

Agri College Ovid Jan 7th 1861

Dear Father

I received your letter a day or two ago and was very glad to get some money because one week ago last night when our debating society met they elected a treasurer and after that some one made a motion that each member of the society pay six cts to the treasurer that ~~he~~^{we} might have some money in the treasury and it was carried I had just seven cts so that I had one ct left.

You wish me to be careful of my money I am sure I have not spent any money except what necessity has required And even if I wanted to there is nothing in this place to spend money for. You may feel assured that I shall not spend any more than is ~~necessary~~^{necessary} necessary. Tell Charles that I will write to him soon

Your Affectionate Son
O. B. P. Cornell

C. H. P. Corville
Jan 19. 61

C. Corville

J. H. H. H.

Agc College Christ Jan 17th / 1861

Dear Mother

I received Fathers letter night before last it is the first letter I have received from home since I was there but I suppose that it is only fault because I have not written before but I have had a pretty good reason for not writing and it is this we have been rushed right along for the last three weeks so that I have had to study every minute I could get in order to get my lessons but I shall have more time after this as I have got through Arithmetic and have dropped it. giving me the time that I had to study that and also the recitation hour for other studies.

I have got the worst cold that I ever had in my life I did not know but I should have the Diphtheria but I guess not it is getting better now. Ben had a very bad cold last week he was so sick he had to have the Doctor he had the quinsy.

The scholars are all having a turn of sickness
a good many of them are homesick though I guess
to be sure I should like very well to be in Ithaca
but then I am far from being homesick.

My head aches so I cannot write any more

My love to the children and yourself

Your affectionate son

O. B. Perry Cornell

Attracta Jan^y 20, 1861

Dear Sir

Yours of 16th enclosing 302⁵⁷ for
bal of Div is at hand.

Mrs. Mary Robertson's div should be sent
to the Albion Mich Office or by express to
care of "H. D. Robertson Albion Mich"

"Mr. Wood send by Express care
"W. D. Wood ~~East~~ Cornelian Oil works
Coshocton Ohio"

The gloom that hangs over our coun-
try affairs, is the vapory mist that inter-
venes between ~~between~~ a night of dark-
ness & storm, and the approaching day of
glorious sunshine =

The great question of the day is,
have we a National Government? I
have always thought we had, I think we
have still. If we have, those who doubt
it must be convinced of the fact and all
will be well, our strength will be increased
at home, our honor abroad,

A compromise now under the circumstan-
ces, would demoralize, and weaken the gov-
ernment, increase the evils that threaten
the union, and renew this dangerous
strife every four years,

The difficulty is already half settled, and I am
for a finish of the job while our hand is
in,

In a business view we have as little
cause of increasing as any body. Our prop-
erty is of a nature, to suffer as little
and stand the shock as well as any other.

Wheat & Corn will grow in the west as
it has done, and New York will be the heart
of the Union, or of half a dozen Republics
(if it should be that) in spite of any power
that ~~that will~~^{can} act upon future events,

Our lines are in the right places
I would not alter them, if I could,

A. Belmont and troubled & aboard from
Sandy Hook to the Rio Grande, will change
~~change~~ the direction of Commerce in the
great Mississippi Valley, and send their
products to Market via Cairo the Lakes

& the Suez Canal. Those who would give
a different direction to trade cannot contrall
it. The future of our Telegraph property
will be prosperous, if wisely managed
beyond the conception of the most vis-
ionary among its owners—

J. R. Woodruff

Yours With faith
E. Cornell

January 21st 1861

Dear Brother,

I think of going to Kalamazoo Medical College tomorrow morning with James Finch of A.D. Johnston to receive holy Orders in medicine, and I want your aid to defray expenses thereof will you see that I have proper aid in financial affairs as I have long since signed of all right and title to my Brother farm which I nominated Pioneer Home North West Quarter Section 29 Town Twelve North of Range 3 West. Pine River Township This must be comprehensive enough for you to know what I wish Yours Respectfully E. S. Corwell
E. Corwell

Corning Jan'y 21st 1861
O. Cornell Esq
Othaca N.Y.

