Belvidere Feb 14th 59

Dear Brother

Your favour of Feb 3rd was duly received and I have been waiting to see how matters were going to shape before I answered it. I should like well to work for you at your coal oil manufactory but cannot arrange matters so as to do so — there is a fair prospect for business here next season and I think I can do as well or better here than I could there considering the cost of making the change Times are improving here

stone and I have a fair show
for a job which will doubtless
pay two dollars a day or more
the job I have in view
is a farm house for a man
Gould for whom I built
a house here in town two
years ago. there are also
other jobs that I stand a
chance for one larger and
others less — Goulds house
will probably 10 or 12 hundred
dollars — the work will cost
from $275.00 to $325.00 —
I have not learned his plans
yet, but judge from the size
he is going to build
we are all in usual health
and have been all winter
Please write often and let me
know how your project progresses
& Cowell Respectfully D B Cowell

Albion Feb 14th 1859

Dear Ezra

Your letters of 23d Jan. from Ithaca & 3 of Feb from Crestline have been rec'd and the answer delayed partly because You were likely to be away from home & because I was away from home when they arrived. My disease has much abated but has not left me yet. My Ears & nose & scalp is sore yet in spite of all the remidies I have applied, but I feel well otherways Orson got badly hurt by the cars last month and I had to go to Indiana and bring him home as he was not fit for any service. Phebe went with me & we found him in bed suffering much pain from his injuries. We got home last Friday (11th) & he is recovering fast so I think there is no permanent difficulty. He was following a conductor in the night on the top of a train & fell through between the cars on the bumper beems & was hauled out by the train men. Edward has been here after provision & Hiram has been off with him with waggon as far as Fish Creek a branch of maple river. They tried to get

a Sleigh to take on their load as the snow was sufficcent there but could not get any. They were fortunate however to come across John Irish who sent his son with the load forward & Hiram returned. I took Edwards note for $246. and sent the papers by Hiram with a letter James Wood directing him to execute a Mortgage according to your request & after recording to send it to me by mail. I have not heard yet what has been done and the thing hangs a little loose in that direction though if he is honest it will be all done up right in good time. Edward was lucky in comeing when he did. He got wheat for $1. per bu. & flour for $3. per hundred which he could not do now. I think he will make $30. clear of all expense on his load. He came on foot all the way in 3 days. He did not report the want & suffering so formidable as we got it from other sources. Our women went to work & got up large box full of clothing and dishes of various kind which Dborah said they needed which was worth at least $30. & sent them gratis. Jane worked on the clothes & Hoods for the children with much interest.

(in January 1.
in a letter)

I dont believe that Edward & James works together & helps one another as they ought to. I asked Ed. why he did not have James follow him out with their own team with what shingle they could haul & go back with 2 loads. He said James broke the waggon last spring & piled it up in his yard & refused to get it fixed or let him do it. That He would not get or help get the team shod so they could travel and he had no ambition to stir out. This is poor economy. They might have made 30 or 40 dollars on a load out here & back just as well as to remain at home. The wheeling has been fine for 4 week. With regard to your trade with John Robertson I think it is no go. They wont take the bonds. I offered as an inducement to give them Mortgages on just as good farms as theirs drawing ten per cent annually and trade even with them for the first thousand that would make half down with the house & lot. The paper I offered is now due. I also offered just as good paper due in one year for the other two thousand by their making up the difference from 7 to 10 per cent, but as I said before it is no go.

I am sorry all might and for unfortunate

With regard to your statement of the nett earnings of the W. U. tel. Co. they are flattering & we have just see the first dividence on W. U. Stock of 1 per cent declared 25 Jan. Phebe is obliged to acknowledge that your speculation in it has turned out well though she is loth to give you much credit for it She will not agree yet that oxen Bulls and cows are not cattle or that there is anything to be made out of your purchases. but she comes out voluntarily on your last purchase of land in Ohio & says it is the most rational & sensible move you ever made & thinks there is really money in it. Now dont get scared out & leave because she knocks under for once, though I confess my faith is more shaky than it would be if she opposed it as usual. I had not thought of leaving Albion to find business & have laid out my summers work on my land in planting it to sugar cane and other vegitables & and finish ditching & fencing it as I could do it all myself. But if you want I should assist you in the oil making & and other business in Ohio whatever I may possess in the way of ability & integrity, with honest industry to carry out your plans they are at your service, for I have here nothing of importance to keep me in this locality. When do you leave for Ohio & when do you want help. I saw Hiram yesterday. all well

Yours truly
W B Wood

E. Cornell Esq

Ans 13 March 1865

Xenia Feb 15th 1859

My Dear Brother

Have you reached home yet or what has become of you — If you are at home I must trespass a few moments upon your time as justice to you as well as myself demands it —

I presume you have not forgotten a message you sent me from Columbus. I think a little more than three weeks since informing me that you would pass here on that evening on your way to Cincinnati — The message comming to me on Saturday morning and without any date I took it for granted you had sent it that morning

Of course I was much pleased with the prospect of perhaps seeing you and immediately sent a message to the office for you at Columbus (supposing you were still there) saying I would meet you at the depot in the evening when the train

passed here if possible, And to make sure of some one seeing if I could not meet you I Telegraphed Jonathan at Hamilton (he having stayed there the night previous) to look through the Columbus train for you as he came in saturday evening — Just imagine my vexation when I learned your message should have left Columbus friday evening in time for me to see you instead of my not getting it until saturday morning — Really I am afraid I feel ill-natured over the disappointment yet —

