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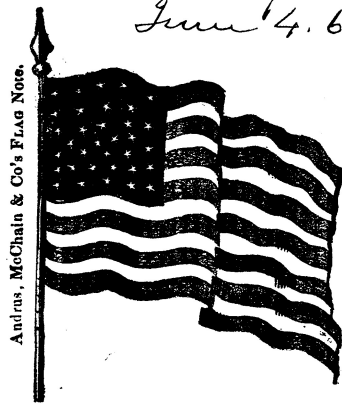
June 4/61

E. H. Corneley Esq
J. L. King

I have this
day deposited to your
Credit at the Bank
of James Allen & Co.
(City Bank of Ottawa) Nineteen
hundred ten ⁶⁸/₁₀₀ dollars
(\$1910 ⁶⁸/₁₀₀) by order of
Board of Directors

Yours Respectfully
Thos Bassett
Secy

E C to Mary Ann
June 4. 61



Coshocton June 4. 1861

My Dear Mary Ann

I reached here yesterday P.M.
and remained till this morning for
the arrival of Wilcox & Osburn
expected on morning train, but
they have not come.

If they do not come on 2.30
P.M. train. I shall go to the oil
works without them this evening.

I remained all day at Rock-
ester, stayed with Cousin Macy, found
Mum & Fanny both unwell. Mum
with (I think) liver complaint.
& Fanny had had a slight shock

of palsy, which mostly affected
her head & speech. She was how-
ever doing her own house
work and improving in health.
Thylander was at home, having
returned from Mich last fall
his health was good.

Cousin John Robinsons folks
at Rochester were also well.
I did not call on them.

Telegraph business holds good
thus far, April was the largest
months business we ever had
profit, for the m^o \$26,000, May
will be good but not come
up to that figure by some

thousand dollars, the war is
giving us \$100 per day in Ohio
and probably \$200 per day on the
entire line =

Craigton is getting his car-
van in motion across the plains
building the California line, and
expects to get it through during
the year. Our Company takes
\$600,000 of that line whole stock
\$1,000,000, that will make my
interest about \$100,000 in the
concern which will do for the
present.

The War Excitement runs high
in Ohio especially Southern & South
Eastern Ohio. Troops on the train
I came from Columbus on yes-
terday going towards Steubenville
and this morning the ^{train} ~~cars~~ from
Pittsburgh brings 5-car loads
of regular, & Volunteers going
south to Camp Drummond and to

Cairo. There is also a company
marching by my window as
I write to the tune of Yankee
Doodle, that is being mustered
here, the third company from
Cassiocta.

The Death of Douglass which
we have just heard will be re-
gretted by the Nation at this
critical juncture. If he had
passed off before hatching his
Squatter Sovereign herriery his
death would have been a Na-
tional blessing =

Tell Frank at Sheep Shaving
to be sure and mark each sheep
with its proper number, weigh it
note the number and weight of sheep
and weight of fleece of sheep. A. B.
C can help them and keep the
acct. for the shewers = The best
sheep are those giving the most value
of wool for half of carcass —

Yours Affectionately

Mary Ann

E Cornell

Fall River 6 mo 7 1861
Respected Stephen E Cornell

I have been thinking
I should like to hear from
the and family, and particular
from thy father. I wrote to
Mary Robinson not knowing
his ~~husband~~ name a long time
since requesting her to write
me soon and let me know
how her father was, have not
had any news from there
since, I suppose she has from
him often. I wish she would
let me know how it is with
him, as often as she can make
it convenient. I am never
sore of receiving letters from
my friends. If I had the practice
and skill that she has I should
write more than I do.

I have got to be an old man
and still growing older & sums
that my glass is nearly run
We are all in a huddle here at this
time here but little except a
bount the war I should be glad
to see the end of it, but cannot
see any prospect of it at present
what does the think about it
I should like to see those glove
holders whipt till they satisfied
what is the forming prospect
this season, our peach trees
are about all dead from same
cause have not leaved out this
season and our grape vines
are mostly dead, I think it
must be the cold winter the
last past, we have had rather
a backward spring but all
things are coming forward
very fast now

We are having a long North East
storm at this time had a great
deal of rain grass looks well
a prospect of a heavy season,
What is the doing with the oil
works these times, is it in operation,
or does the oil wells affect the
business, I wish the would
agree this season as convenient
We are all in usual health at
this time, Mary has a school
at the City Lyceum & at home
I should be glad to see any
or all of you here at the
right time or at any time
I must come to a close for the
present all wish to be remembered
remember to the and thine
Affectionately thy Uncle
Ezra Cornell Miller Chace

Coshocton O. June 7. 1861

Dear Sir

Milcar Osburn & myself have
been out at the oil works the
past three days, found the farm
looking better than ever before
more say double the amt of crops
than ever before put in, and look
well. fences repaired, very much
and much new fence made,
grap also look well, and we are
\$1000. less in debt than than we
were last fall, but little doing
with oil. Works all stoped in
the neighbourhood, and most
of the Coal property for sale by
Sheriff

Osburn & Wilson are determined
to break up the company, and dis-
pose the property, or sell out or
buy out the rest of us.

They mention a proposition
to you to exchange for Brooklyn
vacant lots. Have you exam-
ined the lots? I am inclined
to make that exchange if the
lots are estimated fairly as to
price - Brooklyn property will
increase in future value. If
well situated, faster than
this will. When I return from
Ill. I will go to N.Y. & Brooklyn
and see those lots.

Would it not be well for
you to confer with the
other share holders, as to
what they think of the plan
of exchanging for the Broo-
klyn lots?

