Belvidere June 24th 1853

Dear Brother

I wish to enquire if you have found that missing report of my labour & expenditures while I worked for you, and also what you are going to do about the last months labour which I performed on the wabash line. also if you paid Edward the 5 dollars I gave him an order on you for, and if you took up the note he held against me, and if you took up the note why you dont send it to me, I think it is time that affair was settled wh. — I am here at work at my trade but am not getting as much for my work as I expected or as I ought to have and I want to get into some other business ~~that~~

D. B. Cornell
24 June 55

will pay me better. I should like to work for you again. but for the fact that there are persons (or were persons) in your employ who were jealous of me and wished to get me off of the lines. and they took the course which was taken with me on the wabash line last fall that is they found all they could about me that was not right and magnified my real faults. and added to them charges of which I was not guilty.— my health is good and has been so most of the time since I came here. I think if I should go to work for you again I could give better satisfaction than before.
and if there is any thing due me from you I should like to have it as soon as convenient

Respectfully D B Cornell

E Cornell Z

Providence June 24th 1853

Dear Uncle

Recollecting that your kind favor of Apr 22d remained unanswered not that it was forgotten but you knowing my habits of negligence will not be at lost to account for my silence but following the old proverb better late than never I take this opportunity to acquaint you how affairs are with us. I was sorry to learn that you were effected with that disagreeable distemper the small pox, their is probable no more pain connected with it than with so many other diseases (for all illness is disagreeable) but this one causes a great deal of excitement among our friends and neighbors as it is a contagious disease and oftimes the sufferer is neglected by his most intimate friends from fear that they might

take it. Uncle Alonzo Chace started for the west the 25th of April taking Brother Edward with him who has wanted to go for a long while I believe I wrote you in my last that he went to Iowa on a visit an to see the country with which he was so much pleased that he purchased a farm consisting of 120 acres of which 40 is timber situated about 3/4 of a mile from. Uncle Amasa he returned here and settled up his business and was off again in little over a week taking Eddy with him who is agoing to live with Uncle Amasa at present we receive a letter from Eddy last week he writes that he likes first rate that Uncle Alonzo health has not been so good in several years and that Uncle Joseph is married which news has caused a relapse of her fever quite as serious as the original one.

Dear Uncle I did not write you about the fleeting moments that I threw away

to solicit the compliments which you gave but from the fact that I was not in a disposition to excuse my negligence from want of time which I realize I waste a large portion of but am so indolent to catch the moments as they fly, I was truly oblige to for the valuable hints which you gave for they were greatly needed

We have had a cold an backward spring and now that it has immerge into summer it is much better there is scarcely heat enough to cause vegetation although the past two or three days have been comfortably warm

Our friends in Fall River were well as usual at last accounts

Uncle Buffum Chace stop here last week on his way home he has made quite a little tour through New York state Canada Newport he staid at Grandfather's one night who was his schoolteacher when a boy and he often has a pleasing anecdote to relate of his school days and rendered

more pleasing to us because grandfather was his teacher.

Elijah is at home now the firm for which he work having failed and as shipcarpentering is down we have some doubts about his finishing his trade

I do not think that I shall ever be able to write 30 or 40 letters a day. have been nearly two hours a writing this

I remain your affectionate niece R Chace

Ezra Cornell

Albion

Rebecca Chace
14 June 1853

Mich City 25 June 65

Dear Brother

My Note at the Tompkins County bank of $150 falls due on the 27 of July & you said you would make arrangements to meet it. I hope you will do so without fail as I would be very sorry to put my backers to any trouble or inconvenience, ~~will~~ you do do and release me of any more care on the subject

We have got the poles up from Gibson a half a mile above the Illinois Central Junction and should have had them nearly up by this time if they had have been all on the ground please write me on the receipt of this and give the particulars of your misfortune as I have

heard nothing only that you had broken your arm. How bad is it broken and how did it happen & how did Mary Ann leave Mother & Jane are they giting better &c

Respectfuly yours
E. B. Cornell

To E Cornell

E B. Cornell
June 2d 1857

Buffalo, June 25 1855

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

Acting under your general instructions, I last week gave Ben Dixon notice that I should fill his place today, and see if we could not have our western business done more promptly and satisfactory—

To day he refuses to take pay up to Saturday night, and claims that he works by the month, and will have pay up to July first.

This I refuse to pay and so the matter stands— Advise me what to do— for I don't know now what else I can do.

The Line works hard between here and Dunkirk— I have sent over our section, and can find nothing out of the way—

Yours Truly

H. F. Makepeace

Hudsonville June 29 54

# Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois Telegraph Co.

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STATE SENTINEL JOB ROOMS, INDIANAPOLIS.

Hudsonville, June 29 1854.

The following Message was received from .....

Dated, ..... 1854.

To Mr Haas

Dr Sir

Pls find Enclosed my Rept which I thought as I had done so little bsns it was not worth while to make — you will see that I am doing a Poor bsns with this office — I have only given you the receipts — as I have not kept an account of Expenditures it would be impossible to make a correct Rept of them — but I think I can safely say that they have been more than double the Receipts — The months not reported here I done nothing — it has been very hard on me for the

last year - I have thot
some times that I would
have to give up the offs
Entirely and apply my
attention more closely to
my other business in order
to do my self justice -
although the time has been
working for this month I
will not do more enough
to pay me for trouble
and daily expenses -
I have given you all
on one sheet as it all
amounts to so little that
you will understand it

73 J. L. White

Buffalo June 30 1855

Mr. E. Cornell

Dear Sir

I came here last night; when I left, Gardner was not at home. I left it with Chapman to get his Pony, & he says I have a Tel. from Chapman saying that he had got his hoop, mean out to me. I left it to have the hoop made out in Utica, so that you could use it. I return to Utica to night & now intend to leave Utica in time to be in Detroit Wednesday morning, the 4th. of July, with Gardners hoop. I very much dislike the job of going, & would have telegraphed you to-day to enquire if it would be necessary but could not reach you unless I sent through House Sims & that would not do

It was with much regret that I heard of the accident that has befallen you.

