Buffalo Dec 26/57

E Cornell Esq
Pres't of E & M Tel Co
Ithaca N.Y.

Dear Sir

Yours of the 24th is at hand - In the year 1850 we lent the E & M Tel Co Two hundred dollars & took their due bills (100 each) signed by their agent Morgan - the due bills were not paid & we held them till 1853 when we compromised the matter by taking a new due bill for fifty cents on the dollar, leaving fifteen dollars & ten cents which we had telegraphed over the line, leaving a balance of Eighty four 90/100 dollars for which we hold the E & M Tel Co due bill, of which & we send you a copy enclosed - We thought we would be able to telegraph that amount out but find we cannot do it again since the consolidation they do not seem willing Dallas us to telegraph at all - Please inform us what you are willing to give in Cash & close the matter as we should like to see it closed up -

Yours Truly
J H & W D Mills & Co

Wellsville 26th Dec 1857

E Connell Esq
Ithaca NY.

Dr Sir

Yours of the 24th inst Came to hand this day — The amount of my judgment against A Connell was on the 18th of July last one hundred and forty eight & 7/100 Dollars — The interest and some little cost since would make it a little on one hundred & fifty dollars —

I will take in Cash one hundred dollars and pay the cost and cancel the judgment — This will leave me with considerable less than the amount of the original debt, saying nothing about 6 years interest, The debt was for a watch which I sold him at just exactly what it cost me, and had nothing at all to do with what you term his follies as far as I was concerned —

My suit with Wade stands just when it did when I last saw you waiting for a service upon Speed which my Attorney deems essential. Kendall makes no proposition that I can see will better the position of things — I proposed to sell out to him, leave Mr Wade from him entirely & settle with my Contract and his stock together with what judgments he could get Wade, give you & him the control of the Line or I go would join me in and earnest endeavor to get service upon Speed so that we could try that suit. I think the control of the Line might be obtained.

Yours Truly
John J S Lee

Sent to Dr 65
Wrote to him that I was
Give credit to 90 days for
Can settle
E C

New York Dec 28. 1857

Mr E. Cornell
Ithaca
N.Y.

Dear Sir

I have Your Letter of 24th Inst. I did not authorize Mr Ents to warrant the Watches they are considered Cheap Watches for trading purposes - and we never think of making any deductions - but as You and Mr Ents seem to have a different understanding I suppose for the sake of peace and good feeling to settle in full settlement a Draft for 75 Dolls if sent the present week. On receipt of the Draft I will send You a receipt in full - this will be better for both of us than to have trouble -

Yours very Truly
M. Tucker

Pine River 12 mo 28 1857

Dear Brother

You thought best when you left here that I had better build me a barn next summer that is I mean a frame barn. the times has changed and money is scarce. and had I not better build a log barn and cover it with slatt and shingle roof if you think I had write in time for me to draw the logs by sleighing. Runyan hes traded his farm here for one on the plains in Iowa Co Mich. he has got badly cheated he writes me for us to help him on that note. if we can I shant do any thing about but shall leave it as it was talked of between you and him we could not pay it without distressing us this winter by reference of my letter

to Further you can see how we are on it for provision this year we need nothing more than we have got we have paid our taxes which amounted to over 15.00 dollars both, we look for Hiram & Mary some Next years one journey as the roads are now will last them awhile, Affectionately E. S. Cornell

E. Cornell

E. S. Cornell
Dec 1879

Owego Dec 29th 1857.

A. D. & B. Morse Esqrs

Dear Sirs

I was served with an express order this morning for balance of Oil Cake. I wrote to Mr Conell on receipt of your last letter and asked him to settle the account. The bargain was that he was to give me a ton and half of Oil Meal for a Berkshire sow. I sent the bags directed to him by Rail Road for that amount you sent me 2200 lbs, and according to your bill he paid $30 cash, and kept the empty bags as I supposed to send the remainder. You wrote me that he refused to pay the balance and according as I understood it there was 50 cents more for me to pay. or if he considered the oil Cake cost more than he supposed - I was to pay the balance but it was the same price as I told him.

Now Mr Morse I shall consider it a favor if you will call upon Mr Connell and show him this letter, and if he refuses to pay, I will remit the balance, but I want to come to an understanding in this matter.

