Fall River 9 mo 11 1839

My dear nephew

E. Cornell Having a little spare time this evening, I thought I would improve the time in wrighting to thee, Thine of the 4 came to hand the 9 was gladley rec'd, I want aware that my letter had no date I cannot see how that should have been, I suppose that it is quite a circumstance to put up such works I know but little about it, I suppose the has to build some buildings for the works Tell me all about it in thy next, how far down dose the have to go for coale, what dose the have to dig through to come to cole, and what depths is the cole when came to it is it hard diging, has the commenced diging cole, I want when the has time to ~~letter~~ I want to know all about it, We are having rather cold weather here for the season bad for corn, our crop of corn is not coming in as good as we expected how is it there, Potatoes is good deal of rot so far, We have had one weeks visit from Paul J Cornell, We think him to be

quite a man we like his apperance much
and he appeard to Enjoy his visit, he spoke
of thy being at their house and his father
was not at home at the time, his father
died within one year past at the age of 62
his mother is still living, John left no
Children Elijah left none Mary left one
daughter that has always lived with them
Paul left three sons Paul J, John &
Ezra Cornell, Paul & Ezra has both made
us a visit, Sarah tells me that she and
Herbert thougt of makeing you a visit this
season but have given it up this season
Herbert has been drove with work of late
Sarah says she shall make you a visit
next season If all are well, We here
Nothing from thy family and friends in
Ithaca, I should like to here from thy Father
We are all in usual helth at this time
I think I have Enjoyed better helth this
fall than I have done for a number of
years, I think I will come to a close
for this time, Respectfully thy Uncle

Ezra Cornell

Miller Chace

Etna Tomp. Co. N.Y. Sept 12, 1859

E. Cornell Esq.

Sir

Your favor 5th instant came duly to hand — In reply, I have to say, in reference to the statement you wish of the settlement of Father's Estate, that no such has been made, nor will it be possible to make such settlement, until after all the assets now outstanding shall have been paid in, to me —

With the real-estate, I, as Admint. have nothing to do — To give you an idea as to how it stands, however, I will say, that, by his death, each of his nine heirs (Count Bristol chil. as one heir) became owners of one ninth of home farm of 193 62/100 acres and one ninth of Creek farm of 33 1/3 acres = The interest of said heirs in above lands remains the same, as at his death, ex-

Money is sufficiently plenty at the East, so that no stock or bonds need cept that five shares of *home* farm, have been sold by the respective owners to Mother, during her life-time, viz; Orrin's, Merrit's, Emily's, Norman's and Mary Ann's, at \$142^{33} the proper sum arrived at by Boardman, by the Northampton tables — \$142^{33} each share — The *personal property* amt'd to about $9300, of which sum, I have paid to Mother & other heirs $8100, July 31, 1858 — viz Mother $2700, & each of nine $600, including a receipt for $200, as a marriage outfit — Mary Ann had had said outfit $200 — I pd her by endorsement upon your note $400, also Mother's life purchase \$142^{33} — Of the $9300, about $500, will go to pay a note held by Dunham against Father, and about $250, to purchase monument, & about $200, as administrators fees, & about $50, incidentals — in all about $1000, leaving say $8,300, to be divided among heirs — $8,100 of which has already been divided, leaving a small, bal^c due each heir, or say $200, due all of them, which the Admin'r will hold as indemnity, to satisfy claims, if any are presented when claims are adv'd for — Said claims will be advertised for, as soon as all the assets are paid in, and cannot be until then, and as I am anxious to settle up the estate, finally, as soon as possible, I must press their immediate payment, I trust that on this account, as well as the reason I mentioned, in regard to Dunham, you will surely be able to meet your note Oct 1st — Dunham is now thrown out of employment by Western Union Telegraph Company, and must have his money to use, immediately, and I trust you will not inconvenience either of us, by failure to meet the note, then, as I have as much of my own money matters, this fall, to meet, as *I* can carry — Yours Otis E. Wood

be sacrificed, a[illegible] say you can get all you want at 7 per cent, and can borrow on a better credit than Dunham or I can —

Burdette Sept 14/59

Mr Cornell

Dear Sir,

By my man Mr Anderson I send you Birmingham - Hoping his condition may suit you - He has served Eleven Cows beside my own - My Family are quite sick, or else I should have seen you in person Will call on you at my earliest convenience and arrange all things to your satisfaction

Yours Very Respectfully
W. A Ward

A. W. Ward
Sept 14. 1860

Ezra Cornell Esqr
Ithaca
N York

Trumansburg Sept 15/59

E Cornell Esq

Sir

I have two male calves six and eighteen months old Sired by Mem Friday, their dam is half Durham and is favorably known in the vicinity of Halseyville Color roan Will dispose of either or both of them. Will be on exhibition at [illegible] Union Fair. Trumansburg Sept 28-29-30 If you wish to purchase please Ans by return mail

Respect Yours,
C B Tompkins

C B Tompkins
[illegible] Sept 59
Pound or Bell

Hubbardson Nonsuch
Westfild Seeknofarther
Newton Pippin
Red cheek Greening
Rhode Island Greening
Lady Apple
Late Strawberry
Porter apple
Tompkins apple
Vandevere apple
Bellflower
Van Dine apple
Romanite
Esopus Spitzenburgh
Seeknofarther
Hill Seedling
Nurserymans Cheat
Penie

Litchfield. Her. Co. N.Y.
Sep 19/59

Ezra Cornell Esq

Dear Sir — Your Esteemed favor came to hand duly & must apologize for not replying sooner.

