Ezra Cornell Esq,

Dear Sir —

You will find below our Ex vs you I understand you object to ~~your~~ charges, they are such as are usually charged for like services. but as we are anxious to close up our old business you can remit to Mr E O L Sweet at Telegraph office, what you are willing to pay, and on receipt thereof we will give him a receipt in full —

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| Nov 20. 1854 | To | retainer appeal & advice — | $10 |
| Dec 20. | " | Contract & advice — | 15. |
| Jany. 18 55 | " | advice & assignment of Lease — | 2. |
| Feby 12 | " | Time & taking deposition — | 7. |
| Apl 5 | " | Trial Lewis & Loomis — | 15. |
| May 15. | " | retainer & advice with Barnes — | 10 |
| | | | $59 |

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| | To | Balance — | 52.36 |
| | | | $59.00 |

If you will forward Thirty dollars, we will credit by deduction, in order to have the books closed

Yes or Benjamin F. James

May 25, 1858 {for Chetlung & James}

Please direct to the undersigned
Box #4218 –

B. F. James

Rec Payment in full
of within. of Saml Stone
by Dft Thirty Dollars on
Thomas Bassett –
Sey Treas & Elec & Miss Tel Co

Chickering James
By James

Lima 22 S 1860.

B. F. James
Chicago. Claim
of E & M Tel Co $30.–

Answered

Buffalo June the 24 1860

Mr. Carnell

Dear sir I Delivered your Stock to Mr. Sheldon at geneo yesterday evening about six oclock & I returned to Buffalo last night on my way home I think Mr Sheldon was well pleased the stock I have Brought your cattle threw in very good shape with the exception of the two smallest heifers that come from Mr alexanders they ware a bulling all the way & that make them look a little gant I had to ship Mr Duns Bulls by themselve on that acount but the money they gave you more than payed all expinces on them to Dondon

Mr Curd wanted me to bring you some new wheat out with me but I could not bring it with cattle you will please write me a few lines & let me know how you like the way the cattle come thare

Yours

Jas. W. Peel

Direct letter to me in the care of Mr J. W. Scott Lexington

New York June 27th 1860

Dear Friend

The Spirit moveth us at sundry times, to acknowledge & confess our manifold obligations to Each other & to cherish a grateful remembrance of past kindnesses, to the end that brotherly love, peace & good will may continue to abound among men, to the happiness & Edification of all mankind [redacted]. although this injunction is upon all, few of us are qualified to the fulfilment of it in every particular. Nevertheless we cannot be excused on that score, but must proceed upon the promised reward if the one talent be improved more will be added thereto— I acknowledge the Education & practices of the age— teach us a very different lesson Instead of making the business a General one, one with a very limited exception confine it entirely to particular & choice acquaintances, but even this much is not without its merits, In obedience to the demands of this inner Monitor I acknowledge myself greatly your debtor & cheerfully your obligator & that your interest in a measure becomes mine. Hence my desire to know how you are getting along & whether you are in the enjoyment of all you have so richly merited, after your incessant toil & great privations to obtain it— But from the fact that I read of your presence at an agricultural or Horticulturists Meeting at Albany recently, I look no positive evidence that you still exist & move among live

men. However if a Ledger a/c must be Kept, I shall be obliged to confess the a/c to be in your favor, for you are credited with one letter more than I. Well where have you been since I last Knew of your movements? Have you been engaged in manufacturing the wherewithall to illuminate the benighted map of the Western world, or have you been happily engaged at home on your farm Mutifying & replenishing the Earth & your store houses with provender for hungry mouths, and improving the condition of the human & brute creation? I hold that we should divest ourselves as much as possible of selfishness & scatter broad cast, the fruit of our experience that the world less favored than ourselves may profit by our being among them — I rejoice to Know that your indefatigable exertions have been crowned with success at last, & that there is in prospect for you peace & plenty — contentment & happiness — The benefits I trust you are fully capable of appreciating. It does not fall to the lot of every honest & industrious & deserving person to so early reap the benefit of such characteristics All do not have equal experience & judgement to start with, nor so estimable & worthy a companion to help him bear his burdens & encourage him along as has been your good fortune to possess & here let me add this has much to do with a man's success in life, And how few have a just appreciation of them, never having been without them though do not Know their worth — Are you not coming down this way soon? Will you

you be over to the Telegraph Meeting of the Stockholders that takes on the 28th of this, called at the instigation of the Russes complaints against the Telegraphs extortions? If you do I hope I shall know it. I should like to see you—

