Dear Brother having an opportunity to wright I thought I would improve it altho not much news to communicate as father has I presume matter all he could think of he says he forgot to give thee an invertation to come out to quartly meeting and shew thy wife and so I must tell thee we should be very good to see you at that time which is the last week in next mo there has ben a great reffermation in this neighbourhood the most fair men the tavern haunters and sabath brakers have become in all appearence happy Christians and the young people that was the ringleaders of frolicks are now all imployed in prayers and supplications to the great Author of there being for the redemption of there sins Jack Crand and three of his Children are rejoicing in a saviour and Jessy Carpenter and his wife and three of his Children also and Sally Mann has appearenced the pardon of her sins she loves in smerny and it is here that she thinks she has found a saviour and I hope she has for she had need enough of one ~~as well as my self~~ I think and Alfred is also rejoicing in a god but Cynthia is still a seeking I do not know what ~~that~~ other news to wright I cant think of any more at present do wright as soon as thee can and tell Mary Ann to wright to she need not be bashfull at all I should wright to her if I had time it is now half after 11 o'clock and I am hard and sleepy but I need not tell you of it for I guess you would find it out by the looks of my ~~a~~ wrighting and spelling but I trust you will overlook all mistakes pleas present my respects to Mary Ann and except them or as hair of them thy self

from your friend and sister
Lucretia

P.S. I had a promise of another letter in my last one but I do not receive it yet write as soon as Convenient

L. C.

Dekuyter 5th month 19th 1831

Respected Children I Can in-
You that through the Blessings of Divine providence we
are enjoying good health except Mother which was yesterday
was Confined to bed with a fine Girl but is Comfortable I have
not heard anny thing of Elijah Since he left Ithaca except
by the way of Aaron Man who Received from him when
in Franklin Stating that there was a great Stur or re-
vival in Manlaus among the young people of a Religious
nature and I do not know but Elijah has a Concern in
it as he observed that he took more Satisfaction in
going to Meeting than he ever did in going to a party
We have at present a fine prospect of Fruit in this
place our Fruit trees have Blown this Spring to
Exceed any former Season by a great difference — The
people in this place are Generally in good health
and a good Deal of a Religious excitement among
the young people especially in Joels and Carpenters
family, we have had it very wet and mody
this Spring so as to make us rather backward about
our Business as soon as I Can get a kiln of ware burned
I Calculate to Come out your way I have got a kiln
more than half made but have not done planting
yet we have cleard off the Jog this Spring which
has Occupyed much of our time — The old mare
has a Colt but the young mare has failed I know
of Nothing more at present to write unless I go about
giving you good advice which I think I will omit untill
I Come out there and if you want it before you
must Come after it or write for it only I must re-
mind you to be good Children — — — —
and remain your well wishing Father —

Elijah Cornell

PS Thee may inform John Irish that Thomas has
purchased Hills place in Fabius together with the Shop
and tools — and that they are well

E C

Ezra Cornell

Ithaca

D. Ruyter
May 25

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Friend Nehemiah Hewett

I recievd a letter from thee some days ago and am sorry that I have not had time before now to answer it this is a very busy season of the year with us on account of the plaster business and I must offer that for an excuse

Thou ant a Stranger to me but thou hast informed me of no more than I expected to hear if the Meeting has that they have done right I have no reason to complain — And if I feel that I have done right I dont see what reason they have to complain I have not disobeyd any regulations that I have bound myself to follow I have always considerd that choosing a companion for life was a very important affair And that my happyness or misery in this life depended on the choice and for that reason I never felt myself bound to be dictated in the affair by any higher authority than my own feelings I have done as reason directed me and I feel as though I had done right I am satisfied at any rate with my choice But as they have severed the member from the body it must be lost to them I hope it will not wither and decay perhaps it may flourish and increas in strength after it recovers from the shock caused by the separation from the body

Thee says thee has a desire to see me I shall be extremely glad to recieve a visit from thee at any time when the health of my family will permit I remain a well wisher of the society Ezra Connell

Ithaca 24th of 2nd mo 1832



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Ithaca 20th Oct 1832

Mr. Ezra Cornell

Sir

You will please take charge of my Concerns at Fall Creek, and manage them to the best advantage for my interest untill further orders.