Sir

I have two Shares
No 40, \$50. each in the New York &
Western Union Telegraph Company
issued by you as Secy of the Company
to H. O. Williams &c

Can you give me any information
as to what the officers are now &
to whom will refer for instructions
as the stock was given Sept 14/57
and I have had no dividend of
any has been due

Respectfully Yours
C. H. Devision

Albion Jan 23rd 1861

Dear Brother

Edward arrived here
last Friday with James
Deborah & Anjaline they
hired a Mr Carr to bring
them out James & Deborah
and Carr stayed until
Monday. Prior to my writing
you I telegraphed to
Kalamazoo asking them
if they could receive Edward
and what the requirements
were, I did not get an
answer from them until
after I wrote you in the
answer they informed me
that they could not take
him at present but as
I said before they came

then what to do James Finch
went to Kalamazoo and
made arrangements with
the Superintendent to
take him in he went
yesterday James says that
he ^(Edw.) seemed pleased with
the arrangements there he
is anxious to get help he
is very bad off but not
ugly. The Superintendent
required us to give bonds
for the security of the pay for
his board and attention and
other necessities I informed
you that they charged \$2.25
per week so I was informed
by our Superintendent of
the poor but the superinten-
dant of the asylum say that
is for the paupers but for

but for those that are able
the charges \$3.30 per week in
advance that is Three month^(hs)
pay in advance and if he is
taken away previous to the
expiration of that term
they refund in proportion
James promised them that they
should have the money in
the course of next week
Fathers health is good

I wish you would ask E. B. -
if he wants me to depend
upon him to do my mason
work next summer
I have over 3000 of my
brick home

One evening Edward took
a notion to write some
letters he wrote one for
you which I will enclose
Angelina is at Kalamazoo

astaying at her sisters for
a time They left Stephen
Wood on their place

Why I come to ask you to speak
to E.B. is I wrote to him on
the subject and have recd
no answer

Yours as ever

H. D. Robinson

To E. Cornell

H. D. Robinson
Jan 23 - 1864



State of New York.

Senate Chamber.

Albany 23 Jan'y 1861

My Dear Sir

Monroe

Your favor of the 14th was received here during my absence at Bath. Mr Dwight opposed the election of Mr Speaker Littlejohn - and as I supported with Energy - Mr Robins my election was defeated by the Representatives of Monroe & Erie Counties. I sent him under his instructions to oppose Mr L election -

In aspect of affairs

at the South are more
favorable - the South will
abandon their position I
think

Wm. D.
Rampbell

E. Cornell Esq

New York Jan^y. 25th 1861.

E. Canell Esq

Dear Sir

I am extremely ashamed & mortified at my neglect in failing to answer y^r. 2 last letters of 19th Nov. - I assure you it was far from being intentional.

I decided to answer it immediately so soon as I had read it, but having to take it down to my Lawyers Office with y^r. other letters for this Enlightenment - I forgot it & when I took up the papers again (which was only yesterday) I read y^r. letters last Ev^g. I was conscience smitten - I hope you will excuse me this time & that I may never give future Cause for Complaint - One of y^r. letters asks - after remarking upon y^r. having reduced the amt. of indebtedness by pay^t. of Dividend -

I upon S. Chasman's holding \$3000
Stock Erie & Michⁿ - in if this secu-
rity be safe in his hands & if Mr.
Munn's Keys are responsible for
it? I answer they are not, but
the S^r is abundantly responsible
& would not do a dishonest thing
where he fails is - in want of
common sense to transact busi-
ness. - You need not feel at
all alarmed at this security
He is liable as Trustee for me

The other letter asks if I can give
you any information about the
will Blunt held in the Fall
Creek Property? I cannot, but
suppose he still retains it - if
not perhaps Frederic Phillips
his former Endorser on his Bond
has it - I think the New York Life
Ins. & Trust Co. holds the same
mortgage. I did - that is I heard
on

Blunt was trying to get the mo-
ney there to pay me & think he
succeeded. ~~~~~

Now it will not do to de-
pend on this, as it is only Nearsey.

I know after your experience
with S. Chasman's manner of
doing business you will be pre-
pared to hear almost anything
& therefore I inform you that not
one step is yet taken to settle
his Trusteeship! - One meeting was
appointed before the Referee - this
Lawyer having notified us he was
ready to settle up - & when we
met, he came in with no books
of account - no accounts or paper
not even an inventory of the secu-
rities the S^r had rec^d. for me!
The Referee told him he could
do nothing so & dismissed the meet-
ing - If ever I was in despair
on

about settling up any thing, it is
these accounts and any informa-
tion you want of me I will take
pains to furnish you if possible
& I do hope you will not con-
sider this letter (late as it is) a
criticism of my punctuality.

Yours truly
Caroline L. Stokes

May Stokes
Jan 25, 61

Piermont Rockland Co N.Y.

Jan 25, 1861

Ezra Cornell Esq
Ithaca.