I made every effort to get into the Kerosene works to acquaint myself more fully with all its "modus operandi" but failed, Her wishes previous to the sale. I was frequently spoken to by the parties who purchased it, to keep myself in readiness to go out for them saying it would be a permanent thing for me— & was requested to call in every day, which I did, to see them until they should get organized & some one put in charge— at last Mr Cousin became the man, & although he in person told me they would want me— yet when I called on him finally. He said they had started two of their old men— & would not at present want me. It was a great disappointment to me but I kept a stiff upper lip & did not let them know— my feelings. They are purchasing & manufacturing the Rosina Oil— In that way they may be able to keep the thing running— If this becomes a general practice, How will it effect your works? They will of course manufacture all the Box they have on hand & perhaps will keep the works supplied with Coal but I dont doubt but they will all the time

buy & refine the Russia — What are doing politically. Are you wide awake & confident & determined to send to the White House, Honest old Abe & Hamlin — Desperation has taken the democrats & they will leave no stone unturned if it be possible to prevent such an event — Let me hear from you soon — & try & find time to write me a good long & profitable letter, give my kindest & best regards to Mrs C, & to A B, & family & believe me yours

Truly

W. P. Rice

Care Home

21 Wall

W. P. Rice

June 27. 1860

Nashville Jan 28th 1860

Mr Cornell

Sir

I expect to move to Texas this fall and desire to go into the stock bisness. I want to know if you have a six months old bull sired by Oxford dam by Apricot or Lady Booth and your prices and if neather of them have the desired give me a discription of some of your other favorite cows and theer proginy

Yours respecfuly

T. H. Jones

And send me the price of some of your heifers by Astoria and the young bulls by him if any

Astoria 5 – $150
Homer 250
Birmingham 250
Eureka — 350
Friday — 300
Duke Colo 6 mo – 150 9 mo 200 –

Chicago Ill June 28 '60

Ezra Cornell Esq

Dr Sir:

Your generous letter of inst bringing with it your draft of $100. donated for the benefit of the sufferers of the terrible tornado of 3d Inst. I ordered it over to Wm N Brown Treas of that relief Soc'y.

Wm N Brown Made free use of your name as the giver & published in the Press & Tribune of our City your liberality I mailed to you this morning one of the papers—see first page.

Enclosed Chickering & Sons acct paid by your draft of 325 & receipted it is here enclosed, & all correct I think.

My 7 Shares of Western Union Tel Co Stock is now in the hands of Simon Draper Esq 36 Pine St N. Y. for Sale.

Mr L R Elwood has sent to me a blank proxy to fill his name in as my Att'y. I do not know as I have any objection perhaps I will after a week or so. authorize him to vote for me at next Meeting at Rochester. Very truly yours

Sam'l Stone

Burlington June 29. 1860

Dr Sir

I have before me your favor of March 20th in which you say that if I would call your attention to the subject of my acct & your early in July you may be able to close it. It would be very acceptable at this time.

Rest yours
Leverett. B. Eaglesby

E. Cornell Esq
Ithaca

Newyork
May 1. /60

E Cornell Esq.

Dear Sir - The Bulls
arrived at Portland
on ~~Wednesday~~ last - going
down from Boston to Portland
while I was coming up -
so I have not seen them -
The Steam declined to take
them on their arrival
on account of the new
Cattle Law of Massachu-
setts - so they were detained
one in B from ~~Friday~~
~~Saturday~~ until Wed-
nesday - & I had the R.
Road take them - The
Sow arrived in due season
& good condition, having

the midpit dispensation without a pass — & she was in good condition. The Bulls I have not seen —

The Berkshire Boar has produced some beautiful pigs out of two English sows — of nearly pure Suffolk breed — but they won't grow large with all the feed I can give them — The Boar is very handsome & smart — I hope to get some good ones out of the Berkshire sow — I lost one of my Suffolk breeders at her recent letter — she got hurt, I dont know how — for on opening her we found three pigs in her — one evidently dead some time before she littered —

The cattle disease is yet a provoke to avert or cure — In a human system purging, vomiting & sweating are almost certain remedies if promptly taken — It is like the croup, only more diffused over all the membranes of the lungs — An ox, however, cannot be sweated externally like a horse — I think the most bearable course of purging, & vomiting, if possible, resorted to in the early stage of the disease, if it could be early known, would prove effective — But it is

