Belvidere Jan 14th 1859

Dear Brother

I received your favour of 15th Dec some ten days since and in due time I also received the money by Express and I assume you it came in good time as I was much more pressed for means then than when I wrote you. The money will enable me to earn I think at least a dollar a day (clear) this winter and put me in a way to do as well as most mechanics next summer.

I send you the note enclosed as you wrote to me to do,

We are enjoying good health at present with the exception of slight colds we have been having plenty of snow & good sleighing untill within six days since about the 10th of Nov also very cold weather for Illinois — a heavy rain cleared the ground of snow last thursday — frozen up again however now —

Times are getting harder than ever now as it is the season of year that taxes are due and a good share of them must be paid in specie which is hard to get produce is low in this market wheat selling from 50 to 60 cts corn 40 to 45 oats 35 &c

Wages are very low and no demand for labour

The Pikes Peak excitement is quite high here and many are talking about going there the coming Spring — I think perhaps enough will go so that those who remain can do better than they have for the past year

How is Father's health this winter and how does he seem to pass away his time I should like well for him to write to me if it is not too great a task

Please write again soon

Respectfully Yours

E Cornell Esqr D B Cornell

Ithaca N Y

Albany Day 4 1859

Dear Sir

We should be pleased to call Your particular attention, to the descriptions and recommendations of the new Labor-Saving machines, The Potatoe & corn covering, Hoeing Hilling & Cultivating, and Cutter Harrow and Sod Pulverizer, They were introduced here last season, and astonished the farmers by the amount and beauty of the work, - and are pronounced invaluable to the Farmers, saving their cost in three days working. Such machines every Farmer wants and must have, You know and we will Them thoroughly introduced in Your Town, and with an active, thorough man to act as agent, one that will buy a set of machines, put them in operation, and call the Farmers to-gether to see, We Know there is to money to be made in selling them, we will allow you 15 per cent discount from the list prices, and warrant the machines to give entire satisfaction, or the payment will be refunded. Whoever takes hold of these machines will not only do a kindness to his Brother Farmers, but will make a good profit for himself. If You conclude to take hold of the matter, please advise us and send references as to Your responsibility, if not, please hand these papers to one of your neighbors, whom you can recommend as competent, & has Energy, and the good of the Farmers at heart. The weight of the Harrow is 189 lbs and draws lighter than the Scotch Harrow. The other machines weigh 80 lbs Each.

Your early reply will oblige

Yours very Respectfully

Pease & Eggleston

Albany N.Y.

Wilton Ulster Co
N. Y. Jan 4th 1859

E. Cornell Esqr
Ithaca

Dear Sir

I take the liberty of addressing you a few lines on account of your communication in Country Gentleman of Dec 30th last on Cornstalk feeding as I am a new beginer in farming and anything I can learn I would.

Now our Cattle are fed on Cut Stalks cut by Rhuben Daniels Cutter & are about 3/4 of an inch in lenght. but I must say they leave some of the stalk if you could inform me how you manage I would thank you for it. I feed them

cut & wet them all
our Animals are kept
in Stables & are fed at
regular hours. Still they
leave some of the stalk.

I may not cut them
small enough or the
Daniels Cutter may not
be as good as Dictons
all the Straw & hay is
cut in same way for Horse
with a little feed.

I would be
pleased to hear how you
manage it & enclose a
stamp when you are
disengaged should you
feel like it to write me

Yours &c
C. Champlin
Milton
Ulster Co
N.Y.

Office of the Boston Advertiser

Boston, Jan. 6th 1859

C. Cornell, Esq.

Dear Sir,

Absence from home has prevented an earlier reply to your note of the 20th ult.

I have made up my mind to publish the American entries for the third volume of the Record and Book as soon as I can get it ready, whether the English entries are received or not. In consequence of the numbers that were received during my absence from the country, & those received since my return, I have concluded to re-arrange the whole. The work is in progress & I hope I may be able to get it into the printers hands by the first of March, & no. I should like to receive your pedigrees as soon as convenient.

Yours truly

Sanford Howard.



Rochester, N.Y. January 7 1859

E. Cornell. Esq.
Ithaca.
N.Y.

Dear Sir

Your favor 4th inst enclosing draft on J. R Ellwood of this city for $70.95 in full of your a/c is rec'd for which accept our thanks

Yours Respectfully

Ellwanger & Barry
W. Ellwanger

Clintondale January 8th 1859.

To Ezra, Cornell, Esqr.

Dear Sir:

There is due on the judgment Griggs Waring holds against you at this date the sum of One hundred and Seventy five dollars. The judgment was entered agst you in the Supreme Court of Orange County December 10th 1856. for $241,16, damages and costs June 8th 1857. Mr Waring received of you the sum of $100,00. July 8th 1858 Mr Waring received of you another hundred dollars making in all that he has received on the judgment two hundred dollars— There is now due interest and principal the sum of One hundred and Seventy five dollars. The agreement between you and Mr Waring was that you should pay it all off during the year 1858. that time has passed and Mr Waring requested me to

write to you that he was very much in want of money, and would like to have you to pay off the judgment as soon as possible.
Please answer by return mail
Direct to Clintondale Ulster Co
N.Y.

Yours &c
Solomon G. Young.

4 –	84.32
31 –	404.61
30	147.24
28	$636.17
93	

Griggs Harvey
Jan 8. 1857

N. Y. Jan. 8. 1859.

Dear Sir,

I have sketched very hurriedly a proposition for an oil Co. I have ~~given to~~ proposed every advantage, I believe, which any one could ask to the new associates who will come in. You can throw it into any other form which you choose.

