Ithaca Oct 20th 1851

My Dear Sir

I have regretted that you had so little time at command when you were last at Ithaca as I have a project on my mind that I should have been glad to have canvassed with you.

I have a lot of ground which I think is better adapted by advantages of location than any other that I know of for a successful Cold Water Establishment

The ground is elevated so as to overlook and face the falls on fall creek commanding a better view of the falls than any other position that can be acquired, at the north and north West we have a magnificent view of Cayuga lake for a distance of 20 miles with the rich agricultural district that lines either shore. At the south and west the eye rests upon as lovely a landscape as can be found in any section of the State. In this direction the village of Ithaca is the first prominant object and shows to as good advantage as from any of the favoured points of observation. - The Cayuga & Susquehanna R.R. wooding its way up

the sloping sides of South hill with its puffing Engine and long train of cars, is also an object of romantic interest. In the distance the rich valley of the inlet stretches itself off to the south untill its is lost among the distant hills of Newfield. At the west we are met face to face by the highly cultivated fields and neat cottages of West Hill. In a word the landscape as a whole is most variegated and lovely.

On the premises is as fine a spring of water as any in the state.

To the East up the valley of Hall Creek is a ramble for 1/2 miles that cannot be surpassed for wildness and romantic beauty by any that it has fallen to my lot to observe.

Passessing these desirable advantages by location I have conceived the idea to trying to get some person or persons who are adapted to such a situation to Establish a Water Cure Establishment at this place.

Or I have thought it might not be inappropriate to unite the Homoropathy and Hyropathy system of practice in the same institution.

Will you do me the favour to reflect on this scheme a little and give me

your opinion as to its practicability
Also please let me know if you
can suggest the names of any
physicians of either practice who
would like to encourage and unite
with an enterprise of this nature
It has occurred to me that the
necessary capital could be obtained
by subscriptions to a joint stock
incorporation, if placed upon a
popular basis –

Yours Very Respectfully
E Cornell

Doct S. E Shepard

Pike Co. York
Oct 24th 1857

Sir

Yours inclosing $5.
was duely rec'd and I
confess I have been too
negligent in bringing the
thing about but there has
been a great many things
to hinder I send you
R.R. Rect as it is — I did
suppose they would weigh
it but it appears they did
not there is not much
odds of 1700 lbs which is
all I can hear of — I think
my trouble & expense is
three dollars & I return
the ballance of the $5

Respectfully Yours
E. Cornell D. P. Gordon

Buffalo Division New York & Erie Railroad.

Buffalo Division New York & Erie Railroad.

Portage Oct 28 1857.

Received *from* Albert Gordon *in apparent good order.*

MARKED.	ARTICLES.	CHARGES.
In Store Subject to order	Lot of Telegraph Wire	

As described above, contents and value unknown; to be transported by the **Buffalo Division New York & Erie R. R. Co.,** to their Warehouse at _____ ready to be delivered to the part entitled to the same, and it is expressly stipulated and agreed that the above property is transported upon the conditions endorsed hereon, which form a part of this contract, and of the consideration for carrying on the same; and that the Company is not to be held liable for the loss of any property, or for any damage or injury to the same, or for any delay in the delivery thereof, by any other carrier, cartman, or freight-man, after the same has been loaded, shipped or sent from the Company's Warehouse at _____ aforesaid.

Wm R McCormick AGENT.

CONDITIONS AND RULES,

FORMING PART OF THE WITHIN CONTRACT.

1. This Company will not receive or carry any Bank Bills, Drafts, Notes, Deeds, Contracts, or other writings, or be responsible for their loss or injury.

2. No Conductor or other Agent of the Company is authorized to take charge of Bank Notes Money, or other valuable papers or things, for or on account of the Company, or to receive any per quisite or reward, for himself or for the Company, on or for such articles.

3. No Gold or Silver Coin, or Bullion, or manufactured articles of Gold or Silver, Jewels, Watches, Pictures, Plated articles, Statuary, Musical Instruments, Glass, Silks or Laces, will be carried by the Company, for the loss of which they will be responsible, unless with such articles, when delivered, is also delivered a memorandum in writing, stating the character and kind of articles, and their value, and unless a proper extra price for the carriage and the responsibility for such articles.

4. Gunpowder, Friction Matches, and combustible articles of any description, will not be taken on any terms; and if found secreted or among other goods they will be forfeited or destroyed, and in case of damage, the shipper or consignor will be held liable therefor.

5. Articles will not be received for transportation, unless properly packed in suitable CASKS, BOXES, BALES, or PACKAGES, and each must be well and clearly MARKED, with the name of the CONSIGNEE and of the STATION where they are to be delivered, otherwise they will not be receipted for, in which case no damages for loss or miscarriage will be paid. The Company will in no case be responsible for loss, injury, or damage which might have been avoided by skillful and more careful and sufficient packing, or which occurs without the negligence or fault of the Company or their Agents. All property is subject to cooperage when necessary.

Goods in bundles will not be considered as properly packed, and the Company will not be responsible for any loss of parts or of the whole of such packages.

No allowance for deficiency of Lemons, Oranges, or other fruit, if not covered with canvass, will be made.

6. This Company will not be liable for property, unless receipted by a duly authorized agent, and the destination of property cannot be changed after being loaded in the car.

7. This Company will not be responsible for damage occasioned by delays from storms, accidents, or unavoidable causes; or by the decay or injury of perishable articles; or from injury to property, produced by frost, heat, or the elements. Perishable property must always be prepaid.

