

**MORSE'S
AMERICAN TELEGRAPH.**

CONSOLIDATION OF HOUSE AND MORSE LINES.

New-York, Albany and Buffalo Line,

COMMUNICATING WITH

CLEVELAND, CINCINNATI, DETROIT, CHICAGO, MILWAUKIE,
ST. LOUIS, MONTREAL, QUEBEC, TORONTO, HAMILTON,
NEW-ORLEANS, MEMPHIS, LOUISVILLE,

AND ALL INTERMEDIATE STATIONS

WEST AND NORTH.

OFFICE, 2½ WALL-STREET.

New-York, *July 11* 1856, o'clock, M.

By Telegraph from

To *E. Cornell*

Sir - I am here again at Mr Phelps request to either close a contract or to hire to them by the month to rent the building & operating - He promises to come to terms in the morning - I received the money you sent with .80^{cts} expref charges from C, Bridge - He has not said which of your propositions he will accept yours P. A. Hopkins

Rochester July 11. 1856.
E. Cornell Esq.

Sir/

On going to the Telegraph Office last evening, after your leaving, I was surprised to find a message from Mr. Hanna, saying that the P. B. & L. had a balance of about \$1500 against Cornell's Indiana Line, and the June balance of \$75 which he promises to you (the Union Tel. Co.). — I have also a letter from Pierstedt saying that the balance against E. Cornell at this station for the month of June is \$45²⁸.

Whether this is the same as the \$75 Mr. Hanna speaks of, I can't tell. This large balance does not look much like the line paying expenses; — or if it does pay, it is most gross mismanagement to suffer so large a balance to accumulate. I hardly know what effect these facts will have upon our Co. — I fear you may have a great many unpaid debts along the line, which will expose it, & those who undertake to manage it, to much odium. I send you copies of this letter — one to Utica & one to Albaca.

Respectfully yours.
J. R. Elwood

Rochester July 11. 1856.

E Cornell Esq
Sir/

On going to the Telegraph office last evening, after your leaving, I was surprised to find a message from Mr. Hanna, saying that the P. C. & L. had a balance of about \$1500 against Cornell's Indiana Line, and the true balance of \$75 which he promises to you (the Union Tel Co.) — I have also a letter from Thirsted saying that the balance against E Cornell at this station for the month of June is \$75²⁸.

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Respectfully Yours
A. R. Elwood

, 58
Pine River July 12th

Dear Mother & Father

As there is a chance to send a letter to you I thought I would embrace it although you must depend upon Edward to for full particulars as to how we are getting along - We are well & in good spirits - I have not yet regretted coming here - and hope we shall have no cause to - We have ^{our} neighbors Mr. Cranes folks that live one mile and a half north used to live in Gysilanti and knew Orin & Macy and Simon Rowles folks well - they live just across the road from Edwards place - Tell Strigilne I hope she will like her new home when she gets here - she need not hesitate coming because we have fared so hard for she will not see such times as we have they will bring their goods with them and can stay with us 'til they got a house up all that I worry about I am afraid our goods will damage before we get them - they are 20 miles from here

Tell Phoebe she ought to come and
stay with us a week or two and get
rested she would enjoy her situation with
much greater zest after rustication
in the woods awhile - Tell Mary
I hope she will write to me often and
I hope we shall not be so near strangers
as we always seemed, previous to our last
intercourse - I think I never was fully
acquainted with her until now -
and I hope we may correspond
often enough to keep up the acquaintance
I was glad to receive James favor
and hope she will not entirely
forget me but write as often as she can
find time to - Phoebe's letters used to be
a great consolation to us when we lived
in Duxbury and they will be equally
so here if she can find time to renew
her correspondance -
I often think of the mother and
hope I may be permitted to see
thee and father again - and hope you
may both be able to visit us in our own
home - Give my love to all the children
and young folks - and assured I regard
my parents with love and reverence

Sunday morning Edward is about
ready to start and I will add a few
lines and close. If it is not too much
trouble I would like for father to get
me a tin baker made and
furnished at the tin shop in
Albion - and I shall be able to let
you have some thing I think to
accomodate you as much
It is a pleasant morning - things
are growing fast - should much
like to spend the sabbath with
you and go to church - we have
no school house here - but talk
some of having meetings in
the woods - there is a number
of preachers here abouts -

I want you to save my
soap grease for me - I know it
very much - should like thee
mother - to make me some
more soapings if thee is able
I have no hops - and can not
get any in here

I want some of you to write
when Edward gets back -
Tell Jane should like the rest
of that story - adieu D.C. Wood

Michigan Southern & Northern Indiana Rail Road Co.