It will be necessary to arrange with some parties here to prevent opposition in bidding. For my investment of about 20.000 (part of my hard earnings - (altogether it may exceed that, I have not calculated accurately,) I shall have to give up or pay here, I calculate at least $5000. So I don't deserve much a bargain for myself. But if what is left doesn't yield me

thirty per cent under your management, with Curtis' experience, I shall be sadly disappointed. If I know any thing dependent on calculation I feel that I know this - I hope much beyond this.

In truth we should have such a start in the business as no other oil company has come near having. Curtis (I suppose that should be confidential lest the Breckenridge folks should be jealous,) being with us with all his positive knowledge, will be of immense importance.

If it is not certain that you can succeed in raising the funds write me speedily for I must manage somehow to save this investment of mine.

I have been driven hard all day - am finishing this by candle light & count vouch for what I have written being entirely clear.

But knowing me, you can guess at my meaning. If changes are necessary, I give you full authority to make them - having reasonable regard to my views & interest. While disposed to be liberal I want only reasonable consideration for my claims -

I am very sure after years of enquiry that there is no other cannel coal mine in the county equal to ours for oil - position quality of coal & every thing considered.

Morse vs Smith is pretty well done up for the present. I am quite willing to take as my fee for seven years labor what I save by entering judgment now, & fixing the Pl'ffs with N. O. & Ohio stocks which they demanded instead of taking Washington & N. O. which they might have got. There has been a world of bungling in this case all of which

has ensued to Smith's benefit.
We will see in the Boston case
& the one here where he is pff.
whether he will fare as well-

Yours truly E. W. Chester

E. W. Chester
Jan 8. 1854

January MONDAY 10 1859

Weather intensely Cold -
Thermometer ranging from
14 to 22° below Zero in a M.
7½ PM 10° below at Forest Park
Tribune says Coldest day in
New York during this Century

TUESDAY 11

Albion Jan. 10th 1859

Dear Ezra

I did not go to De the day after I wrote you as I got a dispatch from Cobb requesting me to wait till I got some script to be transfered from him. I have sent his back to him with directions to sent it to Rochester for your approval & signature I have also sent the 6 shares for Phebe there for the dividends & for your signature I thought perhaps Elwood might send on the dividends before the new script was signed by you, but perhaps he will not & I should like to have you go there soon as convenient & see to it. There is about 3 inches of snow now on the ground and our folks are busy & getting things ready to send up to Gratiot. My disease has not yet subsided but am better than when I last wrote. Tell father that Mrs T.

M B Wood Jan 10, 59

G. Poay died & was buried yesterday
It is cold weather here now and
not much business carried on.
I have not seen Hiram for more than
a week & cant say what his calculations
are. I shall try to go to Gatiot myself
if possible this month and fix up
your matters with the boys as you
direct. I have some team work
due me & may go up with it and
get a load of shingle as it may help
the boys some in their need.
I am anxious to hear the result
of your suit with Smith. Should
like to have you send me the earnings
of W. W. Co. Since Aug. last & what
the prospect is of the stock being
known in market. Give our best
respects to all our friends.

Yours Truly

M. B. Wood

Jane Cornell
Jan 11, 1859

Albion Jan 11th 1859

Dear Brother

I wrote you several weeks ago, acknowledging the receipt of the money you were so kind as to send me, and gave the letter to Mart to send with some papers he was going to forward to you, he put them into the stencil drawer, where they remained for a long time he for some reason neglected to send them we are having delightful sleighing, although I am sorry to confess, I have not as yet had an opportunity of trying it, while the storm was raging last week Phebe and I set ourselves to work to make some hoods, to send up to Grandpa thinking there was a prospect of Hiram's getting started for there, we made some very nice ones, but Mart thinks it will not start until

there is more snow, N.B. went up to Iona last week he says there is not as much snow north as there is here, we recieved a letter from Deborah last week, they were all well, and have plenty of provision but are getting destitute of clothing, she says they raised 140 bu potatoes 140 do sweet turnips 1 do corn, about 15 bu poor wheat, plenty of beets, cabbage, parsnips carrots and some beans, their hog weighed over 300, and their beef had over 90 weight of tried tallow, so she says you can see what our good luck was - Edward killed a good hog raised 40 bushels potatoes, 20 of corn, and has a new milch cow, which is their liveing - Deborah says there is a prospect of much suffering among the gereatest propotion of the inhabitants both in Gratiot and Isabelle counties for want of provisions, I was told by a gentleman a few days since, that in a recent message of the governor of this state, he recommended that measures should be taken to send relief to the needy in those counties, so perhaps they will recieve timely aid, I believe you made no provision for getting them shoes, they will be so disappointed if they do not recieve them, as they have been led to expect. D says the oldest boys have not had a hat or cap on their heads this winter but for a substitute have drawn stocking legs and old comforters over their heads. -

We have been having such a good visit from Mr Robison (alias) Bob, he went to day - has been here two weeks, he brought Arlina an elegant gold watch for a New Years present - patent lever full jeweled hunter case - wish I had such a fellow - he is in the lumber business with his uncle up north of Grand Rapids, and is one first rate fine fellow - dont think Lina could do better

Recieved a letter from Molly last week, all well says Lizzy grows finely and talks every thing - give my love to Father Mary Ann, the children &c tell Father Mrs Pray was burried last sunday she has been sick for the last four months -