Dear Sir,

Mr Bradford S Seymour
informs me that he has had some Conversation
with you in regard to the purchase of the
Stock or taking a Lease of the Northern
Rail Road of New Jersey. As I have had
this object in view for some time, it may
be a matter of mutual interest for us
to have a Conference on the subject.

When Can I see you? I think
of making my mother a visit at Ithaca
in the course of a week or two, and
if you are going to be there, please
let me know at what time I would
be likely to meet you, & I will
time my visit accordingly. Your
attention will oblige

Very Respectfully W. H. Whiton

[Jan 25, 1861]

Ithaca Jan^y 25. 61
Dear Brother

Your favor of the
13th came duly to hand
enclosing the letter of Mr
E. H. Anderson of the Asylum.

I regard it as singular
that neither you or I
hear any thing further
from Edward, or Deborah.

I hope it will turn out
when we do hear that
Edward is better -

I have word from Mr. El-
wood that he sent \$50. to
Express office St. Johns for
Jas. Wood to be used for assisting
Edward, as I had directed.

Let me hear if you get any
word. All well
yours in haste
J. H. C. E. Cornell

East Angles Jun 26
1871

E Cornish Egg

Dear Sir

Yours of the 19th
came to hand last night.

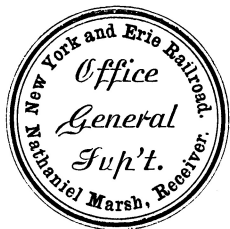
By no means I wish to
to Ball again - I prefer under
the circumstances where her
remain empty

I can not very well remove
her from your yard at this
season but as soon as navigation
opens I will bring her away

Yours &c

E. Clarke

In the meantime please send me your
account &c



New York, 26 Jan'y 1861.

E Cornell Esq
Ithaca N.Y.

Dear Sir:- Your favor of
23^d inst. to Mr. Marsh, was duly
received, and has been handed to me.

We will pay to Mr. Dittus, the
thirty dollars burial expenses of
his Son - this is in addition to
the amount due for services as
rendered, on pay roll.

Respectfully yours

Chas. P. Minot

Genl Sup't

Western Union Telegraph Co.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y. Jan 20 1861

Ernest E.
Linn

agreeably to your request I send you
profits for Dec. I have also added some other state-
ments abstracted from our books. I send these
for your particular use, and on the faith that they
will not be used for public exposure. A couple of
brags who proclaim their enormous gains from one
end of the country to another will do for our company.

I agree with you that the dissolution of the
Union would affect our property less than most others.
Indeed I am not entirely sure but we, at the North,
should be better off, if we were fairly quit of
those who cling to the peculiar institution of the
Summum Bonum. We should then have a
homogeneous people distinguished above all na-
tions of the Earth for energy & Enterprise. We
should not be subject to the constant dic-
tation of those who, wont to rule their slaves,
would always rule us also.

But this is a narrow selfish view of the
subject. For the great cause of Humanity and
of liberty in the world, it is best to preserve
the Union, if it can be done without too great
a sacrifice. But it cannot be done without
concessions. It could not originally have

formed without conception. The two sections
of our country entertain diametrically opposite
opinions upon one subject - not because
the people of one section is wiser or better than the
other. Had you & I been born in S. Carolina, we
should hardly look at Slavery in the light we
do now. A not northern greed already to
plunge into the foreign Slave-trade, the most
horrible feature of this barbarous evil?

If the Union had not been formed
would we have had such unexampled prosperity -
would our Nation occupy the proud position it now
does - or did a few months ago? If the
Union is now preserved by some temporary con-
ceptions, would not the cause of human progress
be promoted? Would not Slave labor steadily &
peacefully recede before the ever increasing tide
of a free & energetic population seeking space
for the development of its activity? - These
are grave questions which should be
calmly, dispassionately and deliberately consid-
ered. But I did not intend to write
a political dissertation.

Respying

J. R. Elwood

J. R. Elwood
26 Jan 26/64

Jan. 28, 1861

Mr Cornell

As Sir in view of the talk that I had with you I will submit a few thoughts to you (as what would be a fair arrangement to enter in to) I will submit a proposition what I would be willing to do

Firstly if you will furnish the means to purchase and pay freight - Delivered at our place 20 thousand Plain Stocks Not one year old (plants or seedlings)

Also 20 thousand Oregon Quince as above

I will furnish ground cultivate and do all the propagating and grow them to a suitable size for planting out or for sale which is usually attained at 2 years growth if well grown suitable for marketing and are sold at whole sale for \$25⁰⁰ for one hundred and give you the one half of such trees at such time at such time as they shall be suitable for taking up or sell them jointly and divide the profits