It seems from your letter that Mr Connell refused to pay you as the Heifer I sold him was lame; he has never said a word about this to me in any shape; and I sold him the heifer last winter, took his note for a year, which was an entirely seperate thing. It was distinctly understood that I was to have oil cake from you for the cow. I am sorry to put you to this trouble but I want to understand what Mr Connell means by this. I am dear Sir

Yours Sincerely

Wm H Sotham

Speds Tel Office
Buffalo Dec 29, 1854

Mr Cornell,
Dear Sir—

A few days since I rcvd from you a Petition for extending the Telegraph from some point west to the Pacific, with the request to procure what names I could and send to some Member of Congress I did so & today received the following from Hon S. G. Haven Member from our District." He says = "I have this moment revd the Petition you enclosed to me &c— I will see that the same is duly put in possession of the House, will you write me & inform me some thing of your plans telling me what you desire precisely of Congress & how you wish it to interfere with in favor of the project— a full development of the Petitioners views

may enable me to be of service to them" — Please keep me posted up as to what you wish & I will confer further with Mr Haven —

Yours in haste

W. D. Allen

Mr E. Cornell
Ithaca

W. D. Allen
Jan 27, 1857

81 Maiden Lane
New York City
Dec 29th 1859

C Cornell Esq
Ithaca

Dear Sir

I have not yet disposed of my two Hereford Heifers I exhibited at New York State Show at Buffalo, since that time the Heifers have much improved, and I shall be happy to sell them to you for $100 either cash or on time, and at that price I am making a very great sacrifice,

This morning I received an offer from Mr. G Clark offering me $250 and a short horned Bull, which offer I have declined. I have also some south down Bucks, and short Horned Cattle for sale

Respectfully Yours
Thomas Bell

Ithaca Dec 30/57

Mr Cornell

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find a letter we received from Mr Sotham He wished us to show it to you but we don't know when we shall see you. If you wish to pay us the $15, please send it to us or enclose it in a letter & drop it in the postoffice. If you do not wish to pay it please send a line to that effect & we will collect it of Mr Sotham

Yours truly

V. L. & B. Morse

Mr Sothams bill for O. Meal

3	2200 lbs at 1½	33 00	
+	1060 " " 1⅝	17 50	
		50 50	
	By Cash	30	
		$ 20 50	

Morris & Sothams

Dec 1857

Defiance Ohio Dec 30 1857

E Cornell

Dear Sir.

Several months ago I wrote you in regard to my claim against the C. H. & S. Ry Co. You directed me to write to M R Elwood Esq of Union Line Rochester N.Y. I did so. think I wrote him twice in regard the matter, but never received any reply. You will recollect that I thought of trying to collect the claim by suit at law, had I commenced suit at that time I could have easily secured the claim by attaching the wire. Two creditors of the Co recovered their claims in that way. and got the money by sale of the wire to Mr Wood for the new line on the R R. I neglected to proceed in that way on account of your request that I would not do it. and your promise to assist me in the collection of the claim

You have undoubtedly done all you could. I wish you would speak or write Elwood in regard to the subject. I believe according to your figures in our own accounts, we there is still due me $14. I should like to have these Telegraph matters settled. should like to hear from you.

Truly Yours

E. N. Thorp

E. N. Thorp
Deposited
Dec 30, 1879

Act of Mens Time in Island Ditch

Thos H. Tennick 53 1/4 Days at 1,50 79.88

L P Tennick 39 3/4 Days at 9/- 44.71 Pd 6.00 5.00
Cash paid by C H T 16.21
amt due $ 28.50

A Morse 39 1/2 Days at 9/- 44.44
Cash paid by C H T 20.69
amt due $ 23.75

C Williams 10 1/2 Days at 9/- 11.79
Cash paid by C I T 5.00
$ 7.09

M Fuller 21 1/4 Days at 9/- 23.90
Cash paid by C H T 7.09
$ 16.81

Ethan Davis 1 1/2 Days at 9/- 1.69
Cash paid by C H Tennick .94
amt due .75

Office of Tompkins Co. Agricultural Society,

ITHACA, January 1st, 1858.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: *Officers of the Tompkins Co. Agricultural & Horticultural Society:—*

Having been associated with you through the partiality of the Society, as its presiding officer, for the ensuing year, I take this occasion to greet you with the compliments of the season, and to tender my co operation, in such efforts as you deem best calculated, to promote the cause of Agriculture, Horticulture, the Mechanic Arts, and the productive industry of the household in the several towns of our county.

The Tompkins County Agricultural and Horticultural Society was organized to advance the productive industry of the County, and elevate the standard of productive manual labor; objects worthy of the best efforts of the Officers and Members of the Society. The field of labor is ample in extent and variety, affording abundant and profitable employment suited to the taste and capacity of all.

We have the promise of Divine Authority that "while the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night, shall not cease." This promise reminds man of his duty of preparing for each returning season, and the better this duty is performed at seed time the more abundant will be the reward at harvest.