F. A. J. Smith
July 1, 1896

a national calamity in its spread — tho' I hope it may be limited — The cause is what seems not to have been seriously inquired into — any where — I mean, what induces it in the system, or predisposes the system to it? Randies are best understood by a pre-knowledge of the exciting causes of disease —

When will you be here? I wish we could fix a convenient time for both, to close up our litigated matters — It would be unfortunate for you to die, dependant upon Christus integrity to protect your interests in this, or any other matter — & I want to get rid of all I have to do with him, in my life time — I will attend almost any time you will name — Yours truly F. A. J. Smith

P.S. I return to Pattend on Thursday next —

Illinois and Mississippi Telegraph Company.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Ottawa, Ill. July 2 1860

E. Cornell Esq
Ithaca N.Y.

Dear Sir

I enclose you the last statement showing the state of Treasury June 1st 1860 — Nothing has been yet done about the balance you speak of but in Conversation with Judge Hutton & the rest It is considered best that the amount the old Stock should bear of the recent Purchases of the claims held by Smith Kendall & others. A strict account however has been kept of every thing, ready at any time for an equitable adjustment when the Board meet next —

Yours Respectfully
H. Bassett
Sec'y

Mount Fordham
July 2d 1860

E Connell Esq.
Dr Sir,

I am as yet without a Bull. What is your condition and engagements at this time as to Duke of Oxford?

If there is any chance for me to use him for ten cows this month and the next let me know, or would you sell him now & at what price? How is the town? A reply at an early period will oblige

Yours Respectfully
L. G. Morris

How far from your Farm is the R R Depot?

59/1800 (30.50
177
300
295
To

Belvidere July 3rd 1860

Dear Brother

There is a farm of 59 acres of land for sale in the town of Flora in this Co which is offered for $1800, all prairie land well fenced and watered with a living stream. The owner will sell it for $500, down & the ballance in yearly payments of $200, — I have concluded to go to farming and wrote to you to help me to the money to make the first payment and wait on me for the same until I have paid him the ballance. I am situated now so that I can procure team and seed for next year and have about $400 worth of property left which I think I can

Turn into money in two or three years — I do not intend to abandon my trade but do what I can at it in winter and other times when I can be spared from the farm. Joiner work is dull here at best and I can as well devote a part of my time to farming as not. — I see no reason why it would not be a safe investment for you and a profitable one for me If you cannot help me to purchase it I shall rent it and try it for two or three years, & longer if I succeed. — the prospect is far better now for an abundant harvest than it has been any year since I have been here some say better than has been known for ten years. Rye will be ripe for the reaper in five or six days. wheat & oats ten or twelve days

I am offered 1.75 or two bushels of wheat pr day in harvest. I am now building a balloon frame barn 42×60 ft 18 ft post have it nearly done wages 1.50 + board. pr day. family all well. am now living in Belvidere and at work six miles South of it, wheat is worth 80 a 90c in Belvidere corn 45 a 50, oats 26 potatoes 50c butter 10c honey 18c &c &c

I do not hear from any of you very often D. H. & E B. not at all, where are they & what are they doing

Please answer soon

Affectionately

D. B. Cornell

E Cornell
Ithaca N. Y.

Burlington Vt July 6 1860

Dear Sir

Yours of the 3d inst is before me. As my accounts stand, there is a balance due me of $189.67. Your Father has had a statement of the acct two or three times

Bill Young
Leverett. B. Eyglesby

A. B. Cornell Esq
Ithaca

Copy

Ithaca July 5. 18[illegible]

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 2nd inst has been received. My Father is now in Ohio, but I think will be at home by the latter part of next week,

We have yet nearly a dozen cows to breed, some of which have not yet calved, but I think if you desire to buy the Duke he would sell him at a fair price and supply his place from Mr Thornes or Elsewhere, as we have several heifers of Dukes get now old enough to breed and have nothing fit to serve them,

We have used him exclusively for nearly two years and he has got us a very superior lot of calves,

The wen is a little larger than a mans fist, is not attached to the jaw. It does not appear to cause him any inconvenience

I cannot of course say what he would take for the Bull, but I should think $800. and perhaps less. He has never been offered for sale and the above is only my views of the matter, You had better write him your views about purchasing for his consideration upon his return, next week. Very Resp.y

Col. Morris

A B C

Ithaca July 5. 1860

Dear Sir,

Your favor was duly recd. If you have not yet sold Belmont, I will give you for him "Man Friday" and a red. bull calf, dropped in Feby last got by Duke of Oxford out of Pet 3d by Impd Lord Vane Tempest (10469) see my catalogue.

