

Newfield Feb 24 1861

Mr E Cornell

Dear Sir — I was in
Lithaca on Wed. last & left at the
Clerks Office reports from dists
No 26 & 33. The dists back are
No 12. It Nos 6, 9 & 18 —

No 12 was filled by Abram Brown
and returned ~~to me~~ & was lost on the
way to Lithaca, picked up by a Gen-
tlemen!! residing in Towanda P.A.

He will not probably have the
same pleasure in perusing its
contents as he will in appropriating
to his own use the rest of the package
which he found at the same time
and carried home with him.

At this late day I shall not be
able to have it retaken.

It Nos 6 & 9 were to be taken by

David Stratton & returned by him
to you. I will see him tomorrow
and see that they are forwarded
immediately.

Dist No 18 is in the extreme N. West
part of the town & was to have been
taken by Peter Wicks. I have sent
word 2 or 3 times for it to be re-
turned, but as yet have not rec'd it.
So small a part of the dist. being
in the town (a very few families)
I did not think it worth while
to drive over especially after it.

The only dist. of any size
not represented from our town
will be No 12 which report was
lost - if it had fallen into honest
hands it would have been left
for those to whom, only, it
could have been of the least
possible use.

Your line of the 23^d of Jan.
was rec'd, enquiring about certain
districts already represented.

Lyman Harriman of dist No 19
has 50 instead of 500 Hives of Bees
Am't of Honey taken up, right.

Henry Miller of dist No 20 has
40 Hives of Bees, 2000 lbs (estimated)
of Honey. 500 lbs taken up.

The dist. returned as No 27 is No 10
it was changed in 1852.

Report filled by Charles Simpson

He says the same no. of hogs
reported raised in the dist. was
also fattened & slaughtered. I think
it would be safe to estimate the average
weight 200 lbs.

I would have liked to have seen
you when in town but had not
the time to drive up to your home.

Please excuse the imperfectness of
these returns and Oblige Yours &c. C. M. Harr.

Pelmyra Feb 8th 1861

Mr E. Cornell

Dear Sir

I have this day started
a small Box directed to you containing four
or five Samples of Wheat and a few ears of Corn
and one small Pot of Sorghum Syrup

I cannot give you
much of a history of the Samples sent but will
briefly state what I know concerning them
N^o 1 Wheat is a Sample of the Etrurian Wheat
as it now is among us merely sent to show
how much it has deteriorated from the original
Sample sent by you to me N^o 2 Bag Contains
two Samples of Sea Wheat raised on the same farm
in the years of 1859 & 1860. that in the year 1859

This Wheat was raised on our Bar Oak opening
a rather stiff Clay & sand Soil and yielded on
average for the two crops over 30 Bushels to the Acre
was raised by Joseph Griffin of this Town

N^o 3 is Canada Club raised by

Caleb Harris on Round Prairie and
I am told his crop produced over 30 Bushels
to the acre No. 4 is Canada Club
was raised by John Padley at Ray's Corners
probably on a soil partaking in part of
the qualities of Opening and Prairie soils

I intended to send a sample of the High
Wheat but did not succeed in procuring any

I send a sample of the Common Yellow
Giant Corn, of the King Philip and one of
White Dent I should have put in a sample
of Yellow Dent Corn but found the Box full
and concluded it was not very important

The Bottle of Sorghum Syrup was Manu-
factured by O. P. Don of this Town He
has been very successful in the Manufacture
of that article having taken the premium
at the State fair for the best article exhibited
once or twice The King Philip Corn was raised
by Mr Don I think all the Samples of
Corn were raised on a light sandy soil

Please inform me whether the Box comes safe to hand

Respectfully Yours
W. Holmes

Forest City & Riverside
Athaca Scruple Co NY
America

Messrs Bouquene & Thebaud

Gentlemen

I wrote you

last fall for catalogues, anticipating making an
early order but pressure in money matters
prevented, it is now late in season so you say
we can receive stock by steamer by 1st April
we give order as below, we shall rely upon having
it fresh packed, as it will cost more in carriage
by steamer, but in that case ^{being fresh packed} cannot fail to reach
us in good order. We are now entering into the
nursery business, and future orders will be larger
should your stock prove satisfactory

