Owego - Jany 29th 1858

E Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

I was a little surprised to hear the remarks made by you as a breeder, Mr Morris Coo guinea Cow bought in England - has just such feet as your heifer.

I intend to be in Ithica in the Course of next week when I will see you, the Cow, and Mr Morse respecting the oil Cake

I am dear Sir

Yours &c

Wm H J Hoshaw

I would willingly exchange her for another if in Calf by a Hereford bull of any note - as I consider

her the best heifer I had, attho
she may not be a good Milker
this year she may turn out
differently next year
W H S

Wm. H. Sotham
Cowgo 29. Jan 55

Montreal Telegraph Company.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

MONTREAL, 29th Jany 1858

Dear Sir

I Cannot obtain any reliable information here in regard to the milking qualities or the Amount of butter which the Ayrshire Cows will make — The only superior Animals in this Section of that breed were only imported last Spring they did not therefor have a fair test last Year —

Mr Logan informs me that you will get reliable information in regard to this from the Albany Cultivator.

He has no Stock to sell at present and I would not recommend you to buy from any other herds in this Vicinity —

We are Experiencing a remarkably dull winter in Canada — Our General Election in Dec. created a little excitement and some interest for us but there is now a relapse from which it seems uncertain when we will recover —

It is remarkable too in another respect the weather having been milder than I have ever seen it before in this latitude. We have had good sleighing since about christmas though it has rained almost every week more or less since —

Your Western Union Tels to insist to publish an annual report for the benefit of distant stockholders — Can you not cause this to be done?

It is quite possible that in course of next month or March I may go to N York and return by way of Ithaca & Rochester but this is uncertain —

I sent a sack to Suspension Bridge for Mr Curtis as you requested but heard a couple of weeks after that he had not called for it — I hope that he did not miss it —

Julia has not been as well as usual this winter though she is better for the last few days —

Little Mayark Quite well and happier than most children of her age — We think she is in a fair way now to get her teeth before the next hot weather

Love to Mary Ann and the children —

Very Truly Yours

O Wood

81 Maiden Lane
New York City
Jany 29th 1858

E Cornell Esq.
Ithaca

Dear Sir

I duly received your letter of the 26th inst and am exceedingly obliged for your kindness in offering to keep the Heifers without any expense to me, I have not sold any till within a fortnight and they have been very expensive having to purchase everything for them, I have advertised them for sale two weeks and have had a great many applications, but in all probability the price will be too high, but I quite expect they will be sold to go to California, they have agreed to take them if they like the Red Bull which they have not yet seen. I have also to thank you for your encouragement and have no doubt I can do well by making good investations and offering them at a reasonable price, but this has been an exceptionary season. The two Hereford Heifers I have just sold to M. & G Clark, and my Short Horns are at Elizabeth New Jersey.
We have had no Short Horned Herd Book

published for three years, but one will shortly be issued, including all animals born up to Dec last, in which all the animals I had at Buffalo will be included, I should have been glad to have imported you ten head from England, which you will find will be much the cheapest plan to get good Cattle, the Californian Gentlemen tell me they have been asked much higher prices for Heifers, and not to be compared to mine

Respectfully Yours
Thomas Betts

Thos. Betts
Sept 29, 58

New York Jan 7 29. 1858

Mr E Cornell
Ithaca
N.Y.

Dear Sir

I did not receive an answer to my Letter proposing to settle that a/c — Why not answer and let the Matter be settled without further trouble or expense.

Send me a Check for the a/c less the 12.50 for the sake of settling.

I wait your answer
Yours very truly
Wm H Crocker

New York June 30 58

Mr. E. Cornell

I am still here & think I shall not leave for more than a week to come We are selling oil rapidly over 500 Gallons per day goes out of this store some days & scarcely any day less than 300 You have no idea of the demand for Coal oils & yet the people as a mass hardly know that there is such oils & if this Co were manufacturing 2000 Galls per day they could sell them all The only question now is how Cheap Can the oils be manufactured and our Co have not been able to test that question the reason is the management has been so wretchedly bad that the Co do not know what anything has cost If Coal oils can be

manufactured & delivered
in this city for say 60 cents
per Gallon I should want no
better business for there is no
question about their selling at
75 to 80 cents at wholesale
and that at this price it is the
cheapest ~~light~~ in this Country
If there is any thing in the
statement made by Chester
that his coal will produce the
oil with less heat than our Co
I should not be surprised if his coal
would prove better than ours
I do not know what this Co
will do about going on if they
do I do not know as I & the
rest of the stockholders will
be let in The Boardholders have
it all in their own hands
I am staying here for the
purpose of seeing what is to
be done & to get a further
insight into the business —
The stockholders want to go
on & want me to take charge
but the question I want decided
is "what can the oil be manufac-
tured for that being settled I should
know what can be done Yours truly C