About the time my advt appeared in the Rural our family experienced a very sudden and unexpecte bereavenement and immediately afterwards our haying and harvesting pressed upon us so that I had not time to see after my Yearling Bull. Will your "Duke of Cambridge" be at our State Fair & at what Hotel will you stop I should like to have an interview with you — should we not meet there I will come down to your Residence.

There are many things about Breeding stock that I do not understand

I have a dairy of 50 Cows & am much interested in the improvement of Milk producing "qualities" & it is my opinion that the "Durhams" are not yet perfect in this respect they have generally been raised for fattening an early reply will increase the obligations of your humble servant

Jos. J. Dudleston
Junr

Scipio Sept 19th 1859

Mr Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir I intended to attend your county fair and bring home one of your boar pigs with me but circumstances detain me at home

Your pigs are so young that I do not expect one of them could be used as a stock getter in season for march or april pigs but would be old enough to sire fall pigs

I have sold what pigs I could spare having two sow pigs for breeding left

If you will send the best boar pig of the litter of 5 I saw in your yard during my visit in July by Steamboat to Savanna and pay the transportation on Saturday next I will mail $5.00 to you by the same days mail

When I returned home from Ithaca July 29th I found a very handsome roan bull calf 1 day old from Phantasia in the yard and William Jackson of Seneca Co had been there and seen it the next day I met him at an agricultural meeting at Sherwoods Cornr and sold it to him we called the calf Premier

Our County fair was poorly attended only a few cattle on the ground The show of the Southern Cayuga society at Sherwoods Corners was said to be fine but I did not attend it

Yours &c
Daniel H Manchester

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
New York, Albany & Buffalo Electro-Magnetic Telegraph Co.
UTICA, N. Y. Sept: 22 1859

E. Cornell Esqr

Dr. Sir

Absence from home prevented an earlier reply to your message of the 14th instant.

The rent due to Erie. R. R. Company is payable 1st Novr.

Our Board direct me to say that if the Erie Co will give you a Dft on us for the amount it will be accepted & placed to your Credit. This mode is preferred to that proposed by you for reasons which will be obvious to you.

Yours respectfy

E. Chapman

W. H. Bogart
Sept 26. 59

Aurora Cayuga Lake

26 Sept. 1859

My dear Mr Cornell.

Do not think me unmindful of the courtesies of the Tompkins Agricultural Society, as expressed through Mr Fattenden and yourself. My nomadic life in the service of the Farmer & Engineer took me away to Boston to hear Edward Everett's Inauguration of the Webster statue, and so I could not be on the Cayuga. I _know_ that you give intelligent leadership to this affair. Agriculture must go to triumph. It is the law of the Ages. Some metal and wood will do most of the work and the farmer shall be, as he was intended to be – a thinking man –

Believe me, I do not forget our old friendship – I am as ever Yours

William H. Bogart

E Cornell Esq

Utica Sept 26th /59

E. Cornell Esq

Dr Sir

Yours Telegram Recd. I Recd a few Days since from Caton Circular Saying, "the undersigned who own & Control a Majority of the Stock in the Illinois & Mississippi Telegraph Co." calling Meeting of Stockholders at the offices of the Secty, presume you have the same thing from this it appears they have a Majority of the Stock—

Mr Curtis is not here, Mr Butterfield, Chiles & I will send you our Proxy if it will be of any service to you—
Curtis is at Cloverport, Ky. Breckinridge Coal Co.—

I have asked Caton to advise me the object of the call but hear nothing from him, perhaps he thinks it of no conse=quence, in as much as he has the controlling power— Respectfully yours, H. Foote over

P. S. I have to go to Plattsburgh
on the 3d of Oct. & fear it will
take me all the week, & deprive
me of the pleasure of attending State
Fair —
V. F.

St Nicholas Hotel N.Y. Sept 30th /59

E. Cornell Esq

D Sir

Your Telegram reached me here —
I am again here on Consolidation, this is the
fourth week I have been on it & the last,
Some of the parties are the most Obstinate d——l
Living & the whole Effort seems to be to over
Reach Each other. with Eastern Union, American,
& Magnetic and I should not be surprised if the
whole thing Ended in a Row, but hope for
better things,

I go home tomorrow Morning (Saturday) and
will send you my Proxy, I understand Judge Caton
proposes to put in some more Responsible Directors
than who have more at stake than some of his men
of straw here who hold but one or two shares —
If this is so say to him there is some Stockholders in
York State who have large Int & would like to have one
of these come a Director — if he can trust them,

I have to leave home for Plattsburgh Monday morning
and fear I shall be deprived of the pleasure of attending our
State fair. post yourself up about western Telegraph
Stocks & write me if you please — Yours Truly