Respectfully Yours

Cook and Davis

Feb^{ry} 9th 1861

Stocks for fruit trees

Pear Stocks No 1. Bst Quality ten thousand 10000
Quince — Angers — — — — —

\$125.00
60.00
\$185.00

The above order of Messrs Cook & Davis you
will please forward by steamer to Ezra
Cornell Athaca New York, via New York
Rail Road from New York

Athaca, Feb 21, 1861 — E. Cornell

Dear Brother

As Hiram has informed you that Angeline received the money you sent and not informed you in what way it was expended I thought I would do so as far as I know Angeline bot ²⁰Edward on Overcoat and pair of shoes for which she paid ten dollars. She had to hire a man and team to bring them down which cost her twenty dollars as she had to pay them for coming and going back it cost ~~four~~ four dollars to go to St. Amos on the cars. She paid ten dollars in advance for attention at the stay home and she had 5 dollars that she was going to get some shirts and waists for Edward which he very much needed. They were both quite destitute for clothing which was fit to be a

away from home with I received
a letter from Angeline last week
saying that the Physician thought
Edwards difficulty was physical and
therefore more likely to recover but
thought it might take some time
She said she should have to go
home soon and see to things
but had nothing to go with
Angeline feels very bad and don't
know what to do or how to
manage things at home
I hope you will write to her
soon Affectionately your Sister
Mary G. Robertson

H. D. Robertson
Feb 11, 1861

Union Feb 11th 1861

Cornell Co.

Dear Sir Yours of the
6th inst was this day rec^d
I hasten to write you again
stating as I did before that
the superintendant of
the asylum requires
pay for Edwards board and
attention in advance
for three months at a
time Angeline ac Knowl-
-ledged the receipt of \$50.00 at
St Johns but the hiring of
team and teamster paying
expenses &c. in getting Edwards
to the asylum left her
\$10.00 which she payed over
to the superintendant in
part pay with a promise
that he should have the

rest the next week
as James Finch thought
that that would give time
enough to get returns
from you but it appears
that the returns has done
us no good.

Mary recd a letter from
Angelina stating that it
was thought that Edwards
prospect was favorable
Fathers health is quite good
again He has been laboring
under a very bad cold

Yours respectfully
H. I. Robertson

B Yours of the 21st ult was recd
with the \$60.00 draft I sold it
for $3\frac{1}{8}$ percent premium
which was all that I could get
H. I. R.

Office of Chesters & Kennaday,

Attorneys & Counsellors at Law,

TRINITY BUILDING, 111 BROADWAY.

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

New-York, Feb. 12. 1861-

E. Cornell Esq.

Dear Sir,

I telegraphed you Saturday to have 30 lbs. of our cannel & 30 lbs of our shale sent here. A party ~~once~~ wants it for the purpose of experimenting by analysis. By an experiment of the piece in my office he gets, after making allowances, ~~at~~ ^{th. gross 30.} the rate of 80 gals. per ton. I tell him it will produce no such thing. He claims to know more about the business, referring to. than any others except at two establishments, & in view of the demand is desirous of getting an interest in a company. I don't know how reliable he may be, but as he was willing to pay for the coal being sent I was disposed to give him a chance.

He says the color is beautiful of the little parcel of oil that he obtained from this little piece.

He says further that of 250 oil wells running a year ago only 17 or 18 are now running. I think he is probably mistaken in the extent of reduction, tho' I have no doubt that much the larger number have failed, & that the remainder soon will.

Oil has gone up 15 cts per gal. The Mesquite folks give as a reason that they cannot get the crude oil in sufficient quantity.

I have not heard how things are going on at our works. If our coal will make the right sort of oil with the help of the right sort of shale & in reasonable quantities, we shall get much money. The danger now is that the supply will be insufficient to keep up an active market - no danger of an oversupply.

