Belvidere Aug 3rd

Dear Brother

Yours of 26th was received yesterday and I am glad to learn that you are all well and so situated that you are enjoying the good things of this life— in regard to the loan I asked I will state that the lot on which I am going to build is situated in the township of Tilden Boone Co & lies 7 miles south of Belvidere it consists of 6 Acres of land 4 acres of which is young oak & hickory and surrounds my house & garden— the house was built about 7 years ago

was built of stone very cheap and shanny the foundation not sufficient the walls have crack'd in several places and will cost more to thoroughly repair it than it will be worth.
I bought it some two years ago for $365 or there about have not improved it much, only having grubbed out about ½ an acre to increase the size of my garden I have it paid for but am about $100. indebt aside from it.
I have also 3 lots situated in the village of Belvidere they lie in the south East part of the village are all in one enclosure and contain about 108 square rods, cost me in the way of trade about $275 Property of that description has depreciated in value perhaps ¼ since the beginning of sorrows last fall — I dont think that I could sell either place for ¾ of the cost for cash but can trade them for other property such as stock horses & waggons or patent rights for what they cost — I have no use however for such property I choose to let them remain as they are

I shall doubtless be able to build a year from this fall — my object in building this fall, is this I can buy material for cash now at least from 25 to 35 per cent cheaper than at any other time since I have been here and doubtless

much cheaper than at a year
hence — I can get money
here by paying a great
intrest say 20 or 25 per cent,
then I would have to give
a deed to the person of whom
I borrowed & take a bond for
a deed when I paid him —
but I consider a Mortgage
safe enough for the lender
and much more safe for me
than — the other course
we are having very wet weather
and the wheat & rye is
growing in the shock in
many fields — farmers are
getting the blues a little

Respectfully Yours

E Cornell Jr

J B Cornell

Dr B. Cornell Aug 3 1857

Syracuse House Aug 5. 1858

Dear Alonzo

We just returned from Dr Burton and left all well there. go East at 2 P.M.

I want a $1000. Erie & Michigan Telegraph Certificate of Stock, to exchange with Mayor R.R. Co for a $2000 certificate that I let them have in place of a one thousand because I had not one of the latter at the time with me.

You will find one in a bundle in the Middle draw of my desk, please send it to My Dear E. W. Chester = by first mail as I must not delay making the change any longer.

Yours in Haste

E Cornell

A B Cornell Esq

Ithaca

Athens. Aug. 6th 1858

Uncle Ezra.

Respected Sir

I received a letter from Mr. Clough to-day. he having just returned from a sketching tour on the Hudson river. His absence from home accounts for my not having heard from him sooner. Mr. Clough wishes me to say that he does not recollect the size exactly. (or rather the exact size, of the picture he paint= for Mr. Mines. but he will paint you such a picture as you want for from 50 to $100. with frame & hangings complete - Uncle Ezra have the kindness to answer me soon. if you conclude to have Mr. Clough paint you a picture as I

expect him here soon, and if you engage him, he will return by the way of Ithaca—

We are all in good health and unite in sending our love to you and all our friends

Yours Respectfully

John W. Millspaugh

To E. Conell Esq?

P.S. Please say to aunt Mary Ann, we would like to see her out this way very much. Please accept our thanks for the musical treat we received at your hands while at Ithaca

M. E. & J. W. M

Middlesex Centre Aug. 7th 1858

Mr. Cornell Sir

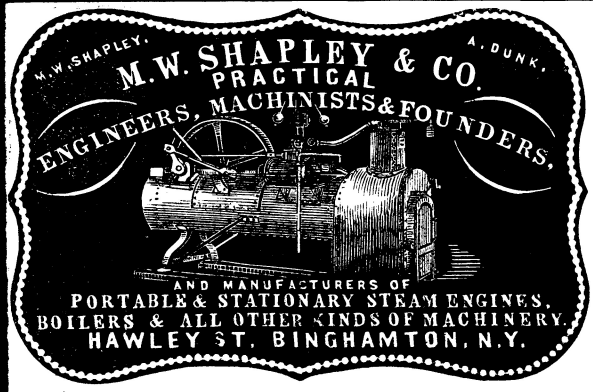
I Supposed Your County Fair was to be ~~held~~ held on the 8th 9th & 10th days of Sept. I saw a young gentleman from Ithaca on Saturday last who informed me that the Fair was postponed until the 15th 16th & 17th days of this months.

Will you be kind enough to write to me immediately and let me right in regard to the time. and receive the thanks of

Your Ob't. Serv't.

John Peck

Answered
8/21



Binghamton Aug 9th, 1858

E Cornell Esq

Dr Sir

Your favor enclosing Mr Curtis note and 13 shares Tel Stock came to hand last Thursday; and I have been waiting upon Mr Mather & his Lawyer ever since. I called on him immediately and found him sick, but he made out to get around and call on me on Friday. Since that the Lawyer has had the receipt making copy &c &c but it is now ready to mail - I believe it is all correct.

I think some of trying to dispose of my Telegraph stock to a person in Dryden and if any one calls on you to learn of its value &c please do the best you can conscientiously for me. You also need to look on the books & see how much stock there is issued & let me know so I could tell what percent the present stock is drawing. Please write me fully, so I can give all the information, for I am bound to sell it or give it away. If the Atlantic cable proves a success I think it will be a good time to dispose of stock.

When does your ~~stock~~ Fair come off & what facilities for driving power machines will you have if any. We shall probably have a large straw cutter ready for the fall Fairs, nothing else this year.

