Mount Gordham
June 3d 1857.

E. Cornell Esq
Ithaca
D. Sir

Absence from my business has prevented an earlier reply to yours of the 20th Ultimo —

The 3d Vol. of the Devon Herd Book will be issued in July or August next — Mr Sandford Howard of the "Cultivator" of Boston is the Editor and will receive your list — His address is "39 Commercial St Boston" —

I have enclosed him your letter —

Yours &c &c

L. G. Morris

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH.

CONSOLIDATION OF THE

HOUSE, MORSE, O'REILLY, WADE, SPEED AND CORNELL LINES.

Detroit, June 5 185 7 BY TELEGRAPH

From Adrian 5 185 7

To E Cornell

The Sale at Hillsdale
tomorrow is only for that
County if you do not there
I will bid it in at
the lowest possible sum if
there are no outside bidders
An Execution has been issued

PRINCIPAL OFFICES
OF THE
Union Telegraph
AND ITS CONNECTIONS.

Albany,	Louisville,
Buffalo,	Milwaukee.
Boston,	Montreal,
Baltimore,	New York,
Cincinnati,	Oswego,
Chicago,	Philadelphia
Cleveland,	Pittsburgh,
Columbus,	Quebec,
Detroit,	Toronto,
Dayton,	Toledo,
Dubuque,	St. Louis,
Halifax,	Sandusky,
Washington, D. C.	

DESPATCHES FOR EUROPE, forwarded by Steamers, from New York, Boston, or Halifax.

Chicago & Central R. R. Depot, 2d floor.

into Branch County
but the Sheriff has not
notified me of the day
of Sale

O. Money

P. Money
Affidavit
1859

Washington June 6th 1837

G. Cornell Esqr

Dear Sir, I learn from Mr. Chester that he has received no papers from you since we separated in New York. If you have been able to find any of Smith's letters please forward them.

The argument has been postponed to the 23d inst.

Yours very respectfully
Amos Kendall

Ithaca

No. 3.

Ans'd 13 June 57. That I informed Mr Chester that I could find no more of Smith, Settle, & I suspect that Smith has the letters.

Phila June 8 1857

Mr E Cornell

Dear sir I have taken the liberty of writing to you for information respecting the Illinois & Mississippi Tel. Co stock, in March last I wrote to Judge Eaton, enclosing certificate powers of Atty to transfer the stock transferred, and send the dividend which had been declared, but have had no reply I wrote again on the 7th inst Month, Can you give me any information about other Officers of the Co I can write to on the subject.

Very respectfully Yours
John D Thomas

Firs 67 Hog South 4th St.

Land Office Ithaca June 11/57

Mr E Cornell

Sir The S W 1/4 of S W 1/4 of Sec 29 & the N 1/2 of N W 1/4 & N E 1/4 of N W 1/4 of Sec 32 all in Township 12 N of Range 3 W as located by Geo Hale

North West 1/4 of N W 1/4 32 Geo Hale

S E 1/4 & N W 1/4 of 32 ~~Jacob Ellison~~ Jeremiah Sullivan

S W 1/4 & N W 1/4 Henry Sweetzer

~~S E 1/4 of N W 1/4 Jeremiah Sullivan~~

N E 1/4 of N W 1/4 Jacob Ellison

North West 1/4 of North East 1/4 32 Conn

Yours Respectfully

Henry C Wilson

Ithaca June 26. 1857

Dear Sir

You omitted to mention who located the N W of N W of 32 T 12 R 3 W Please give me that. Also the residence of each of the several parties if your records show where they reside to

Yours Respectfully

E Cornell

Ithaca N.Y.

Mr Cornell

Geo Hale is a Resident of Ingham Co Mich he located N W 1/4 of N W 1/4 32 T 12 N 3 W

Jeremiah Sullivan Resident of Detroit Co Mich

Isaac Ellison Patent March
Sandy Creating "

Yours Respectfully
Isaac Ellison

Land Office
Iowa City Iowa

Owego June 12th 1857

P Cornell Esqr

My dear Sir

I wrote you some time since asking you to send me the remaining two bags full of oil Cake – If you can do so you will very much oblige me – I will remit you the balance whatever it is –

I want to show my bull Chas the second at Louisville National Show against the $5000 Bull Marquis of Carabas You will see my challenge in the next Country Gentleman, and I have to get him in Condition he has average 2 Cows a day for the last three weeks. so I must Rush him well as soon as the season is over

I see Mr Clarke has given $850 each for two heifers not so good as the one I sold you. Please write me soon