Please don't go by us without letting us know of your intentions — We are all in usual health John and Jonathan both gone to Madison Ind, this week — The rain has come in torrents here nearly all day — How does that sewing-machine answer I was very much pleased to learn you had purchased one

Tell Mary Ann I am <u>very</u> <u>sure</u> she owes me a letter — I hope little Emma is well again Kiss her and Mary for me And how is Master Charley and all the rest Love to all Yours Truly Emily Dunham

To E Cornell

Ithaca Feb 16. 1859

Dear Brother

Father just handed me your favor of 6th inst to and. as follows-

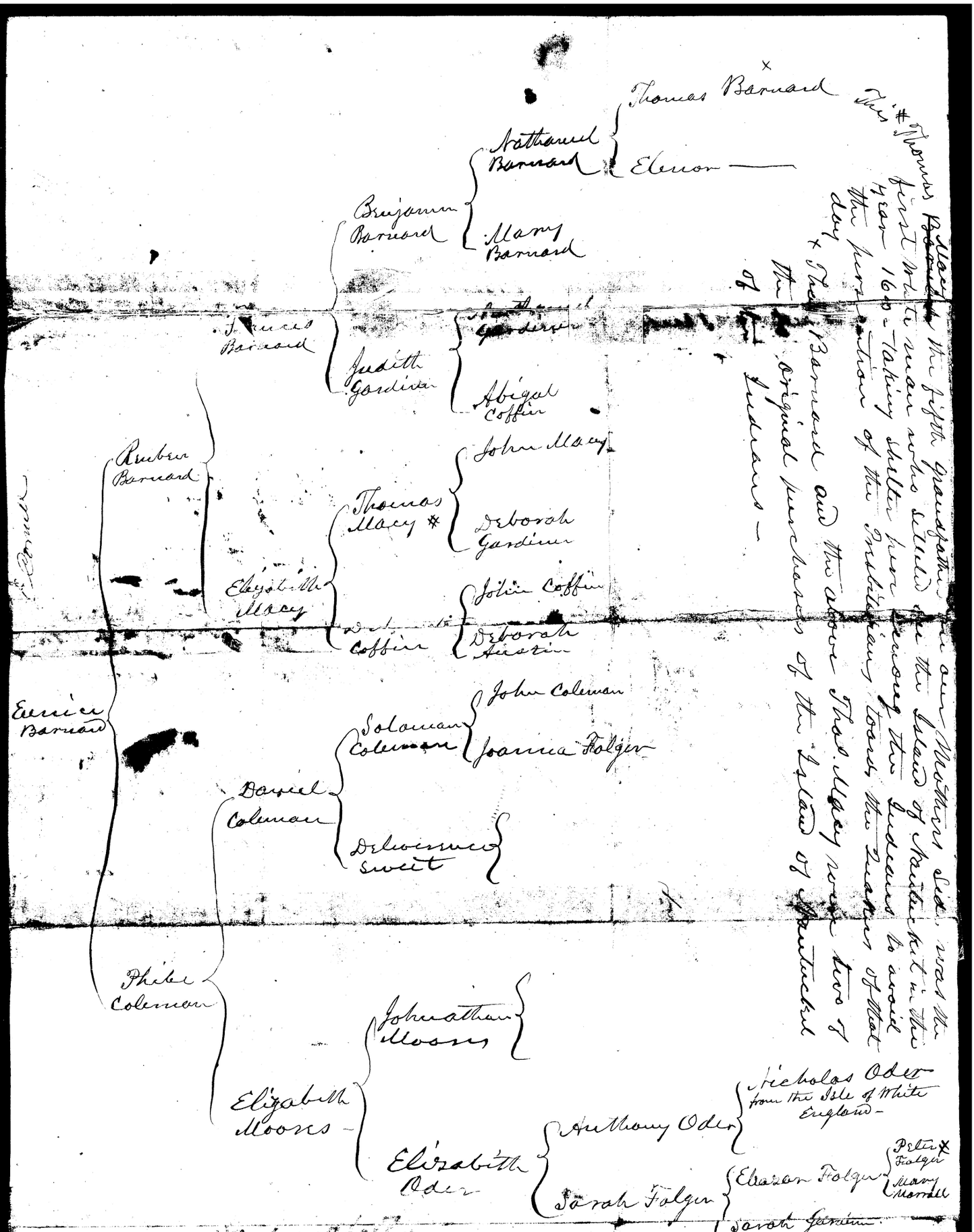
Stephen Comell of Swansea Mass - whose wife we have no knowledge of yet even to her name = He had 5 Sons & 1 Daughter as follows Elijah - Elisha - Gideon, Stephen Israel & Ruth =

The Eldest son Elijah married Sarah Miller Dec 4, 1769 and had two sons - Ezra and Elijah - and died - and his widow Sarah married Benjamin Chace Aug 11. 1777 - and they had 6 Sons & 2 daughters as follows - Theophilus - Elkanah - Richard - Paluer - Miller - Robert, Rhoda & Sarah - These were half brothers & Sisters to our father = × those I have been acquainted with & others died without my knowing them = Miller & Robert still living - & I visited both of them last summer Miller living at Fall River & Robert at Summerset Mass = Ezra = father's brother & Our Uncle moved to Plymouth N. C about 1814 or 15, I well remember him & his wife and Betsy and his four Children our Cousins named. Paul = John Elijah & Mary = They are all dead = Paul died within the past year and left several Sons & Daughters in N. C = I think there is no Children of the Others living =

Elijah (our father) married Eunice Barnard July 4. 1805 and had - Ezra - Elijah B - Benjamin - Lucretia - Phebe - Deborah Mary - Edward S - John H. Daniel B & Jane = =

