Globe Village, Southbridge, Mass:
December 1st 1855

E Cornell Esq:

Dear Sir;

The New York Daily Herald of Nov 17th gives a statement of what can be done by a new Telegraph Register invented by David E. Hughes of Louisville Ky., and also that he has sold the patent of the new Telegraph, to a new Telegraph Company for over $100.000.

Among the items claimed in this article as having been invented by Hughes, is that of sending two independent circuits upon one wire at the same time. Did not you do the same thing in 1846? If so, Hughes is not the original inventor of that part of his machine, or at least, is not the first who invented machinery to do this. I think I have a plan of those circuits in my trunks which was drawn that year, together with a plan extending it to as many offices as you choose in the same circuit.

The Herald speaks of Hughes machine as being already patented and the patent sold. I looked over the official list of patents granted from Sept 1854 to 20th Nov 1855 and found nothing

of Hughes's patent of a telegraph. Mcnn & Co Sci. Am Agency know nothing of such a patent being granted.

The probability is that "patent is applied for," but not yet granted, and that an assignment has been made of a patent which is expected.

I do not positively know that you have any direct interest in the foregoing statement, but thinking that possibly you might have, and might not see the ~~above~~ article in the Herald referred to, and would not wish to have the patent office act under a false impression in supposing Hughes to be the first who had invented a plan of sending two independent circuits on one wire, I take the liberty of advising you of the fact, so that if you have any interest in the matter you can act accordingly; but I must also beg as a favor that the fact of my having notified you may remain a secret.

Faithfully Yours

Albert J Partridge

Tel. Opr. Sabridge

W. Rayne Waverly
Pa Decr 4, 1855

Waverly Dec 4th

~~E.E.~~ Comm Esq

Sir

I had a little conversation with you at Corning Friday Evening on the subject of a tract of land of ~~4600 acres~~ 12 miles above Warren on the Allegany River 1600 acres I have this day sold this lot, But for the purpose you wish to buy I have another tract that cannot fail to please you 1100 acres near the Clarion River Jefferson Co Penn

16. miles N of Co. seat,
one mile from River
on or very near the
Allegany Valley R.R.
adjoining old improved
farms — two roads passing
through the tract
600 acres good farming
land — 400 pine
balance W. Oak.
1 vein of coal 12 ft.
thick on 600 acres
Iron ore plenty
altogether a very
valuable property
& will bear the
closest Examination
Price $10 pr acre
address — H. Payne
or A. Jones — Waverly
Ny.

Dr P. Gordan
Dec 6 1855

Pike Dec 6th 1855

Dear Friend

I Rec'd your friendly communication from Indianapolis last summer but thought it not prudent for me to go west & so far south at that season of the year — I thought then if I lived until Fall I would go without fail but Alas we know not what a day may bring about — My Son has gone away to work and left me alone & it seems to be my fate to stay here in Pike and wave myself out without accomplishing much — I am not verry familiar with the Telegraph Lines now days — I have some 1800" wire in my Barn but

no Inst. or Bait to play
upon it therefore it is
not verry interesting to me—
I learned from Mr Hopkins
you had the misfortune to
break an arm but was getting
along well—how is it——

There was a ballance
due from you to me for
services rendered from Jany
15th to July 1850 of $40.27
Interest on it to this date 15.26
$55.53

Now if you can send me
the amount above or a
part of it I shall be
verry thankful for I am
in need of it for the high
prices of Provisions call
for more than I can
manage to earn—write
me soon & if I should ever
go west I shall find you
if Possible yours truly D. P. Gordon

Milwaukee Dec 6th 1858

Mr Connell

Dear Sir

If you remember I gave you in Ch last Spring a full statement of your purchase of western line & you put it in your side pocket. I kept no account of it on books supposing that statement was all you would require. But will now give you the figures as near as can which are not far out of the way —

Paid Sentinel for one half interest in line —— $2027.00

Payments as follows —

Draft on E. Connell -	410.00
Due bill payable in telegraphing	993.00
	1403.00
Turned the Sentinels old a/c as near as can recollect	624.00
	$2027.00

The above I think is nearly the figures but there was no entries made of them only on statement given to you. All the Sentinels Telegraphing both Associated Press & private dispatches have been Endorsed on this due bill. or in other words turned.

Associated Press Account

Recd from Asso Press - for 8 months transmission 75$ per month. $600.00

By -

Endorsed on Sentinels account different times	294.90
Deduction on reports for failures	60.00
Paid in Cash on Construction a/c of western line for E. Cornell	167.77
My Expenses to Wisconsin several times to purchase & arrange line	77.33
	$600.00

The amt paid on construction a/c (167.77) was the amt you half was behind in constructing line previous to purchase and I paid it to equalize the amounts paid by each share. The amt I paid for expenses may seem large to you now but I can give you the items if you wish. It was paid for fare on RR & expenses while on that business. Had to go to Madison & Louisville several times also to Au & it was during the big snow storms last winter

got snowed in & no cars or Stages sum for weeks — the deduction (60$) on Sefort was owing to line being down therefore had to refund to the Press — I hope you may find the Statement I gave you which may explain to you more satisfactory as regards your purchase —

There was due on Sentinel due bill previous to Nov 1st some 311 dolls — Their bill for Nov was some $173.00. which now leaves due only about $138.00 — which they will use up this month probably —

The Wis State Tel Co. are not in debt. we owe nothing but what money from RR will square up. It is now nearly all over on RR. have some 3 miles to shift over — It is well built & is a good working line. It has not worked to amt to anything until November for which month the receipts were very good & will continue to be during the winter and in fact the year around — J B. Stone is the Treasurer and James Murray. Secy. they keep the accounts — Previous to Nov the expenses of offices have been equal to recpts & some more — Nov reports not in yet therefore can't say how much the recpts

J. S. Draper Statement Dec 6. 1855

[illegible] total – But it is found to do good business & will pay –
I saw Mr Wood today & he said I better endorse Sentinels bill
for Nov & send in report to Rochester which I have done –
as heretofore – I have paid Mr Wood on construction account
of Lake Shore line $550.00 & he will probably want some more
to finish up – They are now within 9 miles of here with wire &
line works finely – Our recpts for Nov was $954 & some cts –
Cannot you increase my salary here it will not give me
a livelihood – as everything here has gone up as high as it is
in Ch – Houses that rented one year ago for 150 now rent
for 300 – Board in proportion & everything else to correspond – I think
the salary should be raised as they have always paid 600$
when recpts was not half so much as now & expenses of living
half as much – Please do the best you can, & let me
hear from you concerning it soon as convenient. 73 –

Yours very truly
J. S. Draper

Fort Wayne Ind.
Decem. 7. 1855

Mr E. Comell

Sir

I ordered some blanks for Monthly report about the 27th of Novem. from LaFayette I have recd none from there yet I succeeded in getting one from LaGro this Morning. Consequently my Rep is behind time a few days. The Livery bill mentioned in my rep was incurred last Month "Nov" & that is all the bill that is not paid There is an old bill for Nitric acid amtg to about 14 dollars & also an old bill for Casting Zincs amount ~~very~~ not much & some half dozen other bill that will probably amount to Ten dollars in all

I have been alone here this week The Un. line Oper. having gone home I find the business is not too much for one to attend with the assistance of Mr Ferry who is my Messenger & a pretty good operator