I ~~say~~ told this gentleman that our stock was 100,000 - that we were somewhat embarrassed - that if he could take our works & give us 10 per cent. on our stock, & one half of all over, perhaps an arrangement might be made. I said this in answer to his saying that he had been looking about for an enterprise of the kind to become interested in, but found all the companies so embarrassed with debt as to make ^{an arrangement} ~~it~~ impracticable. He thinks if the coal yields as his experiment promises that he can make a good deal more than 10,000 a year out of the works. But, as I said, I have not inquired as to his reliability. He comes here from Boston & seems to know what he talks about.

When are you to be here?
I read your affidavit & thank you for it, tho' it came too late to use. It made no difference as we succeeded

in getting our case apt Smith referred to Judge Bonney. It is a great grief to Smith. All the court united in saying it must be referred.

What of Republicans basking down in your region? Or are you out of reach of the shop-keepers influence? I fear the republican party will be ruined just as the old whig party was by a want of courage which kept them ever temporizing & compromising. The democrats in a bad cause & with much less means of reaching the hearts & pockets of the people than we have, get the advantage by their courage. If all the cowards who are now seeing ghosts & hobgoblins were out of our ranks we should be safe. They hurt us because in our camp - in the camp of the enemy they would do us good service.

Yours truly

E. W. Chester

Feb 13. 61

E. W. Chester

Illinois and Mississippi Telegraph Company.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

J. D. CATON, PRES.
THOS. BASSNETT, SEC.

Ottawa, Ill., Feb 13/61

Dear Sir

As your letter of 7th inst contains some questions which are quite legitimate in one so deeply interested as yourself I feel bound to give you an answer as explicit as I can. J. D. Caton is Treasurer of this Company having given bond of surety for \$15000. Being more than is shown in Treasury considered as dividend due other stock - apart from his own. I consider the surety good - I cannot answer your question why it is not divided. In asking you if you wanted to sell, my reasons were simply these; I am sometimes asked if I could buy such stock & like to be able to give a probable figure, but I have no proposition to make & neither the money nor desire to buy for myself.

Yours truly
Thos Bassnett
Lefy

Ransom Hollow Feb 15 1861

C. Cornell Esq

Sir having seen
a Notice in the News paper that
No 8. Caroline & Richford had not
made report to you I thought it
might be not amiss to state to
you what I know about it.
No 8. There is No 8 I know nothing
of. There is No 8 part District made
up of Caroline, Berkshire & Richford
for which I reported you — and
also there ^{is} another District No 8
lying north of one composed of
Caroline & Richford. part District
— You requested me to report for the
last district viz Caroline & Richford
and as I had finished my report
for the District I lived in, ^{District} ~~and~~ ^{forming}
out of Blankes I reported on the
last line in that report as there
was only one person in that

district on the Caroline side
You will find it in Caroline
Berkeley & Richford report on
the Bottom line & at the left
under the head of Names wrote
Caroline & Richford 1882 and on
that line is the name of
Benjamin Krum & the
amount of effects 30
I trust this is sufficiently
plain. if not if you wish
it I can take it again &
Send it to you

L. Thurman

L. Thurman
436 1881



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

Warehouse, 84 John Street,

New York Feb 16th 1867

Cornell Esq.,
Telegraph Contractor,
Ithaca N.Y.
Dear Sir,

We write you in the
Trust with statement of account & have not
since heard from you. Will you please favor
us with a reply?

Respectfully
Emmet Cockett & Co
aliquidatum

Breckenridge Coal and Oil Company,

Cloverport, Ky. Feb 17th 1851

E. Cornell

Dear Sir

Yours of the ^{8th} came to hand yesterday too late for me to meet you in New York as you suggest & were it not too late I doubt if it would be advisable for me to take so long a journey till you shall have ascertained more certainly what can be done & what is advisable to do.

It is very difficult for me to leave now I do not see any way but what the works would have to stop if I should leave for I have no one to leave since my Clerk was driven away.

