Pine River Nov 28. 1859

Dear Brother,

I have recved yours of Nov 15 your letter to Deborah came safe. We shall make out verry comfortable for Bots and clothing and provisions, and was in hops of raising sonthing to sell to hire help to lay 12 acres that I have got ready for logging to put in to spring wheat, corn, Barly and Potatoes but I guess I shall have to let it lay until another year, and make by that time I shall be abe gett help and clear it for wheat next fall, I would sowe it to grass seed among the logs it would make pasture and keep back some of the foulstuff that starts on newly burned land, but I lack some seed to seed 12 acres more then I have got. I did not sowe any winter wheat. I could not gett help in time last fall consequentty I have now bread growing that makes me more anshious to log to put in a little spring wheat, I expect to have some thing (7 or 8 dollars) sowed by the town treasuer for taxes as I have raise but two and half dollars and the money part will be about. I have a commissioners order of $19.80 but I understand the the treasurer wount take best about half orders, to sell my stock or buy go for one ½ its value would

almost make me feal like taking the bider by the throat, but that would make a bad matter worse. I dont know what makes taxes so high (my taxes are 15 dollars) our town officeirs are all Republicans, it may be past indebtedness of the athors party, the count will give a large majority next fall in favor of Republicans measures, as they are already organ izeing a county Republican club at the Centers I have just been selling James my half of the old cattle open, they ~~were~~ nearly twelve age ars old. and rather thin in flesh, he gives me a pair of steers two & three years old, I have a pair of 3½ years old steers that I am a going to break to the yoke this winter, that will do my work. hay is already worth 10 dollars per ton, and prospect of its being more the old open would eat 5 tons of hay and a 100 buchels of bagyes. they would eat the two carcuses up as the saying goes. The Country Gent, & Thaw Journal are two Verry interesting papers. and contain valueble reading, much obliged for the stamps an account of your asperatus for making oil would be interesting to us when you write again what is the wholesale price of the oil per galon, dont withhold your hand so long, write often. Yours Respectfully E. S. Cornell

E. Cornell

E. S. Cornell
Jan 28, 1879

Portland Nov. 29./87

Dear Li

This evening I received through my local council in N.Y. the letter from Mr Choate, as follows, in reply to my suit ag[ainst] you -

"We shall insist on the hearing of this case when reached on the calendar at Brattleboro, Vermont."

Signed Geo F. Choate,
Depty Atty"

My counsel writes me from Brattleboro this evening as the first Monday -

I shall start for N. York on Wednesday morning next, to meet this

notice, & shall in
turn wait on dis-
posing of the case -
If you desire to
indulge any effort
at amicable arrange-
ment, please write me
in N. Y. as early as
may be after the receipt
of this -

I have nothing yet
by telegraph or from
about the Bankers -

yours as heretofore
F. J. Merrill

E. Corwell Esq
Utica
N. Y.

The Louisville. New Albany & Chicago R.R.
President's office
New Albany Nov 30. 1869.

A. Stager
Agent W. U Tel Co
Dear Sir

I enclose a copy of the letter rec'd from S. C. Wilson Esq. He is of the firm of Wilson & McDonald (McDonald is Atty. Gen. of this State) The letter speaks for itself - Crawfordsville is one of the best towns on our line, and have always been noted for their liberality in public enterprises and when we first started our subscription for the telegraph we supposed of course that Crawfordsville would make up the amount at once - But we could not get a Dollar, they told their grievances and unitedly determined not to subscribe a Dollar - and they never have - I offered to take their stock in the old Tel Co at one $\frac{50}{100}$ dolls per share - But they would not do it at that price - The truth is they feel quite bitter at their alleged abuse &c &c - I went there some two months ago, but found that state of feeling & that it was useless to try to get any subscription -

Wm Wilson then told me that he should enjoin the company - and since then I have heard nothing of it until the receipt of this letter

It is an important station & we should like to put an instrument & establish an office there But we want them before they put an office there to pay what they ought to -

What had we better do in this matter I could undoubtedly make some compromise with them & get the Books &c & stock assigned to you on some terms -

Let me hear from you on this subject -

Yours &
D. A. Noble

(Copy.)

(copy)

Crawfordsville Nov 26th 59.