Ezra I am very sorry to have to inform you that my money is all gone but one cent, and I do think I made it go as far as most anyone could. I bought me a very nice black silk, got it at a bargain, got a full dress & low necked waist out of eleven yds silk, but am minus the sleeves for the second waist — subscribed for the Ladies Repository, and had to spend some for sundry little things — Mr Beltson has a donation visit tomorrow evening — but Phebe has very kindly relieved me of the necessity of staying at home, or going empty handed — she said if I would make the cake for the occasion she would give me half the amount which she intended to donate — which I was very willing to do I did want a set of furs this winter very much indeed, but perhaps it is extravagant in me to think of it, tell Mary Ann I have not forgotten that I owe her a letter, she must share in this for the present, I will write to her soon, Please write to me, and excuse this

Miserable scrawl. I have not written in so long I can make nothing but scratches George Robertson & wife are getting better — she has been very sick with the same fever
Affectionately your sister Jane

1869

East Springfield Jan 13

E Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find $7.10 – It should have been attended to sooner, but I believe, I started the day after receiving it to spend the holidays with my family in New York and since my return it has escaped my eye until today

Red Rose's calf is a good one and doing well for me, I am a hard keeper, but and giving him a little better chance than usual with me

As to whether the cow is a hard keeper or not I do not know Chapman may be right, may be wrong I bought her on account of her milking qualities, and whether they are good for any thing you can judge as well as anyone

Send your Hereford cow down next

summer if you desire - She shall be attended to

Don't you want a nephew of mine with you as a sort of apprentice, student &c to learn farming

You may ask in reply why I do not take him myself - My answer is that mine is the old fashioned mode of farming, a good deal of land roughly worked, and although I think I understand the subject as well as anyone nevertheless, like doctors I do not take my own medicine, and consequently cannot give him the practical knowledge of good farming which I should desire him to possess

My business is attending chiefly to a large unimproved estate and carrying it on in the old way Butter & cheese, being the principal produce, and clearing land, organizing farms, erecting buildings, fences, draining &c on a large scale my principal business, consequently the boy cannot get as good a knowledge of stock and its care with me as he ought

If you will take him he can come for his board, ~~and a few sorts farming clothes~~ for a year or longer if you and he like

What do you think of it, he is 22 years old, and wants to learn and I want him to go into good hands - He is to be trusted implicitely.

Let me hear from you at your leisure, if you should like him I suppose he can come anytime

Yours &c

G Clark

Office of the New York, Albany & Buffalo Electro Magnetic Telegraph Co.

Utica, Jany 12 1859.

Received from Ezra Cornell three Certificates for four hundred Shares of Stock in the Western Union Tel: Co. said Stock to be held as collateral Security, in lieu of scrip for $22.000 in the Erie & Michigan Tel: Co. now delivered to him —

E Chapman
Treas

No 124 — 100 Sh
" 125 — 100 " "
" 126 — 200 " "
400

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH CO.

CONSOLIDATED LINES.

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A. STAGER, Gen. Sup't, Cleveland, O. I. R. ELWOOD, Sec'y, Rochester, N. Y.

To Ezra Cornell Clerk Jan 15 1859

By Telegraph from New York 15 1859

Dispatch from Painesville send—
Letter & power of attorney mailed
to Cleveland— Is it necessary
to send any one from here to
aid you or will your arrangements
with Wilcox suffice— Where shall money
(over)

E. W. Chester
Dispatch
Jan 15. 1889

be sent

E W Chester

Court Room, N. Y. Jan. 15. 1859.

E. Connell Esq.

Dear Sir,

I am very reluctantly tied here, wanting to be making some arrangements in reference to you & the coal mines. I sent you a despatch yesterday to Rochester tried to get time to write & mail a letter, but the efforts were vain - & now I am tied here waiting, & doing nothing & afraid to leave.

I wrote you to Ithaca in answer to your letter from Albany. I thought you knew - I am sure it appears in papers or letters which you have had & I think we have talked about it; that my advances in this business were about $20.000. Remember that these lands cost $100 per acre - some $115.000. Some fifteen or sixteen thousand of the bonds on certain considerations were afterwards given up to me & my immediate associates, still leaving 100.000. A cash payt was made - interest on bonds were afterwards paid - to save us from certain difficulties & keep up the Co. I put in afterwards bonds & stocks to amt of more than $3000 cash & the expenses of various kinds on & about the lands amounts to some thousands (I think) more. Three fourths or four fifths of all the cash has come out of my pocket, & the three parties immediately associated with me, I think are not out of pocket now, altogether more than two or three thousand dollars.

My purpose is, if we succeed to make this up to them to the same extent that I shall be indemnified.

Now if we get the valuable part of these lands by reason of our position at 20 or 25 Dolls per acre, they will cost the company not exceeding 40.00 per acre. They may be sold for near this amount saving the mining rights - probably for more than this, so soon as works are in operation. It is a question whether you & our new associates get the lands with my help - or somebody else.

And then I let my interest stand back of the new advances, giving our new associates the benefit of preferring their stock till it produces 15 per cent - & my int. too to stand first in the way of security against loss. Surely I cannot think I am driving an unfair or hard bargain with them.

I think it will be best to send one of our parties out to assist you & to get the assistance of the parties in Painesville who sold to us - Wilcox & Osborne.

I inclose power of atty from the Trustee. Probably you had better consult counsel in Cleveland & get the aid of a lawyer there. The Deeds & mortgages are on record so that if the originals don't reach you, it will not be important.

