I. S. Cattell Winchester
Mar 22, 1858

Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois Telegraph Company.

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STATE SENTINEL JOB ROOMS, INDIANAPOLIS.

Winchester, Ind. March 22 1858.

The following Message was received from.....

Dated,..... 1858.

To Mr E. Cornell.

Dear Sir.

Your esteemed favor was duly received, I have been waiting for the blanks but have rec'd none I therefor employ this method of communicating to you. the amt of business done at this Office.

You inquire how I am getting along learning to read by sound. and what other business I attend to besides Telegraphing =

I have not made much effort at learning to read by sound, but can readily distinguish all the abreviations by sound and frequently can whole words, but not sentences, I think a few more months of practice will enable me to read a little, though not enough to take off a mess. correctly =

I am an Agent for some few Patent Medicines, which I keep in office = and occasionally arrange a piece of music for a Brass Band =

The Register in this Office is about worn =

= out, or rather some of the smaller wheels are almost without teeth or cogs, so that they frequently jump from cog to cog, which jars the pen lever and spoils the letter, it is with some difficulty that I can read messages on that account = I think replacing two or three of the old wheels with new ones would make the Reg. as good as new - Unless it is repaired soon, I think it will be next to impossible to get business through it =

I have just now carefully added the gross receipts of this office since it was opened by your bro. Danl. (to whom pls. give 73. —) and find as follows —

1854 Aug 8,66. Sept 5.39. Oct. 9,99. Nov 6,56. Dec 14,44

1855 Jany 2.69 (not 2.79 as reported) Feby 19.57

making in all 67.24 (sixty seven 24/100 dolls.)

I think the amt. of business sent here and paid at other offices will not fall far short of the above amount = I mean business sent to and from this office and not paid here =

The expenses of the office have been light = I shall now await your instructions as to what to do with the money =

Shall I send reg. to C and have it repaired or not =

The receipts for this month (Mch) so far are quite light. Pls. let me hear from you.

Yours with much Respect

James A. Bottom Opr.

Mr E. Connell =

Terre Haute March 22/85

E. Cornell Esq
Greenville or Ind'pls

Dear Sir The train yesterday morning was delayed so long at Brantfordsville that I was unable to make the connection at Greencastle - I arrived this a.m. found our crossing in bad order ~~with~~ and bridge owners having but little sympathy for us - I shall use every exertion to create a better feeling in the morning & endeavor to fix up the crossing -

Our crossing is gone at "Perrysville" but masts are yet standing I am informed.

This last storm & steamers have caused us much trouble, I wish you were here to go up the river with me -

I am under the necessity of discharging Winder of "L" office. & will put and get a more reliable person to take his place - I am sorry to hear that they

disobey my instructions, unless they can do better in future will have to make more changes—

I was in Brandville yesterday morning and found Moore had gone on on line consequently could not be raised by Lafayette Moore will clear but very little over Expenses this month, the distance to Jamestown is so great, that a few trips make a large hole in his receipts—I do not think it advisable to lessen his receipts under circumstances but will do so if you wish it.

If I do not get home by the time you get to Buffalo I would be glad to have you come over here—

I must see you a day or two at Lafayette—it is indispensably necessary—

I will drop a line to you tomorrow Eve at Buffalo.

Yours L. Haas

L. Haas Mar 22, 58

Buffalo March 22nd 1855

Dear Sir

Yours of the 17th is at hand. The regular charge monthly for reports up to ~~Oct~~ Nov 1st were for the Ely daily rep for which we paid $4. per week. The Oswg Markets were entirely a different report rcvd here at 8 o'clock Am daily for the Cleveland Board of Trade. The reason of this not being charged regularly every month is because I had not sufficient funds on hand to do so.

I have rcvd from Mr Tubbs an Explanation in reference to the $18. Charge to me in Jan & $12. in Feby Which I will Credit the Company in my March Report if I can collect it.

I would like instructions as to whether I shall keep accounts with customers. If I do I cannot be expected to make good any loss to the Company unless there is negligence on my part. The $13.31 which I charged in Dec I sent you the names & cannot now find my Copy. If the Co do not allow me to keep accounts I most certainly will shut down immediately Please give me your views & state whether the $13.31 will allowed or not also please

reply to my letter of the 15th regarding
Book Keepers salary & oblige

Yours Truly N Hacker Jr

E. Cornell Esq
Prest RC

P.S.

Mr Makepeace has a bill of $62. for
Insulators furnished shall I pay it?
Entirely out of Monthly blanks Please send
some immediately — Hacker

N. Hacker Jr
Ex Manager

Union Mch 29th 97—

Mr Learnell
Supt"

I have nothing to say relative to the business of this Office more than what I said to you when here - What are your views about the matter - How much will you allow me and by whom paid Am I to serve" nothing but the Rents" of the office for what time I have been there "Pls" write me at length immy" In a letter to Mr H" Lafayette I stated I would do the business of your line for $15-" per month remitted after reporting at the close of each month I am willing to take it at that for a time but no lefs - Will this thing of charging" each other on business separate at this office be continued -

Yours Respectfully
Jno. D. Johnston

E Learnell
Supt"

Rev E Cornell

Indianapolis

Ind

Sir the Receipts of this office are as follows We have Received 160804 Cts Our Expenses have been 31857 leaving 128947 Cts for us Also Recvd 208 Cts you on the 23 of June which Increases it to 146849 The amount I owe me per Contract 3008 leaving my Load 141857 Cts which the Books will show is correct Now if you will pay me off we will commence a new

My Little Brother in law J E Beemer is a good office but he cannot take charge of the Books of the office

We will take the office for the amour of funds taken on here as you may pay us 2508 a year the year may commence the first of Febuary last 1865 You must pay the Expenses of the office

Yours

Thos J Hosford & J E Beemer

Dear Sir I Received your letter of 23 Inst

Council Bluffs 24th Feb 1855

Mr E E Bonnell

Indianapolis

Ind.