The cost of the above quantity of trees will be about \$1000 (for thousands) what arrangement we make should be done at once as the season will be so far advanced that we can't procure the trees

as I shall be Engaged Through the Day
 I send this to the office that you may
 have it before you and would like
 to meet you at Schuyler's Store Tomorrow
 Evening (Tuesday Evening)

Yours &c
 Jan 28th 1861

J. C. Cook

10,000 - Per An \$50-
 do - Insurance 48-
 do - Per An 125-
 do - Insurance 60-
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 313-
 Put -

F. A. Magnier & Thibaud
 51. Cedar St N.Y.

✓ 12	✓ 18	✓ 19	✓ 34	✓ 99	✓ 3	✓ 1	✓ 2	✓ 4	✓ 5	✓ 6	✓ 8	✓ 9	✓ 10	✓ 13	✓ 14	✓ 15	✓ 17	✓ 16	✓ 14	✓ 28	✓ 11	✓ 24	✓ 15	✓ 20	✓ 33	✓ 26
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J. C. Cook
 Jan 29. 1861

Lansing 28 Jan /61

E Cornell Esq

Dear sir

In consequence of ill health I have been unable to send you the remaining ~~of~~ statistics of Dist No 12, until the present time, — hope it will be in season,

I would here say, that I find by conversing with farmers that, those who dug their potatoes before the vines died, were but little injured by rot, In my own case I had two pieces of the Clinton variety, one of which I dug as soon as ripe, all are now sound & good, The other was left until the frost killed the vines, some of these show signs of rot tho not bad as other varieties,

Yours Truly — D Crocker

Belvidere Jan 28th '61

Dear Brother

I was to have paid
\$500 down or by middle of this
month, you sent me \$500
and I went \$450 more —
A draft on New York will
command a premium of two
per cent today, may be more
or less tomorrow
weather very cold with deep
snow, roads drifted full
we are in usual health except
colds, and my right foot which
I froze 3 weeks ago since which
it has been quite sore and now
for 5 days I have not bore my
feet upon it — some better
today however

Respectfully

E. Cornell Esq }

L. B. Cornell

Lansingville Jan 29th 1861

Mr E Cornell Sir

After so long a Delay I have
tried to Grant your request in
taking the agricultural statistics
of District No 7 in Lansing
Lansingville). I have also taken
the statistics of District No 22
South of me finding that there
was No blank for that District
or anyone that I could Depend
on to Do it I have also Careful
Distributed the Blanks in my
Possession as you requested me to.
The one for No 4 Mr Samuel
Boyer took and Canvased and
returned to me which I will
forward to you with the one
that I have filled out

the Blanks for No 5 I
left at Mr Lucius Bacons
thous not seeing him with the
request that Bacon should
attend to it immediately or get
some one to that would without
fail Bacons address is at
North Lansing) (No 20
I left with Wm H. Fitch
he promised me that he would
attend to it faithfully and
make Due returns either to
you or to me If you address
Mr Fitch you will address
Wm H. Fitch west
Groton as he is much the
nearest that Post office
the one for No 21 I left
with Mr Israel Jacobs

he also Promised to attend
to it immediately or get some
one that would and make Due
Returns either to you or to me
Mr Israel Jacobs address is
North Lansing
P S

It is with much regret that I
could not have attended to this
Business sooner but an expected
absence from home and the pre-
sents of business after my return
Prevented till this late Date
hoping to Do more Prompt
in the future

yours with Much
Respect
Albert Baker

New York Jan^y 30th 1861

Dear Sir

My friend Mr.
Tilgham informs me
that you can give me any
information in relation
to Church property in your
Town. I was as you will
recollect in Africa many
years since with Mr. Church
looking after his interest
there. I have large
interests

personally in all property
matters of Mrs. Brint,
Estate. Please let
me know as far as
in your power what
is the state of the prop-
erty, to what it is prob-
ably valued & to what
amount mortgaged
& to whom. Please
give this matter your
early attention &
write

To the Union Club
5th Ave. New York
Make for services such
charge as you may
think proper & much
obediently & respectfully
Yours

A. Monroe

E. Cornell Esq
Albany

Lowell Jan 30 1861

Dear Brother

Your favor of the
25th inst just recd.

I have not heard
a word from Deborah
since I wrote her, but
last night I received
a letter from James French
stating that James,
Deborah, Edmund and
Angeline arrived at Albion
on the 19th inst and
after some difficulty
they finally succeeded
in getting Edmund
admitted at the
Asylum for treatment.