PASSENGER and FREIGHT OFFICE,

193 Broadway, corner of Dey street,

NEW YORK, July 13 1856

E Cornell Esq

Albion Mich

I have been notified of a
small dividend \$15.00 standing to
my credit in the Telegraph & Bank.
that I could have by presenting the
certificate. This was picked from
my pocket, about 12 months since.
I presume you have some rule to renew
certificates - when lost. Will you please
to state what you wish to see
to do. to get a new one issued -

Yours Truly
John F. Porter

Washington July 14, 1856

Dear Sir,

Two or three days
since I received a letter from
you which I ought to have answered
sooner, but it has somehow
got mislaid. It had reference
to the Telegraph matter. The arrange-
ment proposed by you meets
my approbation. If the arrangement
can be made and the Company
be made secure I see no objections
to those who are there (that is the Directors
at Indianapolis) entering into a
contract. I would like to see the
papers when they are prepared.

We have very hot weather and
many of the members are anxious
to adjourn. I do not know how long
we shall stay here, but the session
may be cut short any time.

C
15 July 56

I don't know as they
will leave, but they may
do so.

I shall be here tomorrow

Yours -

E Correll

Roberts Aug 17. 1836

C. Cornell Esq
Sir

I send you several papers.

- No. 1. Showing the data from which we get at ratio of division of receipts with S.M. Line at Chicago office. The same ratio is adopted for Toledo.
2. This shows what one 1/8 of the office Expenses and batteries at Chicago have been for 8 months -
3. The same at Toledo
4. I send you 4 Tabular Statements showing the monthly Earnings of S.M. Line at Chicago, Laporte & Adrian of Toledo - showing also the expenses and the monthly balances either for or against you.

From these statements you can see what the sum total of the Earnings of the S.M. Line for the last Eight months at these four offices

The amount paid at these four offices for office expenses & batteries - for sum paid to other lines for forwarding business for S.M. Line, - and for repairs &c

If a settlement is made on this basis, without claiming a deduction for the time the line did not work according to our record, and if we do not claim half of the Expenses of the Monitor office I make the balance due you thus

Due to you from us at Chicago	\$582.97
" " " at Adrian	27.11
Due from you to us at Laporte 45.23	611.08
" " " at Toledo 289.30	304.53
Balance due	\$306.55

Of course these sum do not include any of the balances at Toledo & Laporte between us growing out of the O. & D. Line.

These statements confirm me in the belief

of what I have often asserted that the proposition of
our Co. was far more than this property is worth.
By our arrangement with Mr. Wilkinson, we
can give the R.R. a second wire cheaper than we
propose to ~~do~~ ^{buy} this; but believe it or not, I assure
you most of us are willing to pay something for
peace and harmony. But as I explained it
you when here; this negotiation must be brought
to a close. If we cannot purchase you out, we
shall put ^{up} a second wire for the R.R. on our poles
without delay—

Respectfully
Isaac R. Church

J. R. Church
July 19, 56

Albion July 20. 1886

My Dear Mary Ann ...