We would like to have a written understanding from you to know by which line to send our business for all competing points directly & indirectly. I think we done about right in dividing business last month

for instance I have had every other N.Y.
Message Albany Buffalo Cleve. Sandusky
&c. I have had all the business for points
on this line Excepting Cin. that they have had
& we also take all the western business
We have divided all the Office Expenses Equally
I have refused to pay them ~~75~~ 80 cents on
a Message of 10 words from Buffalo going to
points on this line Toledo only pays 40 B
& he has not been down but one day since
the first of November I have also refused
to pay them 100 on Inds business going to Laporte
Inds sent the mess. via Union & I thought
it would not be right for me to pay them
such a high Tareff. it should go by our
line to Laporte for 45. instead of 140 —
I hope I may hear from you soon
Meantime I will do the best I know
how. Their Operator will be back
in a few days — business Continues
Good with us Not much for the other
line Just now!
Written in haste

M Boyce

E Cornell

Jonesville Decr 9
1855

E. Cornell
Albion
Mich
D Sir

I have rec'd a letter in regard to the suit in Chicago which makes it necessary for me to go to Chicago during the Decr term of ~~the~~ Circuit Court & as I have no pass it will be necessary for you to get me one as soon as you can for I suppose as arrangements are now they can hardly refuse it If little favors like this a refused I think an better refuse the use of the line to the Co altogether

Yours Truly
W W Murphy

Friend Connell;

I had the cost and trouble of a journey to Rochester to ascertain a very simple fact, which I am surprised was not communicated to you when you broached the subject of a contract for Wisconsin — viz — that Caton has the right to the use of the Stone and Mose patents in this State, under a purchase made of the Rochester Co. about a year since. This may surprise you — it assure you it did me — and was an effectual damper to the expectations which had been indulged in my mind that I should be able without much difficulty to secure the right for our Company on favorable terms. Mr. Elwood regretted the position of the matter; and intimated that whatever could be done to induce Mr. C. to relinquish that portion of his contract which covers Wisconsin, should be done. The difficult point to determine seemed to be how and through what agency it would be most advisable to approach C. to accomplish the object — That the common interest ~~will~~ be more effectually and immediately subserved by having Wisconsin in our hands, than by leaving it where it now is — the Rochester Co. are pretty well satisfied; and I have no doubt faithful efforts will be made to induce the Judge to relinquish this State, so that a contract similar to the one made with him, may at once be made with us; and thus we be enabled to enter the field at every point where favorable contracts can be made with R. R. Companies, for the building of

new lines, a number of which are now wanted - I fear, however, it will be a difficuer task to make or induce the Judge to relinquish any portion of the rights which he may have secured by his contract - But I am not without hope - Whatever you can do to aid in effecting the object, will of course be done - If there was no impediment in the way of my acting, I feel assured I could make two or three good contracts with R.R. Companies in the central and northern portions of the State. I have taken measures to ascertain definitely in regard to the new Stryker instrument - In Troy, N.Y. a few weeks since, I took occasion to call at the establishment of Mr. Phelps, the Genius telegraphic instrument maker, where I found three of the Stryker instruments in a partially finished state. My general impressions, after as much of an examination as I could make, and as much of an explanation as I could get, were favorable as to its success - I enclose you a part of a newspaper article on the subject, I purchased for a paper here, which will save me the trouble of again writing out what you would naturally ask for, something of a description of the invention. But to the point I had in mind when I commenced talking about this new patent - If it can be made to work as expected - a matter that will be satisfactorily tested in a month or less - I am in most decidedly for the right for Wisconsin, and as much more as can be had, provided we do not succeed as regards the House and Morse patents - Whether under any circumstances, and what, and when, we ought have the right for the

Haughey shall call. I shall know in less than a week - and will advise you further, if I know where to reach you.

Our western line is working well; and rightly managed, which we mean it shall be, will be profitable for its owners -

The very limited authority I have over this circuit has made me hesitate about exercising any. A new operator has been placed at Waukegan. I find he gives good satisfaction thus far to business men there; and I trust things will go along smoothly and advantageously now. It would be gratifying if you should allow us to place an operator of our own choosing at the northern instrument in "Chi" office - We have an eye upon a young man who, we think, will give full satisfaction. The boys in the "ci" are not very well pleased with the operator at present employed on the northern Key - There is more or less bad feeling and difficulty - arising mainly from a disposition in the "Chi" office to be unnecessarily waspish and important. We ought to have decent treatment, which we dont always get. Particulars could be given, but I shall not trouble you with them at present.

When the business becomes pressing on the Circuit I shall, with your permission, establish such rules as will give all offices a fair chance, and secure the greatest degree of efficiency in the general conduct of [redacted]

The balance due the E. & M. Tel. Co from this office shall be forthcoming as soon as I can get the K & B. R. R. Co. to liquidate. By the way, are we not entitled to something for the time and trouble taken and expenses incurred, in getting

the right of way on the Lake Shore R R routes. Our company derives no benefit from the arrangement made, and should certainly have a fair compensation for what service it may have rendered in the premises - Don't you think so?

How is the transfer of contract to be made when made or if made - Do. E. & M. Tel. Co. or Consolidated Company?

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by telegraph -

Yours respectfully and truly
C. C. Sholes

Kenosha, Dec. 13. 1855.

C. C. Sholes
Dec 13 1855

Coldwater Dec 14, 1855

E. Cornell Esq
Dr Sir

The young man who was in the Telegraph Office here has left & gone into the P.O. at Toledo - so that we have no operator here now

A Mr John Young an old & a good Operator is in the County Registers Office & says that if we will remove the Office to his Office he will attend to it —

The Office is now in the Building occupied as a P. Office and according to Haskins agreement with the Post Master is paying fifty cents rent per week

There should be something done with the Office at once — either send an operator - or let Mr Young attend to it - as you are now paying rent & receiving nothing

Yours &c
Jno G. Parkhurst

P.S. I have not yet received the Statement you promised I need my

Lafayette Dec 15, 55

E. Cornell Esqr
Albion
Mich

Dear Sir,

Your favor of 14th before me
I am very sorry I did not get to see
you. I wish you had filed me a few
days prior to your arrival here so I
could have been at home. I came
in tonight from Delphi. We have had
quite a job. a portion of 2 days we rolled
through rain, mud deep & a great deal
of work to do. The line has been out
of order for sometime past & the boys at
this office & at Delphi could not find
out the trouble. & I went to find it. We
had not enough insulators to start on
the Indianapolis trip, & the reason of my
postponing that trip, & going to Delphi at
this time, the trouble was in the insulation
& at some points the wire had worn into
the sap of green trees.

As regards insulators
I ordered 3 boxes of them last July sent
to Union, by some means they were
sent to Vincennes. I could find out

nothing about them until here of late (in meantime I had ordered two boxes more & disposed of them) I wrote the Express agt at Pittsburgh in regard to the matter agreeing to take the glass if he would have them returned to ~~[illegible]~~ without extra cost. but instead of doing so he returned them with over 12 dolls charges. I then wrote the agt at Indianapolis telling him I would pay $5.00 for the glass, if I could have them immediately which would be more than the regular chgs. If not, that we would look to the company for the bill of glass & also for damages. I have not as yet heard from him I should have done so several days since. If we get those glass we will not need others for sometime. I did not feel like ordering another lot, before hearing what disposition was made of the lot referred to above. I engaged a lot of blocks & caps for those old Lumbler insulators & expected to have been on my way to Indianapolis sometime ago with them but our folks have been unable to bore the caps. cannot bore in the end of the wood. They promised to try another plan today. I have not heard what their success has been, but I fear unfavorable.

