

Albany 6th March 63
Dear Alonzo

Some body who can understand fully the Advantages of Great, Sodus Bay and Cayuga Lake Connected Together by the or a ship Canal as a naval Depot, and lay them before Congress and the War department or Navy department

should be sent at once to Washington to look after the Interests of Ithaca in that Connection.

Talk the matter up with our people, and raise a subscription to pay expenses subscribe \$10. in my name and send the delegation this way. I have rec^d your letter but not time to answer

A.B.C.

Yours
E. Cornell

Office of Chesters & Kennaday,

ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW,

TRINITY BUILDING, 111 Broadway,

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

New York, March 6. 1862

My Dear Cornell -

I rec'd your two letters
& thank you not only for them but for
your efficient services for George. It
seems that the Gov. gave him the Lt
Colonelcy, on Friday, the very day you
talked with him, as I think the Asst
Guil wrote Mr. Potch (now Col. R.)
the same day informing him of it. The
Guil order was dated Saturday.

Potch says he knows you - probably
has met you at Agricultural fairs.

If I could get Smith to meet me
I think I would come up next week
& finish your examination. And
then it would be a good time to
while the Erie folks are before the Legis-
lature to make them act right.

If well enough I must take up the
papers & examine them as to our
rights to-morrow. I have been at
work all day tho' so much unwell
in the morning that I should not
have come down town if I could
have helped it.

If it is best for me to come to look
after the Erie folks I will come at any
rate - Smith or no Smith.

Yours truly & gratefully
E. W. Chester

E. W. Chester
Mar 6. 1863

Western Union Telegraph Co.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y., March 6 1862

E. Cornell Esq
Sir

You will recollect some time ago, I sent you an affidavit of Mr Van Cleve administrator of A.A. Hunter about 5 shares of E & W. Stock and an assignment to G. W. Balch requesting a certificate to be issued to him. You handed me back the afft which I now have & requested me to write to Mr Wood about it which I did.

In my judgment, the course pursued by Wood is very unjustifiable. Instead of answering my letter, he wrote to Van Cleve to purchase the stock of him, & alleging that the stock had not been fully paid for. When Balch advised me of this fact, I sent Wood a copy of the affidavit & assignment. — In answer he writes me & sends you extract from his letter of all relating to this matter.

After getting this, I advised Balch to find out what he could about the payments for the stock. On inquiring he ascertained there were regular entries of payments in the cash book, — that they were made with the entries, and were in the hand writing of a clerk still living. I then advised him to get the affidavit of the Clerk which he has done. I send you copy of it. He also got Wood's letter to Van Cleve of which I send you a copy.

Though I tried, from the first dividend I paid to E & W stockholders, to find all of them, and though I was told of two cases where the stock was never paid for, this was the first intimation, I ever heard

that Hunter's Stock was not paid for.

It seems to me also Mr Wood magnifies the difficulty of getting a new certificate. It is the first time I ever heard of Mr Howard comparing a lost certificate to a Bank Note—a total loss to the holder, though I know he has signed several issued in place of lost ones. He is too good a lawyer to make such a remark. He knows the Courts would compel a new certificate to be issued on proper terms.

Again Mr Wood does not seem to think an unpaid installment for the stock of much consequence, as the President is interested in one half of the amount due. How is he interested one half?

The affidavit of Mr Lee is quite conclusive as to the payments for the stock. It is ~~perhaps~~ supposed that further evidence on that point can be obtained, but it could hardly be asked. The issue of the original certificate is sufficient of itself.

I cannot think it right for an officer of a company, (who has failed to buy stock at a price less than the purchaser was willing to pay for it) to use his official position to prevent the purchaser getting a certificate therefor. I much mistake your character, if you do not at once use your influence to get this stock issued to Balch without delay, in the same manner it has been issued to others in like cases. Please inform what you recommend & I will inform Balch.

I have not yet rec^d your receipt for
last dividend

Yrs M Edwards

J. R. Elwood
Mar 6. 1862

Delevan House
Albany Mar 7, 1862

Dear Sir

I have just rec^d the
enclosed pap. which you
will please excuse me
for declining to accept as
a "member of the N.Y. Legislature"
I cannot conceive that any
member of the N.Y. Legislature
as such has any claim on
any railroad Co in the state
for such favors -

An account of Air-telegraph
contrats and connections. I shall
be happy to rec^d a pap, as such
a pap I could use, without
feeling less than a man

Yours Respectfully

N. Marsh Esq^r E. Cornell

Copy to J. P. Chase
for Dr. Miller 1847
Albany New York.

Hon J. P. Chase

Dear Sir

The bearer of this Mr. Newell
Pew who went from my place
of residence (Ithaca N.Y.) and
is now residing in the City of
New York, was for many years
connected with the Telegraph
enterprise but his fortunate
than many of us in pecuniary
success. He is now out of em-
ployment and desires an opportu-
nity to make himself useful to
his country. I have known Mr.
Pew for more than thirty years, personally
and regard him as a strictly honest
man, a man of great industry
and economy, a man of good
education, and business qual-
ifications, and great tact in

adapting himself to circumstances,
At Ithaca he was one of our
most successful teachers in
our high school, until he
left there to engage in the
Telegraph business =

If you have any place in
which you could place Mr Prew
I will vouch for your being
pleased with him. =