T. S. Faxton

Catons Secty is here — I have just
found him out, but have not broach him on business —

Know all men by these presents —
That I Thales S. Saxton of the City of Utica in Oneida Co. State of New York, hereby appoint & Constitute Ezra Cornell of Ithaca. Tompkins Co. N. Y. my Proxy to Vote for me on the Said Shares of Stock Standing on the Book of the Illinois & Mississippi Telegraph Co at the next Election of Directors that Shall be held for Said Company, and I do hereby Revoke all Proxys heretofore Given by me to any other person to vote on Said Stock —

Witness my hand & Seal this first Day of October 1859. S. Saxton

State of New York }
Oneida Co. ss }

T. J. Paxton being Duly Sworn, saith the said Stock or Shares, mentioned in the foregoing proxy to be are not hypothecated to any person or persons, or any Co. of any name or nature but are now in my possession & owned by me in person.

T. J. Paxton

T. J. Paxton Proxy
Oct 6. 1859

E. Cornell, Esq

D Sir

Herewith I hand my proxy duly executed according to the Laws of our State;

I have again been to N.Y. on Telegraph business — the business is not yet closed — but I think it will be — & when done wont it be a Beautifull Combination of Telegraph power & oh what a combination of human depravity —

I will see Mr Childs & get him to send his proxy — & Butterfield, but I apprehend the Image is Sure position.

Give us the Result of your Labours of Love, if you please —

Yours truly. T. S. Faxton

Utica Oct. 1/59

Ottawa Ill Oct 5, 69

In persuance to a call by J. D. Caton 9405 Shares, Thos. Bassett 50 — Moses Osman 2 — Jacob J. Stone 1 — John G. Nattinger 1 — Mark Trew 2 Burton C Cook 1 — — The majority of the Stock of the Ill & Miss Tel Co

The Stockholders met at the Secy Offc Ottawa Churchill Coffin of Peru was called to the Chair John G. Foot Burlington Secty —

J. D Caton the object of the meeting was to reorganize the Co — reduce the no of Directors to 5, to be elected by the Stock at large — and offered the following resolutions 1 — 2 — 3 & 4 which was on motion adopted by the following vote Ayes — J. D. C — 9405
C Coffin 48 —
F. S. Day — 8

Res. 1 — It is ordered and enacted by the Stockholders of the Ill & Miss Tel Co, that the Articles of Association of this Co, be so changed and amended that the board of directors be reduced to five directors, which shall be elected by the Stockholders at large — Each Stockholder being entitled to one vote for each share of Stock held by him, and such stockholder may vote in person or by proxy The Stockholders meetings for the Election of Directors shall be held at the Secy Office on the 1st Wednesday of Oct in each year

2. The officers of the Co shall consist of Prest, 1 V. P. — Secty & Treas, who shall be Elected or appt by Board Directors

3 — Present officers of Co. shall continue till others are Elected or appt by new Directors

4 Board of Directors shall meet from time to time as the interests of the Co may require —

Resolved 2 – That the amt authorized by the board of directors to be pd by the Prest at his discretion for this Co – in the negociation between the parties to the 6 party contract & F.O.J. Smith and the holders of the Morse patent be increased to $12,850.

Resolved 3 – Ordered that the Finance Committee appointed by the last board of Directors be continued for the purpose of auditing the accounts connected with this Co for the space of 90 days and that they Report to the board of directors —

Resolved 4 that the following persons be elected directors for the ensuing year, viz J. D. Caton, Edward H. Beebe Churchill Coffin Thos. Bassnett Burton, C, Cook = Ottawa

5. Resolved 5, That the stockholders meeting now adjourn =

J. G. Hoot Secy

C. Coffin
Chairman

E. H. Beebe	20 Shrs
Coffin	46 —
Basnett	50 —
Cook	1 —

E. H. Beebe	Galena	Ills
Hakes	Rock Island	Ills
J. Bennett	Muscatine	Iowa
John G. Foote	Burlington	Iowa
Dr Rogers	Quincy	Ills
Dr Gillett	Jacksonville	Ills
A. Campbell	Springfield	Ills
L. Howell	Peoria	Ills
Day	Peru	Ills
J. D. Caton	Ottawa	Ills
Gould	Morris	Ills
Geo. M. Brown	Alton	Ills

Proceedings Meeting
Stockholders Ill & Miss
Tel Co. Oct 5, 1858

2613
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2759
2495
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13374
2555
10.8[illegible]

31.[illegible]

61
450
511
5
[illegible]

Jas Darling
had 11 [illegible]
found 6 —

Principal Offices
OF THE
ILL. & MISS. TEL. CO.

St. Louis. Chicago.
Springfield. Cairo.
Burlington. Peoria.
Muscatine. Davenport
Fulton City. R. Island.
Dubuque. Dunleith.
Galena. Janesville.
And Intermediate Points.

CATON LINES.

ILLINOIS & MISSISSIPPI TELEGRAPH COMPANY

IN CONNECTION WITH ALL OTHER LINES IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADAS.

