St Louis April 24th 1859

Dear Lowell

Again I remind you of the portrait. I have but little time left me to finish my book. It will be out in May. There will be several portraits in it not so deserving as you. Send your portrait & have it engraved as the others are.

Write me to Worcester Mass. and do not delay any longer or it will be too late

Yours truly

Jas. O. Thompson

PS I would like to have in O.S. Woods also for I think much of him. Can't you get his or manage the case with him. The expense of engraving will be $100. It will be on Steel and well done. It could be done for a less price, but I want every portrait well done and none better than the rest.

Aurora April 25th 1859

Mr Cornell

Dr Sir

Mr Olin & Woodworth
inform that they have a very fine Boar
Pig born & bred by W.D Gotham and
sold by Uncle Tom (from Harris Stock) that
you would undoubtedly put with, if so
how would you exchange with me for
a sow or Boar Pig born a litter I now have
dropped February 24th. and I wish for a
Boar to chose upon part of said litter
and another litter born same Boar.
My first litter were bred by my imported
Boar "Berkshire Ben" bred by Mr Wm
Marshall of Heathan county of Middlesex
England, imported in March 1857 by Mr James
Taylor of Union Springs Cayuga Co N.Y
and out of a sow bred by the above
Boar and born imported Betsy imported
with Ben bred by Mr Chas Ely of Heston
Middlesex Co England. My Boar
is very large (about 400 lbs live weight)
two Sows fed last Dec. My second
litter is from the above Boar and
sow & sow bred by myself from
stock purchased of Jane & Jonas and
bred by Lewis G. Morris born last

importations Please inform me by return mail
and Oblige, My Figs are very fine
and already Reamed, we should expect
by Shipping by Steam Boat. I would purchase
full Cargoe and should expect Jew to
do the same. Yours in haste

Thos Gould

Thos Gould
Smyrna 5th
Answ. that we
Old Sours boar
expect our
Sours by
Reply by Ship

N.W. Morris 23 of April 1859

E. Cornell

Dr Sir

I rec'd. yours of the fifteenth inst- in relation to Mr Humphries Bull, I regret to inform you that I did not succeed in getting that Animal, I went to Mr Humphries Bordering place from the Bull House "where I think I made your acquaintance" and stayed until 12 O'Cl. but he did not come in, I suppose he stayed on Sein ground, My Horse was loaded & I was obliged to come a way without making the Change. Hon. Allen Aylsworth had a very Good Bull purchased of E Corning last Spring I think with the same breed would not cost much short of the Ayr Bull. and think he would accomodate in any way that you might wish— You could send your cow by R.R.

I am much obliged for the receipt of your Short Horned & North Devon Cattle Catalogue which appears to have been prepared with much care, and shows good pedigrees from some of the most popular Families of Stock

Yours Very Respectfully

Wm. H. Mills

Mt. Morris

N.Y.

E. Bonsall Esq

Pine River April 26th

To Ezra Cornell Esq

I recived your letter this 26
Of April stating that you
Dident understand my letter
M. B. Wood sent me the
Bunyan Note and the Amou
nt and Interest $146,00
57,60
203,60
And a fifty dollar Note
Given January 1. 1857
Amount and Interest for
Two 54,60
The Note now in question is
In the neighbourhood of $100
Dollars or thare Abouts was
given june first 1857 Sined by
Edward and Myself I had
fourteen dollars more than
the one half And the rem
ainder ~~I had~~ Edward had

You speak of A Mortgage
That Mart has sent hear
for me to exicute He hasent
Sent nothing but the amount
On a Scrip of paper $203,60
I have Written to M.B Wood
Concerning this Note as I dident
Hear from you a Stating that
If he would get the amount
And send me I would make
out a Martgaige and send him
And than he may send
me the Note
Edward says he has settled
His part of this said Note
And is anxious that I should
secure mine as his name is
on it
All well At preant
Yours Affectonately James Wood

As Deborah dont Write
I will ad a little more
I have got the promus of
Thirty lbs Edward Flour for
Some hay that will help
Some if I get it Irigaline
Sed a few days a go thay had no
more to Spare Edward at
me to take a job of Siting
Rails I ask the price he sed
I must dow it something less
than 2s cts pr hundred I mite
By hard pounding earn 4 lbs pr day
I dont work for that if he is
The onely man that hires
Help in Gratiout C.C
The Boys and I are geting a long
Finely with our Chopping we
Have got 8 or 10 Acres Choped
We shal plant 3 Acres corn
And two more if we can Burn
It in season we dont get any
Dry weather yet this Spring