Burlington Jany 30th 1858

Sir

I wrote you some time since in regard to the balance of my acp and was in hopes you would have sent it agreeably to your promise of some time since. I trust to hear from you soon on the subject as it is not very pleasant to me to be compelled to remind you

Very Resp Yours
L. B. Eighsley

E. Cornell Esq
Ithaca

Feb. the 2 1858

Frumansburgh Landing Seneca Co

Mr Cornell Dear Sir there is An unsettled Ape betwen you And Me the balance My Due is $18.82 cents you Admited to me last fall that you Did owe Me this Amount on settlement this Amount Was made Tender to me By Mr Burdie Mr Wood your Brotherinlaw is Knowen to these falts if you Will send me this I Will be obliged to you you Know that it is for Hard Labor And I Am needy At Present And understand that you Are Abundently Able to Pay me I Wish you Would let me Know As soon As you Get this

Yours Respectfuly Mr Cornell

William Masters

Cambridge City Feb 9th 1858

Mr E. Cornell

Sir

I wrote you a letter the 6th of March last about that bill of mine against you for horse hire while you was in possession of the Telegraph line & rec'd an answer to it from you in which you promised me that the bill should be paid soon, it has now been near a year & not one word have I rec'd from you in reference to the matter since you made me that promise - I think I have done my

part in waiting as long as I have & need my money & have needed it for some time & I am tired of waiting for it & must have it the times are such here that I cannot wait longer than to hear from you once again hoping that we will have no trouble about the matter & that I will hear from you soon

I remain

Respectfully

Jno M Crawford

P S The account with interest to date is $77.76 & one dollar for having the account Recorded makes $88.76 which you will please send me by return mail

Jno M C

Ans'd Feb 8. 58 and sent him a dft on A.B. Cornell payable at Mercantile Bk 90 days from date for 88.76

E C

Rattekill February 3d 1858.

To Ezra Cornell. Esqr.

Dear Sir. Yours of the 17th of January came duly at hand and yours of the 13th by way of Clintondale is also received — Both in substance stating that money matters are tight & that the N.Y & E. R.R. Co. have suspended payments & consequently you could not not get your rents of them, which I suppose is undoubtedly the case — You stated that you thought they would resume payments by the 1st of April or May. Money matters have never been in such a condition in this place before as they are now — Every man that I owe is on to me & will not take no for any answer, And every man that owes me I have to wait on or distrep him which I do not like to do — This state of affairs places me in a very embarrassing condition — I have got to raise a large sum of money by the 1st day of April next — If you could possibly have it by that time it would accommodate me very much — Try by all means to let me have some by that time. Please let me know as soon as possible — Direct to Rattikill Ulster Co N.Y. Yours &C

Griggs Waring

Ans. 11 Feb 58 saying I expect to be able to pay $100 by 1st Apl next and if not I will give a draft What the cause

EC

M B Wood
Feb 5. 1858

Western Union Telegraph Office,

Albion, Feb 5th 1858

E. Cornell Esqr

Dear brother— I have not been able to get any thing of Drury yet on the order you sent me & I dont know when I can. The stringency of money matters increases here & we feel it wosse than ever. The extension that was given in the fall to our business men has now run out and they begin to walk crosslegged bad enough. Croswell & Co. are broken up. White & Bothwell have caved in. Hannah & Son are like a fellow on top of a high fence trying to ballance on a tottling rail. Peabody & Bro. swear that thing shall

Blue. & mortgage is being closed on the Knapp house & this will give me a bi/sp to the tune of $200. So much for befriending a neighbor. Well so the world wags on. Our Legislature has just closed its session. The resolutions to raise a committee to examine & report on the condition of the treasury was promptly voted down & the people are not to know how the money has been used. Three years ago at the commencement of the Republican administration the newly installed Auditor at once reported six hundred thousand dollars on hand & that with the specific taxes on R.R. Banks, Mining Co. & c the treasury could meet all liabilities for a series of years. Now all we know is that all this money is gone & one hundred & forty five thousand raised by direct tax beside & have now authorised a loan of two hundred & fifty thousand more. This makes nine hundred & ninety five thousand dollars in four years. I count one year ahead to give them time to spend the loan authorised when I guess their time will be out. The democrats will have to take hold & kinder-right up things This is the third time we have had Woodbridge & reform in Michigan. And so the world goes. I have got some more stock sent in for transfer What can be done with it.