8. This Company will be liable only as warehousemen, for property while in their storehouse, and subject to charge for storage.

9. Storage, at customary rates, will be charged for all property not taken from the warehouse within one day after arrival.

10. This Company will not be responsible for loss or injury happening or occasioned by unruly or vicious horses, cattle, swine, or sheep, nor for accidents to the same, when the agents of the Company are not in fault, in loading or unloading the same.

11. Goods or property consigned to any place off the Company's line of road, or to any point or place beyond its termini, will be sent forward by a carrier or freight man, when there are such, in the usual manner, the Company acting, for the purpose of delivery to such carrier, as the agent of the consignor or consignee, and not as a carrier; they agreeing not to hold the Company liable or responsible for any loss, damage, or injury to the property, after the same shall have been sent from any warehouse or station of the Company.

O. S. Wood 28. Oct 57

Montreal Telegraph Company.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

MONTREAL, 28th October 1857

My Dear Sir

Before leaving I believe that I pay a visit to farm for the year some of his stock in Canada farm & County City the and wh. d

and they have the appearance
of fine milkers — The male
animals do not however com-
pare favorably with the Short
Horns — there appears to be
great want of animation &
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In Province fair
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surprised to see
showing —
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before a
another
reached
remarka
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$2,500 for
bulls very fa
finally the whole
was superior — m
mostly about 15 mon
One of them a perfect gem
with a Coat almost as fine
and rich as a plucked otter —
I did not see the importer
(Mr Betts) and did not learn
what price he put upon her
but I am sure it would be
extravagant — Colour very light red,

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for us —
know how
mine line is
this year and
s been done in regard
the settlement of the Erie
& Mich suit
We are all as well as usual
Little Maggie Coughs still
but is as fat & rosy now as
need be — She has a great
many long stories to tele about
her uncles & aunties — Julia sends
love to all Yours affy A. Wood

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

Secretary's Office, Rochester, N. Y.

For & in consideration of the sum of Eight hundred Dollars, funds of the Western Union Telegraph Company deposited with me, I agree to repay the same to Isaac R. Elwood as Treasurer of said company with seven per cent interest thereon, on the first day of December next — and I do hereby hypothecate Eighty Shares of the Erie & Michigan Telegraph Stock specified in certificates No's. 427. 428. 429 & 430 herewith delivered, and in case of default in the payment of said money or interest I hereby authorise said Stock to be transferred on the Books of the Company.

Oct. 29. 1857

E Cornell

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Washington Oct. 29th 1857

E. Cornell Esq.

Dear Sir, In consequence of your reference to Mr Lee I wrote him and have received a frank and satisfactory reply. I inclose another letter to him which please read and forward. My idea is, to proceed against Wade in the Federal Court in Ohio, and by employing the same Counsel it will cost us less than it otherwise would. If we can, I would attach Wade's stock in the Cleveland & Cincinnati Line and in the St Louis & Cincinnati Line.

It may be necessary to embrace you and Speed in the suit against Wade for not transferring the stock; but perhaps not, as he is the only delinquent party.

Please write me what you think of this idea.

Yours truly
Amos Kendall

Ithaca
New York

New York, Oct. 29. 1857.

E. Cornell Esq.

My Dear Sir,

An idea came into my mind last night & I wrote you a letter at some length but have left it at home. I have time but to give you the naked idea now. It was this - an exchange of work -

I had, as you know, become wearied about starving in working on telegraph matters & had almost vowed not to touch another case without a good retainer - & cases along from time to time, just as there have who never learn anything of the case or do their clients any good.

But my thought was that while I could in your defense against Smith do you more good, probably, than any other one would, you could do me more with equal probability than any one would in getting up the company I wrote you about. Besides you would have an ulterior advantage in providing a permanent place for yourself, & if you have money to spare, in making a good investment. So if you will set about in earnest the getting up such a subscription as I suggested, based on the condition that all ~~will~~ shall turn out satisfactorily on investigation, I will as earnestly fight Smith.

I hear he is to be here to-morrow to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law — his cash^r in Boston who died in Williamsburgh yesterday.

Yours in haste

E. W. S. Porter

Detroit 2d Nov 1837

Dear Sir

I do not mean to make an request of you that I do not think is clearly right, but I really know of no reason why you should retain three shares of my Telegraph stock, which I had of Wade. I explained to you that in sending the scrip to Wood, I sent the Wade certificate, and retained two of same amount brought of Hotchkiss and when I sent the Hotchkiss certificate, Wood said you claimed it as belonging to Cornell & Spencer. It is true the Hotchkiss certificate did belong to C & S. but in place of it, I sent the Wade cer for same number of shares and that left the Hotchkiss cer belonging to me. Please sent me an order on Wood for the three shares. My investments in Coal lands on the Ohio, and in Mechanical contrivances, may be good at some future time; but like the religion of a presbyterian convert, exceeding valuable in future, are of no practical benefit now. The money I had, or rather my W&P had, in Lyells Bank, about $700 is also as inaccessible as if it was in its original

great mountains in California or Australia. He will probably pay some time; but when a fellow counts his dinner bad, it does him but little good to promise him board at the St Nicholas next year.

I mean to go to Washington in December to aid in getting an appropriation for Pacific line, if I can raise the funds to pay expenses.

I received a letter from Smith a day or two since in which he says. "Have you seen Judge Hoffman's decision? It is to Kendall worse than your Wall St. Earthquake. A perfect extinguisher. Not a shred of his wick is left burning. He wants me now to arbitrate all over again. I am to meet him and his principals in N.Y. early next month."