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

E. W. Chester Esq

Albion June 9th 61
Brother E. Cornell

We have been looking for you for some time and have looked in vain as yet. Father says that he wonders that Ezra don't come ~~he~~. As we rec'd a letter Edward this last week begging to be released from the asylum I thought it best to forward it to you hoping that if he is as well as he states that he may get his discharge immediately—

I have commenced my building and have got along so far very well in buying my

material and have come
to that point when I would
like the money that you
proposed advancing to me
I am very glad that you
proposed it as I should have
been obliged to to have got
it somewhere else

We are all usually well
Molly is here and we
expect John every hour

With much haste I am &c

H. D. Robertson

J. L. Cornell Esq.

Erie Place, New York, June 12 1864

C. Cornell Esq

Ithaca N.Y.

Dear Sir -

Some years ago, I asked you to let me have your Telegraph line from Ithaca to Owego, but no arrangement was ever effected, perhaps because I was not particularly anxious about it as much as any other reason - At all events, I think you can now see that it would have been policy for you to have accepted

My proposition -

As James Tichenor has left Ichaua for the present, and it is not probable that he will again care to have the line, it has occurred to me that you might be willing to make an arrangement with me for it -

The line, as you know, is in bad condition and would require several hundred dollars to put it in repair -

This I think I would be willing to invest if I can carry out the plan I have in view - I would like to know if you will give me a

long lease of the line (say 20 years) at a nominal rent, if I will put it in repair and operate it -

Please reply soon as convenient & oblige

Yours Respectfully

L. V. Tillotson

June 21- 61

This is to certify that I have bought of
Levi Stone esq of Chicago two hundred
shares of the Capital Stock of the Ohio
Indiana & Illinois Telegraph Co. (of fifty
dollars each nominally) for three dollars
per share. And I hereby agree that if
the said same elect to repurchase the
said shares at any time within two
years, that I will sell them to him
at an advance of seven per cent
per annum on the price I now
pay as above stated

E Cornell

M B Wood

June 25/67

Cashocton June 25/67

Dear Ezra

Your letter from
Albion was rec'd on the
22nd and I was glad to
hear from our friends in
that quarter. The idea of
exchanging the property
here ~~for~~ in the way you
propose impresses me very
favorably. If you find
the Brooklin property in
a location that you can
dispose of it readily or
hold it for future advan
I think you had better
make the trade. You can
manage property in Brook
lin full better than you
can here. If you can trade
for the Waldo farm so as
to realize acre for acre for

the land here it would be a desirable change I think. For myself I would rather have the land in Mich. notwithstanding the value that some attach to the coal here. Some day this coal may be valuable but you & I will not live to see it. I sincerely wish the business here could be settled up satisfactorily but I fear we shall meet much difficulty in doing it. I think Osborn & Wilcox is dissatisfied with the whole management & will hang off from a settlement of our accounts as they stand. I think the best way to get out of it is to sell out to them if you can possibly

save yourself from too much loss & close up the matter so I can leave here as the family are bent on returning to Mich. In the disposal of this property you had better divide the fifty shares standing in my name as you have paid them for half and I will let the assessment go as loss to me and only claim the balance due me on the books. This will about ballance your ac against me & leave me clear of incumbrance all round. I think it would not be best for me to take any interest in the Waldo farm, as the mortgage is now due on the Mumberue farm 160 acres on Homer plains and I shall have to close

up on it & take it, for
I don't believe it will sell
now for more than my claim
which is near \$2000. The boys
think they would like to
go on to that farm & work
it. Arlina was married the
15th and left on the 17th and
I am sending her piano and
other good by canal & lake
Detroit & Grand Rapids for
her. I do not hear of any
money yet to pay taxes.
The time is up and should
be seen to. There is nothing
transpired of note since you
left. The weather is hot and
dry with cold nights and
occasional frosts.

Yours Respectfully
M. B. Wood

Albion July 2nd 1861
E. Cornell Dear Sir

yours of the
22nd ult is at hand, Draft
of \$360, rec^d sold for a premium
of $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent amounting to
\$361.80 I have given you credit
for the whole amount
and charged you as per
note \$300, which you will
please find enclosed
Father's health is better than
it was when you were
here I don't get much
strength but have not
had anyague in over
a week Molly has been
very sick but is better
the rest of the friends
are well as usual

H. D. Robinson
July 3. 1861

Edward has gone to Gratiot
I am getting along first rate
with the house the wall is
nearly up. Somewhat
disappointed your not coming
back this way John Cornell
stayed at Halamagor the
night you left there
The tailor measured Father
yesterday and is a going to
make his clothes this week
with much respect &c

I am

H. D. Robertson
To E Cornell

Pine River July 14th 1861.

Dear Brother

We received your letter bearing the draft and have neglected answering it untill we knew what to answer or what rather what to say about leaving home on a visiting tour. But as we have just contracted with Isaac Church to clear and put ten acres of wheat this fall on our follow and five ~~three~~ same also clear and five three acres more next spring and chop forty one and one fourth Cords of timber, land. to be finished a year from next september and have tell him my farm a year from next march. I have sold him Wheat Crop corn Potatoes Oxen Cows, calves and hogs therefore I shall get ready and leave some time in september I guess as I want to chop some scattering trees ~~standing~~ on the follow that he is to clear, and I want to get a lot in to grass and that

that is grown up to bucks and wild grass
it is so nice and dry working on lowe
land now I dont want to miss of the
opportunity. We are well and also are our
other friends we want to go to Moskoville
then to Cipro N.Y. then to Ithaca and DeRuyter
then to Ithaca or Cipro to winter, where I would
like to gett in some kind of business, if it is nothi
ng more then to tend Engine Our Brothers sister
has mett with a great loss in the death of Moulg
omery ~~who~~ ^{as} we saw in the Journal, the
clearing, furing and chopping amounts to three
hundred and fifty five dollars which I turn
out to Josae Church on a Chattle Mortgage for
security. I have just got it filed in Town
shes office. We have on hand corn oats and
one hundred and forty or fifty lbs Butter and ~~as~~
much Ches that we shall have to be sold
this winter that Angeline has made this summer