I am dy dear Sir Yours truly

Wm H Topham

W. H. Sotham
12 June 87

I want to have Cosmos Mallays letter
published and my two letters in an
answer whenever I can to show my
willingness to meet him on his
own "Aunghild". If you can get
them & "Pedegree" published in
your county paper it would
do much, You may depend
the Hereford are going to be
the Cattle for this Country

W H S

Ithaca Jan 23. 57

Dear Sir

Mr. N. T. Williams Cash Bank Ithaca has reached home and I tried him on your Dft, but he declined discounting it, simply saying he had all the Ithaca paper he wanted, To day I asked Mr Hardy Cash of Farmers & Merchants Bank, who said they could not discount as they had made taken to carry our Ithaca lumbermen through who are Operating in Canada,

A. B. C who is here on a visit and who I asked to Endorse the

the draft. So. they might have 2 Endorsers as is their rule, talked with our bank men and they says the canada lumber men keeps both Banks poor.

I suppose that this canada business gives the banks a better circulation than they get from any other business and they get pay in My Dft, thus making it a favored business

I enclose you the dft with this note.

Yours Respectfully
E. Correll

E W Chester Esq
N.Y.

Attica June 15th 1857

Mr. E Cornell

Dear Sir

Yours of the 12th mailed at Aurora is recind. A. friend of mine told me a few days since that he saw in the New York papers that a Mr. Ward of Auburn had invented a new Submarine Telegraph on Saturday last I saw the above which I cut out & send you above I think it desirable to learn what his new discovery is & thought I would send the above to you & suggest to you the idea of your coming this way when you go to New York & stop at Auburn & find out what you can about the new discovery I presume you can learn something about it at Cayuga when it was tried ~~last~~ If you learn at Cayuga that it is like to be any thing of importance would it not be well to stop at Auburn over one train & find out all about it perhaps you may find it is something of the nature of the discovery that Parks Claims

If I do not see you before you go to N.Y. I wish when you are there that you would either go yourself or have

A. B. C call on Mr Litchfield or whoever may be the proper person in N.Y. & see what that Western Union Telegraph Stock can be bought for which is owned by the South Mich Rail Road Co also find out how much they own. If it can be bought on time with a payment down I think I will try to buy it Please let me hear from you soon

Yours Respectfully
Geo. Curtis

Geo. Curtis
15th January 1857

Albion June 15th 1857

E. Connell Esq

Dear Brother Your letter and order reached me in due time to the amount of $142.50 You say I collected dividend on 27 shares for May & Dec 1856. So I did & it was right for I owned that number but I some how by the operation of the (s/pirits) may be I got 2 shares of different numbers into one number. For instance No 359. & No 258 was done up together one share each & given as 2shars No 359. This No 258 is now a part of No 517 being one of the 28 shares lately issued. If I had not have collected the May & Dec dividend on it I should have sent it with the other canceled stock for back dividends. As you made the correction on No 359 and deducted $3.00 from the present dividend on 54 I have now to send this script No 258 forward for back dividend. So much for being smart. And now to unravel the mistery of the $150. order which I told you to send.

Mary C Robertson	3,00
Phebe Wood	3.00
Canceled stock for one dividend 8 shares	12.00
do do for two do 15 do	45,00
M. B. Wood 54 shares	81 00
4 shares lent E Connell issued to O.S. Wood	6 00
	$150.00
These being 9 shares instead of 8 for one dividend	1 50
	$151,50
	142 50
	9.00

Where is my nine dollars
So much for being Smart

The weather is exceedingly fine & crops are growing as fast as they need to just rain enough to push things right along. I went to Homer Friday & back Saturday. I had a hard tug to get any thing in shape to suit me. I found my principle creditor with his farm encumbered with 3 mostgages one after the other from 1846 up to 1855. He had made indorsments on them all till there was hardly a place to write another & they seemed so mixed I thought best after looking it all over to pay them all up & have them discharged though it might crowd me for means at present. I did so and took a new mortgage of $1320.85 on 160 acres of good land on the Homer & Marshall stage road 90 acres improved good House, barn & orchard blacksmith shop &c. I had to advance $841.18 to wipe out all the encumberence. I had a lot of crooked fellows to deal with but I hung to them till I got the last dot with the pen right I have also sold my house & lot here for $1500.00 Phebe signed the deed without any reluctance but claims a set of silver forks for so doing. I can't see the object without she wants to get prepared to pitch in to me some way. Hope you will bring Mary Ann out in July and have a good round visiting. Saw John & Polly on my way to Homer. All comfortable. Shall be very busy the ballance of the month west

Yours Truly M B Wood

N. Y. June 19. 1857.

E. Cornell Esq.

Dear Sir.

