

Ottawa Dec 2nd 1861

Dear Cousin,

I answered to yours
of the 18th of last month
I will say that I want
that Bull Calf for my
own use, I would liked
to have had him this
fall but it will not
pay to ship at present
price of freight,

When you send him I
would like to have you
send one or two heifers
or cows If you are
willing to wait on me
one or two years at 7 per cent,

Would like to have them
take the Bull (if ~~it~~
would suit) before sent,

I would like to know
what you are going to
change me for Cupid
for I must get rid of him
next season, For some
cause I have not been
able to get him fat
whether it is change of
climate or what the cause
is I know not. He is the
first animal that I
have ever had but what
I could put in order

He has now taken to
eating corn. eats up
his half Bushel of ear
corn per day,
Corn is now selling
in Ottawa for 14 to 16 for 80
pound in the ear, Corn
I think it will not
be much above that this winter

I would like to have
feed out my crop of corn
to some of your cattle
this winter. I find that
I am not able to make
a full barrel in a farm
except it is in taking
care of stock and there
I think I won't do,

Yours with
Respect
Edmund Chase

E. Cornell

Coshocton Dec 5th 1861

Dear Ezra

Your letter of 21st ult
is rec^d and I have made an exam-
ination of accounts & will give
you the several items due.

I wrote you last week and stated
all the indebtedness, which is not
necessary to repeat. The account is
as follows

John Bentham	55.45
J. G. Stewart	48.39
E. Diviney	33.00
J. Stubbs	16.00
R. Cochran	65.00
J. M. Pickrell	18.00
H. Harrington	15.00
B. Flanagan	30.00
J. Warren	21.50
Rob ^t Thompson	20.00
Benj. Banthen	9.36
S. A. Twining	10.00
A. J. Wilkin	9.30
	\$351.00

There is 500 bush corn 2/- 125.00

" " 65 " Wheat 6/- 48.75

" " 25 " Oats 20^c 5.00

529.75

There is a few small accounts more which I may get which I have not enumerated & some I have I may not get but I think the amount I have given can be realized. There are two old waggons and lots of tools and old barrels that ~~that~~ is of some value to those that have the land & buildings, I shall not be able to sell as much coal this winter as I supposed I could. The people will not buy canal coal if they can get any other. I am glad to hear your barns are going up so rapidly for you will need them. The wintering of your stock which you enumerate is enough to make a man poor. especially if you have to board an army of men to take care of them, and I think it is having such a big family that makes Mary Ann grub in so like blazes to keep even with the world.

Now our family and stock consists of one man, one woman, one school teacher, one hired girl, one boy, one horse, one cow, one pig, one

Turkey, one duck, one rooster, one hen, and one chicken and Phebe thinks she has a terrible hard time, taking care of so much stuff.

We are having cold winter weather right along every day and I hope it will continue, for the mud is intolerable which you know.

We had a letter from Arlina last week which left them well and having great fun, having just commenced keeping house.

We sent a box of goods to them early in Oct. by Canal to Cleveland and Lake to Detroit, but they have not heard of them yet. I must set about hunting them up. Since I wrote you last week pork has fallen to \$2.50⁺ per hundred dressed & not much sale for beef or cattle. I am trying to get on a lot of sheep to feed corn to this winter but have not got the sure promise of any yet. I hope to hear of a favorable consummation of the trade before you have to leave, for public duties. All well as usual.