I am willing to leave the whole arrangement to you so far as I am concerned; I do not know as it is best for me to try to take an interest for I do not see how it will be possible for me to raise the proportion of money that would belong to me to raise.

Please advise me what you do and if any thing can be done to make it an object to take hold I will see what can be done to raise my proportion.

Yours Respectfully
Geo. Curtis

Wyde Park Feb 17th 68

Uncle Ezra
Dr Sir.

I will ship
by Express to morrow some
fossil specimens and your pic-
ture of the "Duke". The ones
fossils &c are not as good as I
wished to procure ^{for} you; but the
best I could do now. I will col-
lect from time to time and send
you as I get them. I would
not have sent these, but think-
ing from what father said you
was in a hurry for them I con-
cluded it would be best to send
you what little I had -

In regard to the picture I

would say I hope it will please
you - It is as well as I can make
it with landscape surroundings
though I think I could do better
if I could see him (the Duke)
It would please me much could
I manage to be at your place
next Spring and get some of
your stock grouped and have
an ambrotype taken of them
and make you a picture for
your parlor. Every one who has
seen the picture thinks it good
and expresses the opinion that
he must be a noble animal -

I have received some numbers
of the "Scientific American" which
I think you have had the kindness
to have forwarded to my address
if this is so please accept my
warmest thanks, as I value them

very highly and will preserve them
for binding -

We are all well.
Marion writes with me in sending
our best regards to Aunt Mary Ann
and family and hope we may
some time have the pleasure of
a visit from you all -

Obediently and Respectfully
Yours

John W. Millsbaugh

To Ezra Cornell Esq

P.S. Please hang the picture so
that it may have strong light (side
light) 'twould be better could you have
it hang with the Duke's head to-
ward the light -

Kalamazoo Feb 18. /61

Dear Brother

I wrote you two weeks since. but donot get a reply and thinking perhaps you did not get it. I write again I am staying with my sister Mrs Ensign and at my cousins Julia Sleepers James Wood received the \$50. you sent for Edwards use but it took nearly all of it to get clothes that he was obliged to have to be any ways comfortable and expenses to the asylum. so I had but ten dollars left to pay charges there. as their terms are \$2.50 per week quarterly in advance. They received him on promise of the remainder soon. and I have no way of getting it. that I know of unless I go home and dispose of some of our stock without you can advance it which Mary said you wrote you would

do if necessary. We were a long time
getting to Colbourn it rained two days
so we could not travel in an open
stage, and then Edward was not able to
ride all day so you see our expenses were
necessarily more than they would have been
could we have come right through without
any delay. The man we hired to bring
us down only charged us for five days
tho he was some eight days on the road.
E has been in the asylum four weeks.
The doctor says he is doing as well as
we can expect, is gaining some tho his
system is all out of order and very much
broken down. His liver is torpid with
poor digestion and his kidneys do not
perform their office at all as they ought to
under the most favorable circumstances.
He ought not to go to work this season
if he was in good mental health now
even, therefore he will not be able to
attend to his farming operations this

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summer. What do you think I
had better do let out the place or
would you advise some other method
pleas write and also if you can send
the balance of due at the Asylum
we left Stephen Wood and family in
our house to take care of things until
I could get back and no longer. There fore
I am quite anxious to get home but wish
to hear from you before leaving this place
yours affectionately

Angeline, Cornell

Ezra

Buffalo Feby 18th 1867

E. Cornell Esq. Ithaca N.Y.

Dear Sir

On the 4th Feby I wrote you that I was going to Washington and promised you to call on you at Ithaca when returning from there. I was kept there very long and detained on the road so badly that I had to hurry home in consequence of being here at a certain day that I impossibly could spare the time to branch off to Ithaca and beg your pardon for the disappointment. Arrived here I found your favor of the 4th inst and make hast to answer.

That the sample I sent you would chill I mentioned in my first letter, this is owing to the paraffin which the coal oil contained used for this purpose. Your oils probably will have very little, perhaps no paraffin and will stand cold weather well.