Yours &c.

A. L. Speed Jr

Mr E Cornell

Ithaca

Aug 2d 1857. Informing him that Wood would have no right to issue the 3 shares on my order, as they were cancelled by Speed & my joint consent to help consent the over issue made by Smith.

Received Aug 3 1857

G. W. Skinner
Corning N.Y. Nov 4th 57

Corning 7th Nov 1857

E Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

I found my wife that was sent Saturday at N.Y. in the Essex Street House — I meant to have wrote in my last to write to minnot so I could have got 2 ~~an~~ set of instruments to West from here to Ro as the people are anxious that I should let them see what I will do — I shall have the wire up I have on hand this week I have got ~~a~~ 960 more inquiries flew about that town at Independence plan let us hear soon from

Your ~~Se~~ G. W. Skinner

Mr Field wish to hear about the town soon

G. W. Skinner
Corning N.Y. Nov 7th 57

Detroit 9th Nov. 1857

Mr Loomis

Sir. Yours of the 6th. recd. and would remain unanswered, if you had only refused to let me have the three shares of stock, which justly belong to me, as I had rather loose the amount than to begin a new quarrel - but you say that in our investigation of the stock account of the L & M Rr. "we found an over issue had been made by you, and for your benefit". This you know to be false - and you know that I know it be false - You know that there was a large balance due Comins & Speed in stock, not issued, when you took charge of the books of the company, and you know also that you subsequently issued the stock to yourself - I know that you attempt to justify such over issue by you, because in our settlement the balance of the stock due Loomis & Speed on the books of the company belonged to you, and that balance, including the amount which had been issued, to you, and the amount which we had purchased, was estimated by you at Sixty thousand dollars. At the time we made our settlement, you knew that $1400 of stock had

been issued to Bartlett of NY for my benefit. You also knew that $30 000 of stock had been issued to the House Tel Co. and you sanctioned and confirmed such issue. There was still a large balance due Cornell & Speed in stock, not issued. If you, or I, or both of us, made any mistake in supposing that the balance due Cornell & Speed on the books of the Company, would make up your part of the stock to $60 000, it did not justify you in issuing to yourself more stock than was due us, and then charge it upon me. If the stock had been issued to you, and I had afterwards had $30 000, or any other amount, issued to me, and by such issue to me had increased the aggregate amount beyond the sum due Cornell & Speed, you might have accused me of an over issue of the stock. but all my stock was issued before our settlement, and yours after it, and still you say that I made the over issue. But the books of the company show who made the over issue, and for whose benefit it was made. Produce the books of the company, and submit the question of over issue to any competent man, and if he does not say that you made the over issue of stock, and for your benefit,

I will take back all I have said, and beg your pardon for saying it: but I now feel indignant that you should accuse me of a crime, which you know I am not guilty of, and attempt to injure me by stating to Mr Howard, and others, that I had been playing the schuyler game in over issuing the stock of the company when under my control.

You also say that I assented to the three shares of stock being issued to help make up the over issue. That is very about the last thing I said to you, after we had made the examination of the stock, was that you ought not to object to the issue of the three shares to me. I suppose that if I should now buy three more shares, and ask to have them transferred to me, that you would claim such shares as belonging to you, and with the same propriety that you claim the three shares in dispute. But the three shares of stock are of but little consequence, when compared with your assertion that I over issued the stock, for my benefit. That statement you must prove or retract. If you will exhibit the books and submit the question of over issue

to Mr Howard - Mr Elwood - F. O. J. Smith,
or any other respectable man, I will
be content with their decision, and
make good the deficiency, if they decide
that I over issued the stock: but I am
unwilling to rest quietly under the
imputation as you now state it
in writing.

If we can settle the ques-
tion of veracity in relation to the
over issue of stock, I will agree
that our correspondence shall
close forever -

Yours etc J J Speed Jr

Hon A H Stephens
Nov 9. 1850

Utica Nov 12th 1857

Mr. E Cornell

Dear Sir

I have sent in the report to Mr. Chapman as we agreed upon I think before you settle with the Co you should see the Copy I have here. Hopkins states in his letter that the Wire between Ithica & Jefferson is stored at Jefferson & Wayland except about 5 miles which he used I have reported that you would have this wire sent to Corning & have the Wt ascertained The wire that Hopkins had gathered up & is as we suppose at Springville & Pike (the greatest part at Pike) I reported there was about 15 miles of it that we had arranged to have hauled to Portage & Weighed & reported

You will see that the wire at Jefferson & Wayland & also at Pike & Springville is attended to. I understood you when you was here that you had not heard from the man you wrote to when we was at Portage, Would it not be best to write him again or write the Postmaster and enquire if he is there or write some one else to have it done

I got another request after you was here from Mr. Chapman to send in my report as he was anxious to settle with you. What did you do with the Co I did not hear from you after you left my house. If you should go east this fall

or Winter & have an opportunity to see Mr Morse I hope you will not forget to talk with him on the subject I mentioned to you when I was at your house.