I left you Monday morning and stayed the following night with Mr Curtis Utica, Tuesday + ~~Wednesday~~ ^{Wednesday} nights at Waverly House Rochester and ~~Wednesday~~ ~~Thursday~~ ^{Thursday} night on Lake Erie on board the Steamer Mississippi which brought on the bosom of Lake Erie during Thursday from which we witnessed the burning of the ill fated Steamer Northern Indiana, an account of which you have probably seen in the. as I sent you a paper containing the account, We were about 6 miles distant from the Indiana when we saw by the smoke that she was on fire, We pushed our vessel for her and reached the scene of boat ending distress in about 15 minutes. The particulars I will not attempt to relate, referring you to the paper. It is impossible to tell the number of dead; probably as many as 40. I think not more than that. You will get an other paper that will show you what we did to aid the

Sufferers who had lost all but life = I came up here last eve and found all well, Father and mother are at at Mart, Mother has had an other ague fit but is quite smart again -

Went up to Hiram today and took dinner they finished cutting wheat about 2 P.M., Jane was up there, and all hands, came to Albion to church in afternoon - Mary & Jane went to Methodist, and H to the Spiritualist, and Phibe railed about it, and says: she dont want any of her friends to call and see her who will go to a Spiritual meeting, so goes the world - and so it always went, Oh! dear, me, will it ever be better?

Edward has returned from up in the woods, and has bought 80 Acres $\$2\frac{1}{2}$ down and agrees to pay $\$175$ more making $\$281$ per acre, He likes it much up there and will propose to move up there in a month, I hope it will prove a successful move for him -

I shall go to Chicago to night I
think and back to Jonesville to-
morrow night and move on East
again soon,

Excuse me for not writing more

Affectionately yours

E. Correll

Mary Ann

Newcastle July 21st - 56

Dear Sir - Being in a restless condition & finding it difficult to keep myself long employed in any one thing - I resort to whatever comes in my mind first, I move as a sort of diversion than anything else. Now I read the Tribune & other papers & occasionally go out ~~lecturing~~ ^{lecturing} for the Cause of our Country & Fremont. You or Your Ghost, presenting itself to my mind. (For I don't know whether you are dead or alive) I thought I would send a few words to the last place I had any knowledge of your being. Making enquiry after you - It is very strange if you are still moving among the men! Then you do not let a friend know it, I got a letter with your signature under it, as I supposed it was a facsimile to say the least - a month or two back, & answered it & wrote once since but hear nothing more from you. I twice went to Cleveland once after writing you to meet me there but never the bit of your self or Ghost could I discover, nor even learn of your whereabouts. Of those Enquiries I got answers like the following, "Cornell! Cornell! why I have some faint recollection of having heard the name within the past few years - but am not certain." So I inferred

you were not particularly engaged in the paper
I don't see why you can't write on the subject
you suggest. Surely you have not been
sworn not to print, write or stamp, anything
on the subject & with me it is as safe as in
your own Nozzle. I don't see but I shall have
to go off & let everything go to balabacks. I
have been idle since December last
& see no likelihood of disposing of what I
have to any body at any price there is at
least ten tons of wire between Kent
Cleveland going to waste. If I could sell
it in my estimate I might raise \$125
to lift it. I have from 7 to ten tons
on hand now - & several instruments
& cannot get rid of either. I have been
fooled here for 3 months. These people
wished me to rebuild line to Pittsburg
& have raised within \$150. of enough
for me to build & make little out of
it. Yet tis doubtful if I get any
more. The line from Watford to
Erie is in the same condition, mostly
in the poles yet. I have tried the
Cleveland & Mahoning & New Cretto
Rail-Road now done 52 miles
from Cleveland to Warren, they are
too poor & can do nothing. I
have sat and waited their reply

to my proposition. They are a damned
mean picky set of men at the
best. I must clear out & hit all go
I spare. With me here & let me know
how you are & if you have been
skinned alive yet. Please make
my respects to Mr. & Mrs. Wood
& kindest regards. I won't delay
writing me

E. Cornell

Yrs Truly
W F R

I have several suits pending & have
thought of instituting more. O if I only
were out of the land of the living, or in
some other world than this. I am so
horribly sick of telegraphing, it seems as if
I never could get away from it. I am
more than half a mind to run off &
let everything go just as it is.

