

August 24/43

Mr Cornell

or Sir

Your Letter of the 21. inst. is recd. I am sorry to learn you are not well - have been.

Looking for you for some time - you are much wanted here, to give the Plough another Start - we last winter had Casting made for one hundred and have sold and sent out about 30 - the actual Sale we cannot state the number, as we have not heard from all - there has been but one instance when the Plough was sold, that they wished to return it - that was in Bolton Mr Morn, he did not like it - I wished him to keep it, until I should see him, and he has not yet returned it.

I hope we shall make sale of the balance this fall, as it makes it hard for us to have that amt. of Stock in Plough on hand - we have sold but one Plough for Cash - and so far, it would have been much better for us, if we had not done anything in the business - but hope to come out right yet - people have not been in the habit of buying Plows on less than about 12 wks time, and it is hard work to sell on shorter - the fifty dollar note was presented, and paid to Mr Chandler -

Your Truck was rec<sup>d</sup> last week, and I will forward  
it to you by Boat tomorrow - as to Money, it is  
very scarce, we must do what we can for you, when  
you come, rather hard work to pay cash, when we cannot  
receive enough to pay out - I cannot tell why the  
people are so shy of an article, when we have  
the recommendation of so many, about them, that  
they can put confidence in - we have advertised and  
I have been into a great many towns in the different  
Counties, and almost every one has heard of the Plough,  
but the old Customs had been to fill up every town with  
Ploughs, and sell on long terms; and the Farmers seem  
to think that a long<sup>d</sup> credit, and poor Plough, is better  
than a good one on shorter time - yet, I believe that  
a competent person (such as yourself) could take hold  
and sell the Plough, and make a business of it, and  
drive other Ploughs out of use, in a short time -  
I saw Hagg yesterday, he has got a part of his Plows  
finished and sent into Lincoln County - but has not effected  
Sales as yet - he could not get his timber, and got fittled  
for making in the Spring, and is expecting to see the  
Plow this fall - he has got fittled up in good shape  
for making Plow - Mr Taker of Vassalborough is much  
disappointed about his making cutter, say he would not  
have bought the Plow, if he had not been promised a Cutter  
that would match right & left - I am sorry for he is a person<sup>who</sup>

has a good deal of influence in his County - Lumbard  
has hurt us some, by using hard Iron, we have some  
trouble with the Points, and in one instance the Standard  
was broken - I have sent some Plans to Readfield, and  
they wish you to go out there very much, the Farmers  
want to see you, and make Engines, and see you  
use the Plough - I hope you will be able to be here  
soon - come next week if you are able -

Busing since you left Augusta has been very dull -  
all are complaining - we must hope for better times, and  
when they do come, hope to have good luck with the  
Crown Landings - I shall look for you soon -

Respectfully

A. V. Lincoln

N. B. There is two letters in our office for you, I have  
taken them out, and sent you in the Box - not knowing  
but you would find them of consequence - I passed through  
Portland last Monday evening on my way from Boston, I  
did not know that you were in P. but if I had  
could not have had time to call on you -

A. V. L.

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*C. Cornell Esq.*

*Care of Robinson - Portland  
Middle St -*

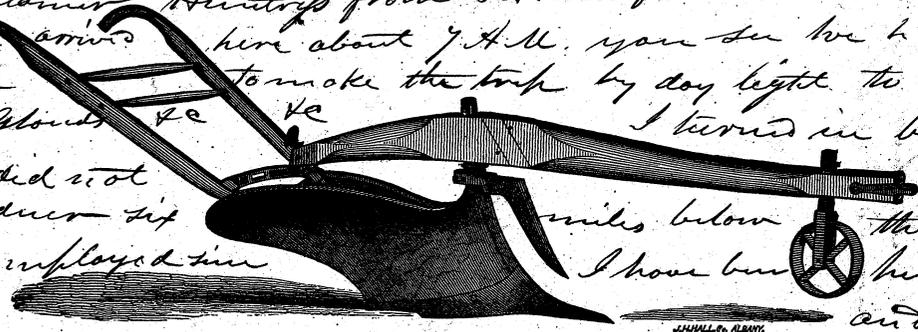


*W B Lincoln  
Aug 24. 1823*

Augusta Me. Sept. 3, 1843

My Dear Mary Ann & Children

I am very happy to be able after the lapse of another week of toil and fatigue to assure you that what I said in my last in regard to my health was strictly true I am in the enjoyment of my accustomed good health and may it please the all wise disposer of events to grant you the same blessing, and may we all be ever ready to acknowledge our obligations for the enjoyment of so great a good. I arrived here Tuesday morning in the Steamer Henslop from Portland fair N. I started from Portland at 10 P.M. and arrived here about 7 A.M. you see we had a right voyage I should be glad to make the trip by day light to have a view of the East Islands &c &c I turned in before we left the docks and did not get up until we got to Gardner's slip I have been employed since the premises and I can say that matters look as well as I had reason to expect. Lincoln has made 100 plows and sold as many or more than has been sold of any other kind. I am confident that his contract of Patent Double Mole-Board Side Hill and Level Land Plough, \$1575 will be good and all need. Floy is going on with his contract to make To which was awarded the first Premium (a Silver Cup) of the American Institute, at its 200 for which he is to pay \$200 as soon as the plows are sold he gets up the best Ploughing Match, at Newark, N. J., in October, 1840; an Honorary Premium of \$30 by plows that I have seen made and all appears right, I shall try to sell the New York State Agricultural Society, at its Annual Fair, at Syracuse, in Sept., 1841; but the season is so far spent and the time is so near at hand that I and by the American Institute, a Gold Medal, at the Ploughing Match, at Sing Sing, in regard to return that I fear I should be able to do much. The present



**BARNABY & MOOERS'**

**Patent Double Mole-Board Side Hill and Level Land Plough, \$1575**

October, 1841. I shall take a trip with Lincoln to the upper counties to assist him in starting the sales there, and shall then probably go to Oxford of Piscataquis and try to dispose of them counties. I cannot decide at this time whether I shall be able to get to the state fair or not if I do I shall have to go from here direct to Rockston and in case I do I want you to visit me at Seneca Falls and go a long, to do so you will have to go to Seneca Falls Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. I may have an opportunity to write to you again before that. It would be well for you to go down and make John's folks a visit at that time whether you hear from me or not. I shall have to be governed by circumstances that are yet in the womb of futurity, but I could enjoy my self in no way so well as to make the tour to Rockston with you.

I hope your motherly care will not be withdrawn now she is away from us. I feel as though she kindled a fire as much as ever she did. She is now treading the slippery path of youth in which it is easy for her to make a mis step, dont let it be through a lack of duty enjoin her. I feel anxious to know that Alouza is employing his time properly for he should remember that a day gone never more returns and at each days sun set there is one less left for him to devote to the improvement of his mind and I am sure he has ambition enough to try to qualify himself for some useful purpose through life; Elizabeth and Frank must remember that Adams is to the human mind like trust to Brown, You will Corp's Obedient for your Affectionate Husband  
E. Cornell

I have just closed a letter to your father that will include this I am perhaps proceeding a little quick to leave you a question but I believe it is in honor of you as it takes the time of labor in the letter of the law to make a double return and as law honesty is moral honesty in this case I don't see any wrong in it. I shall write to J. J. Bristol this evening and would myself to Eliza if I had more time  
E. Cornell  
Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> 1848

Mrs E. Cornell  
Care of J. J. Bristol  
Boston

Wm  
Dunklin & Co

I have sent a draught to Mr. Stearns for \$12.50 to pay my interest. I am sure the Suffolk Bank of Boston by the Stearns Bank of New York, in my day evening I forgot to put my letters in the office to day so you got one day later news as they say on the arrival of the Atlantic Steamer. Last night the Steamer John W. Richmond was burning along at the wharf at Spallowell, I did not turn out to the fire as I did not know the alarm.

To bear your expenses to Seneca Falls I think you can raise cash enough from Mr. Patten, McDonald & Co. I don't know as I can think of matter enough to fill out this letter as my mind is occupied with so many other things and I have been writing all day. I suppose you have rec'd a paper from me now and then, as I have sent a number I have rec'd our Chronical from you at Portland and two at this place but I do not find the account of the murder in either. I have sent papers to your father, to Eliza and to the Boys at Michigan. I hope you will not forget Eliza note that she is away from you, you must write to her once in a while and give her such advice as a daughter had ought to receive from a mother, remember that she has no natural mother, you my dear must appear more like a mother to her than any other person can and

St. Louis Sept 9 1843

I take this opportunity to acknowledge the receipt of your letter it came to hand in due time and I was glad to hear that you had succeeded so well in your new enterprise, the news as it comes to us appears rather flattering, than otherwise whether it is painted higher than it will bear is best known to your self, I hope however that it will prove a source of some profit for you well know that you have liabilities here to meet which your friends are anxious to have discharged, I would inform you that the note which I endorsed of \$6000 given to Williams has been sued and judgment obtained which will be out about the middle of this month, you tell me that you had arranged that note by paying a part of it which I find is not so, I supposed that you know that I have as many debts of my own as I can attend to ~~without~~ I dont know what course will be taken with it. as for my paying it is out of the question. I hope you will get home time enough to attend to it your self

Mr. More has been home and appears to be anxious to have you engage with him in the plow business he says he is confident that there is money to be made out of the plow business you probably have need his letter

Your family are all well as are the rest of our friends about here I dont know as there has any thing transpired here since you left that would be interesting to you

if you stop at New York on your return home  
and see Mr Woodman I wish you would put of  
him a little respecting the lot joining me on the  
south, between me and Mr. Hazy. see what  
is the lowest it can be bought for and what  
chance for pay

W. B. Cornwell

So E. Cornwell Esq

P.S. if you come home by the way of Syracuse you  
will please call at the Clerk's office and get a deed  
which I left there to be recorded. The charges are  
and all paid

W. B. Cornwell

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Mr. E. Cornell Esq

Augusta

Main



E. B. Cornell  
Sept 9, 1845

Freedom Village, Town of Freedom, Waldo Co. Me.  
Sept 17, 1843

My Dear Mary Ann & Children It is now two weeks since I  
wrote to you, and I am happy to be able to inform you that I am  
in the enjoyment of as good health as any mortal could  
desire, and I hope it has been the will of an all merciful  
Providence to visit you with the same high blessing.