I received your dispatch at the time of Mrs Woods death but found it impossible to leave. How is his business left. Is Otis there & where is Jonathan. Or are any of the other boys at home. - I have heard nothing from there -

My sister Mrs Hotchkiss is very sick. so I heard last week. Remember us to your family & Alonzo -

Yours Truly

P. A. Hopkins

P. A. Hopkins
Aug 9, 1855

Chicago Ill. Aug 9th 1858

Friend Cornell.

My Dr Sir:

I rec^d your Ag^l package, all in order, and much oblige.

We should like to be remembered, and if convinient have donated to the "Chicago, Historical Society," any thing you can spare of your State Internal Improvements Ag^l Exhibition, or any thing else you may deem proper for our shelves; now containing about 15000. of twenty three months gathering. We have taken another room 80 by 25 with Alcoves, and have now nearly books Pamphlets & papers enough to fill it.

Sec^y of Interior just sent us 103 bound vols of 34th Cong. '55 & '56, this with many like gifts from others, are fast filling up our shelves.

I rec^d last week a dividend of $8.00
and what appears a share of the surplus
fund belong^g to the E & M T^k Co: } 16 00 } 24.
and on the 16th of this Mo: am to have another sum 4
upon two shares — this windfall seems } 28 00
very clearer after waiting a long while.

I wish you would write what you thing the O I & I Tch^l Co Stock is worth now, and what

in your opinion it will be worth 12 months hence 1859. the year the first dividend to be paid, & also when the fund now on hand will be disposed of belonging to said Company. This information I should like to know in case I should feel disposed to sell or hypothecate my O. S. & C. T. stock I am nominated for funds to carry me through these "hard times" - by the bye do you know or can you aid me to ~~[illegible]~~ $5000. 5 years by my pay. 10 p. ct. Semi-ann. in advance. upon good Real Estate Chicago Security I ask for this and not to pay debts, but to improve the real Estate above named so as to make productive: - if you can find the above and for me I will pay you in addition 5 p. cent. labour & Materials with us are quite cheap - an object to improve if I can.

We are bound to have a great triangular political fight in our State this fall; it has commenced by the introduction of Gunpowder introduction of Senator Douglas into this City Early last Mo. the to be Senator Lincoln followed the next Eve. Last Eve. we were honoured with Senator Trumbull. I assure you they both responded to Senator D. fully - it seems so. from the immense cheering from both great getherings. Little D is smart, but not honest I hope he will be defeated. his Giant intellects had better be dispensed with. I am sorry of Blair's defeat of St Louis. Kansas comes in favourably - We are anxiously waiting to hear the result of the several Aug. State Elections.

We are very anxious to know where the East End of the Atlantic teleg^h. cable is; ~~[illegible]~~ many here are mistrustfull there is fraud in C W Field. letter.. if successfull. how will it effect the old Co^s line, Before I forgit it please not use my name as the person sent to you the Editorial article about the ag^t. of the Associated Press in this city there will be no ~~[illegible]~~ occasion to do so, and my as it should, keep us all on favourable terms. Mr. Cobb says business improves some, it has been dull

Very truly yours

Saml Stone

| | May 20.56 | Dec 1.56 | | |

OFFICE OF THE

Breckenridge Coal and Oil Company,

Cloverport, Ky. Aug 14th 1858

Mr. E. Cornell

Dear Friend

Yours is received I am glad you have settled thus far with the Utica folks. In regard to the accounts of Faxton Childs & Butterfield &c I will look into the accounts I have at home & what there may be in my hands I will a/c & pay you as soon as I can I however think there is not the amt you mention I have paid Faxton & Childs each $72 & odd & have also paid Butterfield I cannot remember while here how it is but have the a/c of all at home

My daughter wrote me that she had enclosed to you pr. mail 3 Shares of Tel Stock making 13 in all which I suppose with your Endorsment will be satisfactory I feel anxious to have that matter closed with Matthews as he may make more Costs; as I am informed that the Court sits in that County in Sept or Oct & they his Lawyers may for the sake of making Costs notice it for trial * I have already paid more Costs than I ought to have done I wish you would have

the business closed up as soon as possible and write to me so that I may know what to depend upon. I hope you will not think I am too troublesome in this matter I shall ever feel greatful for the favors you have shown me I will hold myself ready to do the like in any way I can for you I wish you would write me as soon as you close up the business with Matthews —

When you write please let me know if you hear any thing further in regard to the Caton Line Tel & whether he intends to make a Div this Fall If any thing happens that you do not close the business with Matthews please let me know when the court sits in that county —

Have you heard any thing further from Chester about his Coal oil Co & I wrote for one of his pamphlets but do not get it I shall soon be posted all about the manufacture of Coal oils. If Chesters Coal is as good as he has represented to us & every thing else is as he has represented I think the time will soon come when we can take hold of it & make money & perhaps A.B.C would like to take hold of it How ~~would~~ would he like to take hold of the Lamp & Coal oil business in St. Louis or Chicago or both which do you think will be the best place

Yours
Geo Curtiss

Geo. Curtiss
14 Aug 1858

Binghamton Aug 15th 1855

E Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

Your favor in relation to the insulators came duly to hand - I have not yet been able to find out whether your right to the patent is forfeited or not. It appears that the Newfoundland Telegraph Co are going to rent all the Lines in the United States, And as Palmer is one of their Lieutenants or Captains. he intends to controll those insulators entirely I met Mr Curtis at Syracuse on Monday. He has seen Tillotson twice in relation to business on the R R Line but cannot adjust the matter at all satisfactorily - He asked my advice as to Tillotsons proposition to give us fifteen per cent on all the business he does - My opinion is, it would be acknowledging their right to do the business - Curtis says Mr Tillotson tells him, that the R R Co are preparing to take advantage of the Clause in your Contract, to oblige us to remove the wires from their poles

