 5th friday evening and have hunted for your papers but can find nothing of them, in the desk or drawer, and think they cannot be here, I do not feel able to write much this evening as I have felt miserable all day, and have been on the lounge most of the day, I was very sick all night last night with that trouble in my stomach, I never got to sleep at all till after three oclock, and then slept but a short time, I had no one to call on for help, as there was no one but Perry and the two small children in the house, Mary having gone up to her brothers, so I grunted it out alone, I would lie in bed as long as I could and then I would get up and walk the house half bent and then sit down on the floor and lean my head on the lounge where Mary was sleeping, until I was afraid of taking cold and then go back to bed and lie and groan and ~~sob~~ and in that way I passed the night, I hope I shall never have to pass another such a night of suffering alone again, I have had several spells the past week, but none so severe nor never had one to last so long,

I cannot write more and will close with my love hoping you will be home soon

Yours affectionately Mary A Cornell

Pittsburgh
Nov 11. 1855

E Cornell Esq
Dear Sir

Your message
from Toledo in relation
to Sandusky Office is
Read in Conversation
with Mr Hanna & Gen
Moorhead the desire me
to write you if you will
be so Kind as to come
to Pittsburgh Wednesday or
Thursday 14. to on business
of Importance Please
acknowledge this by Telegh
if you will come

Yours Truly
Lucius Dimon

Mr M. B. Wood Jr. &c,
Albion, Mich.

I have been delaying my monthly reports until I should see you as you have been expecting to come to allowance. I shall send them in in a few days, and also collect the a/c's against the line, here, to send also. I telegraph you a while since, what wakefield paid to me, threatening attachment. My little Messenger boy has not received any money for his services, except what I have let him have, and I would like to pay him. I get no answers to my telegraphy, for the lines work so badly, much of the time that we can only do business with much vexation, when d.t. messages are left out. Please let me hear from you soon & oblige

Yrs Truly
Clark C Hawkins

Monroe Nov 14th 1855.

What about consolidation & who are the officers of the new firm? &

Mil Nov 14. 55

Mr E. Cornell

Dr Sir

There still remains due on due bill of Sentinels $311.66. Their bill will amt to about 100$ this month — This due bill was given for purchase of your interest in western times. Shall we endorse same as before & charge to you in report.

The line west now works good and is doing a fair business.

We want better attention at ch Key also in keeping that end of line in repair. Result of election in this state still doubtful - both parties claim the victory. 73 - Yours truly

J. S. Draper

(Over)

P.S.

On account of getting the 200$ in this months receipts we are obliged to hold on Oct report till now - shall send it off this week - Mr. Wood said hold on till enough receipts to make it right -

D

J. S. Drake
14. Nov 1855

Chicago Offices—Tremont House, and 24 Clark St.

UNION TELEGRAPH.

CONSOLIDATION of the HOUSE, MORSE, O'REILLY & WADE LINES:
Under the Control of the
NEW-YORK & MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
PRINTING TELEGRAPH Co.

VANDUZEE & BARTON, St.

Chicago, 15 Nov 1855 By Telegraph from 185 .

To My Dear Mary Ann, Enclosed you will find a draft on New York for $25, payable to your order. To Get the money you will have to write your name across the back of the draft, and hand it in to Partenheimer at the T. C Bank and he will cash it for you. I have not been to at yet. I saw M B M this P M who says Aunt B A

not contented to Stay at Al. She wants to tag after E.B.C. Who will have to quit the business if he is to have a woman around to wate upon. We cant pay for that kind of service -

I think I shall go to Indianapolis tonight or soon Business is passing on finely Our receipts at this office has averaged $200. per day since the Offices were put together. Please excuse me for not writing more, and kiss put for me -

Tell Boys to improve their time well at School as I have a use for them as soon as they are fit for business