Hon. D. A. Noble.
Manager of L. N. A. & C. R. R.
New Albany Ind

Dr Sir

I observe that a tele-graph line is being constructed along the line of your road, & I wish to enquire of you who is pulling up the line, & by what authority, the reason for the enquiry is that myself & fellow townsmen subscribed some $2500. of stock in the Ohio Indiana & Illinois Tel. Company - The company was duly organised and I was for several years the president of that Company, at the last regular meeting of the stockholders; the Directors were reduced to three & Jno W. ~~&~~ Wright of Logansport Simon Barbor of Indianapolis & myself were elected Directors - Mr Barbor was elected President of the Board. I was chosen Treasurer & Secretary of the Board, at our first meeting after election we were talking of leasing the lines to some other Company - We appointed a committee consisting of Robt E. Bryant, Douglass, McGuire & Barbor to lease the lines under certain restrictions named in the resolution raising the committee - Mr Barbor I understood leased the lines to a man by the name of Cornell

The other members of the committee informed me that they were not consulted & if they had been never would have sanctioned the lease as drawn & signed by Barbor - The Board of Directors never sanctioned the leasing of the lines to Cornell by Barbor. nor was the lease in accordance with the restrictions in the resolution but a palpable violation of the order of the Board Cornell took possession of the lines under the pretended lease from Barbor (for it was nothing but a pretence) and in that way passed out of the hands of the company

To that day to this there never has been a legal meeting of the Stockholders of said Company — I have understood that you were putting up the line by permission or under the direction of some persons or corporation in New York — If you are you have no title or right in the premises — If you will consult the deed of Mr O'Reilly to the Ohio Indiana & Illinois Tel Co you will find he has conveyed to us the right to the lines then erected & to all the territory you are going to occupy upon the same conditions & stipulations the lines then erected were built — I have now in my possession the books & records of the Ohio Indiana & Ill Tel Co & there could be no legal meeting of the Stockholders of the Co except upon the publication of notices by the Secretary in the several newspapers ~~specifying~~ specified in the By Laws of the Co I therefore say that I am yet one of the Directors of the Co, that I am the treasurer & secretary of the Co that no legal election has ever been had since Wright, Barber & myself were elected — That Cordell got no valid lease of the lines, that the men who have been engaged in taking away our wire & the instruments - we intend to hold to account for them —

We have been badly treated & we are disposed to submit to it no longer — We feel that we have been wronged & we are determined that our rights shall be respected — If you or those you represent in putting up this line on your road will settle with our stockholders upon any thing like ~~a~~ fair terms I have no doubt you can compromise the matter. If you persist in going on with the Tel line I shall be forced to file a Bill to enjoin your further occupation of our territory & for the wire & instruments we had when Cordell took the lines about one thousand miles of wire & instruments at all the stations

The facts you will find all true by a correspondence or talk with your Agent Mr R E Bryant of Lafayette who as before remarked was one of the committee

If you will call on me I will show you the resolution of the Board raising the Committee on the subject of leasing. I will also shew you the By laws of the Co to shew you there has been no legal meeting of the stockholders since & that the corporation is not dead, for the Directors were to hold there office for one year & until their successors were duly elected - If a meeting was ever called, I have no knowledge of it - I had all the Books of the Co except the stock certificate Book which was left with the Prest Barber - I hope you will consult with those who are acting with you & let me know if you feel like compromising the matter upon any ~~terms~~ thing like fair terms - There is due me several years salary as treasurer which was fixed at $1,50. a year but as I have not had any money to keep for some time I shall say nothing about the pay except for one year

Very Respectfully
(signed)
L. C. Wilson

Spencerville Oct 2nd 1839

Mr E Cornell

Dear Sir

I wrote you the 19th ultimo in relation to a Berkshire boar but hearing nothing from you I conclude the letter must have been mislaid or miscarried — so I write again upon the same subject — I want to purchase a Berkshire boar that is fit for service at the present time — and knowing that you deal somewhat in that breed of swine I address you to know if you have one to sell — I want a that

is capable of serving from 50 to 100 sows

If you have one to spare please state the age, color and price — If I purchase I shall want a little time.

