

Elizabeth April 1st 1857

E. Cornell Esq.

Sir, Your favour
of Mch 30th is this day received.
You ask my opinion as to
the relative merits of Long
Horns & Short Horns. Of
course it varies with the cir-
cumstances of location, and
of the purposes for which they
are raised. But if you mean
to ask which class of Blood
stock pays best to raise as
blood stock with a view to
profit, I should say, by all
means raise Short Horns.
The demand is greater, prices
better, and by far the finest
in quality and appearance.

I am satisfied it does not
pay to raise Devons; Morris
is the only breeder of Devons
that ever made any money
by them, as far as I can learn.
And yet, I am satisfied, he
made more money by Dutch
59, than by all his Devons.
If your farm is poor, which I
do not suppose is the case at
all, the Devons will do the
best. The Devons make the
best working cattle I have ever
seen. I like them better than
any Herefords I have ever seen.
The Herefords are no favorites
of mine. Give me the Short
Horns above all others. We
shall be happy to see you
at Elizabethtown. The cars run al-
most hourly.

Respectfully Yours
B. C. V. Vaines

Ec.

Ithaca 3. Apr 57

Dear Abner,

I have rec^d answer fr
H. Barnes, who says he has
sold my note for \$900 and
1 year interest to Geo
B. Walters, Pres^t. Amer-
ican Printing Press Co
Syracuse,

I have written to W
to see if he will accom-
odate me with post-
ponement of payment.
I shall get ans^r in two
days -

In mean time I wish
you would make a
draft from me on you
with ant blank, at
30 days from 16th Apr
~~that I can and accept~~
it, so I can use it in

Settling this note,
Did, E. R. R. Co. pay
out 1st Apl.?

I attended that trader
but did not get the
cow I wanted. She was
started at \$250. and went
to over \$300.

I bought however 1 com-
full Devon, for \$124, one
heifer 2 years old to calf
this spring for \$101, and
one Bull 5 years old for
300 \$ all full Devon both
cows in calf by Devon bull
and splended cows. The
Bull is best in this section
of State.

The new cows & calves
home yesterday from Dryden
we now have 7, cows 5
calves & 1 Bull. 3 more
Hereford cows to come
from Oswego.

I shall have the finest
herd in the county of
their kind -

It was a warm day
the 31 Mar. Apr 1, rain
& snow in P.M., and
morning of 2nd then
down to 10° above zero
at 8 A.M.

Our calves are by far
the best I have seen
this spring except
full Shorthorns, and
they fall little short
of equality with them
The boys will become
enthusiastic in the
way of farming I
think.

I have no time to
write now -

I must mention
that when I reached
home I heard of the

the decease of your
grandmother, which
occurred, while I was
in Pitts.

I was very sorry I
did not hear of it, so
I could have gone
then -

All well -

In haste

E. Correll

P. S. I get no dis-
patch from Kendall
yet, and, shall go
down till I hear
from him -

EC

Pine River April 5th 1857

Dear Brother

Your favor of Feb 15th is before me which I received some two or three weeks since. Respecting Cedar Swamp I have enquired of Mr Perry who's land joins the cedar swamp, he says there is about six lots of ^{it} timber White Cedar and Black Ash thinly timbered the land. Some very little what timber there is is very scrappy it ~~belongs~~ belongs to the state.

We received a letter from Phoebe the first of April bearing the sad news of Mother's death, which we expected to hear the next letter from Albion after Daniel wrote, and Mother is gone I can't realize it, how she will be missed by Father & Jane more than those of us who have homes of our own. How does Father get along is his health good I don't know but I had better move down to Albion and have Angeline keep house for them I do not like this country and I do not like farming so well as tending engine my farm is half covered with water I wish you would come and buy Runyon's farm and furnish seeds

to plant an nursery I will turn over
any farm to you. Cant you come up
and see us this summer, we have got
to logging of the 20 acre lott of Runyons
we gett along very well what looks
very well there this spring. we find a
seraching time to gett seed grain
this spring there is so little here and
every body wants some we engaged
20 bushels of oats for 4/6 and they come
up to six shillings a bush and we could
not gett them at that the man ~~threw~~
them out and lett them lay and dam
age and spoil, the same man brang
ht his surrup to the house and took it
out doores to sugar it off ^{went} into
the house to gett some fire, and insted
of getting the fire to kinde under the
surrup he took up a roole and forgot
all about his business. when their only
cow come along and drank up the
surrup and died. just for not doing
things right they lost 20 bushels of oat which
is worth 16, dollars and a cow worth 40 dol
ars more. I hope you will come up
and see us this summer without fail
and see Runyons farm and lett us
have it. I think there will be trouble