M. A. C

Affectionately
E Cornell

Albion Nov 16. 1855

My Dear Mary Ann

Instead of going to Indiana last night as I intended to when I wrote you a hasty note enclosing you a draft for $25. I came here and arrived about 8 A.M. and got your two kind letters of the 5th & 11th and was very sorry to hear of your sickness. I have suffered so many lonely nights with that pain in the stomach that I can fully sympathise with you, & really hope they will not follow you up as severely as they have me and I think with attention to diet and medicine you can prevent it,

You must prevent costiveness, not with medicine but by habit and diet,

Molasses, and molasses candy is good also figs, and many other things that you will know of or learn of by trial,

I shall probably be at home to stay over Sunday of next week- I expect to be in Ind next week and then go east, I have not seen Father & Mother yet they are at Mary's, Betsy Ann and Mariah are here fine as silk,

Betsy Ann tells me that you forgot to give Father the order for a pass through Canada, and they never thought of it till they wanted to use it, and had to pay through Canada,

Betsy Ann came through on a pass that I sent E.B.C. one of the passes I sent East and he had to pay for Father Mother & Mamah,

Excuse my breaking off here, as I have much to do.

Affectionately
Yours.
E. Cornell

M. A. C.

Toledo Nov 16th 1885

Dr Sir—

I expect you will scold and probably be very angry with me for not fixing these partitions as you ordered me— Perhaps I can explain so that you will feel different In the first place the gas pipe was ordered or rather talked about before you had said much how you did wish to have office fixed We supposed under the circumstances that you would have no objections to our fixing office as we chose— After we knew that you were decided upon having only one room We commenced putting up partition as you directed I went to the gas man to see about gas he told me it would cost from ten to fifteen dollars to make the change & that the pipe would have to come down and go back to the shop to be fitted— Mr Stayer soon after asks me how matters were going to be I told him— He then says I think Mr Connell will have no objections to fixing it temporaly as we first proposed, in the mean time we should advertise for a tenant— If one appeared & was good

pay & would be willing to give enough for front room then we could change in short time & small expense - Until we got a tenant {which will be very doubtful until spring} we should be compelled to keep fire in front room to keep warm I thought we might have the use of the room until we could get a tenant - We are fixing things so that if any person should wish to rent it will be short work to change I hope you will see as I do in this matter - We have fair prospect of renting old office at two hundred dollars bonus - Man has promised to let us know first of the week All the lines but S Mich working good Business prosperous

Respectfully &c

E Cornell Ey Supt - W. A. Beach

W A Beach
Nov 16. 1855

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

Utica, November 17 1855

Mr. E. Cornell

Dear Sir

Yours is received I could hardly believe that Makepeace would refuse to take business because it came over the House Line I cannot conceive why he should take that position in regard to Western business I have written him & put that matter straight so that hereafter We shall be glad to take all you will give us whether from the House line or any other & in regard to sending business after ~~[illegible]~~ 9 O'Clock We will send business that comes in before we close our office or that We know is to come in if it takes all night; only give us the business & We will send it We have or will have in less than ten days 4 good working wires from New York to Buffalo & 5 from Albany to Buffalo; since We got through useing our line for news Reports We have not had business on our hooks ~~[illegible]~~ minutes on any part of the line. I have this evening got a message from A. B. Cornel from N.Y. saying, "We have worked direct with Buffalo Montreal Boston & Corning to day that will do wont it." We have this evening been working from our Utica office direct with Boston & Montreal our business

Geo Curtis Nov 17.55

is now all done the moment a mepage is left in the office We put a new wire across the River at Cold spring next week and then We shall have 4 good working wires from NY to Buffalo

In regard to consolidation I cannot tell you what will be our Directors have become discouraged they think (Clark excepted) that the House men have imposed upon us that they have pretended they would consolidate with us while your business was pending & as soon as your business is closed then they find legal objections to fulfilling with us There is a State of feeling getting up that will make the future competition with House co rather hard and I guess they will not see 7 pr ct on their Stock for a while they will find We shall not be comerd from reaching Chicago & some other Western towns I think as many legal objections can be raised to the Western consolidation as to the eastern I can not see as there is much prospect of the arrangment being effected