It is possible that there is more oil producing coal than we had supposed. Yet I think many of these efforts in different parts of the county will prove failures. It does not seem that in England & Scotland any thing but the cannel is used for oil - the best cannel of course must be the most

valuable for oil. The experiments with ours give a most favorable & ~~feature~~ satisfactory result as compared with the best of other canvels.

Smith is here - or was the other day - he has not called on me, unless he may have gone to the office while I have been out. The reason probably is that he has left between two & three hundred Dollars of his note unpaid. Your case here with him is set down for next Thursday. George has intimated to his atty that if he wants it to go over the term he must pay your expenses for two trips here. He will also get the expenses of the witness if we can. But it is hard getting money out of Jay. His attorney says he intends to insist on something for himself.

I have arranged to go to Boston whenever the trial come on - expense to be borne by R.R. & our Co. I have not yet heard when the trial will come on. I am quite at a loss about forcing our case on before Roosevelt - yet I can't think there is any danger & especially as he cannot reach a conclusion in favor of Plff without a good deal of labor & investigation whereas the deciding for Deft is short & easy.

I understand Smith does not raise the question as to the validity of the Morse patents in Maine, but is getting affidavits here to show that the ~~the~~ Inj. is sued out in bad faith.

Yours truly

E. W. Chester

On return to my office I a note from Smith was brot to me saying he had been three times at my office since he came here without finding me - He has left town or is to leave this afternoon - goes to Hartford - thence to Portland & does not want to return here unless it is certain that his case will come on. I regard it as certain that it will be called.

Mr. Whiting will meet you in Painesville next Friday morning, unless you otherwise appoint. If earlier - Your telegram from Painesville has just come. Probably it will not be necessary to send on Whiting as you have seen Wilcox - If so inform me - Yours

E. W. Chester

Jan 15. 1859
E. W. Chester

Meadow Adams Co. Ills. Jan'y. 17th. 1859.

Ezra Cornell Esq.

My Dear Sir,

I am glad to see your name weekly in the Ithaca Journal, and always seeing your influence to induce the Citizens & farmers of good Old Tompkins, to go forward in every good work in advancing Horticultur & Agricultural pursuits. And I rejoice to see that your untiring endeavors are being crowned with success. Tompkins County from present appearances will soon be a No. 1 County in the great State of New York, and much of the Credit will be due to your efforts.

In seeing you thus engaged I have come to think that with your abundant means you might be willing to buy some property in the Town of Ithaca; especially if you could get it at a very low price — or at half its value — Ithaca & Tompkins County will not long remain with its fertile soil & beautiful location depressed in Valuations but very soon as I think will be sought for by eastern gentlemen for beauty of location & fruitfulness especially in all the choice fruits that grow so perfectly around Ithaca. I have a good two Story House & lot on Aurora Street the 3rd House North of the Tompkins House the Lot is 34X125 The House a good one (wants painting) has 10 or 11 good rooms is as well built as any of its class & could not be built for less than $1.200 exclusive of lot — I have a Village lot on Factory Street — on the Corner of Seneca & Factory Street 49½ X132 Each fronting on Factory St. & overlooking the Village & Lake — I have also some 12 Acres More or less of as good fruit land as there is to be found in Ithaca — Situate on the Cattskill Road & lying between Mr. Ropers place & Mr. James Cooks

This lot is a little more than 40 Rods on the Street & runs to the Creek, is well stocked with fruit - Peaches - Pears Plums & Apples - The land is in a high state of cultivation, having been well manured by myself - This land adjoins the line of the Corporation is well watered & as beautiful a site for a villa as can be found.

I was offered $125.. per acre for it one year ago last summer & refused it as being altogether too low.

I now want Money and will sell the whole, House, village lot & 12 Acres for the ruinous price to me of $2.050 Twenty Hundred and fifty Dollars Draft on New York - I or in the same proportion for either of the three pieces of property. My own honest opinion is that the 12 Acre lot will be worth more than that in 2 years in your hands - but as I said I want Money.

The title is perfect in me, you can have immediate possession. Please answer soon.

With high Consideration Your Obt. Sent.

Geo. P. Frost

" " "

Geo P. Frost
Fountain
1852

P.S. I sent you last summer a pamphlet containing the premium list &c. of this County, but as I have never heard from it, probably it was Carried in the Mail - We are having a very open winter - The Sun is shining to day like summer - G. P. F.

East Homer Jan 19/89

Mr E Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

not being at home when your letter came is the reason of so long delay in answering it, ... I cannot spare any of my ~~of my~~ bird I now have on hand, but will put you up a collection of birds & annimals if you wish at my usual prisces for stuffing that is from a humming bird up to a quail one dollar each from that up to an Eagle on dollar and half, to five. also annimals from one dollar to five according to size &c

if you conclude to have me make you a collection pleas answer this soon as it will make quite a differrence in my business also there is quit a variety of bird that can be got this Winter.