Rec'd Hopkins 15 Aug 1855

and pay us the two thousand dollars -
Mr Curtis thinks the contract leaves the
R R Directors to be the entire judges -
I told him I thought we had a hand
in appointing the judges. If not
I have no doubt they will turn
us off - Mr C will next see Mr
McCallum & then Mr Ransdell
He wished to reduce my salary & I
said no - I shall not remain here
with my hands tied for any smaller
salary - Whether I am to remain I know not -
I should like to know your
opinion in regard to who are to
be the judges, as to our being a
damage to the working of the RR
Line -

The Line works beautifully now
while it is dry weather - I have
been over & trimmed it out myself -
I find it in good order & it looks as
though it would stand some time -
The Scranton folks refuse to do any thing
without we take all stock as pay, at no
sacrifice - Please write me

Yours Truly
P. P. Hopkins

21 Wall St aug 25/58

E Cornell

Dear Sir. I went down to Fulton Ferry immediately after you left yesterday & stayed one & half hours — for you — but coming I concluded your ladies had gone out shopping & you were waiting their return Then learning, the public were still allowed to go on board Niagara. I knew you could get aboard without any trouble & ventured to go back to Office thinking you would call for me on way — I have since learned you went aboard Sorry Sir, I was not with you — but you get along just as well without me — I presume If I had been along I could have

given you some sights you did not see, I went to your Hotel this morning to find you had gone here you made a short stay — Very sorry did not see the ladies —

Pls give my kindest regards to Mrs C. & Ladies

Yours truly

W. P. Pew

E Cornell Esq

Ithaca N.Y.

Acct by appointment as V.P
Aug 7, 1858
EC

Dryden July 26th 1858

Mr E Cornell Dear Sir

Your favor of the 12th I received 19th In looking over your letter finds you wish me to except the office of Vice President, of the Agriculture + Hort Society So far I have not taken any action part in the Ag + Hort would rather see someone take hold of it of more age and experience, Still if you wish me to act I would try and do to the best of my ability, Respectfully Yours

J. C. Sickles

To E Cornell
Ithaca

Our family carriage is also in order, the roads about Nantucket after the rain are fine in point of smoothness, but only two in all, Summumentary from the city of four miles to seven miles, and this from Hyde Park to Nantucket, May as much from Hyde Park to Nantucket, May as much from Hyde Park to Nantucket, May as much

upon the information the gentleman desired, and was waiting to receive, that she wholly forgot, and perhaps it did not even occur to her mind, the relation existing between the stranger and her Husband, notwithstanding it had been recounted by the former, thus thee good Dame who is (as Cousin E. doubtless observed) quite inferm though not aged, entirely neglected to invite the honest Enquirer, Stranger and relative, even "to call again". Accept my Cousins this my apology in behalf of Lady Rachel Gardner's remissness; as regards that of the Husband I will make no farther remarks upon, but leave his Cousin Ezra Cornell to consider it in whatever light he may please to do.

I congratulate you on your success in obtaining so explicit an account of the Barnard family. I would like to be as fortunate respecting either branch I am in pursuit of. Hope there will be some authentic record of the Miller family yet found. I think you on the whole must have enjoyed your visit on the Island and not by any means regret having sought a visit among Nantucket Cousins. The delay at Middleborough was unfortunate but perhaps not wholly unprofitable, as doubtless you improved the opportunity to visit the grove and romantic walks in the only spot of New England where to my knowledge they complement the Telegrapher to the extent as to ornament the standards which support his communicating wires with fancy painting.

We suppose you met Lydia & Anna in Prov. although Cousin E. did not mention it in his letter. They have not as yet returned, was expected today, but in consequence of the storm we think, they defered coming. I will enclose in this letter Cousin Mary Ann's mit, it was found in Sarah's bedroom, Home affaires move on about as when you were with us, A Sister of Mother from Somerset.— Uncle Robert & Richard.— and a friend of mine of New Bedford, have visited us since your departure. Uncle Robert and Cousin Richard expressed a good deal of

3. of my writing. I have numbered my interlining, and as you see have gone backwards Perhaps Cousin Mary Ann will be interested to know that we have changed help, and are quite well pleased with the change yet we are conscious the is Irish

2 Father & Mother wish to be remembered to you, also to Carrie & Cordie. They are usually well. Sister's family is as usual with the exception of our Little Minnie who is quite ill with the Summer Complaint. Sarah & family would send remembrances did they know

Mary Rowley Aug 28 58

regret in not meeting with you again. Uncle thought you might have taken the Likeness of him which we have, wherein we did not agree, according to the old adage we consider a "bird in the hand worth two in the bush." There might have been another taken from ours and still can be. Cousin Richard is really very miserable. But a spark of life remaineth, soon he will be summoned to meet we trust in Heaven those dear ones of earth who have passed Death's portals before him. The ways of the All Wise are mysterious but just and true are they. — — It has occured to me that had you have heeded our solicitations and stopped with us another day — you might have enjoyed your stay at Nantucket just as well and perhaps not have been subjected to that detention at Middleborough. I shall never cease to regret your sudden and hasty departure. There were too many things left incomplete. Please never attempt a discription of Fall River to any one, — say you have visit Uncle Miller but know nothing of the city in which he lives. We were speaking of it yesterday and concluded that your knowledge of Nantucket was much more extended than of Fall River. You must all come again next summer and finish the visit commenced this. Please say to Cordelia that we have seen nothing of the promised letter from her, — hope it will soon present itself, remember us all very kindly to Carrie and Cordie, and please in your next favour, to us inform of their P.O. address. We are deserous of hearing the particulars of your continued journey from Providence home — of its effects upon Carrie, and

I would like to know if you saw the Steamer Niagara at New York? I have not made much progress in telegraphing since the first lessons. Shall endeavour not to lose the knowledge I have acquired and hope a gradual improvement. Have you sent a dispatch to Eurofiz?