I shall be very much obliged if you will answer this by return of mail as I wish to look elsewhere if I do not succeed in getting one of you

Very Respectfully Yours

Daniel Hunt

Coshocton O. Dec 4, 1859

My Dear Mary Ann

We reached here last eve and found all well, and having a snow & sleet storm, Unpleasant because we have not got fully prepared for foul weather,

During my absence, they got along, as well perhaps, as I could expect, but not as well as if I had been here, they kept the rigs going all the time, and got out 15 or 1600 Gal Crude Oil and one or two batches partly finished

I guess we will make it go after a while = A.B.C came on to Cleveland while I stopped over a day to Painesville, when I found the can of Oil I left there on my way home, had been fully tested

with I word of other Ails, and all pronounce ours superior to any they have seen or tried,

A letter from Deborah to Phebe states that Irving ran away they did not know where he had gone to &c. &c. She was very uneasy about him but will doubtless feel better when she learns that he is at Albion and is provided for, to be made comfortable, and go to School,

We have the lower part of the house plastered first coats and ready for second coat when this storm gives place to pleasant weather.

Phebe gets along quite comfortable and if Sabra could get an appointment from some Missionary Society, over to Heathens of this secluded part of the world, she might open a fruitful field of labor. =

I dont know how Alonzo like it. I see he has written to Elen and perhaps has explained that point.

Tell Frank to keep an Eye upon Bright Eyes, and see that she is milked clean till her calf gets old enough to suck her clean: and to keep up the Cherry tea for those Coughing Cows, omitting a few days then renewing it again, and to attend to Killing the lice on the other Cattle during warm days when the treatment wont chill them with Cold =

Yours Affectionately

E. Cowell

Mary Ann

Coshocton O. Dec 4. 59

Dear Sir

The lamps you ordered for me, via Adams & Co Express came to hand with four broken ones, attributable to the imperfect packing of them, Whether we are entitled to any deduction for such brakage or not, the Shippers will decide

Another difficulty is that the tops or burners do not all fit the lamps. the screw in the lamp is of different sizes half a dozen of the lamps had their small screws, so the burner will not fit them this rendering them useless. I want 1/2 dozen burners that

will fit the small sized lamps, the lamps are all the same Style & Size, in the Glass part of it, the diffirence being in the ~~glass~~ brass Cap that is cemented to the Glass in which the Screw is toped. this female Screw is a Size to small to receive the male screw of the burner.

With the above discription the Manufacturers will know what I want.

I wish also you would Send me, two dozen more lamps. Say 1/2 doz No 1, and 1/2 doz No 2 = with a few Extra Chimnys for Each, and wicks for Each, a doz paper Shades, with the brass holders for same. ~~1/2 doz Snuffers~~

Every lamp I can Sell here will make a demand for oil and we shall get more for what we can Sell at the works, than our whole Sale price, and shall Sell at low price too. We Sell now at $1. per gal, Shall have to Sell at 75 or 80 ct, by Bbl = We have refined our batch of Oil. our first batch, was a Success. I Sent a can full to Ithaca & one to Painsville at Each place it was tested in competition with N.Y Kerosine, and with best Western Oils, and given the preference over either, for burning quality and appearance. We have several hundred gals in process of refining, and shall Send a bbl to N.Y to be distributed among Stockholders

as a sample in few days as soon as I can fill a few small orders =

We cannot make as much oil with our works, as it was represented they would do. all works here have been over-rated in capacity.

We can make about 300 gal per week finished, burning oil, and have say 200 gal per week heavy, Lubricating & Paraffine oil. As to the fact of our making oil, I can assure you that We can make as good an oil as the best in market, without buying, or hiring any Chemical assistance or paying for any bodies secret. Clark said he got no oil that he could burn, the first year after starting his works, and he employed & sent 8 Chemists to Darlington before he got one that succeeded in making oil, I have no such experience to contend with, I shall soon send you the

Hagen Blatchford & Connell

can judge by Security

oil without Coal

Burlington Iowa Dec 5 1859

E Connell Esq

Dear Sir

Your letter of Oct 13th 1859 has been duly rec'd through the hands of Mr John F Foote & have not been to Ottowa but am satisfied that the stockholders in the Telegraph Company have rights which the recent action of the company under the direction of Judge Caton have been wholly disregarded. I am of the opinion that Caton aims to control all Telegraph lines in the State of Illinois for his own use and benefit without any regard to the rights of the other stockholders & think he is appropriating the moneys of the company for his own aggrandizement and profit & think some legal proceeding should be taken at once to prevent the extension of lines without the consent of the stockholders and compel a distribution of dividends & have

no doubt of our success in such a suit and I will Commence the same ~~Soon~~ when you decide it necessary for you and the other Stockholders

Yours Truly
Hedley W Starr

P.O. J. Smith
Dec 6. 1859

Portland Dec. 6/59

Dear Sir

I returned home last Saturday, & found your letter of the 29th ult & intending have both Mr Craig has not yet got along -