It comes from Mr Butts of Rochester. Mr Cobb of Chicago & Mr Wallace of Battle Creek. There is 2 shares of mine also to come in. When & how can we do it. They are hurrying me up. I met Stager. Cobb. Case. Palmer & Minot in Toledo a few days ago & we had a general confab over telegraphing in general & W. U. Co. in particular. We agreed to keep the expences within the receipts & below if possible. The difficulty with the C. & T. R. R. increases yet instead of being allayed and I cant see how it is to terminate except in a lawsuit. The weather is steady cold with a little snow. All well as far as I know. L. H. is at Robertsons. Was here yesterday. Yours truly,

W. B. Wood

NEW YORK STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
CERES.

Lith. of Hoffman, Pease & Tolley, Albany

Agricultural Rooms.

Albany, Feby 6th 1858

E. Cornell Esq
Dpr

I rec'd the annual Report of your Society from Mr Curtis — I see no objection to the amendment suggested to the Agt Law — application from your Society for such an amendment sent to your Members would be referred to the Agt Comm and I should think would not be opposed — I enclose you a petition for Land bill before Congress — Please have it circulated & forward to your Mr Congress as soon as practicable

Yours Truly
B. P. Johnson

We have Trans from '46 to 55 — which we exchange for other volumes if desired — previous to 46 we have no sold share

Morris, Otsego Co. Feb 7th 1858

E. Cornell Esq

Your letter of the 31st Jany came to hand last week. The Pedigree of "Bishop" for which you ask, I am happy to send you, and would as cheerfully give you the information you ask for. As regards the use Mr Bates may have had of the said animal, but having made no charge upon my books of such service I am totally unable from recollection to say whether he did or did not use him. In 1850 he had the use of my Bull "Major" to two Cows, which year I had a settlement with him & I well recollect giving him a statement of the age on paper which he may still have in his possession, and which I think

may possibly give the information you desire.

I have at this time two yearling Bulls for sale, should you or any of your acquaintances desire to purchase - Both of the said animals are from imported stock

Please find pedigree of "Bishop" on opposite page and any further information you may desire at any future time which may be in my power to communicate will be cheerfully given

Very respectfully &c

R. H. Van Rensselaer

Devon Bull "Bishop" Calved apl 6" 1846 bred by H. N. Washbon Esq -

Sire "Baltimore"[x] who was bred by George Patterson Esq of Baltimore -

Dam "Frozenfoot" a Cow imported by Mr John Coulin of Truxton, Courtland Co N. Y.

R. H. Van Rensselaer

x Baltimore. 1st Prize N Y St Ag Soc 1849 Ser Cult 1856 page 121

New York Feby 8. 1858.

Mr Cornell

Dear Sir

You can certainly say what You will do — and what You think is right — I wish You would report at once — or I shall think You do not intend to do the fair thing — what is right? it seems to me we ought to be able to settle the Matter — Yours &c

Wm A. Crocker

Anst Feb 17. 58

Adhering to my first offer to settle

E.C.

Allion Feby 11th 1858.

Dear Brother

Your letter of the 3d inst just came to hand. I am glad to hear that you made so favorable a purchase of short hons. as according to your description of them they are a choice lot of stock and at prices corresponding with the times.

Enclosed I send you a draft of a fence that is being introduced about here which meets with good sale and is claimed to be patented by our Vandamark of Oaks Corners Ontario Co N.Y.

If you think favorable of it for fencing purposes I would like to have you see the patentee and make arrangements with him for the State of Ill. or Mo. as I think either of those states would be the place to operate in in that line and I understand that he proposes to sell the rights and take his pay in such property as can be realized out of the sales. giving the purchaser a chance

a chance to pay their purchase out of the proceeds of sales when they are properly referred.

I think of taking a tramp out in Missouri in the spring, and if the fence takes as well out there as it does about here there can be a nice thing made out of it.

The agent who is operating he confines his sales principally to town and Co rights the former selling at from 50 to $80. I would propose if we could make arrangement to get the State of Illinois or Missouri to confine the sales principally to Individual rights and putting them down at about $2.00 each which I think would be low enough to induce each farmer to secure the right of building what he might want to use on his own farm. if for no other purpose than Calf and sheep pens. or to enclose garden plots. and for all fencing purposes I think when Lumber can be got for $10. pr M it will not exceed 5 pr rod. It is designed to be Built of Lumber 14 feet long and 6 In wide. 5 of such boards and an Equal number of slots

four feet long and four inches wide, will make 16 feet of fence = which will contain about 42 feet of Lumber which @ $10 per M would cost 42c. allowing 22cts for Making 1 panel. It can be made raining wether in the Barn or work shop and put one side until wanted for use. By your seeing the patentee if it would not be too much trouble, and see what arrangements could be made with him, you will much oblige —

I was sorrow after being disappointed in getting a job in Canada that we did not remain at "Forest Park" until spring but you know when a Woman makes up her mind that she will then is no use of talking one might as well yield at once. I am however never the less obliged to you for extending the hospitality to us =

Glad to hear that Jane & Father is enjoying so good health and hope they may continue to do so for a long time to come — Tell Father that Hiram and my self talk of going up in the woods next week if this sleighing continues which by the way is very fine now, and if I do so will write him the whole particulars.