in getting a deed of him, for this farm
he had once told me he meant to get
the pay for the farm, and I might get
a deed of it if I could, he has said
that he would not trust any man
with a hundred dollars dollars
without good security and make
he intends to keep a deed for this
farm from me untill he gets
his pay from the note James and
I gave him for the cattle and stuff
we had of him last fall, we gave
our notes jointly of \$250, the fifth of last
december. payable in a year with us
and there is but two more payments
on this farm before I have a deed, which
is due as follows \$100, and interest first
of June \$175, and interest first Sept.
Yesterday we had our census and
nominated town officers tomorrow we
are going to elect them I must bring
this to a close, and as my chores &c
family are well, I can assure you
I husband my finances very well as I have
not had a cent that I could spare
for my amusements use, since I left Ill
ion has fatt. and dont know what I
am a going to do for I am living on
a borrowed hundred weight coarse flour

And when that is gone if I cant
borrow the like again then I shall
be for starting to a country where I
can get enough to eat if nothing
more, after another harvest if we do
nt raise enough to live upon, that
is if any thing befalls the crops I mean
I will pull up stakes and leave the
woods neck or no joint. well here we have
got a great snow storm, Please dont
direct your letters in care of no one
in future, we have made arrange-
ments with with anna to bring our
mail up from St Louis and when
things comes directed in care of
Ely they bother the man about the
matter. send it to Ely, Yours with
Respect

E. Loomis P.S. write soon again

you will have to excuse pencil, poor
spelling, and all mistakes this is the last
sheet of paper we have in the house, etc

Elizabeth Ap. 18th 1857.

C. Cornell Esq.

Dear Sir,

I was sorry
that I was absent from
home when you called.
I have just received your
favours of the 9th inst. The
pigs will be shipped tomor-
row, if it does not storm.
An easterly storm has just
set in. In relation to
Astoria, I would say, that
we are willing to dispose
of him. Mr McGraw has
the disposal of him and the
cows &c that are at his place.
We leave the matter entirely with
him. Yours in haste
Benj. Haines.

Confidential

Dorchester April 13th 1854

My Dear Sir,

Your favor came duly to hand. As to the Bull. You mention. his dam is a grade Cow. bred by Mr Bowen of Horner. her present owner bought her of D. Rowley. Now you can see the necessity of well authenticated pedigrees for stock.

My friend I want your assistance in this direction & with that I will guarantee a splendid success.

I will favor you in the purchase or will sell you for of any thing I own. The thing is onward & all we have to do is to hit the molasses

run - I sold last week to Mr
E Hornwood a grade bull calf
10 1/2 months old for \$150 this was
the best calf I had for sale -

Will you come up on Saturday
or Sunday - I will take a point
interest with you if you
wish - I have prepared some
statistics - which I want you to have
in relation to 25 Cows of Short
horn blood - Will you write
me on the subject of coming up

I hope you will come - fetch
Frank - Have you read our Bryden
paper - Yours Truly J. W. Crawford

J. W. Crawford
1902

*these plums are as good from the seed as from
grafts.

Utica April 14th 1854

Mr E. Cornell

Dear Sir

On Saturday
last I sent you a bundle of
Bleeker Plum trees about a
dozen they are directed to
E. Cornell Ithaca to be sent
from Cayuga Bridge by Steam
Bait I think they went to the
Bridge yesterday by the cars & should
go up to your place to day I
regret I could not send you a
better lot of trees I find that Mrs
C. sent out to a farm I had north
of here last fall about a dozen
of the best we had. These I send
you. have grown rather crooked &
out of shape like most of my other
nuttrees while I was on the Telegraph
John R. Bleeker of Albany brought the
original & first tree of this kind of plums
from Germany & I am told the same tree
is now standing in his garden & has
a great share of the land in & about Utica

and that is they may they come to
be introduced in this vicinity they
do not do well in a sandy soil, you
can see the kind of dirt attached to the
roots that they have grown in; after
setting them out I would advise to
drive a stake & tie them fast & in
that way you can have them grow
into better shapes. ~

I received your telegraphs from
New York & would have been glad
to have met you there I hope by
not being there I did not lose any
good chances in new undertakings
that you may have had on hand

Mrs. Curtis was very unwell at that
time & then I had quite a large
amt of Bank paper to take care

of ^{for others} it needed me here to finance
it through at this close time with

our Banks & every body else. I wish
you would write me on rect of this
and let me know how you found
matters & things in New York; Telegraph
matters in particular. I am told

that the American Co have made
a contract with the Harlem Rail
Road Co to build them a Telegraphon

their Road. our Co was negotiating
with them & had the offer & I am told
an advantageous offer to build the
line & render them facilities, Mr. Mann
has the credit of letting the opportunity
slip & losing it. you see where
it places the Am. Co, they now reach
Albany direct & now only need to
build to Buffalo & they are ready to
negotiate for Western facilities. In
my opinion a ~~more~~ unbusinesslike
set off directors could not be got together
than the present directors of the
New York Alb & Buffalo Co. One of
Reeds right hand man a Reformer
told me a few days since that the
new line which they had been building
East of South of Tonkers was only about
5 to 7 miles & that ^{Reeds told him} it had cost about
\$2,500 this man also said the men was
at the Hotel at Tonkers ~~drinking~~ ^{drinking} till their bell amounted
to about \$500. Judiciously expended