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Chicago Oct 6 1859

BY TELEGRAPH

From Turner Junction 1859

To D. Howell & Mr. Cornell

RH

I learn that there is a law in Illinois that if one Stockholder in a Company Objects to an alteration in the articles of incorporation it stops All proceedings please Enquire

John G. Foote

New York and Erie Railroad Company.
Receiver's Office,

New York, October 6th. 1859.

E. Cornell Esqr.
Supt. &c.

D Sir:

I am in the receipt of yours of the 3d. instant.

Your Draft for $750 for rent due July 1st. 1859 was duly honored and paid and if you will draw on me at 30 days for the rent due on the 1st. instant your Draft will be honored.

I enclose herewith a Pass over the Road, and when we meet will talk over the matter of your payment of fares.

Respectfully Yours
Nathaniel Marsh
Receiver

Drew 30 days
from Oct 1. 59
for $750,

ILLINOIS & MISSISSIPPI TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

CALL FOR STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

The undersigned, who own and hold a majority of the stock in the Illinois & Mississippi Telegraph Co., do hereby call a meeting of the Stockholders of said Company, to be held at the office of the Secretary of said Company in Ottawa, La Salle County, Illinois, on the fifth day of October, A. D. 1859, at three of the clock in the afternoon.

JOHN D. CATON,
Owner of nine thousand four hundred and five shares of the stock of said Company.

THOMAS BASSNETT,
Owner of fifty shares of the stock of said Company.

MOSES OSMAN,
Owner of two shares of the stock of said Cowpany.

JACOB G. STONE,
Owner of one share of the stock of said Company.

JOHN G. NATTINGER,
Owner of one share of the stock of said Company.

WM. M. TRUE,
Owner of two shares of the stock of said Company.

BURTON C. COOK,
Owner of one share of the stock of said Company.

Burlington Iowa
Oct 7th 1859

E. Cornell Esq
Coshocton Ohio
Dr Sir

Since my return home I have conferred with Henry W. Starr Esq, in regard to the acts of J. D. Caton at Ottawa — He pronounces them all illegal — He says there is no power to alter or amend any fundamental point in a corporate company — I askd him if he would write an opinion that I might send it to you — he said he would if I would procure for him one of the printed articles of association — I cannot find one here, I heard you remark you had one, If you will send it to me, I will return it to you — Mr Starr is one of the ablest lawyers of Iowa — he was present at the meeting of organization of the Tel Co. Should you and your friends desire to have this matter tested — you could not place it in better hands — He is owner of 24 shares in the Co —

Yours Respectfully
John G. Foote

Phil^{a} Oct^{r} 8 1859

E Cornell Esq^{r}

D^{r} Sir Yours of 6th Instant is just receiv^{d}, and in reply beg to say that the Stock formerly held by me 393 Shares, is now held by my father who resides in Lebanon Co. this State; I had understood that you were one of the Directors of the Comp^{y} and was in hopes you had got matters to work straight. regret to hear that such is not the case: M^{r} Tho^{s}. L Lawson of this city holds I think 23 Shares. who the other holders here are, I am not able to say, may however find out more; could you not procure the names (in some way) from the books of the Company; and I will at once go to work here to hunt them up: I can at any time procure for you the proxies or votes of the 393 Shares, as well as M^{r} Lawsons and have no doubt can get any others here to join you in ousting Caton, which I think ought to be done at once, before other frauds are consummated. — and anything I can do for you here please freely command my services —

You say you are engaged in Manufacturing Coal oil. I feel interested in this business; and when you write again should be glad to hear about its prospects how much you are making p^{r} day. are you selling the crude or purified oil, where to, and at what price; what kind of retorts are you using or you consider best for the purpose —

Very Respectfully Yours

N. Rex

PS.

There was received about a year since \$1— p^{r} share dividend; do you know what prospect there is about the next when & how much p^{r} share —

Mount Carbon Oct 10. 1859

My Dear Mary Ann

Since I left home, I have not written to you but have telegraphed you on several occasions informing you of my movements, and that I was well,

I returned here from Ill, last saturday about noon, and have had so many accounts to settel, and examin that I have not had time to write you before, and have not now, but I am so horrified at seeing so much good "raw material" spoiled in the proceſs of manufacturing into victuals that I am somewhat exercised as to who I shall get to keep our new house when we get it ready for occupation-

I shall want a room & board there when I am here. M.B.W. Mr Osburn our Sec^t^ and Mr Wagner our Chemist, and a few of the best of our hands, and our Trancient visitors Wives & babies, will have to be accomodated there, While the miners, retort Men & labourers will keep their own houses, or board with some who do keep house on their level-

There are hosts of applecants for the house here, but I am fearful about the Cooking, and this morning it occured to me that Mortimer and his Lady. (if you could spare them) would answer better than any body I know of, He Could look after the farming, and She keep the mansion, Now if they would like to come out here, I will give you a premium of ten Eagles if you will learn Mrs M to cook and keep house as neat and as well as you can. This would be a good place for them for here they could have plenty of business for the whole generation of their Young ones and a School handy to send the balance to —

Our Works get along slowly, I fear we shant get to making Oil before the last of the month,

Weather fine now, and we shall drive ahead as fast as possible =

I want to hear from A.B.C and learn how he settled with Jessey Johnson - and the Chapman notes, and about the State fair =

A letter from my Dear wife would do me much good, and would be responded to promptly-

Dinner is ready, so Adieu

Yours Affectionately
E. Cornell

Mary Ann

Peoria Ills Oct 10. 1859

E Cornell Esqr
Coshocton Ohio
Dr Sir

I have just received a note from Jno G Foote Esqr of Burlington Iowa advising me that he had a conference with Henry W Starr Esqr atty of Burlington in relation to the late proceedings of the Prest. of the Ill & Miss Tel Co saying that Starr will give a legal written opinion on the matter as soon as copies of papers can be examined. And that he has no hesitancy in saying that the proceeding is illegal and can be enjoined successfully.