I have a pass on Erie Rail Road to Dunkirk also a pass from here to Buffalo & on South Mich Road from Toledo to Chicago & back. I would like a pass from Buffalo or Dunkirk to Cincinnati & back or if that cannot be got say from Dunkirk to Toledo & back I went to go to Cincinnati & could go next month if it was not for the expense or if I cannot get a pass that way would go via Toledo. I have no business to go to Cincinnati that will pay my expenses & shall not think of going unless I can get passes & I do not now ask you to get them for me unless it is proper & of this I do not know. Stager told me several times when I was Pres of our Co that he would give me passes to Toledo & to Cincinnati & back any time I would send to him but I suppose it would not be proper for me now to ask him but I did not know but he would get them for you & if you did not want to use them I would go under your name if you can do this for me I shall think much of it as now in these times ~~that~~ I could not think of incurring that amt of expense unless I had business that would pay. It is getting worse and worse here every day our Banks are getting in all they can & put nothing out Write me soon If you can get passes get them & as soon as you can

Yours Geo Curtiss

Lafayette, Ind. Nov 9th 1857

Mr. E. Cornell.
Trier Of. Z.

Dear Sir. about two months since I sent you a receipt for twenty five dollars which I intended you to return or send the money - did you ever get it - Please send me the amount by return mail or if you cannot send all of it at present send what you can immediately - you wrote me in June that you would send it in December" I hope you will not fail to do so - If you knew how much I am in need of it I think you would not hesitate to send it immediately for I have a wife and child to support and wish to do it through honestly and industrously - now Please attend to this without delay - write me at any rate.

the full amount is Forty five dollars & twenty one cents but make it even $45.00

Really - yours
Stephen. Ball.

Burlington November 13/57

Dr. Sir.

I am informed by the officer holding the execution in favor of Hy Ackes of Castleton against you, that the stock attached has not been sold. The stock, which was sold on the execution in favor of Durand v you, was bid off at $18. pr share at which price I am instructed to say you can have it again.

Respy Yours

L. B. Englesby

E. Cornell Esqr
Ithaca

Illinois and Mississippi Telegraph Company.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Ottawa, Ill. Nov 16th 1857

E Cornell Esq.
Ithica N.Y.

Dear Sir

Your letter of 7th inst was recd this am. I herewith send you the explanation asked, I changed the mode of making the statement in order to get rid of the large number representing the whole amt of Receipts & Expenditures you will have them however for each month as for past month & can foot them up & shall also represent the profit or loss for each month in the statement — I have explained why $3106.00 Accounts is not in bills payable — The Treasurers bal embraces all the companies money in his hands & all subject to draft although he pays interest on $5000.00 There was no meeting this fall for want of a quorum although I believe they had not intended to declare a dividend for reasons best known to themselves — If I knew of any person wishing to purchase the stock of the Ill & Mi Tel Co. or what it is worth I would willingly inform you but I do not. In any thing in my power command me.

Yours Respectfully
W W Bassett
Secretary of
Ill. & Miss. Tel. Co.

1857 September Statement Dr.

Accounts	11359	36	Being all due bs including construction of a seconde wire from Joliet to St. Louis and balances in Repairers hands, all subsequent to Nov. 1st 1856 –
Old Debts	1394	35	Debts paid by Directors orders at sundry offices. also judgments & lawyers fees all being transactions previous to Nov 1st 1856
Defalcations	642	41	Operators deficits previous to Nov 1st 1856 slowly diminishing – defalcations at present are settled by Notes & appear in Notes receivable –
Notes Receivable	1990	70	These took on settling with Wilson ($1200 00) Sweet ($375 00) & c for money advanced them previous to Nov 1st 1856. Next month this will be $350 00 greater being bal due for Seconde wire –
Dividends	8605	30	Amt of dividends paid up to date they are not all yet paid but paid as fast as they are applied for & found O.K.
Treasurers	11002	09	This is $800 00 too great clerk omitted cash pd. for Hughes Patent in this months a/c – Treasurer gave a bond of $15000 00 now operative – There was no bond formaly authorized but he is constantly charged 6 pr ct interest on $5000 00 This interest was passed to co up to Nov 1st 1856 –
	$34967	24	

1857 September Statement

Profit & Loss from April 1st 55 to Sept. 1st 57	26851	24	Net Profit as stated subject to any drawbacks such as old debts not reported at the time –
Profit & Loss for present month (Sept 57)	2665	37	Net Profit as stated or excess of receipts over expenses as far as known.
Bills Payable	2344	00	$2000.00 of this is amt of Notes given for Hughs Patent. – 344. for Insulators since paid.
Accounts	3106	00	$2000.00 of this is a credit to L.A.&S.R.R. Co on a/c of Second wire, a/c is now settled by charging them with construction & taking Notes – $1100.00 is office remittances ahead of reports which last were too late for entry
	$34967	24	

New York Nov. 18. 1857.

E. Cornell Esq.

Dear Sir,

Since you left I have been examining the three last counts in Smith's complaint against you, as well as his prayer. I had not before looked at this attentively. I suppose he makes a case which will stand for an equity suit to be tried by the court & not by a jury. I suppose too he will have a right to a reference. Yet I know that he is afraid of references in New York because they are so protracted. He will not therefore be likely to move for one. But I am very confident the court will refuse to hear it, as he calls for an account & will refer it whether the parties will or no.

Looking upon it as an equity suit & not an action at law for a breach of covenant or agreement it will be much more troublesome, than if he would could tie him down to specific breaches. There is enough in it to make it tedious & troublesome I confess in looking at it, & the amount of labor which it may involve, & the policy of protracting it for years. I dread entering into it. Six years spent in telegraphers litigations makes me dread commencing with a new complicated suit as a child dreads the fire. I say this to you now, so that you

may understand in your interviews with the Rochester people that I do not wave this job. If you & they can fix on any other to represent you, don't have the least delicacy in doing so. It may be more satisfactory to them, & will be a relief to me. I may yet have years of contest with Morse & Smith's case if Morse, as he threatens, should appeal - or rather as Kendall threatens.