Did you see Mr. Charles Stanton
in New York he wrote me a few
days since saying that he could now
get the New York property & that he
wanted to go into the fight again, but
I think it no use while Mr. Morse
holds his stock & gives them his proxy
as to Buttrick I have no confidence
in him I am now well satisfied he

played the traitor & secretly played
into their hands all through the
last election I am now satisfied
they would never have went & got
those proxies revoked if it had not been
for him. I have not yet settled with
Butterfield for amt. due him on the ~~contract~~
Contract between Cornell & Speed & those
who loaned them the money. I tried to
settle with him some weeks since
& he was unwilling to close he said he
had seen Judge Caton & that Caton told
him you bid off that Mr & Miss Stock
for \$2.50 per share & that the contract
required you to let us have it at the
cost without adding your expenses &
that that was the consideration for
letting you have the money & he should
require it to be settled in that way.
Hapton ^{& Caton} has talked in the same way.

Have you heard any thing from the Phil
Stockholders of the Mr & Miss Stock do you
think that Stock can be purchased at
\$5. to \$6. per share if so I would go in with
you & help raise the money to buy it if you
thought it an object. Did you see Mr
Morse when in Chicago about the 60 shares owned
by Sheldon & Wood. Perhaps Caton's Consolidation
Scheme makes it no object to get the Stock.
Do ^{you} intend going to the annual meeting
& had I better go, when is it? When
shall we go to ascertain about that mine
perhaps, you have already attended
to it, please write me on recd of this
or as soon as convenient yours Truly
13th Nov Geo Burleigh

**MORSE'S
AMERICAN TELEGRAPH.**

New-York and Western Union Line.

Office, 20 Aurora St. Ithaca.

Ithaca, 16th April 1857.

By Telegraph from Adrian to
C. Cornell

Executions have been issued
into Hinsdale & Branch
I will let you know
the day of sale; your draft
was received

P. Mowry

Albion April 18th 1857
E. Cornell Esq

Dear Brother

I have just arrived from Ind. have been taking up wire from Crawfordsville to Indianapolis. found it down and in bad condition but not much of it gone. I shall return on Monday & haul it all in an try to be at home on the 25th. I would like to have you come out as soon as that time for there is a number of shares to be transferred and the stock list to be corrected before the first of May preparatory to the expected dividend. I have not bought much for money is very tight & I have to use up for living and expences all my wages as fast as it accrues. I have drawn on A.B. Cornell for \$50. at 30 days and let father have the money as he seems to want it. The draft ~~will~~ will mature on the 20th of May. A hard storm prevails here & snow covers the ground 2 or 3 inches. Father is quite feeble & Edgar has to stay with him every night. Orson has been sick this spring but is better & gone into Battle Creek R.R. & office at

1013 Wood. April 1857

thirty dollars per month. I have a letter from J. M. Tubbs containing that script of Banning & wishes a transfer to him. He says a rehearing is granted in that wool suit at Meadville. The corps of surveyors & engineers on the Amboy, Lansing & Travers R.R. have run the route through Jonesville Litchfield Homer Albion Eaton Rapids to Lansing. Mr M. Hannah of Albion is president of the Co. I think the thing looks fair to go. There is a good deal of pulling & hauling for real estate and town lots to build on and there is a great demand for houses to rent. Every thing seems to be full. The house down at the Blacksmith shop that we looked at shifted hands this week at \$700. I send you the Mirror of this week which I wish our friends to read, and see if we dont enjoy a right smart chance. I think Ithaca compared with Albion would be of little account if the De Witt farm did not border so close on to it. So come one come all & see us. all our friends are comfortable now as far as I know. I have \$5000. stock in the new R.R. which I shall be ready to trade off when you come. dont fail to be here. Call at Rochester as you pass.

Yours Respectfully M B Wood

Ithaca Apr 29. 1857

Dear Monzo

I have recd two letters from you that I have not answered. They, only making General inquiries, and I have been so fatigued each night since I have been home that I do not have ambition to perform the task of writing. The newspaper ship you enclosed me I am obliged to you for, it has many good suggestions - Pilbro & Wife arrived safely & looks very well, I hope they will do well, I should like another family of English and should not care if they had a few children as I would put them to Fall Creek to live and give the man employment. We have had very bad weather but get along with repairing the house tolerable well. We make

a thorow job of it, and shall make the house better than when it was new, as we take out all decayed timber & replace it with sound timber and correct many defects in the original structure, it is a thorow built house, as good as I ever knew.