I wish you would send the Lease of the South Mich Tel co that I let you have at Buffalo; Enclosed I send you the receipts from Western Lines for the first 12 days of this month & oct by which you can see how we are faring since your consolidation you can by this see how We are to be served & how the House Co will fulfill the agreements of the Erie & Mich Line

If our Directors continue their present feelings towards House Co they will use our money to fight them instead of making Dividends they feel as if they had been imposed upon

Yours Geo Curtiss

I think Clark & Chapell are ready to fulfill you Do you hear any thing from Judge Caton what shall be done with him

Ithaca Nov 18th 1855

My Dear Husband

I recd yours of the 11th inst friday evening and was very happy to hear that you were well and geting your business in shape to suit you, and make less care and perplexity for you. I am also happy to learn that your arm is improving and that your health is good. I suppose now that your good mother has got to Michigan that you will feel as though your home was there, and I shall live here more lonely than ever. I hope however you will not forsake us entirely. My health has not been very good of late I dont know as I shall ever get the better of that difficulty in my stomach. I have got almost

discouraged trying to doctor for it as it dont seem to do any permanent good, I have been through a regular course of doctoring, and then had another attack worse than any that I have ever had, which makes me feel almost as though there was no help for me, I am now taking medicine for it which the doctor thinks will cure me, but I have but little faith to beleibe it,

I had a letter from A.B. a few days ago he is very anxious that I should come down there about Christmas and stay two or three weeks if I possibly can, I shall try and go if I can get Cara to come down and keep house for me, I recd a letter from Jane saying E. B and suit arrived all safe and well which I was very glad to hear, I recd and answered your dispatch from Toledo, I told Spencer what answer to make dont know whether he sent it or not,

Col Seymour died very sudenly last friday morning with a fit of apoplexy they have not buried him yet, they are waiting the arrival of his daughter from Flint Michigan, I understood he was warm yet last evening, I never heard of so many suden deaths as I have this fall, It teaches us a powerful lesson on the uncertainty of human life,

Orace Roberton is out on a visit has been here a week last saturday, Otis is boarding with us he is doing what he is able, at the inlet, for Barnard and Wood, has been here two weeks, his health is improving Mamy and Emma are outing up so around the house that I dont have a minuets peace when I undertake to write so you will please excuse me and accept my love,

Ever Yours affectionately

Mary A Cornell

Albion Nov 19. 1856

My Dear Mary Ann

In ten minutes I leave by Rail for Mich City thence to La Port (the cars go on new time to night leaving here at 9.50 P. M.) from La Port I go to Indianapolis thence to Pitts. to be there next Friday, and then if possible home Saturday night, but I fear I shall not get further than Owego by night so I shall have to lay over Sunday If so I will telegraph you and you can meet me at Owego and we will go to Binghamton and visit Hopkins — Will you?

All well here, Much snow. Father, Mother & Mary came down yesterday from Hiram —

Excuse me from writing more as I must go —

Yours Affectionately

E Cowell

M. A. C.

Coldwater Mich Nov 19 1855

Mr Cornell

Dr Sir

I wrote to chicago to cobb for some zincs & a relay & some Platenum & sent word to me to apply to you. Will you please send me the articles I send for and I would like to get ½ doz thumb screws. please send By express & also have been doing Business for the Rail Road Co free & I sent to moore for a pass & he sent me a trip pass & said he had no authority to give a season pass. & I have been out to fix the line 4 or five times & have dad to pay every time but once dont think it is right this was before the consolidation. that I sent to him. Please write & tell me about the articles I spoke of & the pass whether I can get one or not

Yours &c

I S Gnato Opr

Coldwater

Branch Co

Mich

A B. Cornell
Nov 20. 1855

New York Nov. 20/1855.