Since I wrote you I have made a tour through Nimble  
Franklin & Sumner's Co's with Mr. Lincoln to give a new  
impetus to the introduction and sale of the plow in his territory  
which I considered as important as anything I could do, as  
the faster he sells the plows the faster we get the people  
for the right of those counties, and the introduction of  
them in those counties facilitates the introduction of them  
in other parts of the state. Last Tuesday I came over to  
this (Waldo) Co in order to affect new sales I have had some  
trials of the plow all of which have been highly satisfactory  
but have made no sale yet although I am anxious to sell  
this county, in the course of the present week. But these  
down East Yankees are as frigid and cautious of a new thing  
as a child would be of fire after being once burned. I am sure  
if they should undergo a thorough examination they would  
be but two bumps for a very small caution & fear.

The land is hilly and rocky for this state and especially in this County  
so that the trials I have to give the plow are severe ones but  
in my hands she whips all other plows or any kind of land  
but in the hands of a stranger she is like a mule bad to  
manage if it were not of that difficulty she would sweep the  
state like a fire on the prairie. I suppose it is of no use  
to inform you that I shall not be at Rochester the 18. 19<sup>th</sup>  
as you will see by the date of this letter that I would not have  
time to get there if I was disposed, and the chances are that  
I shall not be at it there at our Fair. But you may  
say to my friends that the "inner man" is with them and will  
rejoice at their rejoicings and weep at their sorrowings.

Your Very Love, you will be most disappointed of any one,  
but you will have the proud satisfaction to reflect that my  
affections are not alienated by absence or space, and the affection  
you have for me and love for our dear children seconded by a noble  
and virtuous mind will aid you in acquiescing cheerfully to what

Shines right and proper to me.

There is a love of earlier growth,  
Lips daggling than the love of youth;  
Whose gentle looks and anxious care  
Aspire, the husband's task to share;  
Which seeks its solace and employ,  
Providing for her children's joy;  
Which owns no happiness complete  
Till they are healthy, clean, and neat;  
Which strives to spare the humble store,  
And make that little something more;  
Love, which the frugal table spreads  
A blessing breathes on daily bread;  
Which, scorning finery and pride  
Exalts in comforts self-denied;  
And teaches man 'tis vain to roam,  
For pleasure to compare with home:  
This calms, so that the heart can't move;  
And this is my Mary Ann's love.

Those lines describe my dear what  
I know your love to be, and care  
you doubt for a moment any  
society to receive and enjoy a home  
missed happy by such a one; so! I  
know you so well, it is nothing  
but a high sense of duty brought  
about by the force of circumstance  
that induces me to remain  
here another day, and let us  
smile in our progress that it may  
result in our mutual good and  
for the good of those who are  
Early and lasting affections

Mrs E Cornell  
Ataca  
Tompkins Co  
N.Y.

2nd 17/1850  
E. Cornell

How does Alonzo progress with his study I hope by this time he has got some  
sisterly organization by which he can convert study into a pleasure as well as  
a source of mental improvement, "Cultivate the Mind and the Soil" was  
the motto hoisted at the mast head of the cultivator by the late Judge Bush, and it  
is a noble motto. A Banner inscribed with such a motto might be useful  
and flying to the breeze by any youth pride, and I hope and trust  
that Alonzo has ambition enough to embrace it and go a head.  
Elizabeth and Frank must be good children and steady as much as they  
at least and Oliver must be kept for his father.  
Yours with affectionate regards  
Mary Ann  
E. Cornell

Portland Oct 4, 1845

My Dear Mary Ann & Children. I was made happy by the rec<sup>t</sup> of your kind favour of the 3. Sept. a few days ago. I had bin to Waldo Co as you probably have leaved ere this so I did not get the letter in some time after it arrived, but the sentiments of pure undified affection that it contained were as fresh and as heart cheering as they were the moment they were conceived in the pure mind of a beloved wife. My happiness was brightened by the information of your general health and by being able at this time to assure you that I am in the full enjoyment of the same blessing. I shall be sorry if my unavoidable absence has in any way lessened the interest of the fair or imborned your kind father by the want of my feble aid, I wrote him in season of the impossibility of my being there and hope I was not misp<sup>d</sup>. I am glad that Lady Whitefoot is doing well for she has always bin a favourite. you dont speak of "bet". I should assume expect to hear any other news as that of your (briest) marriage I wonder if they will not reproid us for keeping Eliza back so long. be it as it may I hope that Eliza will <sup>act with</sup> prudence in the matter for I cant regard her other than as one of our children. I am glad that little Bess has had a chance to make a visit to Deluxton, and you may assure her that her father wants to see her as much as he is not too much <sup>concerned</sup> for your folks right with Frank if it is in the impor<sup>tance</sup> of improving his time. I think you had better <sup>read aloud to</sup> you if you could <sup>stand time</sup> in any other way.

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**Patent Double Mole-Board Side Hill and Level Land Plough,**

take the history of some and let him commin and read <sup>through in short lessons</sup> it will help to bring his mind to the subject of his studies and <sup>short him anew</sup> I am sorry to hear that <sup>she did not receive more benefit from her reading.</sup> I hope it help her give her any <sup>respect.</sup> Mother for her love a Mother's blessing is like a Mother's blessing, a boon that a son should be proud of and I confess. I am sensible that my Mother has done more for me than I can ever be able to repay <sup>able to repay</sup> and it is my earnest prayer that I may ever be able and ready to soothe her affliction and spread sunshine over the evening of her days that she may finally sink to rest in <sup>to which was awarded the first Premium (a Silver Cup) of the American Institute at its sweet repose</sup> with a blessing upon her lips for her first born, I have <sup>some of the contents of your kind letter, I will now try to find matter that may serve to big all</sup> the time Ploughing Match, at Newark, N. J., in October, 1840; an Honorary Premium of \$30 by to fill the remainder of my sheet. My last voyage from Augusta here may perhaps serve the purpose as well as any other subject. It commences with last Sunday morning which was not a gloomy the New York State Agricultural Society, at its Annual Fair, at Syracuse, in Sept., 1841; after breakfast I settled my bill with mine host and staid in the coach which some <sup>whisked us to the</sup> steamer "Splendid" layng at her berth at <sup>Hallowell, in a few minutes, the bell around</sup> that stand by the American Institute, a Gold Medal, at the Ploughing Match, at Sing Sing, in <sup>of storking was arrived. the festivities were cast off and the floating Palace was in</sup> another <sup>propelled by the heated vapour like a thing of life down the noble</sup> <sup>October, 1841.</sup> <sup>Kumuck, the beautiful scenery of this noble river was obscured by the gloom</sup> of the morning, so the passengers soon sought the comfort of the saloon, the <sup>berchin and his bell soon broke in upon their anticipated comfort however with</sup> the cry of "A-l-l. passengers who had their fair will pleas call at the Capt. <sup>ains and settled" that put all in motion untill tickets were procured by that time</sup> we had arrived at Gardner where we received an addition to our numbers, and was soon underway, and again "ding dory" goes the bell accompanied by "A-l-l <sup>passengers who had paid their fair will pleas call at the Captains office</sup> and settled". That over and there was a few moments quiet enjoyment in the <sup>saloon before we reached Both when the same scene was evoked over</sup> again that business of settling being now got along with, we returned <sup>to a new lesson and away goes the bell accompanied with the cry of</sup> "A-l-l passengers who wish to have dinner will pleas call to the Captains <sup>office and procure their tickets," so there goes four yoke shillings or an</sup> empty stomach, and it was an empty stomach with money for I see they had their minds made up to buy their <sup>instrument to neptune</sup> and chose not

to appear before her goddess-ship too full fed, which I afterwards saw was a wise conclusion for unless the that dinner was more fortunate than the breakfast it would not be suffered to remain long enough to buy the trouble of wearing the King & folks to say nothing of the four York shillings that it costs, well, dinner over and the boat leaving the mouth of the river were the exceeding waters of the Kumbuck at full ebb, and in angry strife the rolling billows of old ocean, which at this time did not happen to be "as mild as a summer morning" but still wore the frown of a former days possession, yes old Neptune's bosom I heard with the fury of a mother bereft of her only offspring, and our proud little craft soon found she could not stand the buffeting of the angry Goddess, and after getting one dash in her face she turned upon her heel again to greet the milder waters of the Kumbuck and soon landed all safe at both about a past 2 P.M. some much fortunate others blaming themselves to remain on terra firma until their lands were run.

Oct 4 1843

E Cornell

Mrs E. Cornell

It is a beautiful morning and the  
Breakfast bill has just come so  
good bye for the present Oct 5. 1843

Happily I was not among those who were frightened, but it is said that those who know nothing fear nothing and I must confess I know but little about how much a steamer would stand in rough weather at sea, but this much I do know, that I was in the forward cabin when she met the first sea and the cry and screaming among the timbers sounded as though it would tear the boat asunder, and the Captain said he had not seen such a sea as in five years and the opinion was freely given by some of the Passengers that she could not have lived through it had she kept on but I think they were more alarmed than the occasion called for, although it was undoubtedly prudent in the Capt. to return. The ballast and best is apt to come please have patience till you get it and believe my yours forever

M.A.C

E. Cornell

Dr. m.