We have 3 of the chambers finished and they are verry handsome rooms.

We had the misfortune to lose our best heifer calf, it was white, 6 mo old $\frac{3}{4}$ shorthorn, worth \$50. it was well a week ago to night and sucked the cow as usual. at 8 A.M. monday we discovered it to be a lin and in $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour after it died, I could discover no cause. The next morning our 2 year old Devon cow had a full blood bull calf worth \$100.

he is a perfect picture, so we hold our own. Other calves look finely - Mother has churned once from the remnant of milk be bring down daily and got $4\frac{1}{2}$ butter, and will churn as much more tomorrow so we make our own butter.

Mr Curtis sent us 14 fine Plucker plum trees, that came in fine order, and we have set them out properly.

We bought a mare to match "Fanny" warranted sound & true at \$125, but soon found she had the heat, & was baulky, so we returned her and have no team yet, we bought a new double harness of Millsprague for \$32, and a new wagon of E. Hickory at \$75. part cash & part credit, so we go, shall be rigged out after a while -

My Detroit note was not
h^c Barnes was absent to
Boston, so he could not
endorse & our draft was
too long time as they don't
discount over 60 days -
I shall go to Nk in few days
to see if I can arrange to
sell my Q. H. S. stock and get
funds to pay. They returned
the drafts.

My Berkshire pigs came
last night and look as if
they had a pleasant trip.
They are as fine pigs as I
ever saw -

I have been writing a
statistical article for the
Journal to day, and have
been to E. B. C. this eve. so it
is now late, and snows
fast but melts, will have
several inches snow on bits
in morning -

Mother sends love to all
and I do and good night

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

A. B. C.

P.S. I guess Frank will make a
man -

Utica Apr 22. 1857

Dear Sir

When can you attend to
examining the wire on West end of
Eric line. We want that matter
adjusted settled as early as practicable

Let me know when you
can go Mr. Burdip has so much
of his own business in hand that
I will send some other person to
make the examination with you
at any time you will appoint,
Appoint if you can an early day

Very Respy yours,

Chas A. Mann
Post

Ever yours E. J.

Commy April 22 1837

E Cornell Esq Capt New York & W U
Telegraph Co

Sir

I own & hold two recpts
of the above bonds dated Aug 4th 1834 &
given to A Field by G W Skinner for \$500 each
Numbers 66 & 67, When I recd said recpts of
Mr Field I was informed by Mr Skinner
that I should in a very short time have by order
stock scrip given me in place of the recpts I now
hold, I was also informed by Mr Skinner
that the N.Y. & N.E. Co had rented the line
& was to pay 10 per cent for the use of same,
Will you please inform me how this matter
stands, I either want what Mr Skinner &
Field said I should have, or I want Satisfaction
from them, If all is as represented to me by
them I am satisfied, I trust sir if I am
not wrong to much you will give me the
desired information

Yrs Bond

G W Williams

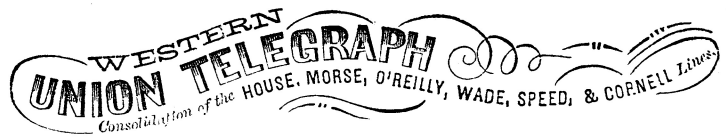
March 22. A/p. 1857

M. E. Cornell

On Saturday evening
when I came from Akeley, between
8 & 9 on the crossing near Geo
McCormick's store, John
Worley a stranger to me
bumped me, very forcefully,
off the sidewalk into the
gutter, injuring me so that
I could not get up without
help. A man who saw
it told me who it was, and
identified the man to Drake
who asked a warrant
for him. I had not a cent
to pay the expense, as I have
not had for nearly three mo.

Will you let me have
a dollar or two to put him
through?

Yours truly
J. S. Kell



Secretary's Office, Rochester, N. Y.

April 24. 1837

Rec^d of E. Cornell from certificates of stock
in the Ohio, Indiana & Illinois Telegraph
Company

No. 340 for one share

741	345	"
749.	126	"
750	56	"

as security for an advance made this day
of one thousand dollars - \$500 in cash &
balance by an order or draft on the Detroit
Telegraph office, - the same to be repaid
in sixty days from date with interest - and
if not so paid then the said stock is to
belong absolutely to the Western Union Tele
graph Company - and if paid, said
stock is to be returned:

J. A. Elwood

\$500 used to pay H. Barnes note

100	Philps team
50	B Boardman Place of
50	M. H. Latham cow

Lake Station Chgo
April 24th 1857

Mr C. Cornell

As I am compelled once more to mention my claim & thereby bring it to your Recollection that your time for paying is up. However unpleasant it must be for you to in Receipt of such duns it is no less so with me to be obliged to write them.