The quantity of coal oil will not be reduced by my process in altering it to lubricating oil. The expences of the process alone make the more cost of the manufactured article. The stills and tanks you have will easily be made applicable to the manufactory of these oils and I think that you can reduce the expences of setting up the machinery very much by them. A few more expences, about \$200, will finish the arrangement entirely.

There is no more theory about this oil but experience has showed to well its real value. In Prussia is a manufactory which produces and sells about 300,000 Gallons of these oils during one year and I never should have paid ~~any~~ so much attention to the matter myself if I had not had the real proof in the realization of the invention there. If you take hold of this matter you will produce oils far better and far cheaper than any oil now in market and you will secure yourself a profitable business without fail and without many expenses.

About the patent I have to say that I do not intend to take a patent out. The object of my going to Washington was, besides a trip to New York, for the purpose to convince myself if a letter patent gives the necessary security for the owner as it has been the positive intention of the inventor to take a patent. I convinced myself that a chemical process never can be really protected by letter patent and the only way to secure the secret is by keeping it and avoiding to make it public.

I therefore intend to make an arrangement with you by which you will get the secret of the manufacture and full instruction of the process on terms we will very likely will agree on. The process does not require chemical knowledge and can easily be learned.

As I am unfortunately not able now to see you at Ithaca it would be desirable if you would

undertake to come to Buffalo where we can have
an understanding at once.

Respectfully yours

Charles Krause
Box 4279

Flora Boon & all

Feb 20th 1861

Dear Brother

Your letter

Containing a draft of \$4.50
was received two days ago,

It is worth 4¹/₂ cent premium
& coming down - was up to
7¹/₂ cent - 10 days ago,

I will write you again
in few days in regard
to title to the land.

I had a letter from John
last week stating that
Edward was insane again
and an inmate of the

Asylum at Kalamazoo Mich.
John writes that he wants
to go to farming and asks
me about the chances of
getting farms here

I wrote to him last week,
we are having an abundance
of snow here this winter. the
roads are drifted full in
many places and are
nearly impassible

All well

Yours Respectfully
E Cornell Esq } S B Cornell
Ithaca NY }

S B Cornell
Feb 20. 1861

New York Feb 21. 1861

My Dear Mary Ann

I have not written to you, since I left home, as I had not seen anything that would especially interest you =

I presume A.B.C. has reported progress up to the time I left him at Albany, & I will proceed from that point and briefly sketch the progress of my journey.

I left Albany on Friday last at 3 P.M. in company with Mr E. G. Fail by stage to Troy, thence by Harlem R.R., starting from Troy some hour & half behind time which we had no chance to recover, as the train is billed for about as fast time, as it is deemed safe to run =

I was afflicted with an aching head, as I had been one or two nights previous, I therefore stopped at White Plains, about 10 P.M. for the night. Mr Fail who lives near West Farms, went on home, and met me again Saturday morning at 10 A.M. and went with me to visit his son Saml's farm 2 miles East of White Plains, where we looked over farm & stock (Drovers) till 1 P.M., dined and returned

to Depot in time to come down in 2 P.M.
fr^t Train, to Matt Haven, where Mr F's Carriage
awaited our arrival, and took us over to his
place, where we spent the remaining day light
in looking over his Dwors, retiring to the
house to tea, as the shades of evening gath-
ered around us =

I remained over the Sabbath with Mr
F, and was pleasantly entertained by his
family.

On Sunday I went to Church (Episcopal) with
Mr F. at West Farms, and after Church we
rode over to West Chester, thus again vis-
iting my birth place =

Leaving Mr F after a 7 A.M breakfast I
reached the Merchants Hotel, about 10 A.M.
Monday, where I have remained to the
present writing =

Tuesday I was coming down Broadway
just before 3 P.M., and the gathering crowd
along that popular thoroughfare, reminded
me that the Pres^t Elect was to arrive in the
City at 3 and, trunerveate through Broadway
to the Astor. I therefore turned into the
Museum where I reached that curiosity
shop, and got a window commanding the
Astor from which I could notice the

prognosis of the Nations Hope. from Chamber Street to the Astor.