Yours &c

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Mr Ezra Cornell
Hall Creek

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Oct 30, 1833

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Dear Father

Ithaca Feb 17-1833

The will learn by Benjamin that we are all well & we were very glad to hear that you are injoying the same blessing. We are sow buisy here at present that I have had but little time to spare with Benjamin. I have not ingaged any longer than 1st of may but I am wanted here and I think it is probible that I shall stay and if I do I shall want the assistance of $500 or a $1,000 to doo buisness with for I shant continue in the buisness that I have been in without a share in it conciquently I shall want the mony that thee owes me & I shall want the to try to raise $500 for me with what thee owes me if the can hire it for any length of time thee nead not hesitate to borrow the mony on account of meating the payments for I shall be able to doo that part of it punctually the ballance I can raise here

I remain with much respect &c

E Cornell

To Elizab Cornell

(P.S.) Pleas to inform me respecting this
business as soon as possible that I shall be
able to know how to calculate my business

E. C——

Elijah Cornell
DeKuyter
Madison Co

Dear Parents

Fall Creek (Ithaca) Sept 8th 37

I have neglected writing for the want of time to doe it. and have to take time now that might be well spent other ways but I thought it time to brake I can inform you that we are all well and should be glad to here the same news from you we have another Son added to our family who we call Charles. Carroll. Cornell he is about 5 weeks old and a smart boy rather likelyer than A. B. Cornell was and he's smarter than common boys. B. Woods folks are all in good health and Spirits, I dont know as I have here from any of us since that returned from Mishigan. but the case is here the hurry of business prevented me from going along with them but B. W. & M. B. W. went and viewd the promised land and liked it well so that they bot 320 acres of land. and I have entered into an ingagement with B. W. to take half of the land and run the risk of the advantages or disadvantages of the purchase and agreement is to own the whole as company property The situation of it is as follows it is situated

in Calhoun Co town of Marshal about 15 or 20
miles from the center of the Territory were it is
probable the Seat of the State government will
be established when it is Sol off in a State which
it soon will intitle by the number of
inhabitence. It is 3 or 4 miles above the head
of navigation on the Kekelemazoo river 2 miles
below a fine younge village were there is a Saw
Mill & grist Mill &C 200 acres of the land is fit
for the plough without a Stick or Stone in
the way and the ballance is a beautifull timber
lot it has a good water power on the Riven
of which we take one mile the lot is well
watered with Springs. over calculations is
for me to go on next Spring with 2 families and
all the tools & implements for forming and get
my men to work improving the land so as
to have it ready for us to go on to when we get
ready and then I shall Return and Stay here
untill I think it is best for me to move
on. the mony which I shall have to raise
next Spring to make the Settlement will be
$300, and I shall stand in need of what thee owes
me if it is possable for the to help me to it
I dont expect it all at once in Cash but I though

that thee could pay it in this way by letting me have such things as I shall have to pay mony for here for instance such provisions as you have to spare would be as good to me as mony. butter. cheas. pork. beens. & such articles I will pay the highest price for ob if thee could get a good 2 horse waggon mad it would suit me for we shall have to take one along if you have some fat sheep I would like to have a bbl of corn'd mutton of beef, drag teeth, ox chains, a good Rifle, would answer or most any thing else (if thee has a chance to get a Rifle let me know it that I may send directions for it) Any thing that I want to carry with me on the will save mony here I will be glad to get I shall get my place paid for here were live and be out of debt and have mony enough to perform the Mishigan opperration with by next Spring if I have my health with what thee owes me. I have built a wood house & kitchen on the east end of my house this somer my situation here is worth $1500. and it has cost me about $1200. but I have worked hard and steard clast to get it. and know I shall give Mishigan a try, and I think there is a fine chance to lay out mony to advantage

I dont think of any thing more at present our business is very crowding and I shant be out this fall but I shall expect to see you out here before long, I had a letter from Lucretia a few day ago she is well, pleas to write and come out soon (my mellons brings me $12, this fall)

Yours &c Ezra Cornell

Ezra Cornell
Ithaca Apr 8th
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Elijah Cornell
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Madison Co

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Seneca Falls Nov the 3rd 1883

Much Respected Friends I improve the present opportunity of answering your kind letter which was duly received and we were thankfull to learn that our friends enjoyed good health and the other attendant Blessings of heaven we also enjoy Good health and all other Blessings that reasonable Creatures can ask for but we are not so fully taken up with our happiness as to forget our friends as Lydia supposed in her letter no to well are the remembrance of our friends registered on our Hearts to forget them soon soon we should rejoice to see you here and hope we shall have that pleasure ere long you seem to have [illegible] pleasure in your Children and say they are [illegible] couple of very fine Boys I will agree with you on this point and sincerely do I hope they will prove an honor and A blessing to their Parents but as my leisure time has pretty much expired I must Bring my Scribblings to A Close Please write as often as Convenient and we should be Pleased to have you Call and see us soon