Or if you could give him
a line that would aid him in
getting a place in the Custom
House in the City of New York
I should not hesitate in becom-
ing responsible for his good
conduct, and faithful performance
of duty. Politically Mr Prew is
and always has been with us, a
Clay Whig, and a Republican -

Any thing you can do for Mr P. I shall
esteem as a personal favor to myself
Yours

Very Respectfully
Gerritt S. Stetson
E. Cornell

Geo Curtis

7 Mar 1862

Utica March 7 1862

Hon. E. Cornell

Dear Sir

I do not know but you will class me as one of your troublesome correspondents. I called at the Telegraph Office yesterday to collect the extra div of which I wrote you & there met Mr Walker, Childs & Chapman and found them discussing the merits of a bill or an amendment that you had given notice you should introduce in regard to the Telegraph Law. They concluded that the intention was to aid Foe Smith to run his new line through the Streets of New York & also as an entering wedge for a Line that you might have in contemplation of building between New York

and Buffalo their ^{Consolidation} was to apply to Sibley of Rochester and have him apply the "Semenon Squeezers" to you & thereby crush the whole matter so look out for the "Squeezers" Walker said He did not want to be known as having any thing to do with it or of having made any move in regard to it He acknowledged that his or the movements of his Co in regard to ~~the~~ your line on the N.Y. & Erie Rail Road had thrown you out of some \$3000 to \$4000 per year and on that account they were looking for you to make some movement in regard to a new line on this route but He thought that your very large interest in the Western Union Line with the application of the "Squeezers" would strangle the thing in its infancy. Set what

I say to you about this be Confidential although they talked of the matter freely before me, I did not express any mind in regard to it I notice that in the Gov. Tax Bill they have put a tax on Coal oil but do not say any thing about the Petroleum oil Now as the Well oil or Petroleum oil is not a product of Coal would not that article escape Taxation under the Bill now before the Congress If I knew the names of the Com, having that matter in charge I would write them I think the names of that Com, should be published as there are many valuable suggestions that would be made if persons knew whom to write Walker wanted to sell me the 100 shares he owns of Ohio, Ind

and I'll tell Stath but being
in ignorance of the situation
of that line & what the Western
Union intend to do about paying
the Lease I do not know what
to offer him I suppose I can
trade some Real estate with
him for it you know the
Lease made it obligatory to
pay a div last May Can you
tell me when the div on the
Lease will be paid

Yours Respectfully
Geo Curtis

State of Michigan }
County of Washtenaw } s.s. Otis H. Lee of Ypsilanti in
said County being duly sworn, on his oath,
deposes and says, that in the year Eighteen
hundred and forty seven he was a resident
of Ypsilanti aforesaid, and was in the
employment of Alfred A. Hunter who was
then doing business in Ypsilanti aforesaid
as a miller; that this deponent was employed
by said Hunter as a clerk, and general bus-
-iness agent; and that as such he was in-
-timately acquainted with the details of said
Hunters business

And Deponent further says that during
the year aforesaid, said Alfred A. Hunter
subscribed for five shares of the capital stock
of the Erie & Michigan Telegraph Company;
which stock was all paid for by the said
Alfred A. Hunter - the payments being
made to an agent of the said Erie & Michigan
Telegraph Company - And Deponent says
that according to his best recollection and
belief the name of such agent was Tillotson

And this Deponent further says that he has
examined an acct book which he knows
to have been used to enter all payments of cash
on account of the said Alfred A. Hunter during
the year Eighteen hundred and forty seven, &
therein finds entries of cash paid for Telegraph
stock corresponding to the following dates
in the aforesaid year, to wit June 15. Twenty
five dollars = July 19. fifty dollars = September
22nd One hundred dollars. and December 7th
seventy five dollars.

And Deponent further says that the said
Entries are in the handwriting of him De-
-ponent; and that Deponent never to his recollec-
-tion made entries in said Cash Book unless
he had paid the money himself or knew of its
being paid; and Deponent says that he verily believes
that he himself paid the amounts aforesaid
on account of the said five shares of said Tel
stock subscribed for by the said Hunter
Subscribed & sworn to this 3rd day of

March 1862 Before me } O. H. Lee
Jas Cook }
(copy) Justice of the Peace

Hunter's Stock
Mar 7, 1862

the Tel Co. - The dealing in stocks of any kind is at all times rather precarious business, and I may lose all my money & labor in this operation but the chances look to me a little more than even to make the face of the old script good to me -

Please answer by return mail, the probability of entertaining the proposition
Yours Respectfully
(signed) M B Wood
Coshocton Ohio

Extract of Letter to J R Elwood
Coshocton Jan 18. 1862

" The stock of Alfred A Hunter has a bit of history which I will give you. Mr Hunter did not pay up for his stock and D. J. Dillotson the collector turned over the account to me to collect & charged me with it and as Mr H was considered good I allowed & paid it Mr H. soon broke up & left me minus the cash.