My Dear Father,

Your favor of the 15th inst covering a remittance of $150. came to hand today and I have paid Col Beebe the $25. and he seems to be my thankful, but I fear it will do him but little real good. as he appears to be pretty well loaded all of the time, I do not know what he is driving at in relation to the Munn will, but would not wonder if he was trying to bother them into buying him off.

In regard to telegraphing I must say we have the best working line out of New York or anywhere else, and I think that at least from this end it is the best worked as well as working. We work to Buffalo sine & direct every day & all day. there has not been a day in the last 30. that we have not done this. On my through line we work with Syracuse Rochester & 2 Buffalo's at least every half hour & frequently every 1/4 hour. this is not theory but practice, I see that it is done, and one day last week Friday I think

while working with Buffalo once, we received 21 from him & sent him immediately back 19. Comes which included four answers from 4 different men, to four messages which came in the 21 just received from Buffalo, all of which was done in just 42 Minutes, — another wire we work exclusively with Troy & Albany and the other one now in use to Utica, on which is done all business with the small office, between A. & Buffalo, and in a few days more I hope this week, as soon as we can get up the other river crossing we shall have another through wire, which we can work to Chicago if you can give us the tools west of Bu.? The boys who have been in the office for the past three to six years say they have more known business to be done as it is now done, and I mean to do it better yet pretty soon.

I have been so busy today that I fairly forgot my dinner, did not think of it, nor did I miss until I came home at 8½ pm & was eating supper. Elen remarked that I had a remarkably good appetite and it occured to me then for the first time that I had forgotten it.

I am considerably troubled about getting answers from your Lines west, too many of them come back by the House Line & I fear they are getting far more than their share of the business from the west. I am confident that if your business is promptly done you will have to give it to us, as I have known of the House folks being down at least 8 days of this month so far, while we have not been down an hour. I wish you & Stager could see how we are working, that would satisfy you, and still more we have quit sending reports & now the House folks have got their single wire lumbered up with that trash & how they can live by the side of us I dont know, for I am satisfied that the Line which does the business best will get the greater share of it, of course it will take a little time, but every day counts.

We have a note of $200 falling due here the 1st of Dec which must be paid. I think I gave you a memorandum of it some time ago. It is one I got discounted on a strict promise that it should be paid, and I hope you will be able to remit in time for it, If not I shall have to use funds of the Co's to meet it, which I do not like to do.

I have had to furnish my room here, which has cost me about $125. and some $40 or $50 dollars I had to use at Ithaca which I got here and I have got my life insured for $2000. which cost me $40. so that I am in debt to the Co some considerable now, but I hope you will be able to help me to enough to square up with pretty soon. as you know I used all the money I could get hold of to help you along, while I was where I could borrow.

Mr Curtiss was here today & bought W G Hunts stock in our line some 144 shares at 65. but he dont want it known, and also his nephew has just bought 175. shares of O I & I for $200. for him. which I suppose you are to have an interest, but am not sure.

He wished me to write you that Faxton is bound to get rid of his interest in the $8000. loan you made of them and it is necessary for him to say whether he will take it or not now within a week, as Butterfield stands ready to take it if he does not. He says he will take it if you will raise some $800 of the amt and thinks he could manage it by having your note for that amount at 4 Mos. & then could get half of it renewed 4 Mos longer & if you will do so Telegraph him immediately to "Close with Faxton" which he will understand, and write him fully by mail. It is important he says—

I wish you would write Stager & let him know how we are working & see if you cant induce him to favor us a little especially when House folks are not working, which is often, as I understand he is quite friendly to us.

Would it do for me to write to Stager about giving us our answers from Cincinnati &c.?

You do not tell me anything about how matters have shaped since consolidation or anything else, please write me fully & often.

A letter from mother this morning reports them all as well as usual. She is suffering from an occasional attack of that difficulty in her stomach—

Uncle Orin wants to hear from you.— It is late and I will go to bed. Elen is quite well indeed for her situation - She sends her love to you.