Now I sincerely hope that you will do me the kindness to settle with me on Receipt of this. By so doing you will save me the unpleasant business of continually writing to you in regard of it. It is only seventeen dollars & ten cents But was honestly earned. I am a poor young man but I like to have what is justly earned & can not afford to wear out clothing & get neither pay or thanks & be obliged to wait 12 months for my pay. I shall certainly expect you to comply this time. I should like to see you as you are passing to Chicago If you will call in & see me. Please answer

Very Respectfully Yours
W. G. Barth

April 24th 1854.

Received of E. Cornell four certificates of
stock in the Ohio, Indiana, & Illinois
Telegraph Company

No. 340 for one share

741 " 345 "

749 " 126 "

750 " 56 "

As security for an advance made this day
of one thousand Dollars
in cash & balance by an order or Draft on
the Detroit Telegraph Office, the same to be
repaid in sixty days from date with interest,
and if not so paid, then the said stock is
to belong absolutely to the Western Union
Telegraph Company - and if paid, said
stock is to be returned -



Secretary's Office, Rochester, N. Y.

Apr. 24. 1857

Rec^d. of Isaac R. Elwood five hundred dol
lars in cash and also an order or draft for
five hundred dollars ^{on E. W. Balch Telegraph Office, Detroit} which I agree to repay
within sixty days from date, with interest on
the money from the time the several sums
are advanced - and I do hereby transfer
to the Western Union Telegraph Company the
following stock in the Ohio, Indiana and
Illinois Telegraph Company that is to say
certificates No 340 for 1 share

741	"	345	"
749	"	126	"
750	"	56	"

as security for the payment of the said
money, and in case the said money &
interest shall not be paid within the
time specified, then the said stock is ^{to} belong
absolutely to the Western Union Telegraph
Company

E. Cornell

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Ithaca Apr 27, 1857

Dear Alouzo.

Yours of the 25th rec^d. this morning - I returned Sat fr Rh. I got \$500. cash and \$500 order on Detroit on a loan for 60. days - which I can settle at that time if I chuse with my Q. I & S stock at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ per share.

I sent the \$500. order and your acceptance of 8th Apl altered to 18th at 45 days for \$480. to pay my Barnes note. I guess that will pay it.

Sibley. I understood had purchased the Ely portion of the Lake Erie Co interest in W. U. Co - which I suppose is about $\frac{1}{2}$ of the \$50,000. I did not learn that Wade had anything to do with the trade. Sibley is now anxious to get the suit

against E+M. Co settled and
proposes to settle by having
all Extra E+M Stock given
up to the W. U. Co and all the
Extra House stock given up
also to W. U. Co., and confirm
the issue of E+M Stock as it
stands viz the \$117,250 =

By this Operation the E+M folks
would get the face of the old stock
in E+M. Co - and suit settled, and
would surrender to the W. U. Co
\$32,450, and the House folks
would surrender \$23,300

I have not fully considered this
question yet, but I am inclined
to propose to do it, if the Union
Co. will assume the obligations
of the Patent question to the
extent of the amount that
the E+M. Co surrenders.

What do you think of it?

I know pretty well the
feeling of Clark, and have

had my eye upon him, but
I thought not best to expose
my plans to him, as we may
do better.

The business of the Union Co is
even winning applause from Elwood
The profits of the first quarter
last year was. Nov ^{\$}7,979.74
Dec ^{\$}3,507.06
Jan ^{\$}2,013.91 } \$13,500.71

This year, Nov ^{\$}7,273.72
Dec ^{\$}6,758.45
Jan ^{\$}6,257.62 } \$20,289.89
Excess over first year = \$6,783.18

Feb 1856 - was - 1,226.31
Mar " " 4,731.99 5,958.30

Feb 1857 was. 8,975.98
Mar " Estimate 10,000.00 18,975.98
Excess 13,017.68

5anc Excess = \$19,800.86

Mr Pitso our book keeper says
he is confident that our profits
will amt to \$150,000 this second
year of consolidation = You may
show these figures to Stanton
confidentially, but not to be
talked about among out-
siders -

We get along slow with
the house but it begins to show
we shall have the best farm house
in the Co - and but few in town
will excell it - Mother begins
to want her carpet. how much
her yard with a carpet cost
suitable for the parlor, and
what width =

The weather is backward & it
and we have no team yet
but I think we shall buy one
tomorrow, we have tried one
of Alex-Kings teams to day on the
plow, a good old team at \$300,
but as Alex cant tell how old
they are, we probably wont buy -

I think we shall buy Phelps
gray - that he runs before his
ancestors - he asks \$200 -

I cant get dividend till 1st June
& 1st Decr -

We move in few days -

Love to Eben & bet.

Your Mother asks if you had heard
of your Grandmother Corbells death?