Respectfully M. B. Wood

Attica Dec 7 1861
E. Cornell Esqr

Dear Sir

Yours of the 27th Oct was received I intended to have written you before but have been absent part of the time

I am much obliged for the statement you sent me of the Ill & Miss Tel Co, I think they must have done a large business this fall & should have funds on hand to make a dive. I suppose Caton is using the money to build Tel Lines on his own acct West of the Miss River I saw in the papers that he was building extensive lines there. How is it does the Co have any interest in those Lines I would also like to know what the Capital of the Ill & Miss Tel Co now is. It does not look right for Caton

to draw a salary from the
Co & use the money & Patent
of the Co to extend Lines all
through that Western Country
and then appropriate all the
advantages to himself

Did not the Ill & Miss Ill co
pay a certain portion of the
amount that was given to
the Patentees for in their United
States ^{Patents} I am told by Mr
Chapman that our Co here
paid quite a large amount
Will not the fact of the N.Y. Alb
& Buffalo Ill co owning the
Morse Patent for this State
prevent your building the
Line you mention of building
from N.Y. to Buffalo via Albany

I was glad to learn of your
Success in being Elected a Member
of the Assembly I trust I

shall have an opportunity
to see you in Albany this
Winter. Cannot you make
it convenient to come this way
and give us a call I hope you
can do so. I should have been
much pleased to make you a
visit with Mrs. Curtis but her
health has been such that she
could not leave the House. She
is now very much better.

I enclose a few lines received
from H. F. Mahopie who was in
Charge of the office of the N.Y. A
& Buffalo Co at Buffalo. A little
Circumstance occurred when I was
on the Line by which he got the use
of Mr. Chapman & as he was right
I sustained him & since that time
he has been a sneaked man & therefore
cannot have any position on the
Line. You will note what he
says

I do not know where to write
Mr. Stager. Please give me
the information & if you can
do any thing to help him I should
be glad. Makepiece is now
well & perfectly temperate in
his habits & wants no doubt
give good satisfaction in any
such position as he asks for

Please remember me with
kind regards to Mrs Cornell
and to your family also
to A.B. & wife. Where is he
now & how is health

Yours Truly
Geo Curtis

Geo Curtis
8 Dec 1861

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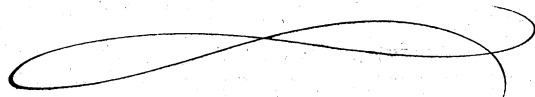
State Agt. Rooms.

Albany Dec 11. 1861

I have been acquainted with J. B. Cushman of Otsego for many years, & have had him as my principal Clerk at our State Fairs for several years - I also well know how he discharged his duties as Deputy Clerk in the Assembly, & in both of these places, he has been one of the most efficient I have ever had.

His standing in every respect in Otsego is of the first; and I should be greatly pleased to have him succeed in his application before the Legislature.

R. P. Johnson



Albany Dec 12. 1861.
Hon. E. Cornell,

Dear Sir,

Some time since
I had the pleasure of address-
ing you a Circular in my
behalf as a Candidate for the
position of Clerk of the Assembly
& which I presumed was duly
recd. by you —

I also sent one to W. P.
Johnson Esq. at Albany. & this
morning I recd. a note from
~~him~~ saying that he had just
returned from Washington, & might
again be absent when the Legis-
lature convenes — He sent me
a Circular letter to be used
among his friends & acquaintances,
& I enclosed you a copy, that you
may see it before you get to
Albany where your attention
may perhaps be more fully
engrossed. — I have been in

the Business Office at our
State Fair as W. J. ¹ principal
- paid Clerk since 1856 inclusive
- is, but have ever been so
much Engaged that I did not
form an acquaintance with
you - While at Elmira I
met your son, & formed a slight
acquaintance with him -

Should you be in a posi-
- tion to give me your aid &
influence in the matter I desire,
it will afford me pleasure
to reciprocate your kindness in
any way in my power, ~~and~~

Your assistance would
be of great service, & your
influence among the members
of adjacent Counties & others
of your acquaintance, would
contribute much to my success.

I shall have the pleasure
(life & health spared) of meeting
you at Albany, when I will
^{be} further in reference to

the Subject -

Meantime any influence
you, can exert for me will be
of much advantage in shaping
the inclinations of members
previous to reaching Albany.

Very respectfully,
Yr. Obedt. Servant
J. B. Cushman

I shall be much pleased to
hear from you. -

Children's Aid Society,

Clinton Hall, Astor Place.