Mr S is familiar with the organization of the Co. having been present as Director and having taken an active and prominent part in drafting the various papers to organize the Co. I would suggest that if you desire the matter investigated you would correspond with him or Mr Foote in relation to the matter

How about Coal Oil?

Very Respy Yr
L Howell

Buffalo Oct 12th/57

E. Cornell Esq.
Dear Sir

I will convey to you the right to build sell rent &c. - Schooley patent preservatory as applied to fruit, meat vegetable, poultry, game or other houses - permanent structures, in Tompkins Co for one thousand dollars cash - My price for single rights are $50 - yet as I am desirous of getting the plan introduced by good hands I will sell you a right for $25 - and furnish you all plans and estimates necessary for success - and economical building I am building a house here 29 by 17 in the clear on the inside - which will give a preserving room as large as the one at the fair and hold ice enough to last the entire year for $180 -

I recd a Silver Medal and Diploma at the fair. and have conveyed a right to one of the members of the state society - The articles placed in the house at the fair and which you saw there are still there and in a perfect state - milk 14 days tomorrow from the cow &c

Answer Early & oblige

J. L. Alberger.

Belvidere Oct 13th 59

Dear Brother,

I am under the painful necessity of again taxing your generosity in the way of asking you for the loan of $50. — I am out of employment as also are three fourths of the Joiners in this town & I presume all other towns in this vacinity — times are very hard and have been all summer, and work has been scarce with low wages,

I have been doing a Job this season for which I took a town lot for pay which was the best I could do last spring,

I have got about $140, due me from responsible men,

It is drawing 10 per cent intrest
but I cannot get it nor they
cant get. they say where it is
due them — Every one that have
taxes to pay are saving evry
penny to meet them with
the prospect now is that we
are going to have harder times
here this coming winter than
have been Known here for many
years & for my part I hardly
Know how I am going to get
bread for my family unless
I can get help — all Kinds of
business is dull produce is low
crops were damaged & destroyed
by drought & frost, mony is
not to be had and things look
blue generaly.

I also wish to ask your opinion
on the practicability of raising
water without any motive
power, I have been experementing
on it and have thus far failed but
I think it can be done, I think
I can make an aparatus that
will raise a stream of water
as large as a pipestem and Keep
itself running constantly,

I propose to do it by having
a the downward pressure of a
greater body of water than the
pipe contains through which it is raised,
In case I ~~can~~ should succeed in doing
so can I get a pattent on it?
and what will it be worth,
we are all enjoying good health
at present as also all of our friends
Please answer Immediately

Respectfully Yours
D. B. Cornell

E Cornell Esqr
Ithaca N.Y.

D. B. Cornell
Oct 1859

F. O. J. Smith
Oct 13. 1859

Portland Oct. 13/59

Dear Sir -

On my return from N. York on Saturday last I found your letter of the 26th ult.

It was the Sow that became stunted, or injured on the way - The Boar is in admirable condition - & has two fine litters of pigs from ordinary sows, as I am told - I have two more very fine sows that will pig this month, by him - They are an English breed, & from some I saw on board a Ship in New York direct from Liverpool - for sale at $125 - born here, 5 months old, I believe them to be very nearly full blood Suffolks - altho' not much resembling the Suffolks in this region - They are handsomer than any of the called Suffolks here -

The roan Short horns have my preference over White - Gilliland's is a white one, & in figure is a beauty - & he offers him at 150$ for years old - kind & silky as a mouse - He has a Splendid Devon Bull not for sale, about the same age - It is quite impossible to conceive a better animal - He has another, injured when young & on the voyage - for sale - but not worth breeding from - altho' his imported male must have vouched for his descent -

I have not yet tried either Ayrshire or Devons - But I think I would prefer the Devons to the Ayrshire - as to the White Short horns - I had one of the latter, a yearling killed on the R.R. that promised very well -

Gilliland has a place worth looking over - a mile of Williams Bridge - & I advise you to take a half day & visit his place - get a permit from him in the city - near the easterly side of the Park - in Chambers St. - & you will be sure of an interesting reception by his foreman, Shepherd &c.