A. B. C.

Yours. Respectfully,
E. Corbells

MORSE LINE OF TELEGRAPH.—The Albany *Knickerbocker* states that an animated discussion is going on among the Directors of this line—between New York and Buffalo—relative to the policy of laying gutta percha wires under ground or placing the same on the present poles of the line. It has been decided to refurnish the wire portion of the line, and with gutta percha, but the directors are undecided as to the practicability of using it as stated above.—Gutta percha covered wire, if exposed on the poles, would be much more servicable than the naked wire now in use, for with every rain storm the covering would protect it, and interruptions would be less.

Hitherto, telegraphic lines have been pretty much at the mercy of rain storms—and, as a consequence, business has been much more interrupted in summer than in winter. Any improvement which will protect the wires against storms cannot fail to be at once beneficial to the public and remunerative to the company. The true mode of construction is undoubtedly to lay the wires under ground, and this will ultimately be resorted to.

Utica April 28th 1857

Mr. E. Cornell

Dear Sir

When you telegraphed me to meet you at Syracuse & I replied that I would try & do so it was between 7 & 8 o'clock in the evening & I expected I could go & ~~arrange~~ arrange some business that had to be attended to the next morning & which I could not possibly leave unless I got consent to leave as it was an examination before a referee early ~~next~~ next morning. I could not get released & consequently I was disappointed in not being able to meet you I felt bad that it should be so as I wanted to see you very much & I supposed you would not have come to Syracuse had it not been to meet me

I have been very much confined to business of late that could not be dispensed with ~~and~~ could not be put off so that I could leave I hope to get in a situation to be able to be at liberty after about the middle of May. I have had to stand by & take care of Bank paper on which I have been liable & such has been the pressure with individuals & our Banks here that I have found it rather difficult to get along with it & have had to stand by & attend to it

I am now thinking of going to Chicago about the first of June. I have got to be in New York about the 26th of May. My One object I have in going West about the first of June is to attend to my lanes in Illinois. I hope to see you before I go West. Perhaps that wire business can be attended too then, or if you desire to attend to it before I wish you would write me & give me a little notice.

Mr. Chapman has called on me to day to enquire of me if I understood what the arranging meant mess with you about the wire the Erie Railroad Co are now using between Newburg & New York. I said to him that as I understood it the Co was to relinquish up that wire wholly to you he said Mr. Mann had written to you that he wanted the matter settled up I suppose you have received the letter. I asked Mr. Chapman how the rates of the Co was he said ~~they were~~ ~~that~~ previous to the late storm they were considerably more than last year I asked him what the American Co were doing he said the Board was trying to induce the Am^e Co to stop at NY & our Co to give them all their business to go east of NY & Albany & make a permanent arrangement to that effect he said he thought they would be able to bring them to such an understanding.

If I could be assured the Am^t. Co would come to such an understanding & no other Co start up in opposition I would think it an object to get the contrall of Stock enough of our Co to change the present wretched management Aside from Mr. Paxton there is not a good business man among the directors This Supt. Mr. Reid is wholly incompetent & unfit for the situation he is occupying & if the directors were not a set of Asses they would have found it out long ago Reid is squandering the earnings of the Co as fast as possible & instead of the Co making as they easily could do at least 15 per cent per annum dividends they will find it hard work to divide 10 per cent Reids management is perfectly disgusting to any person who feels any interest in the welfare of the Line but it is none for me to say any thing about it nor for any one else for Mr. Mann does not know any thing about it & is determined that Reid shall have his own way & be the Capt. General & Reid & Chapman are now the actual managers of the whole concern; Reid got a strong puff in one of our Utica papers this week & when it goes abroad the stockholders & the distant public will certainly think he is a great manager & the Line is doing well

I enclose a notice I cut out of one of our papers I do not know how soon the new Gutta serena wires are to be put up The directors will want to do something to make a stir

I want to see you about making an effort to secure a Charter to build Telegraph Lines in Minnesota I suppose you have noticed the grant of Lands from Government to that Territory for Rail Road purposes about Seven millions of acres ~~& also about the same~~ My son who is at Minn. can no doubt get a Charter if the thing is taken hold of immediately & now if you will go into it with me & my son & your son I think we can secure the Telegraph lines on all the Rail Roads they build We want to do it as Eaton has done it in Illinois & we will agree to build the Telegraph Lines as fast as they build the Rail Roads if we can get \$100. per mile from the Rail Road Companies We can probably build the Lines & Equip them for that money We may have to take in some other parties in Minnesota in order to get hold of the whole I think of it & write you I suppose they will not do any thing in the way of building any of their Roads under a year or so but we cannot be too quick in securing the Charters

I wish you would write me on rect. of this & let me know when you would like to attend to that wire & when you think of going to NY

I have got to pay Wilson G. Hunt the balance due him for the Fed. Stock I purchased of him on the 15th of May & I have so much money to raise between this & that time that I do not see how it is possible for me to get along without the balance due from you on the Stock Loan & cannot you help me in this emergency if you will will stand ready to lend a helping hand at another time please write me what you can do about it perhaps I can get the money on a draft on your bank 30 to 60 days or longer Write me Yours in haste Geo Curtis

Geo Curtis
28 Oct 57

Clintondale April 29th 1857
To Ezra Cornell Esqr. Dear Sir: Griggs
Waring, requested me to write to you, that he
would comply with your request in
your last letter directed to him,

Garrison & C
A. S. Young, his
Attly.