Whatever discovery we make, or improvement we introduce to fertilize the soil, ameliorate and adapt it for the reception of seed, or in the qualities and varieties of seeds, or in the time and manner of committing the seeds to the earth, aids the husbandman in making a wise preparation for seed time.

Improvements in the implements and appliances for gathering and preserving the bountiful harvest, that is sure to follow a well improved seed time, and the best modes of preparing the fruits of the harvest for the daily wants of man, are proper subjects for the consideration of our Society. The Mechanic, as well as the husbandman, has his seed time and harvest, and is governed by the same general laws that promise a rich harvest as the reward of a well-spent seed time; it is therefore proper that the Mechanic and the Farmer should co-operate in whatever tends to improve and elevate the character of productive labor.

The female branch of both departments of labor are important elements in the economy and happiness of the household. Without the enlightened and skilful preparation of our food and raiment, the tasteful decoration and order of our dwellings, the patient watchful care at the couch of sickness, and the happy smile that greets our return from toil, the most bountiful harvest would fail to render man satisfied with his lot; the wisdom of the Society then is apparent in the appointment of Ladies on its several committees.

As Officers of the Society, it will be our duty to advance as far as may be the objects for which the Society was organized. These duties have their seasons of seed time and harvest also. The former season is that of preparation, as improvements of the soil by the discovery of new fertilizers, or cheapening the production and multiplying the quantity of old ones, and applying them with more skill, by arming the farmer and mechanic with additional power through the agency of better tools and labor-saving machinery; by improving the breeds of our domestic animals, and introducing such new breeds as may be found useful; by increasing the varieties and improving the qualities of our grains, vegetables and fruits, and by better preserving the same for domestic use.

The latter season or harvest, is that in which we realize the various results of our preparation. If we have succeeded in making two blades of grass grow where only one grew before; if we have doubled the results of labor without increasing the cost by the invention of some new tool; if we have added largely to the value of our domestic animals without increasing their consumption of food; if we have secured a crop of delicious fruits where only thorns grew before, then indeed we have reaped a golden harvest, and it is meet for us to rejoice—the festive season is then ushered in with joyous hearts and happy greetings. May our next Annual Fair present evidence, through the accumulated fruits of our industry, of a successful seed time and a bountiful harvest.

Whatever suggestions you may make tending to promote the cause committed to our charge, will be duly considered, and I shall hold myself in readiness at all times to co-operate with you in whatever seems to be for the interest of the Society.

I will take this occasion to suggest the propriety of the committee of each town, with the Vice President as Chairman, holding meetings in their respective towns to compare notes, suggest improvements, collect and distribute information, and prepare for making such a show at the County Fair, as shall be creditable to the town and worthy of your efforts.

Yours Respectfully,

E. CORNELL.

Preston Boats
Shrewsbury
Shropshire
England.

Mr. Cornel

Dear Sir

I have made every enquiry nessesary about the price of Barkshire & chinese hogs, A pair of either, thorough bred will cost 50$ but there are some crossed with the common hogs but near thorough bred 10$ the pair, these are very fine stock & considered by farmers and stock breeders much better for general purposes as they make more weight, the weight of thorough bred Barkshire hogs with good treatment will be about 200 lb in ten months crossed with the common hog near 300 lb, my father has four hogs now feeding eight months old the nett weight of pork in each being 340 lb but they have not much of the

Berkshire or Suffolk, the thorough bred chinese hogs weigh about 150 at ten months old but crossed with the common hog the weight is much increased, but the pork of either the Berkshire or chinese is much better than the common hogs, but I think it would suit your purpose best to get the thorough bred as I believe your common hogs are as good as the common ones here but I think the make more weight here I have seen several hogs two years old but weight pork from June to Sep. Inmared this, a pair of those I can get for 10 £. And now in regard to the passage I can not come with them myself. on account that they cannot be shiped on board packet or steamer, but they will have to be shiped on a merchant vessel, or in technical terms, a short ship, I can ship them at Liverpool and then put them in charge of a man I have engaged to work for you he is perfectly trustworthy, and would take every care of them during the voyage but it will be necessary for you or some one else to meet him in New York - and there take charge of them, the cost of carriage from here to New York for one pair will be 25 $ two pair 50 $ three pair 60 $ that is as near as I can calculate it may cost more or perhaps less but that could be rectified when I see you Mr. Kellogg spoke about getting some so perhaps you can make an arrangement with him and have them all sent together, if you want me to send you some you must me what you want on receipt of this, and remit the money at furthest two weeks after. as I shall want to ship them about the 15th of February that being the best time and the passage will be about six weeks, I shall be back myself

about the 20th of march I can then make arrangements ~~in New York~~ for them till some one can go to meet them.