About the 1st of July I shall want a little money to go a frolicking with in vacation. You will get another draft from the Erie folks ~~about~~ at that time. Can't you spare me $ 200 of it, to be held subject to order? Take my due bill for it, if you choose. Perhaps you can leave an order on the company for it, or any way you please.

I have to use all the money I can scrape this year. Next year I hope to be flush. How are your banks now? What chance of getting $1000 on a note?

I hoped to see you, but my

feet are wet, & I must go home.
Perhaps you may stay over & I
may see you to-morrow.

Yours truly

E. W. Chester.

Pike Co Ky
June 20th 1857

Dear Friend.

It is so long since I have heard from you I hardly know how or where to address you and if this should reach you I almost fear you have forgotten me in your multiplicity of Business but I would like to hear from you and be posted up, on Teleyraphing a little for I do not know what is going on in that branch now days are you still driving at it & how prospered

have you abandoned the notion of extending the R'y / Wm Union any farther west than Hunnellsville, I have given up all hopes of ever getting a line here again but still feel a little anxiety to know about the arrangement I have always thought I should get into the Penn some time but have almost given it up for I have not operated any in most three years and dont see any prospect of my getting away from this Place — I had a letter from Hopkins last winter which gave me some little encouragement for an office if it was so I could leave but I dont hurry things round yet so as to do it — I have frequent chances to sell wine for nothing hence now there is a good deal of it in small pieces & badly snarled up which seems to me worth more for that than to put up, say shall I sell it & if so for what price —

have you ever looked at my old account to see if what I claimed was right — it was due me for work when you run the line yourself there was a ballance due me of

about $50.00 — please look to it & write me on receipt of this & much oblige

Yours truly

D. P. Gordon

D. Cornell Esqr

Ithaca

N.Y.

Conroy June 20/57

E. Connell
Esqr

Your favour of the 15th Inst &c on my return home yesterday, I according to your request I forward you by two Certificates Nos 6 & 66 which you have found give me Stock for from your Letter I infer you have not Simmons orders to issue Stock upon those scrip & I have therefore to request you will trouble to have him give me a new one, I have no desire to move any Improved Roads about this Quarter nor to attempt any argument, all I wanted you have agreed to give me & I have no Roads & Arguments to others that may be situated as I have been in this matter,

Truly Yours

L. G. Williams

Pine River June 21st 1857.

Dear Brother.

Having a favor to ask of you I take the liberty of addressing a few lines to you. In the first place will you oblige me to excuse dull writing, for ink until such times as we can supply us with those articles viz, ink & pens, the bountiful supply of paper & envelopes we are grateful for, and also all of those favors that were not taken into account, and thus we neglected to acknowledge before your departure. The favor I wish to ask is will you take pains and see Benjamin Cornell if he would not like to come and live with me. I cannot get along without a boy to help me do chores. I will hire him and pay him more wages than any one else or I will adopt him. I think if he was consulted about it he would consent to come, and live with me. He would have as good a chance to pursue his studies here as any where I should not expect for him to become in to clearing land like one otherwise situated. I dont know what your views are as regards Benjamins welfare.

James and family are all well &, S.E.

I have (here) Mother express a desire that you would send Benjamin to school, and help him to an education, I dont know what you intend for him, as he is a going to why about here & there. I think it would be better for both he & I if he should come and live with with me, that he should have a home. We started Saturday of the week you left us, for St Jons got there monday following at noon, left our teams in pasture, at crossing 2½ mile west St Jons, took R.R track up to the vilage with the hopes of getting our things brought down to the crossing, but we could not get them brought there. So we got on the train and raced back to the crossing, got our teams and took through the woods to St Jons got there in time to get loaded and back to dotys tavern the same afternoon. We left the Pork & Salt at Baies and came through with the rest, got home Saturday morning following. We have had a wet rain since our return, and we have in the time between showers logged or Sawed in the Mill which we will have to burn. Sunday the 28th. The Mail boy will soon be along and I must finish this letter before he runs.

For the past week the weather has been very warm. our crops look very fine so far our latest planted corn stands a foot high the first planted stands eighteen inches high, there is some of the corn that is very ready A B Kenyon told James that he would take 4,000, dollars for his farm up here if he could get his property back at home, and I sure a thousand thousand after he finds men down there want to buy town lots at 2 or 3 hundred dollars per acre at present prices by next fall I think he will alter his mind a little about the price after he has taken off three crops if he has got his ideas to three hundred his ar[illegible] Propation. the boys were very inquisitive about Wheather M. B. Wood did not want the farm in stead of yourself. Affectionately

E. Lonsdale

E. Lonsdale

Defiance Jan. 22d/57

E Connell

Dr Sir

Your favor of 14th Inst enclosing statement of my acct &c is at hand. and I have examined it attentively; there are two or three errors in the statement of which I will again speak and point out. Your statement corrects several errors of omission that occur in my statement as sent to you. and which I am happy to acknowledge.