We are having a Cold Backward
Spring Cattle in this County
Have about as hard times as
The People they have had to
Shirk for them selves Cesinee
The first of March we havent
Lost any yet one of our oxen is
So weak that we cant work
Him we have one nise Calf, worth
$1,50 cts So you see thare is some
Differance in the price of Cattle
Hear or in Ithica
Flour 6 cts pr lbs Meal 3 cts pr
Deborah sends her love to
Father and will Write to him when
She feels more like it

James Wood

Bainbridge Chenango Co NY
April 2d 1837

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir. Will
you please send me a
catalogue of your thoro
bred Stock Soon to be sold
by you at public Sale
And oblige
Yours respectfully
Jos. Juliand

Owego April 28th 1859

E Cornell Esqr

D Sir

I have only a year ling Bull, except the Son of Lovely. I have sold Charley the 2nd and all my other bulls, except these two. Mr Geo Pumpelly has a first rate Bull, I sold him; and probably he will remain in Owego. I shall probably keep him myself another month.

I thought you had so caught the Short Horn "mania" that you would not look at a Hereford but let both face alike and they will tell their own story.

I am D Sir

Your, truly

Wm Dy Gotham

Western Union Telegraph Co.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y., Ap. 24 1859

For the consideration of the sum of Seven hundred ~~~ Dollars deposited with me by Isaac R Elwood Treasurer of the Western Union Telegraph Company I promise to pay the said sum with Interest on notice being mailed to me at Ithaca, and I do hereby hypothecate & pledge with the said Company Scrip No. 22 ~~ of said Telegraph Company for $1000 as security for said money & interest, with authority to sell said Scrip in case of default.

E. Cornell

Western Union Telegraph Co.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N.Y., April 29 1859

For and in consideration of the sum of seven hundred Dollars deposited with me by Isaac R. Elwood Treasurer of the Western Union Telegraph Company I promise to pay the said sum with interest on notice being mailed to me at Ithaca. and I do hereby hypothecate scrip No 22 of said Telegraph Company for $1000. as security for said money & interest, with authority to sell said scrip in case of default

E Cornell

(Copy)

Montreal Telegraph Company.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

MONTREAL, April 1859

Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of the Sixth Ult^y was duly rec^d and I intended to have replied to it more promptly but for some weeks last I have been troubled with a severe pain in my breast which has made my office work unusually laborious.

As I have had less writing to do than usual for a few days past I shall try to answer yours as fully as possible.

I very much regret that I had not preserved my letters but for the first 5 years of my telegraphic life you are aware that I was quite unsettled. Even after I had been in this Country for 2 or 3 years I felt as if my stay here for any great length of time was quite uncertain

I went to Washington in the Summer of 1844 soon after you had Completed the Government line between that City and Baltimore to make myself thoroughly acquainted with practical telegraphing where I was introduced to Prof Morse who was then wholly dependant upon a small Salary which he was receiving from Government. I also became acquainted with Mr Vail both of whom were experimenting upon the aforesaid line with what I soon discovered to be a set of very crude telegraphic instruments.

At that time they were using both wires between Washington and Baltimore upon each of which I think they had 50 Small Grove Cells — Mr Henry J Rogers had at that time just rec'd the appointment of Operator in Baltimore and they were working with the Balt relay & Wash Key upon one wire and the Wash relay & Balt Key upon the other using the Earth as one half of each Circuit. The Keys they always left open except when operating with them for the purpose as they said of saving their Battery. Local Circuits were then used the same as at present. The old relay which weighed about 300 pounds and was kept in the back room in Consequence of its very plain appearance would be an object of great Curiosity to telegraphers of the present day — The want of Style in the old relay retarded our operations for the first few months very materially as we often had to lay it several times to alter the adjustment while receiving one short message — At that time no prospects for working rapidly and reliably even for 40 miles were little if any better than they now are for working across the Atlantic.