No 1 & 2 for Savage + Moore Saguait Quail

New Issue

H Barnes No 1 - for 10 Shards - \$500
 5 claimed by E.C

E Cornell ✓ 2 5
 ✓ 3 20
 ✓ 4 20
 ✓ 5 20
 ✓ 6 20
 ✓ 7 21

Arnold ✓ 8 20 - transferred to E.C
 ✓ 9 20 transferred to E.C
 ✓ 10 20 transferred to E.C
 ✓ 11 20
 ✓ 12 21 transferred to E.C, 2000

G.C. Munro ✓ 13 20
 ✓ 14 20 transferred to E.C
 ✓ 15 20
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H B Robinson for Parkhurst ^{No 23-} Cancelled

No 35- for 1-

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38- 1/

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41- 2

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Cernon Center July 22

Dear Sir

I received a letter from Mr Curtis the other day, saying you was making preparations to test it on the south end of Cataraugus Lake (a good place to try it I should think) he said, you would be ready in a few days he thought, I am glad of it, I have waited so long, and not having any business it has been hard for me to get along, as ~~it~~ could not get work in Rome and I did not wish to leave till this matter was settled, supposing you would be ready every day as you told when you left me you would try it soon, he as soon has you can and I can not ask any more of you I have tried two experiments since I saw you which makes my faith stronger than ever, the first was to use one of the railroads tracks or rather for one wire, I put a copper wire in the ditch 15 ft from the wall or rather and tried the experiment through 100 ft, instead of 15 ft as you thought it worked perfectly so it seems the wires need not be close to one another in the water, I think the wires would do a mile apart or more, I think it will be of no use to cover the wires to try the experiments

The second was to try if I could not
work the relay with only one wire
I took 200 ft. of copper wire and hung
it out in the canal and used a piece
of zinc at each end I put the copper
wire in the cup of the relay (I soldered
a piece of copper wire to the zinc plate)
and put the copper wire of the zinc in
other cup and as the copper wire was
in the water and the zinc plate it be-
came a battery and cleaned up the armature
of the relay I then went to the other
end of the copper wire which was 200 ft
up. The canal where the other zinc
plate was and I found by touching
the copper wire with the zinc it
~~worked~~ worked the relay, but I shall not
mean to say it good but I think
we can telegraph across the ocean with
one copper wire after we have made
a few experiments with it,

I shall be at Vernon Center till
we try the experiments and when you
get all ready you can send me a letter
and hope you will be ready soon
as I can not go way till we have
tried it I can meet Mr Curtis at
Oneida Depot (I have no money to pay my
fare) if you or he sends word what time
or where he will be there. when you
write to Mr Curtis you can tell him where
I am, Direct to Vernon Center

Yours Co

Nathaniel Parks

New York and Erie Railroad.

Office General Superintendent.

New York July 28th 1856.

E. Cornell Esq.

Supr. Morse Tel. Line
Ithaca, N. Y.

Sir, Yours of the 23rd

ult. proposing that an advance of \$3,000
be made by this Company for the purpose
of constructing a Line from Binghamton
to Syracuse was duly received and has
been considered. Although it may
be quite true that the connection would be
beneficial to a large extent to this Company,
still their operations are so extended in
their legitimate business of transportation
that it is not deemed expedient to accede
to your proposition.

Yours Respectfully
J. M. Johnson
Genl. Supt.

Cleveland July 25/56

Dear Sir,

Those poles were attached yesterday before I saw Mr Crawford. He had given the acct to a two prong collector who lost no time in putting it in the mill -

The amount due after deducting payments is about ^{\$236.00} \$240.-

I found that the Union line repairer had paid in \$48.- which is the same that Steger was to pay me - The amount must be paid in about fifteen days or the poles will be sold -

If you can learn anything of the value of that old Lake Erie line stock please write me from Rochester

Yours &c
E. Cornell J M Dubbs

Chicago Ill July 23. 56

W. Cornell

Sir: I have yours
of 21st & a petition accompanying it
before me, noting, asking me to sign
it: I hardly know what to do,
I want time & advice: You say
the Union Co are hostile towards us
I suppose they are, & always will be.

For us to "lease & surrender all the
lines instruments & apparatus during
life of the charter," it is as you say
"Equivalent to a sale for 2400. Annually
(1200. semi-annually) commencing in
Nov 1858" The amt is so small & the
time so far compare it with the amt.