You have certainly kept a better and more minute acct of the transactions between us than I have: at the time I first came into your employ and for a long time after I did not expect that any matters of acct would Ever remain between us so long unsettled, and as the balances for each month were usually squared up promptly I did not keep a strict cash acct but merely an acct of the receipts of the office and Expenses. so that previous to Aug 1854 I am unable to dispute the correctness of your statement. although it makes me your debtor on the 1st of Aug/54 for $13.97. while according to the way I kept the acct you was at that time owing me $17.05. But let this pass as you state it: your statement from Aug/54 corresponds with my record up to Oct 27/54 you then charge me with $30.- rec'd of E Connell by letter. I recollect very well of receiving that amount in bank bills that were not current in this State at that time. You will

recollect that at that period there was much difficulty with banks in various parts of the country and especially in Indiana. The $30 that you charge me with was in bills on two different banks one of which I think was the Mt Vernon Bank. the other I do not recollect. but I do recollect that I returned the money either to you. or to some other office by your order. I kept no record of the transaction but recollect distinctly of refunding the same money in some way. perhaps you will now remember the circumstance and what became of the money. That remittance was not in any way replaced until Jan 15/55 when you sent me $70 with which you correctly charge me. Your statement then agrees with my acct until Nov 31 1855 You charge me with $20 recd of Haas. this is an entirely new item to me I never recd such a remittance from him. nor ever before heard the money was in any way sent to me. I have Mr H's letters in my possession. and find the one enclosing $10. of Dec 31. and with which you properly charge me. but there is none claiming to cover $30, or making any allusion to such a remittance. There is some mistake about that charge The $4. recd of X. office July 31 with which you charge was recd to square up an acct entirely outside of the office acct. It was paid me at the time of the settlement of Mr Reed with Walker and his man for repairs on the line between X & P. I have no record of that either but am satisfied it is not properly chargeable to me now. However let that go. The $10 recd of Haas Sept 30/55 together with the $10 recd of yourself Dec 31/55 16

acknowledge should have appeared in my statement to your credit, and I am glad that you have corrected the omission. As to the other discrepancies between your statement and mine & except the Charge of $30 Oct 27/54 which I returned, and that of $20 August 31/55 from Mr Haas, I am content to let them pass and accept your statement. Taking then your statement as correct & excepting only the items as above the acct will stand as follows allowing that I am correct in regard to the excepted items –

To Error in item of Oct 27/54	$30.00
" " " " of Aug 31/55	20.00
	$50.00
By amt Claimed due E Cornell as per his statement	$14.20
Bal yet due me	$35.80

What you say in relation to my acct for Jan Feb & March/56 looking hard &c. looks plausible upon the face of it I confess but it seems to me that when all the facts and circumstances connected with the subject are taken into consideration such charges will appear to be just and proper. For instance you will recollect that I returned to the business of telegraphing in the Fall of/54 by your solicitation and & your promise that I should have a better situation &c; that you immediately after my return to the business fell into my debt in consequence of which I was for a long time extremely hard up. so that during the time of which you speak I absolutely could not do anything towards repairing the line. If the receipts for those months either from the office or from any other source had been sufficient to have enabled me to pay expense of repairs and my

board I should still have done what I could in repairs. But the receipts for that time were not sufficient to pay my board even. and I found it absolutely necessary to pay for board some how. The reason that I could ~~not~~ and did not repair the line was, that E Connell owed me enough to enable me to make all necessary repairs. but could not then pay. It is a fundamental principle of Equity, that "he who would have equity must first do Equity". and another well established principle of law is expressed in the maxim "No man shall be allowed to take advantage of his own wrong." Considering then all the circumstances, that I was induced to return to telegraphing through the promise of a more desirable situation; that I did not get a better situation, but a poorer one. that through your failure to pay me promptly I was for the period referred to unable to repair the line. and considering also that no interest is allowed me for any time on any of the amts due me. it certainly does not appear to me that there is the slightest chance for complaint in regard to the time referred to. I believe on reviewing the subject you will arrive at the same conclusion. If you can show satisfactorily that I have received the $20 charged to me Oct 27/53 and the $20 charged as rec'd from Hunt Aug 31/53 as so as to be properly chargeable to me I shall readily acknowledge the same. In relation to my acct with the O D & D Co I stand corrected as to the mo of May/53.