Mother Comell. I will illustrate her genealogy with a diagram on the other Page first giving a list of her brothers & Sisters as follows

Elizabeth - never married
Lucretia Married Simeon Macy
Phebe - " Aaron Macy
Deborah
Mary ——— never Married
Daniel — Anna Hull
Francis — Lewis Russell
Anna — Robert Macy
Eunice — Elijah Comell



Thomas Barnard the fifth grandfather of our Mother was the first white man who settled on the Island of Nantucket in the year 1659 - taking shelter here during the Indian Wars to avoid the persecution of the Puritans. Thos Macy was also one of the original purchasers of the Island of Nantucket from the Indians -

* Peter Folger was an Uncle of Dr Benj. Franklin -

We also get links on to the Daniel Webster family through this line of Mothers ancestry, but I have not space or time to illustrate =

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

J. H. Cornell Esq
Brantford

Albany Feb 16, 1859.

E. Cornell Esq

Sir. I wish to procure the following facts concerning the Tompkins Co Agricultural Society for a ~~State~~ Gazetteer now in press,

1. Date of Organization.
2. Names of first President and Sec.
3. Receipts from the beginning.
4. Place of holding fairs. If the Soc has grounds. their location cost, date of purchase, extent and cost of fitting up.

An early reply is solicited and will enable us to present these fact as fully for Tompkins as other Counties

Respectfully Yours

Franklin B. Hough

Ackley, Hibbard & Reber's Bond & Mortgage
to Elizabeth Wicks for $7000.00
dated 28 July 1830

Mr E Connell

I borrowed the $7000. of
Mr E. Wicks of Jamaica, Long Island
through Mr Humphrey, to save Ackley
& Hibbard from failing, and signed
the Bond. I had no occasion to borrow
money then. Things have changed.
Ackley died in the Lunatic Asylum
at Utica years ago. Hibbard is an
old man, with two Masters, a son &
son in law. Isaac Upcraft, of 68
years old, died not worth a shilling
The Austin House is getting old and
dilapidated, and it is doubtful
whether it would bring more now
than the Mortgage. I, and my family
have been turned out of doors in old
age by the birth of a father in law
Stephen B. Munn. You have been
in my employment many years, when
I had a board and now you are

rich, and I leave nothing but old age, miserable health, and a good reputation for honesty.

Now I want my name off that bond before I die, and I want a comfortable place to sleep the next time I leave to remain in earth.

Now you are abundantly good for 40 times that bond, and I want you to get Mr. Wicks to assign it to you that it may be foreclosed and my name cancelled on it before I die and I have a place to sleep at night while I live. Your bond alone to Mr. Wicks would be worth as much as his present security. Relieve me mind of this embarrassment and anxiety and I shall feel truly thankful

D. L. Rebe

I paid the interest several times to Mr

Pennett, Cashr Bank of Alleven
New Mill, through the Mail, but
never saw Mr Wicks or Mr
Pennett to My Knowledge

Alleven 17 Feb. 1857

Ithaca Feb 17. 1859

Dear Sir.

I have just rec'd Mr Osburns letter forwarded from New York as follows—

"Painesville Feb 14. 1859

E. Cornell, Esq

Dear Sir

Your Telegraph came to hand Saturday eve too late for that days mail, Mr Wilcox and Myself believe we have done all, that any one could expect of us = and more than we should have done for most parties to aid than interested in the first purchase =

In estimating the property at $15.000 in round numbers we intended in part to cover our actual expenses out, and just and fair compensation for the time we have bestowed on it at Mr Chesters request, and for his benefit would make the account much larger

You understand very well the position we were placed in at Coshocton, and it seems to us that Mr Chester has placed himself in no position to demand or expect any modification whatever of our arrangement unless it should be one equally beneficial to us—

If this is not satisfactory and Mr Chester

and the Other Bondholders will in 10 days pay us say $12,000 and the protested Check interest and charges, and procure your assent, to cancel our contract, we will do so —

This offer is made not to all parties but only to those holding bonds who wish to avail themselves of it. We would not modify in the least as to outsiders, nor sell to them on any such terms —

Resp[y] Yours
S. S. Osburn "

You know this Ohio Gentleman much better than I do, and can better judge from the above letter what they will do.

I have no doubt they would take the $12,000 the first of Apl instead of 10 days if you choose to arrange it in that way. which is much better than a suit,

I would advise immediate action in providing for this in whatever line you decide to act, for the 1st of Apl will soon be here, and the balance must then be paid or the amt already paid lost, and I have no stomach for the loss of the $7,000 that I have paid, and I cant more than provide for the balance of my quarter in the time allotted, Please write me what you do —

I shall write them this P.M. informing Wilcox & Osburn of the notice

your sword on me, and the General position you assume on the subject =

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

E. W. Chester Esq
New York

Worcester Mass Feb 18th 1859

Dear Cornell

When will you be able to write me and furnish me all the facts I have endeavoured to get from you?

I am progressing very well with my work and it will be ahead of any work ever published upon Telegraphing.

Henry ask the facts, the history, the incidents and the portrait.

Yours ever &c

Jacob Shortridge

PROSPECTUS

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OF THE

ELECTRO-MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH,

BY

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This Work will be prepared with great care, and issued in March, 1859. *It will contain at least*

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TO TELEGRAPHERS THROUGHOUT AMERICA:

GENTLEMEN:—You will see from the foregoing Prospectus, that I have in preparation, and propose to issue in March, 1859, a Work on the Electro-Magnetic Telegraph.