Induces me to say what the man
^{said} ~~stated~~ endeavouring to get on board of Noah
ark - found he could not - "go along
with your old ark tis nothing but a
shoover". To Not sign it, you think
would endanger my (or our) interest

To sign it, it is our salvation &
putting the ~~rights~~ of any coming
beyond my life time, & then un-
certain as is usual with all embar-
rased entangled co's. And so
small with all the preceding trouble,
it don't awaken me enough to
care much about it. I do not
wish by any means to be in the way
of you & others. I chose to ^{do} good to
others when I can without
crying to myself, and may
make up my mind to sign
your petition. If I should,
as I now think - may say
"let the poor old horse die
& sign it." Yrs. H. Sand Stone

P.S. I sent to M.B. Wood
4 Tickets 1847 & 48 & 10. 15. & 15 (50)
p.c. by L.W. Clark to Wm Jones agt.
for certificate. E & M Tel Co.
J.

Saml Stone
July 25-86

Washington July 30 1856
Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 25th inst. enclosing the draft for the assignment of T. J. & M. Tel. Co to the Western Union Tel Co. has been received.

I don't think the Board would be justified in making an assignment of all the Effects and Franchises of the Co. that would exceed their authority and leave the stockholders without a remedy against the assignees. The Assignment would also, in all probability, defeat its object, and extinguish the Franchises instead of transferring them.

I prefer that we make a lease for a definite term, that the lease should not only be upon Condition, but that ^{there} should also be an express power to annul the

lease upon failure of the Lessee to make prompt payment of the rent. and upon failure to keep the lines and apparatus at the offices or stations in working order. I want ^{also} an express covenant too that the line & Apparatus shall be kept in working order. also a covenant to return every thing ^{pertaining to the line} and the line in working order. As your lease provides that the lines shall be rebuilt and put in working order during the lease, and delivered up to the Co. in that condition, I think the N. M. Tel. Co. ought to perform that stipulation in your lease as to rebuilding and putting the line in order; and accounts to the Board as you were required to do. upon the same terms of rent and repairs. The payments should be made to the Board of Directors

at Indianapolis. The Board of Directors of the O I & Ill. Tel. Co. ought to keep a list of their own stockholders and attend to their interest. as the stockholders can exercise their franchises only through their own Board.

I think the payments ought to be made quarterly or semi annually. but that matter is not very important. It is proper enough to allow the assignee a credit for money advanced to pay liens, incumbrances. &c. and interest might be allowed a 6% up to the end of the current quarter when the money is paid. or to the end of the succeeding quarter, but not for a longer time than to the end of a quarter at which the balance due the lessor would equal or exceed the amount so paid in advance.

and all payment of rent due
the Lessor should be promptly
made or bear interest at
6 p. ct from the day they become
due.

You see that we shall adjourn
on the 18th Aug. I intend to visit
my mother and other relations
in Conn on my return. This
will occupy a week or ten
days. I shall then go directly
to Indianapolis. I shall be
glad at any time to attend
to business, and make such
arrangement as you and
others interested in our Co
may deem advisable. I approve
heartily of your plan of having
the consent of the stockholders.

Yours respectfully
Lucius Barlow

E Cornell Esq

Rochester N York

23.03.1876

Wm. J. F.

July 1856

We the undersigned Stockholders in the Ohio, Indiana, & Illinois Telegraph Company do hereby severally consent advise & request that the Directors of this company lease & surrender to the Western Union Telegraph Company all the lines, instruments, & other property of the said Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois Telegraph Company, in the said Western Union Telegraph Company agreeing to pay annually therefor the sum of \$2400, during the continuance of the charter of the Ohio, Indiana, & Illinois Telegraph Company, the first of the said annual payments to be made on the first day of May 1859.

Dated July 1856

E. Cornell Ithaca N.Y. 527 shares

Office of Western Union Telegraph Co.

Buffalo, August 1st, 1856.