Yours Respect

E. S. Lowell

E Lowell

Livingston
N.Y.
1861

Free River July 16th 1861

Dear Brother

I received your very kind letter a few days after Edwards arrival, hope you will accept our most sincere thanks for the very liberal present there in contained, Edward has seemed rather unwilling to dispose of our stock and crops and go on a visiting tour therefore I have waited a little to see what the final conclusion would be, I have urged it as I think it would be very unwise for him to go into hard labor this summer his health continues to improve and I think by having the care and perplexity of business removed from his mind he will fully recover, the treatment at the Asylum has been a great benefit to him and I regret exceedingly his leaving so soon, he has written the disposal we have made of stock and crops, tho I think we shall leave home sooner than he writes you, Mary laid out the money you left with her for Deborah Eunice and myself judiciously I am much pleased with the articles she got for me, Edward has been a way from home so long he really enjoys him self now he has got home again

but cannot let work alone he sees so much that
wants doing. he gets very tired every day which
makes me more anxious to get away as soon as
we can. for fear he will over do and relaps.
we feel deeply to sympathize with Edyals family in
their afflictions I hope they will be enabled to bare up under
its it must be a dreadful blow so sudden and unexpected
that they were badly unprepared for it
we have very dry weather no rain since may oats barley
spring wheast will be a failure unless we have rain soon
Jasnes family are well I think of no more at present
that would interest you therefore I will close yours
respectfully

A. M. Cornell

E. Cornell

Edyals returned
from England

Accepted
14 July 61

New York July 17. 1861

Dear Alours

The N.Y. L. Insurance & Trust Co
postpone the sale of house farm to
the 7th Aug. to get time to have
an examination made of the property
before they can decide what and
they will take mortgage on the
330 Acs. of House.

The Company wants an appraisement made
of the property, and named, C. S. Grant
& J. B. Williams as appraisers, but if you
cant get them to go up and look at the
property and appraise it, get some other
or two who are good judges of the
Value, and have it appraised, and
certified as indicated by the enclosed
blanks, and return them to me care
E. M. Chester, so I can attend to it when
I return from Washington.

I also want a bundle of papers
that relate to the coal oil property,
wrapped up in brown paper and
in case below book case, send by
express Care E. M. & F. Chester Trinity

Building City N.Y. =

The Brooklyn lots look very well but I cant trade for Michigan farm as they have a cash customer for it. We may swap the coal property for the Brooklyn lots -

Mrs Stokes will cast up her statement and write me at Ithaca, and I will pay them off. You cast up the interest on their a/c as payments stand on book, and write me the statement -

Rev. Mr Torrey came this eve and goes to Washington with us tomorrow. He was very anxious to go and I told him to go & I would pay his expenses, he thus goes. J. & S. Giles here this eve just returned from Washington they say our Troops & John Brown who were all well. John was as hearty as a bear and said he did not want to return till he whipped the rebels. Write me at Wash -

Respectfully

E. Correll

A.B.C. P.S. Perry is ok

Albion July 17 1861

Dear Brother

I write this morning to inform you of dear Father's failing health. He has seemed gradually to fail since you were here until last Sunday since which time he has failed very fast. Gets up but a few minutes to time and can't see ~~himself~~ without help means almost constantly when a sleep can take but little food and looks very much changed. There does not seem to be any new complaint but old difficulties seem to be wearing him away. cannot talk distinctly and is very slow to comprehend what is said to him. I tell him I am writing to Ezra and what I shall tell you. He says tell him it was always very pleasant to see him — I fear he will not continue with us but a short time. Your request from Adamago I attended to to the best of my ability. Edward went to Mochure Pitt

Mary Robinson
28 July 48

a writing and and then from here home
we have not heard from him since he
left here which is strange as he promised
to write immediately. He did not talk as
if he should visit any this summer
but said he had rather stay on his
farm and improve that. The all here
thought we could see that being around
in different places and seeing new
sceneries seemed to excite him and
had a tendency to unsettle his mind.
If that proves to be the case the more
quiet he is the better. I hope you have
heard from him from Grotto or
this. I shall write to Deborah to day.
The house ~~is~~ progresses slowly
the carpenters are shingling.

Mary returned to Detroit last thursday
partly recovered from her sickness but
is not stout yet.

Affectionately your sister

Mary C. Robertson

Western Union Telegraph Co.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y. July 18. 1861

E. Cornell Esq
Dear Sir

In view of the shortness
of the Session of Congress & the reluctance
Manifest to take up any thing well
connected with the war I despair
of doing any thing in Congress at this
Session

It may be possible to attach
to some appropriation for the war
a clause giving the right to the Secretary
of War to use the Telegraph & commence
the subsidy when the line shall
be so far completed as to enable
the Govt. to communicate with San Francisco
in 4 days. or something of that kind

I do not believe any considerable
change can be effected to our advantage
unless there is a strong necessity for the
immediate use of the line

It might be well to Express to the
Secy of War our great apprehension that
the withdrawal of troops from the western
Forts exposes our ~~men~~ to Indian depredations

and ask him to give such orders
to those in command as will be
likely to secure the greatest protection
to our trains & men that the limited
supply of troops can afford us

If the session holds over next
week perhaps you can find
some place to attach to some bill
a clause of the character named
if so do it by all means and
we will push ahead the line
to meet the conditions

