

from Peekskill N.Y.

To Smith & Conis

Gentlemen, I will

leave it for you to say whether or no  
we shall have any help in the trial -  
I have been somewhat unwell, & if  
you choose to get assistance, I shall  
be gratified, my Brother will be in  
Cold Spring to day, see him as

46 C.S. 56

Signature Thos Nelson Esq

Scit 11-12-1902  
Forward To Mrs Judge Thomson  
Care Rev W. B. Thomas P.E.  
When do you set out for Niagara  
R. R. Lansing  
7 Feb 20

From Bridgeport To Saint & Hoyt  
Fishkill Village  
We are well - I think of coming up next  
week David Nichols

10-My. 20

Up 25 m.m.  
down 23 p.m. 10 p.m.

3 2  
2 1  
4 1

fr. l.s.  
to Thaddeus Eg Parkman Esq

Dear Sir I wish to

let you know that the Poor Master has been ~~sent~~  
Newburgh to Fullerton and has as I understand ~~got~~  
Suffrenas for John Garrison & Wm Penny 2 Justices ~~of~~  
about 15 others, and I want you to attend to  
this suit for us, and if you want any ~~apostayer~~  
please to answer by Telegraph

Sj Smith & Corry

57 C.W. 67

To Chamber Heiser & Co. Liberty St.  
will D.S. Merriam be on the City to-morrow  
10 CS 10

A. Wright

P.C.S. To Mrs Taylors 22 Cherry St N.Y.  
please to tell Mr Dark  
& Mr Mathews to leave by the Joseph Belknap  
at half past 6 am Thursday

20 C.S. 30

Sig: Charles Carteek

~~Jr~~ C. S.

2 A. Wright 82 Watts St N.Y.

your Mother is dead  
the funeral 10 o'clock to morrow

to C.S. 20

Levi J. Mabie

Buffalo Monday Nov 3. 3.6. P.M.  
Dear Brother

Nine Chms for the  
new relay magnets. I have got all things  
O.K. in the Buffalo Office. I began this  
morning by making the copper plates 3 ft by 4.  
Then I insulated my battery. Next I put  
the current through the wire & back  
through the earth instead of putting it  
into the ground first, i.e. I put the Negative  
pole in connexion with the ground wire.

Then let on the steam & it was off  
strong enough. I have had both of them  
in & they appear to work well.

I shall go to & to-morrow morning &  
about next day you may look out  
(if we feel as well as we now do) for  
something of a noise. We will at  
least let the editors know what we  
are about. G writes very well on the  
long circuit. I will have him to say  
the rest.

Yours sincerely O. S. Good

Mr. D. S. Miller  
Laramie  
Wyo

3/22/88  
D.S. Miller

Fitts & Co.

6 Cornell,

Your despatch rec'd  
we intend to comply  
strictly & literally  
with the contract my  
sum paid other lines  
would of course be  
a legitimate charge  
the repairs & stationery  
may be explained I  
will have the matter

investigated & made  
right if it is not so.

J. K. Moorehead  
Fresh

Dear Sir, As I am about  
to leave home to-morrow  
for some time, I write  
these few lines to  
mention that I would  
be obliged by you addressing  
any communication  
you may have to  
make to me to my  
friend W. W. C. Johnson

of Miss G. G.  
who I will request  
to open your letters  
and forward them to  
me if necessary  
Yours very truly  
W. Chapman

39 Broadway H. G.  
date Aug<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup>

Dr. Linn

I see from your com., you  
don't want an inside berth at  
the price - I have no idea what  
it will be possible to settle with  
Smith ourselves - The only way  
we can ever settle it, will be  
by arbitration - Let him select  
one man, and we one, and  
the two select a third man  
& leave all our matters to  
them - There can be ten  
thousand dollars a year saved  
and made by uniting the lines  
from Bee here, more than both  
lines can make as they now  
are! but if we are to give  
Smith all the stock, as he will  
demand, it is of little consequence  
to us whether there is money made  
on the lines uniting or not.