New-York, Dec. 14 186

Dear Sir

We do not know
the correct address of the
person for whom the en-
closed letter is designed.
If you will have the
kindness to place it upon
it, and forward by mail
we shall be truly obliged
to you.

Yours truly

J. May
Assistant Sec'y

per M. H.

W. Libbey, President }
J. W. Elwood, Sec'y & Treas. } Rochester, N.Y.

Lith. by Sanford & Hayward, Cleveland, O.

J. H. Wade, Gen'l Agent }
Anson Stager, Gen'l Supt. } Cleveland, O.

Western Union Telegraph Company

Rochester, N.Y. Dec 14 1861

E. Cornell Esq
Sir

I was sorry not to have seen you yesterday.

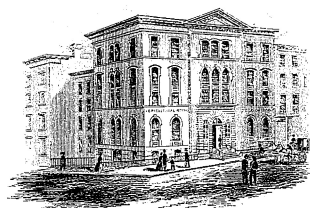
I enclose you affidavit which Mr Balch wanted me to show you when on your return. I understand Mr Fairbairn is a reputable Citizen of Ypsilanti, and his affidavit seems to be all that is wanted.

You reported Alfred H. or A. Hunter of Ypsilanti as holding 5 shares of stock, as I was early informed he had removed from Ypsilanti, and no dividend have been paid since our consolidation.

Please return the afft. with a certificate or the reason why you will not issue one.

Respectfully
J R Church

STATE OF NEW YORK.



(Agricultural Rooms.)

Albany, Dec. 16th 1861

Mr. Canell. I rejoice at your election—
and hope you may be able to do
much good— Our friend J. B. Cushman
who has been our head clerk above for
the past five years is a candidate
for Clerk— and if the people should
be a Republican, he will press
his claims— I know him well— as an
honest, upright & reliable man— and
a Capital Clerk— and hope should
an opportunity occur that you may
be enabled to aid him—

Yours Truly

W. P. Johnson

Ithaca Decr 16, 61

Dear Sir

Just returned from west and found
your favor of 27th Nov, but no
light on the Brooklyn lots,

Please ex^m and let me
know how the matter stands
so I can answer Wilcox.

Sorry I was not home to get
my expenses to my p^r by you
& Smith.

Please attend to Brooklyn
lot question at once and
write me.

Yours in haste
E. Cornell

E. M. Chester Esq

1861
South Lansing Dec. 16
Hon. Ezra Cornell,
Syracuse

I called
at Mr. G. Schuyler's on
Saturday for the purpose of
having a talk with you
upon a subject which may
be new to you. I learned
from Mr. Schuyler that you
would be at home on Saturday
Evening, I gave him a statement
of the subject and requested him
to mention it to you,

for fear he may omit
it I thought I would drop
you a line upon the sub-
ject, which is the obstructi-
on of the Natural Ingress &
Egress of the fish from Lake
Ontario through the water of
the Oswego River into Lakes
Cayuga Seneca & its surrounding
streams

by Dams constructed upon
the Oswego River, as I under-
stand legalized by acts of the
State Legislature, the first I
am informed was a grant, ^{to} one
Baldwin as far back as between
the years of 1816 and 1820. Since
that many others have been erect-
ed, which has had the effect
to entirely exclude that delicious
fish the Salmon with many
other kinds from our waters.

I would suggest that a bill
be framed in such a manner
as to cause the owners of said
Dams to construct aprons over
each dam that the fish may
pass and repass ^{aprons to be constructed} at the owners
Expense, Such a Bill would
meet with approval in the
Several Counties around said waters.

The acts are undoubtedly
Illegal, that is unconstitutional

The Subject is an Important
one to the Inhabitants ^{and} sur-
rounding waters, it is a right
which ^{is a natural} had bestowed upon said
Country and no individual or
body of men has a right to
Deprive us of the Same with-
out our consent. under our
present System of Laws,

The foregoing will be sufficient
to call your attention to the
Subject and if you should deem
the Subject worthy of notice on
rept of this, Drop me a line
Direct to South Lansing Camp
kins Co. when and where it
would be convenient ^{isnt} for you I
will call and see you and
give you a more full descrip-
tion of the Idea.