But I want it understood in all kindness that I cannot enter upon the defense without provision being made for reasonably liberal pay. Let me be dealt with as Morse's counsel is & has been & I will be content. But laboring as I do, I cannot consent to less.

I suggested to you that if the Union Company come into your views & a defense is to be made with a view to the ultimate protection of all the parties, they must pay me a retainer of $1000. After that the pay from time to time must depend upon labor & services.

~~If~~ As to the ~~Erie~~ N.Y. & Erie line we must make some arrangements. If you choose to make it conditional, transfer to me $5000 of the reserved stock with the dividends due on it, & let me take my risk of keeping it. Something of the kind may be done with the Western lines, after paying the $1000. (I must have that much as a certainty.) I don't know valuable that stock may be, nor how much there is unissued. I should want not less than $10.000 of it if I am to run the risk of keeping it - if I am to maintain the persecution by my book &

Ocean, as perhaps Smith in his figurative language, might say. But I would rather have pay as a certainty as I prognose there such a contingency.

I want you to have my ideas while in Rochester that you may fix your course.

Wall Street went mad yesterday in stocks - in place of a panic there was a perfect furor to buy. No such day before known. It doesn't look as if money was hard to get.

Yours truly

E. W. Chester

MORSE'S

AMERICAN TELEGRAPH.

New-York and Western Union Line.

Office, 20 Aurora-St., Ithaca.

Ithaca, 19th Nov 1857.

By Telegraph from Albion Mich

To Mr E. Cornell

Mr Downey is going to vacate your House — Mr Van Bilkie wants it he is willing to pay but twelve shillings can he have it —

How is Aunt Jane

To-day Answer

O B Wood

Ithaca Nov 23. 1857

Dear Sir

We are anxious to get a final settlement with you of your claims existing under the old Erie Line Lease, All that seems necessary to do now, is to ascertain how much we must furnish to make good what is missing on the Western Section, Please give this matter prompt attention and let us have the matter settled, I believe there were some bundles of wire to be weighed. At all events do not fail to attend to it on your part & let me know forwarding what you claim & the basis on which the correction of quantity is [illegible]

Very Truly yours
C. A. Adams
Pres.

E. Corning

Albion Nov 26 1857

My Dear Brother

Your kind letter of Nov 17 was received last evening and very glad was I to learn of your good health generally and that Sister Jane was improving I hope she will continue to improve in health and finally be restored to her natural cheerful and happy frame of mind I am glad to here that Father is enjoying a tolerable good state of health I think he is wonderfully favoured for a man of his advanced age I hope he will be able to visit Midway another summer We are all well accepting colds which is very general throughout the neighbourhood For the last ten days have have had snug winter weather with good Sleighing Yesterday morning in Albion the thermometer stood 22 degrees below zero Hiram saw Mr Perry (from Jameses neighbourhood) in town

yesterday he saw our people there a short time ago says they are well now but Sister Deborah had been sick they told him they had mailed a letter for us a few days befor We have not received any yet and I think perhaps it was directed to Phebe I will send to day and see if Orson has received one from there Perry told Hiram that there corn got ripe and was good and that Edward had the finest crop of potatoes he ever saw we have not heard from Orson since Saturday our folks then carried him some corn for his pig (which by the way I think is well at any rate seems to have a good appetite) he had not at that time heard anything from his father John says tell Ezra my farm is for sale the first opportunity at 35 dollars per acre terms half down the rest any time within 6 years he will take the house and lot at your price I told him I thought you valued it a 1000 dollars there is one hundred and thirty one acres. 40 acres timber she is anxious to sell and wishes you to write imediately if you want it there has been two men talking with him the past fortnight about buying but they have not come to any conclusion I hope you will write decided and to the point if you wish to trade with him for I hate to be exposed to all the excitement and trouble that a couple of fidgety old folks will have if there is any chance for if I have to put up with a good deal now Hiram asks them 5 dollars a week for board and they think there is no sympathy in the world and that folks are getting wonderfull selfish and unfeeling they are very discontented and I hope will soon have an opportunity to better them selves as it would be better for us I think if they could do so I hope to here from you a gone soon and will conclude with much love to all friends

Yours affectionately Mary E Robertson

Newfield Nov 27th 1857

Sir

Your communication of Nov 9th requesting us to recommend some persons to fill the vacancy which exists in executive committee of the Tompkins County Agricultural Society was duly received on the 15th Ult

After consultation we would recommend the following as persons who would be likely to take an interest Miss Anna Gaylor Miss Mary L Ondley and Rhoda Estabrook

Your Respectfully

Wm Bush

A T Dankirk

Dr E Cornell
Ithaca

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

Secretary's Office, Rochester, N. Y.

Nov. 28. 1857

A. B. Cornell
Sir

At the request of your father I send you $100. acknowledge receipt by letter & telegraph

Yours
S. R. Dennis

To the President & Directors of the
New York Albany & Buffalo Telegraph Co.

Gents

I am authorised by the Directors of the New York & Western Union Tel. Co, to offer to you the sale of their line of Telegraph inclusive of their lease of the same to the NY & L RR. Co and their contract with said RR. Co by which said RR. Co obligates themselves to allow the Tel Co to place their wires on the poles erected & supported by said RR. Co, and to grant the Tel. Co the right of way for the Telegraph, & free passage for the Telegraph Co's men over their road for repairing & working said wires, also by which the RR. Co is restrained from telegraphing for the public, and that right is reserved to the Tel. Co

The lease above referred to, is dated Apl 1st 1856 and runs five years with a right to ten years if desired by the RR. Co, the RR. Co pays $3.000, per an in quarterly payments and returns the line in good repair at the expiration of the lease.