If I had been as sure reputing to ascertain hardy color of the Durhams as you make me, I should have purchased in Portland White Bull last fall - for he was very tidy & handsome -

I shall be glad of the Durham Bull in the Spring, for he proves worthy of his present promise -

I am putting up

my home in Indiana-
bay, to move most
of the wants there, where
I have already moved
my family -

The consolidation
scheme has been launch-
ed - and it addresses
to the public wants &
tastes in its manage-
ment, cannot but pro-
a success to the Stock-
holders. But it offers
up a tempting margin
to outsiders, a harbor
opportunity by sending
Operators in the public,
I am of the opinion
Stock, which I have mis-
formerly offered to them,
they will be glad into
closes & the enterprise
will keep up only the re-
apents of its services -
I am pained some mis-
takes have been already
initiated, & not mea-
sures into their ad-
ministration - The ori-
ginal of the Pioneer News
is being enlarged at, and
many others, absolutely
betrayed by the complexi-
ty of some of the new
managers. Should the
hour be, it will be disas-
trous, & a 12 months will
shoot up hard & fast stones
to the grave of the new

American Company.

My motives condemn
with my interest for
its prosperity. But I
do not design to be offensive
in any way; to lessen
my responsibility of its
future if it must come.

In my suit with you, the
whole issue is narrowed
down to the N.Y. & Sac. & P. R. R. Co.
M. claims. This will
simplify its merits &
will enable us to adjust it between
ourselves. As for Charter, his
interest is to discover both. A
mere consummate rascal
in the prosperity I have not
had the misfortune of meet-

Chicago Ill. Dec 6 1859

Ezra Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

I was very glad to receive your letter of 28th ult. its contents I thought were in accordance with the lease of 1856. signed by yourself Curtis Huntington & others (the majority of the Stockholders) to the Directors for them to lease and surrender the O & M Tel Co lines instruments & chattle privileges (99 years) to the Western Union Telegraph Co for the yearly rent of $7400. in two sums of $1200 semi annually commencing 1 Nov 1858

When you & myself of the Com[e] appointed at the Stockholders Meeting March 1853 in Indianapolis In[a] to negotiate the Stock & the then supposed the Co was quite or nearly free from debt. And at the end of your five years lease the line was delivered unembarrassed to the Western Union Co. in good working order. Subsequently I have been informed that there were some old claims of 9 or ten Summond dollars which have been settled by the M & O Tel Co (the nature of the debt I have not been informed

leaving some back earnings to be paid to the stockholders. You are better informed of the old unfortunate O.P.I. Co & know better than I do of its present & future valuation. My interest has depreciated so much that I have remained quiet of late. If it is from you I have had most of my information and confidence in what you say in the matter of my 200 Shares

I will now ask you to make me an offer for my 200 shares of O.P.I. and also for my 7 Cu. of Stock Mr.

Your earliest response to this question will very much oblige my present necessities

Yours Truly ~~Early attention~~
Sam'l Stone
Box 1208

We would like any State Documents of N.Y. State published before 1830. Especially the Senate Laws We very much want the Scientific Reports of N.Y. State

The agriculture reports of '51 & 53. We have. '57 & '58 we have not. Any County or town history of N.Y. would be valuable: also old pamphlets relating to N.Y. State

To express two of N.Y. agriculture books to the city would cost us about $1.00. If you could make up a package of Seminal books at your convenience this Winter & forward by rail subject to common charges shall do so. Scarcity compells us economize The Mss.r & Ill agricul.E reports I will lay aside for you.

S. Stone

Pittsburgh Decr 6 1859

M E Cornell

Coshocton O

Dear Sir

We have a Claim of Sixty Eight 75/100 Dlls standing against you on our Books which we would like very much to have Settled. The account belongs to the old firm and if not Settled soon will be Sued on. Your attention to the matter will much oblige