yours — Truly — — J S Bristol

Dear Brother and Sister

With pleasure I improve a few leisure moments to address a few brief lines to you with pleasure we received your letter but we were surprised to learn that our people had not heard from us for I had written to them about two weeks previous to that time but I think they must have received my letter before now as it was directed to Etna it was probably delayed Should it so happen that they had not received tell them not to tax me with ingratitude to the best of parents No the bare idea of that is insupportable too highly do I prize the the privileges I have enjoyed at their hands to admit it But you are by this time tired of preamble and epaises and are anxious to hear how I enjoy myself in my new situation You are well aware that happiness was the object of my pursuit and though she often flies from her pursuers like a mere phantom of the imagination yet I think to me she has been favourable I can assure you I feel highly pleased with the prospect that is before me United to a person in whom I can place the most implicit confidence on the ground of upright and honourable principle one who has so long been the dear ideal of my fancy yet who was comparatively a stranger to me six weeks ago by a more intimate acquaintance I feel more confidence more respect ah! every day acquaintance shews me more to admire to love than I had ever anticipated

Dear Sister you have often expresed a wish to take one of Mr Bristols sisters the oldest one is now at Mr Wades in this place but she has taken a fancy to live with us which makes her discontented where she is and as we calculate to take the

younger one we do not want her if a suitable place can be found for her Eliza Ann is in her tenth year and like all other children of her age wants a steady place and a good mistress she is a very active smart turned child for one of her age she would leave Mrs Wade we know of no place suitable for her but with you Mr Bristol feels a confidence in you which would prompt him to commit a sister to your care sooner than any one else he knows of. If you should take her till she [illegible] neither of you would lose anything by it should you [illegible] of taking her give us the earliest information of it convenient I have not time to add more at present come and see us as soon as possible

Ever your most affectionate sister

Elmira Bristol

E and M A Connell

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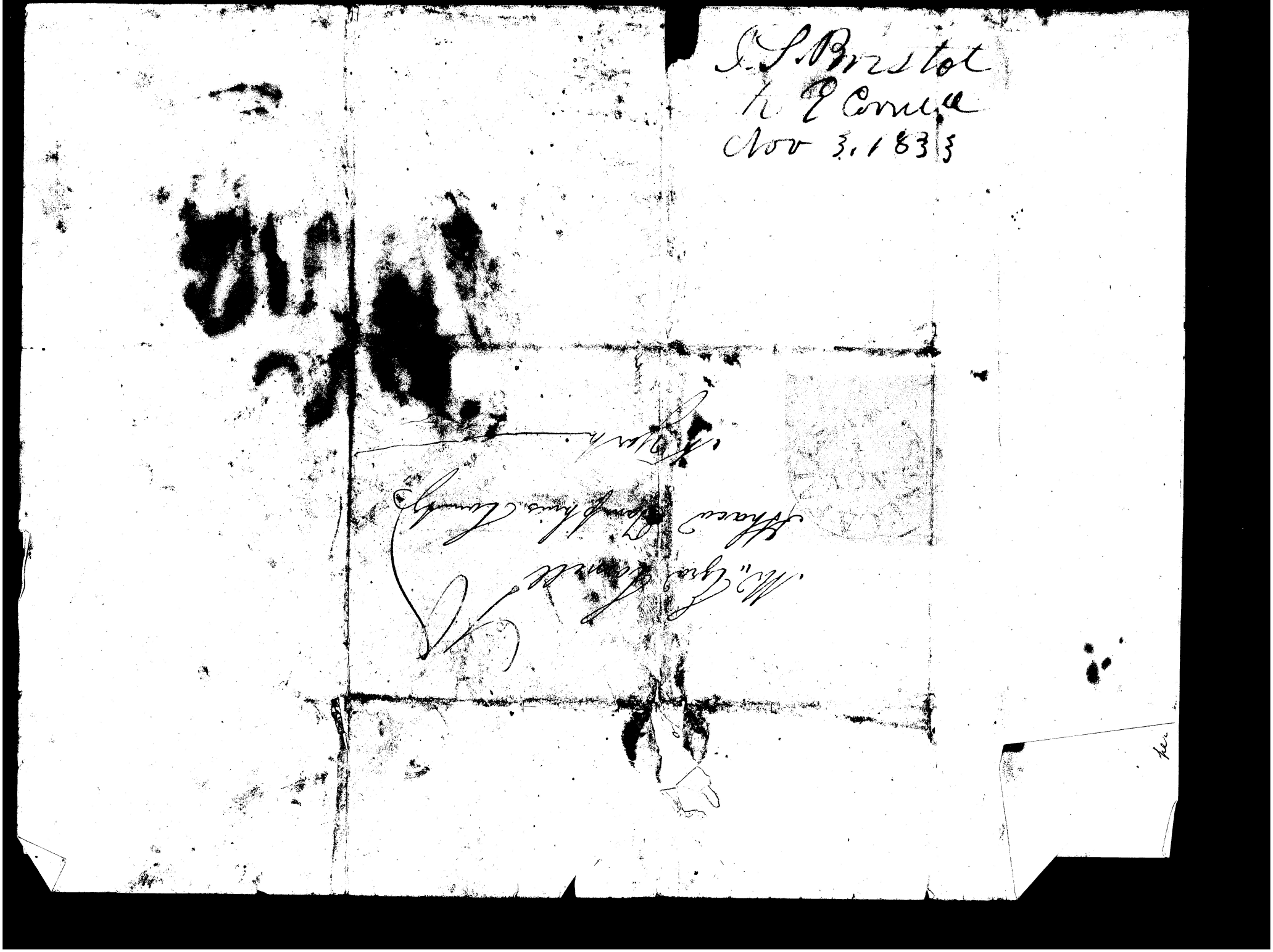