Sir the Receipts of this office are as follows we have received 1608.04 cts one Expenses have been 318.55 cts leaving 1289.49 cts for the Salary owed 208 for you on the 23rd June which Increases them to 1497.49 cts the amount Due me per Contract 1008 leaving my due 1489.49 cts which the Books will show correct now if you will pay me off we will Commence a new by little Brother in law J Beemer Is a good Operator But he cannot take charge of the books of the office we will take the office then for the rest of June may pay us 208 after the year that commences the first of February last that is 1855 we must pay the Expenses of the office

Yours Respectfully
E E Bonnell

Ithaca 24th March 1855

Dear Sir

Yours of 10th inst came to hand in due time. My relations with Mr Munn will not now keep me awake. I know his is abuse and I despise the idea of attempting to reach his purse either by direct or indirect means. I heartily despise him & his money and if he should today write to N. T. Williams that if I would come to New York and ask him pretty that he would give me One hundred thousand dollars, I have too much self respect to entertain the proposition for a moment. I am under no obligation to him, and I never will be. He and his family are under the deepest obligation to me for sacrificing myself after I had served 10 years in New York, and could have done what I pleased and no thanks to Mr Munn or his tribe. I went to New York in 1806, served as a clerk till 1811 when I went to live with J. B. Munn, as Salesman and book keeper which I was capable of & abundantly. I was then 21 years old. I examined all the goods which he bought at private sale & auction which he imported by Mr Munn from Europe, I sold the goods, packed them, shipped them, made all the entries, and invoices, journalized and posted his books, kept his Bank accounts, copied his letters as long as from N York to California, made out and settled all his accts with his Customers. In fact did nearly all that was done, even to making fire, and sweeping the store. Well I tell you that Mr Bibb was some pumpkins with all the Munn family. In Dec. 1814 Mr Munn went to Boston to attend to the trial of his suit Talcott and Bowers of New Orleans, with whom we had had large transactions say 80.000 to 100.000 $. We arrested Bowers in Boston. Mr Munn got out of his head, and when the trick was on he took his trunk and left for New York. Judge Parsons referred the cause to a Lawyer and two Merchants. Mr Munn sent me post haste on the 2 Jan 1815 to attend to it. I rode day and night to Boston to prepare the cause under the Council. I worked 4 days to make the preparation which Harrison Gray, Otis declared was the best he ever saw. When we were ready we had 15 sittings of the Referees of 5 hours each to get through the case, and gave me a verdict

of $6.500 and $900 cost for which I got Munson & Barnard bought at 4 mo. which we sold in New York for 4 pct possession at the New York Banks had not yet resumed specie payments. Bell McMunn thought I was the Devil himself. Peace has been restored between England & America and I went to work selling goods again. In that year our sales and profits were very large, but in the fall of 1816 our customers began to fail, pay nothing and run away. We had made some large debts at the South. McMunn became alarmed and went South in ~~8~~ Dec. 1816. I was absent all the time till Jan.y 1818, and after going through every exposure of my health and life, having had one man shot down along side of me while running the goods of one of McMunns debtors, and having my life threatened by another with a pair of pistols in his hands for getting his goods, I was arrested in Petersburgh, Va and on my way to prison because I would not give up the goods, I was bailed out in a bond of $10.000 by Bunn & Armistead. I was afterward arrested on McMunns account ~~in Norfolk~~ ~~to~~ as and locked up in prison in Norfolk, Va

I saved in that trip $15,000 for McMunn which I was entitled to him in that my aid. I reached N.Y last of Jan.y 1818. By this time McMunn had become almost insane, if not quite, about his western debts, and on the 7th Feb.y 1818 I started by land for Albany, and after being detained at several places on his business, in which I was successful, and after being severely sick at three different places on the road, I reached Utica early in March 1818 and was detained at Peggs Hotel by sickness till last of June, and was so near death that my Physician wrote McMunn that I could not probably die. The moment I was able I went on West on his business and was fully successful, and did not reach New York again till Jan.y 1820 say 2 years.

In this journey I saved a fortune for him, which would a done him but for me. I attended to his business instead of mine up to 1830. The sums saved through my Exertion Amount now with the annual interest to $740.000 and but for this, he would have been in his grave or in a

lunatic asylum 25 Years ago, and his family name blotted out of the New York Directory. And all this time he repeatedly told me that it was no matter about my business - I must attend to his, and I should be provided for. And all I got was my expenses. I have a bundle of letters from him to me dated 1826 in which he acknowledges all I have said, and much more. When he turned his wife at my door some 15 to 18 years ago, she being my wife's mother, I offered her my shelter. He abused me outrageously for it, and habitually abused me for indulging my wife, his own daughter. I begged the life of his son Stephen several times, and told him plainly that if he did not let him alone it would drive him to despair and destruction, and he did. And my wife told me on her death bed that her father had brought her there by his treatment of her mother.