He is a fine calf good size, nearly red, a few white spots.

Please give me your decission as early as convenient

Yours Very Respy
E. Cornell
Per ABC

Amos F. Wood Esq

What is your price for Belmont

Mr Cornell

Sir

I received your letter yesterday enclosed five dollars it appears that you got the impression from my letter that the 20 of June was the time for cutting Alabama Wheat I said my Wheat would do to cut at that time but my Wheat was sown late & with it is a very late harvest Wheat is generally cut by the first of July but at the present time there is a great quantity of Wheat not cut July 5 so you can calculate that Friend Klippart was right me have had a very town for several days very hot & fears all entertained that our wheat will spoil in the field

I will send your wheat as soon as I can get it threshed I send you an average sample of the heads this year although last year ~~last year~~ their was any quantity with five grains in a block

your in hast

A.W. Livingston

Reynoldsburg July 5 /60

to E. Cornell

A.W. Livingston
July 5. 1860

Kyle July 8. 1861

E Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

Yours of the 10th June came duly to hand, and should have been answered sooner but from press of business and absence from home was forgotten

I have got a first class Hereford yearling bull, and one or two this spring calves, any of which I can sell at $200 each and have about all I can do to supply the demand

I have just unfortunately this spring lost the use of my old bull Crookhill — The best one ever in this country, bred by Lord Berwick and a beauty

The above mentioned are all his calves and if you are in want now is your time for this are the last of his stock

If you want, run down here for a day or two I shall be glad to see you — Write a day or two a head so that I may be at home

If you come, come soon as I shall be obliged to be from home in the course of two or three weeks

Stop at Fort Plain on Central R. R. between Utica & Albany

Any body will direct you from there

Yours &c

G S Clark

Geo. Clark
Spring 1860

The Meadows. July 9th/60.

Mr A. B. Cornell.
Ithica N.Y.
Dr Sir.

I have to acknowledge the rec't of y'r favr of 5th inst covering draft on New York for heifer bought by y's father, at my sale; for which please accept my thanks. You will find pedigree rec'd in full within.

Respectfully y'rs
H. Wainwright

Pedigree of North Devon heifer sold Mr E. Cornell, June 13th 1860.-

"Helena 16th"; calved, April 20th 1859; bred at The Meadows.

Sire, imported Omer Pasha, 473.- (573):
dam, Helena 3d, (776,) by imported Mayboy, (71);
grandam, Brenda, (547,) by imported Megunticook, (237);
gr. g. dam, imported Helena, (774).

C. S. Wainwright.

The Meadows, July 9th 1860. Received from Mr E. Cornell, ~~three~~ One hundred & thirty five dollars, in full for heifer Helena 16th.

$135.00

C. S. Wainwright.

Ithaca July 13. 1860.

Dear Sir.

Yours favor June 29th calling my attention to the bal. your a/c coms in my absence from home, My son also handed me your note to him July 6. instant, in which you remark that the balance due you is $189.67. In stating the balance thus you have evidently fallen into an error somewhere, and I will therefore state the a/c fully and enclose you the bal.

The a/c as rendered by you in detail after the close of the suit showed a balance due you Feb 13'57. $125,50

| | |
|---|---|
| Add. Interest to Apl 13.58 | 10.25 |
| | 135,80 |
| Apl 13'58 I paid you | 25 |
| | 110,80 |
| add Interest to Mch 26.'59 | 7.36 |
| | 118,16 |
| Mch 26.'59 I paid you | 25, |
| | 93.16 |
| Interest to July 16.'60 | 8.52 |
| Balance | $101,68 |

Enclosed I send you a draft on N.Y. for the above balance and am much obliged for the indulgence you have extended,

Yours Respectfully
E Cornell

L B Eagles Esq
Burlington Vt.

Alma July 16th 1860

Dear Brother I recived your letter of June 8th two weeks since a few days after your second one of June 27th in company with secretary Tel & notice that he had forwarded to St Jons office $50, dollors to be left till called for by me ~~I in company with~~ Diogeline took the oxteam and went to St Jons to gett some provisions we got there the 11th and found that the Express agents clerk had sent the money to forest hill P.O. by Mr Meed the Mail carrier and Meed gave gave it to one C.R. Cheasman to go to Forrest Hill P.O. on my return I recived a letter

by going to said office
I. R. Chasman that there
was a package of money for me at his house
have just returned from his house
and after paying one dollar got
the money which I find all right
so you see by the fault of meddleing partyes I had
a journey to St Johns through the mud
and back on tom foots accound which
cost me ten dollars more than it would
have don if I had found the money
there. Our crops are coming
in fine all well here.