Our old register was but little less remarkable than the relay being nearly half the size of a piano. It was so Constructed that the distant Operator removed the stop from the fly wheel and kept it off so long as he was sending. as soon as he ceased the stop dropped upon the wheel, The extra magnet in it which enabled the distant Operator to ring the bell was a source of particular interest to

the throng of visitors who rush into Washington from all parts of the world during the sittings of Congress — Throughout the Fall and Winter of 1844 & 45 we had very frequent interruptions generally Caused by the frail Copper Line wire which was then in use breaking —

So Said Business was done up to the time that I left Wash in March 1845 but from the practice which we had in sending Congressional reports to the Baltimore American during the Session I had at its Close become quite an expert operator, sending while Mr Rogers had attained wonderful skill in guessing out my abbreviations —

After leaving Wash early in March I proceeded to New York where I found you with an assistant trying to show the practicability of the telegraph upon a wire stretched from a building in Broadway a little above Wall Street to another near where the St Nicholas Hotel now stands with a set of new instruments which were manufactured under your Supervision more Simplified & improved than any Change which has been made upon the Morse instrument up to the present time — Neither room attracted many visitors during my stay in N York as you seemed to be regarded as the King of necromancers and Sorcerers so far as I Could discover.

Seeing at that time

no product of getting a line started in N York I left for home and to my surprise soon after learned that you had succeeded in getting the Stock Taken for a line between N York and Philadelphia & I was Summoned to return and take chg of a party to Construct it. I found the work of raising long poles in Broadway with a lot of raw wild Irishmen was attended with some difficulty but we soon Completed the work to Fort Washington and afterwards proceeded on from Fort Lee through New Jersey. I left the work before the line was Completed to Philadelphia and went to Buffalo with Mr S.P. Carter for the purpose of opening a line which had just been finished between Buffalo and Lockport built by Henry Wells Esq. On my way West I stopped a day or two at Utica for the purpose of apprising you as you will recollect in exhibiting the telegraph between the lower part of the City and the N.Y. State fair Ground, which attracted much notice at that early period. Upon my arrival at Buffalo with Mr C who had had no practice except on a short Circuit I found it almost impossible for the few weeks that I spent there to get anything intelligible over the line from him even when the wire was not down. The line passed through a very heavy timbered Country upon the Transit-road which in Fall & Spring was nearly impassable for footmen. The Consequence was that the line was interrupted by fall the

the greater portion of the time.

While in Lockport I taught the Hon Geo H. Boughton to operate and left him in charge of the office there while I proceeded to Utica (I think early in January 1846) for the purpose of opening the first section of the New York Albany & Buffalo line between that place and Albany - Mr Carter and I soon got the line successfully at work & furnished the Utica papers reports with great regularity Considering that we still had only Iron Copper wire for line wire.

It was here that I first saw a relay made of fine Copper wire insulated with silk — throwing out the old & clumsy relay with helices of large Copper wire insulated with Cotton and substituting the former proved to be a change of vast importance.

In the Spring of 1846 I began to open the offices next of Utica where for the first time in this Country were worked several offices in one Circuit. Early in the Autumn of that year we had New York, Troy, Albany, Utica, Syracuse, Auburn, Rochester and Buffalo working harmoniously & rapidly in one Circuit. The operators from the N. York and Phil line which had then been in operation for several months between Phil and Jersey City upon their first visit to us in N.Y. looked upon our operation with amazement when they saw us send 40. or 50 messages to Buffalo with scarcely

a single interruption as they had up to that time never seen more than two offices in one Circuit and stopped at the end of every message to ascertain if it were all intelligible.

During the winter of 1845 and 47 we were very often interrupted by the storms and in the latter part of the month of March but a day or two after I left the line to Come to Canada they had a fleet storm which so thoroughly demolished the line that they did not work direct from N York to Buffalo for six weeks after.

It was then practically demonstrated that small Copper wire would not answer for line wire, and all of the American Companies that organized after this date Contracted for Iron instead of Copper wire, and those in operation made arrangements for taking down the Copper and replacing it with Iron. I Spent the winter of 46 & 47 in N York where I was in a position to witness the working of all the lines then Constructed diverging from the City - The N York & Philadelphia from Jersey City - worked with tolerable regularity

The N York & Buffalo worked splendidly to Buffalo direct when not broken, being wholly insulated with glass upon a wooden pin. Prof Morse was a frequent visitor during

that winter and manifested great delight at our success. Our line was evidently his pet—Brother Asa who was with me and but 14 years of age was then the most correct and rapid operator in the Country and was regarded with the most paternal pride by the Professor.

The N.Y. and Boston line seldom worked that winter in the day time but frequently got to work in an unsatisfactory way in the evening—all of their arrangements seemed to be faulty and during the whole winter did but little business.