Yours Very Affectionately

A. B. Cornell

Binghamton Nov 20th 1855-

Cornell Esq

Dr Sir

Your favr of the 16th dated at Chicago, is just at hand- The draft enclosed all right- The note on which it is to apply is $206, and is dated in December 10th, 1854- I am sorry the draft is not sufficient to cover the note as I had relied upon it to the full amount- Please forward the balance as early as convenient-

If I were as well convinced of the full value of the Stock of the Consolidated Lines as you are, perhaps I might be induced to buy some of it. But as I owned only shares to get enough to be a bother I prefer keeping my money in something else- If I had more invested in such property it might be an object- What I have I would gladly sell at some price, as I cannot see, but that the Consolidation of these Lines west, with the same interest so largely in the preponderance, thereby throwing all business on to their Line at Buffalo- will completely destroy the value of the stock in this old Line- If you can figure it different I shall be very glad of it, although my interest is small- It seems they

were too much for Jim or me Curtiss
as they have repudiated the contract
to lease their Line to the N Y A & B Co.
How do you interpret it - I have been
to Utica and fixed the lease for this Line
upon the first of February next -
Please write soon -

Yours Truly
P A Hopkins

P. A. Hopkins
Akron Ohio

Burlington Nov 22nd 1855

Dr Sir

Yours of the 19th was rec'd this morning together with the accompanying documents which I showed the Supt. He borrowed them for the purpose of finding out when the mistake was made. In regard to the suit, it was argued before the Sup. Court in September last, and we shall probably get a decision at the regular term in January. I expect a remittance as you promised some time last Spring or better you expected to be in funds. It would be agreeable at any time. Mr Loomis may expect a reversal of the judgment below, but as it yet remains in the breast of the Court. I am not now to know what this judgment will be

Very Respectfully Yours

L. B. Eastaly

New Albany and Salem Rail Road.

FREE PASS—NOT TRANSFERABLE.

Pass Mr Cornell

Telegraph man

from Michcity

to Lafayette

Nov 29 1855

Jens Butterfield

Agt

[See over.]

☞ The person who accepts this Free Ticket, thereby assumes all risk of accidents, and expressly agrees that the Company shall not be liable, under any circumstances, whether of negligence of their Agents, or otherwise, for any injury to the person, or for any loss or injury to the property of the Passenger using it.

E. Darwell Esq
Albion.

Rochester Nov. 22. 1855.

Sir/

I can hardly tell where to address a letter to you with the hopes of reaching you in any reasonable time. I hear of you almost every where, but long no where.

I send you a printed copy of our agreement for consolidation. I have sent one to Sholes, Walbridge, Howard, Wendell, Wood &c.

I understand Mr. Sholes is acting Supt. on the line north of Chicago, whether as your deputy, or in some other capacity, I do not know. It is very important that we should learn as soon as possible the relation of all parties. We can never act in perfect harmony till every one knows his place.

I understand also that there was an existing arrangement, at the time of the union, between the R. & M. Line and the Wisconsin State Tel Co. for an exchange of business. What might then have been equitable, can hardly be so now. We ought to be informed precisely what the arrangement was, and if there is any good reason for its continuance. I have had some experience in uniting lines, I am fully aware of the difficulties & their removal can only be speedily effected by a full understanding of previous arrangements.

Yesterday & today, I have issued circulars to the several offices on your old line. I have been expecting that either you or Wood would, ere this, have sent one a list of the operators or managers of the several offices with their salaries; and yet I can hardly

tell how I could expect it of you, whose time
is so completely engrossed with your avocations.

Yours &c

J. R Elwood

J. R Elwood
D. D. Asst
1858

Norwalk Oct. 24th

Dear Sir

Yours received.
Enclosed you will find three dollars the balance due you. I did not know that there was anything due the company from this office as I have always remitted all that was due the company at the end of the month, unless I made a mistake in counting.
I also wrote to Mr Wood to send me a book as the old one is nearly full I have room in books about two weeks more business in it. Please send one as soon as possible or if you cant send me one I think I can get one made at Sandusky. Telegraph me if you can send it or not. As for the instrument I have now got a sounder but I shall send the old to Cleveland & have it repaired.