I am now nearly 65, and if I had no more brain or mind than Mr. Munn and his family, I would not have had a dollar to give his children and grandchildren, and he and I and they would all probably have been in prison or in the Asylum.

I do not want his money, nor his fame or future peace. There is not one of his whole tribe that has commenced all they think of is money, money, money, money and money will sink the whole of them.

I cannot get along to the end of my race without money, but I do not want enough to distress me, or keep me awake o'nights. I have not a dollar in the world, nor any way to get one. How I am to get along I do not know.

Yours respectfully

J. P. Ladd

I was very glad to learn from your letter that you had success so well in your long game of Telegraph and I have not now nor have not had any doubt of your final success. My object in writing you what Allen said was that you might understand him. I had no doubt that his whole discourse was fabulous, and I told him so, and that I had the evidence in my pocket that it was so.

A. S. Abell

A. S. Abell
24, Allen, 1858

SHERIFF SALE.—By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Cuyahoga County and State of Ohio, in the case of John S. Bristol vs. Ezra Cornell, and dated March 23d, 1855, to me directed and delivered, I shall expose to public sale at the door of the Court House in the city of Cleveland, in said county, on the fifth day of April, A. D. 1855, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. of said day, the following property, to wit: all the right, title and interest that Ezra Cornell has in and to the poles, wires, insulators, books of accounts, instruments and office furniture owned and belonging to the Telegraph Company, known as the Erie and Michigah Telegraph Company, in the county of Cuyahoga. Said interest is supposed to be one undivided fifth part thereof. Terms cash on day of sale. MILLER M. SPANGLER, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, March 26, 1855.

mar25-10d WYMAN & THAYER, Att'ys.

egraph Line,

L THE PRINCIPAL PLACES

STATES & CANADA.

The American Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio.

Cleveland, March 26th 1855.

By Telegraph from .....

To E Cornell Esqr

The inclosed I cut from one of our evening papers

Yours Truly

J M Gibbs

Your mess to day rec'd. I expect Penn'a in a day or too

Fort Wayne Ind
March 25/55

Mr Cornell Sir

I wrote to you at Albion in December last sending you the account of mine as I had it, and I have not heard from you since I wish you would look it over and give me some satisfaction either send me the money or your note. I am not disposed to push matters but the fact is I need the money & I must have it

Hoping to hear from you soon

I Am Yours &c

Ed C Grover

Muncie March 26/12

Mr E Connell

Indpls

Ind

Dear Sir

Yours is her

I You state there is
a misunderstanding in reference
to my salary This cannot be the
case as you very well know that
previous to the time that Mr
Lauder left here you was at the
office and I spoke to you in reference
to it you said that I could have
the office if Mr Lauder left
Mr Lauder told me he got 30$
per month 2 or The first time
I saw you at Indianapolis the time
I took you the reports of the office
you asked me how the office paid
& told you it did not pay at all
I asked you then if you could
pay me some money you said no
not then but you could ~~from~~
So on the 23 of June you sent
me 20$ and said that you
would send more soon I
have the letter and I cannot
lie Sir you know all about
the matter and I don't want

you to try to make any come off
in this title

Mr Speed knew very well that Booker for regular pay and if he told you anything Edgerton he told that which he knew was false

You have my figures and if you are disposed to do the clean thing you will remit the money at once

Mr Kerby is here and says that if you do not object to pay him to let us know and he will send you a receipt in full

Will send you the reports from April 1/65 to February 1/65.

Yours Respectfully

Thos J Mosford

T. J. Mosford
Dec 26, 1865

Akron. March 27. 1855.

E. Cornell. Pres't. E. & M.
Telegraph Co.

Dear Sir: We wrote you some time since in answer to yours of 15th of Jany. 1855. Not receiving a reply from you think best to make an enquiry or two in regard to the line. The line, as we informed you previously, is in a very bad condition, & we are called upon almost daily, at least weekly, to go out for repairs.

As the season to commence business is rapidly approaching, we are anxious to know whether you intend to repair. The line must be repaired or abandoned very soon. We think if it was repaired from Navarre to Cleveland it would do a reasonable business. If you wish it repaired & would like us to do it we will do so if you will give us authority & send us some of the needful & we think we will do it. Please hear from you immediately. Yours. Beebe & Elwell.

Indianapolis Mar 27, 1855

Dear Alonzo

I have just got a message from I. M. Howard saying Ely has recovered our note & Dft. and interest — which will amount to some $3500, or more. If there is an chance to make any arrangement there to help temporarily. I shall be glad

I feel pretty well tonight, except my head but sore. If I had felt as well sunday. I dont think I could have come to the conclusion to sell

But as it is fixed upon I shant go back from it. I wrote mother today. It is now 9 P.M and I must go to P.O with this to send it going tomorrow

wrote to Al.

In haste

E Correll

A B C

Corning March 27th 1855

E Cornell Esq

Dear sir

Your Letter Was received. Never fear about the Hvill & Bu Line I have them all night - I will send you a Copy I Can Make a Contract with the Williamsport & Elmira Co for Bonds. If I Could $500. to go on with for ninty days. do you think you could help me to it? If you should be in Want of this I might Let you have them soon the Delaware L & Western is Where it stood When you left. also Buffalo & Corning R R Lin Please Let me hear soon

Yours respectfully

C. W. S Kinner

Peoria Ills
March 28. 1855

E. Cornell Esqr
Albion
Mich.

Dr Sir

Your favor of the 19th Inst received contents noted.