Pine River Aug 24. 58

Dear Brother

I recd. your letter
two weeks since, About swa
amp lands I do not know
of any at all any where
about here, I am some
under the weather for a fe
w days I took a job of the
town to cover with earth
twenty rods of causeway. an
d in doubling I have str
ained my Stomach. and
dont know when I shall
be well enough to resum
e work again. the rest of
the folks all well. the Prom
an Note is $250, dollors and In
trest two years at seven per ce
nt. from December 5th 1856
I believe James has paid the

present dollar. for I owe one dollar on it, which will be deducted from the Intrest, Can you spare me one hundred dollars in addition to half of the Note. that I may take advantage of the times and buy in a store of provisions to hire chopping & clearing with this winter and coming summer, if I had that amount I could almoste gett work for board as every thing has been cutt of with two heavy frosts out nod on the nights of Aug 18th and Aug 21st and after I gett twenty acres chopped and cleared I can gett along and then begin to pay you back, but I want a little help now, so as to take advantage of the times that is all. my spring wheat with the rest was cutt off so I shall not gett back the seed my buckwheat corn and Potatoes are likewise cutt off. and without I gett some money I shall have to leave the woods and go to work for my grain, as nothing will buy it in here short of money its is going to be a distressing times before another harvest, in here If you can lend me how one hundred dollars I will give you my note on simple intrest or security on my place, I work on

answer anecidately as I
shall go out of the woods
after seeing, if I dont
gett help I shall not win
ter here, I shall sell all of
my stock and fodder, and
so forth. Respectfully Yours
E S Cornell

E. Cornell

P.S. I recd. Janes package
and letter! I will answer
soon E.S.C

E. S. Cornell
Aug 26. 1858

Ithaca Aug 30. 1858

To the President of the
Republican County Convention

Sir

Compelled by business to be absent from home during the session of your convention, and having been chosen a deligate with the power of substitution by the Republican Electors of Ithaca, I hereby appoint Mr Alonzo B. Cornell as the deligate in my stead.

I also desire to add a word in reference to the importance of the approaching election and counsel wisdom and harmony in the deliberations and action of the convention.

Our candidate for Congress should be sound and unequivocal on the Kansas question

and ready when an opportunity is presented to rebuke the principle of the English bill, requiring a greater population to form a free state than is required for a slave state;

The admission of Kansas as a state under such a form of constitution as her people may approve by a majority of her legal votes, and with such numbers of population as she may possess at the time of application is the imperative duty of Congress, and I trust we shall have a candidate who if elected will not falter on this important question.

Our candidates should also be pledged to a reformation in the administration of our National & State Governments, the fact that the annual expenses of the National Government reaches the enormous sum of $104,000.000 in 1857. is too alarming to pass unnoticed, and if the prodigality and corrupt favoritism that leads to such results is not arrested, the Government will soon become more intolerable than a despotism.

Honesty and uprightness of character is becoming of the first importance in candidates, and none should be selected who are questionable in this particular. Retrenchment and reform must be the practice as well as the profession of Republicans if they expect to retain the

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the confidence of the People,

Yours. Respectfully
E. Cornell

Copy to the 30 Aug '68
Pres. of Republican
Convention

Portland Augt. 30/58

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir:

You have telegraphed once, or more times, to know when I shall be in New York, but I was unable to even guess, with confidence.

I now have arranged to be there on the 20th, on my way to Baltimore, to join Mr. Kendall, with whom I shall make a journey through the west, to settle our joint & several outstanding claims upon telegraph lines, by compromise, ~~[illegible]~~. I shall remain in N. York but a short time. If you desire to see me, & can be there at

that time - say on the 20th, I will arrange to meet you -

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Francis O. J. Smith

P.S. Mr Kendall & his family have been spending several days at my house - & is still with me - We have no matters of difference remaining, which the N.Y. Sun will not finally dispose of - & we now shall act unitedly throughout all future telegraph operations.

Prof Morse is in Europe.

Swanney Aug 1858

Miller Chase I send you all I have been able to find on the Town Records of the Name of Cornells – I do not know of a single person by the name of Cornell now residing in Town all gone out of Town Respectfully yours

John Mason

I charge two dollars for my service. I think it not unreasonable charge considering the time it took to examine all the old Books

Ithaca August 1858

Mr E. Cornell

The Clinton House was built in 1828 9 and occupied in Jan'y 1830. I, very infortunately, associated myself with Ackley & Hibbard in the work. We thought that $15.000 would do it. but when completed and furnished, we had expended $33.000. It was the best establishment of the kind there west of New York. I had my own and Stephen B Munn's business to attend to, and let Mr Ackley manage the construction. He robbed me some of course.

We lost at least $3000 by endorsing for Spence & Dunning the first keepers. Bots for robbed us pretty largely, but old Hall robbed us very extensively. When the Clinton House was put into operation in 1830, Ackley & Hibbard were broke; and to save them from ruin, I borrowed $7000 on the property of Wicks, and signed the bond with them. In 1847 I rented the House to W. H. Leonard, and got good security for the rent. Leonard sold out to Thompson. Thompson drove me out of the house, so that he could manage with N. T. Williams and old Hibbard (who by the by is managed by his son & Thos St Johns) to spend the rent in repairs &c &c &c. so that my daughter gets nothing for her third, and I have no place to sleep; at 68 years of age.