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Dear Parent Ithaca Falls Mar 6 1834

I improve this as the earliest opportunity to inform thee of the opperation that I have inguaged in after informing you all of our heatths which is good

I informed thee when thee was out that I had got out of Debt and a little to spare but not being able to enjoy sound sleap while I remained in that situation (a situation that some would call happy)

I have remidied the evil by runing in debt for the large house & lot that lays betwen Barnabys house on the Corner and the grocery I gave $513 for it I intend to Repair it nearly and paint it up put a Shed [illegible] Barn [illegible] it and put Elijah B in it to see if he has a facetty of serving the Publick, the Repairs that I shall put on it will cost about $400 and will make it cheap property at $1200 the pressure of the money market is such here that it makes a fine time to buy property if a person has money to make a payment with and spunk enough to prompt him to a specalation it is thought by the best judges that I have made $100 at least in the purchase I make the first payment of $150 by giving a note ~~[illegible]~~ payable 90 days after date from the first of April at the Bank of Ithaca which Mr Bube indorses for me so by that opperation I save wat cash I can rase to Repair with

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but I shall have to base all I can as I have
to pay $180 on the Michigan Spiritation
the 1st of May the ballance will be
short enough for the purposes of the
improvements on the house & lot
and if it is possible for me to
borrow $100 for me for the space
of two years I will refund it when it
becomes due if there is not in a situ-
ation to do it and if it can be got
for seven percent interest pay ten percent
for it and I will pay the extra int-
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such will answer I will give a mort
with three or if not the next cheapest
way will be to confess a Judgment which
if Recorded will be as good as a mort-
gage and not half of the expence
to transact the business
I can get every thing here that I want
except cash and that am not here at
present I can get any amount
of Credit for Store pay and such
things that I can use in paying me
that I want but the one thing wanted

I must have I got it of Thos Sinclair who now lives
in Cortland he would not have sold for the
price he did but he owed for it and could
not manage the payment this Spring
that was a coming due Woodcock who it was
a going to would not give him off

Thee may tell Benjamin that I have ordered Atkinsons Saturday Evening Post to be sent to DeKuyter Post Office for him all he will have to do bill be to pay the Postage on it as I have paid for the Paper. Wheat is only worth from 5/6 to 6/- pr Bus in Cash here and there is no other grain that will bring the Cash we are Retailing about 100 Bbls of flour pr mo now and that is the only thing that Keeps us a float we sell for $5 — we sell as much as any other mill in Ithaca It is a dull time for Plaster the Roads are so bad that there is no call for Plaster or Salt we have $3.000 — worth on hand that we should have had the money for by this time in a ordinary winter

With due Respect I remain

Ezra Cornell

(PS) Pleas to use all due exertions to oblige me it will make the shur set easy —

A.B. Cornell talks quite smart the kest of the children are well

Our Respects to you all E C

Mr B. Wood thinks well of my opperation I mention this fact expecting it will be likely to store you with confidence as you all esteem him to be a good General

Ezra Cornell
Ithaca March 6th
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Elizah Cornell
D Kuyter
Madison Co
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ITHACA NEW YORK

Dear Eyrd

Yours of the 30 was recd yesterday & I have not told Sackett you would take the heifer yet as he told me the heifer had taken the Bull. About ten days Ago & I thought I would let you know it Before I engaged her for you. Yours Says he is willing to do what is write about the trees I think the reason he did not keep them was they Cost more than he Calculated I am much disappointed at the way the thing has Shaped we are all well

Your friend
J. S. Bristol

Please write

May 4. 1839

Mr Ezra Cornell, Esqr

Ithaca Tompkins County

N York

SENECA FALLS
MAY 7
N.Y.