Yours Respectfully
Geo. Swigler

Nov
Providence 25th 1855

Dear Uncle

Have I not improved very much in answering letters that I receive from my friends but you must not think that I have forgotten you or the letter that remains unanswered on the contrary I do not think that a day has passed that I have not thought of it it has rose like a grim image of neglected duty disturbing the serenity of the moment I have often resolved that the future should atone for the past but day after day passes on and hops collected on heaps on tomorrow shall atone for the work of to day you may ask why I do not reform these evels at least I ask myself why I do not an I know of no other reason then that I am to careless to do anything and to indolent to improve We are all well as usual and our friends as

far as we know Uncle Miller's daughters Sarah and Mary are at Daniel Gould Sarah on a visit and Mary is taking ~~is taking~~ French Lessons in the city We have had excellent weather as mild and pleasant as one could wish it until a few days ago the first ice appeared since then we have had quite a hail storm a little snow and plenty of cold rains with clear comfortable cool days that is with coats cloaks and fire We received a letter from Uncle Edward informing us that he has the western fever so it appears that westerners as well as easterners contract the disease he also informed us that grandfather and mother was going to Michigan to spend the winter we should have been very much pleased to have had them passed the winter with us We are all at home except Eddy Alonzo continues at printing which he likes better the longer he workes at it he is now sketching the Soldiers Farewell an engraving in the book that you presented me he and Elijah

attend evening schools which are opened every winter for young men who cannot attend day schools. Emy and Thomas attends the Grammar school and I have commenced attending a writing school although from the specemin before you it is not probable that you judge that I have taken any lessons Father still talks of moving for a livelihood he has not decided to move west yet

How is your arm you left your liniment here which I discored soon after you had gone Elijah was going down street took it with him to the depot and arived there just as the cars left Alby has since rubed some on his leg an thought it eased it

I have a strange request to ask Uncle which you must do as you think best about granting I was thinking of you to night and of the place you now occupy I felt as though I should like to know an outline of the history of your early life

Affectionly Your Neice

Rebecca

Ezra Cornell.

Washington Nov. 26th 1856

E. Cornell Esq.

Dear Sir, Your letter of the 22d inst. is just at hand.

I am inclined to take the stock and make conveyance but should like to know more about the condition of the company. Perhaps Mr. Barbour when he arrives can give me all needful information.

I have seen a drawing & Specification of the Hughes instrument, and though I do not understand it in all respects, my conviction is that there is nothing to be feared from it.

I heard when in Newyork last that you and the House party had come to terms. So that I take no exceptions if the arrangement made with Speed &c. is carried out in good faith. How do matters stand?

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Amos Kendall

Albion
Mich.

Fremont Nov 28th 55

Mr Cornell

Dear

I Your letter rcvd as to my taken charge of the House offs I do not think It should interfere with the arrangement - made with Mr Wood I was to have all the rcpts up to $40 & half of all over $40 & pay all the expenses except repairs on line - With an opposition Offs would be impossible for me to do over $40 a month in this place - for the month of Aug rcpts ~~was~~ $40.04 & the rcpts of the House offs was only $10 or $18 Sure thing - they would do some business. I claim $27.10 (twenty seven & 10) as bal due on repairs of line by looking at my reports for Aug Sept & Oct you will find the amount cr to offs for money paid on msgs going beyond our line. Please take the whole amt from the $27.10.. & remitt me the Bal soon

as possible & oblige

Yours Truly

E. Cornell Supt

Wallace S. Butman

P.S.

Mr Hall says he wishes me to tell you to send him letter that Mr Ward took from him here.

W B

W S Butman
Nov 28. 1855

Ans^d Decr 17.55 and offered same terms as Ashtabula - viz 3/4 recpts & Co pay ex repairs - he pay all other expenses -