Respectfully Yours
John Travis

P.S. When you write do not pay the postage as unpaid letters go the best

January 2 - 1858

John Travis
Napoleon
Ohio

Western Union Telegraph Co.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y., Jan 7 1858

E. Cornell Esq

Sir

I have not yet got the Pitts buy report and do not know exactly how much Fulgam paid on your note. I suppose however about $330
Error in payment to you 100
I now enclose in currency 500
making in all 930
acknowledge receipt of this $500 and the first time you are here, we will take a proper paper from you for the repayment with Interest. I hold the certif. of E & Co. stock of yours in my hand as security for the repayment. Bring the ~~certificate~~ Receipt I gave you in NY.

I send you 2 certy for E & Co. Stock. No 508 issued to J. H. Porter for 334. 2 issued to J. L. Jamegan in all three shares - transferred to you with dividends which Ritso paid you

Respy Yours

A. R. Ames

Sir, I made up this package & sent to American Express Co. last afternoon & they declined to take it - I telegraphed you at once inquiring what to do - and also telegraphed

you soon — Shall we? no answer from you. This morning I got enclosed message from A.B Cornell & accordingly send you draft on N.Y. less exchange $2.50

S. R. Elwood
Jany 8 / 57

S. R. Elwood
Jany 8, 57

Buffalo January 9th 38

E. Cornell Esq
Ithaca N.Y.

Dear Sir Yours of the 6th is at hand - Our history of the transaction is correct, but your recollection or information is at fault as we can prove - We lent the money to the agent of the E & M Tel Co (Morgan) and we knew that the Tel Co had the use & benefit of the money, and we took the trouble to enquire of Allen & other parties, about the right of Morgan to borrow money for the use of the Co & giving their notes, and were assured by them that he was fully empowered to do so & did it with the consent & knowledge of the officers of the Company - Morgan also showed us letters from Col Speed empowering him to get money & pay certain debts of the Co - Morgan also borrowed money

of other merchants here, with the knowledge of some of the officers of the Co. and we know of ~~the~~ one of those claims being paid in full - but it was no more suit than ours. There has never been any question in our minds but that the Co had the full benefit of the money sent Morgan & we have always felt very much dissatisfied to think we had to suffer the loss we did in the matter. The fact of Morgan being a defaulter to the Co, would ~~have~~ have no bearing upon our claim - You seem to have an erroneous idea as to the amt of our telegraphing business - We have never done much telegraphing & what little we do is over the line to N.Y. - We would hardly use Eighty dollars worth of telegraphing in as many years in our business -

We hope to hear from you soon again

Yours Truly

J. H. & W. D. Miller & Co

Num 42 Sottom
9 days 68

Owego Jan'y 9th 1858

E Comell Esqr ? If you pay $15 divide the balance

Dear Sir

I wrote you some six weeks since asking you why you refused to pay the balance for the sow to Mr V D & B Morse I see by your letter to them which they send me, that you have written me a note, which I have not received — There is some misunderstanding in some way, which I cannot account for.

You also say that I neglected to send you a pedegree of a Cow I sold you for thorough bred; if there is a better bred Cow in America, I know not where to find her; and I thought you had the pedegree when you bought her, if that is not the case I enclose another, a copy from my book

book. I am sorry such mistakes as this occur between us.
You will please write me by return of mail what you intend to do in the matter, as I may settle with Myers & Dill & Bro. You agreed to pay for the Dill Cake and I owe $30 is paid upon it. What your note contained I know not for I never saw it. You told me the Heifer was not a good milker the last time I saw you and that she was very fat, that is all I have heard about her. I am sorry for this misunderstanding as this is the first time I have ever had any difficulty with any of my Customers, and you know how readily I complied with your request in taking your note for a year instead of Cash, and taking back without a murmur the two heifers you purchased. Yours Respt. W. H. Botham

La Fayette Ind. Jan 12 58

C. Connell.

Utica. N.Y.

Dear Sir" Yours in Answer to my Card received Some time since all right" I thought I would not write you any more" but I am in a new trouble. when I left the Covington Station the office was Indebted to David Webb $70 00 for Sixty hire- and I told him I would Settle it When you Paid me the $45-" in December" and I was disappointed in that, and of Course he was. he has been after me a Half Dozen times since and Says he will Sue me if it is not Paid this Month" it Will Costs me a great deal of trouble and Expense if not Settled Within the above Period Now Can you help me out of this" I Can Pay it Without you Send me Some Money you Said in your Card you would Pay me When you got a Settlement of the Erie Coal- Well I am Willing to wait awhile longer if for my Money if you will Send me the Money to Settle with Webb.. For god Sake do it. Write Immediately

Respfly. yrs

Stephen, Ball.