The consolidation of Telegraphs will now probably be consummated - & I hope will adapt itself to the public wants & prosper - But the throes of its birth were numerous & perplexing to all concerned - Yours in haste

F. O. J. Smith

E. Cornell Esq Mar 21-7.

Coshocton O. Oct 16. 1859

My Dear Mary Ann

Not having found a name yet for our place that suits all parties in interest I captionate my letter with my present P.O address which is our County town, having letters brought up from there (Coshocton) once a day by a hack we support that now goes to Coshocton in the afternoon, and returns the next morning=

As to names, we call our Co the "Cornelian Oil Company" but some objected to call our place for manufacturing the oil- "Cornelia" it being a womans name, and sounding to -Effeminate, we then agreed on "Walhonding", the name of the river + canall that passes us. which is said to be the indian name for White woman= and given to the river in honor of a white Woman captive who plunged into the river from a bluff of rocks a few miles below here and drowned rather than suffer the Indians to retake her, We abandoned this name on finding there was a small village by the same name a few Miles above here in this County,

Since that we have called it Carbondale to which some objected, there being a village by that name in Penn, Then Mr Carbon takes a turn to which I object, as it misleads the mind as to the phisical features of our property, it is not Mountainous, only hilly, Carbon Hills would better suit the facts of the case, for we have a surfice that may be said to be rolled up into, ten hills, all of which are underlaid and Stratified with Carbon (Coal), so if we are not helped out of our dilemma by the suggestion of some outside friend, I dont see but we shall have to settel down upon "Carbon Hills"

I am disappointed in not hearing a word from home since I left there I expected that A.B.C would have written letting me know how he managed in the payment of those Chapman notes, if he paid the whole of the note given for "Lady Booth" + "Apricot" or if he withheld $500 for Apricot on account of her failing to breed as she was warranted to do breed, also if E. B. C note to Hawkins for his horses was arranged satisfactorily, and what kind of a State Fair you had, and how he + Elm Enjoyed it &c &c, I have not yet heard or seen a word published about the State fair yet, Cant get a Tribune in Coshocton, nor at any place between here + Ottowa Except Chicago, and only one there which Is all I have seen this way

I owe Oliver Cady $121. for that horse power, which is payable at T. C. Bank Nov 21 (a month later than I thought I supposed it was Oct 21) = O. E. Wood for note due his fathers Estate. about $400. my ledger will show. I think it was $373.44 July 31, 1858. if so it would be $406.11 the 1st November. I also have a note at Merchants & Farmers Bank due Nov 10 for $500. I have directed Mr Elwood or Mr H. S. Potter, of Rochester, to send you by Express at once $400, and by the 6th Nov $500, to meet the above payments with. I had it sent to you, not knowing whether A. B. C would be at Ithaca or not,

I owe Fowls & Williams $500, due Nov 3rd at M. & F. Bank, and sent Mr Hardy Cashr a draft on N.Y for $750, for collection, directing him to apply proceeds to the maturing notes, If that draft is paid as I have no doubt it will be, you will only have to use half the Rochester package or $250, to meet both notes at Merchants & Farmers Bank, holding the bal $250, to meet Cadys note when due, and any thing else, possibly some $170, to Griggs Waring, as I wrote him I would pay it now at any time he forwarded discharge of judgment,

There my Dear is a long chapter on finances but it is written out so plainly that you will readily understand it,

If my fall & Winter dividends are as large as I think they will be, I shall be able to sort off a host of those old ulcers,

We have not got the Oil running yet but shall fire up next week, M. B. W. left this morning for home, to be gone a couple of weeks = When at Ottawa I went out and stayed all night with my Cousin Edward Chace, He has built a fine house and barn since I was there before and is now situated to make his friends comfortable He & his wife insist on your going with me the next time I go to Ottawa and make them a visit. Edwin & Wife also insist on a visit from you. I made arrangements to send "Cupid" out to Edward, which will make one less Bull to feed at home, and I have been waiting to get a letter from A.B.C to learn if he would be at home so I could write him about shipping the Bull = My arrangements are such that Cupid will cost me $300.— and first you will know more of them will be off at like proportionate rates. Our new house is progressing slowly and begins to make a tolerable show, it will be by far the best house in the neighbourhood if not in the town. If Mrs M becomes Mistress of it she will have to mind her P^{s} & Q^{s} and keep the pot hooks in their places, so that when Mrs E.C & Mrs M.B.W and other Mrs. Calls we shant be ashamed of the entertainment we can tender them The house is 2 story high, first rate cellar, Kitchen - dining room, Setting room, & 3 bedrooms on first floor, and 5 or 6 bedrooms on second floor,

When Mrs EC is here she takes first choice of rooms & Mrs MBW second choice =

Please write me on receipt of this. Give my love to Children & Charly = Yours Affectionately

Mary Ann,

E. Cornell

New York & Erie Railroad Company.
Receiver's Office,

New York, October 17th 1859

Mr. E. Cornell
Coshocton.

D Sir,

Yours of the 12th inst. addressed to Mr. Marsh has been received -

Mr. Marsh is absent and will be for 3 or 4 days, but I have called the attention of the Asst. Treasurer to your communication and presume your Draft will be duly honored.

Respectfully Yours
John Hilton.

Coshocton O. Oct 17. 59

My Dear Mary Ann

I have written to A.B.C enclosing some notes for him and Frank to endorse to renew some coming due at the Tompkins Co. Bank. Which I direct to you fearing he may not be at home.