Yours Very Respectfully
J. D. Cybert

61 Canal St N.Y. Dec 17th 1861

E Cornell Esqr

Dear Sir

I have your
reply and to save time in corres-
pondence will ask if Col B P Johnson's
name would be good with mine for
500, \$ in case you can spare the money

I have yet made no arrangements
and have so far got along well
I have positive contracts with those
who propose to exhibit to the extent of
1644, \$ besides commissions on sales
of patents & goods, but war may
destroy our exhibition projects,

If it does so you not want just
such a working genius as me
to help survey & build the Telegraph
to Russia after I have devised the
way to blow up the first English
fleet that make a hostile entry
into our harbours,

Respectfully

Joseph E Thomas

Office of Chesters & Kennaday,

Attorneys & Counsellors at Law,

TRINITY BUILDING, 111 BROADWAY.

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

New-York, Dec 18. 1861-

E. Corwin Esq.

Dear Sir,

Yours is read - as well as the one before you went West. I have looked in vain for the figuring by which we ~~came~~ & Wilcox came to the result. But the number of lots which we agreed on is correctly stated by him. Still this was upon the result of figuring, & the figuring according to my recollection was upon the principles you give. I don't think we went into it very accurately. Whether so large a mistake as the one shown by your figures - or whether we lost to that amount by any intended humping of the matter I can't say. You were present, I think,

O. H. P. Cornell
Decr 19, 1861²¹

Albion Dec 19th / 861
My Dear Parents

You may probably have thought it queer that I have not written to you before but the reason is that I have been waiting for a letter to answer. You have most likely seen by the papers that I was married you may not have believed it but it is true and I cannot say that I am sorry but on the contrary I am most decidedly glad it is so for there is some hopes now of peace you need not worry about that girl any longer as it will do no good. This has not happened because I have no respect for you ~~but~~ on the contrary I have the utmost respect and had I not have known that Louise was true in every way I should never have married

her, she is not only ~~fine~~ but she is pure and good enough for anyone that ever was honored by the name of Cornell, you will find by inquiry that she is as nice a girl as Tompkins affords.

I am fully aware that I shall be told by you that you can not support me any longer in fact I think it is for the best that I should go to work and earn my own living and with those intentions I shall leave Albion on Monday morn, you need not think I cant do it for I can you will remember that where there is a will there is a way. Now I will write the cause of all this.

About one year ago the first of last october Mother will remember that Frank urged me very hard to go to a party over to Whitlocks for no other reason than to get acquainted with that girl as you have chosen to call her well he succeeded in doing it ~~and~~ our acquaintance ran on

till a few day before I went to Ovid to school when we were engaged, then nothing more till Christmas when as you will remember we were all invited up to Ben Squires to Christmas dinner some time during the day Louis's was taken sick and I was to return to College the next morn about seven in the evening I went to her room to bid her good by ~~and~~ I had not been there five minutes when Mother came to the door and said Perry I dont think this is a fit place for you you can be better employed I want you to come down stairs right away if you dont I shall send your Father up here, I told her I should come down when I got ready and not untill then whether father came or not at that she went down stairs, no more untill a few weeks before I came home in the spring when I recieved a letter from Mother saying she hoped I would try and find better company when I came home and not disgrace the family, she has probably got my letter in answer to that one

You know the reason for my going to
Staten Island and you also remember the
Sunday a few weeks ago that you called
her a worthless good for nothing girl with-
out the least reason when on the contrary
you knew better. Father, may God bear
me witness when I say that every word that
I told you about those pumpkins on that
Sunday was true. You know that not only
this but a great deal more has been said to me
on the subject and you will see that you
have both of you wronged her deeply, wronged
her if not now at some future day. If I
had cut her acquaintance I should have con-
sidered it the most dishonorable act I ever
done. No more at present if you wish to answer
this you may direct to Dr. Denby, remember
I am firm in all I say