As regards the line to Cincinnati

from Dayton. I have been unable to do anything, when I last heard from you I was told that funds would be forthcoming (or something similar) to put things in order, at another time it was thought that we could get privilege of putting our wire on House Poles. We have not heard what was the result of your attempt, so to do, I do not hear from you often enough to be posted in your arrangements neither have I known where to write you, since you left Rochester some time since. The Reports have been here awaiting your orders, I supposed from some remark of yours that you would get them when you passed through here. I am ever ready to do my "whole duty" but when not advised as to what is wanted. I find it hard to do much particularly when I have nothing to work with.

We have no wire to Chicago, & the Operators at that point think that an order or request from me amounts to but little inasmuch as I am not connected with that line. I have no idea that we can do much business with them - unless they are made to know that it is your wish that my

orders must be complied with so far as matters connected with the O I & I line are concerned & that their failure to comply will be just cause for dismissal.

I wrote Mr Burrows Supt of Valley road in regard to "complimenting" each other until definite arrangements were made with their road to put our line upon it, agreeably to your desire. I have not heard from him yet.

Your draft from Indpls for 50$ also the one for 50$ enclosed in your last letter recd. Small favors thankfully recd. I am "suffering" for larger ones. I do not suppose one day passes that I am not harassed with the thought that my reputation is suffering for the want of only $318. due from me the 22nd of October last, nothing hurts me so much as a failure to comply with my agreements & this is the 1st one I believe in which I have failed.

Union Operator at Wayne refuses to divide Cin business with our line when we are down. He considers it a competing point. Consequently

12/15/55

He takes all the business for that point. Also for Pittsburgh. Eckert & myself can do nothing. Our hands are tied. He awaits orders from their Board of directors & I from you. in the meantime the Operators do as they please. That is about as near as I can "guess" at it. It is folly to keep two Operators at this point Yet I do not see how we are to avoid it. Eckert appears to think Jones is the man for the place. Yet our interest is too great to allow their Operator to Act as Manager of the office.

The insulation used by the union folks must be superior to ours. Their line on the Ohio & Pennsylvania RR a distance of some 180 miles has been worked by 4 grove cups which satisfied Alvord (Supt of line from Louisville to St Louis) so perfectly of their excellence that he ordered 6000 at once. In making repairs we should use such articles as are to our interest & for the effectual working of the line.

My last 2 letters which were very lengthy remain unanswered. There are many things in them that should

receive attention. The S & B Railroad must owe us some 75 dollars. I asked for a statement of Union office prior to June last. I paid that office some 40 dolls. All the Material furnished those offices the R R. should pay for. All the "local" repairing done by the offices or done by Palmer or any other person for them, the R R should pay for. because it is the legitimate expense of the respective offices. The latter "item" has recd no attention. If I had things straightened up for the past I could keep it right in future, if it is your desire. I wish to do all within "my power" to assist you, & had I a sufficiency of means with which to operate I would soon show a different state of affairs. I cannot see how you can expect much of me under circumstances. I work out on line through rain & mud as well as through pleasant weather, trying to save money, & am ready to lay my hand to "anything" to keep doing anything that is not dishonorable. We had 3 new poles to put up here in town the other day. I asked Irain to go along & assist. I was packing a lot of tools & wanted him to do the same. He felt that it was stooping "too low" to do it. So I

concluded, we did not want such men & sent him "home".

I saw Crawford (who owes you) at Forest as I was passing through. I had no time to talk to him. You had better write him.

The last 7 days of October Smith of Wayne should not be allowed Salary for having recd his discharge that length of time before the Expiration of the month.

We need a battery at Laporte very much but we cannot use any kind but a Grove or something similarly small, because it will have to be kept over office during the Winter & the room is small & hard of access. (It would freeze in Bellfory)

I can sell our copper cups at 22 cts pound. Our crocks can be sold at cost & our zincs can be used in Grove battery. We now want "acid" & we will dispense with the Dutch at this point which I consider more Expensive than the Grove & also a Nuisance. I saw an excellent article of acid at Wayne belonging to Union Line, purchased at Pittsburgh at 11 cents.

Strong of Defiance informs me that the Taxes for 1854 are unpaid in Henry & Paulding Counties & also in Defiance this year. They amt to some 40 dolls for the 2 former & 10 in the latter. That it is prob-

ably
they will give us trouble if not settled soon.
He has rec'd the draft for 150, I sent by you.
Kiersted says there is an attachment out
for those Junction poles but has not yet
been served.

Some man at Logansport
has a claim for boarding hands &c amounting
to some 6 or 8 dolls for which I was sued
by a Lawyer & that if not paid ~~that~~ an
attachment would be issued at once.
I told him that you had informed me
that you never hired men agreeing to
pay their board but if he would send me
the bill I would refer the matter to you
& if correct, would see it paid. I have
not as yet rec'd the bill neither have they
proceeded farther to my knowledge.

The Greenville road is in the hands of the
Bond holders but from what I can hear
the present Supt is but little better than
Taylor.

The New Albany & S RR has Anderson
of N Albany as their Supt. We cannot
do anything with them because they are
"hard up"

Bowen of Indianapolis has been
elected County Auditor & there is a pos

fect of our getting our money out of him.

I just rec'd a letter from Hutsonville in regard to line between Terre Haute & Vincennes. It is said to be in very bad order & that there is evidently a great amount of wire taken off. The Evansville folks still want to get a lease of that portion of the line & will put it in good order at once. If we cannot put it to ourselves we had better make some disposition of it before it is totally distroyed.

The Pigua line is going to pieces & also from D to C. It is very trying to "me" to see things going, downt, downt, without the power to stop their progress. I felt in hopes when the consolidation took place we would get means with which to "operate" I drew that inference from your letters. Our Landlords at Pigua & Troy are getting uneasy about their rent money & want something done.

The mast on the East side of the river at Montezuma will soon fall & they want a new one. I wrote the Operator there that if the citizens would raise 30 or 40 dollars we would put up a new one that the office was too small to remunerate us if we went to the expense of erecting one ourselves

I have not heard from them yet.

On the Ivory & Pigua reports I have made corrections with my pencil, they are now according to my contract, there is a balance due us but I fear it will "remain so".

We are out of Blank Registers at this office. also at Bridgeport & others are almost so. Blank reports almost out also. I do not know what we shall do.

Our roll paper is out & quite a number of the offices need it & will soon be unable to do business for the want of it.

Our Messenger just came in to tell me that Sheerr cannot bore those caps for Thimble insulators I sent ten dolls by Todays Express to McKee for Thimble insulators & by the time Palmer gets back from Lafayette I hope to have the glass.

The boy has also brought your telegh asking if I would be here Friday. We need a good young man at this office. If you can send us such an one at 25 or 30 dolls per Month please do so.