If you should see Smith,  
urge him to have the meeting  
at Rochester or Buffalo - I can't

Scheel

get money enough before spring  
to go to Washington - I borrowed  
\$500 of Livingston & Farns last  
July, and agreed to pay it 1<sup>st</sup>  
Dec: but could not do it -  
They extended it 30 days, &  
I can't pay more than half  
if even that much, when  
the renewed note is due -  
We owe balance for caps at  
end of \$585 - due 28 Nov -  
~~paid \$500 and got a renewal~~  
~~for 60 days for the balance;~~  
~~but can't pay that when~~  
~~due - In the winter we show~~  
~~a "beggarly account of empty~~  
~~bones" - Wades' lines do not give~~  
~~us a much as they did - I expect~~  
~~more from St. O line in the winter than~~  
~~summer; but don't get it - don't~~  
~~hear from St. O's yet - That does~~  
~~hang fire beyond all expectation -~~  
~~I will keep you advised if I hear from~~  
~~Smith again~~ Yours truly J. J. Scheel

Ezra Cornell, Ithaca, N.Y.

Dummers Bill for glass one hundred  
& four dollars, twenty cents.

E.W.Chester.

D.H.

~~✓~~  
They want the money before  
shipping - They are ready to ship.  
I was about to send this by Telegraph  
but Mr. Johnson is going directly home so  
I send by him - E.W.C.

to C Cornell

It is an outrage to get  
sh coms fr u as these dues  
I need not expt any thing  
ever, When I see fit I may  
give you a very few dollars  
~~1000~~ Yours wi close respect

W P Pen

to T. S., I will pay Cornell all  
that is due him, to wit, "a little  
Discount" as soon as I can find amount  
Penn.

Mr Cornell  
Sir

~~My~~ Belovt Son  
as written you a few lines  
he is very anxious to obtain  
a know ledge of the Tele-  
graph business I do hope  
you will enable him to  
do so he used to write  
well but as been for some  
time out of practice  
his style of writing may  
not suit you altho many  
like it however I must  
leave the present applica-  
tion to your considera-  
tion trusting you will

do what you can for him  
William appears to be  
doing well may he con-  
tinue to merit your  
approbation

I am Sir

yours most respectfully  
Sarah Webb

Wednesday Morning  
Feby 27<sup>th</sup>

My dear Sir

The communication upon the other page  
I have written under the direction of the Directors.

I think you had better write at length all  
the various uses that the money will be required for, debts  
&c. I am aware of the opinion that it will be impossible  
to move than raise sufficient to pay the fair cost of  
reconstruction, and the northern company must wait  
for the revenue of the office to pay the indebtedness  
of the line. The Directors also feel the necessity  
of acting very cautiously in their transactions, fearful  
of incurring the censure of the stockholders.

I am in hope we shall be able to get  
the line under operation very soon as much business  
would be done upon it at this time - during the building  
of the Railroad. I am

Very Truly Yours S. J. Bush

Has Mr. Edy sold his interest in this line to Mr. Cornell?  
We understood so which was the reason he was not  
elected a director?

I could not get but about \$900 worth of  
stock subscribed to the paper left 3 open

Dear Sir

It has been said that there are three kinds of poor people - the Lord's poor - the Devil's poor, & poor devils - when a man is too lazy to work - afraid to steal, ashamed to beg, & too proud to do what he might do to live, he may justly be classed with the superlative kind of poor - Now I won't own that I am exactly in that fix - I am not too lazy to work - But I am too proud to sell apples in the street, or newspapers in a RR car - I will go with you to California, or engage in any other business, where there is a tolerable prospect of being able to come out ahead - But none of your apple trades, where the whole <sup>pile</sup> is too small to feed babies with -

I have been fearful that you would not be able to raise the wind & carry through your plans on My & E line - Unfortunately neither made nor I can help you out this season; but I do believe

that an other year we can furnish  
all the means you will require -  
our prospects certainly look better  
than ever before, and as tho we  
lose the use of My & E line, and  
have to give Huxton thousands which  
you should have. I do not see how  
it can be avoided at present.