It has been just passed by Vote that the next meeting of the Directors be on the Fourth Wednesday in April. being the 25th. I cannot inform you how the Line is doing but think we shall have a full and complete exhibit of its affairs and Stock at the next meeting.

I have no doubt that the Managers are acting under the Judges instructions in Sending business over the Horse line and justifies it by saying that he has it done more promptly and on better terms. I have not lost sight of the Stock Spoken of by us

Yrs &c L Howell

Canal Dover March 28th 1855

E. Gornell Esq.
Albion

Dear Sir.

On the 25th Inst. last I wrote you in answer to your letter and requested an answer, but, as yet one has not been recd.

The object of this letter is to inquire if the line is to be repaired this spring, and put in good working order. I intend moving my store a short distance from where it now is and would like to know before I remove the Telg and incur the expense if line is to remain in the condition it now is, if so, it would be of no use to make the removal.

If the line was reliable, there could be quite a small business done in this place, as it is, all confidence is lost. The greatest trouble seems to be between Cuy. Falls & Cleveland the line getting crossed so often with Pitts line.

If repairers were sent along to examine line and put up new Poles where needed I have no doubt it would work very well. Hoping to hear from you soon

I am Your Obt. Servt.

John C. Baer
Manager

Hiram O. march 29. 1855

Mr E. Cornell

Dear Sir, My time at school is now closed and I do not intend going longer at present am ready for business again— I am to take this Office the first April. according to the arrangements I made with Putnam last fall. When I left you said you thought you could give me a situation with you this spring. This is a good Office. but I cannot do enough to suit me. Would much rather be busy about all the time. But I am not here half of the time. I did not know but you could give me a situation in a larger place. Am capable of taking business by round. Have made no paper for more than a year. Could get my place supplied I think in case you can do anything for me. If you cannot at present I should want to remain here. Putnam owns the Office on this Side in Fremont the first of next month. Please write me by mail soon and oblige much

Yours. Respectfully

R. W. Hilton

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Toledo March 30th 1855

E Cornell Esq Supt- C Sir —

We want very much a good name for our line — Erie & Mich is good but so long & one never known west that it would not take as well as something stronger — May we call our office here Morse ~~Lines~~ Telegraph Office — House folks as you probably are aware had this the Union Telegraph — On their Windows here is Union Telegraph Consolidation of House Morse O'Reilly & Wade Telegraph lines — Folks begin to think these are no other lines left — I would like to call our office here Morse Telegraph — Consolidation of Erie & Michigan, Morse, O'Reilly Ohio Indiana & Illinois Telegraph Lines — We could beat their several names at that — What say you? Can we do so? We want to beat them & can do so if we have the chance — Am going to get out some signs & wanted your opinion — We are all suffering on account of the situation of our Chicago office We take a message for Chicago requiring a quick answer The answer is almost sure to find its way into the other office — You can hardly tell the injury in ~~reputation~~

reputation Business &c We can never contend with them without we have an Equal Chance There has been so much Trouble about it last & much complaint from our eastern Connections at not getting their answers That I thought I would write you — As you are probably aware our Ch ofo is up stairs while the opposition are on the ground floor convenient to business And they have been doing a very heavy Chicago business this winter on account of this fact Give us an equal chance & we will beat them — Lines are working well now with Exception of No 2 which has been down at Harbor Creek for long time Hope it will be fixed soon Your plan of working these circuits works fine — Would like to hear from you on receipt of this by telegraph or mail — Hope the old Wabash will be repaired soon We need it here very much — By august the S M R R Depot will be finished on the middle ground here & the house folks intend to have an office there — To secure any of the travelling customers We need one there likewise — It will be necessary for you to see the RR folks & get permission to put an office there — It ought to be attended to at once — We eastern Offices all say, only give us an equal chance & Respectfully &c we can beat the opposition —

W A Beach

W A Beach Co. Mar 85

Rutland Vt Mch 31st 1855

My Dear Sir

I saw a letter from you yesterday addressed to Mr Curtis Utica from which I regret to learn that your health is very poor -

You also express a desire to sell your telegraph interest which I am sure will be a cause of rejoicing to all of your friends - I think it is probable that Mr Curtis will pay you a visit in a few days to make some enquiries in relation to the situation of your Western interests. I should be glad to see the N Y & Buffalo & get the Controling interest in your lines and I feel Confident that there is but one thing which will deter them from making a strong effort in that direction which is, that they do not know a suitable person to entrust the

management of said line to — They intimated to me that they would be inclined to take hold of it if I would undertake the management at a high salary Although this intimation was flattering I Could not without a better prospect of good health in Summer entertain any such offer — I hope if you sell you will take into Serious Consideration the Security offered by each lo as it is my private opinion that the Horse lo are in a very rotten state —

You will of Course in selling endeavor to get as much as possible for your property but I hope you will not put such a valuation upon such portions of it as is now valueless as to prevent a Sale of the rest — I should be glad to hear if you are able to write what kind of a proposition you make to Mr Curtis and what your present

prospects are of selling—

I expect Carr in few moments and must close—I left home a week ago and have been to Utica to arrange about the Junction Line between Buffalo and Canada—