Oct 11. 1856.

Your Stock in the Ithaca F. W. Man. Co was forfeited on the 10<sup>th</sup> Inst. but if you choose to pay the balance due from you before the first Tuesday in next month you will get your certificate of Stock.

Please let me know if you intend to do so.

Yrs.  
J. J. Spang

Mr E Corwin Esq  
Ithaca  
N York

J. J. Spang

of 1843  
May 11<sup>th</sup> 1843

Mr Ezra Cornell

Albany  
N.Y.

New York Oct 12. 1843

Dr Sir

I traveled through some of the interior counties of Georgia during the months of April & May last with a view of collecting some information ~~on the~~ subject of the facilities that the state possessed for manufacturing, and to see if I could discover a good location for a manufacturing town, and I felt amply rewarded for the expense and toil of the journey, in the information I was able to acquire although it was in some degree limited, I satisfied myself in the first place that the counties composing what is known as the "Cherokee Country" abound in the raw material of the very best quality and of easy and cheap access for many of the most important branches of manufacturing while remaining in the state of nature, and the improvement of the country in agriculture will supply others, which combined will offer the manufacturer in that respect all the facilities desirable. Secondly I found that those facilities were located in the immediate vicinity of good and abundant Water Power (High Tower River near where it is crossed by the Rail Road). Thirdly, I was pretty well satisfied that the climate in that part of Georgia would be healthy for people from the north, which would be indispensable to success of the object I had in view, and fourthly that the outlet or facilities for sending the manufactured articles

The market was ~~for~~ soon would be unsurpassed. Say by  
the Rail Roads through the Eastern part of Georgia & South Carolina  
to Charleston, Savannah & Barren by the Chattahoochee through  
South Georgia, South East Alabama & West Florida and down  
the Coosa through the heart of Alabama to Mobile, all  
of that country which now depends on the north for its suppl-  
ies can be supplied with all articles manufactured from Iron  
and steel, Wool, Cotton, Leather & Wheat in spite of any compe-  
tition from the north. Judging from the information that I was  
able to collect during my tour, I think some points on the  
High town River near the Rail Road Bridge say a few miles  
above or below as the case may be would be a good location  
for a town, and I have no doubt should the enterprise be  
undertaken and judiciously conducted, the time is not distant  
when ~~that~~ largest town in Georgia gave our (favoured)  
would be the one now in my minds eye. Iron could be  
extensively manufactured, if Cotton can be grown so high up that could be  
be manufactured even for Export to Europe, Cotton Lacking, & Cotton bale Press  
would be made. Wool could be cheaper manufactured than at the  
north making a market for all that could be raised in the vicinity  
of one of the most profitable Agricultural productions your farmers  
could adopt, Leather & Shoes for the supply of the country, all kinds  
of Agricultural implements, say Threshing machines, plows, Cultivators,  
drills, Rice Mills, Ginning Mills, Cradles, Sythes, Axes hoes, and all  
kinds of Machinery, Carriages, Furniture, Glass, paper Stone ware  
&c &c can be manufactured as cheap or cheaper there than  
at any other place that I am acquainted, all that is wanting

is the capital and Skill, the capital to start with must be got there, as it is against the interest of the north to encourage such a project and quite part of the question to divert capital from here for such an object, but the skill is here and can be induced on reasonable terms to emigrate to Georgia for the accomplishment of the above object.

Now for the question, What is the feeling of your citizens on the subject? Have they the enterprise to promote their own interest, by the encouragement of manufacturing in their midst, & by supplying themselves at home, Is the legislature of your state favourably disposed towards manufacturing?

If on an Examination of the subject, you find my views to be correct, and your citizens are disposed to form a company for the above object with say \$100,000 to begin with, I would move to Georgia and take the agency of the company if they desired it, (Provided I could satisfy them in regard to my qualifications for the enterprise &c &c) I am a Mill Wright & Mechanist by profession and am practically ~~the~~ acquainted with many kinds of manufacturing and all kinds of business, having had the entire charge of an extensive for over two years. I could get good Mechanics of all kinds to go on as fast as they were wanted and many would start different branches of business on their own account, as soon as a location was made and Water power & building lots could be obtained. It would induce many farmers to emigrate to Georgia instead of going west, the mildness of the climate in winter and the certainty of a market would be great inducements for them.

he possessed and I was desirous to obtain, he told me that  
he had got the controls of all the water power in  
the Chenango Country that was good for any thing & which  
afterward he said was doubtful to say the least. Please  
write me at. "Ithaca, Tompkins Co. N.Y.

Yours Respectfully

E. Cornell

Copy of letter  
from E. Cornell  
to Mrs. W. George

I am induced to address this communication to you in  
from advice of Mr Kingsberry of Corroton who is now  
in this city he informs me that you feel a deep  
interest in the subject and could as ascertains the  
feelings of your citizens on the subject as correctly as  
any other person I should have corresponded with Mr  
Strauf were I not induced to believe that he withheld infor-  
-mation from me respecting other places than his own, which

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[ "New York City  
Friday. Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> /43 -

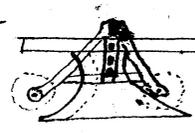
Sir -

I find matters in a very un-  
propitious shape here, for our pipe - I  
see the necessity of my remaining  
here until Monday P.M. to ensure  
progress. From present indications, however,  
and by means of an instrument I shall  
commence making this afternoon, I am  
in hopes (aided by an experiment which  
a new pipe manufacturer is to make  
on Sunday,) to have our pipe more  
speedily manufactured in Philadelphia,  
& in coils wholly different in size from those  
we now have on hand - & altogether more  
easily handled. - With a view to this,  
I wish you to omit all alterations in  
the drum part of our machine, until  
you hear from me again - Adapt to the  
casting a sharp edged part piece - &  
make any improvement in respect to  
its moving on high wheels, that you  
may approve of - But the wooden carriage  
part may remain unaltered - I am in

the hope of getting coils that shall be  
 only 8 inches thick (including 2 inches  
 for the drum heads, or 6 inches of coil only),  
 and only about 2 feet, or 2.6 in. diameter  
 & a pipe that shall be but  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch, external  
 diameter - If so, we shall in the end  
 perhaps gain "in time" by these alterations,  
 as much as we lose other wise -

You can complete also, all but the  
 superstructure of your model.

It has occurred to me as practicable,  
 for us to adapt a single wheel before, & one  
 behind our plough, which can be raised  
 or lowered at pleasure, so as to gauge the  
 depth of our furrows, a cut - lay, for a side  
 view thus  Suppose the space to  
 to be filled with wood (planks -) let as many oblong  
 square holes of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch deep, by 1 inch thick - or receive  
 an iron bar for an axis, of that size & shape, be made  
 in this filling as it will admit of without destroying  
 its strength - from the upper point down the middle -

Suppose we have an iron frame thus -  - Let a  
 bolt,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch deep & 1 inch thick (as above) to be taken out at  
 pleasure, perforate the above frame at the top b (I find  
 I am mistaken & the frame to receive the axis of a wheel  
 to drop before, & one behind the plough should be  
 connected through the beam, & moveable up &  
 down from that, in order to lift the plough & regu-  
 late its depth - My design is to have the wheels  
 held between the two sides of a frame as above  
 at the points d. d. The frame & plough would  
 show somewhat thus -  The dots a up -

Send the holes for the bolt to enter the frame on each  
side - The frame of iron, of course - By changing the  
heights upwards or downwards of the frame, & replacing  
the bolt, we gain our play - One wheel, 1/2 inches  
thick of wood, like a roller, & the same behind,  
will give us all the steadiness we want - I don't  
know as you will see my aim, or any other idea  
<sup>from</sup> ~~at~~ this suggestion - But if you do, try on, until  
I send you further news -

Yours truly  
F. S. Smith

P.S. I shall probably remain here until  
Monday A.M.

F. O. Smith  
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Wm. B. Cornell  
Banker  
Baltimore

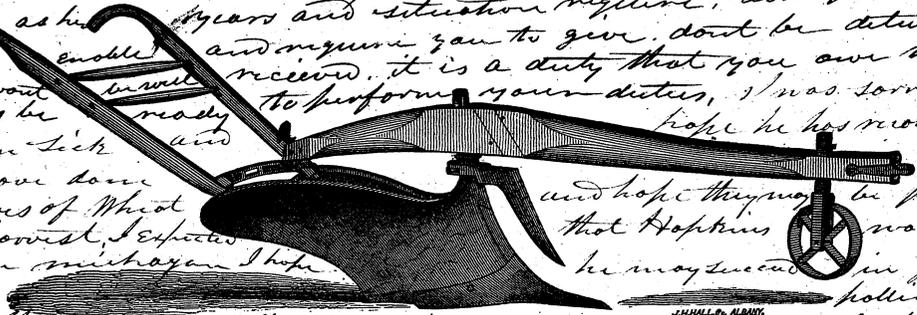
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The Telegraph

My Dear Mary Ann & Children

Baltimore Oct 29. 1843. 17/53

I rec<sup>d</sup> your kind favour of 22 last yesterday and  
 and was happy to receive with it the intelligence of your good health, and  
 am again enabled to inform you that I am participating in the same blessing  
 I also rec<sup>d</sup> the Chronical of Oct 4. with proceedings of the fair which appears to  
 have resulted in a very satisfactory manner. I see that lady Whitefoot some  
 herself the honour to win the first prize. I am glad that you made a visit  
 to Seneca Falls. Your promise in reference to June 13<sup>2</sup> marriage tokens something  
 very, has her brother, tried them experiments of making a lady of her perhaps  
 it may be as well for Eliza that she did not conclude to be made  
 a lady of. I hope you will write to Eliza now and then and give her  
 such advice as her years and situation require, and your experience &  
 duty as a mother enable and require you to give. dont be deterred by any false  
 notions that it would be well received. it is a duty that you owe her, and I trust  
 you will always be ready to perform your duties, I was sorry to hear that  
 Merril had been sick and hope he has recovered ere this very well to  
 I think they have done and hope they may be prospered with  
 got in 20 acres of wheat that Hopkins would move his  
 a beautiful harvest, I expect family back from Michigan I hope he may succeed in getting through  
 your insurance policy is all right