It is my intention to issue a Book that will serve as a Manual to the Telegrapher in all departments of the profession.

For more than ten years I have been engaged in the Telegraph, as a vocation, and my experience has been on different lines and sections in America, and throughout Europe. I presume it to be wholly unnecessary to present anything in commendation of my ability to present a Work on this subject, as I have been publicly before the Telegraphic world, on both continents, long enough to render such a procedure wholly superfluous. The subjects discussed, will be understood, for the present, under the following heads:

1st.—An Outline History of the Telegraph, and its Progress throughout the World.

2d.—A Brief Description of the Different Systems of Electro-Magnetic Telegraphs, especially those in Practical Use.

3d.—The Mode of Constructing Submarine, Subterranean, and Overground Lines in Europe and America.

4th.—The Manual of Manipulation and Administration of the Different Systems of Telegraphing.

5th.—Notices and Incidents having Reference to the Practical Operation of the Science and Art.

It is my purpose to divest the Work of partiality to any particular system, and give the facts practically demonstrated in regard to the respective rights and inventions of rivals, in whatever department.

A Work on the Telegraph, unaccompanied with Illustrations, would be practically useless. It is indispensable to have them, to enable the reader to understand the subject-matter discussed. If the subscription be liberal, I hope to have some two hundred Illustrations. I have only promised half that number. Whatever the subscriptions be in excess of what I have promised in the Prospectus, will be expended on the Work.

It must be remembered that a Book of this kind is limited in its circulation, and it cannot be expected to be patronized by the public generally. Any Telegrapher can afford to spare $3 for this Work. If it does not prove to be more than represented in the Prospectus, the money will be returned.

I will be thankful to any one for information on Practical Telegraphing. Any incident in the operation of lines will be useful. Improvements in manipulation, or in the management of lines, will be acceptable for public use.

Telegraphers will, I hope, not fail to communicate to me at an early day anything in their power, which might be calculated to subserve the general weal of the profession.

ADDRESS

TAL. P. SHAFFNER,

Worcester, Mass.

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Newfork February 18th 1859

Ezra Cornell Esqr
Ithaca NY

Dear Sir

Your esteemed letter of the 16th duly received.

I will with pleasure do all that is in my power, to bring about now, a settlement of the Telegraph Controversy, but regret to say, that things do not look so promising as I could wish.

I remain
My dear Sir
Yours very truly
yours W. Field

Toledo

February 4th 1859

Mr. Cornell, Sir

I recvd a leter from J. F. Wallick a few Dayes a go he Sad tha you was thar I have bin a thinkin you mite get a round this way if you do Dont for get to Stop over & See us we ar a keepen House & can accomadate you wold be very glad to have you come at Eney time I Shall Leve the M. S. R. R. by the first of may I dont know whare I Shall go yet but tha have cut me down 4 months be hinde with pay & I cant

Standet Et Ener, longar, Wallick
teles, me, thar, ar, a, boute
bilding a Line on the
Tere Haute, R.R. & if I
can get a contract to
bild I will do it I
Shall go to Indianapolis
in, march I Shal not
move my family from
Toledo, this, year
I think I cold, do
beter by goin South
what do you think a
boute, it pleas let, me
hear, from, you Soon
me, ar, all, well
yours Truly
Sol, Palmer

N. Y. Feb. 19. 1859.

My Dear Sir.

I have reid yours of 17. with copy of Mr. Osborne's letter of 14th. Of course it is impossible to put in ~~their~~ his hands on the 24th. the $12000 which he asks for his agreement with you - this is Saturday & noon 3 o' clock - Monday is 21st.

Mr. Osborne is a harder man to deal with than Mr. Wilcox. If these gentlemen had made no money by selling these lands to me at an exorbitant price, or were losers by that operation, they might with more propriety attempt to lay a tax of $2000 on me. As it is I don't think it right between man & man.

I have a letter from Counsel in Cincinnati, which gives me the information I want. I find I can set aside the sale. So I have two resources - one to restrain you & the other to prevent the confirmation of the sale. The lawyer in Cincinnati with whom I have corresponded I have known for twenty five years. He has probably done more law business than any other man in the state. But I don't want a controversy - I only want to avoid if possible a loss I am not able to bear.

If these parties will give to 1st of April to pay this money I will get up a note of mine which they passed to the Ohio. L. & T. Co & which they say they can get up for

a small sum, I am disposed to accept the proposition. I am well convinced that when they see the money can ~~come they will~~ be raised & the time comes, they will be glad to take some part with us. I know of no such opportunity for an investment as that is on the terms which I propose. I should really like to have these gentlemen associated with us on fair terms.

I will write you again the first of the week.

Yours truly

E. W. Chester.

The Telegraph folks emit or won't carry out their agreement with Smith. Russell hopes by some modification yet to effect it. I have told Eaton to write to Boston & to have Smith's cause brought on as soon as reached. I think it wise to make him fight them through himself & be done with them.

Etna Feb 21st 1839

E Cornell Esq:

Dear Sir

The time for holding the Dryden Fair was changed last saturday from the first appointment & will now be held on the wednesday, thursday & friday Sept ~~30~~ 28th 29th & 30th ~~Oct 1st & 2nd~~

Please inform me by return mail whether you have appointed yours or not

Truly Yours

Abras Snyder

Fair Sept 28. 29 & 30

East Homer Feb 21 1859

Mr E Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

I am not able to state what would be a fair collection for your Club room as I am not acquainted with it. But will give you an estimate of the birds that are natives of your County there is probably between Seventy and a hundred distinct varieties Of animals there is from twenty to thirty varieties and insects without number. You can order as many specimens as you should think proper from me to the whole.