Molly and Lizzie Percival is he (at Havans) with me and are very well indeed. L. does not look much as when she left Ithaca being much more fleashy and has now got three teeth which is the best ones she has ever had.-

I meant to have written you in in my last about seed potatoes as you can get them about here for about 1/6 and of a much better quality than they are in your town showing not the least simptoms of disease - you can have them shaped in barrells containing 3 Bu each which I think would not make the cost exceed the price you would have to pay for them at you place and they will do I think much better coming from a foreign soil than those got in your county= Our friends he are all well as usual= Please write me soon & let me know what you think of the fence speculation.

Yours Respectfully

Jno H. Cornell

E. Cornell Esq
Ithaca.

J. H. Cornell
Feb 11. 58

Detroit Feb 11/58

E Cornell - Ithaca

N Y

Dear Sir

This is to inquire whether you have been able to gain information in regard to the account concerning which we wrote to you - Sep 28/57 - In your reply. Oct 6th following. you stated that you should be going to Albion soon, & could there investigate the matter. Please inform us as to the result. & if you found the a/c correct, as we trust you did. we will be much obliged for a remittance for the same

Hoping to hear from you soon, we remain

Yours Very Respty

B B & W R Noyes

W

Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph Office
New York Feb 12th 1858.

Ezra Cornell, Esq

Dear Sir

I am now arranging a collection of Documents and Papers connected with the establishment of the Electric Telegraph System in the United States, and incidentally including allusion to the Telegraph lines in other countries.

I desire to make this collection complete, if possible. At any rate, it will be impartially arranged. — No one who knows me as you do — no matter what differences have hitherto separated us in some matters — will doubt that I will do entire justice (as far as in my power) to all who have been engaged in the enterprize.

I have preserved every Telegraphic document or paper that fell into my hands during the troubles which beset me since I commenced the range of lines which first electrically connected the United States (before the conquest of California). Articles and documents, bearing against my own course, during all the long and bitter controversies, that unfortunately distracted the "Lightning World" (including the voluminous investigations of the Judicial Tribunals) have been preserved with particular care, as far as I could obtain them. To supply any deficiencies in my collection (which I design for public reference ulte-

mately)-that "all sides" may be fully understood – I now respectfully request you, as I do other gentlemen who were temporarily against me, to furnish me a complete sets of all publications or other papers issued against my course, as well as for any other purpose connected with the Telegraph. No matter how bitter the denunciations, let me have them for this collection. I value no friend the less now, because he may have differed from me widely, in reference to any of the many causes which may occasioned the the controversies that have rendered memorable the History of the Telegraph

I will thank you for an answer at your earliest convenience, as I am now arranging the Collection for purposes of permanent reference.

Yours respectfully.

Henry O'Reilly Esq.

N.B. As you were connected with the earliest efforts for constructing Telegraph machines, as well as Telegraph Lines, in North this Continent, I would like to obtain your "Reminiscences" of the early days of Telegraph Enterprise. Do not hesitate to state freely the results of your own Labors in perfecting Telegraph inventions.

Ezra Cornell, Esq.

care of Wm. Cornell, Telegraph Office

(21 Wall St.)

Certificate No 36. for fifty Shares assigned to John Snyder as colateral Security. to pay for Space houses $330

Mar 30 1857.

Ny & W U Tel Stock

No 35 for 50 Shares assigned to Tompkins Co Bk as colateral for the payment of my notes. Feb 18. 58

E C

Ithaca Feb 18 1858

Gents

I rec'd a note from Mr Tubbs Jan 20. 58 saying you were to have an Extra term of the Circuit Court to Commence Mar 11, and suggest my Serving to Subpoena for procuring such other testimony in the Wool suit as may be obtainable.

Last fall after seeing you I went to Painsville and saw Doolittle and examined his Old messages on file, but could find none relating to the business out of which this suit originated. he assured me that Haviland had taken them soon after the suit was commenced, and he Doolittle had not seen them since.

Mr S. R Elwood of Rochester, Sec't of the Union Tel. Co. suggests that we had better see, C. C. Hudson, the agt of Ransom Cook & Co who bought the Wool at Meadville and to whom the message was sent, and enquire of him as follows. "Did Ransom Cook & Co settle with you for the purchases of the Wool without complaining that you had bought the wool at higher prices than they authorised ?. When did they thus settle with you ?

What was the market price of such wool at the time they settled with you?

If this wool had been turned over to the Telegraph Company, directly after purchased by you, could they have sold it without loss?

How long after you bought the wool could the Tel. Co. have sold it without loss if it had been under the controll of the Co.?