I find by reference to your letters at that time that you are correct. But I was thinking that you took the line on the 15th of June 1853. If there are other errors in the acct I hope they will be corrected. I think if I was to engage in the telegraph business again that I should keep a more careful full and minute record. If you will help me to secure whatever there may be due me from the Co. you will be entitled to a satisfactory per centage for the service. Please write when convenient and inform me whether there is to be a line built on this RR from X to L this coming season or not by the Co. Yours Respectfully S A Storey

S. A. Storey Esq Paris 1853

Office of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Rail-Road Co.

51 Wall St. New-York, 22d June 1857

E. Cornell Esqr
Ithaca

Dear Sir,

I brought the subject of the Ithaca & Owego Telegraph before the Executive Committee at their meeting 20th inst, and am authorized, should you decide to repole the line, to aid in the work with a platform car to distribute the poles free of charge, by attaching a loaded car to a freight train with men on board to throw off the poles at appropriate distances — The line of telegraph simply from Ithaca to Owego would be of no essential advantage to this company; but if extended over the Erie Road so as to give us a continuous line from Scranton to Ithaca then it would be of great value, especially if we had the operating in our own hands: It was such a connexion I had in view when I proposed, or intimated we would probably be disposed to share liberally in the expense of repoling your line —

I am yours
Very Truly
Drake Mills
Pres.

The Magnetic Telegraph Company,

MORSE LINE,

BETWEEN

New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington,

Connecting with the Southern, Western, Eastern & Northern Lines of Morse's Telegraphs.

TO THE TELEGRAPHING PUBLIC.

Please write plainly; answer quickly; PRE-PAY; use no figures except dates—they cost more; give name, street, and number of the party addressed, to insure prompt delivery; also, your own address under your signature; no charge for address and signature. The above is for your safety as well as our convenience.

43 Wall

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" WILMINGTON.....Telegraph Building, N. E. Corner of Third and Market Sts.
" BALTIMORE.....Sun Iron Building, Corner of Baltimore and South Streets.
" WASHINGTON.....National Hotel, Pennsylvania Avenue, Corner of Sixth Street.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Dated Montgomery June 23 1857

Rec'd, *New York*, 23 June 1857, 9 o'clock, 44 min. A. M.

To George L Jackson

Care

Roosevelt & Co

At Twelve & half

Buy and Send Two

Hundred bales Cotton

Send me promptly

all information You

Can about Gunny

Sacks Richard Jones

21,374 gb

Utica June 24th 1853

Mr. E. Cornell

Dear Sir

Mr. Parks has called on me to day he is quite anxious to have his new place of Telegraphing thoroughly tested. he has been experimenting on the Rail Road using a copper wire in the ditch some 12 to 15 feet from the Rail & using the Rail for the other conductor or plate in place of Zinc & found it worked well & he thought better than the two wires which he used in the water & which Shelly stated worked well

I wish you would write me soon when you will be here so that I can let Mr. Parks know. He thinks & is quite positive since his experiments above mentioned that it is not necessary for the two wires to be near each other.

The invention I wrote you about at Auburn I have since learned has nothing to do with telegraphing & therefore it will not be necessary for you to spend any time to see it. I think we should not loose any time in testing this discovery of Mr. Parks

Yours Respectfully

Geo Curtis

New York City
June 24/57

Mr. E. Connell

Sir. I thought it possible on my visit here I might see you personally; but failing to do so, I improve the occasion to write you, & say - that the uncertainty of life, and maturing of telegraph interests calls to remind me of the necessity of closing up all past Telegraph matters in which I am concerned.

Between you & myself no settlement has ever taken place since June 4/7

and as you are aware,
out of the vast range
of telegraph operations
you conducted under
your agency from Nov 1 I have
yet to receive the first
dollar - You are in
receipt of all the profits
of your own as well as
of my interests - and
a settlement should
be made of them which
both are alive, and
capable of explaining
our relations -

Can litigation between
us be necessary to produce
such a settlement ?
I hope not - and if we
cannot agree upon a
proper division between
ourselves, they may be
yet submit to one a more
impartial than all
clamor & difference,
Justice as little formality,
& little technicality
as possible close all
up amicably ?

However you must see
in Boston, & Springfield
shortly and let us agree
upon the other business
ending ?

I return home, to
Oakland, tomorrow &
Thursday night see about
your property, & I write
you more myself &c -

cadversity.

The Dunn argument is put off again until 19th of July. I came all prepared to wind up: but adverse circumstances dispute progress. Mr Kendall is, I think, near his circuit's end - when the ground will be taken off whatever remains of the comments of his ups -

Yours truly

B. J. Shuttleworth

Dyden June. 25th 1857

Mr Cornell.