I hope that your Canal Coal lands will turn out as favorably as you anticipate. In such operations very much (almost every thing) depends upon the kind of man that you select to manage the business. I am glad to see that the Western Line is doing well, our business is alarmingly dull in regard to our paying a portion of Smart Money to Smith we Could not do it now we so inclined without a great improvement in business. There is absolutely so little to do here now that we are most all fearful of competition. I would prefer to depend

upon a mortgage upon real estate for raising money than the best telegraphic bonds or stocks that are in existence. It cannot be long before money will be again seeking such investments as the mortgage which I hold and I must wait patiently for the time to come around.

The river is opening early here. We may expect boats to be moving on the 4th or 5th I should think.

Julia and Mary are quite well and send love to you all

Very Truly Yours
A. Swan

O. A. Wood Esq
Ellsworth
Me

Black Rock, N. Y., May 2d, 1859.

DEAR SIR:

By the time, or soon after this reaches you, the Fourth Volume of the American Herd Book will be ready for delivery. The price to subscribers is $5.00 a copy, on receipt of which sum in current bank notes where you reside, or a banker's draft on New York, the number of copies you want will be forwarded to you, by express or mail, as you may direct.

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I have some remaining copies of the second and third volumes, which I can furnish at $5.50 a copy, sent by mail, or $5.00 by express, in the same way as the fourth volume, which I will forward to order.

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New-York State Agricultural Rooms,

ALBANY, MAY 5TH, 1859.

Dear Sir:

You have been selected by the Executive Committee of the N. Y. S. Agricultural Society as one of the Judges on Cattle out of the State

Class No 1 Com. No. 18

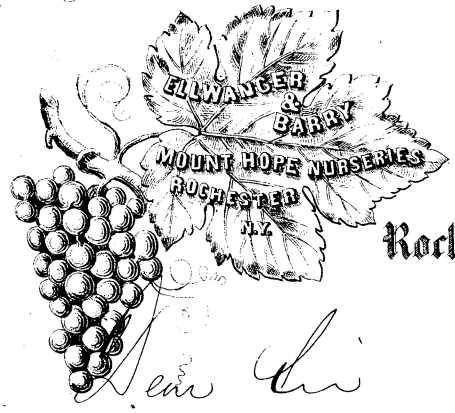
at the State Fair, to be held at Albany, on the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th of October next. The Judges are to meet on Wednesday, 5th October, at 9 A. M.

☞ You are requested to advise the Secretary, on receipt of this, whether it will be convenient for you to attend and discharge the duties of the appointment.

Yours, respectfully,

B. P. JOHNSON,
Cor. Sec'y.

To E. Cornell
Ithaca



Rochester, N.Y. May 6 1879

Dear Sir

We have this day filled your order to the best of our ability, all are packed in a box marked and shipped as noted on margin of the enclosed invoice

We trust they will reach you in good condition and prove satisfactory in all respects.

Soliciting your future orders we remain

Most Respy Yours

Ellwanger & Barry

Atlanta Geo
May 7th 1859

E. Cornell Esq
Dr Sir

I am under obligations to you for your letter about the "Birthday" Devons. I have for some time contemplated writing to you on the same subject.

"Master Birthday" was foundered or over fed, prior to his leaving Mount Pendham, and did not recover for near a year, so that at the very time for development he was cut short, & is now on the "half pace Powell" order of Devons, not fit to contend at Fairs, and probably just about such an animal as your Pendham.

He has Crops, Loins, & Barrel, of extra merit, in fact remarkable, but as a handler he is unfortunately below an average. he is of great vigor, delights in fighting to close his business with one cover. and his calves are one & all strong many of them extra.

I sold his calves of 1858 at an advance of $25 per head & intend to get the same on those of 1859 nearly

all are very fine & sure extra for them I intend to get £250 in one or two years time

If this were England, I would advise you to allow me to reserve for you an extra Bull Calf by Birthday out of one of my Patterson Cows sired by "Benedict". such as "Rhoda" "Rena" &c (see Herd Book).

Such Cows are not to be found in America with undoubted Pedigrees, "Vict" "Birthday" & one or two others always excepted.

It is an easy matter to breed pedigree beef Devons, but to retain pure, high pedigree, & 18 quarts of milk per day is rather beyond the power of the majority of Breeders, the judges at Fairs take pleasure in awarding the premiums to fat beefy ante milks producing Devons, & thus throw a damper on the efforts of those who aim the other "Schedule".

I do not know of an imported Devon Bull in America, that I would allow to serve in my Herd, there may be some but I have not been able to put eyes on one.