I find Hooker & Mahoney both very much discouraged in regard to the working of your line West of here, & I assure you it has made me feel quite nervous to day to stand by & see them refuse business & say to Customers that they could not send & then to see them go direct to the House line & send them off. One man came in with 2 messages in his hand & had to go away. You have no idea how much & how fast your line is getting into disrepute with. here & in Chicago. Hooker says if you can have the line so that it

will work from Toledo to Cleveland
& could get along much better than
he can now; & that if you will have
the offices between here & Cleveland
shut on the lower line, business could
be got off better. Tucker says if you
will give him authority to do it, he will
go through to Cleveland & put the offices
in order, will get some new covered lines
& put in, & fix them so they will work.
I think Tucker is doing all he can.
Both him & Markesbury feel very anxious
about it, & they are almost discouraged
Tucker says if you have only one operator
at each of your offices in Cleveland to do
all the business & do the soliciting I can
tell that you do not work ok. an average
over 3 days in a week between Detroit &
Chicago — the man who tells this says it
is from good information

You will recollect I came to see
Walker Brown Esq when in Chicago, to get
them to leave the Huron line. They did so,
and commenced with you there, & their
Agt Commenced here, but owing to the
way they have been treated they have
now gone back to Huron line & several
other firms with them — Walker told
me himself to day that they had had
no reports from your office
reports put in the post office for them in
Chicago 4 days after they had commenced
at the Chicago office & they got them the 5th
day they say they mentioned this to [redacted]
two other firms in Chicago viz Kinney
Brothers & Co & J. Sherwood & Co & they both said
they had had the same thing done from

Your Chicago office & Walker says that they have had messages from your office frequently but in the Post office & so-said the other Sentries The Agent of Walker Bros out to be told me to-day that they had wrote him from Chicago directing him to send no more messages by your line. Only a few days since one of the Sentries Telegraphed through the Atlantic line to that firm to-

You see these men talk when their business goes wrong & the influence it has tells more than we have any idea of. Now it do not pay to have expensive offices & have messages boys & then send business for firms in the City that can be reached in 5 or 10 minutes through the Post office. no such business should be sent through the Post office & the man who has charge of that business should not wait when messages come to get a batch of them but to hurry them off as fast as possible. All this you know & I am inclined to think you should make your Stothing blame none at Chicago & the other principal points, you would see it yourself. I have heard much more of all these delays & them I have written. I regret to have to write it to you, especially at a time when you are afflicted & cannot give it your attention, to remedy the difficulty but our business suffers for every such firm as Walker Bros on & Co (& they are many) that go over to the Atlantic Co takes

envy certain business frames.
what I have written you is true
and much more. You have no idea
how much your relatives are loosing
in reputation & business

Cannot you and Mr Wheiner or
Wheiners through from Toledo to Cleveland
& Cleveland here. Is it not best to
let Richer do as he pleases? he
says he can get some one to take
his house here while he does it
In haste yours — the cars are
to leave in ten minutes
& am haste

Geo Crumbine

Dr Dear Sir
Yours &c

# NATIONAL TELEGRAPH.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE

NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA,

**PITTSBURGH, CINCINNATI, LOUISVILLE,**

BUFFALO & CHICAGO,

**THE UNITED NEW ORLEANS & OHIO,**

AND

PEOPLE'S ST. LOUIS, INDIANA & LAKE ERIE

**TELEGRAPH LINES,**

**THIRD STREET, NEAR MAIN, CINCINNATI.**

WRITE PLAIN—USE NO FIGURES—ANSWER BY THIS LINE.

Dated, ---------- 1855.

Received, ----------

To ----------

Rcd of J F
Stevens Salary
for June 33.33

Geo R Hicks

# Statement of Southern Mich line

Recpts at Monroe for 20 days in May. Supposed to be $15. -
No arrangement yet made with Operator
at Monroe, S. M. Recpts by Tel, Rec^d Opr L for May, local 1.74
Rec^d at Monroe fr Opr Lines for local offices $21.02 . 2 p^c Opr Lines
$24.09 Rects of Ofs. Opr Pay expenses except
on line -

Adrian, Jas. Murray boy at $16.00 per mo. Recpts
for May about $22, -

Hudson, Mr Newell says a Mr Jones who is a
Tailor, says he will learn, nothing said about terms
Got a set of instruments of Jones which belonged to
some man who sits up a Claim and took instruments,
1/4 rects. he pay expenses

Hillsdale, S. E. Wilson wants $25, for his salary, He
keeps Chandlers book. Chandler is furnaceman, &c,
dont know what recpts are, Suppose he gets enough to
pay his expenses - For a time, as wished.

Jonesville, Horace C. Butler, Watchmaker, will
take Office on shares of some kind, 1/4 rects

Cold Water, A. Daugherty, is at present Operator at Cold
water, No arrangement made. Is clerk in brothers store
who failed, is now receiver for creditors, 1/3 rects

Burr Oak, A Mr Abbott who is an Operator has a store at B. O and wants office, must be arranged with, Good place to buy Wheat, ½ Rects

Sturgess, Jas. Sprague. Clerk in Bucks store has had recpts. of S.M line be to remit amounts pd other lines, has expended five or six dollars in fitting up line which we will have to pay. Rects light say one or two, messages per day — 1/3

Pigeon, R.R. Co wants us to put an inst at this office for their accomodation, ✓

Elkhart, Moore-house has inst in store will attend business for part of recpts, 1/4 Recpts will be small,

Mishawauka, ~~Cowl~~ Cowles, a Lawyer & Justice of the peace, is operator and will do the best he can, 1/4

Southbend, C.M Heaton Operator, to Clever to be worth much, is justice of peace &c must, give 1/4 us something,

Laport, Milliken, Printer operator himself and, has a good boy, This ofc must pay something — 1/3

Enquire about Calumet.

13 stations between X & Ch —

Statement. Showing the advantages of consolidation to the E & M Pk Co as compared to the advantages to the House Co -

Earnings of E & M line for year Ending June 30. 55 should be estimated thus, as showing what the same results would produce net for the current year

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Building Material p/c for not used | | 896.79 |
| Amt due for P & W line | | 1131.70 |
| Amt due from Haviland for this year | | 395.00 |
| North West line & Scotland | | 994.40 |
| Amt Due from R Chadwick | | 457.00 |
| Amt on hand at Office | | 1967.00 |
| Paid Old debts due prior to July 54 - | | 2391.15 |
| Paid for Milwaukie line Gen Ex a/c | | 1200.00 |
| Gen Rep. Excess of what will again accrue | | 3000.00 |
| Dividend a/c | | 5262.50 |
| Stock rec'd in payment of debts - | 240.00 | |
| | 19,935.54 | |
| Less amt collected & rec'd to pay dividend | 1,500.00 | |
| | $16,435.54 | |

Earnings of House line as Stated by J. R. Elwood

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Receipts from Jan'y 1. to Aug 31. 1855 - | | $79,108.37 |
| Ex Pk other lines | $15.463.00 | |
| Repairs — | 9.804.72 | |
| Other Necessary Expenses | 45446.84 | 69,914.56 |
| | | $9,193.81 |
| Add for balance of year | | 5,806.19 |
| Earnings for year 1855 - - - - - | | $15,000.00 |

In this Statement the House line gets the benefit of receipts at Chicago from Ill & Miss line for 7 months which have ran from $600. to $1000 per mo averags say $800. per mo Equal to $5.600. and the E & M line Statement suffers for the 5 months lack of the same, as the E & M line is entitled to those receipts and in the end would obtain that connection again, if E & M had theirs in would add $4.000 to our receipts.

The estimated saving of Expenses to both Companies by consolidation is about $20.000 per an.