Kind regards to friends in Albion

Yours very Truly
D. Wood

Albion Mar 31, 1855

My Dear Alonzo

I arrived here yesterday from Indianapolis and found your favour of 15th ~~inst~~ last to hand assisted with the counsel note if I had had the means, but unfortunately I have not, and I have a sharp corner here to work out of. that Ely judgment is $471.88 and cost about $30. then at Cleveland Bristol has all my interest in the Blue bins & C in E & M him through that Co advertised for sale on 5th April, so there is trouble enough here just now and no one to attend to it, I am rooned up with small-pox and M B has more than his handfull running him & there, to keep him to work,

I have got permission to draw on Mr Chester for $2,500, so if we can get a discount of such draft it will come out in some way, after a while,

I expect M B W in to night and then shall see what can be done,

I am very meager of news of general interest and too much absorbed with those other matters to make myself very agreeable

The question of extent of liability to communicate the Small-pox to others is one that lies heavily on my mind —

Yours Respectfully
E Correll

A B C

P. S. Frank continues well with no simptoms of the smallpox yet, The time is now greater since he slept with me than it was after I slept with Brother E.B. before I was taken sick and broke out even,
I hope he all all others may escape it, and most espicially not take it of me,

Yours. E C

Report - Defiance Office March 1855

Line not been working since Month come in.

Recpts - 00

Expenditures - Rent	2 50
Fuel	1 00
Lights	37
Salary	20 00
Total & Balance	$23.87

Defiance Apl 2nd 1855.

E Cornell Dear Sr.

My Report for March does not present a very encouraging aspect. nor do matters generally connected with the Line appear very encouraging as far as I know. I have made no attempt to keep up the wire during the past Mo". for reasons stated in my last letter to you. The fact is it has been impossible for me to do it. and I presume you did not expect it of me.

I have reed no word from you since January.

Mr Hand told me sometime in Feb y that he should commence repairs on this part of the Line immy and desired me to keep it working in the meantime if I could.

and promised me funds for that purpose.
I have not heard from him since. I should be
glad to hear from you again, and to know what is to
be done if anything. Please write immy

Respectfully
J A Strong

E Connell }

A. R. Shary
Apl 6 1865

Monroe City - April 2nd 1855

Sir

You will find enclosed an old a/c of J. H. Ward against the company which I omitted to send with the others & also an a/c of my Expenses on the Wabash line since I have been here - I hope you will make it convenient to visit this place Soon I think it would save Expense & trouble both as there are men here determined to make all the trouble they can about their accounts. I am anxious to leave this place as Soon as possible & there is a man here willing to take this office for a portion of the receipts he has been learning all winter & I think will be ready to take it at any time now in connection with his Bookstore which will be an excellent place for it -

I. G. Wells Manuscript Aug 2. 52

I am greatly in want of funds & I hope you will have these matters settled with as little delay as possible—

Yours truly
I. G. Wells

M. B. Wood Esq
Albion Mich

Albion Apl 2. 1855

Dear Monze

I have somewhere among my papers a receipt from Mills & Co. or Henry Mills and Johnston Livingston for the Telegraph Stock I placed in their hands as collateral security say some $20.000 Em & Mich besides some Troy & Canada Junction,

I forget whether I took copy of the assignment of that stock or not, I want you to look that paper up and forward it to Mr E. W. Chester Corner Fulton & Greenwich Sts NY.

I have rec'd notice from Henry Mills that he will offer 50. shares of my E & M stock for sale in Wall St on 10th Apl, to raise $1,500 which he claims that I owe him, ~~of~~ this $600 dft was on me I would owe him less than $600, I think it is probable I shall go to NY the last of the week and try to stop the sale of that stock by an injunction if no other way to get justice,

I left my Mills & Co bundle of papers & the books that the a/c is on, at home You will send them to Mr Chester as I may want them and may not have time to stop at Ithaca on my way down,

There is two books having the a/c in it one the Old Troy & Can June book the other I

believe is in back part of C+H book,
if not it is in Troy & Whitehall book—
My pocket Cash book containing the items
&c. them are also at home,
My eruption is drying up & scabbing off
gradually. I feel pretty well as to bodily
health, and indications yet of any body
else being effected by the disease,
I may be mistaken as to nature of the
disease. Mr Barbour said it was the Wabash
itch, he said that in olden times in Indiana
Every person who ever laid eyes on the Wabash
river would be effected with just such an
eruption, but worse than I had it,
Mart says it is the Michigan itch, and tells
the same story in reference to the adventurous
youths who dare penetrate to the Solitudes of
the St Jo. It may be after all that this is only
a receipt in full for seeing the Elephant,
If this version is correct, I hope I may
soon reach the healing waters of the Jordan
and thus become purified of the leprous
fluids of the Wabash & St Jo,
Frank is well, but he begins to think there
is no place like home, and I think he
will go home and go at his Studies
contentedly.