Ithaca Falls Oct 5, 1855

Dear Parents

I have been expecting to hear from you some time that I might know what Thomas concluded upon about returning but have got nothing yet although I heard that R. Bunker said that Lucretia had not returned with Thomas that is all that I have heard as I have not seen Bunker Please write and give the particulars. We are all well in this section of Creation & presume that you are Mary Ann has a Daughter a week old a fine Child & she is comfortably smart. I wish that I could succeed in getting my farm soon if I had the money for it as a good Bond & Mortgage for a part & Money for the balance I could help me to better the situation very much about here it is a better time to buy than this fall & winter that it will be in the Spring or next Summer

Our prospects are a brightening up very
fast Mr Bulen has just returned from New
York he say the attention of capitalists
are completely turned towards Ithaca it is
raised to a certainty that we will go ahead
it is a fact also that is plain to every
business man that I have laid the foundation
for a slice of the advantage. I shall
make at least $2.000 on the lots that
I have bought over at the creek. W.A
Woodward of Ithaca has just sold a vacant lot
on a back street to a New Yorker for $1.000
more than he paid for it 4 weeks ago and
it was thought by some when he bot it
that he bid so much for it that he would
have to look it. I dont know but there is
a chance to trade my farm for a farm a
little west of Mr Woods I have thought that
I would see a little to it and if there is any

thing to be made in the trade to see if it want best to go in to it if the farm here would not suit it would sell quicker than farms will in DeKuyter this belongs to a speculator in Ithaca & he is at N. York at presnt I will see him as soon as he returns & in the mean time thee can let me know thy views on the subject. I am perswaded now that a person that has got or can get a good location any where near Ithaca it is better than to go to Michigan at present. I have as good opinion of Michigan as ever but doo and always how considerd there was some risk in regard to health here there is no risk at all and health is a large item in the acct of a persons cumfort. please write soon as convenient

In hast E. Cornell

Elijah Cornell Esq

DeRuyter

E. Cornell
Utica – Oct 1835
Elijah Cornell

Ithaca Falls Nov 22. 1835

Dear Father

I Rec'd thy favour by N. B. Wood, and was very glad to hear from you I was also glad to hear that Benjamin has got home. I have been to look at a Farm today 3 miles south of Ithaca it is for sale at a bargain for 18$ pr acre a good Wheat Farm of 113 acres & another of 110 at 16$ pr acre both good bargains I dont know but I shall buy one of them if I can make the money arrangements to suit me there is a speculation in buying real est here at low prices. I bought 1 Farm last week for Mr Rube one mile east of me on the hill a good wheat Farm at 35$ pr acre a good Bargain it is worth 45$ pr acre as the Farms here sold about here but the man wanted to go to Michigan and would sell The DeWitts have sold half of there estate within a few for $105.000. the capitolist in the city of N. York we have 20 min of fortunes from the city that have invested there capital in the Ithaca lots & there are determined to make the place go ahead any amt of Money that is necessary to improve the place with be expended there is no mistake

As it regards My Farm I have to say that I have no fear of Speculating much in the operation my object was to relieve the of the burden of it as I judged last summer that it would be a relief to the as he says it will and I also thought it might be as well for Benjamin if it should suit his notion if you all think it best I will take hold as I proposed. but I am not a going to be in a situation to pay any money for the place at present we shall have to make a credit operation of it we shall necessarily have to pay money to stock it. If we should buy we would take a deed & give a bond & Mortgage & Pay the Interest annally. I presume the could get along & settle up My debts with the Stock & the Interest annally that would be due on the place. & what other resorces he might have. I want he to reflect sufficient on the subject so as not to make a wrong move. and in the mean time I want to know what the lowest terms are for the farm. It will be best for Benjamin to Consider the subject well & reflect that he will have to manage the whole concern he must not calculate that he will have me with him to calculate & Manage the affairs