About 4 Years ago I began to negotiate for the stock with Mr H in California, but before it was completed Mr Chauncy Gaslin got wind of it & stood ready to pounce upon it by attachment for debt - fearing a squabble might ensue it was agreed to let it come into my hands by a third person & I am not without hope that I shall eventually obtain the script - It is not lost or destroyed and a reissue cannot be had under the circumstances to any one. If Mr Balch has paid anything for the stock he had better get his money back if he can and as soon as he can Mr Balch is a much esteemed friend and I would dislike to see him lose anything by not being well posted

There is several shares not yet transferred and I have been following them up for years to find who they belong to. I have partially succeeded

destroys a script, it operates as a bank note, a total loss to the holder, but I am happy to pay the Prest & balance of the board take a different view. The books were delivered to me for safe keeping, one is here, the other, in the safe of the American Express Co at Albion - These will have to accompany the affidavit, first to the Prest and then to the trustees, which is tedious & a little expensive - The affidavit will have to contain a full description of the missing script, the date of its issue, day & month & year, the No it bears on its face, with the number of shares it contains and the amount of each share in round numbers; Also it must contain a Bond of indemnity to the Co against all claims on them by other parties in consequence of the liability of the original script having been sold or assigned to those other innocent parties by the original holder.

Now if this looks like a large undertaking for you, I have a proposition to make in regard to it; and that is to let me have the job & take the risk of getting the reissue & save you all the trouble & expense - I will propose to buy the right, title, & interest of the estate, in and to, the said shares of stock, I will furnish you with the form & body of the affidavit, containing the above specifications and all you will have to do will be to go before a Justice of the Peace and subscribe & make the necessary oath and have it certified to - Then have the assignment & sale upon the back of signed by yourself as an administrator and all others having an interest in the estate that is at hand

For the affidavit & assignment in this form I propose to pay over to the estate two hundred dollars (\$200) -

If you think well of this proposition and are inclined to close in with it I would refer you to my friend Simeon G Rowley of your place to obtain an assurance of my ability & integrity to perform obligations I enter into and also for statements I make to you as he knows somewhat of the doings of

Can they be so?

new authorities have been found in all cases -
this has not been
regimes in all
cases -
this will be a
great help

Coshocton Dec 26. 1861

J. W. Van Cleve Esq
Dear Sir

I am in receipt of a letter from the Pres^t of the E. T. M. Telegraph Co saying that you were appointed an executor of the estate of Alfred A Hunter dec^d and had applied to him for a reissue of 5 shares of stock in said Co alleged to have been lost or destroyed, and asks me whether Mr H. was the holder of stock and what there was about it, and also where the books were, - To save time, I take the liberty of writing you instead of him, as you are more interested than he is in obtaining information on this subject. - The history of the transaction is briefly this; Mr Hunter early in 1847 subscribed for 5 shares of this stock in Ypsilanti, with oral stipulation to pay in five equal instalments when called on by the agent of the Co. - He paid in four of these before the script of stock was issued to him with a promise to pay the balance in a short time - This time was prolonged until his final failure prevented any further proceeding in the way of collection - There were several other cases of the kind along the line and at the full organization of the Co these demands were turned over to me for final adjustment - I could never do anything with them and they remain so at present.

I do not mention this with any intention of preferring this claim against the estate of Mr Hunter, but simply to say it may become an obstacle in the way of a reissue as the Pres^t is personally interested in one half of the amount due - I have had some experience in obtaining reissues of this kind & I know the obstacles in the way are serious indeed.

One of the trustees Mr L Hubble resides in Wisconsin, is a Lawyer & will scan the matter close - Mr J M Howard of Detroit has declared such reissue of doubtful legality and has objected to sign on that account

He takes the ground that whosoever loses or

Owney, Nov 8 / 1862

Wm R. Cornell

de Sir -

I think Mr. Racy will make a tip
of man & you can consult with him
if you wish. Robt Hinck of Nichols
is great on Statistics & might be
of some service. Racy knows him
Hm Louis & Legg of Berkshire will
make another. He & Mr. Hinck are
both farmers - & good men.

If you & Racy like these 3 names
please have them appointed for this
Co. I shall be happy to do
all I can to assist you
with reports to Col B P Johnson
I am yours

Respectfully
T. I. Chafield

Wm H. Murphy
8. Mar 1862

J H Stables.

March 8, '62,

My D. Sir:

I wish

You would do me
the kindness to
reply, without any
further delay, to
the questions I
sent you a short
time since under

subject of my
forthcoming sketch
book.

Truistfully
Wm D. Umbly

Mr. Cornell

I should draw up, &
have the assignment
made over properly.

as we hear,

Yours truly

M. B. Wood

FRANK H. LITTLE, BOOKSELLER AND STATIONER,

No. 82 State Street,

ALBANY, 1st Mar, 1862,

Dear Sir,

Mr. Wm. H. Bryant has
handed me your Draft for
Thirty four Dollars in settlement
of Books furnished him for the
Amos Library. Will you be kind
enough to give it your early
attention, and oblige.

Very truly, Yours &c.
Frank H. Little
Sgt

Hon. O. Cornell

Rumbeek

March 8. 1862

Hon Ezra Cornell

My dear Sir

Accept my thanks
for your letter of yesterday, and for
your exertions in behalf of the Vassar
College Bill. I shall have much
pleasure in telling Mr Vassar and the
other members of our Board of your
prompt and successful efforts.

I hope there may be no unneces-
sary delay in the engrossment and
third reading of the Bill in your
House. I shall write to Mr
Cushman who is a personal friend
and ask him to see that it is
not hindered by any untoward influences.