We of this Region want milk, & other than the milk producing Devons are of service, all of the Devon race

take on fat more rapidly than those of any other breed, and even the deepest milkers will take on too much fat if allowed to remain dry too long, with high keep.

I hope you will not dispute the "Birthday title" and I should be pleased to hear of your having under trial a cross with the Patterson Stock of Devons of the Eclipse & Beauty tribe!

Respectfully Yours
Richard Peters

Ottawa 4th May 1869

E Conrad Esq

D Sir

I was born on the Sea Coast in 1790. I lived on fish & Clams and worked hard; and since I have lived here, I have found it necessary to go to the Sea Coast to get over the effects of our Winters. I have suffered much from Whooping Cough and Colds the past winter & Spring, and have not had any appetite for food for nearly a month; and find myself sick and weak. This may be the case with me for many years in the Spring, and nothing would relieve me but going to the Salt water. I have had no Comforts

in Savery in Ithaca for the last six years, and much so to the sea coast for a few weeks, or be sick here.

I have a vault in St Thomas Church Corner Broadway and Houston St N.Y. That Church land Cost originally say $5000, and they are offered $500.000 for it. And they Can't sell it that the Consent of the Vault holders.

I paid $350 for the vault in 1839. The Vestry offers me the $350 that I paid and 20 years with the same.

My Brother wishes me to take Less than $5000. The Vestry are getting the release now and I shall be in funds shortly, and will pay any advance I get. Will you kindly let me to get to New York?

Yours truly

L S Beebe

Painesville O. May 12. 1854

Dear Sir

I reached here yesterday morning and spent the day with Messrs Wilcox & Osborn, discussing the subject of our organization, which is at a stand still.

The first and main dificulty is the standing out of Saunders he refuses to accede to the N.Y. arrangement, and insists on having his 1/30 interest according to the Cosbocton receipt for his money.

Wilcox & Osborn will not proceed in arrangements to improve the property while this matter is unsettled & they insist that the burthen of that settlement rests on you

The original plan was varied to suit your interest, and cant be carried out without the concurrence of all the parties in interest in the Coshocton arrangement,

Saunders has elected to go into an oil Co and put his funds as per first division 1/30 of the $5000. W & O will not consent to the use or application of any of this $5000 to the improvement of the property if Saunders refuses to come in on N.Y basis, and in case he stands out will insist on a division of the property, and let Each party manage his own improvement,

If you can settel this matter with Saunders, I see no further difficulty of any magnitude W. & O will consent to organize as an Association, but say they will insist on having only 3 directors

I think however they will yield this point and make it 5, say Wilcox, Osborn, Cornell, Curtis and one in N.Y to be selected by the N.Y parties, these to stand the first year after which the stock controls the Election =

The castings for 4 stores are made & ready for shipment & as matters stand I shall have to pay for them and take them as my own property, which I shall do having taken the responsibility to order them prior to an organization = I shall not however meet with any loss, as I can sell them at a profit of ½ ct per lb =

I am compelled to pay them promptly for the castings, as it would disastrously to tarnish my credit in the outset of such an enterprise. Especially as the credit of the old co has like a stumbling block in our path=

I hope you will act promptly in deciding what is to be done with Saunders, for the time for action has arrived, and something must be done=

I go this afternoon to Louisville to settle for the castings & have them Shipped to Warsaw, on my own book, and so matters must not till these difficulties are arranged—

Yours Respectfully

E. Connell

E. W. Chester Esq

P.S= W+O urge me to consent to the sale of the coal lands at $50. per acre. W= is very anxious to turn them if we can find a customer, but I declined to sell for less than $100.

Painesville O. May 12. 1859

Dear Sir

We have agreed upon articles of Assc in case the settlement with Saunders should render them necessary, but as I shall not stay till they are copied & ready for signature they will be sent to you for signature & c before I shall return,

I say we have agreed, but strictly not so. M & O. insist on 3 Directors, that 2/3 vote may alter articles of Association, and a majority of Directors may sell the land &c, I insist on 5 Directors, other provisions standing as they desire,

They have agreed to consent to the 5 Directors or if they insist on 3 directors, to let a majority vote of Stockholders alter the articles of association, and require a unanimous vote of Directors to sell the land.