Manager Albion Slick

Appreciating the successful efforts of our Superintendent, A. STAGER, to make the Western Union Telegraph Line the *ne plus ultra* of Telegraph Associations; applauding his ceaseless and fatiguing travel for the interests of the said Line; and respecting him for his sociable and gentlemanly qualities, the manager and operators of the Buffalo Office have formed themselves into a Committee, to suggest in what manner the employees of the Line throughout, can best express their sense of the appreciation and respect to which he is entitled, and to make choice of some fitting testimonial to present to him, as an emblem of the same; which will also serve as a hearty exclamation to the Executive Board, that, while their Superintendent possesses the respect and confidence of those under him, the Line must be prompt, accurate and reliable, and (making a *de facto* of that long-standing desideratum,) "PAYING," too.

It is proposed to subscribe between \$400 and \$500, to purchase a magnificent Gold Watch and Chain. By clubbing our *mites*, this can easily be done.

The Manager of each Office is requested to make out a Subscription List for his own Office, which being completed, it and the funds are to be forwarded before the 20th of September, to N. HUCKER, Jr., Manager of the Buffalo Office.

When a sufficient amount is subscribed, a copy of the address and manner of presentation will be forwarded, in due time, to each person subscribing.

If objections to any part of the foregoing, may be entertained, please forward without delay, to the Corresponding Secretary, at Buffalo.

~~As~~ IT MAY BE WELL TO OBSERVE, THAT ALL OUTSIDE MENTION OF THIS MATTER SHOULD BE AVOIDED UNTIL THE PROPER TIME.

C. S. JONES,
W. TERRY,
RALPH WHYLAND, } Committee.

N HUCKER, Jr., Treasurer.
E. W. CULGAN,
Corresponding Secretary.

Defiance Aug 2^d 1856
E Cornell

Dear Sir.

On the 6th of May last I wrote you representing my need of money &c. You replied on the 24th of the same month, saying that I should be paid a part of the amt due me within one month from that time. It is now nearly 3 months and I have not heard from you since. and I assure you that my need of funds has in no way diminished. but on the contrary I am in special need of money at this time. I am contemplating the important event of soon getting married. and you know of course that on such an occasion the demand for funds is imperative. Now if you can in any way manage to raise \$100, for me, do for God's sake do it. I can but believe that you will appreciate my condition, and wants at this time and do me this favor. I hope also that you will not trust any one but yourself to send the

S. A. Strong Aug 2, 56

money for fear that there may be some delay. I need
it now. Mr Palmer has taken up the old wire from
Maumee to the Junction 8 miles beyond D.E. He has
not been at work for the past week on account of the
illness of his wife I believe. I am glad that something
is being done to get it at work once more. What
arrangement is to be made with the office here?
will it be necessary to have it situated at the R R Depot?
H.C. I have been reading all the Summer thus far
and have not earned any money, and never before
needed funds so much as at present. I hope you
will not fail to answer forthwith and enclose at
least \$100. The fact is I must have it, because I
can't get along without it, and in view of your
promise last May, and of my present urgent
circumstances. I think you can't fail to send
it promptly and without fail.

I am very Truly Yours
S. A. Strong

{ Cornell Ux }

Defiance 1 Aug 9th 1856

E Cornell.

Dear Sir

Yours of 5th Inst just recd. and I herewith present a statement of my acct from July 1854. I have calculated the interest on the balance for each month up to the present date: the addition of intst as I have calculated it increases the acct \$30.51. You will recollect that about a year ago in writing me in relation to this matter you said you would allow interest. But Sir: in consideration that you now propose to settle this acct. and that as you say it has been a hard concern for you. I leave it for you to say whether this intst shall be included or not.

I am now in great need of all the money I can get, and whatever you may determine in regard to this matter I beg you will send draft soon as any way consistent. I was sorry to learn that you had disposed of your interest in this line for some time. I have been looking to the time when you would build the line anew on the R.R. Road and thereby acquire a triumph after a long season of discouragements and hard battling with the Enemy. But I trust this arrangement is for your advantage. I hope to hear from you occasionally.

and to learn that your enterprises are prosperous.
For I can only think of you except as being engaged in
some enterprise and it would be better if there were
such men especially in this country. If I can at
any time be of any service to you it will afford
me pleasure to perform it.