Yours Respectfully
E Cornell

A B C

E C
2 Apl 53

Milwaukee Apl 2 1855

Mr Cornell

Dear Sir: Your telegraph just received: The arrangement made here with the press by the agent of the Associated Press is like this: all reports received here before 3 P M are understood to belong to the evening papers & if received after 3 P.M. (at which time the evening papers go to press) it goes to the morning papers. The Wisconsin being an evening paper receives its reports before 3 P M. The line between here & Chicago has been down a great deal within the last four weeks & it has frequently happened that the report which was sent from N.Y. at 1 P M, has not reached here till sometime during the evening, when, according to my interpretation of the rules, they belonged to the Sentinel. This is what has displeased the Editor of the Wisconsin, and

he cannot convince me by his attack through his columns, that I am acting in violation of instructions. I have appealed to Mr Levien and Mr Draper as to this same case, and Mr Levien was to have been here before this and arranged this matter but has not yet made his appearance. The Associated Press serving payment of the Wisconsin & Sentinel (the only papers now taking this reports) each week whether reports are received or not - & the Wisconsin it is true has paid for reports which it never received not because justice has not been done it, but because the line has frequently been down at the time when the Wisconsins report should have come. I hope this will be a satisfactory explanation of the Wisconsins article in reference to these reports. I will act as Mr Levien directs as far as I am able to judge. At present (Monday) the line between Waukegan & Chicago is down & has been since last Friday and I am at a loss to know the cause, but the line is in miserable condition, and has been a great loss to us during the last 30 days. If

the line could be moved onto the line of the Railroad it would soon pay for the expense of moving. It seems as though something should be done & that speedily, between Waukegan & Chicago

Yours very truly
Jas. B. Stone

Buffalo April 3. 1855

Dear Sir.

Enclosed please find my statement for March. It shows poor, but good for the times. Your absence we did not quite pay expenses. I have paid Patrick (Assistant) all due him but $9.01 which he will take out of April business.

I am sorry circumstances make it necessary for me to leave your employ, but as the times are I must look out for No 1. Patrick will manage matters until some other arrangements are made If he had two small boys or rather one besides the one he has now. & some one who

could come in & keep the Books for him he could get along with the business this summer I think & this would be economy to you I merely suggest this, as I am acquainted with the situation of things.

I wish the Line well and would stick by only that I cannot work for so low wages

Yours very Respectfully
W. D. Allen

M. B. Wood Esq
Albion

P.S. Patrick should be advanced on salary & you could well afford this too with the prospect of the business he will have to do Allen

Kenaha April 3. 1855

W. B. Wood Texas

Dear Sir

Enclosed find Nine & 35/100 Dollars the balance due from this office for March - also the Monthly Report -

Please tell Mr Cornell that his favor of the 30th is duly Rec'd and that his suggestions in reference to Keeping up the Line are attended to in this office for I always make it a point to have the line repaired, when broken, as fast as a man and horse can reach the break - But really the line lately has been down so often that it has been a serious injury to business in all the offices -

We have been very fortunate in the "S" office having only one break to repair in our beat since the 1st of Janry - last

Yours respectfully

P. Murray

Buffalo Apl 4th 1865.

Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

Yours of 2nd is at hand In reference to the Oswego reports I cannot Explain more fully than I have - ~~Mr Hall~~ Mr Haviland ordered them from Oswego & agreed to pay $3 per week for the same They were exclusive of the NY reports rcvd at an early time - For any further Explanation I must refer you to Mr Haviland or the first time you are here I will try and Explain to your entire satisfaction

Would it not be a good idea to put the Management of the dock office & this into one hand. - I can attend to the duties of both I think or would try it for a short time, It would reduce the expenses of the office Considerable ~~dlls~~. I will accept the Management of both Offices for $800. per Annum & will use my best endeavors to further the interest of the

Edd Co at both points as I always have done shall so continue as long as I remain in your employ.

Please let me hear from you on the subject.

The Morse line owe two Months balances as soon as they pay up I will remit you as much as possible I have as yet been unable to settle with the Associated Press but am in hopes that all will be arranged satisfactorily in a few days—

Yours Truly N Bucker Jr

N. Bucker Jr
Apl 4 1880

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Milwaukee, April 4 1855

Dear Eli

You must come here at once & see by your own eyes. The devil is to pay & unless something is done we shall be obliged to come down on it. The best thing you can do is to come at once. Between the amount Lewis pays your operators & raw against it hurts like anthony & every thing else. Your office is full of complaints of the clerk & great fault is found with the pay & you have seen the articles in the Wisconsin and they are in part true. We do not wish to say any thing but a remedy must be had. Let us know by Sel when you will be here

Yours &c
R. King & Co

Office of the Secretary of the Southern Michigan Telegraph Company,
COLDWATER, Michigan, April 5, 1855.

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RESOLVED, That the Secretary of said Company, give public notice of said sale, by causing the same to be published in at least one newspaper, published in the city of Detroit, and at least one newspaper published along, or near the line of said Telegraph, for at least four successive weeks, once a week

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Coldwater, Dec 13, 1855 — Received of Southern Mich. Tel. Co. Fifty Dollars in full of all demands to date. $50.00

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Utica, Apl 6. 1855

Dear Alonzo

I have just made arrangements to borrow money enough to help me through with that Ely judgment for $3,500, and five or six hundred dollars to pay off Mills, so this will help me through with the present trouble and I shall not be wound up just yet, but I see no immediate chance to sell out as I hoped to do, I shall have to go ahead and keep going a head, to stop is to go back, safety is in progress, advance, go ahead. —

I have written word to pay the $50. dft you mention, but dont know where he will be at home,

I go to NY tonight to see Mills & see what is to be done with him, I shall not be able to go home before returning to Detroit to pay up that judgment before they sell me out,

Encourage Frank in going to school till Mother I am sorry I cant see her, this time.