At that distance I saw Mr Lincoln & alight from his carriage and enter his hotel, from which he soon after emerged through a window of the second story on to the front door cap, and made a short speech, to 25 Acres of matted humanity below.

I could not hear a word that he uttered, but the convulsive jerks of his head, and bobbing of his body, indicated an earnestness of speech, and called forth the wildest shouts of applause from the solid mass of admirers below =

As Mr Lincoln has not called on me I have seen nothing more of him, till a few minutes past 8 A.M. this morning when he rode by my window, passing down Cortland St to the ferry. Enroute for Washington =

Mr L held receptions at the Astor & at the City hall, but regarded it as undignified for a New York farmer to mingle with the bulls - bears & dead rabbits of this Metropolis, I therefore must excuse myself from any description of the scene -

I have got through with what business I
had here, and have got tired of this
place. I must therefore go home on
to Washington. I have not decided where
yet, I have telegraphed to Mr. to see if
there is any room unoccupied, and
if I find a place to stop I may go
that way =

If I go to Washington I will write you
from there,

Business appears dull in the city, the
tables at the Merments are not half
set at dinner =

Smith informs me that his youngest
child is ill, with fits, from the effects of
teething =

Please give my love to Children
and accept the same for yourself

Yours Affectionately
E. Corwell

Mary Ann

Fall River 2nd Nov 1861

Respected nephew

Ezra Cornell

Thy letter of late
which accompanied a letter from
Paul Cornell & a reply from
the to him was recd, and was
read with much interest by all
we think the did thing up as
it should be, and have kept
it longer than we should have
done as Mary was from home
though she would like to see
it we will now return it
with this with many thanks
to the for the paper hoping
we shall hear from the again
soon, I recd a letter from thy
father a few days since part
of it wrote by Mary saying they
were all well

Thy father holds out wonderfully
I was to the 2^d of this month think
I am an old man nearly past
wringing some times my pen
will fall out of my hand while
wringing, for some time past
I have read the three journals
since that the Country gentleman
from Albany comes every week
without knowing from what
source, I like to read them
much the one from Albany
I think a very good paper, but
as I am having a number of
papers from other sources in
my present small means I
thought I could hardly afford
to pay for more. I have tried
to get some subscribers for the
gentleman but have not as yet
but shall try more, please
inform me if the knowers have

those papers comes to me
or how they got my name
I must close for the present
all wish to be remembered to
the & mine Affectionately
Thy uncle Miller Chase
Ezra Cornell

Dear Cousin,

Again permit me to thank
you for the privilege of perusing this
letter. I have just completed the copy
of it and shall take much pleasure in
allowing my friends to read it. Let
us hear from you soon.

Respectfully

May V. Powell

Love to Cousin May Ann. I wrote
to Cordelia at that time since hope
she secured it.

Dorchester County
Clerk's Office

March 1. 1861

John Ludlow Esq.

Dear Sir,

You are
appointed "Notary Public" for the term
of two years from February 20th 1861

Very Truly
Yours

S. H. Lumsford Clerk

How can Cornell

be so

I hope you will be able
to secure the reappointment of Esq. Ludlow,
in the absence of a Justice of the Peace we
have often found his authority to be the

acknowledgments a great convenience
Sincerely HVB Lord

Buffalo N. Y. March 1st 1861

E. Cornell Esq

Athaca

Dear Sir.

I have a fair offer from a firm in Pennsylvania relating to my machine oil affairs but cannot decide as aconset of your intention to take hold of the matter.

I can would oblige me very much by letting me know how you think to act, wether you will make it an enterprice or not. As you have several tanks and reservoirs on hand and can apply exhausted steam from a steam boiler your expences for setting up the necessary machinery I think will not exceed 200 Dollars.