Now, I want a sort of home where I can eat and sleep in peace; where I shall not be subject to the Caprice of every damned fool like Thompson and others that I could name. That $7000 mortgage and bond are still a lien on the property with my name to them. Now sir, about all the ambition that I have left is that you should get that mortgage and foreclose it and sell the property, that I may have a place of rest for the few days that remain to me on earth. I want you to take the assignment in your name, foreclose in your name, and buy the property in your name, so that you cannot by possibility run any risk.

I want a home in old age and I know of no other way to get it. and I want to be rid of all the Grants and Hibbards, St Johns and all the blood suckers and vagabonds that hang around my neck like a Mill Stone.

J. S. Berbe Aug 58
$7,000 on Clinton

Mr Gerrard

Personal & Confidential

Western Union Telegraph Co.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y., Sept 2 1858

E. Cornell

Sir. One of the greatest mistakes you ever made was that you did not go, and buy Ex N. Stock for the Union Co. on your responsibility and mine — Had you done so, it would have enured to the benefit of all of the Stockholders & would have been right, instead of turning out for the advantage of some who were very careful about hazarding much money in the concern, till they thought there was no longer any risk.

When I found the stock was being bought up I tried to get for myself what I had means to buy & I also persuaded my friend J.W. Rupell to buy, which he consented to do on my assurance that he could get at least $3000, which I supposed he could without difficulty. As he was thwarted in getting a couple of lots of stock, it provoked him to offer very high prices to get that quantity. I shall consider it a personal favor if you & Moore can manage to get enough to make up Rupell $3000 though I suppose it will be hard to do so, as our friend here has raked & scraped very close. I feel quite sure you would be glad to do me a favor

I send Wood 29 Shares to be transfered to J.W. Rupell. I believe the transfers are all regular with the certificates surrendered. In the case

of Holbrook where there is an affidavit of the loss of the certificate I guarantee the Co. against the lost one —

I send him also seven shares to be transferred to me which with the 13 shares now standing in my name makes $1000 which I want in a single certificate. The transfer on some of these is not strictly regular. The holder acknowledges payment in full for stock &c and surrenders the certificate so he can make no claim upon it — The certificate is in my possession, and certified by me as belonging to me. It seems to me that is sufficient, though not exactly ship-shape. In the case of Alex J. Sheldon, there is a Bond of Indemnity which will protect the E&M company —

Hoping that you have regained your health, I am

Yours

J R Elwood

J. R. Elwood
Sept 2, 1858

Isaac L Elwood Esq Treasurer Western Union
Telegraph Co

Sir please pay to Ezra Comell
the amount due me for dividends on
two shares of stock of the Erie & Michigan
Telegraph Company, owned by me, and
standing in my name on the books of said
Company, and this receipt for the same will
be as good to the Company as my own.

Albion Sept, 6. 1858. Mary L. Nicholson

Lansing 6th 1858 sept

E Cornell Esq

Sir

I find that the Ag'l Society by not offering a premium on Grade Bulls have created considerable dissatisfaction in this Town, and unless something is done to counteract it, a great injury will be done to the prosperity of the Society. Would it not be policy for you to announce in the papers of our County, that the same premiums will be given to that Class of animals that is to Thorough Bred?

Will there be good fodder furnished for animals on exhibition that their owners may not be obliged

to ~~send~~ off the ground to get it.

Last year my stock suffered for want of proper food, and had it not been for the ~~urbanity~~ of Messrs D & Wood they would have suffered still more

Yours Respt

D Brookes

D. Brookes
Oct 6. 1857
Grass Seeds

Western Union Telegraph Co.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y., Sept 10 1858

E. Cornell Esq

Sir

We were much surprised in not seeing you here yesterday, as our messages informed us you left Detroit night before last—

Not only did I want a list of E & M. transfers, but also to know what the final conclusion about the preliminary arrangement drawn up when you were here last.

I write this to say you must be here on Tuesday & Wednesday of next week without fail — At the next regular meeting the directors are determined to divide the surplus stock so as to make up the full amount of $500.000, upon some basis or other —

I think it best to conclude the pending arrangement about Lake Erie first, if possible — Do not fail to be here on Tuesday & Wednesday next as above suggested —

Doubtful whether Sibley will be here; but the other directors are now prepared to act Yrs I R Elwood

Strictly private & confidential

Western Union Telegraph Co.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y., Sept 10 1858

E. Cornell
Sir

Since writing you officially, I have rec^d. your note which induces me to write you a private & confidential Letter. There is good reason to fear daily, indeed hourly that one or more of the large Stockholders of the P. C & L. will convert their stock & will claim a share of our surplus unissued stock. I am afraid that claim may be sustained — At all events, I feel quite sure that the directors will not risk this question any longer than to the first regular meeting which can be held.

If this stock is converted and this claim is not allowed, it will lead to a controversy which cannot but be disastrous to our affairs. Between you & me, it is hard work now to preserve peace and harmony —

I really hoped when Sibley had yielded so much & so much more than I thought he would — you would not delay a longer than necessary to get the resolution of your board to close it up. I believe the arrangement eminently fair & just among all interests

upon the basis of the proposed arrangement I calculate you & your wife's share of the surplus stock would be a fraction over $21.000.
add your W. U. Stock $10.000. E & M $58.600 68,600
Mrs C. E & M. $2.350. Porter $50 2400
quadruplied $368,000 $92.000

Besides this, the contemplated Scrip Dividend will give you & wife as I estimate from $16,000 to $22.000 of the Scrip. To be sure, this is not clear gain, as it will have to be paid out of the Earnings of the Co; but the P. C. & Co. if they convert will have to pay their share of it.