Yours Respectfully

James W Laight

OFFICE OF THE

Breckenridge Coal and Oil Company,

Cloverport, Ky. Jany 19th 1859

Mr. E. Connell

Dear Sir

Your Tel. of the 14th has just come to hand it is so much past the time I propose to meet you that I do not deem it safe to trye to meet you. I wish you could come on here & see me & see our works You would be very much intrested in them. We are turning out a beautiful article of Oil. I have just got a letter from Mr. Chilles saying that you are expected there soon to close up the Loan to Connell & Speed & wishes to know where the securities are I have wrote him that they are or were left with Mr. E. Chapman I left them all with him. I would say that I have sent on the means to pay the Note to Mr. Matthews of Binghamton due Feb 1st. I wish to enquire of you if it will be possible for you to raise for me $1000. for one or two years for which I will put into your hands security sufficient to cover it I will place in your hands New York Albany & Buffalo Tel Stock. I cannot tell you of how much importance it is to me to have that amt of money I have got to raise at least $2000. & I think if you can in any way help me to $1000. I can raise the balance I do assure you I cannot

tell you how much this amt. of money will help me it will save my credit & keep the Sheriff from selling my property I have suffered more anxiety of mind for the past week on account of this matter than I can describe to you

I do not wish to trouble you in this matter & have thought I would not apply to any one for aside from yourself I have felt I had not a friend to advise & counsel with in my troubles I have abundance of property but notwithstanding the abundance of money at the present time I cannot raise money upon it to help myself. All I want is time & a little assistance at this time Please let me hear from you as soon as Convenient I suppose if I get the money in 30 to 60 days it will answer

Respectfully
Geo Curtis

N.Y. to E Cornell La

No letter from Rochester. intend witness shall meet you at Cohocton, with about three thousand. Look for dispatch at Cleveland Bonds out about one hundred twenty five thousand. one ~~thou~~ third ~~[illegible]~~ mine

DH

E W Chester

J. Edgcomb
Jan 20. 59

Lima Lagrange Co Ind"
Jan" 20" 1859

Dear Sir In the Journal of the N.Y.S. Agr. Society for Nov - 58 sent to me by Mr Johnson the State Agr. Secretary, containing a list of premiums awarded at the last State fair at Syracuse, I notice that the first premium was awarded to "Duke of Oxford, Owned by Yan, and as Mr S. P. Chapman of Clockville had sent to me his herd book, containing an account of his public Sale, to take place in Oct" 5th 58 I had concluded that you had purchased the, Duke of Oxford, Bred by E G Morris, and no doubt he is entitled to all the commendations that is given him for the state in the catalogue shows he is a very fine animal,

I was in the western state in October and Nov. last arriving home Dec" first having the State premium awarded as =

= above stated, I thought I would write to you. and if the question is not improper, I should like to know the price paid for him to Mr Chapman. and his weight at the present time, I think he must be a very beautiful animal

In my tour last fall I was at Col. Joseph Wells in Vernon Lake Co Ill. (Half Day P. Office) about thirty miles from Chicago. on the Old Milwaukie road, he is a fine stock grower of short horns. roans, I saw his stock they were the best I saw in northern Illinois.

I saw a Yoke of Oxin in the neighbourhood which Col. Wells bred I think they ware eight years old, they ware worked a little last spring, and then a good chance to the pasture they were fat, this was Sept 29. they were fine proportion and they would I think vary but little from 24. or 2500 lbs wt on foot,

one of Col Wells. Sons was growing an Ox the largest I had ever seen but not as fat. he was roan very tall and long, fine proportion, said to be six years Old. he was active and wanted to play like a calf, Col Wells. stock had their Origin from Ohio if I mistake not, the large Ox would not vary much from 3.600 lbs wt, on foot they thought he would weigh 4.000 lbs,

I tarried some days with Mr Elon Eldred (formerly of Herkimer Co NY) in Carrolton Green Co. Ill. he has the best farm of 1300 acres I ever saw 700 under the plaw, his farm is beatifully situated with very good buildings fine Brick house &c. Apples Peaches Strawberrys &c, his cattle are are very superior short horns. Origin from Kentucky. Roans, he has the finest seed horse six years. Old I ever saw. called Consternation, bred in Russia Herkimer Co NY, his swine were very fine, Mr E. took the first prize on his horse at the Missouri fare held at St Louis in the fall of 1857. silver pitcher value $80.

Mr E is said to be the best stock grower in the state of Illinois

It is warm here, ground froze but little, no snow, some muddy, very healthy at present, fine Country here, some first rate farms to be sold here. now, cheap for part Cash down Come & See

= or sent some boddy, it is a beautiful prairie and Opening country here in northern Indiana, It is certainly a good time now, for to buy farms here, land is cheap Compared to N.Y.

I shall be happy to hear from you in reply to my Epistle, also to be informed something about the number of your full Blood Short horn. price. of full blood heifers, one, two, & three years old,

also your opinion for milkers, say half bloods, from first nate native cows; or full blood cows,

Also your Opinion, as to what kind of sheep do you think is the most profitable for a farmer to keep, for wool only; and also for wool and flesh,

With sentiments of Respect I am
Truly Yours
E Cornell Esq Jonathan Edgcomb

N B how near to the Village of Ithica is your farm & which way — — I am some acquainted there,

31 Nassau St.
Newyork June 24/59

Dr Sir, Dr Cheesman de-
-sires me to request that
you will favor him with
a detailed statement of
moneys paid him within
one year past on account
of principal and interest of
the Bond and Mortgage ex-
-ecuted by you and held in
trust by him for Mrs Stokes

Yours John Fowler Jr

Mr Ezra Cornell

I am sure the securities are with Chapman

OFFICE OF THE

Breckenridge Coal and Oil Company,

Cloverport, Ky. Jany 24 1859

Mr. Elcomell

Dear Sir

Yours dated at Attica on the 13th inst & mailed at Cleveland Ohio on the 17th is just rec'd. I had rec'd your telegraph from Cleveland but not in time to meet you & before getting the letter above mentioned I had written you to say that the securities mentioned were left with Mr. Chapman. I also wrote you about loaning me $1000. or helping me to get it in some way. I need the help of some friend at this time & you have no idea of the importance it is to me to have assistance it will save my credit & save me from ruin as I verily believe, two or three thousand dollars for one to two years for which I would give good security would enable me to go through & save my credit & property but who to look to I know not The one thousand dollars will help me very much & as I know Mr. Chilles does not need money & I know Mr. Faxton can get all he wants out of the Orient Bank I am almost tempted to ask you to shut them off & assist me If I can help you or soon, ~~any~~ it will help

~~to~~ me through & I shall have means coming in to pay. The stock I have in this co will begin to pay in a year & can then be sold & I have other means that will be coming in.