My Dear Sir.

Mr S Haines has just come to our place. The cut of Astoria will be on hand soon. as Mr Haines has ordered it by Express.

I will forward to you the English Volumes of Coats Hand Books. so that you can make such References as you think proper.

Mr Haines & myself will call on you before he returns home.

Yours Truly

J McClendon

Ithaca 26. June 1857

Dear A.B.C.

Yours of 24th ult. rec'd. I will attend to the note. I have been engaged in building stables for my Bulls. Astoria came last Saturday. He monopolises all attention. so that Charly is in the Shade, though he enjoys himself very well, and I put up a swing for him this P.M. He would create a sensation if Astoria was out of the way.

My Devon heifer also got home Saturday in fine condition.

Elsie well and enjoys

the grove of Cascadilla very well, but the birds sing rather early in the morning for me.

The Carpet not heard from yet. Can not recover yet.

I shall want Clay and local balling and soft for telegraph.

I also want 300 gloss caps which I wish you would order for me, when you do get them at some place near Buffalo

All well.

We have a firkin 80 lb of nice fresh made butter just filled all from butter what can I get for it in NY It is good, hurry answer —

This is 3rd day without rain, water down flats yet.

Ithaca suffered very much. I sustained but little injury —

Yours Respectfully
E Cornell

A.B.C

Ithaca June 26. 1857

Dear Sir

Your favor of 19th is before me, and I regret that circumstances intervene to prevent the accomodation you desire. On the 17th while I was in N.Y. We has one of the greatest floods known in this part of the state. It swept away every bridge and mildam on every of our Creeks and demolished 20, or 25 houses in Ithaca. When I got home I found my Mother & his family at my house having been driven out of his own. Every cellar of store & dwelling in half the town is filled with water & mud. damages at least $150,000. 3 men drowned and it is feared more as many are missing. I shall have to use all means I can command to give relief, and am

Banks, will not be able to give the aid demanded of them.

My sons Father in law Deacon Court, looses all he had his shop and tan vats and gum his leather & cattle nobody knows where, and his lot is washed away, so he cant rebuild his loss $15.000.

My individual am not heavy.

Yours Respectfully

E Conrad

E W Chester Esq

E. Conrad
June 26, 1857

Adrian June 26th 1867

L Consult Esq

Dear Sir

In reply to yours of the 16th inst which I received a few days since when I was engaged in Court I have to say that at the time of the sale by Mr Ketchum here I told him that he would receive his money on furnishing me his bill as soon as I could hear from you - but since then he has neither called on me, nor furnished his Bill and I have further to say that Mr Ketchum agreed that he should only charge ten centage upon 1000$ as no money was paid and the real amount of his Bill is therefore less than one half of what he sent you - He does not live here but whenever I can see him I will pay what is justly his due

The Sale takes place at Coldwater on Branch County on the 29th inst and at White Pigeon in St Joseph County the 30th inst I should attend Both sales and pick them in, in your name and Settle them or else send you all the Bills of expenses in proper Shape as well as my own charges so that the matter can be closed up

Yours Respt D Moore

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH
Consolidation of the HOUSE, MORSE, O'REILLY, WADE, SPEED, & CORNELL Lines.

Secretary's Office, Rochester, N. Y.

June 26. 1857

Ezra Cornell Esq

Sir

I have been home 3 days I have not had time to tell you before. I shall be head over heels for ten or twelve days more. I think therefore you had better not come here till forth after next and then I think it will be for the interest of all concerned for you to come on & set down and try and dispose of some matters which have been hanging by the gills about long enough

Yours &c

L. R. Elwood

New-York, Albany and Buffalo Telegraph Co.,

PRINCIPAL OFFICE, 21 WALL-STREET.

New-York, July 1. 1857.

My Dear Father,

I arrived this morning at six oclock after a hard & cold nights ride. Train was 5 hours late at Corning on a/c of the new break caused by the rain of monday.

Chesters will furnish the glass caps at 6 cents each or 10 cents for glass cap & bracket all complete fastened on with a cement made of tar and shelac or something of the kind.

How do you propose to fasten the cap on the pole? If with the old fashioned pin in the top what will be the size of the pin?

I have not had time to talk with him about the iron wire but will do so in a day

and advise you.

There is another grand gathering of Telegraphy in town. Wade Sibley Caton Orton of Louisville Reid Chapman Walker Buttufield Eddy & I don't know who all. I have not heard any thing particular of the object but I suppose it is an attempt on the part of the W U Co or some one else to form a "grand confederation" and I understand indirectly that they are urging the question of the different parties to club together & proclaim the "Hughes" humbug! & I think the Am Co will be pretty sharp if the succeed in relieving themselves from the load!

