

My dear Sir

This is a matter of very great ~~importance~~ ^{importance}. Tyndall is one of the foremost scientific men of the world - both as an investigator & lecturer.

He would do us all great good by four lectures - even though they be limited to popular audiences.

My idea would be to have him if we can possibly do it without running in debt. He should lecture at Library Hall.

Kindly try the assurance that he is called

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Whether there would be worth
very much more as legitimate
bringing before the public our
efforts to raise the standard
of Education - His name for
this year among the lectures
on our Catalogue would
be worth the cost - if we can
afford it

We cannot offer less
than 200 or per night - &
expenses while here - same
as Tronks, but half of it
we could probably get back

We should also make
it a condition that he
do not come on the night
of the election or during either
of two evenings before that

- & that there shall be a
break of at least a week
between Tronzo's lectures
and his

Let me know your decision
regarding this & I will work
unwillingly or by return on
Monday

By/By

W. H. H.

Chas. Henry D. D. D.
to 30 May 55.
A. H. H.

Wass
Lafayette

I affirm upon
Construction of the Contract that we
are not required to pay office expenses
at Union. You hold differently. This is
matter of adjustment by reference, or
otherwise, but instead of this you are
trying to enforce your views by leaving
the office unfilled, and impairing the
usefulness of the line. I protest
against this as a violation of
Contract and as an illegal and
dishonorable means of settling a
disputed construction of an agreement.
If this course is continued into
next week, I shall probably succeed
in satisfying you, that it is not
always the best policy to settle disputes
in this way, and that if, you can
render the line useful to me, you
are not likely to profit much by
it yourself.

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To The President & Directors of the
Illinois & Mississippi Tel. Co.
Gentlemen

The undersigned, stockholders in the
Ill & Miss Tel. Co., learning that there is ~~now~~
a proposition now pending before your
honourable body, for consolidating the
lines of telegraph owned by said Com-
pany, with the lines of telegraph and
the Central Ill RR, constructed by
Judge Caton, on the basis of estimating
~~estimating~~ each class of lines of equal
value, mile for mile, ^{Respectfully but firmly} ~~protest~~ against
the adoption of such a proposition, for
the following reasons. First, That ~~the~~
~~Board of Directors as at present constituted~~
~~being elected by a majority of the stock, under~~
~~regulations that disfranchises a large majority~~
~~of the stockholders in the Company, cannot~~
~~fairly represent the interest of the stock-~~
~~holders of the Company~~ ^{That the Directors} ~~and~~ I should not
make such ^{an} important changes in the
affairs and property of the Company
without the concurrence of at least
a majority of the stock, and we
would here suggest whether such an
important change can be ~~made~~ legally made
without the consent of the entire stockholders,

Second From the knowledge we have of the size of the towns and cities on the two routes, and the business to be reasonably expected from them for a Telegraph, we believe the advantage of location is wholly on the side of ~~the~~ Ill & Miss Tel, Co, and will always continue so. The following table showing the receipts of the Ill & Miss Telegraph for the month of April 1856, when compared with the like receipts of the Telegraph it is proposed to consolidate with, will we are confident ~~will~~ justify our opinion that the Ill & Miss Telegraph can be made a remunerative property, at once, while the other will struggle for years before its business will defray its expenses. These receipts are as follows.

<u>Name of Office</u>	<u>Receipts for This line</u>	<u>do for Other lines</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>This line</u>	<u>Other lines</u>
Mendota	✓ 15 46	3 90	✓ 22 05	6 54	
LaSalle Depot	✓ 5 57	1 58	✓ 73 14	42 08	
La Salle	✓ 105 56	17 30	✓ 118 58	16 45	
Amboy	✓ 18 83	9 24	✓ 83 52	48 20	
Dwight	✓ 3 10	70	✓ 1294 80		
Pontiac	✓ 11 68	85	✓ 16 06		
Fiskilwa	✓ 14 90	1 05	✓ 234 33	186 23	
Polo	✓ 11 96	50	✓ 116 62	84 50	
Bureau Junction	✓ 10 67	6 68	✓ 48 54	22 96	
Atlanta	✓ 20 75	1 72	✓ 367 34	132 61	
Sheffield	✓ 8 10	1 60	✓ 33 44	9 03	
Dunleith	✓ 128 48	37 22	✓ 56 13	10 20	
	385 01	82 34	✓ 48 90	27 65	
			2513 45	586 45	