Yours respectfully

James M Keeler

P.S. [redacted] should conclude not to have an entire collection I will make you out a list of your birds & animals so that you may select such as you like

Fall River 2 mo. 25 — 1839

My dear nephew
Ezra Cornell

It has been some time since I rec'd thy letter, and have neglected writing to this time on the acount of having my time taken up one way and the other, This afternoon I embrace the opportunity of answering thy letter, first I am to beg to know what the wanted I should do with the four dollors that remains in my hands plese Inform me in thy next, hay the been able to Connect the Cornell family by the Records they had; I well remember when I was small that an Old man Came to my Fathers by the name of Cornell from Portsmouth, he had an a large wig, he was a blacksmith by trade had a Pipe of Iron, he used himself, I thought thy Father might remember him he was I think Brother to thy Great Grand father, but I am not Certain of that, I want to here from all of you there, write me soon, how is thy Fathers health this winter and all the rest; I rec'd a short time sine a letter from Cordelia Wood, to which I was glad to hear from her, and the improvement of her Letter it was more than I ever Expected, I hope she will do me the like favor again, We are all in Usual health, Mary is still Supering from her poor back, weather more of late than at some other times past, she thinks we had better

more out there, so that she can attend some of the Water Cures in those parts, I Rec'd a letter a few days since from Sarah Ashley, She & the daughter of Brother Sanford Chapin of Wisconsin. She & at Glen Haven with her sister and two of her sisters children, they have been there before and have been the past winter, and thinks they may stay most of the summer, She wants to know how for you live from Ithica, by that I think she has a mind to make you a visit, Where she & is about seven miles from Homer, How far & Homer from your place; tell me in thy next, how does thy stock from the winter & is same work to take care of so large a stock in the winter I find it something so with my four Cows & horse & Six Pigs, I think it may not be unlikely for some of us to attend the yearly meeting there in the time next, it will depend on how we can leave home, at that time & so long as it will take to attend meeting and make some visits; our daughter Lydia & spending the winter at Ravenna, boards at Thomas Evans, Israel Buffington wanted I should ask me if she wanted some of his seed Corn if so he will send some, no more at this time my Wife & Mary joins me in love to all of you there affectionately thy Uncle

Elisha Comstock

Milton Evans

I am 73 years old this mo

My Dear Cousin

I can only thy acknowledge thy kind favour received 12th mo. 2nd. and return thanks for the same, When I can summon sufficient Strength I shall give myself the pleasure of addressing thee at length, until then, please accept these few lines as a token of kind remembrance, and present my love to Cousin Mary Ann, and the children also to Uncle Elijah Carrie & Cordelia I Should be gratyfied to receive Letters from either.

Affectionately, Thy Cousin

Mary R. Rowell

Etna Feb 28th 1859

Dear Sir

In reply to your inquiry I know not upon what points you desire information and if I should not give such as you desire you will please state to me upon what points you desire to be informed.

The Annual Fair and Exhibition of D A'l Society was held at Dryden Sept 20th. The weather was very unfavorable (the great blow of Sept 20th occurred in the afternoon of that day), and prevented our having any exhibition on friday.

The number of people in attendance was very large; the competition for premiums, spirited, and the animals and article showed a decided improvement in quality and in some respects in numbers. The exhibition and decoration of the Hall surpassed any thing ever beheld in the County. The display of horses as stated by good judges was not exceeded by the generality of the State Fairs: about one hundred and seventy five were on exhibition.

The display of cattle was very good, numbering about three hundred, including many thorough bred Short Horns & Devons. Much interest is taken in this section in the improvement of cattle. The exhibition in the other departments was good.

On the 22nd of last May we had an exhibition of Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Swine &c and Agricultural Implements much to the credit of our Society and as we trust, beneficial to the Agriculturist.

The pecuniary succes is likewise gratifying

In 1857 the Society purchased 7 3/4 acres of ground in Dryden Village @ $125,00 per acre, erected a dodecagon building eighty feet in diameter (and a very commodious one too) fenced and ditched the ground, erected hitching places, constructed a nice track for driving &c at a total expense of $ 3301, 39. The past year this ground has been ornamented with beautiful Shade trees,

In order to extinguish this debt the Society issued scrip of ten dollars per share and with little difficulty nearly the whole was readily subscribed The receipts of the society last fall for one day only was about $ 505,00 which sum has been taxed out in premiums and expenses incurred by the society

We are now about six hundred dollars in debt, but with good luck (fair weather) on fair days (judging from the past) we will easily extinguish the above debt in two years

The officers for the coming year are John P Hart Pres P D Snyder Vice. Pres. A Snyder. Secy. Thos J McElheny Treasurer, There is to be a Spring exhibition May 26th

Respectfully Yours
Alvin Snyder

A. Snyder
Sept 5 1859

Western Union Telegraph Co.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y., Mch 30 1859

E. Cornell

Sir — I cannot undertake to pay your debt at La Fayette till about the last of this month. Where is Haag? Is he at La Fayette? — I will send a letter and inquire —

Mrs Caroline L. Stokes No 53 West 25th Street wrote to me inquiring how much had been paid to D. Cheeseman for your dividends as he was a trustee for her. I sent her a statement and advised her to get a statement from you also to see if we agreed — I did not know but you might have remitted some —

I make as sent to him in July 58 @ $240
in July 58 @ 480
Aug 58 @ 120
Sep 59 @ 120
960

in all $960 Exclusive of exchange —

Please see if this agrees with your accts —

Yrs

J. R. Rhodes

Eastern negotiations all blowed up as it seems

1859.