I wish you saw the importance of closing up this matter, as clearly as I do, or think I do. Let me urge you to come here on Tuesday without fail. Let no appointment whatever prevent you. If I knew any thing more to add which would have any effect on your mind, I would add it. I beg you personally to come & come in a conciliatory spirit

Yrs
Isaac R Elwood

Western Union Telegraph Co.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y., Sept 14 1858

E. Cornell

Sir

I rec'd your letter this morning and we are as much at a loss what to do as ever. If there is any prospect of "settling old matters, so we shall "stand on the same platform," then it would be preposterous to make a partial dividend of the surplus stock. I have quite enough to do in this office, & complications enough to manage, not to embark in any, so long as there is a prospect of avoiding it —

If we get a quorum to morrow, as I think we shall, I think they will adjourn until Monday to have you meet them — I will telegraph you to morrow — If this effort succeeds to bring these affairs to a settlement, I shall rejoice — if not I swear by the Eve-ning I will take little pains to bring it about, come out of it what may

Resp Yours
Isaac R Elwood

New York Sept. 14 1858

Ezra Cornell Esq Ithaca N. Y.

Dear Sir I wrote to you sometime since in relation to the stock I hold in the Western Union Telegraph Co before this anticipated hearing from you by way of a remittance for the dividends due on the stock I hold. Mr Chester of our City informs me that you have been in the regular receipt of sufficient funds to pay an annual dividend of Six pr Ct (6%) from the Parties to whom you leased the road

I have of the Consolided Stock Eight-shares

You will remember when you was here on the 29th Dec 1855 you gave me these Eight-shares in exchange of a much larger number - & from that time to this I have not received one dollar on them in the shape of a dividend - Now I wish you would send me an offer for the stock I hold as I think you ought to own the whole the way matters stand - If you decid to purches let the thing be done through your friends Miss Chesters without delay - If you decline instruct them to pay over the dividends due on the stock I wish you to let me hear from you without

fail for I want something done
in the matter without further delay

Hoping you reply

I remain

Yours very Respectfully

I. H. Bassett

I. H. Bassett
Sept 14 1857

Western Union Telegraph Office,

ALBION, Sept. 17th 1858

Dear Ezra

I return certificate No. 538 for 72 shares as you request, I got a letter from Sibley about that script of Patterson's & answered it to-day. Did not give him much consolation. Get him to show you the letter before saying much about it. You did not tell me you paid Mary her dividend $28. I sent her script with the rest I had & drew $165.50 with hers & returned receipt so you better not call for it at Rochester or they will think you are green. Mary & Jane & Phebe are all here to day & are determined to have the $28. before you get here

Dont know whether I can hang on to it or not till you come, Will try. Have been verry busy fixing sound well & cistern pump & have not been out to hunt stock yet. Shall go out next week, All well. Have got Edgar & Orson's a/c for Aug. & sends $12. & O. sends $10. to their mother.

Yours truly
M. B. Wood

Jan 28. 1791
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Albion Sept 20th 1858

My Dear Brother

I have not recieved that letter as yet - probably for the reason that you have been so busy, since your return home, at least I will have charity to think so, Am enjoying myself very much indeed - shall not have my visit half made out by the time you come again in fact I want to spend the winter if Father is willing am not vain enough to suppose the rest of you, will offer any serious objections, Am knitting some stockings for Father, will have them ready to send by you tell him our friends and acquaintances all inquire after him, the girls want me to stay, I presume Mart wrote you about that twenty eight dollars, he recieved on Mary's stock

I wish you would let me have it to get me some winter cloathes, Phebe is going down to Detroit next week, and I would like to send by her to get me a dress, you will wont you? Mary is going to get her a nice shawl & dress with hers, and Phebe silver forks, and I cant help think, but that the third amount is intended for me, You have been just as good to me as a brother could be, and I hope you will not think I am unreasonable - wont you telegraph me about it, so I will know before she goes to De, would you believe I have got my hair done up, I feel so proud over it it looks very nice, My love to Mary-Ann - would like to have her write to me would be glad to have you bring my Mariano dress and winter bonnet - when you come if you can - love to Father and all the rest please write as soon as convenient -

Ever your Affectionate Sister

Jane

E. Cornell

E. S. Covell
Sept 20 1858

Pine River Sept 20th. 1858

Dear Brother.

Your last letter of Sept 6. I at hand. You wish to know about our crops. The late frosts we had Aug 18th and 22nd killed the Buckwheats entirely, potatoes slightly, and corn moderately, early Potatoes is not an average crops with us. late ones is nothing at all. this last harvest Wheat was ruined by the rust. people from every quarter are leaving the woods on account of scarsity of provisions. I have not a bushel of wheat in the world, but I have got some growing I found seed wheat and sowed eight acres one of my neighbors farm he gave two days with his team in putting it in and is