You will see that one or the other of these provisions are in =

If 5 Directors, Geo. F Chester & Geo Curtis are to be two of them,

Yours In Haste
E. Cowell

E. M Chester Esq
N.Y.

P. S. If Mr Curtis is one of our Directors he may wish it not known by the Breckenridge Co & you had better caution all our Stockholders about mentioning it=

McLean May 13/59

Mr E Connell

Dear Sirs

Please inform Me the price you have for the Services of the Duke of Oxford, I have two Cows I have thought of driving to your place for that purpose

I Oblige Yours Respectfully

J. P. Hart

Answered $25 dues $10.

10.

Owego May 14. 1859.

Dear Sir,

Mr Sotham took my Hereford Bull last fall to place with a lot of Hereford Cows, to go South — He is now at liberty if you can have him. will exchange for some of your Stock — He is Thoroughbred and one of the best Sotham ever raised if taken many premiums — As my

Stock raising is over for the present — I would like something of yours in exchange. for my horse use as a Cow or heifer — Shall try to be over if I can get the 19th unless I go to N York. before — Yours Truly

Geo. Campbell

L. Cornell Esq
Ithaca

Near Frankfort Ky

May 18th 1859.

Mr A. B. Cornell

Dear Sir, I reply with pleasure to your favor of the 12th inst.

Trueillier was not well when I bought him, but recovered & showed himself to be a superior animal, got me a few fine calves, again fell into ill health, & died about a year after I bought him, perhaps he lived a while longer.

At present I have but one fine young roan cow sired by him; she is much larger than her mother, & I have no doubt he would have had the largest & finest class of animals.

With sentiments of esteem

Most respectfully &c

Robert W. Scott,

Montreal Telegraph Company.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

MONTREAL, May 19th 1859

Dear Sir

Your of the 9th enclosing note for $213.25 was duly rec'd

I had to sell some stock (which I ought to have kept) to meet a payment on the 11th inst as all our stocks are depressed since the announcement that war was inevitable, however I may be able to use it quite as advantageously at the end of 90 days - I will not complain until I have good grounds for it

I have made pretty thorough enquiry in regard to the Coal oil mines and am satisfied that you will find it extremely difficult to form a Company in any part of Canada until the termination of the war - I hope you will keep on the Safe side in this speculation as you will be no better off if you accumulate a large

for time than you are now.
Business is again improving with us though the first quarter of the year was so light it will take an unusually large business to make up for the loss.

What are the prospects in regard to dividends with the W. Union Co's. I have not yet rec'd the interest which was due on my stock in July last as I have had no opportunity of presenting it.

I shall be glad to hear how your stock is coming out this spring and the result of your letting. Julia and Mary unite well they send much love to all. We hope to visit you in July

Very truly Yours
D. Wood

E. Cornell Esq
Ithaca

I sold my Tompkins Co Bank stock at 104 reserving dividend just paid

Cloverport May 20th 1859

Dear Ezra, I arrived here on the 18th & found Mr Curtis left for Utica and will not return till next week. I have not made my business fully known & shall not to any one now here. The President of the Co Mr Bennett is managing while Mr C. is gone I board at the same place with him and shall try to make a favorable acquaintance with him & shall let time work out what it can in my favor. I have sounded them a little on their works & find much more selfishness than I expected. They pretend there is great secrets connected with their operation & that they are bound to keep them & have paid about $1500. for what they have obtained from some quarter to use in their business. I have not asked any permission yet to visit their works & shall not be in a hurry to do so. I shall wait till Mr Curtis returns & get an audience with him & give him your letter of introduction & if I cant do any thing more shall leave.

I direct this to Coshocton not knowing as there is any post office nearer. Please write me & I will keep you posted as to my doings.

Yours truly

W B Wood

Toledo 23 1859

Mr. Cornell. Dear, Sir

I have looked a round a, concidersbal & talked with quite a number of men a boute goin in the Cod oil bisness but I cant knot get eney one to give me eney in curagement. I have left the R.R. Co & I have not got eney thing to do yet I shall not go at the Telegraph bisness a gane if I can helpe it I think I shall go to Rail roading if I cant do eney beter If I can not look around a grate while it wont pay I have had 2 or 3 offers but tha do not Suite me but I

may haft to take up with
Somthing that dos not suite
me after all I have had
a Slite tuch of the Agua mrs
has bin quite sick for a few
days back but She is some
beter to day Pleas let me
hear how you ar a geten along
with your works

I think I Shall try
vanthorn at memphis
for a Job I bleve tha pay
good wages down thar

yours Respectfully
Sol Palmer

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L. G. TILLOTSON, SUP'T.

NEW YORK, May 25 1859.