If he is not at home you may take out the lower note that is Endorsed by me for E.B.Cornell to Sign. and let Frank endorse it below my name when it will be ready to send to the Bank which E.B.C can attend to. you can let him have the money to pay discount if he has not got it. about $3.50 The other two notes you will have to forward to A.B. Cornell for his endorsement and when returned let Frank endorse them and hand them to Phil. Partenheimer, who will date them the day the others are due =

If A.B.C is in N.Y you will have no time to loose. Send them by first male, and Telegraph him to look out for letters sent by such a mail-

If A.B.C is at home he will attend to all

Yours Affectionately
E. Cornell

Mary Ann

P.S. We have a rainy Monday morning
Tell Emma & Charley that I have 3 or 4 Bus black Walnuts & Butternuts that I will let them crack if they will come out and see me next winter-

Illinois and Mississippi Telegraph Company.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Ottawa, Ill. Oct 18th 1859

E. Cornell Esq
Coshocton Ohio

Dear Sir

On my return from N.Y. I found your note of 6 inst enquiring about old balance. It is true as you say that there was a balance in Treasury belonging exclusively to Shareholders before the issue of the Stock for J. D. Caton lines and I have had an eye to its ultimate division. For this purpose I have strictly kept up the distinction between first & second dividends. Occasionally I receive application for 1st Divd. as there are considerable amounts yet unclaimed. These with the "Old Debt a/c" purposely kept distinct also, will reduce the bal. you mention. That is 1st Dividends & Old Debts must come out of Treasury balance as it was Nov 1st 1856. But besides this, as the claim & suit of the Patentees has been bought out, a question arises about its equitable apportionment to be considered at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

Yours Respectfully
Wm P Bassnett Sec'y

Western Union Telegraph Co.
SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y., Oct 18 1859

E Cornell Esq
Sir

On my return from N.Y after a long & most annoying siege of over two weeks, I found your letter of the 3d Instant; and after despatching other indispensable matters I take up yours.

I can sell one of your $1000 Scrips for $700 with Interest on that Sum from the 21st of August last – in other words, making it equal to $700 cash immediately after the payment of the August Int. If this offer is accepted, you must answer promptly as the party will not hold his money

The great eastern negotiation is not definitively closed, but I think it will be. But I will not count chickens before they are hatched, ~~and~~ consider this business concluded till the paper executed & exchanged.

Our contributions to effect this arrangement amount to absolutely 67.152
of which over $14.000 is cash
contingent contributions from $6000 to 30.750
of which over $20.000 is to be cash

Besides this we have to pay $22.000 for St Louis & Mo. River Stock

We shall therefore hardly be in a condition to buy in any of our Scrip till the smoke of this last conflict is cleared off & we can see precisely how we stand. I am in favor of keeping regular semi annual dividends —

Smith is awfully savage upon you. He would not listen to any terms of settling with you short of $50.000 in cash. He talked a good deal about the proofs against you derived from your Correspondence.

Why does not Wood send on the Books & Papers of the Erie & Mich Tel Co. as ~~he~~ you promised he should. It ought to be done without delay. I cannot manage the multifarious duties of my position unless Every thing is done promptly & in season.

Does coal oil go as "Sleek as grease". Better stick Smith with some of your Coal Stock or speedily make money enough to satisfy his greed

Resp'y Yrs

I R Elwood

I. R. Elwood
Oct 18, 1857

Coshocton Oct 18. 1859

Dear Sir

I wish you would send me two dozen of C. P. Lindley's Agt - No 36. Beekman St No 1 Coal oil lamps, with 1 doz Extra chimneys = The bill $12 or $15, I will remit for soon as I get in funds which I trust will not be long hence,

We shall fire up our retorts next week for making crude Oil, and we are now setting the Still, for the refinery, which will be ready by week after next to refine the oil, I expect to have capacity to make about 1000 Gal finished oil per week,

My works will not exceed the estimate I made of $5,000 = but we have done much other work chargable to other acct, and have material on hand for future use = to witt, Opening pits and Mining a/c over Construction a/c about $700, and we have $100. worth fire bricks more that we use this fall, a lucky purchase as they have advanced in price $5, per 1000 since I bought them, I have $75, of iron pipe on hand more than wanted at present, $25, Chemicals for refining - A new Kiln of common bricks of 175,000, just finished at $3,50 per 1000, on which I have pd $75, and sundry small items which we have pd out of Construction fund, Making us short, just now, but we hope soon to lessen expenses and enlarge our resources,

We have driven the old west Opening, 110 feet further in than it was when I came here, and coal remains about the same, good quality & 3½ feet thick, The East opening we have driven in

100 feet, Coal good but thickness of vain does not improve, is about 2 feet = North opening (or Old Wheeler Opening) we have driven in 100 feet vain 3½ thick and Coal superb, purest of any in neighbourhood = We have also made a new opening, South of first one, that we have driven in 66 with prospects of 3½ feet first quality of Coal, we must have about 1000 tons Coal out, and entries all in fine working condition,

The Old Saw Mill frame I worked into, Refinery and Store House, making 2 buildings of it,