In regard to the settlement with Mess Faxton & Childs I think they must be mistaken I have the amt all figured out at home but do not think I can write to Mrs Curtiss & point out where the papers are so that she could get them for you. The money that you have sent to me I have at all times paid over to them and rendered you the account which you probably have & by refering to it you will see that it is not in my hands. When Mr Gardner handed the papers over to me he paid to me I think it was $285, & I paid of that $72. & some odd cents to each Faxton Childs & Butterfield so that there was no more than my portion of it left in my hands, Their money is not in my hands & I think before you pay them you had best have the accounts I have made out, which are at my house. I will write Mrs Curtiss & trye to point out where they are so that she can send them to me & I will then send you a copy.

I shall wait anxiously to hear from you

Yours Truly
Geo Curtiss

I wrote you I had provided for the payment of the Masthor Note

New York, Jan. 24. 1859.

My Dear Sir,

The folks here object to the amount of $1500 all scattered out ~~about~~ in bringing forward their money. If we can save the lands without them I should not regret it, for we can make a better bargain with them after they are safe.

I enclose a blank check to your order. You may fill this up with any sum not exceeding $1500 & I will see that it is good when it gets here. Don't make the amount larger unless you can help me by the time it arrives.

Mr. Whiting represents the $1500 which he takes with him. The parties furnishing it want the title put into the hands of two trustees - you should be con - arrange with Mr. Whiting. But I suppose no title can be taken before the next Court - that I think used to be the practice. I suppose not more than ten per cent. is required to be paid before examining & getting the title.

If you can't get both tracts at least secure Wheeler's. He is indebted to the Company for rent of the farms - & a settlement should be had between him & the Co. Mr. Whiting probably will not be able to stay to do this. You can if you think best

look over the accounts with. He has no right to change his conjures (he holds some of the bonds,) except the first, as no int. has been paid to other time. But it won't be best to quarrel with him. The settlement can wait till some other time.

Smith telegraphed that he couldn't be here before Wednesday. Probably the cause won't be reached before that time, & that leaves so little of the term that it is very doubtful whether we can try it.

I don't know that I can say any more, save this, act for me as you would for yourself & with just as full power.

I don't apprehend that the production of oil will more than keep pace with the increasing demand. Two thirds probably of the attempts at making it will fail from badness of the coal, ignorance, bad management &c. But a hundred companies, each doing as much as we contemplate will make no glut in the market.

A certified check of J. C. Sanders handed in to me this minute I find is to the order of Wilcox. I suppose you can use it however. It is too late to correct it.

With many anxious wishes for your success

I am as ever, Your Friend,

E. W. Clarke

Montreal Telegraph Company.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

MONTREAL, Jany 25 1859

Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of the 22nd ult- Came duly to hand and it was my intention to have replied more promptly but having been so much occupied with business in Connection with our Annual meeting and absent a portion of the time making arrangements for our out-of-door operations the Coming season I have not had an opportunity to look over my papers to enable me to reply to your enquiries until within a day or two. I do not find Copies of letter to you, nor any letter from you, as far back as the date you have given but I recollect that Some time in the Autumn or winter of 1845 Prof Morse informed me that he had been making very great improvements in his

registers by simplifying them, & was getting a new set made which he intended shortly to exhibit in Washington. I also remember that I became satisfied in some way, shortly after (I cannot now tell how I came by such impression) that the credit of the improvement belonged to you instead of to the Professor. I do not remember that he proposed to deliver a lecture in Washington upon the subject of his telegraph. Brown who was connected with the Baltimore & Wash line when it was opened (if living) would probably recollect the circumstances more fully than I do —

I am very anxious to visit Ithaca again but shall not probably have an opportunity before July or August. I want to see the additions that you have made to your herd since I saw it — especially do I want to see the Duke of Oxford. I suppose that in order to make the business pay it will be necessary for you to begin to make sales shortly.

I am much obliged to you for your opinions in regard to the value of the W U Stock. I will not sell it for the purpose of raising money to build with under ban —

I am very glad to see that the Ill & Miss Line is paying dividends again — I hold $1000 Stock in the Tompkins Co Bank which I would be glad to sell at what is considered their a fair price and I think if you should have money to invest it would be well for you to take it in order to have a voice in the management of the Bank as it is likely to be the leading Banking Institution in the County for some years to come. It is pretty certain if well managed to pay from 9 to 12 per Cent Annually. Will you make enquiry in regard to its value and make me an offer for it —?

We are all quite well. Julia is arranging to go 45 miles up the Ottawa to day to visit some Cousins.

Our business is dreadfully dull this winter, receipts of the Line in Dec. over three thousand dollars less

than the previous Dec^r —

Whenever Convenient I shall feel much obliged if you will inform me what the W Union Company is doing.