Sent dft on A B C
21 Wall St 30 days for \$100—
May 6 - 1857

NEW YORK AND ERIE RAILROAD TELEGRAPH.

CONNECTING WITH ALL STATIONS ON THE NEW YORK AND ERIE RAILROAD.

Offices, Erie Buildings, Foot of Duane Street, and House Telegraph Building,
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L. G. TILLOTSON, Sup't.

NEW YORK, *April 30* 185*7*

The following Message left

for

Albaca at 2.00
H. E. A. Chester

Box Fulton & Greenwich

Up stairs

*I find that some
man has taken down
ten miles of our
N.Y. & W. U. wire in
Pennsylvania. The
portion not leased to
Erie R. R Co the wire
is now coiled up
in one of the R.R.
depots in transit ~~to~~ to
Illinois - What
process is necessary*

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NEW YORK, Apr 30 1885

The following Message left..... at.....

for.....

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for me to recover
the wire is worth
about one hundred
& fifty dollars. The
parties may claim
that the old receivers
~~sale in~~ sale in this
state. Give us the
title to the line in
Pennsylvania

E. Cornell

L.H.

New York April 30th 1837
O. Cornell Esq Ithaca N. Y.

Dear Sir I hold eight shares of your Western
Telegraph Stock & as your friend Mr Chester
of our City informed me you had leased the
Road for a term of five years at a rental
that would pay six per cent per annum I called
on him supposing he would be in funds
to pay the dividend for the past six months
but he informed me you had not yet
put him in funds. - & advised my meeting
you. Will you have the kindness to instruct
Mr Chester to pay the interest on the small
amount of stock I hold & my much
believe Yours Very Respectfully J. H. Bassett

Belvidere 1st May '57

Dear Brother

I ~~have~~ heard
an old saying that "he who
goes a borrowing goes a sorrowing"
and I believe three fourths of
it to be true. Still I am
so situated at present that
I must borrow or suffer
a greater inconvenience, and
I thought I would try you
first, for the loan of \$100.00
~~on~~ or by the 1st of August,
as I want then to go & get
my boy, and pay a debt in
Union Springs which I con-
tracted there before I left
for Mrs Tripp (my first
mother-in-law) expecting Mr
Tripp would either come home

or send her some money
from California, neither of
he has done or is likely to do
and the party to whom the
money is due has called on me
for it & I suppose I shall
have it to pay, I suppose I
could hire money here by
paying 12 or 15 per cent for
it but I do not want to do it
unless I am obliged to do so.
if you have it and can spare
it I will give you 10 per cent
for one year & secure you by
a mortgage on my place —
I fear I am going to have
trouble about my village
lots which I wrote you about,
I am told the title which I
have is not good. the party
who gave me my deed is good
for the amount, but will

probably put me to some
trouble — I could dispose of
the lots to a slight advantage
but for the defect in the title.
We are enjoying good health
and I am having plenty of
work — at present, we are living
on our place which I told you
of having bought 6 miles south
of Belvidere, we have very
backward weather this spring
more so than has been known
here for many years I am told,
I received a letter from Sister
Mary this A.M. her health is
not very good, she was taken
sick soon after I left there in
February — ^{so} was sick at the time
of mother's death as to be unable
to attend the funeral, Father
is very lonely she says but is
quite well for him

I have not heard from Ed,
and Deborah since Dec, except
by way of letters to others.

Please excuse bad writing
as Delilah is working over
her butter on the table (or
rather on the butter bowl which
is on the table) and it shakes
the table slightly.
our love to to you all,

Respectfully
E Cornell } D.B. Cornell
Ithaca N.Y. }

D.B. Cornell
May 1872

O'Connell Esq

Phil^a May 2^d 1857

Sr^s

I have this day
received dft for dividends on Weymouth
Til. Stock - Mr Hamaker (the
gentleman who was here when you last
called, and whom we directed to get
certain papers) writes me that he
has made enquiries as to the prospective
value of the stock, but could not ascertain
anything definite. Mr Howell does not
know - He says he presented his proxy
but was informed that there was a
proviso in the organization of the Comp^y
that no stockholder shall have a
right to nominate a person or cause
to be selected for director - that the
management of the affairs of the Comp^y

is left entirely to the disinterested
party — say, he will make
further inquiries — is informed that stock
is good value.