**BARNABY & MOOERS'**

**Patent Double Mole-Board Side Hill and Level Land Plough,**

I found it in the offer of the Company. Excited in much last as soon as it  
 was sent on from Ithaca. You say in your letter you did not know but it  
 had slipped my mind not so. I never suffer  
 any thing to slip my mind the will for  
 or protection of my family require should be thought on. the condition of the company  
 is very prosperous they have issued a large number of policies and have not met  
 with any loss. I have seen by the Chronical that the trustees of the N. Y.  
 N. Y. Co. To which was awarded the first Premium (a Silver Cup) of the American Institute at its  
 resolutions forfeiting the stock of all such as have not to do up. I dont know how much  
 I am behind hand in my payments but it is not much. even if there has been  
 nothing Ploughing Match, at Newark, N. J., in October, 1840; an Honorary Premium of \$30 by head in  
 since I left home. Mr. Fild said they would let the amount they were owing me  
 apply on my stock account by debiting a trifle to make the account equal to  
 the New York State Agricultural Society, at its Annual Fair, at Syracuse, in Sept., 1841; which I  
 calculated to do. I did not settle it when I was at home, as they extended the time to  
 October and I supposed before October I should get credit enough from Mr.  
 Donald and by the American Institute, a Gold Medal, at the Ploughing Match, at Sing Sing, in  
 that would be owing me to make up the deficiency. If Mr. McDonald has not  
 paid his October, 1841. rent, let him have 10 or \$15 paper, to my credit on the  
 Factory books and I can settle the matter when I come home.  
 Mr. Patten 2<sup>d</sup> quarter rent was due first of October \$40. he has a right  
 by his lease to have the front of the house repaired the stock and fix the fence and  
 take the amount out of his 2<sup>d</sup> quarters rent. Ask him for a bill of the  
 items of repairs that he has made. then by referring to the copy of the  
 lease which you will find in one of the drawers in my desk you can  
 see what part of it was tolerated by the lease and see how much to  
 deduct from the Quarters rent, you will see by his account on my  
 ledger that he did not pay all of the first Q<sup>r</sup> rent. See by the acct  
 the amt of the balance due and get it. Land King if he is in my  
 house get must pay up. Ask Fadden to attend to him as he let him  
 in. T. Russell must pay something. Herington & E. Stevens both owe  
 for rent. If E. Stevens want the money perhaps he can pay something at  
 the Factory. Get all the credit at the factory you can when you cant  
 get cash or something that you may want in the family. you will  
 want some cloth for the children and I may want a garment so that  
 Factory Co will be good ever after the ball of stock etc is settled.

I cannot inform you at present my Dear when I shall be at home. you  
speak of my protracting the time which I set to be home it, I have no doubt  
that it is unpleasant for you to live there alone or with out me for you  
cannot be alone in the midst of our dear children, but I feel as though  
you justified me in staying as I have done although you may not like  
to confess it. I am willing to trust that matter to your judgment  
I am here a lone at present. Professor Morse is at New York and Smith  
has gone to Portland they will both be here again in a few days. we were  
commenced laying the pipe and laid 2000 feet by hand that carries us out of  
the way of the Bethel station so that we can communicate with the Man-  
-chine which has not yet arrived. It was a long passage around by  
sea and we are waiting for it. I am now making a model of  
the machine to deposit in the Patent Office so as to get out a  
patent for the machine. the prospect, one rather discouraging of it  
being valuable. I have a piece of information to communicate to  
you in confidence, which at present I wish to know one but yourself  
to know, and I trust you want disappoinment, that is Mr Smith wants  
me to continue in connexion with the telegraph, he says I must stay  
permanently, and he will fix me ~~up there~~ with a salary of \$1000. a  
year to start with, with a prospect of its being increased to \$1200  
or \$1500 any year, he has talked with Professor Morse about it and he says  
the professor approves, so I regard my prospects as being rather flatter-  
-ing, but you can readily see my motives for so doing as far as others are  
concerned, in such an event I should move my family on here or at Washing-  
-ton and I had rather get all arrangements made to leave Ithaca before  
it was known that I intended to leave. I have other flattering offers  
to go to Georgia made me since I came from Maine. I expect a letter  
from Georgia on the subject to Ithaca if they should ever arrive please  
forward it here if it comes in time to meet me here. If I get a station  
with the Telegraph that suits me I would like it better than going to Geo-  
-gia I can assure you my Dear that I breathe free and deep than I have done for  
some time past. I feel as though Old Dame fortune was listening herself to make amends  
as for as may be for her past neglect, but I am cool, I am determined to take  
things like a Philosopher, be prepared for the worst, and pleased with the Good of it  
comes. It may be under the new aspect of affairs that I shall not be at home  
much this winter, in that case I should make you a visit soon as a  
matter of course, and would it not be as well for you to rent out the  
house if you could get a good family that would pay punctual and not neglect  
the premises. the rent for a year should be not less than \$75. nor more than  
\$100. think the matter over and make up your own mind what would be for  
the best, and let me hear from you on the subject, and in getting a letter from  
you I should be extremely happy to learn that you justify the course that I have  
hinted to above, I am willing to throw myself on the mercy of a court whom your  
judgment, Affection, & Interest, are the presiding judges. I have made such ar-  
-rangements in Maine that I think the ballance of the Farm interest will be  
disposed of without my personal attention, I sold only one Cow in which  
I was there. I devoted only one week to the business of our sales the ballance  
of the time was spent in promoting our interest in regard to the old sales  
you had better dispose of Lady Whitfoots pigs to the best advantage you can. and  
if you have a chance to sell for a fair price let the whole go. both sows and  
their pigs, or if you have a pair of likely Berkshire pigs you may have  
them caged and sent to John Cornell, Plymouth N. C. they would go  
down the canal to New York and then onboard a Plymouth vessel, let  
E. B. C see to the proper direction of them by putting them in charge  
of about Capt. at the inlet that will stock them properly in New York

If you can get any intelligence of Harry Mooers, & P Hardy please let me know where they are and what they are about when you write, I hope that Mr Dubois will get the Election of County Clerk, for he thinks it income to support his family, I wish I could be at home to help him in, He will make as good a Clerk as any we have had since, I have lived at Ottawa, his qualifications are of the right sort, and what getting is the only business that he can turn his hand to, to advantage, I hope your Father and his influence will go for him for I am sure they cannot get as good a man as he for the office, do send me the Chronical register, it is very pleasant to know what is going on at home when I cannot be there, send me a copy of Patten's bill of repairs if it amounts to much, I suppose Alouza broke up house keeping what will you do with the corn and shuck if you are broke up house keeping this winter, The nice breeding Apples that I stopped away in my trunk for you and mother, have got as yellow as gold and one has begun to decay, so that appropriated it to my own enjoyment, and you will get your share upon the principle that man and wife are one and the same Matter, poor Mother has set her appetite I fear to be disappointed, as I know of no principles, philosophy or morals by which she could be benefited by my eating the apple, But you may be assured that they are of the first order and I will smack my lips for both of you at the appropriate time, And in conclusion I can say that if it was an apple of Equal merit with which the serpent tempted another Eve, I am inclined to think she was excusable for accepting the bribe, especially as it was not possible for her to realize the sad consequences that was to result from so trivial an offence, While on the subject of Apples I wish you would if it is not too late procure a sample of Apples for me from a tree on the hill against Burrows fine West tower, the road it is the first time it has borne, and another tree above the old hot house bore this year for the first time, and as I think of it I wish you would have Tom Russel one or two, who owes me to lay down ~~the~~ berry five or six of those Extra Grape vines the lower side of the Garden, I want them to bear and they won't do any thing unless they are protected from the frosts of winter, they are next the road fine north of the Quince bushes, I think you must know them, I hardly know what to say by ~~the~~ of smoking out this letter, I have had my mind so intently fixed on the business of your machine and the telegraph that it can't appear to be stored with the usual amount of matter on which to form letters, I am sorry that you did not inform me in your letter how Father was getting along with his business, whether he got stone worn clay and had made any stone worn or not I see he took the premium for stone and Earthware worn and friend Spruner says they were good enough ~~though~~ there was no competition, please let me know some thing about it, have you got the money for Lady Whitefoot's premium, I think your authority will be good for it and I am sure that you are entitled to it, I hereby authorize you to sign my name to the voucher for the money, I am boarding with a private family in the upper part of the city near the Mount Pleasant Depot at \$2.75 per week room to my self and it is hard work already to keep my feet warm ~~enough~~ but as I have the promise of an Extra blanket I hope to get along, the weather has been Rainy part of the last week and I should not be surprised to hear that you have had a cold storm, do you know any thing about whether my taxes have been paid and if so who by?, you did not say any thing about how Alouza was getting along with his studies so I suppose he is going ahead nicely, While that is right, I hope he will stick to it and get an education when he has a chance for it want be long before he will have something else to do, and then he will be sorry if he lets the present opportunity pass without improving it, I believe your son that Frank was up at Dryden School I am glad of that he is a smart boy and must study sharp so as to be prepared for business, I suppose Butterfly is at home with you but she will learn any more no danger, and she must have a good chance, and so shall

But she has to help take care of Oliver some. Well that is right she must help her mother all she can, and be a good girl. Oliver must learn to read by the time I get home. I know he will be a smart boy because he has such good spunk to quarrel with his Mother, you say in your letter that Father starts in the morning for S. Falls and will get all the week - you news, now will you ask him to give me a little of it, I don't think it would be a very hard matter for him to write me a short letter. I suppose you heard so much about Baltimore from Mrs Norton that you know more about it than I do, and if you should come here you will be at home. I am absolutely at a loss for matter to fill my sheet, the people of the house have just returned from church and talking over the matters of the service & C. & C. With Affectionate Regard I bid you adieu for this evening. Mary Ann

E. Cornell

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Mrs E. Cornell

Thomas  
Jenkins Co

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E Cornell  
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Mr. I have not seen or heard of - could not see  
to country or the firm you thought - and I have seen

Augusta Oct 31/43.