I understand from Smith, that  
in his settlement with O'Reilly, he  
gave O'Reilly the control of all the  
territory claimed by him - this  
places all lines not built in  
O'R's hands, and prevents our  
doing any more, besides giving  
O'R & his friends the right to build  
and use lines which come in direct  
competition with us - O'R has offered to  
build on S.R.R., & says he has the only  
right to do so, which is true, except that  
he has no right to use the line to compete  
with us - The facts are, we have been  
most gloriously humbuged from the  
beginning to the end, and it is only  
necessary to pay Smith one half of our  
stock, & 30 dollars per mile for the privilege,  
to justify our writing ourselves down  
as long eared asses, & poor specimens at  
that -

Speed

you say you did not look at my  
plans for a printing Telegraph.  
Well, that is all right, for it was  
no existence except on paper, and  
is not likely to have at present.  
At the I am cock-sure it can be done  
and beat houses easy - Smith says  
if I will send him the draft, he will  
have it built; but that I won't do -  
When Smith comes out here, as he  
says he will this month, I will then  
explain it to him & if he will  
advance the funds he may have  
a chance in, and I will have  
it built here -

But I will show you  
a trick worth two of that, before  
long. I mean to copy the hand  
writing of the NY & Boston broken  
bankers - no use in trying till  
you how I propose to do it: but  
I will show you how, sometime -  
I do not propose to do it as I once  
told you, by raising the letters on  
tin foil - The plan I now have  
is practical, and not theoretical  
only - I am going to Chicago  
next week, and mean to examine  
over every season; now & do over

out West until I see our  
line finished on RRoad as  
far as the Road is done -

Line from here East has worked  
to a stand - West we have  
been troubling a good deal lately  
between Meek & others -

I think I will make a move  
and pay the Salano draft  
without using the draft  
on you - Mades St Louis line  
is said to be working well  
and doing a large business -  
just as line Smith & Kendall would  
fight until Patent expires as  
both Smith won't loose much  
& Kendall may try to make  
a mess if he gets the control  
of the territory -

Yours truly

J. G. Spud Jr.

Danville Oct. 2nd 1874

The item of your  
expenses is covered this  
month by passing three  
thousand of old account  
bal. from old ledger to  
your Expenses Yours truly

J. B. Bennett  
2 Cornhill Boston Mass.

North Adams Mass July 27.

Mr. E. Cornell

Dear Sir,

I have a bill for advertising in my Weekly Transcript, N. Adams, in connection with the construction of the Connecticut & Vermont Telegraph Line. The amount of the bill is \$6.50 (six, 50 Dollars) and I am told by the agent here, that you are the source to which to go for payment. If this is so, please forward me the amount. If not inform me where I shall apply for the payment, and oblige

Yours Respectfully

H. C. Fletcher in  
Publisher Weekly Transcript

To the President and Directors of the New York, Philadelphia Magnetic Telegraph Company.

Guthrie

Your worthy President having assumed me in November last that he thought the portion work in erecting your line of telegraph that had been entrusted to my care, was costing much more than a corresponding portion was, ~~that had been placed under the care of Mr. A. C. Gold~~, I determined to make a comparative statement, showing what the facts were, as soon as I could get possession of the necessary documents.

A few days since, I was politely furnished the gross amount of Mr. Gold's bills by T. M. Clark Esq. the solicitor of your company, which has enabled me to make the statement herewith submitted, which I have over looked with some care, and trust you will find it correctly and fairly made out,

The Statement marked A. is an account of such items in my general account with the company as do not belong to <sup>my section, but</sup> either to the two parties, to an amount & agreed in advance with Mr. Gold's Work, & statement B. is the equally between them, if we all

Cost of putting up 26 miles of the wires on the <sup>had way by me</sup> section <sup>and using my agent</sup> from Somerville to Lambertville N.J. as well as connection to the <sup>other</sup> section of the line.

Statement C is a bill of such items  
of the expenses of putting wires across the  
Hudson river in pipes as were paid by  
me and are included in my bill with  
~~the Company, but which it would be unfair to assess upon my~~  
~~section of the line, when apportioned with the other sections.~~

Statement D. Shows the whole amount  
of my bill with the Company to be \$ 6,149.25  
from which deduct such sums as do  
not belong to the erection of Poles & Posts as shown  
by statements A. B. & C., including the cost of  
dressing poles on my end of work, Ruling & Soldering  
~~the ends by the other, and a portion of the work of~~  
~~ringing the posts, wood & iron and a small sum for wood~~  
~~Caps required, no all - in all~~ ~~\$ 2,344.88~~  
~~\$ 3,804.37~~

Showing the putting up of the Posts and  
wires from Wall Street and to Somerville, including  
the pointing of the posts in the city of New York  
to Cost \$ 3,804.37.