We must expend about $30.000 this year in making extensions

Very Truly Yours

O. S. Wood

Mr E Cornell

Am much pleased to see your farmers Club progressing so favorably —

O. S. Wood Jany 25. 1859

Burlington Jany 27/59

Dr Sir

Yours of the 23d is at hand. Your account stands on my books as follows

Dr $370.75
Cr 156.08
$214.67

of this credit ninety one dollars & a few cents has been paid by you, the balance I have recd of the Ect. Co for terms costs &c. The account may appear large, but the case was an important one and I spent a good deal of time in its preparation both in County & Supreme Courts. The account has stood some time, still I have added no interest. I trust you may be in a condition to adjust it without further delay and oblige

Very Resp Yours
Leverett B. Englesby

E. Cornell Esq

June 27/5-9

Lennett N.Y.

Dear Sir

I believe I neglected to send you my bill with the roll containing the drawing of your Milch cow. It will be $5.00

I see you purchase largely west, and hope you will get them home in safety.

Most Respt.

J. R. Page

Boston Jan. 31. 1859

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 25th inst. enclosing one dollar for pedigrees for the Devon Herd Book, is at hand. The papers relating to the 3d vol. are at my house. I will examine in regard to the points you mention, & if anything further is required, will let you know. I can only spare (from the paper) about one day in a week to work on the book, but expect soon to have the aid of another person, & as soon as I can fix on a time when the book will be ready, will announce it. I did not see Davy in Eng-

land, as I had expected to do.
I saw his cousin, James
Davy, quite a noted breeder
of Devons, but he did not
seem to know much about
~~his brother~~ J. T. D.'s intentions
in regard to the Herd Book,
neither did Mr Turner
give me any particular
information on that
subject. I have been unable
to get any communication
from J. T. Davy for two years.

Strafford was at work on
the 12th vol. S. H. Herd Book
when I was at his house
in September. I see he ad-
vertises for pedigrees for the
13th vol., so that the 12th
is probably in press, but I have
not seen any advertisement of it

Col. Morris's stock is
all registered. I will look
at the other pedigrees.

Yours truly
Sanford Howard

Sanford Howard
Aug. 31, 1877

☞ TAKE NOTICE.—Drawers, Endorsers, Holders of Drafts and Promissory Notes, are required to write the business address under each signature.

New York, Feb 2 1859

Please take Notice, That a ~~Draft~~ Check drawn by

O. H. & G. F. Chester on

the Mechanics Banking Association

for $ 1300 Dollars,

dated Jan. 27, 1859,

payable to your order

ENDORSED BY YOU, IS

PROTESTED FOR NON-payment

and the Holders look to you for the payment thereof.

JOHN HOPPER,

Notary and Attorney for Ocean Bank.

To Ozra Cornell

JOHN HOPPER, Attorney at Law, Metropolitan Bank Building, No. 110 Broadway, will attend promptly to the Collection or Securing of Debts, Protesting of Promissory Notes, Drafts, &c. Commissioner for most of the States.

Wynkoop, Hallenbeck & Thomas, Printers, 113 Fulton St., N. Y

Chicago Ill Feby 2/59

Friend Cornell:

Dr Sir:

I have rec^d last week from J R Ellwood five Shares of Union Sel^n Co in place of two Shares E.T.M. a New charge & the advancement unexpected. As I cannot learn here the Value of the 5 Shares of Union line, will you Make me an offer for it. You may if you please make me an offer for my 200 Shares O.S.T.I. I am in need for some funds & may just now sell cheap.

I rather hire five thousand dollars for five years at ten per cent per annum and give 100 acres just out side city limits Estimated these hard times by land buyers at 100 dollars per acre. I have sold from 250 to 400 dollars per in 1856 & 7 in consequence of general prostration nearly all have failed to pay few of them however wishing to continue on & after next Spring

Please write me. Yours truly

Saml Stone

Ithaca 4th Febr 1857

Mr Cornell

Sir

Will You be so kind as to leave 12 qts of Hungarian Grass Seed at G W Schuyler Store and Get Your pay and Oblige

Your

H S B Schuyler

Ithaca 4th Feb. 1859

Mr E Cornell

The only ambition I have left at 68 is to have a comfortable place to eat and sleep, where I shall not be enjoyed by any Jersey horse Jocky, or Massachusetts blacksmith, or any other damned fool that stops in Ithaca to get a living.

In short, I want to secure an interest, while I live, in the Clinton House by way of the mortgage Ackley. H. S. Beebe gave to E Wickes of Troy for $7000 to keep Ackley & Hobbard from failing. If I cannot do that, I cannot be contented to say in Ithaca, where every thing I see, is any eye sore to me. If I can accomplish it, I should be comparatively contented & happy.

Think of this if you please

Yours truly

I. S. Beebe

Brantford C. W. Feby 6. 1859.

Dear Father-

I was thinking the other day while riding along in my Buggy. that I would like to get the Names of all thy Brothers and Sisters. and also those of Mothers. that I can place them in a Bible for future reference.

If the Gods as though it would not be taxing thy time and patience too much I would be glad to receive from the a Statement of them. to gether with the place of their nativity=

We are all well. I am still with Hurd & Roberts yet of Hamilton C. W. selling Marble when an opportunity presents its self but times are very dull= It is now past my bed time. and I must bid thee good night and go to bed=

Affectionately thy Son

Jno H. Comell

Elijah Comell

Lisbon N.Y.

Brantford C. W. Feby 1. 1859.