" " "

Asked S. R Elwood to pay $10. Jan 20. 58 + So wrote Ball

Rattekill January 12th 1858.

To Ezra Cornell. Esqr. Pursuant to agreement you was to send me one hundred dollars last month. I am very much in want of money at present — If you could send me that amount in a short time it would accommodate me very much. Please write an answer to this & let me know what you can do for me. Direct to Rattekill P.O. Ulster Co N.Y.

Yours &c —

Griggs Waring.

Office Tompkins Co. Agricultural Society,

Ithaca Jan'y 13. 1858

Dear Alonzo.

Your favor of Sunday eve came to hand last evening, inclosing the two blank notes.

In regard to the movement of your Board of Directors I had on reflection thought they could not complain if you resigned to take effect the first of April or May. probably the latter time is not unreasonable in consideration of your having a house on hand till that time.

Perhaps the course your letter foreshadows may be as well, but it would be unwise to get in an angry controversy with the Co at this time on account of the $10.000 that I owe them, which is past due, and for which I am depending on further indulgence from them. Stanton advises rashly, Mr Curtis is safer, but his feelings toward the board is liable to influence his judgment.

I will only add, that the subject is such a way as not to get in an unpleasant controversy. I would not resign to take effect before the 1st April,

We have so many chores to do, that I have to turn in and help while Frank is confined to the house and Perry to School. Perry gets up at 5 A.M. and does chores till School time and I finish up which takes me till 10. A.M.

Franks foot is healing up as fast as can be expected, and we are in a hurry for his help.

If we had a plowman now we should have the plow going every day. Team as fat as hogs, and standing in stable, "raising Hell" The Cows has had nothing thus far but Straw to Eat, a warm stable and straw to lay on, and they look fine. Calves are doing well Charley's Yuba kicks up, and capers as lively as Charley does, when Grandpa comes.

Please Excuse the brevity of this letter as, I have really no time to write longer.

All well —

Yours Respectfully
E. Worrell

A.P.C

Retina Jany 13th/58

Dear Sir

Yours of 11th ult with Enclosure of Draft for Fifty four 15/ Dollars is at hand. I am much in Want of the principle — but as it is not the fashion to pay at this time I suppose you do not like to be singular by paying —

Yours Respectfully

J. Johnston

E. Carroll. Esq

Ithica.

Utica Jan 13. 1858 Ezra Cornell
a dft on N. York for $54.15 on account
on intrust upon advances made to
Cornell & Spud
Chas D. Childs —
$54.15/100

Pt. Cornell
Dr Sir
I take blame
my negligence in not acknowledging
the rect of the above dft for intrust; it
entirely escaped my recollection
until this moment Jan 26. 58 —
Very Respectfully Yrs.
Chas D. Childs

Western Union Telegraph Office,

ALBION, Janry 16 1858.

Dear Brother

I arrived home from Hamilton last night where I left tuesday morning having got disappointed in getting a situation at Hards as I anticipated when I left Athens. The times are so very doubtful as to business calculations in Canada as well as elsewhere that they did not feel safe in engaging any man largely in business than they are at present and Lemon did not feel disposed to get me to work before the 1st May- so I hardly know what to do. as I could not get any thing to do in Canada there being plenty of men there offering to work for their board.

I am in hopes to get into something to busy my self at until Spring and then we times will not improve for the better.

There is a party here who wished Many to write you and see if he could not Exchange his farm for your house and lot in this Village. His name is Wm Brown. lives about 5 Miles from here on the River Road to Homer. The farm contains 116 acres with a new Barn built last summer said to be as good as any in the Township. He asks $30 per acre. Abram says it would be an excellent stock farm. running down as it does to the River.

You may recollect the place Phebe says you and Mort took tea at then when you and

out. The Waldo farm has been sold at $23. per acre lately which is considered a better farm than Browns being so much nearer the Village.

I did not have an opportunity to see about Stock in Canada as you desired but may do so in future.

I found the folks all well here. Mort is at Chicago. expected back soon. with Respects to all.

I Remain Yours
Respectfully
J. H. Comell

P.S. Phebe sends her compliments and says I must tell you she had an agreement on the Cars the next day after you left them. but is all Right now. J.H.C.