It appears that the party, now
in power is not disposed to give it
up or to give us any more insight
than they are capable of doing, & that
there is some, that a stockholder may
wonder to be told by party, but must
be patient, and as it would not
avail all the Boston stockholders
to attend an election personally,
I can see no better way than for
a majority of the stock held by one
party, some short time before the
next election, to be transferred to
one or two persons, who could
then attend, and control the
present movement.

You have however more
information on the subject, and
may be better able to advise,
a plan to than them off, in
which I shall most heartily
cooperate. Should I
obtain any further information
from Mr. Sumner that may
throw light on the matter. I
shall communicate with you
by Sept 3

Wm. West

Corning May 2/57

E Cornell Esq
Syr

Your favor of the
29 April was recd this day. I enclose
you the two Repts I hold for Stock for
you to examine, if they are as they should
be please send me the regular Stock scrip
for them, if not return them with your
objections, I should like very well to know
all that you may see proper to entrust to
my keeping in regard to this matter

Truly Yours

~~Wm~~ D. Williams

Syracuse, May 2. 1857
Dear Sir

I have had a conversation with Mr Chamberhorn since you was here, ~~He~~ is waiting for you to build the line. He said you desired a loan of \$2,000 from them, & said they were willing to do that. Do you intend to do anything with them? They do not feel disposed to talk with any one, at present, at least, till they hear from or see you. Please write me soon as convenient if you intend building the line.

Yours &c
J. D. Stone
To E. Cornell by Maria

Mr. E. Cornell

Utica May 5th 1857

Dear Sir

Yours of the 1st is received also the one of 27th April. I think Sibley is aiming to contrall all the Stock of your Union co. He purchased a part of Butts Stock last fall & paid in real estate I now regret we did not jointly try to buy the Ely Stock I think it could have been purchased on a liberal Credit or exchanged for Western lands I have about 350 acres of land near Lansing Mich which is of the very best & handsomely located which I would like to have turned in on such a purchase It cost me \$9. per acre Cash or the same. I wish we had made the effort to have purchased it. I regard that Western Union co if well managed the very best Stock or will be in this country for I think there is no probability of their having any ^{some of} opposition unless it may be over some short portions of the route.

The Stock of our NY & Buffalo is or could be made as good a paying Stock as any other if well managed but it is more likely to have opposition

I have had some idea that Morris Stock could be purchased at about 80 on time with a part down I think it would be well for

you to see him & sound him 75 to 80 I think would buy his stock if he could get the idea that position would be put on as soon as his patent expires Morse wants his means in more permanent investments with his stock secured & the New York papers which can be secured through Stanton & others this NY & B. Co could be controlled which I would like to see done it might not be so much of a speculation in the way of making money but with the contrall of this Co something else could be done, but it may all be out of our reach just at present. We will talk it over when we meet.

I will write my son in Minnesota I did not know that your Charter which you sent to him was drawn in such a way as to cover the right on all those rail Roney. He will no doubt attend to it. I will write him in regard to it. If it is not drawn as you would have it had you not better send up an other copy altered as you would have it. I saw yesterday Judge Catons brother in law (Mr Churchill) He boasted to me of Judge Catons riches & mentioned that the judge owned a half a million of Telegraph Stock. Well if his stock is worth so much ours must be worth something. You did not say whether you saw Mr Ward in Chicago.

who owns the Stock of Sheldon & Wood
the 10 shares. I would like to buy it if
it can be got right

I am very busy here & shall be till
after the 20th. You say you wrote Mr
Mann you could attend to ~~it~~ the Wire business
any time after the middle of this month
I suppose the best way will be if you are
going to ^{him} NY about the 20th for me to meet
you there & go from there over the Erie RR
& attend to it I would like to delay it
till about the 20th. I may be able
to go by the 15th. This is my worst month
for me on account of many matters and
have got to stand by & finance for two
or three concerns to get them through this mo.

If you will send me the draft
as you mention at 90 days I will
ask you to take care of it when due
if you should wish me to do so. I
do not want to use it till the 20th. You
may date it the 15th or leave it blank
& I will fill it in when I use it. I
may not need to date it till the 20th.

Respects to Mrs. C

Yours Respectfully
Greene

Covego May 5th 1857
A Cornell Esq.

Dear Sir

I shall be obliged
if you ~~would~~ send me the ton
of Oil Cake tomorrow, and
if possible send me 10 hundred
of mill feed. - If the Oil Cake
is more per ton than \$30. I
shall only charge you \$45 for
the same

I send you thirty bags - if you
can send more I will return
them.

I have shipped the Heifer
and Cow and will send you
pedegree in a few days -

I am dear Sir

Yours sincerely
Wm. V. Southam