The price of said property to be forty thousand dollars, payable one half in Cash and one half in the stock of your Co.

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell
Supt

Utica Nov 30. 1857

Dear Alonzo

I went to Rh last week to see our folks about the difficulty of suit with Smith, and Judge Selden is of opinion that it is best not to mix up the Union Co with my difficulty. Sibley was west. Expected home to-day and Elwood wishing to confer with him urged me to stay over till this week, so I came down here and stayed over Sunday with Mr Curtis.

Mr C informs me that he met Makepeace a few days since and that M informed him that he had the promise from Mr Mann of a place in N.Y. Off. Mr C asked him what position he was to have, & M replied that he did not know but expected to take Gurnsys place as receiver. The next day Curtis saw him again and M said he did not know but they would send him to Bu.

I mention this to you, so you can judge if it is a squinting towards your place. Curtis dont wish it known that he mentioned it.

I saw Makepeace at Off. to day & asked him if he was going at business again & he said he was an applicant for a place.

I have made a proposition to sell N.Y. & M. U line to the N.Y. A & Bu Co for $40.000. 1/2 in Cash and half in their stock dont know how they will consider it, probably reject it.

I sent you $100, in Currency by Express from Rh, to pay Mrs. Stokes, Or rather Mr Elwood promised to send the $100. Saturday by Exp

Yours. Respectfully
E. Cornell

A.B.C

Mr Curtis says that $500. will not probably be wanted before the 5 days of two months and when it is wanted he can draw for it at 60 days or sooner and not

Oct - E.C

In case I. R. Elwood shall take up a note against me now held by Joshua Hanna, I do hereby hypothecate eighty shares of Erie & Michigan Tel. Stock specified in certificates No 428. 429 430 & 427 as security ~~[illegible]~~ and I do further hypothecate said stock for any other debt I may become liable to owe to him or to the Western Union Telegraph Company ~~[illegible]~~ — Dec 1. 1857

E. Cornell

On the same terms I further hypothecate twenty more shares specified in certificate No 438 of Erie Tel. Stock. Feby 22. 1858

E Cornell

Ithaca Decr 4th 1857

Hon Wm. H. Seward

Dear Sir

I notice in the first days proceedings of the Senate, notice for a bill for a Telegraph from the Mississippi to the Pacific.

I judge this to be the revival of the project that was entertained at the last session [redacted] petition of Mr. Snow for making an appropriation to aid the said Snow in building a line of Telegraph from the Mississippi to the Pacific —

Believing the project of a Telegraph over that route in advance of a road to be premature and ill advised, I did not [redacted] it advisable to trouble Congress with an original proposition on the subject or with any interference with the proposition of Mr Snow under the conviction that it could not pass at the last session.

In connection with the project for the construction of the Central National road from the

from the Mississippi to the Pacific". for which I see there is also notice for a bill — the project of establishing a Telegraph is not only feasible but of the highest national importance, and it appears to me, that congress in enacting ~~an law~~ for the construction of a line of Telegraph on that route at the entire or partial expense of Government, should so frame the law that the interest of Government as well as the interest of those persons whose inventions would have to be used in working such a line of Telegraph should be properly protected.

I respectfully suggest that such could not be the case under a law making an appropriation to Mr Shaw for the construction of such a line of Telegraph. Mr Shaw's relation to the Telegraph interest of the country is to say the least questionable. He is one of the agents through which Mr O'Reilly has constructed several lines of Telegraph in the western states in violation of the rights of myself and associates under contract with the Morse Patentees.

A line of Telegraph cannot be worked successfully from St Louis to a point on the Pacific, without the combined

use of Morses Patent, for the Electro magnetic Telegraph ~~as now used in this~~ of Cornells Patent for independent circuits, and Cornell & Speeds inventions of Connectors, none of which has Mr Snow the least shadow of right to use

I would therefore suggest that if Congress makes an appropriation for the construction of this line of Telegraph, the appropriation be placed at the disposal of some proper department of the Government or a commission appointed for the purpose with instructions to make such contracts for building the Telegraph as shall best subserve the public interest, [with the least interest to American inventors,] without infringing upon the rights of American inventors.

I continue believing me to be very truly yours &c.

~~The association that I have the honor to represent~~ I have the honour to represent an association that is already largely interested in the telegraph interest of the Middle & Western states, with lines Extending from NY to ~~St Louis~~ St, Louis through Cleveland & Cincinnati, ~~also to Detroit Chicago & Milwaukee~~ with offices in all principle cities & villages ~~on the~~ in Ohio - Indiana Ill & Missouri also in Michigan & Wisconsin on branches north of the main line -

TELEGRAPH OFFICE.

New-York, May 8th, 1849.

To the Operator of the Station.

SIR—Mr. JEREMIAH S. BEEBE has opened a "Telegraph Agency Office," in the Telegraph Buildings, No. 5 Hanover Street, in the City of New-York, and is ready to transact any business, make enquiries, or obtain information in the City of New-York and its vicinity—or in any part of the country, for persons at a distance, who may wish to employ him. You can therefore refer all such persons as apply to you with a desire to employ such an Agency there, or in that vicinity, to Mr. BEEBE; who is believed to be a very suitable and safe person—it being out of the question for the Operators or Clerks in the New-York Office, to attend to such matters.