Yours Truly,
Heriamoley

A. Seligson
July 18/61

July 19th

Respected Friend

As I have received no answer to my letter I thought I would write you one more and let you know what I have been doing this summer I have been going to school the most of the time the school is about out now and I have to go over a mile and I have just received a letter from a friend and she wishes me to come and live with her and go to school and I think I shall go and as you proposed helping me to get an education I thought

this would be a good opportunity
if you would help me to
money enough to get me a few
things before I should go and
pay my fare there which is
15⁰⁰ from Grand Rapids
to Rochester if you conclude to
do so please answer this without
delay

from Viola Kees
to E. Cornell

Friend Ezra

As my laughter has
left a space I thought I would
let you know how we get along
I have been quite sick for two
days with the ~~W~~ Neuralgia in
my stomach which makes me
feel rather poorly the rest of my
family are well as usual I must
tell you about my little boy

he is 4 months old and weighs 22 lbs
we think he is so nice the crops
look rather poorly this way
particularly on this sand land
if you conclude to help Viola
I would like to have you answer
this as soon as you can for ~~we~~
if she should go I have got a
good deal to do to get her ready
the folks that want her to
come are old acquaintances of
ours they ~~have~~ have no children
therefore Viola feels quite anxious
to go if you can help her give
my love to your family and
accept a part your self you
must excuse my poorly written
letter for I am hardly able to
write today when you write
tell me about the friends Phebe
Daughter Abner has married
R. Robertson I am well as usual

with the family but not
with him I am afraid she
has not done very well by
what I have heard of him

no more at present

your friend

Eliza Keyes

Eliza Keyes
July 18. 1861

Coshocton July 22nd 1861

Dear Ezra

Your short letter with draft came to hand in time to meet the tax before any cost for fees were made. I send you a blank note & letter from Newark for you to dispose of. Their ac on our books is paid up & ballanced. The books have not been returned. There are several little ac I could settle up & ballance if I had them here. The weather is dry all the grain & hay on the place is cut & secured. How do you find things in Brooklyn & N-Y. Have you made W & O. any offer yet. I sent E. W. Chister the abstracts he wanted. He should send

W B Wood July 22. 61

me the money to pay
for them. Have you got
the bonds of the W. H. Tel.
Co. belonging to Phebe. I don't
find them here. Wheeler
had to bid off the S. D. farm
to save his paper. I think
he must owe a large sum of
money for a farmer. Sixty
cents is offered for wheat 25¢
for corn. Rather low for war
times. Lincoln will "catch a few"
if things don't come up soon.
Warren has bought a good
yoke of Oxen and will do
all the little yokes of hauling
on the place necessary. He
paid \$85. for them. The Journal
brought the sad news of M. Cornell's
death. I have worked all the road
tax this season \$8.50 Yours truly
W B Wood

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Waco, July 27th

Eggar Cornell Esq -

Dear Sir -

My Brother

Norman L. Miller of Company C.
27th Regiment of N.G. Volunteers
is reported killed in the engage-
ment at Bull's Run. Will you
have the kindness to visit
Camp Anderson, Franklin Spruce
and make inquiries in regard
to the matter. He would like
to know whether his body was
brought off the field and whether
we could get it, together with
any other particulars you may
be able to gather. By so doing so
you will confer an immense favor
upon his friends.

Yours Truly,
Gus. Mrs. Curtis Taber

Mrs C. Paben.
27 July 61

Recd. July 30. I went to Capt of Co C and
learned that Miller fell by a shot
in the wrist from the Al Rifles, abt
3 P.M. Sunday July 21, at the Battle of Bull
Run.

E. C.

53 - Hall

E. Couch Esq
D^r Sir

We should have answered your note of the 3rd inst. before to day - but it was overlooked -

We have been desirous of saving Mr. Hance in this matter - and acceded readily to his offer to pay interest & costs, & adjourn the Sale until the times shall improve - and this we are willing to do still -

But we cannot agree to your proposal - to allow the amount of principal to remain on Mortgage of Mr. Hance's part of the premises covered by our Mortgage -

Respectfully
Jas 8th March Betts & Robinson

Ithaca Aug 6th 1861

O Cornell Esq

dr Sir

As I am about leaving for Fieanderoga Essex Co & did not meet you at Mr Schuglers on Sat evening last I thought perhaps you might wish to communicate with me with reference to a New Map of Ithaca. If it should be your desire I shall be glad to make an get during the fall - & if the Maps you spoke of are accurate enough the expenses will be very much reduced. If you desire to correspond farther with me upon the subject I should be glad to hear from you at Fieanderoga & will promptly respond.

Yours very Respectfully

D. M. Arnold

Montreal Telegraph Company.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

MONTREAL,

^{the} August 12 1861

My Dear Sir

I am engaged as you are
no doubt aware in building a house
in a most unfortunate season

In order to give my Contractors all of
the winter season to haul up material
I Contracted with them last October
but the mason (who has the heaviest part
of the work) did not take advantage
of the good winter roads & left a great
portion of his work to be done this summer.
As wages & everything else required have
been very high the job has used him
up and the work has fallen upon my
hands unfinished & will probably cost me
\$1000 more to do it than I expected & it
may possibly exceed \$1000 -

The breaking out of the war so
unexpectedly has also helped materially
to cripple me so that I am obliged
to look about for means to carry me
through. From time to time I have
advanced Capital to Merritt, Borman
and Otis to start them in business

and I now hold their notes for
about \$3500 - I want you if possible
to take about \$2000 of these Claims
say \$1000 against Merritt \$500 each against
Shorman & Otis and hold them until
I get into a position to redeem them
then to pay you the interest regularly
upon them. I shall not want
the money till January but want to
be sure of getting it then or not
later than 1st Feb.