I have seen some of our
friends in relation to soliciting
somewhat towards travelling expenses
of our friend Col Johnson - but have
not met with much success - In
a few days I will inform you of
all that I have been able to accomplish

A Bill will come to your House
very soon to incorporate the Starr
Institute in the village of Rhinebeck
for which I shall have occasion to
ask your valuable support - It
will not I think be opposed, but it
will require friendly aid to get it
through at the present session -

I will hereafter give you the
particulars of the Bill, and its objects.

Yours most respectfully

Wm Kelly

Trumansburg N.Y.
March 8. 1862

How E. Cornell

Dear Sir

I have taken the liberty of forwarding to you the enclosed remonstrances, and to ask you (if the bill to which they relate has not already passed the house) to present them to be read when the bill comes up in the committee of the whole = We would have no objections to Mr Van Vleet's presenting them if we thought he would play fair with us = but as he has moved in the matter without consulting with any one in town besides Judge Wheeler, we do not think it prudent to trust him He certainly, if he knew the feeling in town would not press the matter Should it have passed the House will you be kind enough to ask Judge Folger how he stands on the question and whether he has

been consulted by Wheeler and if he is committed to him = if not let him have the remonstrances and present them to the Senate when the proper time arrives to do so. Should he be any way embarrassed by pledges or any thing else; ask Senator Truman to present them for us.

If the bill is printed I would like a copy.

We have other petitions ^{in remonstrances} in circulation and shall have no difficulty in getting three fourths of the voters or tax payers in town to sign them if ^{can} they have the opportunity ^{to do so}.

There is not more than four names on the list that is not voters or tax payers or both. And the official title is given to many to show that the paper is signed men of standing.

Will you if you have leisure write and let us know the situation of affairs & what shape it is now in.

Permit me to congratulate you on your election as President of the State Agricultural Society; And although I have never considered you friendly to our local society, yet I fully believe you well calculated for your present position, and that you will make a better officer than the average of those who have preceded you.

Respectfully Yours
J. Boardman

Custom House New York
March 8th 1862

Dear Cornell

I arrived safe. I found my wife had been talking to her Brother about his making an effort to get me in the Custom House or some Government Department here. or elsewhere. If he does & if any body can get any a place I think with yours I will get it. How would it do for you to get Mr Morgan to endorse something you may write speaking of you & that you are from Tompkins Co. Now I may circulate that. To W & Hunt Peter Cooper Mayor of Nyke & a few others. This together with your note to Chester, may do something. This your note to the Chase will have its effect even in this. but if it fails in something else.

You may speak of my politics & standing & influence in ~~the~~ the Community which by the by is perhaps politically speaking more than even you imagine at least I so flatter myself. To Morgan of my various qualifications. I for any position that I attempt, that I have invariably given eminent satisfaction in every branch of business I have undertaken & of the unbounded confidence to be placed in me - of that you need not think in saying - of my attention unswerving to my business - that I would make a pretty good array of men that my qualities of discipline have ~~been~~ received unusual commendation & your rather possible attention to ~~it~~ is most respectfully solicited
over
Yours truly W. P. F.

A. I have a very peremptory note
from my London that payment
must be made immediately. I cannot say
what the result of my action will be
Pew

Wm P Pew
8 Mar 1862

Office of Chesters & Kennaday,

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E. W. CHESTER,
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JOHN R. KENNADAY. }

TRINITY BUILDING, 111 Broadway,

New York, March 8. 1862.

My Dear Sir,

I have examined carefully
our agreements with the Erie Rail
Road Company.

The present owners of the road had
probably a right - I am not sure as to
this - to refuse to take what the company
agreed, by way of lease &c. under the
contract with us. But having taken
it, still holding it, & claiming the
benefits of it, there cannot be a shade
of doubt as to their liability. The pres-
ent company evidently have no
hesitation in considering themselves
as entitled to hold us to our con-
tract with the old company - they
certainly do take, as assignees under
the rule to them, all the rights of the

old company against us. There is
no man, it seems to me, of ordinary
common sense & with a little knowl-
edge of the rights of lenders & loaners who
could hesitate about this.

I think now is the time to have
this matter adjusted & that we had
better meet the parties at Albany
& settle it. It will be easy to do where
they are asking legislation. I will
come up next week if desirable, & if
I come at all would prefer that time
to a later one.

Please write & let me know. I
would rather meet some other coun-
sel than Eaton whose head seems to me
not to be as clear as it ought or else
he is not candid on this subject.
Any good, uncommitted lawyer
could not fail to agree with us
at once.

I can probably come Monday
night - Tuesday or Wednesday as

you may think best. But don't let
this opportunity pass of settling the
matter -

Yours truly

E. W. Chester

Wm E. Cornell

P.S. Business, I find, will keep me here
till Tuesday afternoon at least

Hon. C. Cornell

Ithaca March 7th 62

Yours of the 17th ult came to hand & as I had no very urgent remarks to make I have delayed answering it until now & as you give me a synopsis of the dog law & ask me how it will do I have to say that I think it is right I agree with you in thinking that it is not best to have the tax too high for I think that if we have a tax on all dogs it is sufficient without its being very high & one dollar is enough to kill all the worthless dogs in this State if it is enforced & it would have the same effect if it was less all I want is to have a tax no matter how much a little.