Yours Respectfully

J M Keer & Co

pr R Wallace

Dr cr 12, Aug 2, would pay from 1st to Middle Feb = 1 mo bill item

Rome Dec 11th 1859

My Dear Brother

I have hitherto answering your letter of Oct 7th much longer than I intended when it was received but I presume you are aware that the duties of housekeeping are impressive. Father and Mother Finch have gone to Albion to live this winter, which leaves the whole care upon me. My girl leaves tonight; I thought if I did not embrace the present opportunity of writing, I might not have another very soon. We have hired a sick man to take care of for a week, Lewis, a fellow who has been grubbing for James. He is so convening now slowly. In answer to your inquiry of how I get along housekeeping, there is

nothing there particularly bothers me but burning candles. There is something I never have done, and do not much care to learn to do. I have been trying to persuade James that we could afford to burn coal oil for a steady light, if we could get it by the whole or half bbl at your wholesale price, it would certainly come much cheaper than we could get it here by the single gal. There has a number of our friends, since they went take off ours, where we did not want. Please let us know how you can afford it, and about how you think the freight would be on the quantity I mentioned. We have the finest season this year of wheat which yielded twenty bushels per acre. James thinks the frost in June destroyed full 1/8 of the crop. 1000 bushels corn from twenty acres, the frost and drought injured the crop very much, have about

Give my respects to Aunt & Phebe. Tell her I am awaiting patiently for an answer to my letter. "Husband wants his respects to all." Love from James

one hundred & twenty five bushels potatoes of an excellent quality, got in last fall eight acres wheat, James is planting twenty nine head of cattle, putting four for market, six horses, twenty three hogs, one hundred and fifty sheep I believe comprise the stock, so you see there is plenty of chores to do. Uncle John Robertson took dinner with us yesterday. He expects to start for Dryden in about a week. He walked down, his health is very good indeed. Mary told me last night, she had received a letter from you - that you were about leaving home for Ohio, so I will direct to your there, Tell Phebe Caroline & myself were all the afternoon yesterday making three calls, getting our fashionable call on the ladies all inquire for her.—

Please write me at your earliest convenience I am always very glad to hear from you and do not forget the Ithaca news—

Utica December 12th/59

E. Carroll Esq

Dear Sir

Your favor of Oct. 5th/59 Commencing to hand Contents Noticed, and from what I can make out of it. You are not Set any thing Very Satisfactory, Evelyn Colton Seems to Carry Matters too Many Guns for his Eastern Friends, and has Every thing his own Way.

What I took pen in hand for Was to say to you that on the first of January 60. I shall be Broke in Want of Money. I hope you will Find it Convient to help me to the small Balance Due Me at that time.

Dont know as you can make this out, but if Not, Call here Some time on your Way East & visit Terrible.

Yours Truly. V. J. Colton

Cornelian Oil Works
Coshocton O. Dec 12, 59

Gent

I have drawn on you this day at 10 days sight in favor of E. Bourne & Bro Pittsburgh for $78.00 to pay a bill, that I could no longer defer, I hope you will find it convenient to pay it, and inform me a little in advance of when you will want the money so paid to you and I will attend to it=

We are progressing slowly but are improving on our first start= We have made 3,000 Gal Crude Oil = finished but little say 200 Gals. =

I ran off a still full 600 gal. last friday & Saturday first distillation, that gave us 380 Gal Oil that averaged 33° density, 194 Gal Paraffine Oil, very handsome but a pitchy residuum. = say
63 per ct Oil
32 " " Paraffine
5 " " Valuable matter =
100 =

We have the still fired again with 600 gal. and shall note the result, to see if former result is sustained,

We are annoyed a little to get chemicals that we can rely on, but hope to overcome that difficulty soon =

I shall send you a statement of what we have done. up to the 1st Jan next =

Shall send samples of Oil soon, as we can dispose of a few small orders =

I am satisfied we shall improve materially yet in our Operations, so. I am not yet prepared to state what can be done =

I wrote for more tools but have not heard from them yet =

We are dirty and ragged out here, but not discouraged, good health & plenty of hard, dirty, disagreable work =

Yours Respectfully
E. Connell

Messrs E. M. & G. A. Chase
Esq

Burlington Iowa
Dec 14 /59

E Cornell Esq
Coshocton Ohio

Dear Sir — Mr John D Foote of this place — handed me your letter to him of Oct 10th sometime since, with sundry papers shewing the doings of Judge Eaton & Co in relation to the Telegraph. The whole proceedings seem to me illegal & void, and also I believe they may be ousted of their offices and an injunction obtained to prevent the mis application of funds.

I am going east for my family and may be gone a month. If

desire immediate action I recommend you to employ David Hough Esq of La Salle Ill.: with whom I can act if you desire me to do so.

Yours Respectfully
Henry W Starr

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

New York, Albany & Buffalo Electro-Magnetic Telegraph Co.