Dear Brother

Yesterday I received your letter of 3d. inst = I am at present engaged in submitting claims against the United States Government for services rendered during the War of 1812. and Indian Wars since that time = I commenced this in Nov last. and have sent in claims in No 17. calling for 2,720 acres. only 4 of which has been reported on 3 favorably. Warrants sent me for 360 acres and the fourth was rejected upon the grounds that the Applicant made a false oath in the place of service =

In no case do I undertake a claim unless in case of success the Applicant gives me one half. and thus far I have been very successful. as the whole Expense encurred in presenting a claim to the department at Washington is from 75c to $1.80. =

If all the claims which I have sent in comes out as straight as the four above referred to I shall do well in the business. but I am harrised most to death by that d-d pattery speculation in Toronto. It is turning out bad I am fraid -

It depends all togather upon the court of Chancery

Chauncy decision whether I shall remain here or not as Capt Hamor seems resolved to injure me all he can=

I will be glad to secure a situation in your Ohio Enterprise should I be competent to fill a situation that will pay, and you felt disposed to engage my services.= According to your figures in letter of 3d inst I should think the undertaking will greatly extend in point of profits your Telegraph Enterprise. but I find that it is easier to figure profits of a business on paper that it is to make the business actually yield them=

Please ask E.B. if he got those papers executed which I sent him in reference to Widow Bortons claim for Bounty Land- and if he has not, and not time to attend to them I can place them in the hands of a party in Lyons N.Y. who is in a position to produce the evidence required= All well- Molly says I must tell Mary Ann she must come out here before the Spring Mails comes on. that she can just as well come as not. With respects to all

Yours Respectfully
John V. Cornell

E. Cornell Esq
Ithaca
N.Y.

Pine River Feb 13. 1857.

Dear Brother,

On my return home from Albion. I found your letter of Jan 10. I waited a long time for the money but it did not come. and I started for Albion. where I arrived 30 of Jany. and found Martin had been up and paid the Note. and did not leave me any money or send me word that there was any for me. when I wrote you for money I could gett wheat for 75 cts per bush but when I cot it, it was selling for 150 cts per bush; now owenig to the tardiness of the moneys getting along. the disadvantage I was under in not having provisions to hire help early in the winter the chopping season is nearly gone and I have but little done in that time I have not a stick of timber cut for s. building a barn. I am out of fodder so I cannot draw lags to the mill. I have cutt for covering a barn. and I have spent good deal of time making shingles to pay

Oh my I have got well here to get your heirs one of these days to pay my cutt [illegible] you [illegible] in view of [illegible] perhaps may console my [illegible] with the idea of having the use of convenient [illegible] I to live, E. S. Conde
Eor. Conde

a note Hiram D. Robertson holds against me for carrying provisions from Albion to Portland the fall I saw you to Albion last after I say I have been dilligent to work evenings and odd times and made 8000 thousand. Shingles he would not allow me only $1. per thousd, 25 cts more than I could upon thousands are letting go in these northan counties this winter owing to scarcity of bread, I bought 15 cwt Flour, 1 bbl salt, Keg nails, and other stuff amounting in all $80, which I was fortunate enough to get Hiram to bring within 20 miles of home for me where I arrived with my effects night before last. it is going to take the greatest part of what I got for my own family until another harvest. So I shall have much to buy work with. But I am resolved to keep hamering away if I must get but one acre cleared a year, when I started from Albion Morton tried to persuade me it was cheaper for me to put up a log barn and put the expence of building a frame barn out in clearing up my farm my farms, but I shall build a good frame barn when I build any, and I guess

I had better try before the snow goes off to gett a log or two to the mill to make plank for a thrashing floore, and lett barns bulling alone untill I gett somthing to build with, and at the same time keepe coleeting material togather for a barn as opertunity favors, James expected Hiram would bring him corn when he came in after shingle he has been making for H.D.R. but since he could not get in with his wagon after them, James will need help from some other source to enable him to gett his family through to harvest, he has 3 or 4 acres to plant in corn in the Spring and 2 or 3 acres of winter whweat growing, he is doing some choping for next fall wheat I am going to pland 2 or 3 acres of ground which I have got ready for crops and am also doing some choping to putt in to winter wheat by another fall which choping will not be drye enough to burn untill mid sumer Therefore I shall not have much to do in way of litting, I have seed corn plenty and other seeds except Oats which I had three buckels when I left home, and when I returned Angeline had fed them all

out to the hens. I should not care if
oats wer plenty. but they are not. it is
almost cause enough against her
for a whyping. About Fruit. trees I
have ground that I prepaired last
spring and bought 50 trees two years growth
and planted them. but they did not
live. therefore the ground I designed for
an orchard is growing winter wheat
but no trees, I have room for 100 apple
trees and room for 50 more of the others kinds
Jame has ground enough cleared for a
good orchard but he has none sett out
as yet. he is designs putting out an orch
ard in 3 or 4 years from treese he is raseing
from the seed. we have had such bad roads
heretofore. in getting out of the woods spring
and fall. as to debar us from getting wh
treese could be had. but now we have got a
new road we can gett out to Pewamo
any time of year. it is our nearest R.R. Sta
some 15 miles distant from us. I have been
ering up my indebtedness to you which amo
unts to over seven hundred dollars more then
my place is now worth with all the improvem
ents, but I would like to have some trees and
a barn and a bull, those things are sessecerry
to add sale to the farm excepting the last mention
the Kame, and that would add wealth to the

E. S. Cornell
13. Feb 1859