Rochester N.Y. March 2d

Mrs Caroline L. Stokes

Madam

In answer to your letter, I beg leave to state that I charged E Connell for Dividends sent to D. John C Chrestman as follows

1858. July 6. Draft on N.Y. $240. Ex. $1.20. $241.20
" " 26 " " " " 480. Ex. 2.40. 482.40
" Aug 31. " " " " 120 Ex. 60. 120.60
1859. Jan 25th " " " " 120 Ex. 60. 120.60

Thus showing the whole amt. remitted to D. Chrestman exclusive of premium paid for Drafts to be remitted.

I believe this statement to be correct; but I advise you before settling with D. Chrestman to write to E. Connell Esq. Ithaca and send him a copy of this letter and enquire of him if this statement agrees with his acct. of money sent to D. Chrestman. — I have an impression that E. Connell made one or more remittances himself to D. Chrestman though I am not certain

Yours
I. R. Elwood.

New York March 4th 1859

Evan Randle Esqr

Dear Sir

Dr. Christmas appearing strongly now to be about giving up the Trust in a few days I have felt it necessary (not judging the Dr. quite so valuable a business man as some in which judgment I think you perhaps will coincide) to write J. R. Elwood Esqr to know what remittances on the Stock you assigned him as Trustee he had made in all: as of course in view of a final settlement I could not feel safe to limit his accounts to know what my Principal & what interest. In reply I have just this moment rec'd the original a copy of which Mr. E. requests me to send you. Please reply as soon as possible for I understand the resignation is to be sent in after the 7th inst.

Yours faithfully

Caroline L. Stokes
53 West 23rd St.

Copy mer beg.

Caroline L. Stokes
4 Mar 1859

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MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

OF NEW-YORK,

No. 35 WALL STREET.

New-York, March 6 1859.

Sir:

The premium on your Policy, No. 8163.
$ 70. 20/100 will be due on the 15 day
of March.

Yours, respectfully,

I. ABBATT, Secretary.

N. B. The Office will not be responsible for any omission or miscarriage of Notices, but they will be sent as regularly as possible.

Ithaca Mar 7. 1859

Dear Sir

I rec'd a few days since a circular letter signed "J. H. French Supt of Survey" on the subject of a new Map, Soliciting local information respecting the history of Ithaca, and noticing that it was published March 1858 I wrote to enquire if you have rec'd from this locality, any response to said circular, or if you still desire a general answer to it,

I have not much time to devote to such an object but desire to do what I can to forward the object, If nothing has been done -

When will the Map and Gazetteer be published?

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How soon must you
know the information to
be in time to be of service?

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

V. B. Hough Esq
Albany

E. Cornell
Albany

Binghamton 8 March 1854

Mr. A. B. Connell

Dear Sir,

Your telegraphic of the 28th reached me late evening too late for an answer and it was accidentally put away with some other papers and escaped my recollection in the hurry preparing business matters in which I was engaged on Monday and Tuesday.

The deed from the sheriff is to be made out to you - & the mortgages are in your names. You ask that it be made to Lyman Quackenbush & Jno. Whom I suppose that you might contemplate having deed to some other person.

There is still a balance due on the decree of A. Connell of $142.86 with interest from 22 Dec 1853. I wrote you on your letter on this point. This arose from a mistake in the amount given to me by Messrs Connell & Blunt as to the amount to be credited to each on the sales of 22 Dec. which was about $145 after the sales of 29 November already credited on my statement of balance due 22 Dec. That amount must be paid or arranged before the judgment or decree can be satisfied, but you will be entitled to your deeds, without reference

this, if you desire it, I hope however that
balances will be arranged, as I should otherwise
be obliged to collect it under the judgment
I will take a good note for it payable at 6
or 12 months, with interest, the note being dated
as the Law shall pay it perfectly good.
This being done, I will give directions to make
such release as will authorize judgment to be
satisfied,

Yours truly
John A Collier

Albion March 9th 1859

Dear Ezra

Your kind letter was received in due course of mail and I am happy to say that I have recovered my health good & feel free from disease Orson has also recovered so as to be about town & do some chores & spends most of his time in reading & solving Algebra. I think I will let him attend one term at the seminary and see what will be best for him to persue in future. With regard to the coal and oil business in Michigan I do not think it will amount to much. The pit you wished me to examine 80 miles from Detroit I find the strata 90 feet below a level surface and a large amount of water to be raised the whole distance. This requires an engine to be in motion all the time & another to raise the coal. The strata is only 5 feet thick and dips to the north. The pit at S. M. Depot at Jackson is 54 feet below the surface & strata 4 feet thick. The water & coal is drawn out by one steam engine & is not as expensive as

the one four miles west. I can get no estimate of what it can be afforded in Detroit for but I am satisfied that the cost would be to much to compete with other portions of the country although the quality of the coal may be far superior for the purposes for yealding oil. I have no doubt in a few weeks we shall have just as good a pit opened here as they have there. Mr Crowell is now sinking a shaft for that purpose & has already found specimens, of which I enclose you a small piece. He says he will sink a hundred feet unless he finds the strata nearer the surface. I feel quite an interest in this enterprise and am anxious to get a knowledge of the manufactor of gass & oil from Canal coal. With regard to amount of Mortgage for James Wood to execute I made it $203. & for him to pay the expense. I have not heard from him yet. As for Jane I think she will be content to stay here and untill She gets maried or makes up her mind to leave here I think you better set apart the rent of the place for her to use as her pin money. The west fence is partly down & I have posts and pickets already to build it over and

will keep it in repair for the tenant.