From the above data the Earnings of Consolidated Company would be as follows

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| E & M | Earnings | 16.435.54 |
| House | do | 15.000.00 |
| Expenses | saved | 20.000.00 |
| | | 51.435.54 |

- Earnings of Consolidated Co-1 year =

This sum divided on the basis of consolidation would give the E & M Co $15.430.50 or $1.005.04 less than they would earn with the competition as it is, leaving the House Co to Enjoy all the fruits of Consolidation, or they would gain $21.000 per an and six loose $1.000 —

If any modification to the contract is
accepted, the result on the above basis
would be as follows,

| | |
|---|---|
| Earnings of Consolidated Co | 51,455.54 |
| Deduct to pay debts of House Co | 10.000.00 |
| | #41,455.54 |
| Deduct from this 6 p ct dividend | 30,000,00 |
| Balance to apply to House Co debt | #11,455.54 |

This arrangement would divide #9.000,00
among the Stockholders of Edill Line while
we were helping the House Co to pay
its debts, If this could be done the
Edill Stockholders might submit to the
unjust basis of consolidation that
they have assented to by a vote at
the Stockholders meeting,

E. Cornell

A Statement showing the advantages of the proposed consolidation to the Enc. Michigan Telegraph Co, as compared to the advantages it will be to the Sby & Miss Valley Printing Tel Co

Earnings of E & M Line for year Ending June 30. 55 as per report,

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Dividend a/c amt pd | $5,262,50 | |
| Less amt Speed order | 1500 | $3,762,50 |
| Building material pd for and not used | | 896.79 |
| Amt due from S. & M. Lines | | 1.131.70 |
| " " " Havilands | | 395.00 |
| " " " N. M. Line & Scotland | | 994.40 |
| " " " R. Chadwick & Co | | 457.00 |
| " on hand at Offices | | 1550.27 |
| " pd Old debts Contracted due prior to July 1/54 | | 2391.15 |
| " Milwaukie Line ch'd in Gen Expense a/c | | 1200.00 |
| " Rebuilding a/c Excess of what future years will require to perpetuate line | | 3000.00 |
| " Stock rec'd in payment of debts. | | 240.00 |
| | | $16,018,81 |

Say in round numbers $15,000.00 as net Earnings of E & M Line.

Earnings of Sby & M. T. P. Tel. Co —

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Recpts from Jan 1. 55 to Aug 31. 55 | | $79.108.37 |
| Expenses pd Opr Line | $15.463,00 | |
| Repairs | 9.004.72 | |
| Other necessary Expenses | 45.446.84 | 69.91456 |
| | | 9.193.81 |
| Estimate for other four months, | | 5.806.19 |
| Earnings Sby & Miss T. P. Tel Co | | $15,00000 |

Estimated saving by consolidation in Expenses by both lines is $20,000

E. & M. Line Earnings $15,000.00
Sy. & M. T. P. Rl. Co do 15,000.00
Estimated saving by consolidation 20,000.00
Our years net Earnings = $50,000.00
Appropriation for Sy. & M. T. P. Rl. Co debt 10,000.00
$40,000.00
Deduct Six per ct dividend 30,000.00
Balance to apply on debt, = $10,000.00

Our Say Net Earnings for year $50,000.00
To apply on dividends 6 per ct $30,000
To apply on debt 20,000 = 50,000.00

Of the said Earnings of $50,000.00 if all
devoted the account would stand
thus between the two companies
on the basis agreed upon between
the two companies = $50,000 being
ten per ct of the capital would
give the E. & M. Co $15,000. which
is the sum they now earn. and
it gives the other Co $35,000. which
is $20,000. more than they now
earn, showing that the Sy. & M.
T. P. Rl. Co will reap all the
fruits of Consolidation,
With the above apparent inequality in
the basis of consolidation agreed upon
between the two companies. It is unreason-
able to expect the Stockholders of the E. & M
Co, to submit to conditions that prevents
the making of dividends until the large
debt of the other Co is paid off.

E. Conwell

Indianapolis July 2. 1855

My Dearey Mary,

Your mother has just been relating to me your courageous adventure to the Doctors office, some two months ago to have your tooth pulled,

I am glad to here that you have so much Courage,

I have had to submit to like torture this afternoon myself, to get rid of an old snag that was getting troublsome, it was this that brought your heroism to mind,

Your mother also informs me that your health is much improved since I saw you, which is very gratifying to me, I hope it will continue to improve,

My poor broken arm is very painful, most of the time, but much more so nights than day times, but it seems to be mending as well as could be expected, and I have confidence now that it will get well, and that I shall not have to loose it,

When it was first injured, I did not

expect it could be saved, and had made up my mind to have it cut off, at that time. I could have had it cut off as easy as to have a tooth pulled, but with the present prospects of recovery, it would be very hard for one to yield to the idea of amputation,

The poor thing is broken up in such pieces nearly. There is two breaks between the Shoulder and Elbow, and two breaks between the Elbow and wrist, besides several of the fingers, and small bones in the hand is fractured, how many we don't know,

It will be some time before it can get entirely well, but I shall follow your example of patience, and await the result with hope,

Your mother has been with me for six days, and I find She is a good nurse as you have also had the opportunity to learn, and I hope we shall both get so we love that another won't have to display her skill as nurse over us,

Your mother is very well, and would be very glad to See you, She says you must be a very good Girl, and make as little trouble for Grandma & aunt

carra, as possible, Your Mother bought her a new dress saturday, and is now engaged in making it,

We expect your Grand Pa & Uncle Johnathan back from the west, this evening, and until they come,

Uncle Otis, Aunts Emily & Cordelia are in Ohio, but we have not heard from them for a week, past,

I expect be be able to travel so I can start for home, in a week or ten days, and hope to find you verry well,

Give Our love to Grand Ma. & Aunt C,

With Affectionate regard

Your father

E. Cornell

Miss Mary Emily Cornell

Dryden. N.Y.

Dear Mamy your Father says I must write you a few lines and I hardly know what to write about, I have been out this P.M, and bought ~~xxxx~~ him a dressing gown and while in the store heard of a little child having been drowned in a tub of water, You must be a good girl and stay to Dryden until I get home as I think it will be for your health to breath the pure air, I hope Emma will keep well while I am away from home

From your Mother Mary A Cornell

Crawfordsville Indiana
July 3d 1865

E Connell Esq
Indps Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 30th June has been received, and Contents noted
When I refered to my claims I meant 219$ Judgements, and one half of our Milwaukee Claim, which amounts to 433$ Principal & interest, making a total in my favr of $652.00
I was not before aware of any difference existing between Mr Kiertzd and myself respecting the Amt each one entitled to in the Milwaukee claim, We are both anxious to get the matter adjusted without litigation if it can be done so, You may if You wish make me a proposition for the entire amount of the two claims amounting to $1185.111. as I have a power of attorney from Mr Kiertzd and Can Consider Your proposition, You are aware that these claims will soon be forced on the Company for payment, and laying aside all feelings of self interest, it seems to me the best policy for the Company to close the matter up while we are so liberally disposed towards it, I Was unwilling to bring Suit for the 219$ until Compelled to do so. Hoping to hear from You at an early day I remain

Very Respy

R. E. Bryant

Jan 5 1853

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Erie & Michagan Telegraph Co this day, the following officers were elected.