It Shows the putting up the posts and  
wires from Somerville to Philadelphia to  
cost, \$ 4,270.33. <sup>being more than a my section, I charge to the</sup>  
ends of the line, I believe are about equal  
say 73 miles each.

<sup>and this, resulting in the</sup> For 50 miles of the distance between  
N.Y & Somerville, <sup>the iron my section,</sup> the posts of white ash  
and 35 feet long, <sup>under or</sup> the bottom of the  
distance to Phil they are <sup>to be</sup> 30 feet long,  
with few exceptions in towns, papered through.

Moreover, at  
At the commencement of the work, Mr Kendall  
informed me that he should prefer cedar  
posts to chestnut, at an additional cost  
of twenty cents each, which induced me  
to procure cedar posts as far as it was  
convenient or practical to do so, but in  
procuring cedar posts I had to encounter a  
heavy item of expense in getting them on  
the line of work and distributing them, much  
greater than would have been necessary if  
oak and chestnut had been used, as that  
timber was found growing in abundance a-  
long the line, and could be delivered at the  
nodes at less cost than the cedar could  
be purchased for standing in the swamp where  
it grows.

I submit this statement, in vindication  
of my self, and the young men who ass-  
isted me with the work, from the imputations  
~~of treachery and other imputations of infidelity, and were~~  
~~made by Mr Kendall.~~ Good & sensible men  
protest against other sources <sup>superiority over</sup>  
because I desire to claim no merit <sup>as they may bestow</sup> in any other person.  
Yours respectfully  
E. Cornell

Hon A Kendall Esq.

E. Cornell Esq Dr for

all of the stock of the  
Telegraph is paid in full with the exception of  
O B Coleman your agent and John Bailey who  
1st installment only has been <sup>paid</sup> and also Stacy  
Beakes Rec<sup>r</sup> which is half paid up I suppose  
they will pay the Balance rather than lose what  
they have paid our stockholders here that have  
paid in full feel as if the Scrip should be  
Issued for them

Yours Respectfully  
W M Graham

Dear Sir

It is well known to you that  
for some reason that the Citizens of Carbondale  
Refused ~~put~~ to the engagements which they promise  
when you first come through here

And consequently have no office in this  
place I furnished poles for ten miles  
~~and~~ Boarded Mr Bristol & helped on what  
I could with the line (for which I was honorably  
paid) since then I have took a deep interest  
in the welfare of the line ~~as~~ which I have had  
but little encouragement ~~as~~ from the inhabitants  
of this new City But as this place has the post  
office become a Chartered City there appears to be  
an interest felt in having an office in this  
place And I was requested by Mr Pierce  
to confer with you to know on what terms  
an office could be established in this place  
It appears to be the wish of the inhabitants to  
raise a specified amount and pay it once  
rather than take stock Mr Pierce says he thinks  
advisable that the office should be a liberality  
as the ~~will~~ horse line would be extended here  
(as it will come to Harrison 18 miles from here)  
at a very cheap rate

I assured him that you understood your  
own business but I would write you

I have spent some two or three half days  
endeavoring to get a sufficient amount of  
stock taken up heretofore and I think it  
doubtless now ~~was~~ <sup>without success</sup> exhibited at the time  
the line was finished ~~offered~~ to give \$2,50 ~~up~~ the  
Comy & to take stock to the amount of 2,50 dollars  
what he would do now I dont know I think  
Mr Bristol told me that the Comy <sup>were</sup> to Resuing  
presently But If you will write me the conditions  
on which an office can be established here  
or any probability of a negotiation I would  
meet you at Morrowsburg or My if you  
would let me know when you wold be at latter  
place

Please answer soon

Yours Respectfully

*Ike Surpee*

Please give my best respects to Mr Bristol.

To Mr. D. W. Miller  
Tel. off wanted  
at Old Boarding

Leaving at 11 o'clock  
and you know it's  
not off until 12 o'clock  
you will have a chance  
of getting to the  
train of Mr. & Mrs. George  
and as far as you will get  
off

E. Cornell

Let me buy a stone  
for office or I will leave C.  
sooon. Shall permit my health  
no longer, It will benefit the  
Company no less than me  
Please answer immediately  
Respectfully  
H. Hunt.