Please let me know as soon as
possible if you can help me,
I am expecting Alonzo and Ellen here
every day as he wrote me that
he should be here about this time.
I see by the papers that you were an
observer of the disastrous Bulls Run
Stampede.

We have plenty of secession
sympathizers here though I expect
to see a considerable ^{change} of sentiment
as the war progresses. Julia & children
quite well -

I intended to have visited Athaca this
fall but don't know how I can
arrange to leave now
Much love to May Ann and
the children

Yours very Affly
J Wood

E Cornell Esq

Assured Aug 28. 61 that I should
probably be able to loan him \$2,000 about
the middle of Jan^y next - EC

New York Augth 13th 61

Ella Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

I have at length succeeded in getting this Satisfaction piece executed without the Mrs Glover was obliged to do it in the City & you know she had left for Glen Cove, I have had to pay \$2 for it

Yours faithfully
Caroline L. Stokes.

Ithaca Aug 23rd

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir -

Your favor of
July 30th was duly received which
I have not had time to
acknowledge until now on account
of sickness in my family - I
sincerely thank you for your
sympathy in this - the most terrible
sorrow of my life - It is some
consolation - if my Brother must
fall - that he fell nobly - as a
Soldier should. Letters received
from the Officers of his Regiment
and Company, fully confirm the
particulars furnished by you

Yours Respectfully

E. Cornell Esq

Mrs. C. Taber

J. J. Spruys
Aug 27. 1861

Hartford 27 Aug 1861
Dear Sir

Please write Chronicle
or Journal. - (the one that fights
for liberty) at the top of my
article, and hand to the Editor
or put it in the P. O. -

I have got on line, with three
wires, to this city, and will
keep on to N.Y. and unless
some one else does it, will,
if I live many years have a
line to Washington, and from
N.Y. via Buffalo to Chicago -

I hope to live to see the Old
Flag on every fort & State House
from Maine to Texas, and
connecting lines of telegraph
on all the main routes -
My son Fred, was in the
Bull run fight. - I am

has enlisted in a Cavalry
Company in Ill. I hear
that William is going from
Detroit - If they all get
killed, I will go myself -

I was at home last
week, left all my work -
No one left but Mrs. S.
and the girls -

Please remember me
with highest respects to Mrs. Cornell -

Yours truly

J. J. Sproul

Mr & Mrs Cornell

If the enclosed article is published
Please send a paper here to
Nelson Palmer -



M B Wood
Aug 31, 61

Coshocton Aug 31st/61

Dear Ezra

Your letter of
14th inst from Rochester
containing draft for
interest on Phebe's bonds
came safe to hand, though
it was matter of surprise
to her that it did not
contain the amount due
in Feb, also, as she has
recd. nothing since Aug. last
You probably collected
it then ^{Feb} & forgot to account
for it. I wrote to Painesville
as you directed & obtained
the books, with a letter from
Osborn requesting me to make
out a statement of the a/c
from April 1860 to April 1861
I have made out the

Statement for him embracing
all the ac within the time
specified, but I have no idea
that he can arrive at what
he wants to know viz- what
it cost to make a gallon of oil
& what it sold for when made.
The labor was so scattered, on
the farm & on the works that
it cannot be separated now.
I am settling & ballancing up
the acs on the books as fast
as I get the means to do it.
We have thrashed out all the
wheat & got it in store, There
was 28 bushels on the Donnelly
farm & 71 on the Co. property.
The weather has been so dry
the crops are very light, and
the grass all dried up. Our
folks are waiting anxiously

to hear what kind of offer
you make to Osborn & Wilcox
about the property here.
I have promised Osborn
that I will in future only
~~change~~ enough to cover the
family expences with rigid
economy at that, so there is
no prospect of making any thing
more for me while the property
remains as it is. I would be
willing to stay here if I could
have the boys employed in
any thing profitable to me
or them. They think they cant
work for nothing & I have no
authority to hire or make any
more expense. I saw Wheeler
yesterday and he insists on
having the \$70. with interest
two years. I got him to say
however that if I would

not charge him interest on
the money I let him have
last spring, he would deduct
the ~~\$20~~ 35^c and pay me the
balance in two months.

I am trying to get enough
money from the oil sales, last
spring, to pay Harbaugh & Hay
and all the other little drabs
of apc in the neighborhood.

What shall I do about paying
Davis of Newark. I shall get
money enough I think from the
farm to do it if it is thought
best. Bills wont give any of
the crops on the plea that he was
to pay cash rent, & he cant pay
the rent because he has no
cash to pay. I think he is safe,
The sooner he is ousted the better
Arlina writes favorable. All
as well as usual. Pls write soon
Yours Truly M. B. Wood

Dryden Sept 4th 1861

E Cornell Esqr

My dear friend.

I have made arrangements with Hon H. S. Randall to deliver our annual address.

Would it be agreeable to you to invite him to your house during the fair.

I will be at Ithaca on Saturday next.

Most Truly Yours

J M Graham

Castle Williams

Sept. 2nd 1861

My dear Relative

please accept my thanks
also Ezra and Joseph for those
cloths which you were so kind to
send us. I hope it may turn out
that we may repay you for your
generosity ere long. You will please
remember us to your family and
accept for all the best wishes
of your most obedient nothing
more at present

John W. Cornell

Office of Chesters & Kennaday,

Attorneys & Counsellors at Law,

TRINITY BUILDING, 111 BROADWAY,

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

New-York, 10th Sept 1861

Ezra Cornell Esq
Dear Sir

I am about attaching myself to the best Regt I can find here, and think I shall come up to Ithaca with a gentleman who will be my Lieut. to recruit men. Do you think you can be of any assistance to me there? My Lieut. is well acquainted with mercantile men in Ithaca and will make an excellent officer.