Let me have an early answer and oblige

yours truly

Charles Krance

Box 4279

Pine River Mar 3rd 1861

Dear Brother

I have just received your favor of the 12th ult, forwarded it to me from Kalamazoo, your present was gratefully received, I received the letter and draft for \$50, from your son, and a very kind letter from Mary Ann ^{rejoice} I intended to answer it as soon as I got home but found so much to occupy my time that I neglected to do so. I drew the money paid up the balance that was due to the Asylum, a quarter is thirteen weeks and one day, and started immediately for home. I think it is well I did from the condition I found things in. My friends thought I had better remain with them and write to some one here and have them see to things but could not think best to do so knowing how how indifferent people are in this section in regards to others peoples interest I did not feel safe in trusting to any one without knowing that

things were picked up and properly taken care of, I have let out the place and cows for the season to James Wood. I would like to sell what grain we have on hand but the prospect is rather dub at present there is no cash market for any thing since the lumber men have left they make a very good market for all kinds of grain during the winter they had nearly all broken up before I got home. I have a great many friends in the state that I would like to visit and they are all very anxious that I should spend the summer with them but can not afford to spend all the season visiting therefore have decided to return to Kalamazoo and remain with my sister there where I can hear from Edward every day and get plenty of work until E. regains his health and then visit my friends in Mosherville in company with him before our return home. Mary sent me a letter that Phineas got from Doctor Van Dusen and I will enclose it to you as you

can learn better from that
how Edward is getting a long
than I can tell you,
Deborah received a letter yesterday
from Daniel Cornell stating they
were all well. D's health is very
poor this spring she has been have
ing the ague some and does not get
her strength and looks miserable being
has sore eyes the rest are well sugar
making is in full blast it keeps us
all pretty busy Stephen Wood is
working our bush I have it all to
do off, give my love to Mary and
tell her I will write her before long
yours affectionately

A. M. Cornell

Saline March 4th 1841

Mr Combs

Dear sir. Have you any
Geom. Bales or Sticks for sale? If so
what age & what price

I make the
inquiry for a friend in ^N Texas and
would be obliged for an answer at your
earliest convenience

Yours Respectfully
James F Mc Donald

Saline Washington Co N.Y.

"Fortune" \$125.
Brandy 150.
Kellins 16th 200.

M. B. Wood
Mar 5, 1861

Coshocton March 5th 1861

Dear Ezra

John Tishbalt died last week
Your letter of
19th Feb was rec'd from
New York in due time
& I boxed up 2 pieces of coal
and sent as you directed
I also wrote Mr Chester that
I had that day taken it to
Express office. The roads are
most horrible to travel and
will be for a month yet.
The frost is all out & ground
full of water. I am glad you
have a prospect of getting a
man that is competent to go
into the oil business and do
enough at it to come into
the market for supplying
the public with oil. We
do not make enough now

to be known in market and I can not send any away. The Newark refinery declare that they could not furnish their orders and were three week behind all the time. If this is so there is no danger of coal oil being drove out of market. Stewart, Metham, & some parties from the east are preparing to sink a hole 300 feet near the retorts on the flat. Palmer, & Stewart was over this side prospecting last week & want to get a chance to bore in this vally. Daugherty & Co. wants a chance opposite McConaughy on South side to put up retorts. McConaughy wants to rent the whole farm this season. Bills does not offer to pay any rent yet.

Montgomery got so drunk and kept such a filthy house I turned him out & have let J. S. Davis go into the house. The old barn there has slid down the hill a piece & got badly sacked. I dont think it worth repairing. Raymer has left, We owe him on a/c 44 cents. I have collected all the pasture bills except Hook \$25. ~~back~~ yet. Money they say is verry tight here. I have 3 casks of oil in Coshocton not disposed of & 4 casks here. I have no help employed except Edgar & Orson. I allow Edgar 50¢ per day & Orson \$1. in the refinery when he works and when he goes hunting I give his cloths & board. I send enclosed a letter from Newark Machine Works I have writter them that I can pay them in oil a 65¢ if they

will take it. I am letting
out several pieces of land to
raise corn this season. and we
shall be busy making fence & bar-
ways & gates, probably till you
come out which you ought to
do this month. Our off ox failed
in hind leg & is not worth any
thing for work. It has been grow-
ing upon him over a year. I
must trade him off for beef
He is in good flesh & a months
feed will make him sell.