My love to all, (especially)

Your affectionate son

Q. H. Perry Cornell
Father & Mother

Washington New Jersey state
Dec 19 1861

Mr E Cornell

Dear Sir

I left Thaca on the 17 and
~~had~~ would of ben glad to of sean
you I ordered the 100 worth of Pear
seade also sent the \$25 to m Bossang
The agent he informed me it would
bee nessary to pay one half in
advance that the french nursing
wair alarmed at our ^{trough} difficulties
I assured him that if he would
forward the order that I would
bring him the ballons when I
come to new York if you will
send a check of 25 to
Paul Bossang 20 Beekman st
NY city to bee credited to my account
I will bee in new York some time
next week perhaps Tuesday or
Wednesday and shal stay 2 or 3 days

also wright to me at New York
whether I shall engage from one
to five thousand quince stocks
also two or three thousand pear
stocks to be planted out
on your ground I would
like to see how they will do
on your soil if the soil is
adapated to grow St. Pear I
would like to plant another
year from 10 to 100 thousand
I am the quince will grow in
either place on the flat or
at your house I will increase
the amount if you think best.
~~but would~~ I have examined the
piece of ground at Goodwins
Point and do not think it is
suitable for Sw. Pears and grapes
a part of it would do well. The
balance is not suitable I am
ready to plant out 10 acres of
Sw. Pears & 10 of grapes concords &

dellawares when ever the ground
can be found that is suitable
I want 6 months to prepare it
in by subsoiling and fixing
Y are Respectfully Yours
James M. Mattison

P.S. I took those dellaware layers
to you last week but not finding
you at home I took them back
for fear they might not good
care I will bring them in the
spring

I do not expect be
home under 4 to 6 weeks and
shall not see you unless I should
drop in at Albany

I want you to engage
1/2 acre of the Clinton House garden to
plant the Pear seeds on I will pay
one half as a grade I am anxious to
have it secured

Binghamton Decr 20 1861

Mrs E Cornell

Madam

On Wednesday
morning I received a letter from
Mr Cornell making enquiries
in relation to his nephews board
& c & in the afternoon he
arrived safe & sound, bringing
a note from you. We shall
keep him at our home
& make him as comfortable
as possible, untill sickness
occurs in the family. Several
diseases, which children are
subject to, are now quite
prevalent here & ours are
liable to take whooping cough or
measles at any time - But at
present we will endeavor to make

himself at home. We are
all much pleased with
his music but I fear
it will cause him much
annoyance from so many
small children, all of them
of course very fond of it.
But as he has a room
we shall try & make that
private - As to the terms please
tell Mr Cornell to give
himself no uneasiness about
it as it shall be entirely
reasonable. Please remember
us to Frenib. All well as usual.

Yours Truly
J. M. Hopkins

Private

Montreal Telegraph Company.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

MONTREAL, 23rd Dec^r 1861

My Dear Sir

You very kindly offered
last fall to loan me \$2000 to enable
me to hold on to the half of the lot
lying adjacent to the one upon which
I have built & also to finish up and
put my house in order — For your kind-
ness I shall ever feel grateful, but
I now desire to inform you that I shall
not avail myself of your kind offer —
Since the exhibition of ill feeling which
we had here last week, towards the
United States I have made up my
mind to invest no more in this Country
than is absolutely necessary to make
my house habitable, sell it the
first favorable opportunity that offers
and be prepared to pack up and
leave the Country whenever it becomes
necessary — It would be trying to Julia
to pack up here but I should not
attempt to remain in this Country
through a war between England and
the U. States —

I thought that I knew the feelings of the people of this ~~Country~~ Country pretty well but I must confess that I was perfectly amazed at the almost unanimous support of the English Govt on the Mason & Shidell question. The money that you intended for me you will be able to invest in Government securities or in some other way to help put down the cruel rebellion - Every dollar that I can save or that I can raise by disposing of my property here I will send into the U States for that object - The people of England and of this Country seem to have arrived at the conclusion that the U.S. are determined to pick a quarrel with them and charge Mr Seward with such a desire - I am sure that none but secessionists at heart can entertain such a wish at present however much they may feel grieved ~~at~~ at the course which England has pursued since the breaking out of the Rebellion.