I understand that you have had a general tax law reported in

Legislator which I hope will be
well defined so that all the People
will be taxed equal so that the burdens
of government will be equally
born by the inhabitants of the State
so that none will have any reason
to complain but it is impossible
to so frame a law so that there will
not be complaints for my part
I have no favour for a specific
tax I think that the way to levy
a tax is to assess the valuation
of property without regard to the
kind of property for it is the value
that is the substance & should bear
the burdens of taxation

I don't know of any local
news to write you only that the rebels
carried the Corporation election last
week which I suppose you have heard
of before this time we have lots of
news here yet but it is showing a little
to glory
Yours W C Curran
Hon E Cornell

Trumansburg March 11th 1862
Hon E. Cornell

Your note of the 7th
inst is at hand, You may send
the Insurance Reports by Express
to Trumansburg.

I am very much obliged
to you for the trouble you have
been to in getting them for me
and hope some day to do you as
good a favor

Yours Respectfully

A. S. Coaddington

Delivan House

Albany Mar 10, 1862

Dear Frank

I have written to Perry this morning, suggesting among other things that he had better move up on the Dauby farm, and to Alonzo that you and he must assist Perry in purchasing such furniture as he will need to commence house keeping - and you will also look to the needed tools for the farm.

He must not be extravagant in furniture but get what is necessary, bearing in mind that we shall have about \$1,500 taxes to pay next on this year.

I guess we better keep some sheep at Dauby & pasture our surplus stock there -

Yours Respectfully

E Correll

Frank

American Telegraph Company,

OFFICE, No. 145 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK.

10 March 1862

Wm. E. Cornell - Albany

Dear Sir

I take the liberty or entre-
-ating you not to urge the proposed amend-
-ment to the Telegraph Act - giving Telegr^h
for the right to put up pole in Streets of
cities. ~~As for~~ So far the new proposed
opposition line has not been able to get
consent of New York Corporation, & this
will enable them to ~~to~~ put up poles without
this consent. As you have a large interest
in the Western Union, & its interests are so
closely allied with ours - for an opposition
to us necessitates a loss to them directly.
I hope you will hesitate in your action

- Of course an act of this kind, which will
directly aid an opposition to us, must be
considered by many of our stockholders as
aimed at us - & although I know you too
well to believe that you have any desire to
to hurt us, still I deem it right to inform
you of our position & how much this
amendment will hurt us. Yrs Resp^y
Cambridge Livingston

New York

March 10th 1862

Dear Cornell

Could you not without
any very great inconvenience
let me have now somewhere
in the neighborhood of 300
I mean get it for me. you
say you have not got it -

I cannot raise it anywhere
soon enough to do me any
good. by 1st of August I feel
or 1st Nov. I feel confident I
will be in a condition to
go it on my own hook,

I would sell myself if I
could find a purchaser rather
than trouble you to work out
my salvation. I have worked
off a large portion of my debts
leaving you it is true till the last

I have no doubt I will
be able to refund a portion
of the \$300. between this & Nov-
berides, Your offer was a
generous one. & for which
I feel most thankful &
grateful. But that may
come too late. for if I get
no money now I will have
to leave. I have such
information from Anthony
H. Lusk. He has been out
1 round & I cannot complain
Even \$162, would ease me
but I need \$300, about
equally bad. I have saved
my credit & would like
to keep it good. If you
can by not too great an
inconvenience do me this favor
do it - I implore you

Yrs Truly
F. W. Rogers
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Mother joins in love to Ellen & Charles
✓

Dr. Evan House

Albany Mar 10, 1862

Dear Aunts

Your favors of 3 + 6th are at hand;

You don't mention sending any money to Benjamin to pay up his bills and to take him on his visit to his friends, if you have not, please do so. I will have the advertisement in the Country. Free

I should like enough of the Catalogs to furnish one to each Member & Senator before adjournment, We may get rid of the Bulls at low prices, Tracy wants one and Ogden of Yates may want one.

I have written to Perry this morning and directed to Ithaca, if not there forward to him, I place him upon his promised good behavior, and advise him to go on the dairy farm, and will compensate him as he may deserve.

you and Frank will aid him in the purchase of such furniture as he may need to commence house keeping, having due regard to propriety, and avoiding extravagance and keeping in mind that we shall have some \$1,500. taxes to pay this year, and probably many of the future years =

Perry had better get upon the farm as soon as possible after we can get possession of it,

I wish Selkirk would stir up those statistical facts, through his journal,

Can't you take the districts that have been returned and make them the basis of an article instituting comparisons with last year that will arouse attention on the subject.

We have rec^d good returns from Struben County, for the

past year.

Let Selkirk say something like this. We understand that our Agricultural friends of Struben Co, who have witnessed the importance attached in all agricultural circles to the valuable report of Statistics from Tompkins Co, published in the Transactions of the State Agricultural Society for 1860, have set themselves to work to imitate our examples in collecting Agricultural Statistics and have already sent to State Society a most valuable report of the products of Old Struben for the year of 1861 =

The importance of annual Statistics of Agriculture is so generally conceded that the example set by Tompkins Co in this respect will soon be followed by every County in the Empire State.

We trust the Statistics now being collected in this County, will soon be handed in, and ready for aggregating

E Cornell mch 10/62
into a report, so we can show
our friends abroad, that we have
not only the means of self support
but can spare something to support
the Government in crushing out
this wicked rebellion -

The Farmers are the sheet anchor
of our hopes in times like these,
and we hope ours will not
flag in the good work they have
in ~~aggrated~~ aggrated, and lose the van-
tage ground they already hold.