Could the Telegraph Co have sold the wool without loss at the time R. Cook & Co settled with you?

How could Randell Cook & Co trace the wool purchased by you, under direction of this despatch, through the changes it underwent by assorting and mixing, preparatory to fitting it for market? so as to identify the wool to be the same purchased by you the 14th June, &c?

Please consider these questions and modify them as you deem proper, and add such others as are appropriate if you deem it proper to see Hudson as above suggested.

We can procure testimony at Meadville to the effect that Hudson did not pay more than the market price, that he

could not have bought it for less than he paid for it, that other buyers were purchasing the same day at the same and that it could have been sold for the same price the next and for several days after the wool was purchased. Consider what further testimony is desirable to be obtained from Madville —

I expected to have attended to this matter but have been detained at home by the sickness of my family — I expect to leave next Monday for Rochester and thence to Cleveland —

Yours Respectfully
E. Cowell

Myron Parties
Cleveland

Western Union Telegraph Co.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y., Feb 21 1858

E. Cornell

Sir

Sometime ago, you wanted me to take up your notes held by J. Hanna and as I had some money at Pittsburg, I attempted it but could not do so. I wrote to Mr Culyer, but Mr Hanna will not give up the stock unless his receipt given for the same is returned. Please send me said receipt with an order endorsed directing Mr Hanna to transfer & deliver said stock to me or my order

Yrs

S. N. Elmer

Erie Pa. Sunday Feb 28. 58

My Dear Mary Ann

I am here staying over the Sabbeth preparatory to leaving in the morning for Meadville Pa 36 miles south of this City. we having notified our opponents that we will take testimony there on tuesday next,

After getting through with that I shall return here and thence home, shall expect to get home saturday if not friday.

When I reached Buffalo monday eve I was verry tired, I stayed in B. till 1 P.M tuesday, and left for Cleveland arriving at 9 P.M with a bad head ache, Wednesday morning I got up with a headache that lasted all day, and thursday morning I still had the head ache, and felt generally unwell this morning I left Cleveland at 8.30 A.M for Painsville at 10 A.M, and thence I walked 10 miles to Chardon by 2 P.M and remaind over night. felt none the worse for the walk, found the man I was looking after had moved to Aberlin I therefore left Chardon after breakfast 9 A.M and walked back to P. by 1. P.M got Dinner, and left at 4 for Cleveland, and left Cleveland same evening for Aberlin by 10 P.M & Stayed over night found my man and got back to Cleveland 11 A.M Saturday, and left Cleveland Saturday 4 P.M. and reached here 9 last Evening, and leave in morning as above stated,

It rained a little this morning, but this P.M

It has snowed 2 or 3 inches deep and I guess we shall not loose the sleighing yet.

I brought my R.R. Model along to show it to such prominent RR Men as I met.

I first showed it to Mr H. Sibley one the Directors of Mich. Southern R.R. he liked it, said it was evident that RRds had got to be made more Elastic,

I then showed it to C. C Dennis Supt. late Supt Lake Shore R.R. He examined it carefully and with evident interest, and said he thought well of it, that the experiment was well worth trying.

I next met J. B. Jarvis Esq the Eminent Civ Engineer & now Pres't. Mich South RR. & he said he did not think the telegraph would succeed in that position but thought the Rail would answer a valuable purpose, he liked that way of putting together a compound rail, even if the rubber proved a failure,

I next met D. C McCollum, the late Supt Sy & E RR. and whose opinion I have great confidence in he said, he thought it would be a good thing, and well worth trying,

I next Submitted it to Sam Brown Supt, S.M. RR. He could not see why it would not answer a good purpose, he thought it would, and so thought several lesser light, who saw it,

Every prominent Railroad man I have submitted the modder to has approved it and I shotsen will of the probable results of its use, all concur in affirming the necessity of Something of the kind to brake the bounce of concussion on the Solid rail.

The Only persons who have raised objections are those who have no interest in R.R.s. and know but little of them, and who seem to think it an evidence of knowledge possessed, to raise objections to a practical Scheme, hence they object till their knowledge on the Subject is fully advertised,

The result of all this is to leave my mind as it was on the subject, that the Experiment is worth a trial and may be of great value, but that it will require much effort to get a successful trial of it.