~~He~~ had quite a time with
Bob Thompson, He says he will
pay no rent, I says he shall,
I charge him two dollars a month
for house, barn, garden & Orchard
& he shall pay it or leave by —
Robinson thinks of staying another year

We are well as usual

Yours Respectfully
M. B. Wood

York March 10 / 57

Dear Sir

Through Miss undersanding
of our own ~~this~~ should your letter ~~as~~
not answered last Monday which should
be done we have concluded to keep
the Bull and pay you the stipulated
sum, we make one request of you that
from thirty to sixty Days longer time
be granted, the reason for this is we have no Market
at present for wheat, which ^{time} we shall ap-
preciate as a great favor within the sixty
Days you shall have the Money, I wish you
would give us immediately answer whether you
can grant us this favor or not and how we
will send the Money.

The Bull has done well that is he has
filled out ~~fast~~ plump and full but I fear
he will never reach the size I would wish
His calves as yet without an exception is a
testimony of his being a good stock getter

E Cornell

Very Respectful Friend
Daniel McMillan

to Abraham Lincoln

^{My}
Athaca, Mar 11, 1861

Dear Sir

I have just learned that a petition has been circulated in our village recommending the appointment of Philip C. Scuyler Esq of Kansas, as Indian Agent, and that some of our republican friends have been induced to sign it.

Feeling assured that Kansas has suffered quite enough under the administration of democratic officers, I esteem it a duty to inform our republican administration of Mr Scuyler's antecedents, so that it shall not be misled by a Kansas application with an Athaca indorsement

to the appointment of a deputy
and to office,

I have acted in Ottawa
since 1828 and have known
Mr. D. C. Douglas most of that
time, prior to his emigration
to Kansas.

Frequently Mr. Douglas voted
with us for Whig candidates,
but his abolition tendencies
prevented his being a reliable
partner in the Whig party.

When there was a distant
abolition candidate in the
field he would accept his
Whig associates, and vote for
the abolition candidate,
since he has been in Kansas
I have known little of his
political movements.

He returned to Ottawa having
in the spring of 1860 on a visit
to his friends here, and while

here discussed politics, some-
what freely with his ac-
quaintances and acquaintances,
and much to their astonish-
ment declared himself
a Douglas Democrat, and
an advocate for Mr. Douglas
election to the presidency.
He also declared the fact
that he had been a candida-
te for the democratic ticket
for the Territorial Legislature
and was defeated by a free
state candidate.

His petition was started here
by his son-in-law Mr. Lyon, our
county attorney, who is a Repub-
lican, he also has several
brothers, and others who in-
habit here who are Republi-
cans.

This family connection
in the Republican party

is taken advantage of to secure
the appointment of a democrat
to office by a Republican Ad-
ministration.

It is seeking office under
~~false~~ pretence, I trust
it will not succeed -

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
E. Corvill

E. C. F. Lincoln
Copy Mar 11, 1861

Pittsburg, March 12th 1861

E. Cornell. Esq.

Dear Sir.

I wish to be
informed how soon I can expect to get
paid the sum of \$11 & besides in trust for
services rendered to the Cornelian Oil
Camp. I intend to start an oil refining
myself within 2 or 3 months & I shall
need the money by that time. It seems
to me that I have waited long enough
for it and that it is about time I should
get ~~they~~ pay if it is the intention to
pay me at all.

Yours truly
Joseph Wagener
Box 38.

Pittsburg

Ed Lowell Esq.
d/fu

Permitt Mar 12/61

Mr Whitten & myself
have been expecting yourself and
Mr Conner this week from Washington
I wrote to you at Athens thinking that
perhaps you were obliged to return home

Matters are in better shape in many
respects than when I last saw you
and there is no difficulty in getting
complete control but what is to be
done must be done at once
Can you come

Yours Resp
J. H. Munn