I remain very truly yours
S. A. Strong

Cornell City
Ireneville Aug 6
Show
much

When
Will you be along this way when
you do come don't fail to
stop & see Ben. The Sept &
get that pap. which you
said you could get for me.
Mum & Sewell have them as
directing of our co & you said you
could get one for me without any trouble
When I get that I will go &
see Parthum & the other parties
who hold stock & get it all up
for you. Have you got that
stock transferred yet of so. I wish you
would send it (Wm. Gray)

W. V. Murphy
When you go to Adams if you could get one so I
could meet you there

Canaster Aug 9th /56
Mr E. Cornell

Dear Sir

We hold Mr MacKapeice's
receipt for all the Glasses sent you
& the Amount our Bill Calls for was
delivered in Buffalo. We are very
much in want of funds & should
like the Balance (\$72.60) remitted
at as an early date as possible
By so doing you will
Oblige

Yours Truly
Reed & Shinn

Mr MacKapeice at the time was in Morse
Telegraph Office Buffalo & promised that the
above amount should be paid 4 mos after the delivery
of the Glasses

Washington Aug. 13th 1856

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir, Your letter of the 11th inst. is just at hand.

I will examine my letters and send you all extracts to O'Keilly having reference to the ~~first~~ ^{second} patent. There is certainly nothing which was understood by me as conferring a right to use it, though it was certainly intended on our part to give him that right if he had complied with the contract.

But that contract gave no right to the extension of the first patent without which the second is useless.

There is room for contest on three points:

First, the O.K. contract as to that line is void.

Secondly, that contract did not cover the use of the second patent.

Thirdly, that the contract did not cover the use of the extension of the first patent.

I had supposed all questions had been settled between the various Lake Lines, but if you must have further controversy with Selden & Co. I wish you God speed and will aid

Is your Indiana line bound by any valid contract to connect with any Eastern line at Cincinnati? Is there any thing to prevent an advantageous arrangement to that effect with the Western line extended to that point?

Has our stock on the Cleveland & Cincinnati line been transferred? If you are not going there shortly, please return it as I desire to have the transfer made immediately.

Very respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

Amos Kendall

Wm

N.Y.

P.S. It is not Mr. Stickney but my son, John Kendall who has been appointed Gen. Supt of the Magnetic & W & W.O. Lines.

Aug 25, 1856 Answered this letter this day and enclosed with it 334 Shares. C & C Tel stock that Mr 16 handed into get transferred

E.C.

Albion Mich Aug 13. 1856

Dear Sir

Having learned that the Journal under your Pilotage, has halled down the black flag of the Slavery Extension power, and ran up the "Flag of the Free" with "free Kansas", "free Speech", "free men" and "Firmant", enscinded amongst its Stripes & Stars, I desire that you enter my name on your list of subscribers, and send your paper to this place and I will request my soul to stick in, the office and hate you the more.

I have read the "Citizen" till I am satisfied it is a "foreign Citizen" instead of an "American" as it professes to be, and as I am opposed to all ~~unnaturalized Citizens~~ foreign ~~ers~~ ~~assuming the part of~~ and feeling no special interest in its quarrel with the Pope and his Bishops, I must discontinue it, I know of no body hereabouts that doubly Michigan going for Freedom & Firmant by a large majority, & Correll

Syracuse Aug 22/56
Mr. ^{James} Cornell & Fitchner

I understand unless
you commence the Building of the
line from this City to Binghamton
immediately the subscription of the
N R C. will be withdrawn, & given
to any person who will commence the
work on the first day of September
if this be so I may loose what I most
desire I would like to see you go on.
Or Others must - Mr. Schenckhorn thinks
you are waiting to raise money if so I
would like to know what time you would
want, maybe, I could raise it for you rather
than lose my connection with the Erie
line - If you should want time on
the poles I could accommodate you

I could also furnish you some men (or
what I may have) on such time as we could
agree, Brackets I have a few also. If it is not
possible for you to go to work at ~~the~~ before
the time specified within please give
me your earliest answer as upon this
thread my future destiny hangs - answer
quickly direct to Oswego & obly yours

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Defiance O^r August 25th 1856.