~~I~~ Mr Tidy should pay you a visit in my absence, it might elevate his Spirits to read the R.R. part of this letter to him=

I have got quite well again, and feel as well as I did before I left home, and presume I shall continue well until I get home, I hope so at least,

Phebe Telegraphed me that Hiram and J.A. had just returned from Quincy John also telegraphed that they found all well up there,

M. B. W. out in Indiana on the Wabash line, I did not have time to call on Nancy Macy in Rochester,

Our business is like to be better this winter than we had anticipated. we Expected hard rubbing to get through the winter and pay expenses but our Southern Offices have increased about as much as the Northern Offices will fall off, so we are like to earn full as much as we did last winter, and get about $15.000 over expenses during the winter this will do pretty well for suspended times,

I have no doubt we shall Earn $100.000. this current year over Expenses. which is 20 per ct on our capital, but wisdom and prudence requires that the Company keeps its prosperity ~~A~~ to itself until all outstanding questions are settled and closed up. so what I wrote on that subject is not to be mentioned,

I have so much confidence in the carefull management of you and the boys that I wont dwell any time to a lecture on that subject,

You must keep Eye for me and till him to do up all his kicking before I get home. Love to all

Yours Affectionately

E Cornell

M. M. C

1865

Pine River March 7th

Dear Brother,

Yours of Dec 28th came duly at hand. both James folks and ourselves are well. Owing to the grate job of beating out our grain by hand this winter I shall not beable to do anything towds getting materials togather for a barn this winter. I shall next summer enlarge my present threshing floore to the size of 24 feet square, with a tight roof for a cover, and by stacking

My grane out of doores
be able to gett along five
or ten years without mu
ch loss to grane or labor without a barn
of the two I had rather have
a Devon Bull now than a
Barn. Ezra if you have
a bull old enough for ser
vices the pressent season
send him a long, bec
ause there is none in a
seccon of country 4 or 5
miles around here and
the farmers wants me to
keep the one I have now
for there accomodation
I was talking with one of
my neighbors the other day
about full blooded Bulls, when
he said he had rather pay
five dollars for service of a

full bloodded Devon then to
have the serveses of a comm
on, one for nothing, as for
keeping him I am verry
well prepaired this prese
nt season I have a good
stable to keep him up in
with grain enough to fee
d him, and shall have as
much another year, send
with the bull the price &
pedigree and how mu
ch it is best to ask for
his servesses, you can
ship him as far as St
Johns, and tell me know
when he will be there and
I will go for him we had
72 twich winter wheat, and 40
of spring wheat, and 74 bu
h of Oats, all to be divided

between the two families
Hiram & John has been out
to see us. and H. took home
with him a load of
shingles they brought
the chest of goods with them
James said if we had to
to pay for fringing it in
the amount would come
to more than the worth of
the things I look at it dif
rently. they are a gift from
home therefore I trasure
them as though they were
worth a hundred times as
much as they are. they were
thankfully received by Deb
orah and us. Yours respectfully
E. S. Cornell

E. Cornell

E. S. Cornell
Alden Jr. 1858

New York March 8th 1858

Mr. E. Cornell

Dear Sir

It is some time since I have heard from you. I have been here since I wrote you last in the Store of the Buckeye City Coal Oil Co We have about closed up the sales of all the oil the Co had on hand and as there is but little prospect of the Co going on again I shall probably return to Titusville in about ten days I have become tolerably well posted up in regard to the manufacturing &c of Coal oils which is about all the benefit I have derived in staying here till the present time.

I saw Mr. Cobb, here from Chicago some two or three weeks since & I inquired of him in regard to the Stock of the Illinois & Mississippi Tel Co (Catons Line as it is called) He gave me a very discouraging account of it (for what object if any I do not know) but he said he regarded the Stock as worthless & he said he did not believe that Caton would ever pay another Dividend he said the line taken together including the Rail Road Lines that had been added by Caton were not paying expenses or at any rate not more than Expenses & he did not believe they ever would & that the act of Consolidating all those Lines which Caton had built & got pay for of the Rail Road Companies & had now put them on to the old line to be kept up according to the agreement with the Rail

Road Companies would consume all their future earnings, he further said that Caton in his management (in which he had no Confidence) would in the Shape of Salaries & through his Shop for manufacturing & repairs of instruments manage to make good Dividends to himself & the other Stock holders would not in future get any thing & he ended by offering to sell me what little Stock he had. So much for what Mr. Cobb had to say Now What Can or have you to say about it Your interest is very great in comparison to mine & yet as my property is becoming divindled down to almost nothing I feel anxious about the little interest I have & would like all your knowledge & views in regard to it. It has been intimated to me that the Western Union Line would like to own the Caton Lines & had an eye that way & if so Cobb may be talking to effect that object.