Our offices are not prompt enough in sending in their reports

& could we fill their places with another lot of Operatas I would be tempted to discharge several for their dazzines,

If you can make an arrangement with our Railroads on which you propose putting lines to have young trees transplanted. I wish you would do so. in ten years from the present time & in less time probably. It would cost but very little to keep it in good repair & the longer it stood the less expense would attend it. by transplanting young trees as we pass along (or two men sent on purpose could in a few months go over our line from here to X taking a portion of their own soil along with them & by getting them at the places we need them they will have the same soil to grow in & will be out of the ground but a few minutes consequently would be injured but very little if any. From here to Delphi we can get nice young trees any place. There are some places between here & Toledo that a few would have to be handled, but are of minor importance, I feel so confident of the success of such an undertaking that I am exceedingly anxious about the matter, & have been so for a long time.

I hope you will give me a little more time. If you cannot be

with me please take the time to answer my letters. this is my third letter for you to answer.

I will stir the offices up about back reports & forward to you wherever you may direct.

Yours in haste,

I. Haas

I. Haas Dec 15.55
Rec'd Jan'y 25.56

Ithaca Dec 17/55

Dear Brother

When you were here, you spoke to me, about wanting the avails of your note - I replied, that I did not know that I should want it, or any part of it, as Sylvester Snyder had a note due me, 2nd Jany, of fifty seven (57) dollars, & would like to take it up, but he is not in a condition to do it - I would like to pay Morgan & Swifts doctor bill, next month, and would like you to raise me, forty (40) dollars, if possible, when you come home, and I will wait upon you for balance, as long as I can, consistently; Your note was given, Jany 17, 1854, for one year, amt, $168 75,

upon which Frank paid me, Apl 1st, fifty five dollars, in colt stock, leaving balance of $113.75/100 and interest for year; from which, I will deduct my board, for about three mos. due you, so you will understand, how the matter stands — I thought you might wish to make arrangements to bring more money with you, than you otherwise would, & therefore deemed it best to advise you — Mary Ann and the children are very well — Weather beautiful,

Yours Truly
Otis E. Wood

O. E. Wood
Dec. 55

Rochester Dec. 18th 1855

Mr. Curtiss.

Dear Sir.

Can nothing be done with that Western line? They are acting with exceedingly bad faith towards us. All of my Western answers are rec'd by the House Line and it is working our business a serious injury. On Saturday Lewis telegraphed Barker Chicago by us and the answer was received same day by House Line. Yesterday Dalton telegraphed Stone Cleveland by us and the answer was rec'd by House Line and this is only one instance in half a dozen daily. All the Western business I get now is among my intimate friends who patronize the line on my account not because I get Western answers.

Mr. Makepeace tells me that not half the answers to messages over our Line are given to us, & I know it is injuring us at this locality greatly.

The only way to keep up business is to get quick answers and just at present this is our weak spot.

Can nothing be done? Col. Speed.

Geo Curtis 18 Dec 55

called on me last week and of his own accord told me that Lewis was under the same obligation to give us our legitimate business as heretofore, that the Slave Contract was continued.

Our [redacted] business from this point has been quite considerable but its end seems to have come though I hope it is temporary.

Yours,
A. Cole Chevey

E. Connell

Dear Sir

You can readily see what effect it will have on our business if the consuls from our Customers are to be returned over the Havre Line they can see that means to get our Customers & to injure our reputation & at the same time intend to give us as much business in the aggregate as the Contract calls for. The only way that all this difficulty can be avoided is to have the arrangement consummated that we have been trying to effect I suppose they will be ready on their part & now if we do not effect it, it will be in consequence of Morse & Kendall holding back under the influence of the New foundland men trying to secure our line & the other interests of Morse & Kendall Yours &c Curtis

Utica Dec 19 1855

E Cornell

Dear Sir

Your letter from Ashtabula of the 8th inst was duly recd. In regard to the business from Cincinnati and other business from the House Line you may be assured you will not hereafter have occasion to find fault I had written to Makepeace about keeping the Buffalo office open & to hold himself ready to put the business from your lines through without delay & he will do so Your son in NY is much engaged in giving despatch to your business he told me a few days since he had returned Cincinnati ~~has~~ answers in less than 5 minutes Our line works beautifully now We also have the Rail Road wire working & giving good satisfaction We have had two or three hurricanes within a month past one of which took down the new wire We put up across the River We shall have up another shortly. Only give us the business & it will be done. I enclose a a letter received to day from Mr Cheney Buffalo you see what he says & what he says is true at other offices & unless the Consolidation takes place We shall

Let us have your new invention you can arrange to let your co & the consolidated co East of Buffalo have it on some fair terms We want some thing to direct attention from the Hughes Patent Let us have some thing to match it

have trouble enough The House Co Write us that they are ready on their part & now the trouble is with our Co. The New foundland men who wanted to Lease our Line are now tampering with Morse & Kendall & trying to perswade them to not give their consent We require 2/3 of our Stock holders to the arrangement & therefore need Morse & Kendalls consent. The New York men who want to lease are holding up the Hughs Patent as a bug bear to prevent Morse & Kendall from assenting, & offer 8 pct for the Line for 20 years Same as they offered before

I noticed your remarks about your invention why not let us come out & brag about it & let us have something to match the Hughs invention

If you want a new pass on the N.Y.C R.R. after Jany 1 1856 enclose me the one you have & I will get one when I get mine Let me hear from you soon! have you any thing new from Ill & Miss Line Faxton still holds his Stock I have not been able to raise the money for him yet it is money he wants the reason he sells If any thing can be done by going out there I will go

Yours in haste
Geo Curtiss

Waukegan Dec 21 1855

E. Cornell

Dear Sir-

On My Return from Lake Superior I find a change in the office at this place I think that in justice to myself no change ought to have taken place untill My return at least being as I have been one of the oldest operators on this Line = and as far as I can learn no fault has been found in the manner in which My Sister done Business = And I Can I think truly Say that 3/4ths of the Business men of this Community would be glad to See Her Reinstated at all Events I Could get their Signitures to that Effect I Should at all events like to get it Back as it is a grate Help to My family - in Regard to the Debt you Hold I owe the Line if the ofs is given Back I will get Secured to you payable in 30 days - Have been unfortunate this Season in Lake Superior Trade and lost what little I Had or Should have made arrangements with you Ere this. I will give you Do Dickinsons acceptance at thirty days for all I May find Myself Indepted to Line if ofs is given Back

Please answer Soon

Philo M. Clark

Direct to Philo M Clark Waukegan Ill

Washington Dec. 26th 1855

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir, Your letter of the 15th inst. is now before me.

If satisfied that $75.000 would control all the main lines west of Buffalo, I should be tempted to help raise it. What is embraced in your "consolidated company" and what is the amount of its stock? I have not confidence enough in my ability in this matter to ask you to meet me in Newyork; but I shall be there the latter part of next week, and if you should be in that quarter I should like much to see you.

Your old friend Smith has been urging me to join him in a suit against the Newyork & Erie Railroad, and on my declining in consequence of his concurrence in the rule as stated by you, he bitterly denies it and among other things says "Cornell will lie outright, unsupported by one shadow of correspondence or other act of mine if he makes any such representation as you allude too." Yet knowing that he will himself "lie outright" whenever he thinks a lie of any use to him or any injury to an adversary, I cannot give credit to his aspersions.

Albion Mich.