Julia has not been well for some weeks past but is very well now. Holton has had billious fever & for ten days was quite sick but he is now all right -

The City-hospitals are all full of small pox & it is quite prevalent throughout the town -

Since 1st Dec^r the weather has been very mild - today it is snowing and there is every probability - that we will now have sleighing from this time till April -
I suppose you will soon be off to Albany -

Julia & the children join me in wishing you all a merry Christmas & Happy New Year. Send me a statement of the business of the W Union line & prospects of the Pacific line when you get them

E. Connell Esq

Yrs affly
J. S. Wood

Albion Dec 25th 1861
To, E. Cornell

I have enquired
of Mr. Harrison about the
price of the waldo farm
he tells me that it can
be had for twenty five dollars
per acre, that there is 8.34
acres by W. S. Survey, and about
15. acres meandered, which makes
3.48. acres in all. There is 40 acres
of wheat on the ground, one
yoke of oxen, about 120 Sheep
and two span of horses. that I
presume would be thrown in

Mr Eldred had borrowed some
money of a friend of his who
had a claim of \$500. ~~on~~ on his
farm before, and now has
a claim of about \$1,000.

Mr. Eldred says that he will
 try it two years longer and
 if he does not make a show
 towards paying up, we shall
 let it go so there is no choice
 but you could get it at a
 reasonable price if you should
 want it.

Respectfully yours,

J. L. Finch

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New York Dec. 25/61

Everence &
Sons

I send you the
volume of your letters as re-
quested for copying.

When bring them
with you ~~to Albany~~, or
leave them there, when I shall
go there - if I find them practi-
cable -

I think I shall send
a man to see the Newburgh
horses - You can write to the
man, if you think proper - or
to your brother in law - to whom
I may send a letter, if I send
a man for the horses - As Mr.
Wood may know of some other
pair, should there not meet
the fancy of my man, who is
himself, half horse -

Yours truly
W. W. Hunt

P.S. Look at an interest in 10 the

Volume p. 69. of the Agreement
of July. 1857 - for an excellent
article of some ~~and~~ propriety
on the Steam plow -

F. O. J. Smith
Decr 25. 1861

Albion Dec 25th 1881

My Dear Brother

A Merry Christmas to you and
many returns of the happy season. We are
all merrily well this beautiful morning
are going to town to spend the day, and
partake of a dinner of roast turkey &
our furniture arrived all safe and unin-
jured except a few places rubbed -
We are very much pleased with it, and
think you made a good selection for our
sitting room. The room is not finished yet, it
will look very nicely when we get it arranged
When will you ever get your pay for all your
kindness, you have our sincere thanks - it
would have been many years before we
should have felt able to furnish our house
in like manner - the comforts are very nice

my bedroom carpet I think a beauty, Mary has
got her sitting room in order - it looks very
homelike - The boys if it was only down stairs
it would be so nice. You may judge our surprise
when we learned that Ray was married. he had
been here about a week. before he informed us
of the fact, James went up to school with him
and introduced him to the Principal. but we
thought he did not feel much interest in
study - He says he has no other expectations
but to earn his support by hard work - that he
expects to be disinherited but can never
feel hard towards you if he is. that he has no
doubt but the opposition he has met with
at home was intended for his good. but
that it had an opposite effect from what
was anticipated, I would not presume to advise
in the matter, but cannot help expressing
the hope, that you will deal with him as
favorably as possible, he feels bad. says he cannot
cherish any hard feelings towards any members
of his family. I wish you would give him
the Waldo farm, so he could be neighbor to

us. he would much pleased with Michigan
although it looked strange not to see the
hills. Give my love to Mary Ann, and tell Mary
we shall want to hear from her often.
Please write to us as often as convenient -
Eathan is as well as usual. Elwin has had
a serious time with his finger it is better but
painful yet - Affectionately your sister
J. C. Finch