Received at 9 *M. by Telegraph from* Ithaca

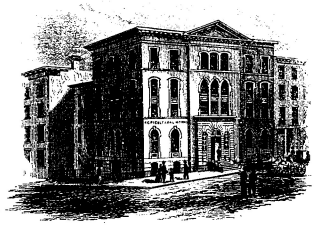
To E. N. Chester

Trinity Building

Has Sanders assented yet to go on as the rest of us do? I wish to start for Ohio tomorrow if we can proceed with work.

C. Cornell

STATE OF NEW YORK.



Agricultural Rooms.

Albany, May 23d 1859

J. Cornell Esq.

Sir

Have you any good Milking Shorthorn which you can recommend. Cows Heifers — Bulls — Pedigrees, Name — and any Bull Calves or yearling Bulls of like strain? I have inquiry for such.

Please advise me

Yours W. Johnson

Replies.

Oct 4th	$300	all in calf to Duke of Oxford.
Oct 3d	175.	
Bertha	225.	
Princess 12th	250	on a credit of 6, 12 & 18 Mo
do 18th	250	with interest after 6 Mo if
Tempest	$150.	desired or a liberal discount for cash.

Owego May 23d 1859

E Cornell Esqr

Dear Sir

As you admitted to me that one of the Calves you had bred from the Yorkshire was the smoothest animal you had; and I am informed by the very good judge that the heifer now a cow, possesses more symmetry and quality, than anything in your herd and from your letters you say the Berkshires are the best breed of Hogs, and as I know the sow I sold you was as good as any that ever came from England — you cannot object to pay me the remaining $15 due me upon that sow. I shall never sue you for it. but I would ask you whether you wish to pay me or not

The highest priced cow Morris & Becan bot had just such a foot as that heifer and you saw the foot when you purchased her and asked me to pare it, which I did

The Berkshire sow was worth a great deal more than what I sold her for

Dam dear Sir

Yours &c

Wm H Gothian

Painesville O. May 24. 59

Dear Alonzo.

I stopd at Buffalo, and got a copy of the A Herd book, & then got a pop to Cleveland by which I saved enough to pay for it. After I go to Ky I will send it home by Express -

I wish you would look after the brick house at Falls Creek, and have it fixed up and rented to some respectable family, or securely closed up.

When Davies Englishman arrives let him go in the old homestead at F. C = and give him work till I get home & see what he is & wants to do =

There is a prospect that the great Telegraph negociation

will be consummated within a fortnight & I may go to Ny to try & get settlement with Smith at the same time = The M. U. Co take $20.000 of that Refractory Magnetic stock. so we shall have to pay about $36.000 down for our share. which will absorbe our next dividend. so we shant get a July dividend =

Please enquire if anybody about Ithaca has funds that would take some of my Rd bonds at 90 cts, guaranteed, without dividend. I shall have to sell some of them =

Coal Oil organization hangs yet on the Upper guard will may suspend operations and let property lay - but it

or devide it - dont know yet shant go on running a quarry

A fine shower at 5 in yesterday & here last night & this morning, & I hope you have had the same =

Dont forget to write to Chapman & Thorn about the Dukes of Ox also Enquire of Thorn what he will take for the 4th Duke of Thorndale - calved Feb 18, 69 Sire D. Glaster - dam Duch 66 = or 2nd - Duke of Thorndale calved Apl 5, 68 got by 2nd D. Duke out of Duch 71 - or 3rd Duke of Thorndale calved Aug 29, 68, Sire G. Duke dam 1st Duch Thorndale by Grand Duke =

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

AVB

Chicago Ill. May 26/57

Ezra Cornell Esq

Sir:

I rec'd your last letter done 3 mos since I am now more desirous To sell my 200 Sh. O.I.T.I. Tel. Stock to further improve my land near Chicago. half down & 200 30 dys/- bal'c 3 to 6 mos think of it & write me. to oblige

Yours truly

Sam'l Stone

I have written to JRE Rock. to buy. P.O. Box 1208

Mum Chickering & Dann attys of this city often speak of their demand about 4/10. cost of a horse shoe of Tel. Co.

Answered

Scipio Cayuga Co N.Y.
May 28th 1859.