I met Mr. Sibley your Prest of the Western Union Line the past Week at the Astor house & had a conversation with him in regard to the Ohio Ind & Ill Tel Line I introduced the subject by telling him where there was some of the stock offered very low (12/ pr Share) which I had not got the money to purchase & supposed they would not be glad to buy it; he replied that they did not want it & that it was worthless, that portions of the Line had been attached & sold & in one instance as much as 200 miles of it had thus been disposed of he referd to the Contract their Company had made & that it was a very foolish one

which he did not believe would be carried out. Now is this so or what does Sibley mean. I am anxious to know about this for my interest is much greater in this than in the Illinois Stock & besides I owed my wifes Sister for borrowed money & have turned her out that Stock which she has taken on my representation that the Line was perpetually Leased at 4% pr Share pr year, & if this is not the case or the Western Union can & intend to repudiate that Contract I wish to know it so that I can take back the Stock while I have the power & pay her in something else. Sibley said you had allowed debts to accumulate against the Line & in consequence it had been sold. How much of this talk of Sibleys was for effect to discourage me from buying the Stock I do not know, you probably understand the whole thing & can enlighten me. I do wish you would let me know how this is & how far Sibleys Statements are true & how that Lease is & who holds the Lease. My interest is so great that I feel that I ought to have a copy of that Lease & will willingly pay any one you can obtain to draw off a copy. Is the organization of the Co kept up & who are the present officers & where are they located. I wish you would give me full information about this Co & I would like it soon that I may change the Stock my wifes Sister holds if it should be necessary.

I met Mr. Kendall & had a conference with him the past Week at the Astor House he had Considerable to say about Eaton & his management to cheat Prof Morse & the Patentees out their Share

of the Stock of the Ill & Miss Line I think from what he said that he does not expect to get much from that Source. He is much dissatisfied with the course the NY & Buffalo Line has taken the past year in their arrangment with the American & Western Union Lines said he & his associates would soon reach St Louis & the West via Baltimore & Wheeling & so on and they had not given up the idea of running through from NY to Buffalo.

I suppose there is no remedy for the course Caton is pursueing in regard to the Lines he has charge of at least so it seems to me what think you of it If Cobbs views & statements are correct I will try & dispose of my stock the first opportunity.

I have seen E. W. Chester twice since I have been here about his Coal & Coal oil co he has not yet done any thing I must confess I have not confidence enough in any such operation to invest much money if I had it Had I as much knowledge of the business one year ago as I now have I could have saved from $15000. to $20,000 but it is too late now the most I would desire now would be to save some of my Western lands & have the means to make improvements & buy some stock & I think I would try to be contented. I suppose A.B.C has wrote you about his late collision with Mr Reid and the Directors of the NY & Buffalo Tel co. The most I wish would be to get Prof Morse Proxy & make the reforms so much needed on that Line I would be willing to guarantee Prof Morse & Yr ct on his stock for 5 years if he would give me his Proxy but I suppose he would not give it Please write me on rect of this to the care of your son A.B. Cornell Yours Truly

Geo Curtiss.

Geo Curtiss Mar 8 1858

Painesville Ohio
March 10th 1838

Dear Sir

yours from Erie was received after I telegd you and contents noticed, the despatch you speak of, is as you say, but I am not willing to go to Cleveland under Existing Circumstance – The old Company, as you are aware justly owe me $25. and interest for Several years, and Every defaut I sent was audeted in that way until the Lines changed hands, and then for the first time they Counted at the bills and in any uniting they or you needed say

the bill is last, "Send a duplicate" this I have done until I am sick of it- They owe me the money, and interest on it, just as honestly as ever one man owed another and if you will send $30.00 I'll receipt the claim in full or if you think the principal is all I ought to have, send that, and an receipt, will go to Cleveland and do all in my power to aid you you paying my necessary Expenses there, will charge nothing for my time- These are the only conditions on which I can go, and did I not feel them just and honest, would not ask it-

Please advise at your earliest convenience and oblige me

yours &c

J. Doolittle

O. Cornell Esq
Cleveland, O,

Albion March 12th 1858

Dear Ezra

I send you a copy of a resol-ution of board of directors of W. N. Tel. Co. It looks to me very much like a notice to quit. I wrote Mr Elwood with regard to it & have his reply. He thinks the board will persist in carrying out the resolution. I shall undoubtedly have to step aside and have some other one take the place I have occupied. If this is best I have only to leave when required to do so. I have worked all the time & hard to keep the lines up in good working order and have heard no complaint. There is no doubt a wish to get rid of all the employees of the E & M Co. & have as few obsticles in the way absorbing the whole interests in their grasp as possible and render the Co. powerless in any future contest if any should ever arise. I do not discover any chance to remain in the business & get pay for my services any longer & perhaps it is best not to try. Every thing seems to have come to a dead stand here. Nothing doing & nothing to do it with. John & Mary is here. Dont know what he can do to pay his way through the world. I have been drumming up Drury to pay up rent but cant get any thing of him yet. Think we shall all go up soon

Yours truly M. B. Wood

At a meeting of the ~~Board~~ of directors of the Western Union Co, it was Resolved.