E Cornell.

Dear Sir }

On the 8th Inst I recd a letter from you dated at Rochester 5th Inst requesting me to make out a statement of my acct &c. and in which you said you would send me draft for the amount. I made out the statement on the 9th Inst and mailed it the same day. At that time and in a letter previously I endeavored to represent my great and immediate need of money, and on the receipt of your last letter I felt confident I should not be disappointed in the immediate receipt of the balance. But although it is true it is but little more than two weeks since the mailing of my last communication, yet I did hope to hear from it before now. Perhaps the delay seems the greater on account of my solicitude in the matter, and which arises out of the peculiarly urgent circumstances of my present condition, the nature of which I indicated to you in a former letter. It is possible that you have mailed draft and that it has been miscarried; if not, permit me to ask as a special favor to a friend who stands in the most urgent need, to do so forthwith. My last communication was accompanied with a statement of the Balance due for each month, together with the interest on the same. The total amt of the bal^{ce} with interest added was \$210, the whole amount of interest was \$39.52. I left it for you to decide whether the int^{est} should be added or not. without the addition of the interest the amount would be \$179.48. Do for pity's sake let me hear from you in my

Very Respectfully Yours

S. A. Strong

E Cornell }

New-York, Albany and Buffalo Telegraph Co.,

PRINCIPAL OFFICE, 2½ WALL-STREET.

New-York, Aug 28th 1856
J Cornell Esq
or Sir -

I have seen
Mr Phelps today but he says
the matter of the Otisco Line
is to be decided by the
directors tomorrow the 29th.
If possible I wish you would
see him and hurry it up,
as I shall be compelled to
pole that line at any time
within four months after they
notify me to do it, providing
they accept that proposition -

I wish you would make
arrangements with McCallum
while you are here for passes
between gt Bnd & Oswego so I
can do that part if necessary
without delay. They have granted
me a pass between those places
for Aug. Whether it will be renewed
I do not know. Please see to it -

I am just commencing to
set poles & have got along
very well so far but want
money very much. I ought to
have \$75 or 80 dollars interest or
dividend on Isl Stock, never
having received a cent while
others have received all due
them. Cant you let me
have some more, either on
the notes or as dividend?

Yours Truly
P A Hapkins

Albion Aug 13. 1856

Dear Sir,

I am in the habit of reading a number of the New papers of the day, embracing the several political parties which enables to discover that the "American Citizen" is of a character illy designed to promote truth, or enlighten the mind,

As for the Pope, I am too old to be frightened by his shadow, and am quite sure his shadow or substance will do less harm to the liberties of my country than will a party, who seek to acquire political power by exciting religious bigotry in the minds of their duped followers.

I therefore ^{very} desire that you will discontinue sending the American Citizen to me, and

I will request my son to
Call and pay you up to the
1st of September, if there is any
thing due you,

Very Respectfully
E. Cornell

Editor

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We shall probably come to a
vote on the Brooks matter to-
day. When the discussion commenced
the excitement was very high, but
it has pretty much died away
now.

Yours respectfully
Lucian Barbour

E Cornell Rig
Indianapolis
Indiana

by all the information I am able to give. But how will you get along without the title to the patents which is in Smith's

Judge Baton's Board refuses the patent stock to us and offers \$3000 for the patent right on all their lines! As I had once peremptorily rejected this offer, I consider its repetition little better than an insult and have given them the option to settle on the basis of the O'Reilly contract or stand in the attitude of infringers liable to pay over to the Patentees all their receipts. And assuredly they will be required to do it in due time if they maintain their present position.

Since Wade has obtained control of the O'R. Lines from Pittsburg to St. Louis, he is breaking up their business arrangements and preparing the way for a new war. Even the business from the West for Washington and Baltimore is sent by way of Buffalo & New York, arriving here by the House Line - at least to a considerable extent.

This game will involve the extension of the Western Line to Cincinnati, and other points west, involving the competition which the business arrangements which Wade now repudiates, had happily put an end to.

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