James French went to
Kalamazoo with Edward
also a young man who has
a sister living there, and
A. intends to remain
at G. a while, they did
not write any particulars
as to how Edward was.

The people at Allam
run all well except James
who is troubled with Asthma.

Father's health continues
extremely good for him, all
well here. I am just fixing
to take a tour in the
country and train is now
waiting for me. Respects to
all

Yours Respectfully

Edward &
John

J. H. Cornell

Illinois and Mississippi Telegraph Company.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

J. D. CATON, Pres.
THOS. BARNETT, Sec.

Ottawa, Ill.,

Jan 38 - 1861

Charles E. Ray
Dear Sir

Herewith find all
back statements, wishing to bring up
the acct to Jan 1st - I had delays
sending but not forgotten you.
Do you want to sell your stock
or any part of it, if so please
say what you ask.

Yours truly
Thos Barnett
Secy

E Cornell Esq

Dear Sir. I accidentally
learned from Mr Swin that the Agri Repts
were to have been handed in as early as
this day. Finding several here in the
Stone, thought best to forward them to
you. I do not know whether this lot
finishes up our Town or not but they
are all I can find - I have just
returned from New York and now
if I can do you any favor I will
be happy to do so.

Yrs Hart
Thos M. Allen

Office of the New York & Erie Rail Road Co.
New York Jan'y 1861

E Cornell Esq. Ithaca

Dear Sir - The plan of reorganization is in substance this - The Mortgage Debt to remain as it is - the unsecured Bonds to be placed in Preferred Stock - the Common Stockholder to take Common Stock in the new Corporation. The road is to be sold under its Mortgages, and Trustees were appointed under an amicable agreement which has been signed by a large majority of all parties in interest, to protect their rights and carry out the plan of reorganization. Under this plan the holders of Fourth Mortgage Bonds (due 1880) agree to deposit with said Trustees their coupons past due and to mature up to and including April 1861, they receiving Certificates therefor - said Trustees holding the coupons in trust against the net earnings of the road, until paid in full.

This course, as I have already remarked, has been pursued by a great majority of the holders of this class of Bonds, in which class you are if your Bond is due 1880

Respectfully
Worham N. Otis
Secy



STATE OF NEW-YORK

Canal Commissioners' Office.

Sy. C. July 2^d 1861

Ch. P. Cornues Esq
Dr. Sir

Yrs of 5th ulto
is just recd. It is impossible
for me now to fix a time
when I can be at Ithaca

I am busy, very busy &
do not think I can reach
you during this month -

Wise by to advise you
of my coming in time for
you to reach me

In haste
Thy friend &c

A. J. Brown

Mary E. Rowell
Feb 3, 1861

Hall River, Feb. 3^d 1861.

Dear Cousin Ezra,

I find among my package of unanswered letters one from you received Nov. 7th, which merits a long response. I consider myself incompetent to reply as I would, to some ideas you have advanced, and were I able thus to do, my time at present is too limited, however I shall refer to said letter again, and ~~will~~ now acknowledge the reception of one of your favours consisting of a letter from Cousin Paul Cornell and a copy of your reply. The perusal of both have afforded us pleasure, the former evinces the true loyalty of Paul to what he considers ^{for} his Country and I was about to say his Country's good. I sometimes doubt the sincerity of the Southerner and think he acts from policy, having some selfish motives in view, I believe this to be the case with some politicians, but with Paul I am inclined to think that

he looks "through a glass dimly", and does not see the evils of Slavery, or at least did not when he wrote that letter. He wrote to me sometime since and in speaking of the Political troubles said, "You know our grievances and I will not recount them," I felt that he was mistaken and my first impulse was to plead to him my ignorance with a desire that he should inform me, but on further consideration I concluded not to refer to the political portion of his letter at all, feeling that my argument would avail nothing. I have now learned what their grievances are, simply that the North do not unite with them, in the sentiment that a man has a right to enslave his brother, and that when their brothers and our brothers escape from this servile bondage, we do not consider them as property and help them to reclaim these human beings as such. Your response Cousin, is good, very good and we wish to have it printed for the good of others, we would like to have it published in

one of our Fall River papers, and if you are willing and the Editors will consent we will do so, we have deferred returning the letter longer than we intended from the circumstance of my having been absent from home for nearly a fortnight and Father knew that I would like to see the letter. If you wish it returned immediately and not published here, could you not telegraph to that effect and we would send it at once. If you intend publishing the letter in the Worcester Journal, you would perhaps prefer doing so first. As regards the reopening of the African Slave trade, Paul made the same remark in my letter, that he did not believe that there was a person south of Mason & Dixon's line who desired to ~~re-establish~~ re-establish this traffic, for the increase was now greater than the demand, and they must have more territory to take the surplus to. I agree with you in the conclusion that Paul is ignorant on this point. Do you expect him to refer to the subject again? I think he will be