Hurry up the statistics of
Pumpkin Co for 1861 -

The first report of the naval fight
at Ft Monroe, created great alarm
with our Gov^t & State Officers who alone
had the news, but the prompt
completion of the Tel^graph to
Fort^{rs} Monroe Sunday morning
happily arrested premature move-
ments that would have cost the
State dearly - Thus again demonstrating
the great utility in the Tel in seasons
of alarm -

AHC

Yours &c
E Cornell

Copy

Deliver House Albany Nov 10. 62

My Son, Your letter of the 5th inst ~~is before me~~
confessing the errors of your past conduct, and asking
to be forgiven is before me

Without entering into any ^{further} discussion of your past
conduct, which I hope and trust has sunk deep en-
ough into your heart not to be forgotten, and cer-
tainly not to be repeated, I will give you another
trial, and place you upon your future good
behaviour, trusting that your new resolution
to do right may lead to developments that will
obliterate all memory of the past

With this hope, and my reliance on your fair
promises. I will receive you and your wife as
members of the family and trust to the future
to determine the wisdom of my decision -

I advise you to prepare to move on to the Dairy
farm which I have possession of on the 1st of Apr
next - I will write to Alvaro & Frank about pur-
chasing such furniture as you may need to
commence keeping house, and tools for farm
work. Your Mother joins in regards to yourself & wife

Your Father

D. H. P. Cornell, Ithaca

E. Cornell

Resolved that the trustees of Cayuga Lake Academy
are under very great obligations to the Hon. Ezra
Cornell of Ithaca - ~~trust~~ a member of the Assembly of the
State - for an unexpected & valuable contribution of
twenty volumes to their library - And the President of
this board is directed to express to him their thanks for
this additional evidence of his exceeding liberality.
Academy Hall - March 8th 1862. -

Amasa 10th March 1862

My dear Sir

You may be assured that it is a great pleasure
to become the organ of my neighbors, ~~and~~ transmitting to you
the resolution above & to thank you most earnestly for the
valuable & beautiful books you have so kindly presented to
us. -

There are those upon whom we may ^{have} claims
for similar contributions; upon yourself here, consequently
we prize this unexpected gift the more highly -

Such acts are deserving of a far higher acknowledgment
than is accorded in the resolution & this highly

Again you will please accept the thanks of this
community - & an acknowledgment of my high appreciation
of your known benevolence & great liberality.

Very truly yours,

Amos B. Maynard

President of
Cayuga Lake Academy

The Hon. Ezra Cornell
Albany

E. B. Morgan
10. Mar 1862

I told you this would be
infinitely appreciated

W.B.

Office of the Saratoga County Agricultural Society,

Saratoga Springs, March 11, 1862

Hon. E. Cornell,

Sir, I was not a little surprised to see that you or your Committee reported adversely on our bill to incorporate the National Horse Show Association. It was precisely like the law for incorporating the Panama Fair Ground Company in the County of Chenango. County passed at the last session. It seemed to us that the County of Seneca is entitled to as many legislative favors (if such a law may be called a favor) as any other, and every thing which looks like partial legislation is not in accord even with very ideas of fairness and justice to the people of the whole State.

Our County on the former occasion voted with our Agricultural Organization, ~~and~~ but that they have not been fairly dealt by, the

Springfield, Mass. How our as-
sociation, works well and is doing much
to improve the breed of swine in New-
England. They are organizing
one at Chicago. Could we go all
seasons then be assigned they
we should not have one in this
State, and we will digest the
elements to prevent the ones attend-
ing on all exhibitions calling to-
gether large collections of swine. I would
like to have the swine, when the
bill was reported on rising the Com-
mittee made an adverse report.

Yours &
A. A. Cooney

J. A. Cooney
10. Mar 62

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Boston March 11. 1862

Hon E. Cornell

Dear Sir

The Trustees
of the First Congregational
Society of Groton desire me
Enquire of you whether any
thing had been done, and if
any thing, what with their
Petition for an Act authorizing
them to dispose of their society
Property. If you please direct
your answer to me at Groton
N.Y. Yours Truly
O. Willoughby

New York March 11. 1862

Hon Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir,

I have your letter of 8th instant with a most generous proposal as to the restoration of the Agricultural College - It is an object worthy such liberality and yours is an example I would cheerfully follow if I was in condition to do so - but my income, never much beyond my expenditures is now owing to the war, short of meeting my usual expenses and contributions - for these reasons I am necessarily less disposed to give away money than in ordinary times -

The present Trustees will be

again to hear from you

Yours very respectfully

W. Kelly

much gratified if you can carry out your
grand project - and well I am very
sure give a most favorable hearing
to any proposition you may make,
on the subject -

As to aid from the Legislature,
I think I can give no better
opinion than to leave it to the
exercise of your own judgment - if
the assurance could be given that
the course of instruction in the
College would be resumed within
a short time, I see no reason
why we may not have nearly
as good a chance for success
as the People's College - By
linking the two together it would
I believe increase the prospect
of success for that Institution.

I leave to-morrow for Wash-
ington to be absent about a week
on my return I shall be glad

Dryden Tompkins Co & Co.
March 11th 1862

Hon. E. Cornell,

Sir,

~~Among~~
The petitions presented to the legislature, one offered by Hulburd, asking the repeal of the law allowing town insurance companies has awakened considerable anxiety to know what the petition means.