I will write you again soon. Am making enquiries about the sale of battu —

How do you like the name of "Forest Park" — How does mother like it?

Yours Very affectionately

A. D. Cornell

Ezra Cornell Esq
"Forest Park"
Near Ithaca NY

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH.

CONSOLIDATION OF THE

HOUSE, MORSE, O'REILLY, WADE, SPEED AND CORNELL LINES.

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Ar get there. I can get there on the

Coast if you will order them.

I have great trouble in keeping him

Straight. I dont Lic what ails him. He

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to get out of them all. I make the

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which will kill her yet. She will be
taken with the Lions will gloomy and
sad and after a little Regrets a great
or eat and I will have to talk to her
a long time before I can make her
mother me and have to threaten her
a abortion and then she will answer me
very angry and after I can get her
to talk and get rid the secret
with and then goes to work as if
nothing had been the matter. When she
have the spells she worst than most
necessary then assuming the hour, but
neglect every thing. She ten than Every 2 or 3 months
and I think and is coming on the again
Father is getting very shabby.
Yours
Phebe

Utica July 4th 1857

Mr. E. Cornell

Dear Sir

Yesterday Mr. Walker took considerable pains to see & speak to me about the great telegraph Convention as he termed it which had just been held in New York which was represented by nine of the principal telegraph Lines the business of which was to form a perpetual telegraph consolidation by which all the principal connecting lines are to be consolidated on a basis that each are to have their own earnings except that in certain cases a contribution is to be made to protect each other from opposition & Competition; if one opposition springs up in any direction then all are to throw in & help sustain the Line which has the opposition & then all are to be pledged ~~not~~ to not give any business to the opposition Mr. Walker did not give me the whole details as I was called away before he got through but said he would at another time, he said that the arrangement when perfected would add at least 25 per ct to my telegraph interest Walker appeared unusually friendly & was disposed to be very communicative from all of which I thought I see this viz That Mr. Munn from ill health intends to resign & Walker is anxious to secure my influence in his

behalf; I thought strange that at such an important meeting you was not present I think one with your experience & knowledge of the business with the interest you have shown not been invited even if you did not hold an office as manager &c I expect one of the objects that this Consolidation will try to effect will be to get the Morse Patent extended for their Mutual benefit; Mr Reid the Capt of the N.Y & Buffalo Line pretends to be sick most of the time while he looks quite well which to me looks much like an excuse to retire if he finds he is not likely to be elected again

Have you seen an account of Caselli's San telegraph which will transmit 500 letters per minute of ordinary manuscript &c &c, I suppose you must have seen the account of it, I would like to secure the Patent for this County but I suppose it is out of the question

I received your last letter about the wire & meeting to make the experiments we have had in view I have not yet got the meeting nine the New York & Buffalo Line have plenty of Galvanized wire here in store that was taken down from the Erie Line they also have plain wire and I have no doubt I can borrow of Mr Reid what we may want I will see him as soon as I can he has not been here for some days I shall not let him know what we intend to do

with it. I went into Chubbucks a day or two since & weighed some No 16 Copper wire & found it weighed 36 pounds to the mile. Now if this plan of Parks will work this size wire will answer for one wire & if so at 40 ¢ pr lb it would cost only about $7000, for one line from N.Y. to Buffalo. Parks is very uneasy & impatient to have this trial made he is very much out of employ & wants something to do wants me to let him have money to live upon till he can be employed I have let him have some but do not wish to let him have any more till We can be satisfied in regard to the working of his wires &c. He has a letter from the Com. of Patents since you was here I have sent to him he had better not do any thing more about getting out the Patent till the trial is made.

I fear if We do not attend to it soon some one else will get hold of him & his honesty is such that he will bite at the first hook. This We would not care about if he had not applied for a patent for after all I suppose his discovery does not go beyond what you have discovered long ago. I suppose he can be bought off if the Patent can be otherwise secured, that is if there is any new discovery to be patented. You will please write me on receipt of this what is necessary or what you wish me to do to get ready to make the experiment I suppose I can get the wire mentioned above, when I can see Mr. Reid. Do you think it necessary to have any coiled wire to

make the experiment please write me to get ready for the experiment
what I shall do, Write me about the N York
Convention if you know about it, Did you say
any thing to A. B. Cornell about the Stock of the
South Mich Tel Co the Stock they own in the
~~Miss~~ Valley Tel Co if not I will write him to
see if it can be purchased.