Ezra Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

A few days ago I recivd your second annual catalogue of thorough bred cattle, by mail and thereby learned that you will have several litters of Berkshire pigs during the season

I also am breeding Berkshires & Shorthorns

My Berks are an equal cross between the importations of Lewis G Morris and a superior Berkshire boar imported by William Jackson of Fayette Seneca Co N.Y. My pigs are of extra quality about six weeks old and I wish one either a boar or sow for a boar pig not related to mine

If you wish to get another strain of blood into your herd of swine in order to pair your pigs to better advantage I think you can hardly do better than to send me a ~~boar~~ pig on board the Steamboat as far as Aurora and let me send you either a boar or sow as you choose by Steamboat to Ithaca

If you conclude to exchange please write to me stating the day you will ship my pig as many as five days before you ship it that I may be sure of getting the letter before the pig comes and I will endeavor to meet the boat and return one of mine to you the same day I prefer a five boned pig mine are very good ones and cannot fail to please you Direct your letter to

D H Manchester Scipio Cayuga Co N Y

Albion May 30th 1859

Diar Ezra

Yours letter of 24 inst arrived the same day I did & I answer it by first mail out. I had a pleasant trip down to Kentuckey but was unfortunate in not finding Mr Curtis there. He left 2 days before I reached there. I went to the office & found Mr Bennett the managing director and told him frankly I came to see Mr Curtis, and wished to work in the establishment for a while if we could agree, That I had been telegraphing 10 years passed & knew Mr Curtis Mostly by reputation. I did not mention your name or that I intended to engage in the business as he talked very discouragingly about wanting any more help. I made up my mind to stay till Mr C. returned but after he wrote that it might be June before he came I told all hands that boarded with Mr Boyd I would leave for Cincinnati or some other port. They will tell Mr C. just enough for him to understand all about the matter & they, nothing about it. I wrote to you the second day I got there & directed it to Coshocton as I did not know of any post office nearer. I supposed you were in that region as Jane said you left before she did to go there. I have nothing to keep me here and can go to Ohio any time you think I can be of service to you there. I send copies of bills you wished to have to explain

some charges in my account. The sum I paid on James & Edwards note to Runyan was $286.46ct and let Edward have $100. Since Jan 7th 1859 beside the above sums is Expences to Ionia $4.12ct Taxes on house $4,54ct I made memorandon of that 3 shares of E&M. stock at its face & the three dividends you had on the fourth of 3ct-3ct-5ct- making 11 per cent in all $155.50ct. I think perhaps that is the easiest way to get at it if you dont get the stock to replace. This leaves a ballan in your favor of about $704. as I make it from my account. There will be some interest on the amount due you which I will settle satisfactorially. I shall remain at home till I hear from you.

Crops look remarkably fine here, prospect of fruit is good, You saw our cow when you were here. Phebe dont brag much but assents as a fact that butter was selling from 18 to 20 cents untill & up to the day our cow came in & as the fact got noised about butter fell to a shilling instantly. We are all well. Jane was here last night felt fine as a fiddle. Orson studies well & does the chores & says he has got the fatest pig in all Michigan.

Hiram has bought a new family buggy waggon. No news of importance

Truly Yours

M. B. Wood

Ashland Wis May 30, 59

Cortland. May 31/59

Mr. A. B. Cornell

Dear Sir.

I have concluded to take the pair of Berkshire Pigs the refusal of which was left with Daniel Rowley at Cortland Village by yourself while in Company with Mr. Pettis last week, you fully know the circumstances by this I will be at Mrs. Woods near Ethan Friday you said I could get them on Friday of this week, please have the Pigs there, I will leave the Money with Mr. Wood, I will effect a Pedigree de in full for each pig as they are to go to California. The Boar is the one I supposing which J. McGraw contemplated taking, from Jon. Imported Sow, he has assigned his claim to me as I take Mr. McGraws Sow Pig.

Yours Respectfully Ridgway J. Rowley

The Undersigned Stockholders in the Illinois and Mississippi Telegraph ~~Company~~, hereby give notice to their associates, and all other persons interested therein, that ~~they~~ will hold a general meeting of ~~said~~ Stockholders of ~~the Illinois & Mississippi Telegraph~~ said ~~Company~~, at the Telegraph Office in Ottawa Illinois Wednesday the ~~fourth~~ 11th of March next at two Oclock P. M, for the purpose of considering the regulation and by-laws of said, Company, and making such ~~regulations~~ alterations therein as may be deemed necessary, and for examining into the condition of the affairs of said-

Company Generally, and
for taking such measures
in reference thereto as
may seem proper,
A general personal
attendance of Stockholders
is desired and respectfully
Solicited —

Acting under the authority conferred upon them by the Articles of Association of said company.

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