For President,

E. Cornell of Ithaca N.Y.

Directors,

E Cornell " Ithaca N.Y.
J. D Caton " Ottawa Ill
J. M Howard " Detroit Mich
M. B. Wood " Albian "
J. Haviland Cleveland Ohio
E. Cobb " Chicago Ill
B. Follett " Ypsilanti Mich
D. S. Walbridge " Kalamazoo "
O. Leeds Mich City Ind

Treasurer
M. B Wood

Secretary
J. Haviland

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"OLIVE BRANCH" PRINT, NEWPORT, IA.

*By Telegraph from* _____

Dated July 5th 1855

To P Hood Esqr

Lafayette Ind

Dear Sir

Receipts

For Newport Telegraph station for the month of June/55 was — $7.25

Expenditures of Office & of Oper Same

Very truly yours

James. M. Hood

Newport Ind

July 5th/55

Chicago July 5 1855

Mr E Cornell

Dr Sir

I heard of your Misfortune — a bad one as I understand yr left Arm twice broken and otherwise badly Mutilated.

With your age and debilitated health take to yourself 12 Mos before you can make it tolerable unfull — You must have your share of ups & downs — good & evil — pleasure & pains if you intend to live on this side of Sun shine — rather too much to take on the shady side of youth for one dose —

(2)

| | |
|---|---|
| Damages — | 75.00 |
| Pltff cost | 5.22 |
| Daft do | 8.30 |
| Intent | 1.35 |
| Sheriff | 2.15 |
| | $92.02 |
| Paid to day | |

I have some Earnest remarks to make about your attorneys — Checkering & James your attorneys in this appeal said of dead horse — It was certainly managed bad that is — so I was informed — through ignorance and neglect — However, judgment & cost as stated above has gone to you & is now paid — Making about 110 to 115 Money lost —

3 The past two Months I will venture to say that I have called Dr Mann Chickering and James probably not less than twenty times and very certain that I have seen him as many as twelve times - saying that - I as soon as Judge had decided to let me know and that I would immediately pay the damage without further cost be sure not to allow the Execution to come out - Was my request to Mr Chickering every time I saw him — I told him few Minutes since with my sorry looks intermateing - Enough!

4 of Words could not now amend it good
boy let him go — an Attorney who has
been so neglectfull & carless — I have
done with him — you may have him
if you wish If he had had
attended to his business half as prompt as
I had a saving of 5 to 7 dollars —

5 Mr. Downs & myself get along very well —
He needs little drilling to get the boys Earlier
to their posts Mornings Robt the Scotchman
sometimes get here before 8 Most generally after
— sometimes 1/2 past several times — past 1/2 past 8
Monday Mornings, he, or some body should
have the battery in readiness Early — Not
wait till 10 & 10 15 oclock — Good
deal smoking — and joined by our new
battery Man all in sight of customs —

(b) There is wanted office rules and regulations wrote or printed & strictly adhered to the rules need not be very rigged — whatever it is — live to it

Our line been so much cryed out by our opponents — We have felt the hurt more sensibly — ~~our~~ our friends have told me "the House line is more reliable". I can say nothing — only "button up & run home" Your truly Stow

Albion July 5th 1855

Dear Brother E.C.

We had a meeting of stockholders yesterday but it was slimly attended. All we could find in the city was 5 viz- Mysely. Wade Cobb Haviland and Sholes. I heard that Walker was at the Biddle house and I went up to see him but could not find him. I afterward learned that Curtis was in the city all day and it is strange they did not come to the office or appear somewhere that I could get sight at them. I would like to have got acquainted with them both. I had no trouble in particular in getting the officers of the company right. Sholes occupied the chair & Haviland secretary pro tem. I submitted a list to be voted for with Mr Butts on it which they wished changed. The board of directors of the House co had taken action on the matter and wrote a letter to us asking to have two directors from their co. They beset me pretty strong to insert the two names but I declined though I complied with the request in their letter to change the name and put on Sibley in place of Butts. I send you a slip with the officer elect. I read your letter to them in regard to dividend and we discussed the matter some when Haviland said he had a

WM Wood, Albion July 5, 1855

conversation with Speed on the subject of giving us an order and said the Col. would not do it
I also ascertained that Haviland & Cobb did not intend to pay their note. Cobb said he thought he would let the stock be sacrificed, & Haviland is about to break down & give up all he has got to his creditors I think we shall meet with a loss by them though perhaps Cobb may be good for the amount. There was a queer move made to raise committee to examine in to the financial concerns of the company and as they were quite anxious I did not wholly refuse and permitted a committee of two to examine & report. It consists of J. H. Wade & J. A. Dyer. We adjourned to the 2nd wednesday in August to give you ample time to recover and be on the ground. I shall write to Dyer to day and state to him there is no necessity of his doing any thing about this examination as we shall have a full report in August of the condition of the finances and as he does not particularly like Wade I dont think that committee will amount to much. I shall in the mean time lock up the books and be away and I guess their report will be a small affair I find they are determined to build a line to Akron & Cobb says it shall be in operation in sixty days I find their receipts in Ch have doubled ours last month as they have the advantage of their new line working direct to Cleveland in one circuit. The storms have been so frequent & severe the past month our line has suffered badly and it is with much difficulty we keep working. Yesterday the procession broke down our line in De with their flagstaff. An Oak pole fell into the street but fortunately did not hit any thing. I hear nothing from Phebe you will come this way on your return to Ithaca I presume & I shall be in the vicinity. Yours truly M B Wood

Wabash July 6th 1865.

E Connell Esq.

Dear Sir in
reference to your Inspection, I will say
the following is the amounts Received to
& from the Office of the months of June
July & 1st 1865. Message to College Hill Ohio
& D. Deducting Swift To Dayton 45¢. Leaves a
Balance Due the Line 45¢
On the 3rd To Message Received from Philadelphia
$1.38 - paid at Philadelphia Leaves Due our Line 45¢
June 1st 65. To Message Received from N York $2.22
Deduction of 45¢. To Dayton, leaving Balance due
to Our Line of. $1.77
June 5th to message from Buffalo 75¢. Deduction
of 25¢. to Ft Wayne Leaving Balance due
our Line. 50
June 6th To Message to Buffalo & Same 50
June 27. To. Same - " " 55
June 29. To. Same " " 55
June 29. To. Same " " 55

Which I Believe is a true
Account of the month of June.