I shall try to be ready to go & attend to
that line on the Erie Road when you may notify
me although I think it would be just as
well for you to see how it is & make
a report of it to the Co Yours in haste

Geo Cantz

Mrs Cantz health is too poor to go as far
from home as Ithica

Geo Cantz
July 4 1857

Kalamazoo July 4th 1857

Dear brother E

I did not get your last letter till after our anual stockholders meeting. There was only five of us together — Walbridge Joslin Howard Wendell and myself. We organized but adjourned till the next day without doing any thing so the old officers hold over of course. The cable has arrived at Detroit & will be laid next Wednesday. I shall go down & help do it. I settled the claim of Mr Basth at Lake Station as you directed. The insulators arrive so slow from Cleveland our men are idle to much of the. This is a great day here. town full of people to celebrate. 16 fire companies from along the

line of the M.C.R.R. inclusive of Detroit & Chicago. The trial for the $100. prize comes off at 3 P.M. A review of all the machines by the judges took place this morning & a general discussion took place as to their merits. The general impression is that the tug is to be between Albion & Detroit There are many splendid machines here & sharp competition is expected. The day is cool & dry with no dust to annoy I shall leave here before noon as I rather be at home than in the crowd. You ask what I am going to do & cant understand my selling out — Well I shall stay where I am for 2 years and then do the next best thing. I could not spend time to fix up and repair & I thought best to sell so I could have good excuse to let things remain as they are — I took paper on long time for pay so I cant move fast if I wanted to ever so much. I saw Cobb yesterday & asked him how his interest would be affected by a settlement on our proposition He seems willing to assent to it and says Elwood has the power to arrange it. McGehen has a bill for work on C.J.& line the same as Barth. made out by Palmer that he wants settled. If I can pay him as I did Barth perhaps it would be best to do it. Hicks comes in for his $30. & says he would take a watch & square the a/c when you come up we will try to arrange these matters Heaton had not bought any stock 2 weeks ago. All well at home Yours truly

M B Wood

Defiance O July 6th 1857

E Cornell Esq

Dr Sir.

An unusually long silence has existed between us since I last heard from you: I wrote sometime last Spring to Mr Bryant former Supt of the O I & I Tiffin Line in regard to my claim against the C but never recd any reply: Please inform me if you can, whether there is any prospect that they will pay what there is justly due on that acct:

I understand that the work of building a Tiffin Line on the R R. The ("T F & I") has been commenced. Please inform me if you know, what parties are concerned in the enterprise: I suppose you have no Stock in it. Who owns the wire & instrument belonging to the old Wabash line?

I believe there was a balance of $14, my due at the last posting of accts between us according to your calculations. Have you found any offset to that: I should be pleased to hear from you in regard the above matters.

Truly Yours

J A Strong

Conroy July 7/57

E D Conell Esq

Sir

Enclosed you will find Mr Fields Assignment, which I trust will be Satisfactory this time, without any further trouble,

Yours Truly

G D Williams

Danby July 8th 97

Dear Sir

After consulting my family & Lewis I have concluded to let you have the cow at $100.00 cash. Lewis wants me to say however that he very much wants the calf provided it should be a heifer, and would like to have it at $10.00 if you do not want it. Her time was out the 6th and it will not be long before she will show what is what.

I would not sell her if I could drive her to pasture, but she has so large udder and if in good feed ought to be milked three times a day. That if I should move I cannot so well keep her.

Respectfully Yours.

Elbert Curtis

Mr. E. Cornell

N.B. Your immediate attention or answer is desired owing to her state E. C.

Cleveland July 8/57

Dear Sir,

The court overruled the motion for a new trial in the wood suit — If appealed, bail must be entered in about 20 days — The attorney for the L & M Co has filed a bill of exceptions. The result ~~is~~ is too important to be risked on the result of that alone

Yours &c

J M Tibbs

J R Elwood, Esq

Cleveland July 8/57

Dear Sir,

The motion for a new trial of your wool suit was overruled by the court — If it is appealed to the District court bail must be put in in about 20 days — The court will probably fix the amount of bail at about double the amount of the judgment, which will bring it at about $3500.00 — If you have it please send me a copy of the act of incorporation of the Co.

I am going to have a talk with Mr Prentiss as soon as I can find him at liberty & will write you again in a few days — Had you not best come here — Bail will be hard to be got & security will be required of course. Would the Rochester folks for the protection of their

interest have made procure bail?
Write me on the receipt of this without waiting to hear from me again

Yours &c
J.W. Tubbs

E Cornell, Esqr

Your atty. has filed a bill of exceptions But the chances of setting aside the judgment are too slim to trust to that alone