New York Jany 18th 1858

E. Cornell Esqr

Dear Friend

I have been here over a Week spending most of my time in the Store of the Buckeninridge Coal Oil Co I have been staying for the purpose of becoming more fully acquainted with the affairs of the co I have become fully satisfied that there is no question in regard to the demand for the Oils of this Co The orders are very large every day and constantly increasing they come from every section of the County some days since I have been here they have reached as high as 500 Gallons & over The only question now in my mind is how low can they be manufactured & put into market if they could be manufactured & put up in Barrels at a cost not to exceed 35 Cents pr Gallon it can be made a good paying business I have very great doubts if Coal Oils can be manufactured at even 35 or 40 ¢ This Coal oil requires great care & management in handling it the casks must in every way be equal to Casks for Spirits of Turpentine I find this Co has made great loses in leakage &c I have

Geo Curtis Esq
78 Wall St

said thus much about the oil business on account of what has passed between us on the subject

Friend Connell I meant to say to you Confidentially that the great absorbing question with me is about my private affairs; My pen cannot describe to you the terrible state of feelings I am undergoing every day the liabilities I am under for others is before my mind constantly & I see no way of paying them nor any way getting along with them without it's taking every dollar of property I have, I cannot but believe but I shall be reduced to the last dollar & not having acted the wise part when I was free from incumbrance of becoming to my wife a homestead I do verily believe I shall be reduced to actual poverty; What can I do or who can I advise with in this emergency I want an advising Friend I wish you were where you could help me in this emergency by your Counsel & advice. When I get through with this trouble I have got to have employment and now the question comes up what can I do & how can I get employment You know that

young men take the business in
all business that I can do if I have
no Capital I have got to depend on others
You cannot imagine the agony of mind
I am enduring under all this suspect of
any business affairs. All this has come
upon me through helping & entrusting others
I had kept my own affairs in a snug way
but it is too late to mend except to arrange
matters If the parties would take property at
a fair low price I could come out with a
large surplus but to have the property but
in a position to be sold for Cash & it cannot
be made to meet my liabilities / You know
well the situation of my family Mrs Cuttis health
poor & her sister also & how to be placed in the
situation We are like to be it seems as if I cannot
endure it I cannot sleep all the sleep I get is
in snatches of a half hour at a time & I awaken as
often with horid dreams falling over precipices &c &c I
mention this to you as a friend to let you know
how much I am suffering in mind do let it be
Confidential When I get home I may want
you to come & spend a little time to help me to
see if my affairs can be arranged & Compromised

I am owing my son for services & borrowed money and also I owe my wifes sister for money borrowed, I ask your advice about letting them have some of my Ill & Miss Stock & the Ohio & Ind as neither of them will sell to pay debts I did not know but I had best have them take this stock at some price. The Ill & Miss Stock may not now with the prospect of a long contested law suit with the Patentees be worth much more than cost & interest & I do not want either of them to take a stock that will prove to be of no value; What do you think of the Ill & Miss Stock say at $3. per share do you think it safe for them to take it at that & do you think there will be for a very long time any dividends upon it I have offered the Ohio & Ind Stock to my wifes sister at $2. per share, I want your opinion in regard to both of them whether they will be safe to take them at the prices named, of course you would not sell at these prices because you could afford to take the risk but to turn it out to those who cannot afford to take such risks as you would take, what do you think of the prices

I shall remain here through the week & would like to hear from you if you should be at home when this arrives and can reply by return mail I should get it direct it to your son or to his care I want to hear from you very much. I hope find Cornell that if I become reduced in property as I fear, that I can look to you as a friend to assist me to some business that I can secure a support for my family, If my son was in a good permanent business I should not feel so bad but the business he has run in I think will not be worth continuing and besides I shall need him to stay & help me till I get through in some way, about the first of Jany I hope over the E.R. Rail from Dunkirk to Pennsville & I see that all the poles on that old line had been cut down I think the Erie Rail Road Co men cut down the poles & took what wire there was

Yours Respectfully Geo Curtis

To the Pres.t & Directors of the N.Y. Alb. & Buffalo Tel. Co.