Mr. Connell. Sir I would like very
much if you could call at our
office. & Sir. as I should have been
both to have sent - you Some money
before now. had it not - been of it
was. Every thing about - My office. was
in a manner to Repair & make New. & had
been So unprompt - that the people
had Lost all Confidence in it & I have
had. for your Interest to Telegraph for

On almost- any Conditions to get
Him & Them Confidence again
restored. which I Believe I have
Completely. Now from this on I think
I will Have No Trouble in making
the Office a profitable one as any
of the Sirs. Should the Line keep up
which I Think it will we Load-all
Of our Circuit on the 4th & on the 5th-
I went down my Line to Peru
& have to Say I Seen Sec it in as
Good order as it was all the way
Down Mr. Buck has done a very good
part to it, I am now a going to
Try if I Can find in Larger Receipts
then Peru from this out, I have not Spent
One dollar in the way Of Repairs only
what news I Could not- be well get-
a long without, & Every Dollar I Can
is Paid if the office Have not the
Money I Paid of my own. Line. I
Dow Con Get Hands. Or any Thing Else
for this Office on the Lowest- Terms,
Try & Come this way & See me - also
with me. Yours Truly
[signature]

Mr. Jones
Quincy
Ills

La Porte July 6th 1855

Mr E. Cornell
Sir

I Wish. to obtain the management of S.W. & O.S.T Telegraph Offices in this place which are under your Control. Under their present management they are Losing from $10. to $30. per month. I think I can make you an offer, by which they lines will make money, or at least more than they do now. as to the Expenses of the office

First you pay the manager of office $60. per month
2nd " Rent 4. — —
3 " lights .50 — —
4 " Expense of Keeping lines in Repair from $5. to $10 per month.

now. If you will let me have the office I will be to the Expense of an office (it would have to be moved) lights. Fuel and the Expense of Keeping the line in Repair. for the same Salary which you pay Mr M. $25. per month for each ~~line~~ line. thus being a saving of from $15. to $20. dollars per month. I have been in this office as assistant. for nearly three years consequently I am well known by the Business men & citizens Generally of the city.

If you want References please Refer to any of the following named persons. H. Miller Produce merchant W b. Hannah Lawyer Snyder & Keith Produce merchants A.P. Lee Produce merchant. James Bradley Lawyer Benj. Kress Justice of the Peace & I could name a host of others who would testify

over

To my good character & capabelity. I Read by sound. And am at present doing all the business of the office Am message Boy Operator & Repairer. Several of the Business men have frequently asked me to get up a Petition to you to let me have the office saying they would get 10 or 20 names to it, & if necessary I will get them now. I will keep an Assistant at my own Expense also. please answer Soon

John A. Kress

E. A. Hitz
Aug 6, 1881

Office of the New York and Erie Railroad Company,

New York, July 6 1855

E. Connell Esq
Indianapolis.

Dear Sir:- Your favor of the 16th ult. was duly received, but absence from the city and a continued pressure of business have delayed any answer until now.

I am greatly indebted to you for the information you give, but have not been able to ascertain who the party is that has shown such ingenuity but hope to do so hereafter.

Your name shall not be used in connection with the matter.

Very respectfully
Yours &c.
Henry Rumsey
Pres

Lafayette July 6. 55

E. Cornell. Esq
Indianapolis
Ind

Dear Sir.

According to your contract with the C. & M. R.R. there is yet considerable sum of the $940. allowed them for putting up poles between Union & Junction coming to you. They were to have $940. for furnishing & erecting 32 miles of poles which amounts $1.47 per pole allowing 24 per mile. There are at least 200 more wanting beside the 66 put up by Palmer & myself assisted by the R.R hands which should be charged to them making between 3 & 400, dollars yet due on that part of contract. beside the work done by Palmer & myself. which they ought to pay.

I do not believe Taylor will ever furnish the remainder of the poles & if you are also satisfied of it. would it not be best to have about 100 of those poles at Baltimore distributed between Greenville & Union. where they

are most needed. The men who purchased Bontman farm wish to raise some kind of grain on the ground that is covered with our poles. They say they must be removed soon or they will not hesitate to burn them.

I am expecting a letter from Kiersted every day informing me what the C. N. & Dayton RR will charge to take a lot of poles to Middletown & Hamilton. We will also try to contract poles between Dayton & Cin on the road & adopt the cheapest plan — We must get a sufficient number along the line to put it in good order now, or if best to repair it temporarily until after harvest & then rebuild, will do that, but I cannot rest until something is done by which we can have daily communication with Cin —

A few nights since a lot of boatmen & probably others some six or eight tore our wire down at Perrysville, tossing part of it & scattering the rest around town. They commenced their work about 12 at night. A Printer at "Ry" thinks he could recognise one of the boatmen. Cause of trouble unknown. so Bower the Opr. tells me — by purchasing a lot of wire

he has been enabled to repair the break & we are now working with Evansville. in cases of this kind I wish you would advise me how to do -

Toledo & Ft Wayne both say no insulators on hand that they were all taken to repair line. I ordered two boxes from McKee & Co. 2411 in each box. with bill - which has not been rec'd. what do you pay for them - Is our freight over B & Ia RR free -

Our offices ought to have climbers or small ladders to repair with. The P.C. & L line have very small light ~~ones~~ ladders which they stand up, on end, bottom against the pole & climb by putting arms around pole. ladder being too light to bear a person unless it stands perpendicular. They cost but little.

Am I permitted to use any of the funds remitted you in the reports. I enclose you 3 or 4 despatches to me what shall I do in regard to them -

We must have 100 or more zincs immediately if we can possibly get them.

Cin & Dayton do not keep their books so as to give us the amt checked at other stations & amount rec'd for other lines & for what ~~xx~~ offices they pay out money - to other lines what shall I do with them -

I enclose you a letter from strong. he appears to be determined not to send out on line unless funds are sent him. Although he has just been over line with men to give it a thorough overhauling yet he appears to have no confidence in his work. He tells me the line owes him between one & two hundred dolls: it is very important that we should have a good man at Defiance one that will repair promptly - & if necessary we should remit him some money. I have been so hard pressed that I could not send him any. If he is the man for the place - we had better send him some money soon as possible.

Did you arrange Muncie matters for Feby & March also Pendletons matters for May & June. If you are able please write me fully.

Mrs H's & Self's compliments to yourself & lady

Yours
I. Haas

I. Haas July 6. 85

Jonesville July 6/55

E Cornell
Attorney

Dear Sir

When had we better commence proceedings against the House line for the use of the patent of Morse — & whom had we better employ — What is the result of the patent suit now pending in the U S Court at Detroit — Let me hear from you

Yours
M C Cornell
W Wilkinson

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

Utica, July 7th 1855.