Will you please inform me if an effort is to be made to repeal the act authorising the formation of town insurance companies. An immediate reply to this will oblige

Yours truly

F. Stebbins, Pres.
of Dryden & Groton
Fire Insurance Co.

Jacksonville Nursery,

Jacksonville, Tampa Co., N. Y., Mar 12 1862

Mr E Cornell

Dear Sir

Fuller & Mattison 12/11/62
I rec the pear seade some time ago and have prepared it in sand and have frozen it and have it now in my Ice house it over run in this com to way it 5 making 57 lbs it cost more than I expected it would, Mr Leroy Wright that Pear seade is scarce in France this year the seade looks to be very nice and hope we will do finely with it.

I have quite a quantity of Quince and Pear seedlings coming from 3 different firms in France I propose to plant on your ground 5000 Pear seedling which will cost delivered at Thaca between 10 & 15 per 1000 Also from 5 to 10 1000 Quince stocks which will cost between 9 & 11 dollars per 1000 besides a few 100 Plum Paradise & Ducin I expect my stock to arrive every day in N.Y. ~~every day~~ I want you to send me one hundred dollars immediately if you can I have advanced the half of the first cost of the stocks in France and will have to pay the balance shortly after their arrival in this country and when I get all of the bills I will bring them to you I think 5000 pear seedlings will be enough to test the ground with at first I have no fear a route the Quince the soils around Thaca is

vary much adapted to its growth

I have been informed that some parties at Newburgh NY ~~have~~ sold their Sellaumar grapes from 48 cts to \$1 per the last fall one of the mens name is H. R. Brown if you have an opportunity to investigate this matter a little whilst you are at Albany I would like to have you do it I never have had a doubt but of the Sellaumar ~~being~~ selling for double ~~the~~ ^{that} price of Isabella

I can tell by next fall all a bout ~~the~~ the success of growing St Pear on your ground as nursery trees if they will hold their foliage untill fall I think there will be no trouble I will plant 15 to 20 M if you wish me to do so.

Very Respectfully Yours
James McMattison

M. B. Wood

12 Mar 62

Coshocton March 12/62

Dear Ezra

I have neglected to answer your letter of the 20 Jan. from the fact that I had nothing in particular to write about. Phebe rec'd the dividend and also the interest on the bonds and has secesshed, absquatulated, decamped, gone, = Never to return.

"My house is left unto me desolate" Well I must make the best of a lonely life & trust in providence. She boxed up all the things except one bed and had them directed to Albion. Edgar closed his school & got his money \$65. just

in time to start with them; Her plan as far as I know is to have Orson go to school at seminary & board with Jane while she & Edgar goes to Grand Rapids on a visit and if Edgar can find business there he will stay, if not will come with her to Albion about the 1st of May & commence housekeeping.

There has been no harsh bickerings or unpleasant differences to cause such a move as far as I know and although I opposed it I did not firmly object.

As for me I can stay in any place content where I can be of sufficient use to warrant my stay. There is quite

a quantity of property here not disposed of which will not do to leave, for the disposition to plunder is rife in this section. All the other coal works has been striped of all the lead pipe and doors & grate bars & every thing that was movable & carried off to the furnace & sold. They came here & twisted off the lead pipe at the ground at south end of retorts & got away with about six feet of it. I have secured all the ballance of pipe, in the cellar, that is above ground. I have sold out one crib of corn 200 bushels & think I can dispose of the rest at Coshocton prices.

I have hard work to collect the rent from the men on the place & I have offered Bob Thompson thirty dollars if he would leave the premises this spring I shall oust Bascroft if possible this month. There has been over 20 men after the Donnally house. I tell them they better go to the war than try to live in that old den. Warren is the best man on the farm, He keeps his stock up & takes care of them & works all the time. The court opens this week & I hear the D. suit is to be put over as Osborn cannot leave Columbus. No snow this winter but mud Oh!

Yours truly M. B. Wood

E Cornell
Delvan House

Albany Mar 12, 1862

Dear Alonzo

Since the recpt of you
of 1st March enclosing the
Bond & Mortgage for the Mill
I have been very busy, and
forgot to attend to it until
last Monday when having no
session I thought of it and had
it finished, and herewith enclose
it to you =

It would seem that I had made
a bad move in interfering with
the other sale. A man who has
written backbone or other essays
that to protect his interest should
aim to protect it by a different
policy from what he pursued

Things look well here, and I hope
to get \$1,500 for inlet in supply
bill without the proviso - and may
get \$5,000 for Agricultural College

We have a good feeling towards Agriculture, I have no doubt my Statistics bill will pass & last year a ~~bill~~ for like object was ridiculed out of the Legislature.

Yours in haste

Moore in East

E Corvill

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Ithaca Mar 12th 1862

My Dear Father

I rec^d your kind letter last night and can only express my thanks by telling that the future shall show how greatfull I am for your kindness towards me.

I have not had a chance to see Grand or Alonzo yet. since I rec^d your letter Alonzo has gone down the lake with Capt Willcox on a trial trip and will not probably be back untill night.

I will accept your kind advice and prepare as soon as possible to go on to the farm there is a great deal to do to get ready.