Mr Cornell

Dr Sir

I have this morning rec<sup>d</sup> a letter from you,  
dated at Baltimore 26<sup>th</sup> and hasten to answer it.  
I wrote you soon after your last from Portland, &  
sent papers containing an ac<sup>t</sup> of our fair, and directed  
to Ithaca - thinking you would be there, as you  
visited the reports of the fair sent there - I now have  
no papers containing them - there was but little spirit  
evinced here, and at Readfield I did not go - four  
teams were all that entered for premium, two of "DOD"  
plows, one of "Hagg" and one made at Pitton a large Plow -  
both of "DOD" took a premium, the Leicester to "Hagg", and  
I believe the Leicester to the Pitton Plow - "to all boys play"  
Mr Seal has made arrangements at the Watermill  
Foundry that will detain him, until winter, he thinks  
then he shall like to take hold of the Plow trade -  
I have not heard a word from Mr BERRY, neither from  
Pravy - and have sold but very few Plows since you  
left - the Plows that we left when out, will mostly be  
returned - the very devil had got into the people about

Plows - no doubt but Lambert, & Co. think they  
have succeeded in stopping the sale of our Plows -  
I hope not. The waterbury folks will make the Plow (if  
the casting do not exceed 80 lbs) for \$7.50 delivered - I believe  
I shall get them to make - their casting are liked better  
than any other that are made about here - Glass says  
he has sold no Plows yet, that he has heard from -  
I say in my letter to you, I ordered the new patterns of the Small  
Horse Plow & No 4 - and wished them both finished  
complete - and forwarded as soon as possible, as our  
river will soon close, and they wish them early, that  
they can be making when they are not done -  
will it be possible for you to get them for us? and have  
them come complete - and sent soon? - the No 4 Plow  
we want all the parts, and improvements, I hope we  
shall get something that will sell, and that can be  
used easy - you know what is wanting, and the whole  
Story also - hope you will send patterns that are right, and  
please say how the Small Plow should be wooded -  
please let us know what, and when, we can expect them -  
I wrote you in my last, that I had about concluded  
to take hold of the Plow business alone, since that, I have  
had some correspondence with Mr Mead of Providence,  
about connecting our business here, I expect to hear from  
him tomorrow - So you see in the unsettled state that I am

in, I cannot say any thing about purchasing the balance  
of your interest here - I will think of the subject -  
I am glad to hear that you have good offers of  
business, and hope you will succeed, good luck to you -  
the patterns I shall hope to see from soon, and think  
a good deal about the improvement in cutter, and the  
alteration in the mould board, I believe it will steady the  
Plow, and make it hold easy - I hope to overcome the  
prejudice of the people, and cause them to like the Plow -  
I have not yet reed any benefit from the same  
but am worn off than if I had not touched them  
and under such circumstances, (if no other men to be offered)  
I am not content to end here - but feel anxious to make  
it "go ahead" - knowing that you will render any  
assistance that you conveniently can - when shall you  
go to Ithaca? and will your friend send you the letter  
and papers that I have sent you, directed there - I hope  
they will - there is nothing new here since you left -  
if I make the proposed arrangement with Mr Mead,  
Mr Pendleton will leave the concern - and return to  
Mass I expect - please send me a paper - and write  
as soon as you can inform me of the patterns - if  
I can make any arrangement for the balance of the State  
that I can make any thing of - I should be glad to do so -  
I send truly - A. B. Lincoln -

*LS*



*John Comen Esqr*

*Baltimore Md. D.*

*Simpson*



*A B Lincoln  
August 1831 Oct 31/31*

[ Boston Oct. 31. /43

My dear Sir -

I have just arrived here  
- & hasten to write you the state of things  
as I left them in N. York -

On my arrival there, late Friday  
morning, I found that Prof. Morse's con-  
tract for our pipe would inevitably fail  
of supplying thirty, of the forty miles he had  
contracted for - that lead had risen 50 cts  
on the 100 lbs. - & no contract could be had that  
of three fourths of a cent per lb. higher than the  
contract already made for it - Well - here was  
trouble - & I saw no alternative but that of  
my abandoning the idea of leaving the  
city until it was surrounded - I set to  
work, under the Professor's authority to supply  
the pipe in the best way I could so that  
it should cost no more in the appor-  
tation to the government than the price con-  
tract - To effect this, I invented a little ma-  
chine that facilitates & lessens the expense  
of putting the wire into the pipe - There

made a smaller pipe between - & by  
these means concluded a contract fifteen  
minutes before my time of setting off from  
N. York - which will turn my first disappoint-  
ment into a blessing in disguise - In we hasten  
the delivery of the pipe as follows -

I am to have 10 miles delivered me at  
Ohio - by the 10<sup>th</sup> of Nov -

10 miles by the 15<sup>th</sup> of Nov

& the remainder by the 20<sup>th</sup> -

It is to be grandly improved in its shape  
be laying down - & you can calculate  
the alteration in our machine accord-  
ingly - Jori -

It is to be, each coil on a reel, the drum  
of which will be only from 5 to 8 inches in di-  
ameter - the coils to be from 450 to 600 feet in  
length - the ~~exterior~~ diameter of the coil will  
not exceed two feet (instead of four, like our pre-  
sent ones) and the reels are to be only 7 1/2 inches  
wide, between the heads, & the heads not thicker  
than one inch each - so making the reels trans-  
versely, or lengthwise, only 8 inches wide in all  
& 2 feet in diameter - the pipe will be only half  
inch in diameter - (3/8<sup>th</sup> bore) - Through the cen-  
tre of the drum of ~~the~~ each reel is to be a hole  
for us to insert an axis - Is not this all very

handwritten few inches  
with half the hose only

price for our work? We shall gain in these  
facilities quite all we shall loose in  
time -

Before I left N. York. twelve boxes of 43  
the first kind of pipe had been pro-  
vided, including those received before  
I left Balt. - Three of the 12 was by basket -  
and more will be forwarded immediately  
up to ten miles in all - These pipes I propose  
laying where we can get at them most convenient

By, for I have but  
little faith in  
their integrity -  
If you can so

fail

after our machine, as to easily shift the use  
of the large coils, & make use of the new kind, at  
pleasure, it will be well - All of the large kind will  
be put into independent coils of 450 feet - as was  
suggested before we parted - & the last boxes sent  
are of this shape -

I probably shall not reach  
Balt. again until say Tuesday, or Wednesday  
of next week - (7th or 8th) which will be as soon  
as we can recommence work with horses, & be  
made of a supply of pipe - In the mean time com-  
plete your Model for the machine - & persuade the  
O. & C. Coy - to give us the use of the "Loefus Hall", by  
all means -

Truly Yours J. C. Smith

O. S. The new pipe will be in all  
to the extent in new horse - & lay

Mr. E. Cornell - Baltimore

N. York -  
ment in

Mr. E. Corwell

Bank of D. Barbours Esq No 147  
Commerce St.

Baltimore  
Md.

D. D. Smith  
Oct 23. 1848

Ithaca Nov 30 1843.

Dear brother

You stated in a letter to Mary Ann that you would like to hear from me by Mr. Daney when he went Washington, he started about the time your letter got here then for it was too late to write by him I therefore will drop you a few lines by mail. I will be give by informing you that your family with the rest of your friends here are all well I suppose you have heard that Merritt W has been sick at the west he is better and has got home for what purpose he has come home I dont know unless he got home sick, Lydia is very miserable in deed and suffers very much I dont think she will stand long, James Dix was buried to day he died of Consumption I suppose you are aware that the note you gave to Stater was due the 29 of this month I recd a notice yesterday that the note was protested I should like to know what the prospect was about recovering any thing from the sale of the plough it appears as nigh as I can find out that there has been enough sold to more than pay for the purchase If that is the case I think it had ought to be appropriated to that purpose at least I should like to know how the matter stands and what your prospects are, there has nothing been done about the Williams note since I wrote you but I suppose there will be some thing done about it soon for my part it is as much as I can do to get along this season has been a hard one for me as I have been a butchering

and have to get money for work or material and have had to pay out a good deal to carry on my business and in building I am owing some 2 or three hundred dollars & I don't know when it is a coming from

Father appears to be getting a long pretty well in the Eastern ware business I wish he could get some stone ware clay so as to carry on both branches I think he would make it a profitable business and a long employment for him & the boys Mary Ann has not sold the sow yet I believe she has sold all the pigs Gosmen spoke to me a number of times about the hogs he want willing to give but 8000 Lath for the sow and when he found she had had pigs he says he did not want her at all Manny is not willing to give \$15.00 for so I guess you will have to come home & ~~crack her~~ crack her up & sell her your self

I wish you would write soon and let me know how you get along pipelaying & plowing &c

pleas writ as soon as convenient

Yours in haste E. Bonnell

B. B. Cornell  
Nov 30. 1843

Mr E Cornell 2/5



Baltimore

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National Intelligencer Decr 29. 1843