as they consider it escapes to our "home of the free" let us receive it as from and
women and dress them as such. I know you are not agree with me but never mind
it as much from your own feelings and inclinations. I am
close correspondence with his
stronger Cousin in New York, particularly on
the subject of American Slavery.
We receive the "Ethica Journal" weekly and
return thanks for the kindness, the letter from
Fall River entertained us much, Father re-
ceived a letter from Uncle Elias a few
days since, he was usually well, since writing
the above I have talked more with Father
respecting the publishing of the letter, and
have concluded to retain a copy of yours &
then if you approve, we can have it published
at any time. I find that my strength is
yet insufficient for me to do all the writ-
ting I would like to or I should have taken
a copy of your letter long ere this. I conclude
that you have no objections. As regards the
letter received Nov. 7th, I must defer my
response to another time, It may be that
you have forgotten what you wrote, your ar-
gument there proves you to be a good Repub-
lican but not a good Anti Slavery man.
Our family is at present usually well. Sister
Sarah's little ones have of late been sick but
are better. Will you join Herbert and go to Wash-
ington to help Lincoln take his seat? Why
do you want to cover the seceding states, let
them withdraw, and let us be a free country
worthy of such a name, then when their property

1
Coshocton Feb 4th 1861

Dear Ezra

Your favor of 25th ult. is at hand and the figures you make on the oil seems to be correct. which gives us too small a margin to warrant us going on with the business. We don't seem to get any better results than we did ~~with~~ with the first alteration. Wagner finished up 3 charges & got 70 gal. burning oil. We finished 9 charges & got 217 gal. worth the same as he made gal. for gal. The great loss is in the first distillation of the heavy oil. We put in 500 gal. from the tank at South end of retorts and all the oil we can get out is 5 casks or 200 gal. The rest is thick black paraffine & pitch & asphaltum & is a total loss. We draw it out of the way

& burn it up. After this we
 take the oil up to the tanks
 above crude oil still & mix it
 with oil from worm equal parts
 & treat with 2 per cent of acid & lye
 & the paraffine coming from this
 distillation we save & shall press
 out, & put in store. But I have
 become satisfied that we cant
 make any thing for the Co. with
 our present works. It takes too
 much hard hand labor. There is
 another bad drawback in loss
 of time. There is something giving
 way almost every day. The Boiler
 or the pipes or the pump or the
 condense pipes or tanks is out
 of kilt & wants fixing and
 no machine shop near to get
 the work done & no tools here
 to fix them thorough. I and
 the boys have worked hard

the last month to see if we
 could not make some headway
 but it is no go. We cant sell
 the oil for but little more than
 to cover all expenses. The oil
 we make is nice & we have rooted
 out the Carbon oil from five
 retail establishments in Coshocton
 & Rasco. Hinebaugh & Co agree to take
 all they can dispose of at 65¢ the
 price of Carbon in Pittsburgh
 I have hauled in 45 logs to the
 mill & have the lumber all here
 at the house & shall turn in the
 apr of John M. Sab for sawing which
 they agree to take. I have also got
 2000 rails split & nice stacked
 up to season & paid for. All the
 trees I have cut were dead on
 tops dead & would soon reach
 the body. I have not suffered any
 great trees to be cut. I have

also about 6000 shingles made by Kaymor which will overgo his ~~cost~~ considerable. I have tried to get a settlement with McConaughy & some pay. but he hangs off badly. I have not got hold of the Capt yet for a settlement of a/c yet but will try to get at him soon. I dont think he can owe us much. And now what can be done. I have worked as hard as I was able and have managed as well as I knew how and have cut down my own wages as low as I can live & keep even with expences and yet the debts of the Co. keep gaining on me. I have used all the products of the farm to pay back debts & have managed to not make any more here. We still owe Wagner \$117. which he is

dunning up for pretty sharp. ^{2/4/86} 5
We also owe R & H Hay \$121. and
Harbaugh \$51. and J Thompson
\$76. This is all the debts that
are crowding for money and
I was calculating on a dividend
from Rochester to pay them.

What do you hear of the prospect
of a dividend in Jan. Shall we
get any. If I could get the same
I did last June I could pay this
\$365. with what I could collect
from oil sales & a few items
of farm ap yet back.