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of business he will find it a very handy
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Elijah Carnell Esq
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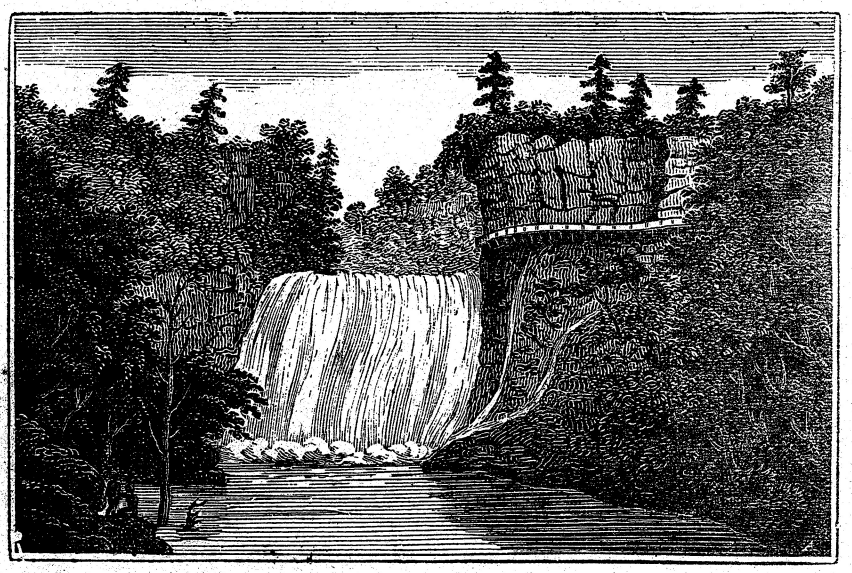

ITHACA FALLS.—*View from the Bridge.*

1835

Dear Mother Ithaca Falls Jany 13

As I have just spent the half of an hour in writing to all of the family as it were and reflecting that I never wrote a line to the in my life. I felt ready to charge myself with a want of duty to the best of Mothers. which said charge I hereby cancel by my pleasant act of writing. I have but little to communicate in the way of news I have put up a small bundle of the best coffee for the that I ever saw. I have also put up a small remnant of coffee for unkle Daniels folks that ~~that~~ we had in the house, with a few appels for the children We have named the babe Elizabeth Percivill Cornell it is a long name but she deserves it she is the Flour of the whole Cornell family

With Much Respect

E. Cornell

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E. Lowell
Jan'y 13th 1886

Dr Father Ithaca Falls Aug 13 1836

I dont know but thee had better give thy farm a way if any body will take it but I presume thee could not get any to take it that has read the Governors message as he very politely tells the good people of the State [illegible] York that they are gambelers that buy farms at high prices and I have no doubt but it is so for if Governor Morsy dont know who are gambelers & what land is worth who does. But if thee cant give it away readily perhaps it is best to hold on and not pay any body for taking it. for I dont believe that every is of the same opinion as Gov Morsy I think the late distressing conflagration in N. York will send some of the boys out in the county next summer to locate were the houses out so thick. I am very much deciered if your hill farms that are worth only from 8 to 10$ p. acre now and sought for in less than 3 years at $25 p. acre real estate will go [illegible] in haste E. Cornell

Elijah Cornell Esq
DeRuyter

Ezra Cornell
Ithaca Jan 13
1836
Elijah Cornell

Ithaca Falls. May 15. 1856

Dear Father

I was from home when thy letter came to hand and have bin very busy since I got home is the cause of my delay. I dont see any impropriety in thy going below. except the funds it is a very close time for money this Spring although we are in hopes the money market will be easyer soon. I have to borrow $1500. this Spring to meat my ingagements. & I consider my self very fortunate to be able to do it in the present State of the money market. I get it from New York on Bond & Mortgage. but notwithstanding the pressure our Prospects are fair. our real estate is advancing in price daily. my three lots at Fall Creek that cost me $2400. is now worth $6.000. without any prospect of a depression the lot that I live on I can sell at any mount for $2.000. the $1500 that I am about to borrow will pay all of my debts. so there is a fair probability of my being able to support my family with prudence I am very sorry that Thos Chace could not get out this way. I am shure if he could have come last June this Spring that he might have invested his money to a great advantage. so that every dollar would have produced its four. there has bin $400.000 invested in real Estate here by capitolast from abroad. We have got the law past to aid in constructing the New York and Erie Rail Road & the law for the Ship Canal from