Yours truly
Amos Kendall

Amos Kendall
Decr 26, 1855

E. Cornell Esq
Albion
Mich.

Adrian Dec 26 1855

Mr Bonnell

Sir

The R R are desirous that the old Line be brought into their office at the Depot. Perhaps it might be run in on the House poles avoiding the necessity of setting new poles from the main wire which would require as many as eight. The old Line is in a very bad way ~~to~~ in many places between Lenawee and Monroe — which perhaps is not necessary to mention

Yours Respectfully

B. J. Cole
Up town office

E. Cornell Esq

In account with James Cocker Co Dr.

1854			
March 22	To Merchse.		277.02
" "	To —		473.40
			750.42
Cr			
Mch 31st	By Cash	300.00	
Dec. 18	By —	100.00	400.00
			$350.42

84 John St New York
December 28th 1855

E. Cornell Esq
Indianapolis Ind. } Dear Sir

It is a matter of much regret to us that we Ever sent the Wire now nearly two years ago, & we are very anxious to know, whether there is any probability of our Ever being paid for it — please send us information on this subject, also if the wire is in good order & if all Expenses for storage have been regularly paid. If it is not likely to be wanted we had better dispose of it for the best price it will fetch or have it back to New York. Waiting your reply

We are yours very truly
James Cocker Co

Fremont Dec 29th 1855

Mr. Cornell
Dep

Yours of the 17th
recd I will accept of your
proposition & would like to
enter in to a written agreement
with you for one year on your
terms. I have 3/4 of the Gross
rcpts & hay all expenses except
repairs of line which are to be
deducted from the co. one fourth
rcpts or if the expense of repairs
of line exceed 1/4 rcpts. The co
are to remitt me the Bal on rcpts
of my report. I will probably
not make it pay in the winter
But may do well enough in the
summer & fall to make up for
dull winter months. I did not
claim any ~~thing~~ Bal due me on
repairs of line in Nov. But ~~for~~ the
months of aug - Sept & oct before the con
solidation took place Please

answer this as soon as convenient & let me know what time you wish me to take the office on your terms stated & Oblige

Yours Very Respectfully
Wallace S Butman

E Cornell Supt

W. S. Bateman
Dec 29, 55
Accepts Fremont
Office

sends her respects to Mrs
Cornell and yourself
hoping you will enjoy your-
selves in the west. I would be
pleased to hear from you soon
and I will write you a longer
letter, give my best respects to
Mrs Cornell and reserve a
large share for yourself
and may you possess all the
happiness the mind can
enjoy or the heart desire
and may that happiness be
without end,
Yours very respectfully
Christobel A Riley
To, E, Cornell

Speed's Telegraph Line,

CONNECTING WITH ALL THE PRINCIPAL PLACES

IN THE UNITED STATES & CANADA.

Office two doors west of entrance to the American Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio.

Cleveland, 1855.

By Telegraph from

To

they have plenty of help & can spend as much of their time soliciting custom as they like. Their office is handy to the dock & we ought to open our dock office early - Shall I promise the dock men an office there in the spring? I do not fear but I can have my row with all their combined forces I hope you will see Lavine the agt of the associated press. If you do not get the reporting from them they ought to appoint some agent here other than the House line managers Van is ostensibly the agent but divides

the pay with Haviland making the house line the agint to see that justice is done by themselves to the press. I have so far got over fifty dollars of them for forwarding reports when they were down.

There are five or six hundred cedar poles here from Lake Huron for sale do you want them, They ask a dollar but would probably take less. They are not needed here unless to rebuild the Pitts line — We need new poles from this to Franklin Mills where the Pitts & Wheeling lines diverge, then put up but one wire for both lines to that place.

A small daily paper here took our reports & owes us some eighty five dollars I suppose they are hardly able to pay it. Shall I take what I can get & throw off the rest?

You spoke of the employers of Ohio line being too much in our office. When ABC was here Haviland still belonged here & Van was drawn here by him & We give them a cold shoulder & see them but seldom — I hardly treat them civilly Yours Truly J McCabe

Mil via to Prairie du Chien

M. & M. R. R.	190 miles
Mil. to Waterloo	50 "
From Waterloo to F. Du Lac	50 "
" Janesville to Dubuque	84 "
Milwaukee to S. B.	115 "
Milwaukee to La Crosse	200 "
	569

We claim the territory under Holchkin contract from Milwaukee to Madison, ~~via Janesville~~ — from Madison to Galena via Monroe Point &c. — and from Chicago to Galena, via Rockford, — for use of Mons Probst — also from ~~Milw~~ to Janesville and Beloit — from Madison to Fort Winnebago and Barabas — from Milwaukee via Port Washington, Sheboygan — Fond du Lac, Oshkosh, Appleton — to Green Bay.

Wisconsin
Lines

Wisconsin. Lines
1855

Dodson 12, 1855
Montgomery Co. O.

Dear Sir

I write you a small note wishing you to give me some information of E Cornell or where E B. Cornell is. I have wrote to him and E C. both and received a letters from each of them but no money. It is no use to call on E. B. Taylor President of the Greenville R. R. Comp for money he says the Company ~~do not~~ is out E Cornell's debt. If any of them is there I wish you write me if not please forward this note to Albion Michigan your Mr. Brinkhoof Jas. McGeehen

Ithaca Jan 1st 1856

Dear Father

I have been waiting for mother to come home from Dryden so as to know what to do about writing for you to send me the money to pay the taxes which has got to be paid between now and the first of Feb, Your tax is $11,38 and there is a tax for Alonzo which amounts to $36,69 which I do not know whether you have got to pay it or whether he has got to, And the man that got those Apple seeds for you has been here for his pay several times All well

Yours truly
E, C, C

E, C
Aunt E B C says tell E C that their taxes are due

South Bend Jany 3: 1856

E. Cornell Esq.

Dear Sir

I herewith send you your Deed for S.M. Line &c - and a Certificate for 2 Shares Stock - I have the promise of 2 Shares more but will have to pay a little more for them, will do the best I can - the owner of them Mr Harris cannot lay his hands on the Certificate yet. but there is no mistake but what he has it - thinks he will find it soon.

Truly Yours

Chas M Heaton

Wrightstown Jun 3d/56

Mr. E. Cornell
Utica N.Y.

Dear Sir.

The Telegraph Co is Still indebted to me in the Sum of $35.00 I believe you promised me if I would wait untill the Fall that has just passed you would have the matter all Settled up. I have waited in Compliance with your Reguest and have received no money yet. I do hope you will not Keep me out of the money any longer as I need the money very much. I have the Old Instrument here yet I will Send it if you desire

Hopeing you will remit me the money immediately upon the receipt of this

I Am Yours &

Chas. D. Morgan

D H Craige Esq Agt. N.Y. Associated Press—

Dear Sir

Our Company understands the contract heretofore existing between the Associated Press. & the Spy & Miss Telly Printing Tel. Co for sending reports west from Buffalo, to have expired on or about the 1st of November last, Since which time they have continued to send the reports on the same terms as before, and will continue to do so until the first of February next, after which the present arrangement will be discontinued.