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Genl I see many notices going  
the rounds of the journals, all most  
kindly intended, that an erroneous  
impression of the progress of any Tel-  
egraphic labours is likely to be  
made in the public mind,  
which I beg you to correct  
for me. Although about 10 miles  
of pipe containing the conductors  
have been laid down, yet the late-  
ness of the season embarrasses  
any further operations till Spring

In an enterprise so extensively new  
it can be hardly expected that every  
part can be conducted with that  
precision and perfectness which  
is gained only by experience.  
Unforeseen delays will be encountered  
and are to be overcome, and delays  
will of course be incurred. There are  
no intrinsic ones, as yet, of a nature

To shake the confidence of the most  
gargantuan in the final triumph of  
the enterprise, I must crave  
the indulgence of the public  
therefore, assuming that  
none can have a deeper  
interest it is speedy and  
final success than

Yours Obedt Servt  
Saml F Bellows

Mr Cornell will take the entire management of the preparation of the coils of pipe with the wire included under the more immediate scientific superintendence of J. Gale with the assistance of Mr. Tail and subject of course to my directions, —

Mr. Cornell will first see to the preparation of the place for examining and repairing the wires, ascertain the most practicable mode of examining the wire. When I shall have determined after some experiments the best modes of repair to the insulation and the best materials, Mr. Cornell will take the entire direction of procuring and applying the materials, subject only to the scientific superintendence and direction of J. Gale or myself. He will also state to me what number of persons he will require beyond those now employed and their rate of compensation he will settle weekly with those employed. He will report weekly to me in writing the progress and state of the work, and hand in all bills received in duplicate for labor & materials. — When in the employment of Mr. Smith for trenching operations compensation ceases from me. I shall present the name of Mr. Ezra Cornell to the Secy of the Treasury for approval at a compensation ~~of~~ at the rate of one thousand <sup>dollars</sup> per annum, to commence 27<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1843.

Washington Jan<sup>y</sup> 1, 1844

My Dear Mary Ann & Children. I have the pleasure of being able to inform you that I have this day recd your kind letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. It has had a long and tedious passage of 14 days, I should not wonder if it had made the moon in its rout as it has been long enough on the way to make that journey. It is only 3 days journey from Thaca to this city, and such delays are unaccountable, but it is a first letter worth double the time it has taken to get here. I am proud of a wife who can write such a business letter, and hope ere long again to enjoy her society. I am very happy to learn that you are all well, except Lydia who I had expected to hear was very ill, but I trust she has fortitude to bear her illness with becoming ~~fortitude~~ meekness and resignation. It grieves me to see her pressed so closely by the asthma, but the way of providence is inscrutable. I am sorry to hear of the continued ill health of Meritt for I am confident that the ague & fever will shake off some flakes of beauty from that face that he was so proud of about six months ago, but that is the road of all beauty. I make them a question dont grow so fast on their cheeks, oh? but I hope he may soon recover his usual health, and enough of his beauty for all useful purposes. I hope Meritt has made a good trod in the formal operation, and I hope they will be very careful in reference to health for it requires great care to preserve health in moving to a new country. It is interesting to me to hear that John & Elvira are bound westward they must wait until I have an opportunity to make them one more visit before they go. I suppose that Sept-ustin will get married before he goes, tell him it is my advice by all means to carry a wife with him, and take a good one, he should use the same precautions in picking a wife that he would a horse, that is to be influenced only by her good qualities. Tell Meritt to write me his wants on the subject of putting up a cording machine that I may have time to consider the matter. You dont think of any more ambogon he, well you have done very well in that line, in all be excused. In reference to my notes you have given the information. I am in a business like manner and all correct as it appears with my annuo. I am exactly proud such an agent, I feel no hesitation in trusting a business to your judgment and I shall compensate you liberally for such with a most heartily approve as for as I am desirous of the swinish freedom you gave my Mother a pig if she wanted one for I feel that I am more indebted to her than I shall ever be indebted to any other. I hope to be able as I am most assuredly willing to honour all her demands, E & B I see is to have one, I hope Lady White foot has so taught her pledges that they will not equal on the sabbath on doo any other naughty things. Your disposition of Lady M seems mysterious I must suspend judgment on that case for further testimony. The only disposal I can imagine is that you have given him to Brother Bristol to pay for preaching as an effort to my opposition with Brother Wisner, or you may have let them out to Eph Manning to double in four years, or something of that sort but let it as it may I hope you have got them in a good family for all my Swinish affections are centered in her. I hope when I look at your situation of late I may have the pleasure of your company at the Mistletoe feast. As for the hints, that looks rather blue, your exploits in getting two dollars out of Boie is excellent I hope you will repeat. Patten must break up, or there will be trouble in the Wigwag. I am glad to hear that you have got a good school and I hope the children will exert themselves in learning and good conduct. I got one Chronical from the P. O. to day the other two that you mention I suppose has gone by the way of the Moon and may be expected in a few days. I have now got through with your kind letter which I heartily thank you for, although I have not found in it a direct approval of my staying from you so long, still I see by the tone of the letter that you do approve under the circumstances although you hate to confess. Now I wish you a happy new year and a happy new year to all our dear children the day here has been a beautiful one and spent by making calls on the President and the other lions in the national cages I have not participated in these pleasures, but have been confined in the Messian walls of the Patent Office attending to my business. I thought at first that I would go and see "Dylon too" but at dinner I learned that the crowd was so great that they went in at the windows, as well as the doors, and I supposed the wheels of government will roll on if I omitted my visit to some other time, I have not yet seen

the President, nor have I been up to see congress, but I shall improve some convenient opportunity for both, "Tyler too" will only have one more New Year greeting to offer, after that the whole House will be adorned by Hoop of the West the Notions Parade. When should I be here I would not miss the opportunity to shake by the hand the Miller Boy.

On the first page is a note to be indorsed and returned to me as soon as possible to renew that note to Mr. Allen \$50 which I shall pay out I have forwarded our note some days ago for the same purpose but for fear that might fail. I thought it prudent to forward this, it may be that week or one will be destroyed of course I have rec'd a letter from Mr. Allen to day agreeing to renew the note by my paying the \$50 on it, I have forwarded a note and a dft of \$37 to take up my note at F. C. 18th but I fear it will not be in time to save a protest.

*Mr. E. Correll*  
*Waco*  
*Tompkins Co*  
*NY*



The Postmaster will please forward this on its arrival.

Single

*E. Correll*  
*Jan 13 1844*  
*Appointed Asst*  
*Supt by J. C. Spencer*

I hope soon to be able to see the end of my notes, steady dropping wears a stone, and so do they wear but slowly. I wish I could get a pair of Boots that would wear as long as my notes have.

The Secretary has approved of my appointment as Mechanical Assistant to Capt. Morse at a salary of \$1000. per An. So that is all right, now if my friends wish to know what I am at you can tell them, only been in mind the story about the lady who when one of her children asked her if they were all Esquers because dad was "Square" no, or a fool, or a scoundrel but your dad and I.

Faithfully & Affectionately I remain Yours

*E. Correll*

*Mary Ann*

\$ 288. Six months from date I promise to pay to the  
order of B. Wood Esq. Two hundred and eighty eight  
dollars at the Mechanics Bank in the City of New York  
Value Recd. Ithaca Jan<sup>y</sup> 13. 1844 E. Cornell

The number of trench cutters in the same frame & the number of drums & curved grooves for the passage of pipes may be increased to any desirable extent for the purpose of laying any number of pipes at the same time

Patent Office Jan 11<sup>th</sup> 1844

Sir

The specifications & drawings of your Machine for laying pipes are herewith returned for amendment. In your description of the drum you speak of turning the arms into a position perpendicular to the axis - A very little consideration will show you that these arms are perpendicular to the axis in all their positions. Your drawings are very indiffident & although they will not be rejected, better drawings ought to be furnished.

Your claim is in some particulars ~~is~~ too broad to be granted, & in others too restricted & indefinite to secure to you any substantial benefit - The following is suggested for your adoption - viz. "What I claim as my invention & desire to secure by letters patent, is a furrow or trench cutter, <sup>of one or more divisions for laying pipes at any depth</sup> in combination with a curved channel or groove as herein described; and thus I claim in combination with the drum as above described for the purpose of depositing pipe at any desired depth - the whole being constructed & operating substantially as herein set forth."

To Ezra Cornell Esq.  
Ithaca, Tompkins Co  
N. Y.

Yours Respectfully  
W. Ellsworth

A. J. Stewart  
11 June 44

Maoca

Washington  
DC

Washington (Patent Office) Jan<sup>y</sup> 19, 1846

My Dear Mary Ann I have this day learned the Mr Elsworth  
through mistake forwarded the Specification and drawing  
for my pipe machine to Ithaca, for amusement  
it was mailed Jan<sup>y</sup> 11. You will pleas inclose all the  
papers he sent in the same or some other strong  
invelop and direct them back here again, if  
you inclose them in the same envelop you will  
cross out the address to me and address them as  
follows, viz

Hon H. L. Elsworth  
Commissioner of Patents  
Washington  
D. C.

By directing them to Mr Elsworth it will save me the  
postage which will amount to some \$2, you will understand  
so as to do it right by the above directions.

I was a day or two since an Ithaca chronicle in which  
I found that you did not rec<sup>ve</sup> the second note in time to redeem  
and return, that was all well enough as I got the first one all  
correct, and forwarded it to My Uncle with a \$ft for \$50  
in time to meet the payment of my note, I also sent at  
the same time a \$ft to Washington Postman for the  
amt of my assessment as you stated it in your letter  
you did not mention the fact of a note and \$ft \$50  
to pay my note at the Tompkins County Bank, I hope that  
note & \$ft was rec<sup>d</sup> and paid over to the Bank, if it was not  
pleas to inform me of the fact.