Sodus Bay on Lake Ontario to Cayuga Lake that Canal will be built as soon as money will build be completed in 2 years and when done it will bring any vessel that navigates Lake Erie or Lake Ontario right to our doors. Just look at the map and see where Sodus Bay is and then look and see where Ithaca is & also where New York is and imagine what the effect will be to Ithaca. You may depend that Ithaca will rival Albany and Buffalo. In the commencement of this letter I spoke about being from home I was at Sodus Bay making some purchases of Real Estate for Bube & others in anticipation of a rise in the value of property in that quarter. I succeeded in buying about 300 Acres in different places about the Bay. they will double their money on it in a year the poorest they can do and they may make a fortune out of it. it will depend some on when the Canal enters the Bay. it cost $8.000 they give me a slice in for making the operation for them I shall have to go out again in a few days so that it is impossible for me to come and to Rochester before Lucretia leaves for home. I think it is altogether best to go below by Water it is easyer Cheaper & Quicker and therefore better. We are sorry to have Lucretia to go back without being able to see her again but I dont see any remedy I think they will ultimately conclude to move west for I am confident they can do better here than they can in the Eastern States. & I want them to so impress it on Thomas's mind as soon as he can sell to advantage to come and here to try the easyer way to get a living. I am sorry to here that Phebe is unwell if Mother can spare her she had better come out here and be doctored we have a plenty of Pills

If Mother gets lonesome while the is below she must try to get out here and spend a few weeks.

I like the plan of Benjamin woking on the Farm and putting it in order for sale but dont let a good opportunity to sell pass unimproved sell in the Spring, in the Summer in the fall or any other time with the crops or without the them but sell for good pay; that is the m[illegible] object to have something to buy again with Martin Wood is in Michigan by this time if no bad luck. Orvin S. Wood left home about [illegible] week ago for the N. Y. & Erie R. R. [illegible] it [illegible] not heard from him since cant tell wether he will get impay or not but I think he will.

Mr. Woods folks are all well and doing well

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Fits Bunkers folks all well & doing w[illegible]

I inclose twenty five dollars for the as per request. the may make a due bill for it on a sheat of paper if they pleases. and let Benjamin write an order to me on the trustees of School District No 10. that I may get his money for him when it is collected. You can write them on a sheat of paper and fold it in a letter and send by mail Pleas tel Benjamin to write so that I can read it

Thy ever dutifull Son

With Respect

E. Cornell

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Elijah Cornell Esq

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E. Cornell
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Respected Nephew with Pleasure I Set down to answer thy Letter Rec about 3 weeks Since and the first thing that I think of is we are all injoying a Good hetth at Present hoping these lines will find you all injoying the Same Blessing the wanted to know in thy letter about our Emegrating to the west we think of it not alittle but we have not made up our minds about that yet and I hardly think we Shall Git Started this Sison and in regard to the worsh wheal I have talked with a wheal weight about Giving a discription in writing for the to have one made and he thinks it will be hard work unless the had Seen one I think the best way will be to have one made in a small Scale and Sent up there if the thinks best and will direct where to be left that the Can Git it there Can be one made with directions as it Sufficient for the to have one made but before we Go to for with this worshing I would inquir whether that water will worsh well if not I think it will not answer, I have not Seen Lucretia Since I Got home but Ruth has been to See them and is going Soon Stay with her a Spell for I think

Likely they exspect Some addition to their family
Soon I Saw Thomas not Long Since and he informd
that they ware all well Thomas I think is Facing
well on that Farm at Present Produce here is
very high and Scase of all kinds which makes us
think more about Going West I Cannot thinke
of any thing more to write at this time only the may inform
Benj Cornell that Sugannah Earle has Close her Eys
on this trobleson world and we have nothing to dought
but She has abetter one found She departed this life
the 14 of this month and there are three more of the
family now Sick and there is not much hops for two
of them to recover So no more at this time only Give my Love
to all inquiring friends the and family take agood Shair
for I offen think of you all Since I was there I had
agood visset altho I have not [illegible] manifest by
writing the must Excuse me for not writing before
this I remain thy well wishing Friend and Uncle

Palmer Chace

P S Ezro I want the to write me as Soon as the
Git this Ruth and Edward Sends their Love to you
all I Shall write to DeRuyter Soon P C

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Ezra Cornell
Ithaca [illegible] New York

Ithaca Falls. Feb 26. 1837

Dear Father

I embraca this the first opportunity to give thee a Short account of my tour to Rochester. I arrived at Manlius about noon & found Elijah's family all well I looked at the Mills done what business I had to do & got Started at 6 oclock A.M by Stage for Rochester. In regard to Elijah's going west I can say but little I did think when I was there that he would give up going. but I have not heard from him since I got home & cant tell whether he has started or not if he dont go west I expect him out here to work for us on the Mill. he said he Should go west if Burdick went if not he Should not go the object was to get Burdick to carry him as Burdick owed him & it would be so much saved. As I said above I started the next morning for Rochester. I met Unkle D. Barnard about 3 miles before we got to Auburn I think he did not know me if he saw me. at Auburn I collected some money whilst the Horses were changed to the Stage. that was due Rubin there & went on we arrived at Rochester the next morning at 4 oclock A.M. I took a bed at the Rochester house & slept untill 7 oclock A.M & then went in pursuit of My cousins which I soon found I took Brakefast Nancy's & said an hour or two then she went with me to Ann's.