I will propose to you in behalf of the Western Union Tel, Co To continue the service after the 1st Feb 1856 as follows—"viz"

We will transmit the reports of average quantity of last year, to the same points, viz Cleveland, Sandusky, Toledo, Detroit, Chicago, & Milwaukie, copy and deliver the same to such Newspaper Editors, or other telegraph lines as you direct, Will make out the bills against Editors and Telegraph Co's Weekly at such rate of price as you direct, and present the same for payment, following your directions in respect to stopping reports from such parties as neglect to pay for the same, Appropriating such money as we may collect to the payment of our company for transmitting the reports, and remit to your order any balance there may

be over the amount due the Telegraph Co
For the above specified service we will charge
you Six thousand dollars per annum, payable weekly as the amount shall
be collected from Editors & others to whom you may sell Report.
We will also transmit news messages from
any of our Offices Eastward for the Ass^d Press
at a deduction of ~~twenty five per cent, for~~ one fifteen
~~all messages~~ from regular rates, ~~on all~~
~~over twenty words~~, this dont include First Mess

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell
Supt

New York Jany 4. 1856

Proposition
to Craigie

Ithaca Jan 4, 1856

My Dear Mary Ann

I reached home at 7.30, after the coldest night ride. I ever recollect of having since Stage coaches went out of fashion, I sat next to the stove all night, and my feet suffered with the cold,

I found all well, Perry has just got home from Dryden and reports all well there, Emma says she is "aunt emma, and you are Grand Mother Cornell" they are having lots of fun at the expense of Ell redheaded boy,

I wish you would remind Alonzo, that there is some loose papers in that ledger containing the proceedings of two meetings that has not been entered on the record & request him to see that they are not lost, he better pin them to some page of the book so they can't get out,

Mary & Emma have both written you a letter as you will find enclosed -

Irish Mary says she hopes you will come home by next Saturday,

We have first rate sleighing here, over the hills & far away, My respects to all,

Yours affectionately

E. Cornell

Mary Ann

Ithaca Jan 5. 1856

Dear Sir

I forgot the sample of printing that you laid out for me to bring up, but I called on Andrus & Jaunllet & Co today with a sample of Morse against Smith and they said they charged seventy five cents a page for such work, whether leaded or not, That is the price of they charge our lawyers here for such work, most of them, do not have it leaded by which you get about 10 per cent more matter on a page —

I enclose you their card, If you find it to your interest to send them any work you may rely on it being done in workmanlike style, as per such sample as you may send them —

Yours. Respectfully
E. Cornell

E. W Chester Esq
N.Y

The State of Ohio Montgomery County

Michael Trontman Agst
E. Cornell.

Before M. Q. Butterfield J. P.
Dayton Township

Recd of E. Cornell Seventy five Dollars in full of the judgment rendered in the above case on the Seventh day of January 1856 for One hundred & Sixteen 89/100 Dolls and hereby acknowledge satisfaction of said judgment

$75.00

Michael Trontman

Jefferson Jan 6. 1856

My Dear
Mary Ann

We have fine sleighing in the country, and Frank & I have enjoyed it to day, We got a Horse & cutter this morning and are started at nine oclock and reached here at 2 P.M. got dinner, fed the horse & he started to return at 3. P.M. I stay, and start at 6 A.M. to-morrow morning for Rochester, I left all right at home, Mary was quite unwell, but was prevented from going to Sunday school this morning by a fall of 4 inches of snow last night which she did not like as she had fixed her mind on going, Yesterday she and Emma expected to go up "to the Deacons" a visiting, Esther having promised to call for them, but was probably prevented doing so by the cold, as it was a very cold day.

Frank occupied your place in bed last night untill. 1 A.M when Emma had a turn of crying, and I told Frank he might get up and put her in bed with me, he did so, and she was as good as a kitten the rest of the night, Frank in stead of returning to bed as I supposed he would made up a fire, put on my overcoat and snoozed out the balance of the night in the rocking chair or on the lounge,

Emma said this morning that she should make herself lay in the trundle bed when I was gone for Aunt Belsy And Hellaria would not let her get into bed with them, and she said she only wanted to sleep with me last night,

She says she wants to see Ells read headed baby verry much, and wants you to bring it home with you,

My ride over here this morning was a very cold one and I suffered reasonably, but not more than usual, We had to face a north west wind over the hills.

Frank will have the wind to his back on his return so it will not have it so tedious. If you had been home I am not sure but I should have proposed a sleigh ride to De-Ruyter, but it is perhaps best as it is for. I have been loafing so long away from my business that it is time. I got back to work.

My Cash account is short about $3,66. Write me at Albion and let me know how much money I let you have.

Compliments to All

Yours Respectfully
E Cornell

Mary Ann
N.Y.

Providence Jan 6th 1856

Dear Uncle

I assure you great pleasure that I received your autobiography and I did not read it without a feeling of pride that it was not every girl that had an uncle that would take the trouble to write to them after 9 P.M. an making the twenty fifth letter written that day. I am afraid answering my request has already taxed to much of your time but nothing would give me greater pleasure than to have the "narative continued" mother dying when I was very young I have scarcely had any opportunity to get acquanted with her relation and certainly have had none to become aquainted with their early days which is as interesting a period as any part of life especially to young persons I think we sympathize more in trials an struggles of youth as have

doubt but they give us strength and help in the formation of our own character yours is not found wanting in delineation of purpose Alonzo our printer (although he has not made made much progress in the art) says the difficulties which you were then surrounded only led to the discovery of the resources

We are all in tolerable good health except Albert who has another fever sore he had one about the first of Oct and was then obliged to leave school he then commenced the first of Dec but was soon obliged to leave again his health has always before been better winters than summer

We have had beautifully mild weather this fall and winter last week the first slaying snow fell and last night it snowed again this morning the snow is piled up in some places six feet or more Christmas it rained an snow as fast as it fell and a magnificent scene it was about noon the next day the trees and limbes were

covered about one fourth of an inch with ice while a gentle breese moved the limbs the Sun rays shining upon them caused them to sparkle like silver stars it was to dashing to look upon I almost wished that I was among the icebergs of Greenland that is if it was not so dreadful cold there I hardly think that a sea of prairie covered with flowers of every hue could have compared with it.

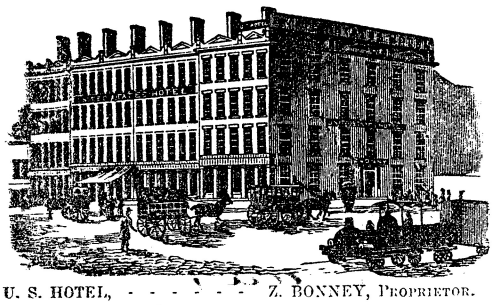
Father recieved your letter and proposition and was oblige for both he would have answered it before now but he has had a great deal to do being near New Year he says that if he goes west he should want to locate in a healthy neighborhood he has always thought that Illinois was not as healthy as some parts of the west he is very much afraid of the fever ague and would not wish settle where any one was even known to have it knows nothing of the nursery buisness except what he has read says

that he never grafted a tree in his life
We had a letter from Edward last week
was well likes very much and has not been
homesick once thinks that no one can help
liking a western home he is attending school
this winter gives quite an amusing sketch of
a western school house which you have no
doubt seen give my love to all inquiring
friends

I remain affectionately
your niece
R. Chase.

Mr. Ezra Cornell

Rhoda Chase
Jan 6. 1856



U. S. HOTEL, - - - - - - Z. BONNEY, PROPRIETOR.

United States Hotel,

CORNER PEARL STREET AND TERRACE.