	This Line	Other Line		This Line	Other Line
Forward	355 01	82 34		3392 45	821 05
Jacksonville	2813 45	586 25			
Muscantine	✓ 73 53	23 84	Pekin	✓ 59 46	17 52
Ottawa	✓ 97 85	42 56	Rock Island	✓ 128 57	57 11
Preria	✓ 64 76	14 58	Springfield	✓ 136 83	58 31
Prou	✓ 233 62	66 39	St Louis	✓ 890 58	601 91
	✓ 54 23	4 90		4807 89	1549 90
	3392 45	821 05		1549 90	
				6157 79	

The offices marked thus "H" in the above list are Railroad offices on the Central Ill. RR, the Chicago & Rock Island RR and the Chicago Alton & St Louis RR, and are of character similar to those on the portion of the Central Ill RR from Bloomington to Cairo & from Chicago to Centralia, ~~owned by Judge Catron~~ which it is proposed to consolidate with. ~~Excepting~~ Chicago & Cairo, there is not ^{we believe} ~~an~~ ^{any question} office on the 500 miles miles of line ~~that it is proposed to consolidate~~ with that will pay expenses for some years to come.

On the other hand the Ill & Miss Riv Co presents a list of at least 22 paying offices. Chicago is an Office in common on the Ill & Miss and Central Ill lines, but the receipts belonging to the Ill & Miss line at the Chicago Office, will probably quadruple the receipts at the same office for the Central Ill line, such being the relative

position of the two lines as to business
It is apparent that the proposed basis
is unjust towards the Ill & Miss Telegraph
Company, and that the proposition should
not be adopted.

Protet against
consolidating with
the Central line

From Buffalo

To E. Cornell

Mc Kay cant assign us stock which has never been issued but will assign all his interest amounting to \$4000 & also \$500 due him by the Company - He ~~would~~ wants you to authorize me by Telegraph to sign your name to the new Contract as you have the old one. Acknowledgement of all his interest in place of transferring stock as mentioned in contract which you have - The whole capital would be ten thousand dollars instead of five and stock is issued to Pattersons But the four thousand we buy & Smiths part of Patterson interest would give us the control of the Line If Pattersons demand the stock as they have a right to under Mc Kay's Contract - Wood is here & we will extend our wire to that office & leave the office where it is at present if you say close with Mc Kay

J. J. Speed Jr

1856?

Muncie Ind Dec 7th
W P Haas
Sir

Enclosed
you find report of
this office for Nov^r
The amount collected
for other lines being
\$11.35 we cannot send
now I was at Indianapolis
Yesterday (6th) and could
not get my pay for
the month of October
and am therefore unable
to remit - they will
pay by the middle of
January. Their excuse
is they have to pay their
Interest the first of
Jan^y & now will please
chg our with the amt

and we will send
you an order getting
it for the K&K Co
Yours Truly

Thos H. Osford

1856
Indpls Oct. 17th

Mr Haas,

Dear Sir,

Herewith please find my
report for Sept. I have paid
of all the old debts here that
I know of. I left the Taxes which
is over \$300. \$45 of Mr Brown
agrees to settle. In our lease
we are bound to put the Room
in as good repair when we leave
~~as it was~~ as it was when we got
as you will see by a note
added to the receipt for Rent
I told Mr Morrison that he
would have to see Mr
Barbourn about it as I have
no authority or funds to act
in the matter. I should have

Sent my report sooner
but could not get to see
Mr Morris to pay the Rent,
Palmer & Man have today to
repair the line but I & B. thoroughly
hope we will soon be in good
shape again

Respectfully Yours
J. S. Wallcut

[1867-1868?]

Mr. Gauntlett,

It would doubtless be an advantage to our village to have the main line of the Telegraph from New York city to the Great West pass through it, with a principal station, for branches to the North, &c. here; and Mr. Cornell deserves the encouragement and thanks of our citizens for his laudable efforts to effect this object. Our business would doubtless be benefited, with the rest, more especially if we have agencies on the line, east and west, at the places where we have lately had applications to establish them. - I am therefore willing that the firm should subscribe to the stock as much as we are able, consistent with our means and other engagements; but we cannot well determine the amount until Mr. Andrus returns. The sums you suggest, from \$300 to \$500, we could probably meet, if all are willing. And if Mr. McCham and yourself are willing, you can give Mr. Cornell assurance, that we will subscribe accordingly, after Mr. Andrus returns, provided he is willing, which I have no doubt he will be.

We must try and reciprocate Mr. Cornell's disposition to give us what business in our line the company may have, by doing the work at a fair price, and furnishing every thing to his satisfaction. - I think, with our means, we can do this.