Yours. Respectfully

E Carroll

A. B. C

Pittsburg April 6th 1885

Dear Sir,

I am at last in the National office The one not working to V Cyt - Home not for very time. I have not had enough money to pay boy but a cent & Had to borrow of the National to pay up my board & one of the operators took me home with him & boards me now - The National wants their balance bad. We owed them first of Dany 25 dollars. Now we owe them $39.13 I wish they could be paid up - Cant you remit them & Do so Send to Robt - P. Gross Clerk of the National - I go to Newcastle tomorrow & ask to Worsom to see why he cant go out - I put an operator to Rowena. He has been down to within 9 miles of Worsom & found him all right. I will go up this Sunday, the roads down to Ca & up to Worsom -

Yours W R Pew

(over)

An application will be made to Kendall almost immediately for the right for line from Cleveland to Millsville. You better attend to it forthwith. Don't say word to any one that I told you

Yours Perry

Perry
Sept 6. 1852

Belvidere April 9th 1855

Dear Brother

Your favour of 21st march received yesterday while at a raising six miles south of town and I was glad to hear from you and to hear that my tools were likely to be sent to me but I am sorry to learn that you are afflicted with the small Pox - such things are unavoidable however some times I hope you may fare as well with it as I did but with less effence I was calculating to come back to Indiana in the fore part of may and work a month or two on the line and thus have an opportunity to settle with that tailors bill and also a bill at Butler & Worths shoe store east of office but I am doing well here earning and saveing money and so I think I had better stay here. I would therefore like for you to have my trunk and things all sent here from Palmers also pay those bills & I will settle with you. I think there will be enough back of my wages to do it

The tailors bill at Indianapolis is all to be charged to me as I charged groves bill to him in report. the tailor holds me responsible because he would not trust Grover & I therefore had to charge it all to him. write often & let me know how things go on as I shall still be anxious to hear from you Also be sure & have Palmer send all my things here in my trunk by express.

I have bought me a village lot here and am now working to pay for it so I think I can in a fair way to save my earnings.

Respectfully Yours
D B Cornell

C Cornell Esqr
Albion Mich

D. B. Cornell
Apl 4 1865

Battle Creek April 6th 1855

M. B. Wood Esq^{r}

Albion

Dear Sir: I have been looking for you here for a long time but as yet I do not see the light of your countenance. One thing I should like to talk with you about and that is the office here. You are well aware that for if any of you men have furnished them offices with instruments, kept them in repair and this too without charge to the Co. and we have been grumbled at least have been asked for anything more than we first contracted for. I have employed a man to whom I give the receipts. I finding instruments. Office rent and wood for which service Jan^{y}. 1st I have received nothing. prior to that time I had a press on the Rail Road. Now I am informed that some are compensated with these passes. are they any more worthy than I am. do they do any more to keep down the Expenses of the Tel. Co. If you have any discretion and can without compromising any interest furnish me as others are I should like it very much. Please write me fully and oblige

Yours Truly

L. B. Stewart

New York Apl 8, 1855

My Dear Mary Ann

Business called me to this city on short notice & unexpectedly. I owed Henry Wells an unsettled balance of account, and the financial rupture in California fell heavily upon the house of which he is a member, and resulted in bouncing him to borrow on short notice $20.000 as his share of the sum necessary to to sustain their house, this impelled him to press me for the sum I owed him So last Monday I got a letter from him saying he should offer at public sale in Wall St on 10th of Apl 50 shares of my Erie & Mich Sd Stock, to raise $1500 if that sum was not paid to him before that time, That letter came upon me like a clap of thunder, a few days before while I lay on my back at Indianapolis I got a letter from Cleveland with an advertisement, of S. S. Bristol for the sale of my Telegraph interest in those parts for $800, for which he had got a judgement against me, this sale was to take place the 5th of Apl. The next day I got a dispatch from Detroit

informing me that Wade or Ely, had got judgment against me for $3.500. and would sell any interest in Co. M. Rd by the 14th Inst if it went bad,
At this eventful period the small-pox 3 days out, and pustules filling nicely, here arose a conflict between stern necessity, and the small-pox in which the latter, was at once vanquished and the next morning I was up and harnessed for the fight, that night I reached Mich City, with a face, so mastered that I feared it would lead to any arrest,
The day following I was at Albion, when I housed up a couple or three days, reading & answering my letters & planning plans to borrow $5,000 in the short space necessary to save me,
One thousand dollars was the extent of what I could borrow in Mich $500 at Al & $500 at Detroit, With that I started M B off to Cleveland to pay off Bristol's claim & I started East, at Utica I met friends who came up promptly and with good fulings to my relief, and said they would lend me $4.000, (Such friends are healing to broken hearts) this arranged. I started at 1 A.M. the next morning for this City, to meet Mills

in a fight, or peaceful settlement as the case may be, I reached here 10 A.M. & in afternoon saw him, and have no doubt that we shall settle amicably tomorrow and find that I owe him less than $600 which I shall pay him, and then must return direct to Detroit so as to pay off the $3,500 judgment before they can sell me out,

The necessities of the case has compelled me neglect the poor small boy, and it has really rec'd less, for less attention than it is accustomed to command from its subject, but it don't seem to linger with sighs, over blasted hopes but passes on in pursuit of a more hopeful subject, leaving me free from its pestilential embrace,

And I trust before the close of the week I shall be equally free from the traitorous & malignant operations of Wade & Speed; for I know of no other card that they can play in the game of treachery, that has enlisted the whole energy of their corrupt natures,

The prospect indicates an unfavorable time to make a sale of my interest, and I may be compelled to go on, but I have staked my word to sell out

and shall do so, as soon as I can advantageously to myself and honorably to my friends — and while waiting for such an opportunity will trust to the protectory care of a kind Providence and the indulgent forbearance of a faithful and affectionate wife for support in such trials as the visicitudes of business present. —

Frank is at home again as I learned by a despatch from Akron, and I understand him that he goes home satisfied after making his western tour that he had better go to school at Ithaca, or study at home and go to school to write his letters —

He can if he trys learn as much in that way as to go from home to any school I know of, and it will cost less, he will be less liable to be sick and better taken care of if he should be sick, I want you to encourage him in this resolution. He is wiser than he was before he traveled.