You will collect for Mr. BEEBE's services a reasonable charge, when not specially instructed as to the amount, and order the same paid to him by the New-York Office, in the same manner as you now collect on messages for other Lines, and order payments thereto.

All persons sending orders to Mr. BEEBE, must be required to pay for the answers as well as Mr. BEEBE's charge for transacting their business; and you will not send orders to him for persons who will not become responsible and pay for the answers, nor incur any hazard of their doing so—unless you know them, or willing to assume the payment of the same yourself.

Yours respectfully,

FRANCIS O. J. SMITH,

President New-York and Boston Telegraph Company.

Ithaca Decr 4. 1857

Dear Sir.

I did not write you from Rochester as I promised because I had nothing to write. Sibley was not at home I waited from Friday to Tuesday for his return when we got word that he would be absent for several days, and having time to get to Cars. I started at once for home.

Mr Elwood & Judge Selden canvased the question of any defence, and the Judge advised that there should be no mixing up or complication of the Western Union Co in my defence. Elwood wished to confer with Sibley on the subject

and held me over for that object, but I did not get home as above stated.
The probability is that they will preserve a "masterly inactivity" on the subject.
I feel advised that the O'Reilly contract is my best dependence on E & M line.
I forwarded a copy of the complaint to Howard Detroit and requested him to write me at once expressing his views of the interest of the E & M Co in the premises, and expect soon to hear from him.
I expect to be in the City next Tuesday—

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

E. W. Chester Esq

Dear mother Albion Dec 9

Your letter to Father came today it had a long trip. it ought to have been there three or four days ago.

Father has wrote so many letters lately he thinks he has nothing to write. It he wishes me to write. Mart is away from home and will write you I think soon. Telegraphing goes rather hard that is money is scarce west and people do not use the line as much as they might the line works fine since they have remoded it Ch is on hand every time

There is quite a good deal of complaint about the sup. the line would do about as well with out any. the think Fall Creek would look bad enough. I am glad Father and Mother was not in the miss.

We are sorry to hear of little Clarion ill health Jane is well and has all the sewing she can do we are not willing for her to sew steady

We are anxious to hear how little Lue is now please telegraph it will take so long for letter to pass after the boats have stoped. The Mayflower goes down to night and I wish we had been fortunate enough to have got this in the mail in time to go

Thomas folks were here to day were all well I wrote to E B two days ago and dare not write much as it will be a repetition of his letter

the company owes Mart ~~Spoor~~ hundred dollars and prolly more it is very hard getting his pay. he is most sick of his business as he has to work most as hard to get his pay as he does to earn it. the emigration to California continues in this state the majority of our citizens wish to go and a great many are going. accounts from there are favourable that is by private letters.

Father is very smart if he continues so till spring he will return looking better than when he left. he has gained a number of pounds in weight

~~Shall we not see you here we long~~

write often as you can spare time remember us to all friends

yours with much regard

I have lately to Elijah B Requesting to know how it was at Fall creek who had left and what sort the houses are in and who of the inhabitants had left and where they had gone but his being gone I must ~~Desist~~ Require the information from the If the has time to attend to it I shall be glad. Elijah Cornell

PS and how the paper mill progresses together with the general news of the times

E C

Phila Dec 7, 1857

Dear Son Well today the mail expired & I will inform you

Rochester Dec 14. 1857

P. Cornell Esq

Sir

In adjusting my accounts for Dec. I discovered an Error in the footing of the accounts on which we made our settlement. I thought it my duty to call your attention to it at the Earliest moment. As between me & the Company I shall be obliged to charge against the Company $100 less than I paid you, and of course we shall not disagree that it would be just for you to reimburse me —

If you look on the footings on the left hand page, you will see the Error

Yours

D R Elmer

Ezra Cornell in a/c with Dr

1856			
Jany	To pay for Wis. State Sel. Stock (J.R.E)	$1741 46	
Aug 8	" " " "	258 54	
" 8	" " order on Detroit	500 00	2500 00
1856			
Feby	" on Supts acct at Buffalo	25 00	
May 24	" " " at Chicago	100 00	
Aug 8th	" " " of J.R.E	141 46	
Sept	" " " order on Toledo & Chicago	200 00	466 46
1856			
Aug	" on acct of poles at Cleveland	166 73	
Nov 26	" " " "	50 00	
	" " " " by case	48 00	264 73
1856			
July 31	To bal. due from S. Mo Line at Toledo	350 76	
"	" " " " Laporte	258	
1857 Aug 25	cash from J.R.E.	300 00	653 34
1856			
July	To bal. due from C.I.& I. Line at Toledo	323 83	
	" " " " Laporte	24 20	
	" " " " Ft Wayne	4 55	
	" " " " Union city	66 39	488 97
1856			
Aug	To amt. paid at Dayton to P.C.& L. for C.I.& I.	186 49	
Oct	" " " "	178 48	364 97
July 31	To bal. due at Zanesville from Lessee of C.W.& Z		" "
1857			
Aug. 1	To cash from J.R.E. on contract of purchase of M. S. Line	400	
			400 00
			$4968 47

Recd of J.R. Elwood Two hundred & twenty nine 52/100 Dollars balance of this acct on terms endorsed on back (copy) E Cornell