We are having very fine sunshine.

weather which I think will soon melt up
the snow the sleighing is all gone here
in the Village and the going is getting
to be very bad in the country

Your affectionate son
C. H. P. Cornell

C. Cornell
Albany

C. H. P. Cornell
12 Mar. 62

New York March 12/62
Hon Ezra Cornell
Dear Sir

I made application to the Governor in writing a short time ago for the re-appointment of Notary Public for Kings County, I believe there has been two or three batches of appointments made already, but I do not see my name among them, I have held the office about twenty years, & have always been re-appointed by merely writing to the Governor—

Will you do me the great favor seeing the Governor or his Private Secretary on the subject. You know my business is such (the shipping of crews for vessels) that it requires me to be a Notary—

Not being acquainted with the
Senator from my District, and
you are the only one I am
acquainted with is my apology
for troubling you, which please
for "Auld lang syne" to excuse
me -

Most Truly,

James Thomas Leake
151 South St

Thos. M. Leake
12. March 57

Albany Mar 12. 1862

Dear Sir

Yours of 8th inst is at hand
I have no doubt your letter
takes the right view of the law
in the question between us and
the Railroad Co, and seems
to be common sense also,

There don't appear however
to be any of the R.R people
here and hence we cannot
sue them here to negotiate,
and I think we had better
allow some longer use of
the line by the R.R Co before
we take any legal steps.

I understand the new Co went
into effect the 1st Jan^y last, and
1st of Apt is our quarter day,
we had at least better wait till
after that and then demand payment,

Yours Respectfully

E. Cornell

E. M. C.

110 52 Broadway
New York Nov 13 1862.

Hon E. Cornell.

Dear Sir

I have been and am in favor of the Broadway Rail Road. The papers of yesterday states that many of the incorporators are not in the City Directory and unknown. I hope that you will as an act of friendship insist that my name be put in the Bill. In that case you would have a name in the Bill known to you.

I know Mr Vanschaick very well and his friend Phillip Reynolds is an intimate acquaintance.

When you have ~~some~~ leisure please write me,

I am, Very Truly, &c obedient Servant

Wm A Beebe
Mr E.C.C.

New York 13 Mar 1862
Dear Sir

It is said that the
fee of the clerk for this
city and county amount
to thirty thousand dollars
per annum - The office is
now held by H. W. Lynet,
who is also an Alderman,
and receives for his services
in that Capacity \$1200 per year -
Now I want you to do me
the favour to write me a
letter by return mail
asking me to ascertain
what the fee of the County
Clerk in this City amount
to, and suggest that you
have been informed that
they are very large, and
should be paid into the

city Treasury, and
the Clerk paid a
reasonable salary -
You may, if you think
proper, add, that you
are told that the present
Clerk is a rabid party
man, who refused to
pass a vote of thanks
to George Bancroft.
For his address in this
city on the 22^d Feb'y -
I want you to write me
just such a letter as I
may have shown to
Grant. With that letter
I can get my right
of way into this village
next Monday night -
We have one wire into
our office, and will have
the office all fitted up
by the last of next week

We have a Capital
location - Corner of
Nassau & Beidan
Please write me the
letter by return mail
at Sweeting's Hotel &
greatly oblige

Yours very respt.

J J Gould

W E Cornell
Albany

Brighton Mar 13 1882

H. E. Cornell

Dear Sir

Your favor of the
12th is just received. The
business in relation to the mortgage
is all fixed up through our
Morgan. for which I am under
additional obligations to you.
As to the Isl enterprise I can
manage it without much
difficulty, if I can get the
wire. All I ask is for you
to give me time & the old
wire at a fair price. say
somewhere between 2 1/2 & 3 1/2
for the & I can put up the
line in a very short time.
By taking subscriptions to be
paid either in telegraphing

or when the line is completed
in operation I can raise
all the funds necessary, after
the 35 miles are built I think
it would pay nearly as well
to run down Oil Creek to
Oil City, ^{20 miles further} at its junction with
the Allegany River, as the
oil is taken out in large
quantities all the way down.
Since my return home I am
more fully convinced of the
great public necessity of
the line. The Govt tax on the
oil will increase its value
at the wells 400 per cent. & over.
As it was selling for four 1/2
to 10¢ per gallon Crude when
I was there, and the tax is
5¢ on Crude & 10¢ on refined -
The spirit of Speculation will
control the business more
or less so long as new wells

are being constantly opened
& old ones failing. The foreign
demand must soon be large
& all together I see no reason
why that region of Country
is not destined to be the
recipient of an immense
Capital, & the fluctuating nature
of the business will render the
line indispensable. If I should
see the need of Mr. Drews Service
after I get started, it will be
time enough to solicit them -
Yours and in furnishing the
work is Most Respectfully
Solicited. as I wish to have
as few partners as possible
in so small a contract.
Tillotson offers to do the fair
thing as to tariff for the business
over his line to N.Y. &c
Yours Truly
P. A. Hopkins

FRANK H. LITTLE, BOOKSELLER AND STATIONER,

No. 82 State Street,

ALBANY, 18th Mar. 1862.

Received of Hon. O. Cornell
Thirty five Dollars being in
payment of Books acc. Mr. Mont.
Cogart for the Aurora Library

\$35⁰⁰

Frank H. Little
Sly

The Clerk who wrote the above receipt
said that Mr B. had only drawn \$23.58
the order of thirty five dollars that I gave
him leaving the \$12. still due him =
The Trustees of the Cayuga Lake Academy
acknowledge the receipt of 20 volumes
under the date of Mar 8, 1862

Question - Will the balance of that
order be applied for the purpose it
was contributed for?

E. C