The poor scamps that were there last left without paying & as they sold all the furniture before attempting to move I had no redress. I have leased it to W. A. Bidwell a merchant in town who will pay up the rent promptly & has but little family. A wife & child a few months old. I have all my debts paid up except you & shall collect interest enough with what we can earn otherways to pay family expences. And now I propose to get into debt some more to you.

I made a bargain with J. S. Bigelow of Mich. City to take his stock last fall when he got it so he could sell it with safety as some of it had been in the law as to the ownership. Yesterday I rec'd a letter from him that all was clear & that Sholes of Kenosha & Balch of Detroit were after it & that he was ready to let me have it at par. All the dividends are due on it since Dec. 1857 There is four shares & I want you to assist me to get it. I have written him that I will be there on the morning of the 14th inst with the money to take it. I can get the money here for 15 or 20 days by promising

to replace it with a N—Y draft in that time. I want you to furnish that draft. The bank at Ithaca may be assured that it will not get round to be presented for payment short of forty days. The cash dividend I can pay back to you soon as I can get it from Rochester & will replace the ballance as soon as I can collect it from those who owe me. It is true I run some harzard in taking this course but believing you can help me & will help me to the draft I venture to make the drive. The draft should be $200. less the per cent on N—Y exchange at Ithaca This is the last shares of E & M Stock that is held in any of the towns on the C.R.R. that can be bought & I wat to get it all up while it is to be had. We are all very well now Phebe & Jane are out riding to day as the weather is fine. Between H.D.R. & Myself we furnish the horse & buggy for them to save cost Carlina is preparing for the annual exhibi-tion of the Albion Female Collegiate Institute where I spect tall women will make some tall speches. Fred. Douglass is now lecturing in town. Please write soon

Yours Respectfully M. B. Wood

Nov 13. Wood Albion N.Y. 59

E Connell Esq

Binghamton Mar 10 1854

Mr Elwell Esq

Dr Sir

I Expect you will be called upon for information regarding our Telegraph stock & I wish you would put as high a price on yours as you can. It will help me materially just now. If you value it as highly as you formerly did I think I shall turn mine as good as par- Please give what information you can without mentioning the suit against the Company &c.

How are your folks & our Works People. What is Always doing

We are selling at this shop all the Feed Cutters we can make of the style I showed you. also all the Iron beam Plows we can put up- You ought to have one of each of the Articles. But I am not a Partner in the Concern. I was not able to fulfill the Contract & sold out to those I went in with-

My folks are as well as usual & send their regards to all the friends- Mothers health does not improve much Yours Truly O.A. Hopkins

Albany March 10, 1859

E Connell Esq

My Dear Sir,

In answer to your inquiries about the gazetteer I have to inform you that it is rapidly passing the press and we hope to see it through in May next.

The MSS. is sent to me for revision generally, but I have not received Tompkins Co. but think it has been written out, at the office in Syracuse I was requested to ascertain some facts concerning the date of erection Cost &c of the present County buildings, and wrote by direction of R.V. DeWitt of this city but received no answer. An agent has been through the county for statistics, but by some oversight these facts had got mislaid or overlooked

We shall endeavor to do full justice to your County, and shall be obliged for any suggestions concerning it. It has not yet got into the printers hands. I send a page of the book in press that will give you an

idea of its size and style. The map is very elaborate and measures about 6 feet Square. It is nearly completed.

Respectfully Yours

Franklin B. Hough.

P.S. The inquiries concerning the Agricultural Soc. of your Co. of which I wrote on the 16th ult are still blank.

Franklin B. Hough
Albany Jan 10. 57

Western Union Telegraph Co.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y. Mch. 11 1859

E. Connell Esq

Sir

I have directed La Fayette Apri to pay you rate this month — Sibley is in N.Y. figuring again — But I think it is rather up-hill business — I suspect the effort is now being made to buy out Smith without the Magnetic Co. It is best to do things in detail, if we can't do them in the aggregate —

Comp. Receipts June	$31.197.48
Extra Earnings	8.358.87
	$39.556.35

Paid to Asst Lines		$10.554.76
" for repairs	2841.99	
" Construction	4210.97	7.052.96
" other running expenses		13.023.23
		$30.630.95
" for rents of lines —		1650.00 $32.280.95
Nett —		7275.40

In the extra rects, we include payment from a R.R. of $1850 & notes given by another for wire & insulators for $2593 — making about $4000 of above shows of profits —

February looks bad - and business does not seem to increase much. Shall it until Dr I believe till after Harvest -

I have no idea I could find a market for your Dividend Scrips at any price you would be likely to sell them at - I will however enquire. Meanwhile it seems to me you ought to indicate about what you would be willing to sell for - It would be handy with which to report a purchaser who should be ready to meet your wants

Resp Yrs
J R Elwood

J R Elwood
March 11, 1879

Pine River March 14th 1859

Dear Brother

Your letter of Feb 24 came duly to hand. I have made my sugar at it a day or two then it rains and freezes. and at it again and then rains and so it goes. I have chopped five acres south east of my house beyond the creek this winter. and intend to pile the logs up aside the windrows and burn them when I fire them. if dry enough. if not plant corn between the windrows. we have the early yellow Canada corn for seed I planted that kind last year and yesterday we had to heave from it the 18 and 22 of Aug 1858. the Canada filled out at the ends and was sound we have a supply of seed corn.