I hope you will also be able to forward me Mr Patters bill  
of repairs on the tower which he had authority to make under  
his lease also state the amount he has paid on the Rent  
since I left home, with such other information as may  
occur to you in relation to my other tenants.

Any letters or papers containing the bills I ask for you may  
direct to me and inclose them in the Package to  
Mr Elsworth, that will be getting some pay back for the

carefulness of sending them to Ithaca when I was at work in  
the building every day and inquiring almost every day for the last  
fortnight to know if they were ready for me.

I have been disappointed in not getting a letter giving me some  
particular account of how you got along in your pilgrimage  
through the winter. I hope I shall soon receive one on the  
subject. As for as I am concerned I can inform you that I can  
time to enjoy the most perfect health, and business operations  
look very flattering in the future. The only drawback that I experience  
now to the most perfect happiness arises from the protracted separation  
from the society you and our dear children but I make the most of  
anticipation, hoping soon to see you all, and that the enjoyment of the  
union will increase in proportion as the time is lengthened that  
separates us. May I wish you happiness from the same pleasant  
anticipations, I hope that Alouza is improving his time well at school  
and is smart to do the choos so as to make his mother as  
comfortable as possible. Elizabeth & Frank must also be good  
children and improve their time well so that they can show  
me how much they have learned when I get home, and I  
think Alouza has got big enough by this time to be a good boy, does his  
mother have to whip him any?

I am engaged this week and shall be next in building a machine to  
overwind our wires with collar yarn. I intend to wind 4 wires at  
a time and wind 3 miles in length per day. If it works to suit me  
I may get that patented so as to control that part of the business, in the  
preparation of Magnetics wires, but I have an invention in embryo  
that my operations here has suggested. That will open the eyes of  
the world, it will be far in advance of any thing of the day, and it  
astounds me that it should have been overlooked so long.  
It is astonishing that people are investigating intricate sub-  
jects how close they will get to the truth sought and still not  
find it. They will stop over it get on both sides and all  
around it and still not discover it all though it may be strai-  
ght out before them like a ray of light, but so it is it is like  
an old woman looking for her Spicks all over the house  
when they are singly piled on her nose. I am unsuspecting  
of having any thing of the kind in contemplation while I am  
tasking my mind to the utmost to mature the details of  
Bela Dexter was here to see me yesterday, I sent him  
here last June when I returned from the South he was  
then trying to sell a lot of lumber he had down  
with him, then a year when I came on to Boston  
from N. Y. in October last I met him in the Coos, then he

had just sold his lumber and was about to depart  
I heard nothing more from him until yesterday  
when I met him at the P. O. and he informed me  
that he had like to get in a scrape. it appears  
he sold his lumber on credit on conditionally  
and the man to whom he sold was not responsible  
but he discovered the trap before it was fully sprung  
on him so he succeeded in getting out without  
much loss, and has made another sale, and is to  
have his money in a day or two. he has not been at home  
since I saw him in June last so you see that you  
are not the only deserted wife. Small consolation you say -  
don't forget to let me know how Sister Lydia gets along.

The List of my Pa's want numbering a good, and I am not  
as fortunate as was Joe Macey to be able to charge it to the  
Hotel. So I think I shall have to turn my own hand to it.  
I am to do today to write you a letter as soon as I have  
given a description of what there is here and would be  
of no use. The objects are but few but still would be  
interesting to you. The Patent Office, with the gallery of  
the National Institute, The White House with the  
President, and the Capitol with the Pictures in  
the rotunda & Congress are the only objects worthy  
of much notice here.

The next Greatest Curiosity is the Office Seakers in  
Pursuit of the Spoils. My Friends must excuse  
me if I do not write to them as often as they might  
desire for every moment day and night is occupied  
either with my business or on my new inventions

Yours with Affectionate Regard  
E. Cornell

Mr E Cornell

Utica  
Tompkins Co

N.Y

E Cornell  
Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 1844

works to  
the busy  
winter

a few  
lines

W. Morse wishes to see  
W. Cornell before he  
goes to his tea. he would  
be glad to have him  
come immediately. -

Washington  
July. 22. 1844.

*W. Cornell. —*

*at the Patent  
Office.*

*Chas. Moran  
22 Jan 1870*

Ezra Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

Auguste <sup>the</sup> 30 June 1844

I am in receipt of yours of the 15<sup>th</sup> but as also that from Ithaca last summer which I had some time to have answered when you were in Maine but delayed it until it was doubtful whether it would reach you or I wrote for which occasion I thus apologise.

I regret that I have not been enabled to get off your <sup>plans</sup> at the low price of \$10 - at which price I have sent two one to Mr Coleman & one to Mr Sibly which are not yet paid for - I offered them to the Planters on trial to be returned if not approved & only seen done with Mr N D Moore who took one last summer but had not used it a few days since I shall continue my exertions & I expect to be enabled to sell them this season

The size & weight are the great objections to them a smaller size for one and two hands would be more saleable but I have my doubts whether it would be an object to introduce them as our Planters generally are not in favour of what is called a running Mough no execution shall be wanting to get them off - The last one to Mr Sibly the piece upon the end of the beam for regulating the depth as also one of the sketches securing the beam when sheathed have broke I gave him others from the one which had been most used I shall be obliged to supply them please  
over

to get other best - The Rough you left with Mr Howard  
I have no contract over it I believe he let a Mr Black  
take it on Real who has both the Point If so it may be  
for your interest to supply an other point

as the time for Pleasuring is near at hand I  
will write you again before long & report progress

I am respectfully  
your Obed Servant

Low Meigs

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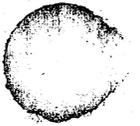
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Anna Cornelle Esqr

Washington

City - D.C.

J. Meigs  
Augusta Geo  
Jan 20. 1824



Submission

Washington Feb 4, 1844

My Dear Mary Ann & Children

I have been expecting letters from you for some days in company with the patent papers that were carelessly sent to Ithaca and should have returned before this by regular course of mail, and had made up my mind that I would not write to you until the rest of the expected letters &c. but as they have not yet come, I am now driven to the necessity of commencing a letter to you for amusement as I have tired out all other expedients of spending the day, such as rambling and reading which I must touch on as subjects for filling in part the tremendous lony sheet before me. I will commence the day by acknowledging my indulgence in bed until a late hour say 7 o'clock then I employed the time till breakfast say 1 hour in reading a work that I find in the library of the Patent Office on Cements and Mortars. (Which I wish E.W. could have the opportunity of examining as it is an excellent English work of recent date and would give him much valuable information in his business.) By the way I have an excellent opportunity for examining scientific works on any subject I desire as I have through the indulgence of Mr. Elsworth Commissioner of Patents, free access to the library of the Patent Office, and if kind be to the library of Congress through the agency of the Members, but to return I now satisfy the cravings of a willacious stomach by applying the knife, I then turned to my books for half an hour, and then started for a five mile walk in company with Mr. Downer the gentleman with whom I board, up the Rail Road towards Baltimore, we found the air comfortably cool, the ground frozen with a moderate head wind, just enough to flush the cheeks and set the front teeth in edge, which Monroe found necessary to protect with his handkerchief, about 3 1/2 miles out we came to a deep cut where we amused ourselves by making geological remarks, and had another an interesting field, as both banks of the cut were strewn with lignite, cemented sands, poor specimens of iron ore, sand and other mixed, and sand mixed with <sup>other</sup> substances and also clay mixed with various substances, lignite is a species of charred wood or what has the appearance of charred wood but I do not know enough about it to say whether the wood (for wood it once was) has been charred or whether it has undergone some chemical change, during the ages it has been here buried, to give it the charred appearance there are apparently whole trees deposited here. I have specimens from a log 3 feet in diameter, this may be a place where Noah threw some fire brands over from the ark during his solitary voyage, and by the settling of the waters and deposits of the mud they became buried as we found them about 20 feet beneath the surface of terra firma as it now is, and on high ground too. I shall send home some specimens of it in the spring, and then you can amuse yourself by speculating on the subject, in the heart of a large log from which I took specimens I found a large deposit of some kind of mineral substance which I suppose to be sulfur I have a beautiful specimen to send home, I have a good specimen of a cemented core filled with sand which is not cemented the incrustation is about 1/2 inch thick in composing the sand in an oblong oval form, very curious. You will excuse me for waving further descriptions and hold yourself in readiness to examine when you have an opportunity, our specimens made a good load to lay home, but we succeeded in getting home with all safe in time for dinner after which I resumed my book and perused it until Morpheus embraced me in his dozy arms, and flattered my dreaming fancy with visions of "home, sweet, sweet home"

so after tiring myself with rambling and reading, and still finding a part of the day unexpended, I am driven to the pen for relief, but don't suppose it a hardship on a task to write to you, because I make use of the expression "driven to the pen &c &c" for such is not the fact as you are well aware, on the other hand, I can assure you that I take more pleasure in writing to you when from home than in any other employment or amusement.