UTICA, N. Y. December 1859

W. C. Cornell in a/c with

The New York, Alby & Buff.o Em Tel. Co

Dr.

1858			
July 30	To Bal. a/c rendered to date		3.803. 00
"	" Int. to 29 Jany 1859		133. 11
"	" " to 29 July —		133. 11
"	" " to 9 Dec. —		97. 00
"	" " allowed the Erie RR Co's proportion on Dft $750.		8. 75
"	" " to 31 Dec 1859		14. 44
			$4.189. 41
Dec 9	By Dft on Erie R. R. Co		750. 00
	Bal. due 31 Dec. 1859		$3.439. 41

Utica 16 Dec 1859

D.r Sir.

On the 9th inst. we procured the acceptance of your Dft by the Erie Co and have passed the amount $750. to your credit as you will

See in foregoing A/c. We had to allow them $8.25 for the maturing of your note which we charge you, and, as we charge you nothing in any overdue interest, you will not object.

I have made up the A/c to 31 Dec.r instant, shewing a balance due to that day of $3439.41. We have some heavy payments to make in January next & shall have to rely on your helping us to that amount, or if not the whole, to as large a portion of it as you possibly can send soon after the 1st. Inst.

Yours respectfully

C. Lattimore

Staten Island Dec 17th 1859.

Dear Sir

In consideration of my position I think you will excuse me for troubling you again, Since writing you last. It was suggested by a friend one of the Chiefs that I make an effort to build some fire & police telegraphs at some place where the present men engaged in it have not commenced. I understand they have pretty generally secured the United States Cities. I write A.S. Wood today. in view of making the effort in Canada if no body is yet there. but I presume they are — I also thought of making the effort in Havana. but Chester tells me. a Concern Two in tried it there & lost in the unsuccessfull effort. $5000. or I am so utterly reduced that I feel as if I must do something that will bring me in more than an ordinary salary. The City of N York pay their man here $1000. & I hear they get $5000. in New Orleans & a large amount in many other Cities. They are getting rich out of it. I have got almost discouraged for the worth time, I have sought every where in vain. Sometimes I had reason to be flattered with a hope. but it soon proves a bubble I shall be compelled to go to a Station house myself soon if I cannot get anything to do. but 1st I will go into some Saloon & retail liquor or cigars. I believe I will go today & try Mayor Wood for some position. I have been of the opinion I shall find some good place before long. & thinks of if I could provide for

my living for the present & possibly for say 3 months ahead & could before that time get in a position to take care of myself I warrant you I will make my money go the farthest it can & future & lay up for a day of misfortune. I had resolved in my own mind that I would suffer anything before calling on my friends. but on account of my wife who is now doing all she possibly can to help, & who feels displeased with her brother for not helping me to a place & of his Cavalier way & many circumstances that it will not be proper I suppose to say anything about, makes me prefer to die to going to him. or asking a thing of him. He treats me very respectfully to my face & presumes to attempt to impress me with the idea that he thinks a good deal of me. He is not able I know to do anything for me. He is not even out of debt & has a hard row to hoe to support his very large family. I think if he were able he would set me up. He said to me once last summer that if he had $25000, he would start me in a business that he would insure me wealth — But this may be all talk. I cannot go to him. after hearing from his own lips what I have a few times lately. Not even to ask him to recommend me to any one. So I have not a friend on Earth not one. who will aid me to anything. I must go at what is the most accessible. be it what it may.

Do you suppose you can without injury to yourself help me a few months. a little at a time will do — say $50. now $75. the 1st of Feb to be to me punctually by that day — to pay my life Insurance. for I may not stay long in the land of living men & as I have paid out so much on it it would be a pity that my wife should lose the $4000.00. perhaps by that time I could

get on myself— I will secure the money you let me have from my life Insurance, so that if I die you will not loose it & if I live I am sure I will pay you in the course of a year. Will you reply to me by return mail? I expect to get a little for helping put up the time ball in a week or two. & it is possible I may get a position on that New Jersey Line I spoke to you about if it goes straight, which I somewhat doubt— One of the principal of the Co. tells me they will have the prior right of the use of Nurse's instrument & Houses if Burns' does not go off— That when the Patents were sold they were subject to past Claims & C & C. It may be they are posted & safe but there is a doubt. Don't fail to answer me by your reply what it may— I am so straightened that I am compelled to dispose acts. I have not a dime to even cross the ferry with. I am trying to sell off some books. & other stuff I have to help me to ferry money. Connie has nothing more for me—