That since the consumation of the contract with the M.C.R.R. Co and with the S.M.& N.I. R.R. Co it will not be necessary in the judgment of this board to continue M.B. Wood as repairer beyond the period of the spring repairs & that Mr Cobb division Sup't be directed to arrange with him as to the time for terminating his employment. (Copy)

Isaac R Elwood

DeRuyter March 16/58

Dear Uncle

I take this opportunity to write a few lines to thee to let thee know how we are getting along in DeRuyter and yet I have nothing very interesting to communicate we are all well and enjoying the usual comforts of life, I am now living in the village with William and Elizabeth they moved here in Theodore Warners house about two weeks ago W works in the Tannery and Theodore boards with them having lost his wife he thought it best to break up house keeping I intend to work at dress making this summer, I would be very glad to

Newitt and he is going to move
for the present in David Toughts house
Aunt Sarah and Hannah Shepherd
lives alone now Reuben is going to
work what land they have, I like to
have forgot to mention Caroline she
is to James Gladdings yet and will proba
bly stay there all summer she says it
seems more like home to her there than
it does anywhere else George DeLamater
and family are well Jane went to
Newark NJ, last spring we expect her
home soon, Uncle George and Aunt Sally
are as well as usual and all the rest
of thy friends as far as I know any
thing about them, we would be glad to
hear from you all very often do write
and tell Jane to write and come and
see us I dont think of any thing more
to write so good by from thy affectionate niece

Eunice Barnard

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Mar 16. 55

Illinois & Mississippi Telegraph Company.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

Ottawa, Ill. March 17 1858

E Cornell Esq
Ithica N.Y.

Dear Sir.

I have this moment rec^d your favor of March 8th & hasten to give a general Explanation, of the figures which you suggest, & will send your note down to Mr Bassett for more particulars should you desire—

Generally the increase of Office Expenses, has been the general increase of salaries I presume. Which has been forced upon us by the increase in other lines The increase of general Expenses arises from the payment of bills which had been accumulating or running up, in some cases for nearly a year Also last fall we provided near three thousand Extra poles to distribute over the lines at different depots for repairs. probably most if not all of these were paid for about the time refered to The statement refered to shows what was paid out for a particular month; but is no criterion of the Actual General Expenses for the month We have reduced Expenses in Every possible way during this winter, but if we get along with a loss of $1000 pr month this winter I shall be satisfied. All salaries were reduced 20 pr Ct on the first of Feb. but the business has

has comparatively speaking run down to all-most nothing - There has been no produce selling or moving throughout our territory during the winter And upon that we mostly depend for business With the revival of this business in the spring I hope ours may revive - If not our prospects are gloomy indeed - All that has saved us thus far is the guarantees by the Rail Roads of the small offices If we had to pay those ourselves, it would have broke us before now.

I last fall sent on a statement necessary, as I suppose, for our defence to Kendalls suit to our attorneys with the request that they keep me advised of its progress - They acknowledged the papers & as I hear nothing further from them I presume no progress has been made - A part of Genl Expense Chg in Nov. was relating fee to them in that suit.

Yours truly
J D Caton

E. C to Miss Brontë
Feb 18. 58

visit you but I have about given up the idea of ever doing so for there dont seem to any opportunity present for me to go, Father was down here sunday he is very well and seems to enjoy himself as well as ever, Reuben has bought the place where we lived and is going to move the first of April Asa and family are getting along about as usual, we have had a very pleasant winter so far and but little severe cold weather in comparison to what we had last winter we have had three or four weeks of pretty good sleighing but it is nearly all gone now and I suppose people will commence making sugar very soon cant thee come out and make us a visit this spring we would all be very glad to see thee or any of our cousins if they could make it convenient to come Ezra has long promised us a visit but he dont seem to come but we will keep looking I dont know as thee has heard of Aseneth Breeds death she died about two months ago she had been quite out of health for some time Aunt Hannah Breed is also quite out of health it is thought that she will not live a great while Elizabeth Wright is also very poorly so that she is confined to her bed most of the time with a Cancer I have not seen her lately but they say it is a sight to look at it is very large reaching nearly round to the back bone and as hard as a board the Dr says it will break on the inside her arm is swelled clear to her hand as large as two arms she lives with Sarah on the Mathew Wells place William Hunt has sold his farm to Samuel and Henry

For Value received I hereby assign and transfer to the Tompkins County Bank one certificate for fifty shares of the Capital Stock of the Newyork & Western Union Telegraph Company, said Certificate being No 35, and dated Decr 29, 1855, the shares representing fifty dollars Each, To hold the said certificate as collateral Security for any loan or sums of money I may now or at any time hereafter owe the said Bank, and to sell the same and apply the proceeds thereof to the payment of any of said sums of money, or default in the payment of the same,

Athens Feb. 8th 1858

E. Cornell