I have not had much opportunity since I have been here to collect materials for an interesting letter, there are a number of topics upon which I could found a good letter if I had the time to collect the necessary data. Each of the five or six pictures in the rotunda of the capitol would of itself form the subject of a long and interesting letter after a little study, but with the opportunity I have had I can only give the subject of which they treat, they are all historical pieces, executed by American artists at an expense to the government of \$10,000 each. They are arranged thus as you enter the Rotunda from the East front you turn to the left and pass one vacant panel for which the painting is not yet completed but is I believe in progress of execution, a little further on you come to the second panel which has but lately rec'd its picture from the hands of the hands of the author, the subject is the Embarkation of our Pilgrim Fathers from Holland, it is well executed, and is said to be the best painting in the Rotunda, any attempt I might make to describe it would prove a failure so you will have to be left to the workings of your fancy for that part. A few paces further on and you stand in front of a superb painting, representing the Continents at the moment of the presentation of the Declaration of Independence by the Committee who had that weighty subject under consideration. It was at that hour and that moment that gave birth to a great nation, after a hard labour, but that Patriotic bond after the deed was done did not leave the hour until they had pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honours to support the infant nation they had ushered into the world and a most careful nurse (Washington) did they provide for her, and all this is nobly shown forth on the canvas, it is difficult to chase from your mind the impression that you in fact stand in the presence of that august body of Patriots who swore to tyranny of George the 3<sup>d</sup> "thus for and no further and here let thy proud waves be staid". The Elegant and patriotic fire of Adams, the bold and undaunted firmness of Jefferson and the Philosophical and statesmanlike gravity of Franklin are all depicted upon the countenances of those great statesmen as they present the parchment containing the declaration to Hancock the President of the Convention, whose noble and high minded soul could not be won by favour or awed by fear. The next panel presents to the view a scene of that memorable event in the American Revolution that terminated in effect that struggle for freedom. The surrender Gen Burgoyne of the British forces to Gen Green and his brave companions in arms, here also the artist has done his subject full justice the canvas is made to tell the whole story, each countenance shows clearly who are the conquerors and who are the conquered. You now pass the door leading from the center of the Rotunda on the west side, and a few steps more places you in front of the representation of an other important event in our struggle for freedom, the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at York Town, it was this event that placed the "Noble Lord" in the condition in which the old negro found him, when he said "He be no Cornwallis now, he be Cobwallis for Gen Washington shall all de corn of her", and through the sad countenance he exhibits indicates that he has had a pretty heavy shelling. He is represented as presenting his sword to Gen Gates who was the hero of the day, Gen Washington putting on a noble charger a little back witnessing the scene. In stepping to the next panel you have presented to your view the solemn and affecting scene of Gen Washington Resignation of his commission as commander in chief of the American Army, to the congress of the infant nation then in session at Annapolis.

have worse circumstances often his country was no longer menaced by the power  
of a former tyrant surrendering his commission to those who govern it and  
beating his sword into a plowshare to return to his peaceful fields  
from which his own valor had expelled a foe. How different this  
conduct of Gen Washington to most successful Generals. The examples that  
had been set him was to usurp the liberties of the people which he has wrested  
from the foe, but such examples he scorned to follow, his conscience and  
his God taught him that such was not right and he chose to pursue  
a course which should inscribe his name on the hearts of his country-  
men. The next and last of those noble specimens of Art is the scene  
depicting the Baptism of Pocahontas the famous Indian Girl who  
interposed ~~the~~ power of a (daughter over a father) young and timid  
Indian girl over the will of the fierce and blood thirsty savage, the Indian  
chief, Powhatan to save the life of Capt Smith, after this event  
this young squaw imbrued the Christian religion was baptized  
and if I mistake not married Capt Smith whose life she has  
rescued from the tortures of the stake, and her blood flows in the  
veins of the proud and mighty of our land, and with few exceptions  
the artist has done his subject good justice, this picture I think  
has more felt than either of the others, Advancing a few steps  
further and you are in front of the last panel which is now  
vacant but is to be filled as a law to that effect has been passed  
~~now~~ we are again at the door where we entered, in making  
in this grand tour I have passed two doors with out mentioning  
the one is leading from the south center of the Rotunda to the  
Representatives hall, the other from opposite the north center of the  
room to the Senate Chamber, ~~The~~ Rotunda is a large Room  
in the center of the Capitol on the second floor of a circular  
form lighted from the dome, When I was here in June last  
Graham's gigantic Statute of Washington occupied a place  
a little in advance of the west entrance of the Rotunda  
but the location was thought to be a bad one as the light did  
not strike it in a proper direction so Congress has had  
a small house built expressly for it in the Garden of  
the Capitol and had it removed to that place. There are other  
pieces of Statuary about the Capitol but I cannot undertake a dis-  
cription of them as I am somewhat ignorant on the subject. I will  
mention two only one represents the god of war a gigantic  
male figure about 12 feet high, the other the Goddess of Victory  
or some other noble quality, a female figure of  
equal dimensions, both of white marble and said to be  
good figures, I will now leave these subjects wishing you the  
happiest at some future time of enjoying a visual examination  
of them, I rec'd a paper a few days ago from which I learned that  
you were all well except Oliver who had a cold, I hope soon to hear  
that you still enjoy the same good health and that he has recovered  
from his cold, you dot the paper very skillfully, you write send me  
more information in the same way and if unkind some details it I  
will hold you harmless, I wrote to Grant Morgan some time ago and said  
to him that he write reports the board of Specimens that I sent home  
from Maine and put them up in his studio until I could arrange  
them, and was on hand to make the decision, I supposed you would not  
feel interest enough in the subject to compensate you for bother-  
ing with them, and I intended a portion of them for Morgan when  
I collected them, I have now written enough to use up the day which  
was the object of commencing and will bid you a good night with  
the enjoyment of pleasant dreams, while I retire to the lonely comb  
upstairs in a little leadroom for a summer nap, it is now 12  
o'clock, so it will be morning before I get to bed, good night my dear  
good night children, in the morning I will condemn this and send it  
to you,

Recommenced this letter last Sunday by way of amusement and I will  
now Tuesday evening try to finish it and get it in the mail to  
go tomorrow, although I have written one sheet closed to Grant Morgan  
in answer to one I recd from him this day. The first thing  
I want to inquire if you recd a specification for my pipe blow  
that was sent to Ithaca from the Patent Office by mistake. I wrote  
you about them more than two weeks ago under the envelop and  
frank of Mr Elsworth requesting them to be packed in a proper form  
and directed to A. S. Elsworth Esq. Commissioner of Patents. I have  
heard from them, they have not been recd of the Patent Office  
and I have some suspicions that all is not right in regard  
to them you will please write immediately on the Recd of this  
and let me know if you recd my two letters under Mr Es  
frank, and whether the papers have been forwarded and if so  
when if not sent say whether they were recd and send them  
at once, Morgan writes me that Patten is doing very well  
his business is increasing &c, &c, I hope if that is the case that  
he will be prompt in the payment of his rent. You will  
try and collect it from him and all the rest as for Oscar  
Calk. While I am writing Smith is complaining of St. Ignace  
condition of things in this region. He says you cant buy a white  
ribbon here without a black thread running through it. He  
says there is a black streak through everything here among  
the ruggers. And I think he is about half right.  
Morgan gives a very good account of the success of the wool  
factory, I hope your father has not been disappointed in the  
matter, I have always had confidence in the concern if well  
managed and Popner appears to be well qualified for  
management, you never informed me what was done in the  
case of my last installment to the Wool Co. was it paid and  
by whom and how, I see by the papers that you are having  
a very hard winter at the north in Maine the cold is intense  
the thermometers are all froze up so that they cant tell how  
cold it has been, I hope you are not suffering from that  
source at Ithaca, and particularly in our wood factory.  
Morgan informed me in his letter that you were all well so  
I concluded that you have not frozen up. Morgan informs me  
that there has been adverse reports in circulation in regard  
to my success in making my pipe machine work, there  
is no mistake in its operation, and the reports in ques-  
tion must have been manufactured at Ithaca, I suppose  
it is the efforts of some of my particular friends.  
How does George get along in going to school, does he look bold  
of his studies like a man, do encourage him to persevere, so  
that he can tell a good story when I get home, Elizabeth  
how does she get along I hope she has got so that she can  
write to me I want to hear from her very much she  
must strive to learn as fast as she can so that George  
shant get too far ahead of her. And Frank is he getting  
along as fast as Elizabeth does he must be a good  
boy and a good scholar and learn that he can write  
to me and let me know how things go on at home  
I hope that Oliver has recovered from that cold that he  
had when you sent me the paper.

Your Will give my compliments to all my friends  
reserving to your self the affectionate regard of

Mary Ann

E. Cornell

Maec 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 1844

Dear Brother

I should I have written to you before had not been daily expecting a letter from you your wife told me that you stated in a letter to her that you was a going to send some money soon to pay the Williams note, I suppose that you are aware that the execution runs out the 15 of this month the Sherry has spoke to me a number of times about it & says that he wants to know whether it is a going to be payed or not so that he will have time to make a being before the 15 of Feb it is out of my power to pay it therefore if you dont provide some means for payeing it he will have to make a being & sell property you know that I hesitated when endorsing that note for what not becaus I did not want to accomodate you, but becaus I was afraid that you would not be able to meet it you gave me your word that you would provide for it, I hope you will yet be able to do it.

Mr. Haber called on me last Saturday and wanted to know if you would be at home by the 15 of this month I told him I did not know he says that he wants some money by that time, if he did not get it it would be a serious dis appointment to him as he was to make a payment on a mortgage at that time & if he failed to do it the mortgage would be fore closed he wishes me to state the fact to you & have you write to him if you did not expect to be at home in the place your family are all well with the rest of your friends }

I dont know as there is any thing in the shape of  
news that I can write but what you have heard of  
we have come very near having 3 pretty serious fires  
this winter the Academy Clinton House & Dutch Church  
have all three been on fire & pretty well a going the 2 former  
happened in the night & the latter in the afternoon  
the 2 former burnt through the floors & ceiling in the room  
where the fire originated the latter (Church) caught from  
the ~~the~~ Abacement Store and burnt up through in to the  
galeys, but by the timely aid & prompt attention of  
the fire department the flames were checked in their  
infancy, the town hall is finished & the Engines in  
their respective places, J. D. Speer gives a lecture  
in the town hall this evening on the subject of manual  
labour, this will be the first time the hall has been  
graced with with an assembly we anticipate a full  
house I dont think of any thing more that would interest  
you at present you will please write on the receipt of the  
yours respect fully

J. B. Cornell

To E. Cornell

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Mr Ezra Cornell

Washington

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