Very truly Yours W. P. Reed

Core Inc Horner
21 Wall

E Connell Esq
Coshocton Ohio

New York Dec 20/39

A. B. Connell Esq
Ithaca
Dear Sir

Since is slipping on, and we do not as yet hear from you, I attribute it to your of Sept 4th 1856 of $57.50 and wish that you would show this to Sissi and Randy Suggest that sometimes "patience ceases to be a virtue". We are aware that he can urge some points in mitigation but feel that we should not be the sufferers. Please urge upon him to see the parties interested and come to some understanding with them. We trust that you are well this winter and enjoying as large participation of this world's comforts though not engaged in Speculation. Should be glad to hear from you and yours

Very Truly Yrs
Chas. F. & A. Chester

Hyde East Springfield
Otsego County Dec 21. 1839

T. Cornell Esq.

Dear Sir

I received yours of the 29th November; but absence from home &c has prevented my getting down to answer until now.

I design to get a heifer calf from Rose by Duke Oxford but as soon as that is accomplished, I should like to change bulls. I am anxious therefore that you should keep me posted as to the condition of my cow, and should she prove in calf, and such a heifer, by no means turn her to bull again — Write me once in a while I like to hear from you.

Yours &c

T Cornell

Canadian Oil Works
Coshocton O, Dec 25, 1869

My Dear Mary Ann

"I wish you a merry Christmas" I wish the Children and the Grand Children, all a Merry Christmas and I should be happy if I were with you to help make it merry =

"A merry Christmas" I wish you a merry Christmas sir" = is as far as I have ever before discovered, a universal greeting throughout Christendom, but here in this secluded portion of Ohio heard a change of the Christian greeting, in this wise - "A Christmas Gift Sir" "Christmas Gift" &c It sounded odd to me as many of their frases do, but I suppose

answers the purpose as well as the other, I rather think however it is no imposement it is but a friendly greeting and more of a begging appeal=

I therefore adhere to the good Old Custom and wish you all a Merry Christmas.

I forgot to mention to A.B.C that his Uncle Mart had made a jumper since he left, and that he and aunt P. christened it yesterday in a ride to Church, after the "old Gray Mare" it was a gay turnout the best one of all that attended church, so Aunt P. says= but just as the Jumper came out the snow began to melt, and now our Sleighing is all gone, after a weeks duration of quite tolerable going— the matter has been very pleasant to day, and I hope it may so continue, for sometime to come,

I expected to have been home ere this to look after that suit but up to this time I have had no notice of a ~~case~~ day being fixed upon for trial,

I must try to git away from the Oil long enough to attend Ag meeting at Albany in Feb. and wish your company,

We are laboring under great disadvantages, in our work, owing to the unfinished state of our works, and the severity of the weather prevents our finishing them, I hope however to get out 1000 Gal finished Oil by 1st Jan'y— and a thousand or fifteen hundred Gals in Jan'y which will when sold help to clear up the little debt we have made in getting started—

I hope on the recpt of this you will write me, and before doing so, let Charley take hold of your hand and lead you out to the barn and show you young "Bright Eyes", so you can let me know how she looks and if she is doing well - Emma + Mary can go along too, and Eliz. - now dont neglect it for I want to know how she is getting along -

I dont know what else to write about. so I will close this rambling letter, with again wishing you all a Merry Christmas

Yours Affectionately,

E. Cornell

Mary Ann

Western Union Telegraph Co.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y., Dec 29th 1859

E. Cornell Esq

Sir — I have spoken to Reid about the coal oil. He gets it here now for a $1. It is doubtful whether it would be any object to get so much & distribute it among his neighbors — half of whom would not pay.

I am glad to hear you are in successful operation.

The Telegraph did quite well in Oct & Nov. We divided 2½ per cent. I have payable on the 10th. The dividend ought to have been 2 per cent & no more.

On the 7 Dec I sent you a copy of a letter from A. C. Wilson of Crawfordsville who claims that he & Wm. W. Wright & Simon Barbe are the last regularly elected directors of the O. & L to be — that they hold on and are still the legal directors — and of course any lease or other act performed in the name of that co is void — The New Albany & Salem R.R is building a line under a contract with us & the directors to enjoin them. I asked you for information — I sent [illegible] to Ithaca — I understand Wade sent you copy to Coshocton — Why don't you write to me

of us, and give us light. Some of our Co. had rather than this lease set aside than not. I am not one of that number. It was an awful hard bargain, but I am desposed to stand by it

Yrs

S R Elwood

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Dec 29 62

Copy

New York Dec. 30. 1859.