Please advise me whether you think it will be well for me to come. It is for the interest of us all

to see that men are recruited
in order that N. G. may
furnish her quota -

Respy & Sincerely

Gives

Geo D. Hunter

Men that go with me may feel
assured that they will have all
the care ~~and~~ attention that
Company Officers can give to
them. I have not served
as a private in the
learning the wants & rights of
men & the duties of officers.

Sir

I take the trouble to send herewith the memorandum of the Terms (to which you agreed) settled in regard to the House farm, when you were last here - I remember your taking a note of them in your Pocket Book - and reading it over to me - and my mentioning the payment of these charges, which you had omitted, one of which I supposed you then made a mistake -

The charge is to cover the expense of recording, \$3 - telegraphing - postage - & writing her on three letters &

Accounty Bond & Mortgage -
Accounty Deed & - and
was as distinctly expressed to
open as any other item of the
terms -

Yrs to
B. R. Robinson

New York Sept 10th 1861

Weller Chase
Sept 22, 1861

Fall River 9mo 22 1861

my dear nephew
Ezra Cornell

A short time since
we recd a letter from the dated 9th
giving us the fate of John & Ezra Cor-
nell, which was gratifying to us to
hear from them and the pains the
took to see them, and assistance the
rendered them which they must
feel thankful, and they ^{do} by a
letter recd from Ezra this morning
they are well and fare well as far
as circumstances will admit they
do not like the confinement I
should like to see them, If the Gov
render them any assistance for their
liberty I should be glad to learn
by their letter that only the day
before they were taken that he
entered the port but did not say
whether they had been in the service.

before or not, I wish ~~the~~ would write
soon and let me know how they
appeared. If they were clean and
if they were dressed in uniform
or not, and if ^{they} said any thing
in favor of the rebel government
close the think they would be willing
to take the oath in favor of the north
did they have much of an interview
with them alone, let me know
a hint if in they next and want
to hear from thy father as often as
I can, thy letters are always
interesting to us, if I write like
this I should write oftener than
I do not having the ability and
the eye of the pen as thou has,
I feel much obliged to thee for
the Ltham gurnet and don't
see any I can compensate for
it, want the and wife make
us a visit this season.

It would be what we should
like to see you here, I cannot
see as the much mind the expense
only the time and that one that
can accomplish a great deal in a
little time. If they will come and
let know when I will prepare for
a clam bake while here, how is
thy Aile work, getting along these
times of the making Aile. how
is thy stock in a good condition?
how is thy crops this season?
Mary does most of the writing but
she is more troubled with her back
at this time than usual so that I
write this, I'm glad of her, the rest of
the family are as well as usual
all with to be remembered to the
and mine a due for this time

Affectionately thy Uncle
Ezra Cornell Miller Chase

I should be gratified to receive a reply from you of course I mean
 my self and Mary Ann or just as I feel convenient, I hope you did not need to use a poor
 pen than the one
 I am endeavoring to
 write
 My Cousin
 Mary
 Excuse other
 ill looking
 notes I have
 taken a short
 rest, taken share
 of my inability
 to write, and I
 thought to ex-
 plain, such
 a letter from
 a large today
 Love & Mary
 Ann, I wish
 the world
 wrote some
 more,
 Just Day evening

Dear Cousin

I find that father has
 left sufficient space for me to add a few
 lines, and I will improve the opportunity
 to inform you that last evening we, that
 is, Father Mother & myself, took pleasure
 in considering the noble address of
 Daniel S. Dickinson in the Journal of
 Jihaca, his position was a peculiar one
 and he expresses himself well considering
 his position. I would like to hear his
 next speech, think by that time he
 will be prepared to touch upon the
 Slavery question, and when his heart
 is in the work he will handle it eloquently.
 I think he expresses himself very beautifully,
 My last letter from thee was recd. just as thou
 left for Washington, we looked for more letters
 in the Journal, or privately, I fear there would
 be some risk in liberating John & Ezra, E. says
 in his letter received this A.M. that he sup-
 poses his mother thinks them killed, would
 there be any means of giving her the information
 respecting her children who are so generously cared
 for? Ezra says paper and tobacco are expressly
 scarce, I do not regret his being deprived of the
 latter, I visited Providence a few days since. Rebecca
 is quite poorly & we are expecting

East Homer Sep 26th / 61

Mr E Cornell;

Dear Sir

I take this opportunity
to inform you that through
the consequences of ill health
I have not been able to get
your birds quite completed.

I could now have them
in readiness for delivery very
soon. But it is very necessary
that I should be with my
Museum for a week or two.

After that time, I will endeavor
to complete your collection as soon
as possible. I have you a very
fine collection which I think you
will be well pleased with.

Yours very Respectfully,
James M. Knight

Fort Warren Massachusetts
Nov (Oct) 2nd A D 1861

We the undersigned J. W. Correll and
E. E. Correll, prisoners of War confined
at Fort Warren Mass. on condition of
our being released, do solemnly swear
that we will not leave the state
of New York during the present hos-
tility, without permission from
the Sec^y of State; that we will not
hold any treasonable correspondence
ourselves, or be concerned in any; that we
will do no act hostile, or injurious to
the Government of the United States

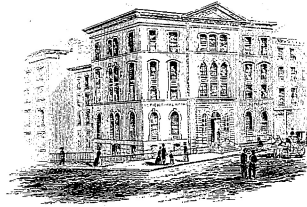
In witness of our oath we
have hereunto set our hands
this 2nd day of Nov A.D 1861