Buffalo, Jany 7, 1856.

My Dear Mary Ann

I reached here this evening, at 7.18 P.M. after stoping 4 hours in Canandagua, and 4 hours in Rochester, Left Jefferson at 5^35 A.M.

I got Statement to day of first months earnings of Union line, November, as follows. Mo-Recpts, $21.658.47

Expenses - 14.452.98 net bal $7.200.49

which is the months profit,

Deduct from this Rent of Wade line for mo. 441.67

Take 3/10 of this for Erie & Mich 6.758.82

proportion makes for mo $2.027.65

Deduct from this sum 1/12 of $5,000 which is E & M portion to apply on bonded debt say - 416.66

Leaving the sum of = $1.610.99

to apply to dividend a/c on E & M stock after paying our stipulated portion of debt, This is more than double the amount we expect to divide, Our agreement is to devide only six per ct. untill the bonded debt is paid, and $750, per

month makes the 6 per ct. pay on.
We shall not do as well all this during
the winter but shall more than pay
Expenses, and in the busing months
shall do better than this,
This looks pretty well for a beginning,
and I am convinced that we shall Earn full
10 per ct for the year over all Expenses,
Enclosed I send you my N.Y.&
RR pass to come home with, and
want you to enclose it to me im-
mediately on your return home,
~~Not~~ you need not do so, as I may
miss it if you send it, You may keep
it till I get home and I will take
the risk of getting through without
it, Supt Lapham gave me a pass
today for a year over the Elmira &
Canandaigua RR, this was a favour
I did not, Expect or ask for, but
will be a convenience as I sometimes
wish to go home that way,
I learn from A.B.C dispatch not
at Rochester to day, that Orrin

was or would be in the City to go home with you. Which I am glad to hear and should have been very glad to see and made a visit with him You will give him my respects.

Fierce snow storm to night,

Compliments to All,

Yours Affectionately
E. Cornell

Mary Ann

P.S. To much tomorrow night, through Canada If I get a pass if not, through Ohio. E. C

P. S. No 2. You will introduce yourself to Conductor as "Mrs. E. Cornell" when you present the pass =

Mil Jany 7th 1856

E. Cornell Esqr

Dear Sir

Your letter of 17th Dec is just recd. where it has been all this time I cannot immagine. I recd one dated 15th in due season but it required no answer.

"Accounts on hand Nov 1st 1855" which you do not understand. They amounted to $20.39. They was sent in as Mr Wood directed me to do. as Cash and it was counted as Cash in remittance to him which he will explain to you. we are to collect all we can & forward hereafter. he told me to mark all that was good. &c Probably he has explained it to you ere this.

In regard to our postage bill being so much is owing to the great number of messages recd to be mailed to all parts of the State. mostly to the northern part. There is not a day but what we receive from 1 to 6 & even more. The amt is generaly collected at the ofs where mess originates. Our Correspondence does not amt to much and if it was not for these messages probably

our postage bills would not be more than other offices

The batty you refer to ~~$~~ $23.38 new one was for E&M line but was ordered by Stone unbeknown to me. but has proved to be a saving thus far. Although I should not have ordered it myself then. It was one of Nortons new battys which costs very little to keep in acid. I think one dollar per month will work it - The 16$ you refer to for Tincs was sent us from Ch with bill. Some few of them have been sent to Mr Stale line. But most of them are here & some been sent to Rc S. & W office they call on us for any such thing therefore you will see that it increases our expenses - I have always kept Mr Stale bo expenses seperate from E&M & would not be guilty of charging E&M line with things bought for that line -

You ask how we charge you with two bills in Sentinels a/c one of $77.18 & one of $21.32 - when we only have $47.87 in receipts for reports. The following will show you - The Sentinels private messages amounted to $77.18 and was checked as all other private business & came in our general recpts. & was in seperate bill from reports - The $21.32 was for reports turned on their bill - We also recd $26.55 from asso press making $47.87 as reported in report -

The amt charged as Stones Salary 28$ is according to Mr Woods directions in August last to me - He told me to charge two thirds his Salary To Exam & one third to Mr Stateler. When I was East I gave Stone my Salary & charged nothing for myself which of course I should not do when absent -

Mr James Murray the Secy of this State do Keeps the books for the Co and I have requested him to give you a statement of Rects & Expenses which you ask of me.

The Money we need of RR Co will just about pay for rebuilding bins & leave us clear of debt. We have not yet settled with RR Co nor with the builder Mr Godfrey. Shall do so shortly. The bins works very well & is doing a fair business & will continue to do so I trust.

I hope the above will be satisfactory to you & will explain to you what you did not understand -

Yours very truly

J. S. Draper

Pittsburg Jany 7th 1886

Dear Sir.

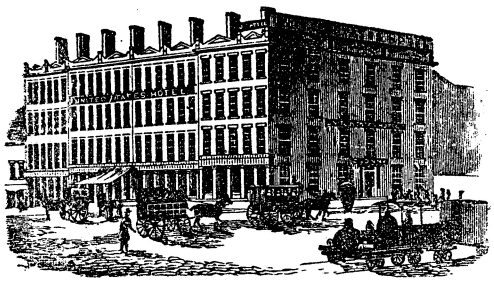
If yet among the living, I scarcely know, for I cannot hear of you any more, Please revive & write me how things are going with you. & how your arm is. And what prospects for the future are, I am still fooled as usual by the National People. true I did get a little money out of them yesterday, but I doubt if they mean to keep him unless the Eastern Committee agree with them & help them with the Line I go to my today. Expect to be gone week or two. may be more — I might hear from you there — you have been to Pittsburg since I saw you — what did you do? I have at last got the balance of my wire lifted. but only got about 6 tons. Do you want it? what gain, Bye the bye, will you dispose of those cedar poles in Cleveland How many are there, will you let them go for cost & interest & storage? Answer to Pittsburg, National Telegraph

address me National Telegraph
Office N.Y. or Eno. D. Dep 170
William St. N.Y. — If not write to
Pittsburg — I think Union Line
would still do something for
me — Respects to Mr & Mrs
Wood & family & your Lady
if there

Very Respectfully
W P Pew

E. Cornell Esq

W P Pew
Jan 7. 1856



U. S. HOTEL, - - - - - - Z. BONNEY, PROPRIETOR.

United States Hotel,

CORNER PEARL STREET AND TERRACE.

Buffalo, Jan 8 1856.

Dear Sir

I called on Mr Patchin this morning and agreed with him that our Co. would take ~~that~~ his line of Telegraph from Buffalo to Hornellsville work it at our expense, doing the Railroad Co's business free, they charging us nothing for the use of the line, RR Co. to pass free our men & material for repairing & working the line. Patchin Atty was engaged in Court so we could not have the contract drawn up now but he will have it drawn up, and will be in Ny about the middle of this month when he will present it to you for approval & execution,

You can readily perceive what provisions such a contract should contain Keeping your Eye, on the fact that we want a permanent connection with Buffalo, I understand Patchin that he has the Morse Patent for this line from Buffalo to Hornellsville, but since I saw him it has occured to me that he may only have the patent from Buffalo

to Attica. 30. miles which right he would acquire of the N.Y. Albany & Buffalo R.R. Co. with the line of telegraph which he purchased of them, and it may be, that he has no right to the Patent between Attica & Hornellsville 61 miles, which line was built under some arrangement with Paxton. I think,

Please question him on this point, you will know how to treat this Patent question, if he has no right, I have written to the above effect to Tichenor, if you want any council call on Tichenor & Hopkins for it or telegraph me, by the by it may not be best to telegraph me, but write me to Albany.