Yours Respectfully E. S. Cornell

E. Cornell

This letter enclosed a note for $50.
dated June 30. 1860 One year after date
EC

Burlington July 17. 1860

Dr Sir

Yours with draft $101.68 enclosed is recd and the accounts balanced. It came acceptably for which I am obliged

Truly yours
Leverett. B. Eighely

E. Cornell Esq

Office of Chesters & Kennaday,
Attorneys & Counsellors at Law,
TRINITY BUILDING, 111 BROADWAY,

E. W. CHESTER,
GEO. F. CHESTER,
JOHN R. KENNADAY.

New-York, 19th July 1860

E Cornell Esq
Dear Sir

Yrs enclosing dft for $13849 to meet dft drawn on us, was duly recd - I have spoken to stockholders here with refrce to your proposition to lease the Works - They don't feel confident that farm products would amt to $1200 - with an outlay of only $160 - And think that the wear & tear of the works alone would amt to the $300 per year - The conclusion was that they ~~should be~~ ought each to be at liberty according to their interest of taking the position of lessor

or lessee on these terms. This is just how
the matter stands at present -
I may be able to enlighten
them further -

Respy Yrs
Geo D Chester

ta'ion. The [illegible] fir, and yellow birch are the most prevalent. The fir at the mountain base, a tall, straight, well developed tree, frequently two to two and a-half feet in diameter at the stump, towering to an elevation of one hundred or more feet, to meet the first rays of the morning sun, dwindles in altitude as you ascend the mountain, gradually, but perceptibly, till its character as a tree has been dwarfed to a shrub, and still it has not reached the lowest depth of its humiliation. You find its evergreen branches still higher towards the summit, peeping from crag and crevice, baerly above the surface of the weather-beaten rocks of the mountains. The tall, erect trunks of the lower forest, have assumed the character of some creeping vine, interlacing the interstices of the rough, craggy rocks; and these disappear nearly a thousand feet below the summit.

The highest point at which we noticed matured cones upon the fir, I judged to be not more than 4000 feet above the level of the ocean, and a thousand feet below where its evergreen foliage wholly disappears.

Alpine vegetation is found quite luxuriant far above where the fir and the birch disappear. We found a coarse mountain grass, a foot long with well developed seed

Dear Cornell. S. I. July 20th 1860

It is some comfort to a mind habitually accustomed to experiencing, in the ups & downs of life, rather an undue share of the latter, to feel that there's one being to whom he may look for such a degree of sympathy as to enlist his feelings in his behalf, sufficient to gain his good & wise counsel & encouragement. Advice devoid of a heartfelt interest is not worth the time spent in listening to it - I am ashamed out & out to be in the condition I am at this age - & I swear to you, were I untrammeld, old as I am, I would not long be this way. I can very easily account for it - & its my unfortunate childhood, youth & early manhood training - I was kept within a bandbox & taught to keep aloof from every body - & almost everything, as I approached manhood, if I could only have found such a friend as yourself. I tried hard everywhere - but no use - Everybody I sought, either had enough of his own affairs or was too indolent to give himself the trouble of looking to any body else interest. I cannot account for my attachment to you, upon other grounds, than the fact in very many respects we are constitutionally alike & have gone through much the same feeling, & poverty experience & perhaps also that you were a little better acquainted with me, especially during

my downfall. You have reaped some fruit from your labor & privations. I suppose because you were sharper & had had more experience & took advantage of circumstances I am happy that one has received his merits. This very Circumstance, no doubt, emboldens me to impudence almost, in exacting attention &c from one, whose improved condition better affords him time to read, think, reflect & impart, & now arises the thought. what do we live for. Even if selfishness is at the bottom - we find a real & greater pleasure & satisfaction in Contributing to the welfare & happiness of our fellow beings. Each makes the other happier & better, by intercourse and mutual aid, & yet I have never before found one that I had full confidence in. I have often wished to get in with some honest & business Educated man. who had some opposite qualities to mine, for I know some of my weaknesses & I am afraid if I have to learn all by Experience, my life will be spent in gaining Knowledge. If I had none but myself, it were but little consequence, but if I were thus, I suppose I should be foolish enough to get right into some other similar predicament. All life seems but an Experiment. My latter day life Experience has been a pretty severe School to me. If my feelings had not become so imbittered & my whole Character changed, there would be some little hope, that I might live to enjoy a portion of it yet. I have been