I Stayed there until Meeting time & then while Elihu Coleman went to Meeting I took a tour about the City Returned & took dinner with them & Elihu then went with me to see the Mills which we examined thoroughly until night when we returned & I Stade all night with Mr. Macy & took breakfast with them. Then I went up to Elihu's again & he went with me to his Brothers to see his wife who was Mary Ann Chace. We found her to be a very smart & interesting looking woman I saw one of John Robertsons daughters at Saml Chaces She was a fine looking girl I should have went out to Robertsons if it had not Stormed so hard but it was impossible. I found our connexions all very clever & interesting & they were extremely attentive to me I think that Elihu Coleman is a very smart business Man. Saturday Morning at 8 Oclock I left for home got at Seneca Falls in the evening and Stayed at My Brother in laws (Bristols) until Monday noon when his Brother Started with a horse & cutter to bring me home with we arrived at 9 oclock in the evening. The Mills in Rochester I found to be large Stout & extensive but not superior in point of Machinery or economy I learned some things respecting the Manufacturing of flour &c But I saw but very little in their construction that

I shall imitate. I think I can build a better Mill than they have at Rochester with less Money than they employ in the construction of their Mills. they appear to judge of the goodness of a Mill by the cost of it. we have had a very active work for the Plaster business we have sold about 2000 tons. & McCormick has probably sold nearly as much. I think we do more business in Ithaca in the winter than there is in Rochester. I think Rochester is a dull place in the winter. there life & Soul is the canal & Flouring business. as soon as the [illegible] classes in the fall they lay dormant [illegible] in opens in the Spring. I think the time is fast approaching when Ithaca will be a greater place of Business at any season of the year than Rochester.

Benjamin Says you must take good care of the cattle & give them plenty to eat

I shall be glad to hear of their selling the Farm as I think I can do better than to stay at Dekruyter. the girls has common work in the Paper Mill & Mary does about 1½ days work in a day & Phebe a little less they both do more than Girls that have been in the Mill for years

With Respect &c

C. Cornell

E. Cornell
Ithaca Feb 26
1837

Elijah Cornell Esq
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Ithaca May 27. 1837

Dear Father I improve this opportunity to inform the that we are all so busy that we have not time to write for my part I am a Shamed that we have not written before. but the most Excuse us we are all well. We Rec'd two letters from them. Benjamin has been to work on the form at Dryden for the last three weeks. Phebe is keeping School for us May is at work at Orrin Squares & Deborah is attending School at Ithaca. they want any of them be at DeKuyter Short or 3 or 4 weeks yet they want to go but I cant Spare them. The times are unusually hard we are now injoying the blessings of Jacksons Administration. we now see the better Currancy that the General Spoke of in his last Message to Congress. But so we have it & must put up with it. I said above that we were all well that cant so the children are most all sick with colds & a sore throat distemper they are mostly a getting better except Charles C. C he is very sick he cant speak loud & has a very sore throat Elijah is at work at the foundation of the Mill.

In hast

E. Correll

David Wright is well and talks of going to Dekuyter in a few days as soon as we can spare him

Potatoes are from 5/ to 6/ per Kus if you have any to spare pleas save them for us

E. Cornell
Ithaca
May 27. 1837

April 9th
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E. Cornell Esq
Delhi
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Dear Brother & Sister

your letter
Bring the Sad news of the death of your
Sane Charles was Recd. A Short time
Since & we feel with you the loss you
have Sustained deeply But our Creator
Gave & he has seen fitt to take him
from you in his Providence & we
Should not Repine we think we
know how to empathise with with you
on this ~~occasion~~ Melancolly occasion
But my dear friend let this one thought
Comfort you in your affliction that your
Child is in A Better World & free from
all the troubles & anxietys attending
this Life the health of our family is
About as usual excepting Elinyrat She
has not Been able to do any thing to Amount
Since She Came from your house the most
of the time has Been Confined to her Bed
She is at Present afflicted with A very
Sore mouth Caused By Colonel But I
think She is Gaining Slowly my thumb
Gets Along tolerably well
I have nothing more to write at Present
Except our love to all our friends in that
Part of the Country yours affectionately
Please write often

E Cornell, Esqr

J. S. Bristol

Tales June 12. 1837