to half of the expence & harvesting it or give him half in the shock I intend to put in 1½ acres more on my own place yet. if wheat does well another year it will set me on my laps again. Seed wheat is selling for twelve shillings per bush here and fair prospect to bring $2,00 per bush before another harvest. I only choped four acres last winter owing to so much threshing. I have got it burned and some of it logged and into baggyes & turnips I shall chop up my winters wood & log the rest for corn in the spring. If I had the means I would go to Ithaca on a visite this fall You keep adding farm after farm to your farm I should think you would want more help to carry on all of your farms. I will tell you what I will do. if you will find me a small house to live in I will come and help you carry on farming business you see It is a slowe and hard job to clear up this new farm and I have not the means to hire help to do it and it is as much as I can do to yell James to help me. he thinks it is no profit to change work he says he can yell along with the boys in logging and in corn on work they will do a man's work It has made me miles travle in running around to gett help to log and do such work as I can not do alone I can lett my farm out and gell it cleared for

the use of the land by paying
something per acre. I can clear
it up even by getting work at tend
ing engine. then I can do it my
self. James did not plant
any corn, but with his potato
es old wheat and weed wheat
he he my gell along. we sh
all not eathen us be able to pay
the Runyan Note of $250, and
$35,00 Intrest coming due 5th of
December James has paid Snow
the present houlder of the Note one
dollar on it. the 17th inst was a
memorable day to the sitizins
of Alma and veeinily the
Circuit Court was establish there
Judg Woodruff Presiding, write soon

Yours Respectfuly
E. S. Cornell

E. Cornell (Eunice Wood is married)

Ithaca Sept. 20. 1858

Hon E. Cornell -

My Dear Sir

The old case of Lee agt. Wade, Speed & yourself is noticed for trial at Bath Steuben Co. on the 11th of October next

Now I want to see you immediately - I suppose you may want to be a Witness for yourself - If so, a notice has to be served specifying the Points, on which you will testify to, 20. days before trial by Mail it is a 20. days notice - Let me see you - your friend. Saml. Love

Mr. E. Cornell. St. Line of Ills. & Ind.a

Dr. St.

I think I have waited a very Reasonable Length of time for the balance of that Money. I wish to know whether you will ever Pay it or not & the Precise time you will do so. it is a small amount & I feel the Loss of it much more than you Would by paying it. Now Just tell me exactly what you will do. If you cant send it all now send a Portion of it a Small amount is a great help to me. & Larger ones accordingly - the Balance is Just $35.00

Write by Return Mail & Let me know what you will do for me -

Respectfully Yours
Stephen Ball -

Direct your Letter to Lafayette Ind. Box 398.

Sept 25. 1858
Requested J. R. Elwood
Sec. W. U. Tel Co to pay
S. Ball $30. at Lafayette
and wrote Ball to that effect

La Fayette Sept 28/68

E. Connell Esq
Ithaca N.Y.

Dear Sir. Your favor at hand. Absence from home since sometime in Aug, caused delay in replying. The amt due Mr Downey is some $44 or $50. note calls for $43. at least - I wrote you sometime since that if you would send me $8. I would send you the note & square a balance of some 6. $ due me. I went to Indianapolis and assigned that Bryant judgment to you, according to your request. &c. Mr Downey was willing at the time I wrote you to make such a deduction as would enable me to do that. but I cant say how he feels now. He wanted a little money very bad when I wrote you that proposition.

Yes sir we had his horse at 1.00 per day. I went with Horse myself - went to Indianapolis from here & then from Terre Haute towards Lafayette in the winter

with the Thermometer about 20 below more or less - McGeshen had to cave in - As regards the amt of money to send I leave to you having given you the Conditions of things - Compliments to Yourself & family -

Yours truly J. Haas

J Haas Sept 28 1858

PS By the way we have a fine daughter 11 weeks old well & hearty -

H

Lexington Ky Oct 1st 1858

E. Cornell Esq

Ithaca N. Y.

Dr Sir

I have just rec'd yours of 27th ults:. It is a matter of regret to me that I can not give you the information you ask for. It would give me pleasure to furnish it, if I had it, or to make any search that would promise to lead to it. But I do not know the name of the bull referred to, or of any bull my father ever owned; nor have I any means of obtaining the information. I am not aware that my father ever owned an imported bull. I do not know in what year Mr Morgan made the sale to Mr Goldsmith. This might be learned from the latter person. There are

several of that name in this vicinity. If it is important to ascertain that date, let me know which of the Todhunters is the one in question, & I will inquire of him.

Very Respectfully

F. K. Hunt

Geo Curtis Oct 2.58

OFFICE OF THE

Breckenridge Coal and Oil Company,

Cloverport, Ky. Oct 2nd 1858

Mr. E Cornell

Dear Sir

Yours of the 27th Aug containing the recd of Mr. Matthews was duly recd I have forgotten whether I have answered it before or not I am much obliged for the Assistance you have rendered me in this matter & I hope to be able to meet the Note at maturity I wrote to J. D. Caton to enquire in regard to the Ill & Miss Fel business He replied that its business was very dull in common with all other business & that during the last Winter they could not cover expenses but have made up the loss this Summer & something more Says they lost their Cable at St Louis during high water

in the Spring & hope to recover it when the water goes down He also says Kendall has sued the Co in N.Y & that he has got to retain funds to meet the expenses of that litigation & says still with all these he may make a small dividend the first of next January but it is quite uncertain. He then says "I wish I was out of the business the trouble & annoyance is so great but I shall do the best I can" He further says Barnes is just beginning to trouble us with his blue line West of the Miss River. You very probably know what he means about the blue line I do not

I have thought if he really wishes himself out of the business whether it would not be a good idea to see him & let him give us the management of the whole line to A.B.C. He could then reap the benefit of enhanced dividends You have so much interest in the line that I think he might be willing to have A.B.C. attend to it & relieve him How would it do to approach him on the subject. Perhaps A.B.C. would not undertake to do it, is he with you I should like to hear from him