trying to keep my thoughts up & away from soul-
harrowing reflections, or some imaginary bright spot
a little in the future, as much as its possible. but when
one is in the rack of torture its pretty hard to keep from
feeling the pain - I am so heart sick of the dark side of
life - of everything that makes man miserable, & yet I know
it must always be, more or less, unless we learn the great
& essential lesson, to find enjoyment & comfort in every
condition & amidst heart rending distress & misery -
Alone in the world, many a poor devil, but noble minded
God like soul, exists a little while & returns again to
dust, without the world's knowing him, or being much
better for his having been in it. all for the want of some
guiding hand on the start - which if he could have had
would not only have made him one ornament to society, but a
bright & shining star in the temple of fame who is
full of genuine usefulness. As I said once before I think
I know my ability as well as any weakness - & think
I discover one of the great secrets of my failure. I am to that
I have depended always on friends to advise me what
to do - never having practiced thinking & acting for myself
& you know very well, not one in 10000 will look to your
interest as his own - Another thing I have found to my
advantage, I am to, to place myself in a position, where

I could not
hesitate & indulge my doubts – but must act – and
I have generally found success to attend such exertions
I think I was conceived & born under some very unfavorable
Circumstances, indeed I know it – & ever since I knew it I
have been trying to counteract the natural influence & feel
confident in saying I succeed very well – at times they
will act upon me – but I mean they shall never get
the upperhand of me – My Mother was a scrupulously good
& pious Woman, rather superstitiously so – & I attribute
my ability to bear my misfortunes as well as I do, to
her disposition instilled into me – at & after Conception
she had everything possible to bear – & lived & died an
Extraordinary good woman – Conscious to myself
with all the knowledge of my faults, Circumstanced as
I am – I do not feel at liberty to experiment on uncertainties
besides I am not free to act independent & as my judgment
dictates Husband & wife have each their rights & I suppose
& I suppose acts – & where Each sees with altogether different
Eyes – where what is one's merit is the others poison –
the difficulties of the Principal or husband, (who is not
always admitted to be Principal) are greatly enhanced
were I by myself – I would find a way to live very
cheaply – & take hold of something that would scour
poor me from my degradation – I have however
new resolves – & on putting them into Execution I
no longer consult my mornings notions, nor my wife
quite so much – but do what my hands find to
do – I yield to my wife in a degree because she too is doing now

2d something more worthy of her. She is coming ~~now~~ which with a reasonable probability of its being a permanent thing, at least until my circumstances warrant a change $475,00. teaching & singing, so I feel as if I ought to indulge her in her notions. I never dictate to her in the smallest thing merely express my opinion & advise, that is usually the End of it — Desperation driving me to seek employment & to get it to, & that at once — I sallied forth & soon found new & what seemed valuable acquaintances for a long time in the Hall & early winter Scott of the American Exp. Co. kept me in suspense & in waiting, saying they would soon have some line building for me South perhaps East. Then Woodward & Loving been spoken to about me — sent for me & said about the 1st July they would want me to go over & examine a new line they had purchased to Phila & said they would at taking possession, want me & would give me a good position Then the Chesters employed me to attend to their Iron Ball which was wonderfully delayed from one cause & another so that although I was months at it — I only got pay for $90, worth — but that business introduced me some — In the Mean time I went out two weeks for the Ad Co — & I supposed made my mark there & secured me

me a permanent business & even yet. They tell me they will undoubtedly want me. Then came the Manhattan Express to after me to build a city line for them. which I did earned $110.00. & am now engaged trying to get another wire over the buildings for them if there be such a thing they will soon want 20 or 30 miles built. Then another oil man came & told me not to engage for the NYork Co. that another concern would soon want me & would do better by me. I had been getting $1200, with a promise of $1500. Then the Chestens said they did not want me to engage for any body else, that they would soon have a line for me to build in North Carolina & that ~~that~~ in all probability they would get a large contract in St Domingo & would give me a large interest. There Capt James, also an engineer. Son of the Novelist, G. P. R. James of England. Expecting to have the Coast Surveying of N Y Harbour &c engaged me to help him at $150, per month. & expected to commence by or before the Middle of May, Politicians being in this. it has been unaccountably delayed. they had a meeting At Albany 17th & the news from there is favorable. The appointment is expected to be made certainly at this meeting & I daily looks for my appointment with the Corps. Again this spring, while Gamewell & Co. were exhibiting their unprecedentedly & perfectly satisfactory experiments with the Police & Fire alarm Bells &c They had occasion to