It is very Cold here to day Mercury some ways below Zero.

Yours. Respectfully
E. Cornell
Supt

E. H. Chester Esq
Pres't

Owego Jan 8th 1856

Mr Hopkins:

Dear Sir; I understand that the N.Y. & Western Union Line, goes into the hands of A. B. Cornell of Ithica, on the first of February next. If that is the case, I do not see but that I shall be under the ne=cessity, of vacating my office in this place, at the expira=tion of my month, which will be next Saturday; or certainly by the first of next ~~month~~ February: If you wish to have me stay until the first you will please let me know soon. I have understood that Mr Cornell is not very good in pay=ing his Oprs., therefore if you

leave the office of Sup., the consequence will be, that I shall leave also; unless Mr Cornell will give me an office which will pay its own way. Please drop me a line, and let me know how matters rest. As far as I am concerned I do not care about leaving here before the first of February and I suppose you would ~~hav~~ hardly care about looking up another Opr. for so short a time therefore I will stay if it is your wish

Yours in haste

C. B. Scoville

P. A. Hopkins Esq.

answer to the above letter

Binghamton Jan 10th

Mr Scoville - Sir - In reply to yours of the 8th I have to say that this Line returns to the controll of the N Y & W U Tel Co the 1st of Feby next. Whether Mr Cornell or myself superintends it matters little, as the Co. not Mr Cornell are responsible for the expenses of operating it - I would say however that I formerly worked for Mr Cornell upwards of four years & have known him much longer and have always found him ready & willing to pay all honest demands - There are people who take pride in defaming others especially if they have ever had difficulty with them. And that class of people you will find, generally, to have been in the wrong & seek thus to shield themselves by scandalizing others -

I do not know yet whether I shall remain on the Line or not — But I wish you to stay in Owego until it is decided or until 1st Feby at least — I would advise you to remain on the Line unless you have better offers The Line will work from N Y to Buffalo in two circuits & will probably be divided at Owego — If so that office will command a good salary — As to the responsibility of the Co I have no doubt — among the prominent Stock holders are Mr E N Chester an eminent Lawyer of New York City — Prest of the Co — G F Chester Secy — J S Tichenor & E Cornell of Ithaca & others —

Yours Respectfully
P A Hopkins

C. B. Scoville
& P. A. Hopkins
Jan 28. 1856

Chicago Jany 10th 1856

E. Connell Esq.
Albion Mich.

Dr Sir

I do not wish to remain where I am. Can I be suited elsewhere soon. I think I could be of more service to the Company at some other point as well as satisfy myself Is there to be a change at Milwaukee? If there is no place on the Line for me I will make arangements to suit myself some where else please reply to this & oblige

Yours Truly

J. L. Downs

La Fayette Pa Jan 10.56

E. Cornell Esqr
Ithaca
N.Y.

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 6th Instant before me.

Your well wishes for the New Year was thankfully recd and a hearty return of the same to you and yours.

I have been absent for some 10 days past in the southern part of our State attending to some Estate matters, Having been appointed Adm. of a Gentlemans Estate and also having the Estate of the Children to attend to, consisting of property in our state & also in Pittsburgh Pa am making everything more right along and I have no hesitation in saying that I shall save to the Estates from 4 to 500.$ more than almost any other man could have done at least "Would have done". I have overhauled everything for 15 or 20 years past & brought to light things that even the family knew nothing of —

I had taken your certificate of stock out before I left, intending to send it to you, but was so hurried that I could not. I herewith send it.

I enclose Mr Sheerns bill of $8.57 which I paid. I still have a few dolls of your money in my hands. I will let it slide soon.

The salary of Terre Haute office was 400$ until Swain took it. I did not receive reports until July 1855. Winter was lazy. There were some good trails about him but he might have done more for us than he did. Although Swains receipts were larger than Winters yet I do not consider him a better man, both were poor, I should pay Winters about 25$ for his claim to get matters squared up.

Did I give you C. K. Smith Jr claim He was operator at Hamilton Ohio. After Speed left I cut his salary down to receipts of office but he has an old claim.

Saml Cochran the operator at the M. S. Crossings ran off taking some $40. dollars from the Railroad for whom he was acting

as ticket agent & also cut on his board bill - The landlord was here & tried to get it of me but I told him we had nothing to do with it. I had to promise him that I would write you about it. I have now fulfilled it. This office has done better for December Receipts amounting to $155.38.

I understand it is the intention of the Union to take up the wire from here to Attica soon. Hicks & McGeehen have just got through taking up line from here Towards Toledo. I have not heard anything from Mr. Elwood lately - or anything in regard to our rebuilding along the Valley road. It is a very important route, and accommodates a greater number of persons than any route of the O.L. & L. Territory.

How do you find the reports given you when last here. It would afford me much pleasure to know that all I have done meets with your approbation.

Please write when you have leisure - I shall ever be glad to hear from you. - Accept my best wishes for your health & prosperity Yours S. Haas

Binghamton Jan 10th 1856

Friend Cornell

Enclosed I send you a letter & my reply, to show the feeling of some of your good friends along the Susquehanna although Owego appears to be the only place yet manifesting anything of the kind - I received your letter dated at Jefferson - If you can get Gibbs to do as he agrees it will be all right. I have found him a trucking fellow -

S Kinnier managed to get to New York last Saturday P.M. the day after you left - He did not go to see Chester and whether he knew you had left or not, before I informed him of it on the ferry boat coming home I do not know - He asked if you would be in Ithaca all this week & went on to Corning. Says he is going to build a Line on the South Pacific R R from St Louis also on the Dubuque & St Paul & Lake Superior RR - Said he was returning from Washington - The wires are both down across the river yet now the third week. Our business drags along via Albany - Was there anything new Eliminated while you were in N York? Please write me soon - What kind of Speculation is there to be made in the Ship Canal Co's Pine Lands in Michigan. Please ascertain the range of their prices along the Shores of Lake Michigan -

Yours Truly

P A Hopkins

Ithaca. Dec 29th 1833-

Dear Friend Cornell.

Your Kind letter is received and I was glad to hear that you had arrived safely and found your Friends in good health, My Family are in usual health, you wish me to write concerning the doings in Fall Creek they are after the old sort, not of much importance. however I will inform you of a few the Mill goes as usual Black Smiths are working in the usual old way also the Pottery, The Mooring are not running it yet High Brown had his hand cut of with the Buzz Saw, your Garden is all right thus far, My Wife and her Sister

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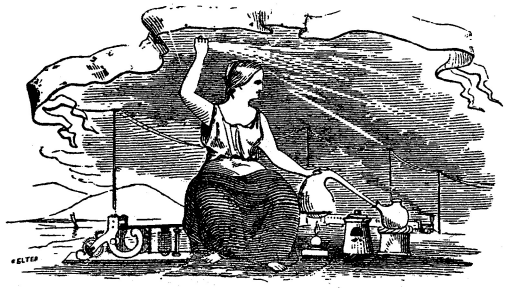

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Geo. F. Chester Sec'y. E. W. Chester Pres't.