11/11
Castle Williams Oct 16/61

Our dear Uncle

To day we received your very kind letter which finds us in very bad health owing perhaps to the changeable weather, 15 of our number have died and more than one hundred are now on the sick list. we do not like to board with Uncle Sam much. I am very sorry that you have gone to such trouble to get us clear thinking that we would swear Allegiance to the U.S which under the present circumstances to do our selves and our relatives at the South justice we cannot do, for our property would be confiscated and our mother turned out of doors, we hope you will ^{look} into all of these points and not judge us ungratefull for not accepting your kind offer we would be glad to get off on parole not to take up arms untill we are exchanged. you wish to know if we are in want of any cloths we had some out side cloths but do not wish to task your generosity too much. Not knowing when if ever we shall have the opportunity of rendering you any service. you will please remember us to your family and accept for yourself and all, the best wishes of Ezra C. & J. W. Cornell. P.S. we would like to stop here in work untill we would stop at we could get on our feet. E. W. Cornell

STATE OF NEW YORK.



(Agricultural Rooms.)
Many. O. M. C. 1864

Cornell Esq

The Com^e noticed Jarvis
Cases Mole Plow & recommended
it to the Ex Com^e — but they do not
say any thing about laying tile — Mr
Dunham entered his plow for
underdraining & it is so noticed
by the Committee —

The rules page 10. require a statement

TILE DRAINING ON THE GROUNDS AT THE FAIR.

For the best prepared drain not less than four rods in length, upon the Fair Grounds, showing the drain merely excavated, the tile laid down, the tile prepared for covering with earth, and a section completely covered, having the discharge open at the end, the exhibitors furnishing a statement of the cost of tile, expense of preparation, &c. Special Committee.

Which statement has been furnished — Nor any
statement whatever by Mr Dunham so
far as I know —

I do not see how, without a statement
conforming to the above & a report & receipt from
the Com^e who tried the plow we can do
more than have been done award Mr Dunham
a Silver Medal —

Very Truly
B. Johnson

Wm Bogart
Oct 10 1861

Aurora Payne Lake
Oct 10 1861

My dear friend - I should be un-
faithful to a friendship that has kept its
vitality so many years, if I were not im-
mediately to say to you, how gratified
I am at your nomination - Serving
as you will to this trust in the most
honoring manner - you will make it a
place of honor to yourself - Your favorite
subject, Agriculture, needs you there
and I know that the gentlemen of

The State Society with 10,000 members
in your election, that the Governor has
received a grand vote, which he
deserves, will not flatter -

I wish it was within
the law for me to vote in my old
friend Sampkins that I might
vote for you - Always cordially -

Wm. H. Bogart

OFFICE OF THE

Breckenridge Coal and Oil Company,

Cloverport, Ky. Utica Oct 11th 1861

Mr. E. Cornell

Dear Sir

I think I have not heard from you since the rec^d of your letter with the Draft for the Baton Div. all of which was quite satisfactory. Did you go to Indianapolis and get that Serp of Stock transfers?

I saw in the papers a statement of the sad Calamity that occurred in your village, and supposed it was a Brothers Son, was it so?

It is now three weeks since I left Ky. Our Co. have done nothing since June I have spent the time since, ⁱⁿ closing up the business of the Co & putting every thing in shape to remain in statu quo till the closing of the War & if the Oil Wells ~~do~~ continue to furnish their present supply they may never start their Oil Works again. How is it with your Coal Oil Works are you running them? They are selling the ^{refined} Oil from those Oil Wells for 35 cents in this city & also at the same price in Buffalo. I am told they have ten Well Oil Refineries in Buffalo. They have two in this City. I should think it would be much better to refine the Oil at the Wells.

Geo. Currier
Oct 11. 61

How did you find the affairs of the Ill & N.Y.
Tel. Co. When will Eaton make another dividend?
Chapman informs me that the Receipts of the
New York Alb & Buffalo Co. are now \$500 per day
Are the Western Union Co. ^{now} building the Line to
California & if so when ^{do} they expect to get it done?
Do you expect to be in N.Y. this fall & if so when.
I expect to go there this fall & would like to meet you.
I found Mrs. Curtis quite sick on my return
from N.Y. she is now better.

Yours Respectfully
Geo. Curtis

The directors are picking up all the Stock
of the N.Y. Alb & Buffalo Tel. Co. that they can
get hold of at par & in some instances they
pay more than par Chapman told me
they had a surplus Capital on hand now
invested on interest of \$50,000. I suppose
they do not tell every one these things.

220. 15,000 ²²⁰
2 ⁷⁰
15,400

Chicago Ill Oct 15 '64
Friend Cornell

Sir:

I have made you an offer for my
220 acres of land \$18,000.
I believe. I now will
offer it to you for \$15,000
5000 down & bal^c 1,2, & 3
year. 6 p.c. int.

I mention this, because I
shall now offer it at 15,000.
in the several Real Estate
offices which I now have
before offered so low.

Our city is evidently on
the increase. Good deal
desirable real estate is
sought after. Sands up
the South branch it is

Said is more desirable.
owing to a probability of
erecting Manufacturing
Works near there.