employ me one day. Gomewell said I was just the man they had been long looking for. & expressed his regret that he had not found me before sending the one he did to N. Orleans said as soon as he got through there he would be up about the middle of June & would then want me — They were rich, able & willing to pay handsomely. I thought my time had come, & that among all these there must come something — In view of all these prospects, & on account of the impossibility of getting a boarding place sufficiently near for Carries pupils & church to sing in, & in consequence of having been tossed from pillar to post ever since we had been on the Island. & Carries almost maniacal mind on the subject. I undertook a big thing for one in my circumstances & not too by choice nor without many misgivings. for I had learned to distrust everything no matter how fair the prospect — The people we had boarded with from Oct. and who were to board us till May 1. left suddenly 1st April We could get no place. & getting permission. got borrowed a knife &c a pier & cooked over the fire grate, & managed to sleep as best we for a month. in the house — hoping some one would come & take the house & board us. all our things. Piano & all were here — & Carry was teaching her pupils. May 1st brought a number of applicants none of which would board us. my hard luck in getting employment & the prospects that Carrie would lose her pupils & singing made her fairly hysterical & I felt compelled to yield to her Earnest appeal to rent the house ($300,) The excitement she was thus thrown in. made her sick for days after every soon. Two young men. one a partner in business with a

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neighbor, made application for board & wished to make a permanent arrangement with us. They were to pay us $16.00 per week — & furnish their own rooms — This would pay the whole expense of living for the whole of us — such boarders are accustomed to, & must have the best of Everything. We purchased much more & better than we otherwise would — Encouraged by carries relations to do so — The young partner sickened & was advised by his Physician to go to Paris for medical attendance &c so we slipped up on that — Col Speed had also told me that among two things that he had under operation he would find something for me — Most of my prospects turned out as the young boarders, 3 or 4 of the best are still pending, but remain discouragingly long in "Statu quo" August will bring the St Domingo matter's decision I am daily expecting to hear from Carolina also — and the rest you know — In the meantime my debts & obligations are approaching time of payment — I am getting alarmed My rent that has to be paid at the instant Aug 1st $75, & one of our Bills that we were to have 6 months on was presented for payment as soon as we got through trading. by much exertion I got that put off till middle of Sept — & it must be paid at any sacrifice — We had Everything from a cambric needle up to purchase — We hire a few things — Now all things considered was I wild or crazy in the undertaking? I thought there was no great risk to run & being told there was scarcely a doubt but I would get in with the Cost survey corps — You see if I had commenced

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at the time expected Middle may, I would have earned by Middle Dec $1050,00 that would have helped me through handsomely & with Carrie's income we could have paid up all our obligations, with what I have & Carrie's just got in. we could pay the rent, but she has not purchased a thing not even a bonnet yet this season & she must have something to go to Church & appear decent with she thinks. she has gone shopping today. I remain perfectly healthy & do think my prospects are better & good. I shall keep busy if ~~I~~ Can find nothing else can work on the Corporation I shall not be idle as I have been obliged to be so far. in consideration of matters that I have now set aside - To get along. purchase Piano &c. besides what you have helped me - I have loaned & received from friends some $725, This I have all to pay before the 1st of July, besides interest & in one instance about $50, bonus, & my living & rent. besides Included in this is $85, from my niece & nephew who have both been abed sick for weeks, just recovering. but unable to work, their spare funds are exhausted & they need what they loaned me. 25 to W. G. Hunt 5. to Peter Cooper. 5. to A. B. Cornell & my rent. all of which I do so want to pay up

You will say your friendship to me is costing you dear — When I last wrote you my spirits were quite buoyant — but now time of payment so near at hand finds me unprepared & I am alarmed I do want to keep my credit up here in one place — especially not have it injure my prospects Do you suppose it possible to help me through I will want $500, immy & $500, about the middle of Dec — I will do everything in my power to make you safe, just what you wish give you all & everything I have in mortgage & we have pretty good materials as far as we have gone & if no other way can pay you back I will go work anywhere at anything you say or wish me to do — I will sell myself soul & body to you — until you are satisfied It would so relieve me — & give me a little peace again. & Carrie be tolerably well provided for what say you? Can you make my heart leap with joy? & give me mental employment in gratefully beyond measure holding you in mind? If you do nothing for me, it is not going to change my mind of you, nor a particle detract from your goodness & kindness in the least — but only if possible bind me more & more to you — to whom my soul is knit not unlike Davids to Jonathan now — Yrs truly W. P. Rew

W. P. Rew July 20. 1860

Oil work July 20th 1860

Dear Ezra

We have drove on the finishing of the oil as fasst as we could do it well & have 9 casks at Rosco & seven here ready to send off tomorrow. The barrels do trouble us dreadfully. they leak so bad, We have picked them all over & took the best & glewd them twice & painted the heads & still they leak You will have to look after them soon as you learn that they are at Bu. I have made inquiry what price I could get coal carried for & dont get any offers yet at any price. The water has been out of the Canal at Wassaw ever since you left. dont

know the cause.