In your last letter you say you hear nothing further from Chester on the subject of Coal & I wish you could get the particulars of his Coal Mine where located &c I think he had a statement published in regard to it in pamphlet form I think I had one but now do not know where it is if I could know where it is I would go & get it on my way home I wish you would send me your pamphlet got of him I will

return it
I have become posted in
regard to the manufacturing
of Coal Oil I now know
how to do it & know the profit
of it & now if you & I could
get hold of the right kind
of a Coal mine We could
make more profitable than
any other business in this
County The amt. of Capital
required to begin with is not
large. I now consider myself
posted in regard to the business
& I assure you it is very
profitable but these Companies
that have got such enormous
Capitals to divide on cannot
pay large dividends on such
large Capitals. I have not
been home since I came here
I expect to go the last of this
mo If you go West why cannot
you make me a visit Come
down the River from Cin & you
can then go on to Evansville or Cairo
or go back to New Albany write
me Yours Truly Geo Curtis

New York, Oct. 5. 1858.

Ezra Cornell, Esq.

Dear Sir: I meant to have thanked you cordially before this, for your frank & friendly manner to my request for any papers you might choose to furnish in aid of my efforts at forming an impartial documentary history of the Origin & Progress of the Telegraph System. I aim shortly to write you further on some points well known to you & a few others, & which should be known to the Public — showing the real facts in some important matters.

I take this occasion to ask of you what the "Ohio, Indiana & Illinois" Stock is worth? Some ladies who had shares, & some others, call on me for information — supposing I knew of course, as I "made the line?" Will you oblige by informing me of what you know, & who the present officers are? & who would probably buy some stock, & at what price? Some one at Utica or Rochester has a lawyer here, but I have not any information of what is now doing.

Yours truly, Henry O'Reilly.

Alma Oct 6th 1858

Dear Brother,

There is a mony speculation a foot, dont you want a chance in, There is two Mills but a short distance from me that can be got at a bargin One is a steam saw and grist mill, the other is a water saw mill, the steam Mill concists of an Engine of 30 horse power, and machinery for runing an upright saw, and one run of stone a boolt and smutt machine, there is 17 acres of land with the mill it is situated on Pine River at Alma it can be bought for four thousand dollars, five hundred dollars down and five hundred dollars a year untill the ballance is paid up, they have cut six thousand feet of lumber in twelve hours with their muly saw, and with their one run of stone in the same time they have ground 150 buckels of wheat, clearing sone 30, dollars per day, the water mill can be

one half be got for putting in one run of Stone, that is; the present proprietor will deed one half of the saw mill to any one, that will put in operation one run of Stone for gringling custome work, and ~~also~~ he will want one half of the intrest of the one run of Stone, and that he will concider pays him for the half of his saw mill if he can have half of the grist mill; this mill is situated 2½ miles directly south of me, on two streams that come together above the mill. Emery Adams is the present propritor of the mill 2½ miles from me, and Ralph Ely of the steam mill at Alma Now I want an intrest in one of the other of those mills there can be a quarter of or half of the steam mill bought at the rate of four thousand dollars, and you know that I have wanted to gell an intrest in a saw mill, for some time, now if you will advance five hundred or a thousand dollars and take this farm on security, I should be verry glad to do so you have said you would assist me to gell in business, and I know it is going to pay five times better than it is for me

to clear up this new farm. I want Daniel to come and go in with me and I think he will. it will pay in connection with his trade a good proffit Alma is going to be the county shi er of this county, and properly located there is a fortune to start on. I hope you will look favorably on this matter and if you wish to inform yourself better than by my description you can address Ralph Ely at Alma Gr atiot Co Mich. and he will write you all the particulars it will be a pay ing invesment for John if he should ch ose to come in as a partner

For John. Daniel and myself to start in busness together at this growing town will be far better then for us to be seperated one here and one there over the country, think about this matter and write me, all well here at present we have given up going to Albion

Your Respectfully E. S Corneel

E. Corneel

Bull Major

Major was calved May 25th 1858
Sire Sir Walter Raleigh (560)
Grand Sire Frank Quartly (203)
Dam Premium Grand Dam Exeter
Great G Dam Long horned Baltimore
bred and owned by S Baker & Son

I hereby certify that the above is true and correct pedigree of the Thorough bred Bull Major which I have this day sold to Mitchell

Earlville Oct 6 1858

S Baker & Son

Portland Oct. 10th/58

E. Cornell Esq
Dr.

On my return, from an absence of fifteen days, on Saturday any last, I received your somewhat pressing letter of the 30th ult.

Your idea that within Mr Kendall or myself has found wisdom, or a sense of justice equal to your own discernment, would have come, as a comparison, better from another, than from yourself - I assure you, that neither probably have any great expectations of learning at this

period in our lives, a very great instalment of either wisdom or justice from any instruments or acts manifested by yourself—

A man who has had all he possesses, of a productive shape, from his contracts with me, without having ever accounted, or manifested a disposition to account for a dollar in return, has little occasion to talk of either wisdom or justice to any one, and much less to myself—

But let that pass.

I saw your counsel, Mr Chester in N. York, & agreed with him, that the suit of myself vs you shall be brought on, by either party's giving the other ten days notice.

I shall be somewhat engaged all this month—yet may be in N. York at the monthly meeting of the Union Directors, on the 3d Tuesday of this month (19th) and if convenient to yourself, shall be as ready to try it then, as at any time—nevertheless, if early in November will suit you any better, I will govern myself accordingly—

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Thomas O. J. Smith