My necessities will com-
-pel me to sell soon &
if any chance for a good
investment. I hope you
will give this your attention
& purchase if it is of any
advantage. I think it is

As you have ^{been} kind to
me I feel ~~disposed~~ so toward
you

Yours truly

Sam Stone

P.O. box 1208

Mar 21 10th mo 61
Dear Ezra I have set
down to answer thy request
But think I shall make
but a feeble hand of it.
my health is But feeble
and do not know how I
shall be able to set for my
likeness to be taken But I
do not hold out that But will
do as well as I can I have
wrote so much I have had on
my glasses But I will see if they
will help it any to have them on
Hiram will move into his new house
next week and James Finch this
fall so both will be comfortable this
winter I want to see thee very much
cannot thee come out here this
Fall for I am too old to think of
Travelling any much more in this
State of being And I do not know
how ^{to} giving without of not seeing thee

Dear E Cornell it will be ^{hard} very
to think of seeing them no ~~more~~
more in this world if ever we do
they must do the running

October 20th 1881

E Cornell Esq Dear sir

As

Father has commenced to
write you and has stoped
on the first half sheet
I thought I would put
in a few lines He has
done much better than
I should thought he could
have done feble as he is
You asked to know how
I was a getting along with
my building it is all
but the two front rooms
finished that is the
joiner work the mason
work all finished painted
all done above kitchen
done and two cates in
bedroom clothes presses
finished. We shall probably

move in to it the last
of this week

I wrote you June 24 and
according to your request
sent you a note of three
hundred dollars which you
have never acknowledge
You said when west that
you would send money
from Itkara to pay for
making Father's clothes &c.

if you did it has miscaried
Father has an attack of the
diarrhea nearly every day but
we have succeeded in checking
it thus far that and old
age &c. is wearing him
out very perceptibly

With much respect

I am

To E Cornell

H. D. Robertson
1907
E. D. Cornell
1907

MB Wood Oct 20/61

Coshocton Oct 20th 1861

Dear Ezra

Your last letter was received some time ago, but having nothing special to write I did not answer it. Every thing here is going along about as usual. I have been waiting to hear of the trade or division of property until I have given up the idea of leaving here this winter and am gathering in all the produce of the farm secure for the best market and shall pay up all the debts & taxes & live along as comfortable as I can. The Newark Machine Co. sent up an order to a Mr Burt who they owed

and he dined me up
so sharp I paid him &
got the order receipted for
\$50. I have had pretty fair
luck in collecting in the
pasturage & think I shall get
very near all of it. James

Thompson left for the west
two weeks ago, bound for
Effingham Co. Ill. Roberts
health has been poor all the
season. He manages to get his
work along pretty well for
a sick man. Guess he will
be better now, his wife has
a daughter about a week
old. J. Robinson has made
up his mind to move his
family on his farm in Gurnsey
Co. and go to the seat of war
to find business. He will be

able to pay up his rent
before he leaves I think by
my taking his corn & potatoes
crop. Harrington has bargained
to come on the place when
he leaves at the same rent.
Edgar made a trip down
to Cincinnati & Louisville
to see what he could find
to do. He returned Wednesday
& has engaged to keep our
district school this winter
at \$25. per month. Orson
& Phebe has the horrors
bad about staying here any
longer. There has been more
call for seed wheat this
fall than I ever knew in
any country. A very large
quantity has been sown.
I have cleared the R.R. track
& set Davis to digging coal.

for winter, I have him
take it all out together
I can dispose of about 40 tons
if all the parties take what
they have talked of wanting
I have not sold any oil yet
& can get no offer for it

Dr McConeaughy has left
the diggins. His darkey Sam
says he will stop somewhere
in Penn. Stewart has not
been seen since you were
here. He has 14 casks of
finished oil here in the
refinery & directs Warren
to sell it & take his pay
some \$70. We hear from Arlina
frequently & favorable. I do
not expect to see you till spring
as your duties at Albany will
require your whole attention for
the winter. Yours truly
M. B. Wood

Oct. 31st '67.

Mr O. Cornell,

Dear Sir,

I learned last Evg. that you have purchased the "Falls Creek Mills" - You certainly bought it cheap enough, if it is worth anything, and altho all has hitherto proved disastrous on that locality, I hope it may now prove otherwise in your hands. It is said that there is "no road without a turn" and you may have arrived at it which by following will lead to the desired place. Now as I am like others selfish, I want to know if the purchase of that property together with the other multiplicity of your business will not warrant you in giving me a situation in some of your movements. I am temporarily with Hipson & Co. tonight and their business being so dull at present I do not calculate much as to

being permanent and in fact I should
prefer being in something else that I
could look upon with more permanence.

I take this course of consulting
with you for the reason that I so
seldom meet you. Please advise
me and truly oblige.

Yours &c
D. D. Tilton

Received of
D. D. Tilton
\$10.00

D. D. Tilton
Oct 24 1861



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Castle Williams Oct

Dear uncle

Col Sumner has informed Brother John and myself that he has received orders to release us on conditions which are, not to be at arms aid the enemy in no way nor leave the State during the war and if released, we are willing to take such an oath provided we can get employment to support ourselves we will give Col Sumner an answer as soon as we hear from you. John has just recovered from a spell of sickness. I have nothing more

to communicate at this time only
we have a great many sick, you
will please accept many thanks
for your interference in our behalf
and believe us as ever your well
wishers Eliza & John B. Corn^{ell}

The Prisoners of War are to be
sent to Fort Warren Boston
Harbor Mass. very soon
say by Tuesday or Wednesday
Wednesday
Fort Warren
Oct 28. 1861 J. Rogers
Cor. Conroy

Revere House

Boston Oct 26th 1864

E Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

Yours of the 23rd inst
is received, and I send herewith
to my son a receipt for the Rent
which he will hand you upon
payment. I do not sign it
in the owners name as I have
arrangements with him myself
in relation to the lots - and as
I rented to your son, it is
proper I should give the receipt
for the rent. - as I have an
arrangement with the owner
that is mutually understood
by ourselves - with this
explanation I trust you will
hand the amt to my son who
will hand you the receipt.

Your obedt servt

Geo H Collins

PS

My son can date the receipt
when paid G.D.H.

G.D.H. Collins
Oct 26. 61