I calculate to plant more potatoes this spring than ever before. they are good to make cows give milk in winter.

I should have written you the cause of those trees dying. they were taken up by the nursery man late in Nov 1857 and moved by sleighing to this part of the country. and their roots got frozen in consequence. the nursery man said if

they did not give he would make it up to me, it was not my fault of their dying. I am not so stuck as to let the trees die. I have often told Hiram when I was there to work that if his orchard was mine I should wash it in lye once or twice a year. I have an idea that sulphur would be like a better commencement than graft, in seeded fruit I am not acquainted enough with the varieties to tell which would be best to graft.

In regard to James drawing out shingles for Hiram. I will say there has been a great many thousand shingles made and sould for $5 cts per M. here this winter and Hiram in view of that, would not allow James only 1,00 per M of shingles. and it was worth 50 cts per M. to haul Shingles out the woods this winter. and it is worth 1,00 per M. to make such shingles as James made. this winter, if we could have got produce reasonable with a reasonable price for shingles we could have [illegible]

I have got 1½ ton of flour enough to carry both families through with what James has besides and I shall not let them [illegible] as long as I have any flour. I got to [illegible] work with, and told James if he could assist me in my work I would let

time have the flour for all any one else. Deborah has a young daughter, a very pritty child for a woods my stock looks fine my 2 yeer heffers & heffer calf as nice a one as I ever saw her color is red though not deepred she was sighted by a Devon bull, bulls are scarce articles this season with us. I dont know of but two any where around and they are off, one twelve and the other 16 miles of from us. Your contributions in reading matter from time to time are very acceptable. We are glad to hear that Father's health is so good. I wish you would give me Benjamin Cornell postoffice address. I think corn fodder if properly cured, is very good feed for stock but here in the woods it costs to much hand labour to get it. I have accidently discovered that the land bordering on the bottoms east of the creek is lime stone gravle. I have dug into it a few times and find it the same thing in a great many places I have not discovered any stone larger then my fist yet and gone that down to the size of a walnut, what do you think of the soil. I have burned some of the stone and they make white nice lime

What kind of timber grows on this coal property, how far below the surface of the land lies the coal, what did it cost you, and what are you going to do with it.

I am going to put my farm in a shape so it will sell any time, or so it will not lack the value of a good woodland farm. I should suppose John would like to settle down to farming. he talked that way when he was here last winter. Somebody somewhere has written to the Governor of this state that the people of Gratiot were not suffering and had plenty of provisions and the appropriations has ceased coming, a great many will suffer in consequence, there are many people in Gratiot who depend on hunting wild game, and borrowing of their industrious neighbors it is such that are most needy, and dependant we shall soon find out those who borrow and never pay, and then poore season for crops will drive the remainder from our midst, our mail is one a week, yours is daily therefore the reason of delays & derangement

Yours Respectfully C. S. Cornell

C. S. Cornell
Mar 14, 1859

C, Cornell

Blackrock Mch 14/57

D Jr

Yours of 10th inst is rec'd. The Hand Book is in press & too late to insert more bills as they are all numbered, and printing daily. We have not yet got to the Cross - and if this name begins with letter Mac down in the alphabet I can insert them till 1st Sept.

I will withdraw "Afford" mind, as you wish.

Truly yours
L Wallace

E. Connelly.

Inc[d] a package only [illegible] Dorchester &c by Express. Have not yet opened them - but suppose you have them all printed. L. Wallace

Manlius March 11th 1875

Dear Sir

Yours of the 17th is at hand - in reply I would say that Hiricots Gloster has done remarkably well since the fair - he will now weigh 1000 lbs and is more perfect in form than at that time

We shall let his services to a limited number of thorough bred cows and heifers this season & think we can take yours as late as August for the business here will be mostly over by that time -

How has the Duke done since the fair - Do you make Hiricot breed yet -

Yours truly,

Leo Batts

Ithaca 15th March 1859

E Cornell, Esq

Elphalet Wicks of Ithaca holds a bond & Mortgage against Henry Ackley, Henry Hibbard & D. S. Bell for $1000 that I borrowed of him, through Charles Humphrey, to save Ackley & Hibbard from failing. Ackley died in the Lunatic Asylum; Hibbard is an old man with three masters, a son & daughter and Son in Law. I am 68 & want my name off the bond, tho' I have not a shilling in the world. I want you to get the bond & Mortgage assigned to you that it may be foreclosed and discharged before I die. The property is much depreciated and dilapidated, so much so that it would not bring much if any more than the Mortgage. I want the Bond & Mortgage Cancelled, and want you to hold the property that I may have a home, and resting place while I live.

Now sir! You are worth thirty times as much as all the parties to the bond ever were, and more than five times as much as they now are. I had rather have your bond alone than all the security of Wicks

Now has but you have often God
Requisite abundantly God Which
I fully understood as well as I
do, he urged not hesitate a moment
to accept instead of the Bond &c.
That Bond Matter was at
for a time in the hands of the Cash.,
& President, C. M. Bennett of the
Bank of America.
I hope and trust, My dear
Sir, that you will accomplish
my desire in this matter, that
I may rest in peace the last time
I have to live; for which you
shall always have my honest
and heart thanks.
If My father in Law
Stephen B. Munn, and My brother
in Law, Wm Henry Munn, had not
robbed My family of $150.000, I
should not have needed to beg
for my living in old age.
I could not raise money
enough to day to buy two postage
stamps and had to beg them.
Truly Yours
J. S. Reed

J. S. Becker inquiries
about Wickes Mortgage

Elphalet Wickes
Albany
Dr Blatchford
Troy