Binghamton Feb 20<sup>th</sup>

E. Cornell

Dr sir

Could you not send me a  
little money. My board bill has come  
up to \$ 25.00 & it ought to be paid. If  
you dont send me soon I must leave  
because I cant live any longer on the  
~~Hospitality~~ Hospitality of my kind lady.  
Please answer by return mail & oblige

Yours &c

J. H. Blackman

To C. Cornell Esq.

I send this letter this morning -  
The tree he alludes to I cut one two or three  
limbs from - a large maple - after inquiring for  
him and learning he was not at home -  
The limbs were about the size of a black  
walnut at the butt -

I also enclose you a letter from  
my uncle - I think I can go with  
him if so ordered as I am doing  
nothing here at present as my brother  
can do all that is necessary -

Yours Vc.

H. Fair  


Mr. Cornell

Tel. Of 5 Hanover St.

Let the bearer have one box  
of zincs for T. S. Fayton Utica.

J. A. Johnston  
Gen. Drugg

182 High St.

From Mr  
John Comell Esq

On more reflection I can not bring myself to understand what is meant by office expenses - The Ladim has not been a charge on the main Sum at the Am office - Not a cent has been paid out of main Sum funds for the ~~Regd~~ ~~Hans~~ & Acco Sum and returned so to Utica for this would be unnecessary as I always pay what office expenses are necessary for the La sum such as acids - soldering - Horse hair ~~to~~ to go out to mend brakgs etc out of La fund as well as whatever balance may be due the main Sum for communications to ths main Sum if at no expense whatever at the Autumn office for Acco sum - If you wish me to send a statement of the expenses of La sum <sup>before</sup> the time you mention I will give it as early as possible -

Very Respectfully

W. Gilbreath

Dr C. Connel

D<sup>r</sup>

We have left with

Mr Swords two Barrels 15 wine. 106<sup>th</sup>  
agreement to your wish.

The wine for Union

has been ready Ten day. what are we to  
do. Ship it agreeable to Mr Smith's direction  
or wait until you can <sup>Inspect the wine</sup> from the Agency of Mr Smith respecting this  
lot of wine. we fear there has been some  
misunderstanding & that it ought to have been  
forwarded as soon as possible. have waited all  
day in hopes of seeing you.

We have obtained  
from a Mr Phillips of Newark two Bills  
made precisely after those you have in use  
& if wanted he will make any ~~number~~  
in a reasonable time. to morrow Tuesday  
effect to have for Phila & to be in effect  
a Friday next Yours Perfectly  
Stephens & Henry  
McStephens

Montreal Nov. 6th.

To the President and Directors  
of the B. N. A. E. I. Ass.

Gentlemen

Your letter of this day  
was communicated to me  
by telegraph, and its con-  
tents noted. I shall be  
happy to proceed with the  
work, as you desire, to  
completion, according to the  
Contract. The inspection of  
Mr. Symes I protest against,  
as Mr. Brisbane, to whom  
you allude, as an agent ap-  
pointed by my agent, Mr. Wood,  
informs me that Mr. Symes only  
examined the depth of three  
poles on the line, and for the bal-  
ance, took the opinions of persons  
who he met along the road, and Mr.  
G. who has read the contract between

The Association and my  
self, tells me he thinks the  
holes are set according to  
contract. I shall, however,  
send an experienced man  
immediately to examine the  
work, and correct such de-  
fects as he may find and at  
the same time put up the  
wires. I therefore again ad-  
vise you to deliver the wire  
as I requested in my letter  
of the 20th Oct. last, <sup>as</sup>

stipulated in the contract.

Yours respectfully

E. Comell,

To G. skull trust,  
Prest.

**Wm. & J. Beattie, Jr.,**  
**Granite Dealers**  
**And Contractors,**  
**Fall River, Mass.**

Aug 19, 1891  
Mr Chester

M Coggill will give sign  
the Power Atty attached to each  
of the Certificates so that they can  
be used separately - I will call  
between 12 & 1 & take them down  
to him

Yours - Don. Mann

Danville  
Except to  
I must for  
Stock -