E. Cornell Esqr

Dear Sir

I was at Detroit on the 4th July agreeable to your request on my arrival I called at your Dock Office and enquired of Mr Smith your Operator if you was there or to be there to attend a meeting of the directors of Erie & Mich Sc Co he said he had not heard of any such meeting and did not know that you or Mr Wood was to be there I told him why I was there & requested him to find out if you or Mr Wood was to be there he said he would do so I waited in the office till near 12 O. clock & he could get no intelligence from you or Mr Wood I then left & went to a friends leaving word that if he got any information to send to me I went to the upper Office about one P.M. & found it closed I went away & returned to the upper Office at ½ past 4 & found a couple of boys in the office who told me that Mr Wood had been there & had just gone out & would be there again I waited a while & then got one of the boys to go with me to find Mr Wood on our way We came across Mr C. C. Sholes who told

me Mr. Wood had gone back to Albion & that he had been there all day with Cobb Haviland Wade & himself he told me the result of the meeting that the old directors were elected except that they had put in Sibley in place of Cobb he also told me that a committee had been appointed to examine into the affairs of the Erie & Mich affairs &c.

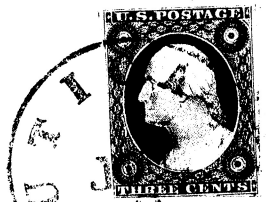
I regretted I could not have seen Mr. Wood to have conversed with him about the importance of having your lines kept in working order I had been in Buffalo some days previous & wrote you from there directed to Albion giving you some facts about how your line was working &c I had become very much discouraged when I saw you loosing ground so fast & the reputation of your line running down so much Hucker & Makepiece turning away business almost every hour & our company loosing business in consequence of your lines not working you will see the letter I wrote from Buffalo. I think you told me that you had employed your brother to help you did he come on I do hope that the line will not be in its unworking condition much longer. I came down to Buffalo with Mr. Sholes by him I learn that he judged from the talk

of Cobb & Wade that the House co still expected to get the controll of the Erie & Mich Line & eventually run you under & that notwithstanding the House co had so large an interest in the Erie & Mich Line yet they was pleased to see its reputation going down, I regret to have to write this especially while you are suffering from your recent injuries but I deem it my duty to do it I want you to understand all these things as they come to me whether true or false

I got a reply from Wade when I tiny wrote to him to buy his Ill & Miss Stock to that he had sold it I would like to know to whom he sold it Can you find out he

I called on Marshall Lefevre about in the Rain Patent he said he was not then prepared to say what he would do but he would let you have it on reasonable terms & wanted me to say to you that if you would call on him when you come to NY he would let you have it. I should like to hear from you on rect. of this. Mr. Sholes told me that the Erie & Mich directors were to meet again in a month if so I will tye & meet you then. I suppose Caton is now turning all his business over to the House co George is here says he has or will write you

Yours Respectfully Geo Curtiss




E. Connell Esqr
Albion
Michigan

Indianapolis July 7. 1855
1 Oclock A.M.

My Dear Sir

You will infer from the date of my letter, (an hour after midnight) that I find it dificult to sleep. Such is the fact, I cannot sleep, and will begile a portion of the tedious night by relating the cause.

Two weeks ago last Wednesday evening while on my way to this city from Lafayette by Railroad, I sat by an open window in the car with my arm resting on the window sill the elbow projecting 3 or 4 inches outside of car, (a very common attitude for people to assume in the cars in hot weather) while in that position and the car passing through a narrow bridge, something struck my arm just below the Elbow, and broke it up very bodly. The bone is broken twice between the Sholder & Elbow, both bones are broken between the Elbow and wrist, one or two bones broken in the hand, and two of the fingers broken. Thus my poor left arm is smashed up with 6 or 8 fractures.

I had no idea that the arm could be saved and if the Surgeon had said amputation was

necessary, I should have assented to it without a word of remonstrance, but he instead said he would first try & save the arm, and he set the bones and dressed & bandaged and splintered up the mass of chaos, until it assumed somewhat the shape of an arm, and thus he has nursed it since, And I have a fair prospect of not only saving the arm, but of getting a tolerable good arm again.

It has been very painful from the moment of the accident, and continues so, even day-times, but at night the pain is greatly intensified, and I suffer severely, I cannot sleep, I cannot lay in bed, nor set up, nor do anything in particular, but fidget about as best I can from one thing to another to waste the night,

I telegraphed my wife to come out and take care of me, and she arrived the Saturday morning following the injury, and is with me still, She is a capital nurse, so I am well cared for. My health is first rate, it has been better the month past, than for six months previous,

I have no knowledge of what it was that struck my arm, but am of the opinion from all the facts I have thus far been able

to correct, that it must have been a loos board, a part of the lining of the bridge that had been displaced, that projected far enough to do the mischief,

The man who sat next window behind me was struck in the back, by probably the same object that struck me, and his head was inside the car, he did not receive any serious injury, enough only to bruise his cheek slightly,

My arm is getting along as well as could be expected, the flesh wounds that literally covered it from fingers to shoulder, caused by the concussion against the side of the car, are all healed up so the surfaces is sound, and the bones appear to be doing well, the callos is forming around most if not all the fractures, favorably, and I hope to be able to travil in a week or ten days more, when I shall go home to Ithaca + stay a while till I get in working order,

Business is fair, considering the little there has been to make business, and the honest prospects are good, perhaps never better, and with good grain crops we may expect a large fall business—

The draft you accepted for me, is paid I suppose, as Mr Wood or treasurer told

he would forward a dft to Newyork to buy it, I have just got word yesterday that our Co the Erie & Mich, selected me president at their meeting last Wednesday at Detroit, so it seems they prefer a broken arm'd President to none, The meeting was adjourned a month to accomodate F. O. Smith who is to visit us at that time to annihilate us, I suppose, do you know what his views are?—

You will probably tire in reading this long winded letter, and sigh for the time lost, but remember that my object in writing is to waste time, not yours, but mine, and I have succeeded in wasting an hour of a painful tedious night, It is now two o'clock and I have exhausted my subject and myself, So I will bid you a good morning,

Please drop me a line if you can spare the time, Compliments to Joyce—

Yours Respectfully

E. Correll

L. W. Austin Esq

N.Y.—

City of La Porte July 7. 1855

Dear Sir

I beg leave to introduce to you my son John A Kyle, as an accomplished Telegraphic operator. He has been engaged in the business about two years and has become (as I believe) thoroughly acquainted with the whole matter, and capable of conducting the business of an office. And as to his disposition of honesty, and habits of industry and attention to business I need not but refer you to his Employer, and all business men in our city with whom he has mingled.

For one year past he has done all of the business in Mr Millikans office according to instructions, and the arrangement of Mr Milliken, and as he thinks to a disadvantage to the company, and wishing to follow the business (in case he can make decent wages) is now about to make you a proposition which he thinks will be a benefit to you as well as to himself whatever arrangement therefor may be made in the matter I cordially give my assent. And if any security should be required for the faithful discharge of his duty in such contract it will be given

Respectfully Yours &c

Benj. Kyle

Ithaca July 8th 1855.