E Cornell Esq.

Dr Sir

I have a few thousand dollars to invest in the bonds or scrip of our Company, and will take the balance of your bonds at the same price paid you by Messrs Elwood & Potter. If you will send them here to any party or person I will pay the money here if notified immediately by Telegraph that you send them. Please answer me by Tel on receipt of this. I do not want any one to know that I propose to purchase these securities, and I hope you will say nothing to any one on the subject whether you accept or reject the offer. You can state the per cents in the Tel without specifying the thing sold.

Yours Truly

Hiram Sibley.

PS If you write me which I hope you will do direct Care of I Horner 21 Wall St.

HS.

THE MICHIGAN SOUTHERN & NORTHERN INDIANA RAIL ROAD CO.

Treasurers Office New York Dec 30 1857

E. Cornell Esq

Dr Sir

I have a few Thousand dollars to invest in the Bonds or Scrip of our Company And will take the balance of Your Scrip at the same price paid You by Messrs Potts & Elwood

If You will send them here to any party or person I will pay the Money here & notified immediately by Tel that You send them

Please answer me by Tel on receipt of this - I do not want any one to know that I propose to purchase these Securities

and I hope you will say nothing to any one on the subject whether you accept or reject the offer. You can state the percent in the Ill without specifying the thing sold

Yours truly

Hiram Sibley

P.S. If you write me which I hope you will do direct to Care of S. Hanner 21 Nassau St. N.Y.

Proposed Bill Co.

Association to be formed with Capital of $60.000.

Of this 20.000 is subscribed by E. W. Chester for himself being moneys already advanced -

40.000 to be paid in cash by other subscribers. This amount is estimated to be sufficient to secure the lands & to put up the works & get them into full operation. The works to be sufficient to make at least 500 gals oil per day.

Those who advance cash now shall be entitled to receive 15 per cent. on their stock in preference to Mr. Chester's stock - that is their stock shall be preferred to that amount ~~a~~ dividends calculated from the time the money is paid. But the dividends to be allowed from the same time of the advancement of money by them, to Mr. Chester on his stock whenever it can be done, without bringing the dividends on the other stock below 15 per cent.

Or more briefly - Mr. Chester's stock to be made equal in dividends to the other stock before that shall exceed 15 per cent.

It is an object to have Mr. Connel & Mr. Curtis to manage the business, & with their management I am entirely willing to risk the making of 15 per cent - But I would suggest that of the 40.000 to be subscribed 10.000 if they should wish, should be a loan to them

for which in addition to their own responsibility I will agree to be personally liable & all my stock to stand as security.

I mention this because they may or may not find it convenient to advance 10.000 at present, & I deem it of importance to the enterprise that they should have a substantial interest in the business.

My suggestion would be that the Co. get to work trustees hold the property & conduct the business. Afterwards it may be desirable to form a Company with a nominal capital much larger, so that dividences may not seem too large. ~~to~~ That will be for consideration hereafter.

I know so well what can be done in this oil business & have had this coal so well tested, that I am willing to say to those who ~~to~~ come in with us knowingly, that in case of loss, my interest shall go to pay the loss before the interest of the new associates shall be touched.

I want to reserve 5000, if the new parties are willing, to be subscribed here.

Corsicana Oil Works,

Dec 31. 1859

My Dear Mary Ann & Children

As I am at the desk writing a few directions instructing a load of 5 casks of oil we send off this A.M. I will drop you a line informing you that we are all well

Thermometer at Zero this morning at 8 A.M., last night was the first that I have slept cold. I could not keep my knees from chilling last night, they are all right however at the present writing.

We shall have 5 Bbls more ready to ship by Monday =

I have an improved Rock lamp that burns our heavy 30 oil beautifully, it throws

the other lamp & 40 oil
in the shade. I am quite sure
that all the Knapp lamps
will burn heavy oil. I
shall bring home a can
full for your lamps, as they
will please you if they do
as well as I think they
will. I am now convinced
that the Kerosine is to light
for the K lamp: it wants
a heavy oil =

I think I shall send Sawyer
a Bbl of Knapp oil, as
there was many Knapp lamps
sold about Ithaca =

Your Affectionately
in Haste
E Cornell

Mary Ann