E. Mack.

S. S. Monley Post Master
Clyde N.Y. =

Does Mr H. Adams still own
the farm he formerly owned in
the west portion of the Village
of Clyde near the Canal -

E. Coruell

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Ans. pd

Rochester Aqueduct let Mar 8. 1836 - 40 feet by 7.
Enlarged Locks on Cayuga & S. Autherised May, 1836
Jordan level under Contract Act 3-1838 - large

Hon. E. Cornell -

Dear Sir -

The bearer, Prof.

D. F. Brown, Proprietor of the
Commercial College at Auburn
Cayuga Co. is known to me by
reputation for several years;
and personally for nearly two
years -

He desires to see you and to
speak with you about some
plans of instruction in the
Cornell University, to be ulti-
mately adopted, or at least taken
into consideration - He does
not contemplate immediate
action with reference to his
plans - Perhaps his suggestions
may be found worthy of con-

Marcus Lyon

sideration in the ultimate
development of the Universi-
ty -

Whatever time you can
devote to Prof. Brown's ideas,
will not, I think, be wasted
or misapplied -

Yrs &c

Marcus Lyon

1854 ?

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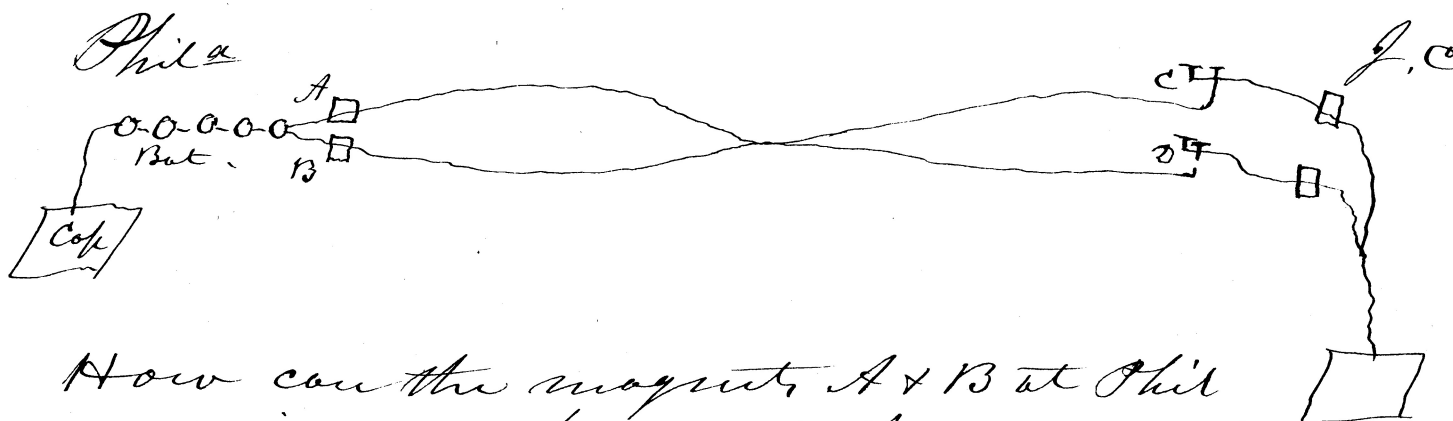
Chas Spang Esq

Dr Sir

Upon making a "general
overhaul" of old papers &c, in
office, I find the within enclosed
certificates of stock, receipts for
certificates &c, which should be
preserved and may be of use
They are of none here, &c
enclose them to you -

Yours Truly

Haskins



How can the magnets A & B at Phil work in response to the key D at Jersey City when the wires are in contact between Phil^a and Jersey City and the key C at Jersey City closed as shown in the above diagram

Mr Clark

Dr Sir the report at Jersey City rec^d this morning from Philadelphia was, that a message was rec^d at Phil^a this morning as written from Jersey City by Key D in above diagram at the same time that Key C was closed. How could that be so if the wires are in contact as is supposed to be the case?

Respectfully
E. Correll

To All the Operators

I find many mistakes occur in our business. It must arise from carelessness, and I hope attention sufficient to avoid such in future will be given to business.

E. Cornell

Supt

Mr Carter Will, you connect
the South wire west from
you to your Battery, Is the
I wire to work with my Cornell

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Connect A ~~H~~ Buf on SW

To the President and Directors
of the Buffalo Corning and New
York Rail Road Co
Gentlemen

I learn
that your Company intend to have a Tele-
graph Line Built on and a Long & your
Road from Corning to Buffalo for B.R.
purpose.

I respectfully beg leave to sub-
mit the following proposition for your
Consideration.