My Dear Father,

Your letter of the 2nd inst came to hand on the 5th and your dispatch of the 3rd was received on the 7th one day longer in its transit than the letter, by both of which I am very happy to be informed that you are getting along as well as could be expected under the circumstances, and as you anticipated being able to start for home in the course of 10 days I shall hope to be advised of your departure from the Hoosier Capital en route for the Forest City in the course of a few days but if the dispatch should be as venerable when it arrives as the one received yesterday your arrival would probably anticipate the advice of your starting.

I had about decided to start on Tuesday morning next for Albion according to your request, to do up your writing when I learned that Mr Cashier Williams would leave town tomorrow morning with his family for a couple of weeks, and that I could not well get away this month besides the 1st of August being our Dividend day. We shall be pretty busy for a week before and after it.

Phebe and I am start for Albion tomorrow morning and I have written by them to Uncle M.B. to send your books reports and papers to me by express and I Telegraphed you yesterday asking if that would do. If he does so I will do my best to help you along with your work, and if you come home I can go on

west for you a couple of weeks next month, ~~next~~ if there should be anything that I could do for you by so doing,

Grandfather Cornell went to DeRuyter yesterday, and will attend quarterly meeting this week and make a visit this week and bring Grandmother home about Friday,

I have got our old house fixed up first rate, except the plastering, which I shall have done soon, we have made a good job of it and I think the whole plastering and all will not cost over $50, including, shingling the front side of the main house and the back side of the kitchen,

Frank's school is now out and we were down there today and he thinks he can rebuild the fence around the door yard with what I can help him mornings and evenings, and I guess I will get some new posts and go at it this week,

Grandfather Wood and Otis have now been gone about four weeks and I looked for them by the Boat saturday Evening, but they did not come, fortunately they are not much needed at home, as it has been so wet that the crops are very late, and even the grass does not yet begin to mature, but the growth will be enormous, For the past 6 weeks or more nearly every other day has been a rainy one and some fears are now entertained that the grain may be injured by rust, but I sincerely hope it may not be, Yesterday was a very cold day, and I was told this morning that there was a frost last night, but it does not seem possible and I rather doubt the report, Today has been a magnificent day, bright sun shine, with a fine breeze, the evening is quite cool & a woolen coat is quite comfortable,

Emma and Elen are both very well, and little pet is a very good girl, she is lonesome sometimes and sticks pretty closely after El, but they get along keeping house first rate, Yesterday they went up street and Em got her a new large plaid gingham dress, which she thinks will look boofiil when she gets it made up, She says tell Mama that she is coming out to see her and poor Papa pretty soon;

It is some 10 days since we have seen or heard from Mamy but she was very well and doing well then, We should have gone up and seen her today but Aunt Phebe was here and we had to visit her, I presume she is well or we should have heard from her,

It is now 10½ pm and I must go to bed so as to get up before 6 oclock and take this down to EBC's for Phebe to mail on the boat or it will not go out till tuesday's mail,

I enclose a note $100 for endorsement to renew one due 19th Inst which please return by mail, Both of you please write often,

Yours very Affectionately,

A. B. Cornell

When you start for home I think you had better come to Cleveland and take a boat to Buffalo thence to Cayuga and boat up the Lake, as it will save over half of the Rail roading from Cleveland, which I think must be much more tiresome to you than Boating,

Will you please direct Uncle Mart to pay the $100 dft. I drew on you at Albion to pay Munn's Inst. It will be due July 21/24th

Decatur 8 July/63

Dear Brother

I have got the holes all up between Gibson & Ch and shall get the wire on this week, we are now loading the poles here to go west of Ch

How does your arm get along will it soon get so that you can ride in the cars or will the jar of the cars be apt to displace the bons again

I Hope you will not fail to arrange my note at the Tompkins Co Bank which comes due on the 27th for it was the understanding when I got the money that the note should be met promptly and I would not have it fail on any account

Please write me at Chicago
how you are geting along and
when you think you shall
go to Ithaca &c

Yours in haste E.B. Cornell

To E Cornell Esq

E B Cornell
July 18. 1855

La Porte July 9. 1855

Mr. Cornell

Dr Sir

We have probably paid more for telegraphing than any individual of form in this City the Bearer Master John Kress has ~~done~~ been the opperator for more or less of it - we know him well & can cheerfully recommend him for intelligence promptness & his general manly bearing any thing you should see proper to entrust to him will be done to your satisfaction

Very Respectfully
H. Miller Yours

N. P. Lee

Lafayette July 9. 55.

E. Cornell, Esqr
Indianapolis
Ind

Dear Sir,

Your favor

9th recd —

As regards taking the Frontman poles between Dayton & Cin I can tell better when I receive Kiersteds report in which he gives me the charges of the C.H. & Dayton R.R. I am disposed to think if Palmer myself & one or two hands with a team should go over that line being careful about trimming & taking a load of poles with so as to put in new ones where they are very much needed & get new loads as opportunities present themselves we could put it in pretty good order but to do that it will take 80 or 1000 $ I am ever ready & willing to do all in my power although it makes hard work for me after an absence of 2 or 3 weeks from home to get our matters at Lafayette

straightened up although our young men here are pretty good yet I have not that confidence in their correctness that I wish I had so as to let them do all the business pertaining to office & the books - When I return I find about a weeks hard work to catch up with matters in general & the office together with the exception of the [illegible] I have been hard at it & have not made out my rept for June but hope to have it ready by Wednesday or Thursday. I have rec'd a good many of the June reports & some of those old ones but have not examined them yet. If I go over line with Palmer those tariff books will have to await my return.

I have telegraphed Mr. Wendell about zincs no answer rec'd will inform you the price tomorrow by Teleg. I will call on the Gramercy Bank tomorrow & let you know what they are willing to do.

In September I have a note coming due for a lot purchased in Vincennes amount $3000, all I have saved of my earnings has been kept on line by me to help keep it going. I

suppose there must be at least $250. dolls coming to me. I keep no ap of the time although I am paying interest on my note. All I want is to meet all demands against me with promptness and I shall have to depend on you to assist me to the amount inasmuch as I never have had that much in my hands for the last ten months. Mr Beck has about hundred dollars paid him at different times which is not included in any of my reports. He is between Huntington & Wayne we have been working very well to Wayne for some time past the storm last night caused us trouble between Delphi & Logan also between Logan & Peru - The boys have gone out -

I think when Beck gets to Wayne we will be enabled to work with X if line is ok beyond Wayne -

Our battery is good now & if lines were in good order we could work finely - The line near Perrysville has been injured by storms as soon as Palmer or Beck gets time we had better send one down that way again. Judging from the past we shall have to

Keep Beck as a General repairer
It will require hard work by Beck &
Palmer both to keep us moving in
all directions -

I spoke to Packenham
proprietor of Junction eating House about
putting an office up there: I think
we will have no difficulty in
making an arrangement with him.
we have no Instrument to put there,
where shall I get one,

Piqua was not to
subject us to any expense after 1st
april - Troy was to remit amount recd
for other lines & 1/4 of Local receipts -
If they have not complied, their reports
should be returned to them -

Briggs at Covington charged same as you
gave Barry that is where he got his
authority to charge commission; I
changed it to 25 dollar salary -

Boyce of Logan has recd a letter from
home requesting him to return. He
leaves Wednesday - uncertain
about his returning.