In pursuance of your request I went in Company with Mr. Connell to find the wire of the Western Union Telegraph Co between Ithica & Dunkirk

We found no wire between Ithica & Bath it having been moved by Mr. Hopkins to the Rail Road Line between Owego & Elmira

At Bath We found 4 Coils
" Avoca " " 1 Coil
" Liberty " " 5 " These contain about one mile each but having no Convenience for weighing We ordered them to be Ship.d to Corning where the wire can be Concentrated & weighed. I Suppose these 10 Coils to be what Hopkins reports as about 10 miles of wire between Bath & Dansville as We could find no other lots between Dansville & Portage. At Portage We found 8 Coils had been stored there in the Rail Road Depot & Ship.d by the orders of P. A. Hopkins on the 13th Inst. March 1854 4 Coils good to Tioga & 4 Coils good to Waverly. We could not find out from what part of the Line this 9 Coils were taken but suppose it was taken down between Dansville & Portage

Of the Wire that had been gathered up by Hopkins between Portage & Perrysburg We found about 15 miles at Springville & Pike We made arrangments to have this wire handed to Portage Depot where the weight of it will be obtained & reported

After passing over the Line to Portage We heard of wire at two points Jefferson & Wayland but that We did not before know of this wire Mr Connell & I moved to Corning where the other is to be Concentrated when the whole amount will be ascertained

The wire from Perrysburg to Dunkirk was

left on the Poles & has nearly all been destroyed & wasted so much so that he did not make any account of it

To sum up the whole matter there will probably be about 60 miles of nice sand West of Athens which is a distance of about 160 miles

for Portage County Ia

1700
1570
900

reported this to Mr C. A. Williams June 20. 1858

Copy of Report of Engineer Board on Public Buildings Relative to the Site of Augusta Ga

Boston Jan. 23.
1858.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 9th December, mislaid while I was confined to my bed with a severe illness. It was enclosed in a package by my wife, & mislaid. I very much regret the mistake.

The pedigrees for the 3d vol. of the Herd Book are ready for printing, but we have been waiting for the English ones, which it was agreed should go with the American. We may conclude to defer publishing for a while in order to get them. In case we do, we shall have

a circular, & allow time for the subscriptions of the county papers to come in. We shall decide soon, & shall inform you as to the decision.

Prof. Agassiz is better & continues the pedigree of Yuba 1st, & it has gone in.

Isaac Stokes, of Boston, would be likely to have Suffolk hogs to sell you.

Yours truly,

Sanford Howard

A. J. THOMPSON, AGT.

Jas Curtis
Jan 26 1858

Depot of the Breckenridge Oil Co.

No. 98 GREENWICH STREET.

New. York. Jany 26 1858

E. Cornell

Dear Sir,

Yours was duly received I think it must have been owing to your lamp not being suitable that the Brek^{ge} Oil burned so poorly if not then the lot sent to Attica must have been of inferior quality to what is usualy sold. I find since I have been here that the Breckenridge oil gives good satisfaction.

I shall stay here probably for a Week or two longer When I get home to Attica I will write to you I feel very grateful for the kind offer you have made

to assist me I shall decide on what course to pursue as soon as I get home. I have had my mind so much excited with my affairs that I am unfit to go through with the arrangements that should be made to protect my property from sacrifice. If I can have time or can turn out property I shall come out all right but if my property is forced off these times it will ruin me. My object in writing you about the Ill & Miss Stock was that if I should type to sell it now for the purpose of raising money I could not get much if any thing for it & it would not help me & I thought I could sell it to my son at about $3 to $3.50 per share & at that if any thing should happen to me that I cannot arrange with my creditors they could not claim that I had sold the stock at less than its value & had done so to smuggle it into his hands from if the stock should come up my son would have the benefit of it. I want all your opinion as to the suit I do not know what effect the suit of Moore Kenedale & Smith will have on the stock. The Ohio Ind & Ill stock is similarly situated & I have sold that which I had to my wifes sister at $2.50 per share I suppose that is more than it is worth under all the circumstances. I would like to know where the transfer books

of this last Co are kept
as I may want the stock
trumped perhaps you will
attend to it or assist in
having it done when I
may want.

I would like to hear
from you If you should
write your son A.B.C or
direct to me to his care
I shall get it

I wish you to regard
this as confidential
I write to you about
my affairs as I would
to a Brother. I hope I
may get my affairs in
shape soon for I am one
of the most unhappy men
that ever lived & I cannot
throw off from my mind the
idea that I shall lose all
my property before I get through

Yours Geo Curtis

New York Jan. 26. 1858.

My Dear Sir,

Yours of the 18th inst. was [illegible] my absence at the Court of Appeals in Albany, where I returned on Saturday evening.

Now I don't believe that Ezra Cornell means to cheat me or any body else, nor do I put him upon the same level with F. C. & S. Such is not the point of my letter I am sure, because nothing of the kind was ever in my mind. You know that I consider you an honest man, & that that conviction lies at the bottom of all our inter-

course. I so honesty is never to be brought into question.