Our best straight entry to
the first room in the north
bank has slipped in & filled up
solid. It was far enough from
the turn table to not disturb
it & the passage to the other rooms
I think some disposition of the
work by lease or otherwise will
have to be made to some one

who understands the business
& will invest something to secure
the good condition of the property
& relieve me from so much care
and perplexity as I have now.
The fact is I don't know how
to shun hard work & make any
headway and therefore am not
competant to go on with the
business, for my body is about
used up, and I would rather
give place to some one that
could do better for the Co.
The family are not suited with
the Business & think they can
do just as well any where else
as here & a break up in the
spring will probably take
place. I am anxious to pay
you what is due on a/c but
have not the means at hand
unless a turn of the a/c against

the Co will meet it. which
would be the easiest way for
me to close it up.

I wrote to Osborn in Nov. that
I would pay the amount of stock
due him & Wilcox if he would
direct me how to do it but
he never answered my letter &
I infer that he rather have
the interest than the money
or the stock returned.

We rec^d a box of lamp chimneys
by express but no hydrometers
or any other glass ware for
the refinery.

As to politicks I do not feel in
a mood for discussion. Affairs
are bad enough in all conscience.
Ever since ex govermor Banks
originated the idea of Letting
the Union Slide. and being
backed in it by Garrison.

Parker, Philips, Beacher,
 Greeley, the Tribune & others
 The idea has been seized upon
 by our Southern neighbors that
 it prevailed largely in the north
 & east and has stimulated some
 fine actors to put the idea
 into practical operation and
 have committed acts of treason
 for which they will surely
 be punished. The gallows may
 on which they hang be consec-
 -ated to Freedom as in the case
 of the Tribune with the gallows
 of John Brown. but it will
 not avail. There is virtue
 enough in the people to stre-
 -ngthen the hands of Presidents
 Buchanan & Lincoln to take
 a course to enable those
 states & the people thereof to
 conquer & bring those Rebels
 to Condign punishment

2/4/1861

No dissolution of the union will take place. neither can it Slide far from a direct course to wellth and greatness. It was not formed to be rent assunder by any fanaticks north or south.

Yancy may boast, bragg & swagger & threaten and Abby Kelly may rant, stomp and bellow. but The people will only smile at their impotence & weakness.

There is no state in this union that can afford to go out if they could. and none could go out if they would. But I did not intend to say half as much on this topic so I will stop

We hear bad news from Mich. The insanity of our

10 M.B. Wood

Feb 4, 61

brother Edward is a serious
calamity & calls for our
sympathy and encouragement
to our friends to bear this
affliction and we must do
what we can to alleviate
the distress which this case
produces. Sister Deborah
writes rather a doleful
letter. The weather here
is bad enough. First bare
ground, then sleet & ice, then
rain & mud, then freeze hard
& slippery. Sunshine a day or
two then cloudy & rain and
so it goes the rounds. We
get no snow to cover the
ground. We shall finish
up 8 or 9 barrels of oil now
& if you think best I will send
you one to Ithaca. Please write
soon as convenient.
Yours truly
M.B. Wood

New York 4th February 1861

Mr. E. Cornell
Albany
N.Y.

Dear Sir

In reply to your favor of 30th button.
we beg to say that if you forward your order
at once, it will be shipped in time to arrive
here about the first of April

The expenses on 10th Peab, 10th Quine
would be about 50%. if the freight on steamer is
low. Hoping to hear from you soon;

Very Respectfully Yours

Benjamin & Hubbard

Brooklyn

Agr College Ohio Feb 6th 1861

Dear Father

Sunday I was taken sick with Erysipelas. In the morning when I got up and was washing I noticed that my arm was covered with red blotches something like a mosquito bite I thought nothing about it then but ~~did~~ got ready and went to church when I came back I ~~had~~ a very bad head ache and Monday morning when I got up my arms and legs were all covered with one continuous block and as red as a coal of fire, they pained me so I could not stand it. I sent for Dr Stuart he came and said it was the Erysipelas and left me some medicin and came down again Tuesday. I think I shall get along without him now yesterday my face was all covered with it so that a person that had not seen me in some time would

not have known me my cheeks
were blue and my face swollen
considerable. It has left me pretty much
now there is a little of it left yet
on my arms and back and my head
aches a little but I shall be all right
again in a day or two.

I wish you would send me
a little money my Dr bill will be
about 5 dollars and I have got only
\$1.50 left out of what you sent me
Give my love to all the folks.

Your affectionate son
O. B. Perry Bowdler

Henry, Feb. 6. 61

Kalamazoo Dec 6th 1861

Dear Brother

I sopsse you know of my whereabouts as Marya some of our albion friends have written you still I feel as tho. I ought to write myself.