Judson Moore
will take his place & if strong is
able to read by sound he can

come here at $30. until we see how Smith does at Wayne or if he cannot do it. He might go to Hamilton (we shall have to make a change there) & this young man from LaPorte (who will see you tomorrow) might come here. He appears to be quick & reads well by sound. Owing to the situation of our office at LaPorte we had better give it to some good man & let him make a change in location. I could send a good man there, that office should not be an expense to us — Millikan is a good man but he has too much on his hands to do justice to all. He is a Justice of the Peace & an Editor — I will write Brandenburg as you desire —

I wrote Smith in as polite a manner as I could & in a way that if he has any manly principles he will comply with my request to send his back reports by end of July or permit us to send some one there who will be prompt in those matters without getting mad —

Should we take Strong away from Defiance I do not know who to send there we ought

to have a prompt fellow there.
Palmer had better go & commence
running between Union & Greenville
if you still have all confidence
in him - & drill go over next week
when do you leave Indianapolis
Have you decided on which
route you will take -

You said nothing
in your letter about removing those
Boutman poles so as to enable the
owners of the land to put it into
grain -

Please answer all questions
& much oblige - Yours S Hall

July 9. 55

New Philadelphia July 10th 1855.

Mr. Tubbs.

Sir

I received a letter a few days ago from Mr Connelly, he was then at Indianapolis and not knowing how long he might remain there I thought I would say to you and you might let him know that I have sent several of the stockholders of telegraph line and they with the exception of one share agree to donate their stock to any person that will put up and keep the line in good working order. I can get Eight or nine hundred dollars of the stock on those terms and the stock at G. & K can be had in the same way

Yours John. I. Smith

Troy Ohio July 10th 1855

C. Cornell

Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 7th was handed me today & I must say I am surprised at your not knowing of the balance due me. Mr Haas informed me that he had worked you off my discharge & of there being a balance in my favor. His letter of March 2d states that you would be in Lafayette in a day or two & that you would attend to my claim. When Haas discharged me from his office the balance due me as per Reports for Dec 1854 Jan & Feb 1855, was $54.23 which he promised should be paid in a few weeks, I waited one month & there being no prospect of the matter being settled before I had to leave for N. Orleans & needed money very much I wrote him that if he would send me $30, I would send him receipt in full as that was about the amount I advanced from my private funds to help all square but to that Letter he made me no reply

& on my way I stopped at Dayton &
there authorised Mr Kiersted to receipt in full
for me provided it was paid within
30 days. when I returned from N Orleans I
found it not yet settled & I wrote him
(not knowing where you was nor could I find
out though I enquired for you) again but
have not recd any answer from him
& supposed that by his silence that he
had concluded to let me get my money
the best way I could, so I thought I would
advise you in regard to it before I
commenced Suit which I did yesterday,
Haas has treated me very nearly in regard
to this matter, in the first place my discharge
was uncalled for & was done merely to gratify
a old grudge he held against me & not on
any charge of Inattention to business of the office,
but however I do not mind that as it has not
Injured me in the least, When I left the office
It was not in debt to any one but myself
I paid all bills & kept it clear, He place a
boy not competent even for messenger in my
place & your office is now in debt now
more than it ever was before, bills all about

Town that have been charged up to Expense act & sent in reports as paid which are not paid, Mr Mayo told Md he had not recd any rent from the office since I left it on first of march last, I think if you would come over this way & see how the thing stands it would be to your Interest, Other Creditors of the Office proposed to commence suit but I told them to wait & see what could be done with my claim which they agreed to do, I need money very much at present, I could have made all that was due me out of the office by this time & could & would have delivered it up free of debt had I been treated properly If Haas to you charges me with being inattentive to the business of the office or Interests of the line he states that which is false & he knows it to be such. your immediate answer will much

Oblige Yours Respectfully

Jos. F. Culbertson

Cincinnati July 10 1855

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

I have the disposal of some 70 shares of Stock of the telegraph line of which I believe you are a director, I forget the name - Indiana and Chicago - perhaps - (I have not the stock with me) and would be glad to sell it - I am advised by a person from your city to offer it to you - as one who would probably purchase it, or refer me to some one of ~~the~~ your acquaintance who would -

At all events I shall be glad to hear from you on the subject - I am told the stock has been sold for $8.00 per share of $50.00 - which seems indeed to be low enough. Is it not worth more than that? - the line certainly has promise of good business.

Will you take the trouble to reply, and make me an offer for the stock - which stands in the name of L. P. Marsh - Mr. Marsh is in N.Y. and leaves the disposal of the stock in my hands -

Respy yours

Ja. Howard

C H Hoskins July 10. 55

# Southern Michigan Telegraph.

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HILLSDALE, 185 5

By Telegraph from Hillsdale July 10th

To E Cornell Esq,

Dear Sir;

The amount due Henry Waldron, is about $40.00, And there is due C. F. Mitchell, nearly $60.00 $100.00

As I told you when in Albion, Cornell has told Mr Waldron that the amount should be telegraphed out. I sent order to that effect, to this Co. The message was not recvd, and in consequence, it has not been done,

Mr. Waldron went to Adrian ~~and~~ ~~to~~ Yesterday, and got an order from Mr Newell on Mr. Willson, (Opr here) to telegraph out the amounts for himself, and Mitchell.

The amounts due, are for money advanced for building the line. I have told Mr. Willson to do the business on ~~the~~ ac/-, until he gets orders to the contrary from you. They have judgments for the amounts due them,

It will probably be necessary to remit part of Mr. Willsons salary to him for a month or more until the line regains something of its old good reputation

Yours Respy

Ch. H. Haskins

Troy July 10th 1855

Mr Cornell

Sir

Jos. Culbertson has comenced suit against line, and yesterday constable levied on furniture of Office and closed it up. And opperations are at present suspended. I am not alowed to go into Office atall. Constable says he will let me in to opperate in a few days. Moores report I suppose showed all accounts as settled up here, which I thought was the case from looking over his books. All his bills are charged up as paid. There is a rent bill of twenty or more dollars a Livery stable bill of seven or eight, and two or three others of smaller amount all left unpaid. Our line from Dayton to Piqua is in a bad state of repair. Numbers of poles are down all along the line, and at Dayton some fifteen or twenty are shivered to the ground The whole line needs repairing badly.

Yours. Respectfully

E. F. Estabrook.