$229 52/100

Western Union Tel Company 62

1856

By Wis. State Tel Stock $2500 00

2500 00

1856
June 30 By salary as Supt 8 months from 1 Nov./55 to June 30/56 & expenses 676 32

676 32

1856
Aug By 372 cedar poles at Crawford & Prices Yd 301 32
" 48 " " " 38 88

340 20

1856
July 31 By bal. due to S.M. Line at Chicago 820 99
" " " " Adrian 66 65
By expenses paid at Toledo 13 73 901 37

By expenses paid at Toledo 49 60
By amt due O.I. & I. for forwarding at Chicago 30 50

80 10

1857
Aug. By amt due on acct of J.S.M. Line for Int on $10,000 from 1 Aug/56 per contract } 400 00
" Do to become due when contract is performed 300 00 700 00

5197 99

Balance pending

5197.99
4968.47
229.52
100
129

New York Dec 18. 1857

Mr Cornell. I left with Mr. Chester and the Judge, or for his inspection, if needed, all letters used in the Mace suit: But if I am in this mistaken, and I can find myself possessed of any paper at any time loaned to me by you, it shall be at your service. But, you will find every thing I ever had, and which are not returned to you, immediately, copied in your affidavit, as printed, and every thing there printed, you can at once obtain in your Counsels possession.

Respectfully
Francis O. J. Smith

Buffalo Dec 19/57

E Cornell Esq
Ithaca N.Y.

Dear Sir

We have the note of the Erie & Mich Tel Co for One hundred dollars - We agreed to use it up in telegraphing over the line, but lately the operators will not allow us to do so - Please inform us what this means - We have used about 25 or 30 dollars worth already - Your early answer will much oblige

Yours Truly
J G & J Mills & Co

Mr. F. O. J. Smith will please deliver all of his letters to me, in relation to the Telegraph, which I left with him to be used in his suit with Morse & Vail to E. Cornell or order, & oblige

J. J. Speed Jr

Detroit
19th Dec 1857

Mr Smith Will please
deliver the within men-
tioned letter to E W & G. F Cheek
on Agy —

E Cornell

J. J. Jones Esqr
Sn P. O. J. Jones
Johnson 19 Dec. 1857

N. Y. Dec. 19. 1857.

Dear Sir,

The ~~New York~~ Ohio Cannel Oil Company was formed with an actual capital, to be paid in, of $100.000 - this to be doubled to make the nominal capital stock to be issued.

The capital stock was to be made up in this way - 60.000 to myself for $30.000 of the bonds of The Ohio Cannel Coal Co. & $500,00 of its stock - being one half of its total stock.

The $40.000 to be paid in cash into the Treasury as wanted by the other associates, who were also to take $10.000 of my stock for $5000 cash paid me.

I had therefore of the stock to be issued $110.000 & the other associates $90.000. - standing us in just half

those amounts.

By agreement with the coal company coal was to be furnished at the mines for 3.00 per gross ton - grounds also for buildings for the oil Co & for their workmen with reasonable grounds for gardens - also timber for the use of the Co.

Propositions.

1. I will do the same thing with a new company of responsible men, & in addition agree their stock to the amount of their actual cash advances shall be a preferred stock ~~tied~~ up to 20 per cent. per annum, after one year from the commencement of making oil for markets Or,

2ndly. I will consent that after paying ~~five~~ six per cent on the capital stock, the bal. of profits not exceeding 1/5 annually of the moneys advanced by the associates shall be appropriated to the paying back such cash advances until the whole shall be repaid. Or,

3rdly.

I will make the amount of bonds of the Coal Co $45,000, the amount of stock $150,000 and instead of $60,000 of the actual, (120,000 of the nominal) being mine, I will claim for myself &c. only $40,000 of the actual investment - the cash associates to advance a like sum. Of this $5,000 to be paid over to me, leaving 35,000 of cash subject to command for the use of the company. Of this 35,000 $15000 should be expended early in the coming year. This with the $5000 will make $20,000 to be called for at once or soon. I propose to give to the cash associates the controlling voice in the

board, I should want therefore an understanding with them that not less than this should be called for as fast as the same can be judiciously expended. The works should be in operation by the 1st of June.

By this arrangement if the stock to be issued is kept at $200.000 - One half of this will belong to the cash associates & one half to myself & others of the coal company.

The Oil Co. will thus virtually become the owners of the Coal Co. & its property, and may get it at a smaller price than it has cost the coal Co.

You have had an opportunity of learning what the coal is & can summarily get all the information which I have been gathering up for three years. If any body is disposed to embark in the enterprise he will hardly ask more favorable terms. I have put them at the lowest point

I can afford so as to preclude all negotiation in the matter. I do not aim at driving a bargain, but intend at once a liberal proposition.

By promptness & energy we can & ought to realize a profit of $20.000 - or 10 per cent. on our nominal capital the first year. This requires the use of only about 2000 tons - 10 tons a day for 9 months, yielding a barrel of oil nearly to the ton. $10.00 clear profit is a small estimate. The crude oil which they sell ~~in~~ about the Darlington mines at 50 cts a gallon would yield this.

But say we make only 10 per cent next year on the actual investment - only $8000 net profits, it will not be a beginning to be complained of -

Yours -

E. W. Chester

Ex Cornell Exam

Oct. 21/52

Gent

I should be pleased to confer with you in regard to the suit Ency & Canada Junction Rel. Co v Cornell et al. You will find me at the Astor House for a few days.

Resp'ly
H. B. Duffield

Mess Chester
Atty &c

Our 3 suits on Superior
Court Calendar to day
Come immediately
~~Bring~~

G.F.C.

Connell

Messrs Chester
Attys &c.