We left home the 15th january in company with James and Deborah. for albion we came by way of St Johns where James got the money you sent us for travelling expenses. I was obliged to get Edward an over coat shoes and other things to the amount of \$12.16 and four for myself. we hired a man to bring us down for one dollar fifty per day and found him, it took five days. that with our expenses including James and Deborahs back amounts to \$26.66 then our fair from albion to Kalamazoo was two dollars and sixty cents the whole amounts to \$45.42 then I had

five dollars of my own which enabled me
to pay ten dollars of the required sum to
the Asylum which I did tho it leaves
me without a cent - to get home with
their terms are three dollars and a half per
week quarterly in advance. Edward has been
there just two weeks. I have called twice
to see how he gets a long. the doctor says
he thinks his symptoms favorable the
difficulty is principally physical. when his
system is regulated and health restored
his mind will be right. tho it will require
some time and he can tell nothing definite
or certain short of ten or twelve weeks
he is gaining strength and does not look
as sick as he did when he went there
I do not think Edward will be able to manage
the farm in the spring. now I will tell
you what I think of doing and would like
your advice in regard to it. That is for
me to go back and take care of the cattle
milk the cows and make the butter and cheese
and let out what land there is to put in
to spring crops if I can. we shall want all
they hay that will grow on the place to

keep our stock through an other winter
there is nearly 1st acres of wheat on the
ground. I think Edward will be well in
time to attend to his haying and harvest-
ing if he should not I could get someone to
do it. I know it will be very lonesome for
me to go there with out E. yet I am will-
ing to do what is for the best.

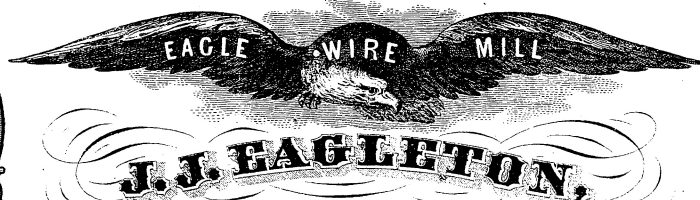
I can not enjoy myself any where he is const-
antly in my mind. Oh it is so dreadful to
have so dear a friend deprived of their reason
it constitutes my sleeping and waking
thoughts its the last at night and first
in the morning. Edwards attendant says
he is very anxious to go to Mr. Ensigns he
knows that I am staying there which
makes him more anxious about it. They
allow those that are able and wish to walk
out all over town, some of them go to church
but they endeavor to have them forget as far
as possible all their friends business and
every thing that occupied their minds
previous to their derangement. As the
doctor expressed it - to let the sick mind
rest. Doctor Bandagen is superintendent

of the Asylum. he is a very fine man
every thing is just as pleasant and
agreeable as it can be there is no show of
restraint - yet every thing is secure they have
every thing they ask for as its reasonable.
if any wants to ride they take them out
if they wish to walk they go with attendants
and those who want work have it.

I did not know how such institutions were
managed and could not feel reconciled
to Es going there until I see how nicely
every thing is arranged and how well they are
used then I see at once it is the best thing
that could be done. I shall always be grateful
for your assistance which enables him to have
the benefit of such treatment - which will
be the means of restoring him to health
and friends, we trust. Please direct your
letters to Kalmeyer in care of B. C. Ensign
give my best wishes to Mary Ann yours
affectionately

A. M. Cornell

To E. Cornell



Eagle Wire Mill, New York City.
Annsville Wire Mill, Pechskill, N.Y.

Warehouse, 84 John Street,

New York July 7th 1864

E. Cornell Esq.

Telegraph Contractor.

Albion N.Y.

Dear Sir

It is now nearly 7 years
since we sent the lot of Telegraph Wire to Indian
apolis a portion of which remains there still, but
we have been notified by the Express Company
that it is in such bad condition that it will not
fetch 2 1/2 cents per lb. We have made up the
account with interest as per statement enclosed
I shall be glad to know per return mail what you
intend to do about it. You are unless we are
informed abundantly able to pay unless
we hear from you by return mail we shall place
the matter in the hands of our lawyer for collection.

Waiting your reply

We are respectfully

J. J. Hagleton & Co.
with qualification

P.S. The American Express Company of
Indianapolis state the wine is so damaged
that it ought to be sold now - Had best
better advise them to sell it for the price
they quote 2 1/2 cents per lb. The firm
of Jannet & Co. were dissolved some time
ago & I took to the business

J. H. Hagleton