I will build (or cause to be built)
a first Class Telegraph line from Corning
to Buffalo ~~on~~ ^{for} the Buffalo Corning
and New York R.R. and maintain
and work the same perpetually at our
expense. opening & maintaining offices at
such intermediate points ~~on~~ ^{on} said Road
as the R.R. Co may require. not less
than six in number and do the telegraphy
of the B.C. & N.Y. R.R. Co free over
said line - ~~Also to send all~~ giving said
R.R. messenger priority over all other
business on said line - Also send all
Messages of said R.R. Co pertaining to the

(Business and Management of the
Road to any and all points on our
Line from N.Y. to Dunkirk free

I will also instruct the Conductors
agents of the R.R. Co free in the use
of the telegraph operators so as to be
able to telegraph at any point on the
Line between stations should accidents
occur and supply the R.R. Co with
as many such sets of operators at
the prime cost as the R.R. Co may desire
for such use for a consideration
on the part of the B.C. and N.Y.
R.R. Co of fourteen thousand dollars
to be used in the erection of the
Line and paid in Monthly installments
as the work progresses The free trans-
portation of Material on the Road for
the erection Repairing ^{and} working of the Line
and free transportation of all Men in
the employ of the Tel. Co for erecting
Repairing and working the telegraph also
the free use of land office in R.R. Co
Buildings for the telegraph telegraph
Where it may be desirable to have the
telegraph at the R.R. Stations He will
have the right to require as many more

Telegraph office ~~or~~ opened on the
line as their business may demand
the N.R.C. paying and bearing in
the receipt of public to repay the
expense of such office or allowing
their own men to work such off
the line to be erected with a
reasonable time after making a
contract or the parties may agree
upon - The N.R.C. are to have
a line on the line of telegraph along
their road and the ~~the~~ guarantee
of the telegraph company or
security for the fulfillment of
the contract on the part of the
telegraph Co. -

Having already secured the
Morse patent from Buffalo to
Coryville ~~Albany~~ We are enabled
to build such ~~on the~~ a line on
the terms above mentioned

Yours Most Respectfully
J. W. Steiner

in
behalf of the
N.Y. & N.H. Union
Telegraph Co.

MS

E Cornell

out West ~~to~~

Please remit me two hundred (200)
dollars in my - I have had to borrow
of a friend to pay the Stokes note
to save foreclosure of mortgage &
have promised to repay it within a
week and when you can do so -
all well here and at Rome

StH

A. B. L.

Utica via New York 1155

E Cornell Ithaca

I will be in Utica Monday
would be glad to see you if you cannot be here
Then telegraph when you will be here. I
will meet you - answer if you will be here
Monday
G. Burtiss

NY To E Cornell Ithaca

Getting along finely, but very busy at work night & day
all well - Ellen and the baby send love - I forward
you that letter about Illinois land. If not I think I left it
at home, when there last look for it there, I enclosed to Wood
for remittance your two drafts on him but don't hear from him
I wish you would telegraph him to remit as I need the
money badly - what day will you get here - answer - Love to
all at home
A. B. C.

Mr E. Cornell

Stevens says ~~that~~ he shall not work for \$20. per month after the Edmunda starts, I tell him it is all we can pay & he says we must then get some one else immediately. I tell him I will, as soon as may be.

We had better let him go & get some one else if possible we have had trouble enough with him. Please send a communication to Ithaca giving me your views.

E. B. Cornell says he will engage on your line at the \$40. but he must make arrangements at home & will let you know early next week how soon he can come on.

Yours J. E. Coley

Cornell University

to

Consider
Wants of Professors
Febry 1872

Private

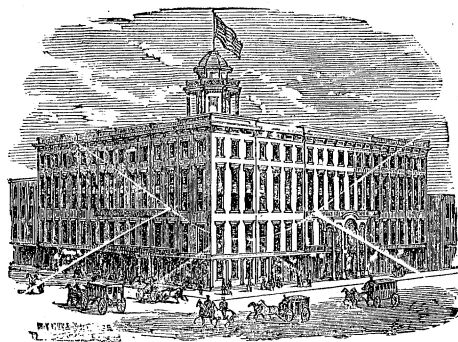
The Hon. Ezra Cornell

Trustee of Cornell University

Ithaca

New York.





TREMONT HOUSE, Chicago,

W. W. FELT,

SAM'L M. TURNER.

JOHN B. DRAKE, Proprietor.

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Frasier Meeting

To be presented to
Trustees of Cornell
University
Next Meeting.



Hon Ezra Cornell
President—