The bording house frame we have overhalled out to pieces, added to and enlarged, till we shall get a first Class for this country 2 story dwelling of it, it will cost when finished at least $500, and may be as high as $700, but it will accomodate a large family, we have put a good cellar under it, have Kitchen, buttry = dining room, Setting room & 3 bedrooms on 1st floor, and 6 bedrooms on second floor, The Old Wheeler log house, we have put a new roof on, and added Kitchen & bedroom making it good as new, better than it ever was before, and we have new roofed another of the Old log houses & renovated it through out, so we begin to be comfortable for room, These jobs has used up money pretty fast, so that really I am getting my Oil works up at less cost than I expected, as my estimate did not cover cost of dwellings =

Please send the lamps by Express Adams & Co have an Office at Coshocton,

Address letters to me at "Coshocton O"

We have an other works in progress of erection on our property, to whom I agree to sell coal at 10¢ per ton, they mining it at their own expense will use 10 tons per day =

Yours Respectfully,
E. Cornell

G. F. Chester Esq

Western Union Telegraph Co.
SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Rochester, N. Y., Oct. 19 1859

E. Cornell Esq
Sir,

You seem to have overlooked the fact that Bonds No 27 & 28 were hypothecated in my hands for $250 to the Tel. Co. But presuming you will substitute something else, I give them up.

I wrote you yesterday about N.Y. affairs &c &c

My friend takes the two Bonds or Scrips on the same terms he offered to take one yesterday —— $1400.
Int. from 21 Augt. 59, nearly 2 mo. Mo say 15
1415
I send you herewith (circulate) $500
I send to your wife Mrs Mary Ann Cornell a dft on N.Y. and no charge for Exchange } 400 900
Balance to be sent to Mrs Mary Ann Cornell, Ithaca by Nov 6/59 less exchange or in any other way you may direct } $515

This is some better than Potters offer

Yrs I. R. Elwood

I. R. Elwood
Oct. 19. 59
Sale of 2 Bonds

Utica Oct. 20/59

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

Yours of 17th inst. is just rec'd.

On my return home from Agl. Society at Ithica, I had made a Copy of My Address, and mailed the same to you at Ithica, & to Secretary of the Society; so that in case of your absence, he, or some member of your family would receive it.

If that Copy miscarried & did not reach Ithica, I will have another copy made, upon hearing from you again on the subject.

Respectfully Yours &c

E. J. Richardson

Coshocton Oct 21, 1859

My Dear Mary Ann

Your esteemed favor came to hand this P.M. for which I am heartily obleiged for I have been lonesome and "enamost" homesick I am sorry to learn of the illness of so many of you, but am encouraged by your P.S to hope that you are better ere this.

I have been very well since I left home good appetite, and plenty to eat, but "Mother" didnt do the Cooking -

Your Suggestions respecting Brown as the right man for us here may be correct, I have more confidence in your opinion on such subjects than in all other women I Know of, please keep an eye to the subject and find out if his wife & Girls are good Cooks, industrious and Economical, If so this place would be a little fortune for them. I hope to get them so fixed here that they Can make oil, and manage the property successfully without me, and then I shall not abide here much of the time 'tho an Angel should do the Cooking—

I had not heard of Julias boy I am glad, to hear such good news, as I suppose it will satisfy all hands, Pa, Ma - G-Ma. Uncles, Aunts Brothers, Sisters, friends + neighbors All! All!! All!!! =

Normans family improvement I had heard of, and of Otis's =

I am glad to hear of Cora's progress I hope she will get so, as to be able to ride two Sylvia's_ both at a time if needs be, to improve her health.

Uncle M.B- ~~left~~ for Mich last Sunday, He will be gone a week or ten days longer, he does not expect to bring Phebe out with him, though he thinks she may spend part of the winter here=

He may bring Orson with him to teach our School, thinking it would be easyer to manage him here than at home, Edgar is still in Telegraph Office at Huntington Ia, and earning his own living = Arlina will attend school, till next summer hoping to get a Diploma, then;

I predict that when Phebe gets here, she will stay just so long- If she stays any longer, "in this horrible place", I shall be disappointed=

We have got our Kiln of brick burnt (140,000) and got one of our Stills set and another underway, with good wether next week we will have all three set, I think I shall fire up the retorts monday or tuesday. I could have fired them a month ago, but did not wish to accumulate

crude oil, as we have no shore
Storage, and barrels containing it are
unfit for finished oil & are thus
wasted = Our new house will be
enclosed by monday night if it
dont rain, our RR is nearly done
from coal openings to retorts, and
we begin to look like business here
I shall make more show in the
two weeks that M. B. is absent than
he did in the 4 weeks of my absence
I judge by A,B,C's letter that he
Enjoyed the Fair, I am glad he did,
and I am glad he served on my
committee, as it gave him a good
opertunity to form acquaintances =
I got the Country Gent last eve. the
first I heard about Fair = I see that
Pegs bull, that the Duke win the
purse from last year, took it this year
Please write on recpt of this —

Affectionately yours
E Cornell

P. S.

P.S. I am out of paper and had to use our fellow
"Osterns". fancy note —