Hodkinson was here to day & wants to take away the boiler & all the super-heaters & pipes that belong to the steam works He says Stewart gave him orders to take it & put it up for himself. I objected to his taking it till I heard from you. If we go on with the works here we cant do without steam & I think we had better take it and apply on stewarts a/c. He owes us about $130. We have laid out about $26. in getting it to work as it stands, and it will be a loss to us to take it up. What shall I say to Stewart. Will we keep it at what it cost, or let him take it away. We are getting up the patterns to fix the setorts & will get one in operation soon as possible. McConeaugh has started up his works again Have not been over there yet but think I will go & see if he will let us have oil at the current prices 20¢ for 30 & a penny upwards We have had no help since you left. All hand have been haying & harvesting & Orson & Wagner has done all the work since. Tell Arlina I found her jewelry at Tidballs after she left. There is some swearing about money but I talk Peace to them as well as I know how. all Well here

Yours Resp. &c.
M B Wood

P. S. I dont know what the boiler cost & as Stewart is not here I cant learn Please write on return mail & instruct me what to say to them

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Montreal July 2d. 1860

Dear Frank

We arrived here last evening about 6 P.M. and found all well.

The weather has been fine, and the journey a very pleasant one,

We reached Syracuse at 1 P.M. and remained there till 6 P.M, your Mother made a Call at Normans while I read the papers and took a refreshing snooze

At 6 P.M we took seats in train for Oswego where we arrived at 8$^{30}$, got tea and went on board of the Steamer Niagara at 11 P.M and steamed across the Lake for the Entrance to the St Lawrence, We soon retired to excellent berths in a good room secured by the polite attention of Capt Allen an Old Lake Ontario Capt who Major Patrick introduced us too on the Cars between Cayuga & Sy. We rested well, though Mother was disturbed some by the "Casting up" of some sea sick neighbours during the night, but my nerves are adamant against such trifles & my slumbers was therefore undisturbed, we

We reached Kingston in the early dawn

and entered the St Lawrence under the light of a most lovely morning, but we did not shake off the mantle of Morpheus until about 5 A.M, therefore an hour or more of natural beauties of the scenery had sped past us,

The Thousand Islands however were arranging themselves one after another in rapid succession, claiming their tribute of admiration, and we fully enjoyed in the freshness of morning vigor, and paid the willing tribute to their surpassing loveliness,

At 7 we breakfasted, and at 9. landed at Ogdensburgh, and remarked on board the Ottawa for the descent of the more rapid portion of the river, the beauties of which I will not now dwell on as your Uncle O.S.M. is waiting for me to go out with him,

I write particularly this morning, to request you to save a dozen bundles of the best of the Rye & Wheat, also barley, Oats &c to be used in the decoration of our fair buildings this fall, as I forgot to mention before I left,

There is a little Hungarian grass growing

on the west border of your oats that I wish sown for a like purpose

Yours Respectfully

E. Connell

F. C. Connell

Canton, Fulton Co. Ill. July 24 '60

Friend Cornell

Sir,

Noticing your name occasionally I am reminded of your former active efforts in promoting private as well as public enterprises, and that you are well posted in political prospects. — Altho' I have retired from active life I still take a deep interest in all moral and political questions of the day — therefore I feel a deep interest in how will N. York cast her electoral vote — believing and hoping that it will be given for Lincoln & Hamlin, still the Douglass party are loud in their assertions that Douglass will obtain it — notwithstanding all that the public prints say I should like your candid and unbiassed judgment on the subject — our friends all feel sanguine and are active that we shall carry this state for Lincoln — altho' the squatter sovereignty party and the lying democracy are doing every thing to defeat him —

Excuse the liberty I have taken & hope you will in due time answer this hasty epistle — my ~~own opinion~~ first choice was Seward but believe that Lincoln was the best nomination

Respectfully yr friend

Henry Ingersoll

Ezra Cornell Esq. —