But I thought the case too heavy a one to go into without some understanding. And now I wonder if you have not your thoughts directed to the end of the suit, before which we may all starve or die. It was natural to me to allude to another suit between Telegraph men, which had lasted already six years, & now seems but in its first step. I knew that it was not very convenient to you to pay in money as we go & supposed that some agreement which should divide the risk between us would suit you best. I was unwilling to go through ~~as upon a~~ take the risk, in effect, & then my charge be considered extravagant if successful, & that I ought to have nothing if I failed. I have had some cases of this kind about which I feel sore, & have determined, as a general thing to have some understanding at the outset. If I am at liberty from time to time to apply for money to my clients — if you say that that is the understanding with us — as the case progresses, it is all fair - all that I ask. I am disposed so to understand your letter & of course to be content with it.

As to Smith, I have no doubt his delaying the closing up of his case was the result of a disposition to avoid paying me. The consequence is that

we have to go all over it. I am appeal. Mr. Curtis has written me on the subject, that he proposes to ask the judge to review his decisions - that he finds this necessary in order to have the case in a condition to appeal from. It is the practice for a party in a position to close up his case advantageously, to leave it open subject to casualties.

I have given 20 days further time for a reply in your case. The time expires 1st of Feb. I have a curiosity to see his next movement.

Yours truly E. W. Chester

E. W. Chester
16 Feb 78

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From Ja

To A B C

I wrote you yesterday to pay some money to the Collector of N. Y. This was wrong & should be paid to the Assistant Treasurer of the United States City of Newyork - You will understand best from the letter

E. Connely

Ithaca Jan 28, 1858

Dear Alonzo

Enclosed I send you a draft for $15. all the money I have, and I want you to put 16$ with it and pay $31, to the Collector of the Port of New York, to pay Patent fee ——— $30.00
Recording an Assignment 1.00
30.00
and take his certificate for the amount, as paid by Cornell & Tiddy and send the same to the Commissioner of Patents, Washington, without delay. I am getting out a patent for a Railroad rail and telegraph I think a very Valuable thing. I will remit you the money soon. I handed your note for whole amt to Perkins Mann

and forgot to say any thing about the discount, I was in Bank to day and he said nothing about it, so I chose he charged it to you,

I have purchased 10 heads of thorough bred Short Horns 4 cows. with Calf, 2 heifer Calves. & 4 bulls, for $1,000— pay $200, in 90 days and bal in 4 ears. Capital bargain they are Cheap at $2,000 = and I don't know where else I could have bought such a lot for less than $2,000 = We are now building Stable for them, Get them home Saturday, now I want to Engage "Charley" next summer to take Care of the young bulls, Frank Can't do any thing yet, he hobbles on crutches he is at Dryden now,

Jane is quite smart, rest all well,

I will write about Henry soon, in haste now,

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

A. B. Cornell Esq
Ithy

Hickory Corn Jan 28.

Dear Brother

I have gained some information respecting "short horns" since I have been in this State. which I will communicate. as you desired when I left Ithaca.

I went a few days since to see Mr Pattersons stock who is a breeder of fine cattle to a small extent though I believe is not known among the Herd book.

He has the Bull which took the first premium as a yearling at Syracuse when the State fair was held there a few years since. His name is Ossillo. and was presented to some one in this State. by an agricultural society of York State. I do not remember which one or who it was presented to. but presume there was a memorandum made of it at the time

in the transactions of the N.Y. State agricultural society of that year.

Mr P. has some fine cows which he says is sum from stock imported by Henry Clay and Riddell. but has no herd Book pedigree of them. and how true his assertions are I cannot say. but they are splendid animals and worthy the inspection of any farmer.

He has a beautiful yearling heifer which was calved May 6. 56. She is large size and in Color somthing like Astoria. only darker. He will sell her for $50. She is in good condition but fed being 1/3 corn & 2/3 oats and four quarts per day. He has also a last years calf white. which is out of the same Bull and which he will sell for $25.

This calf is sister to a couple of steers owned by the same man and of the same age of the heifer spoken of above. which girt respectively 6 feet 3. and 6. feet 4 inches. He buys on these

Stens a considerable and proposes
to bet $100. that when they are three
years old they will weigh 2.000 lbs
Each. I would like to have
you see his stock as I think
notwithstanding his braggadocio style
of showing them off, you would be induced
to purchase from them one good gratuitous
observer. However I do not profess to be a
good judge of a milker but think
as to symetry of form and appearance
they have fifteen possessed superior qualities.

I have not yet got any
thing to do as business is very dull
here. I have been teaching book keeping
as a pastime since I have been
out here which has kept my mind
employed. Our friends are all well
at Allen when I left there a few
days since. With Respects to Mary Ann and
friends generally I remain

Respectfully

E. Comell

Ira N. Comell