Yours Affectionately

E Cornell

M A C

P. S. I am not strong enough yet to endure much fatigue but I stood my journey down very well and feel pretty well, and have a good appetite, and trust I shall soon be as robust as a woodchopper.

I shall not write Abe today you can loan him your letter

E. C

Monroe Apr 8th 1855

Mr E Cornell

Dear Sir

I will have to make out our acount partely from memory some 18 months ago I gave the acount to Mr Hosford while it was fresh in my mind I hope it will now be settled

E Cornell to Thos Kirby Dr

To	160 common pool boats		$16.00
	45 large	30	13 50
	cash paid men for cutting		5 00
	pools		1 50
	tea for hauling		1 00
	intrust		
			$37.00

Thomas Kirby

I sent a Check on Fletchers Bank for $37.00 to pay above bill June 5. 1855 E Cornell

Mapsillon April 10th 55

Mr Cornell

Dr Sir

Again I writ you a few lines with a request and to tell you of the present condition of the line. The line has been down ever since Tuesday March 20th and is not up yet Mr. Curtis the Operator at Akron has not tried or stirred to fix it up at all I have sent him Tele Messages (by the Other Line) & wrote a letter ~~[illegible]~~ and all the good it has done is he said (& promised me) that he would go out but has not done it yet & that is the last of it. I have tried all my power in trying to have him put it up but of no avail. The line is down between Akron and Cuyahoga Falls Mr Heath at Cuyahoga Falls went out & fixed his section. I have not paid expenses and the line or Company rather is in debt in consequence of the

hire not being up. My request is to see if you would remit me Five Dollars to pay horse hire &c. I told you in a letter last winter (if I recollect right) that the Company owed Two Dollars to a Mr Richmond for Horse hire ~~that~~ debt is not paid yet I had a team out on line Thursday March 15th which was Two Dollars and a half and my charges which is 50c makes up the Five Dollars. I owe ~~on~~ for Office rent yet but that I shall pay myself. My request now is to have you remit me $5.00 so I can pay the debts contracted for Horse hire. Hoping to hear from you soon.

I remain

Yours. Respectfully
William Atwater

P.S. Please answer by return Mail &
Oblige W.A.

Peoria Ills
April 11. 1865

E. Cornell Esqr
Albion Mich
Dr Sir

Your favor of the 2d Inst is received — The Election of Directors is fixed for the first Wednesday in March annually, and the Stockholders residing at a Station ~~State~~ or in the Town or City where there is an Office of the C. (or Station) are only entitled to a Vote of this peculiar feature in the Articles of association. I think we had some conversation before. I have not here a copy of the Articles but can forward you one from Ottawa if you desire.

This feature however I wish to have altered and shall endeavor to effect it at the next meeting, until I attend the meeting which takes place on the 25th Inst I can give you but little information as to the general condition and management of the Line Yrs &c L Howell

...ed That the Directors be authorized to
Contract with Connell & Spud to appoint and
pay the debts legally due from the Company by
allowing them to retain the earning of the
line till they are repaid for money advanced
in payment of said debts - upon Condition that
the said Connell & Spud reinstate the line
within 60 days and upon condition that no
more debts are to be contracted and that
at any time the Directors see proper to repay
Connell & Spud for money advanced to pay
the present indebtedness, they are at liberty
to resume back the line & keep control
of the same"

We assent to the above arangement
and will execute the agreement on
our part
Connell & Spud"
Warren 18 Mar 1857

The above is correctly Copied from the
records of the Cleveland, Warren & Pittsburgh
Telegraph Co.
John Hutchins formerly
Director

Contract with
Cleveland Warren & Pitts
Line

We will state that Mr Penn. who has had
control of the line, so far as we know since
the date of the Contract with Connell & Spud
above Stated, applied to the persons, who
were elected Directors in 1852 (& no other
election has since been held) to lease
the line to him for 15 years, upon condition
the said Penn would put the line in repair

and contract no debts against the Company
throw pinion upon, because they believe they
have no authority to do so, as long as said
contract is out standing with Connell &
Speed and because, they are not in
fact acting Directors. The original Stockholders
& Directors here, as far as the undersigned
are aware, are perfectly willing that Mr Peers
or any one else, should have the line
if can they will keep it in repair
& out of debt and have all the avails
of the line, for running it & keeping it in
repair, and we are willing to assign our
Stock as individuals to Mr Peers, upon
the condition, that he will work the line
& keep it up. And we do not believe
there will be any objection to Mr Peers's
making any arrangement with any
other Company or individuals, he may
deem upon the Condition above
Some of the Stock holders, contemplate, having
the line all sold out to some one who will
keep it in repair & may file a bill in Court
for that purpose, with a view to allow
Some one to bid it off at a nominal
price & own the line & control it.
This would seem desirable, as there are
so many small Stock holders, that it is
almost impossible to get possession & their
interest in any other way
Warren Co. April 10. 1855

John Hutchins
M. B. Taylor