Ataca Decr 26, 1861
Dear Friend

Your kind invitation to your
29th Annual Supper was duly rec^d,
and I regret that other engagements
will prevent my enjoying
it with you.

My best wishes will attend
your festival, and I hope your
enjoyment of them may be
heightened at each succeeding
anniversary.

There is no protective organiza-
tion, that has superior claims
upon the gratitude of our citizens,
to the firmness of our Village, and
I rejoice that the triumph of your
united efforts is marked by
that beautiful monument, beneath
the shadow of which will rest your
honored dead.

Allow me to suggest that
your Second Monument be
dedicated to the use of your
living members, a Firmness
Library, for which I tender
you a donation of one hundred
dollars, to any subscription you
may start for that object.

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

To E. M. Mix }
Firmness Kelly }
O. G. Howard } Com.

Mrs. Stokes
Decr 27. 61

New York Dec^r 27th 1861.

E. Canell Esq^r

Dear Sir

Since rec^d. of yours
of 23^d. I have seen Mr. Glen & procured
his signature to this note.

We have both agreed to coincide
with your acct. as I make but \$5
difference in my favor. I will
collect the bond & mortgage which
Mr. G. has & have a satisfaction
piece made out & send you there
with the Bond for \$5055 - which
I have so soon as I shall receive
the amt for balance of which I will
see that Mr. G. has pay. The 2.
satisfaction-pieces will be \$5 if I
remember correctly what Mr. Lock-
wood told me on S. Chasman way
on

Struck with Paralysis yesterday
morning - one half of him is par-
alyzed. - He cannot speak in-
telligibly - Now he is to-day I
have not heard -

Yours truly
Caroline L. Stokes

Albion Dec 29 1861

My Dear Brother

I have delayed
writing to you until the present
for want of time as I have found
a great many things to attend
to since you left here My
furniture has all come and
in very good condition as
but a few articles were
rubbed shitey Be assured I was
very much surprised and delighted^{gh}
on receiving the bills of the
purchase you made for me
and your letter as I did not
expect for but one room
I think the things all very
nice in deed much better than
I ever expected to have in any

thence my carpets I think
are beautiful the pattern except
the handsomest I ever saw—
The bedroom furniture is very nice
and comes first rate I assure you
I feel very grateful for the very
beautiful present you have made
me and wish I might ever
be worthy of it

Arthur has just received a letter
from Auntie Eliza he writes
they are well and are expecting
you Douglas they soon

Arthur has a good many
feels deep why doesn't he
say much improved since
you were here Eliza has had
a very tedious time with her finger
which proved to be a very bad felon
and not yet any rest for her
sleep it is now improving

Eliza wishes me to advise
Mr Bidwell's bill against you
and wishes to know if you
allow of the charge against
you

Eliza received your letter
this morning and will com-
ply with your request— we
hope to hear from you
from Anthony soon
affectionately

May, Colorado

E Correll
Eliza

As Eliza runs in and ^{my} mother
tell Auntie Eliza about the cake
exchange I you can send her
the cake before you will
have to send Emma in its
place I think which will do
just as well M & B

H. Sibley, President }
J. W. Elwood, Sec. & Treas. }
Rochester, N.Y.

Rich. by Sanford & Hayward, Cleveland, O.

J. H. Wade, Genl. Agent }
Anson Stager, Genl. Supr. }
Cleveland, O.

Western Union Telegraph Company

Rochester, N.Y. Dec 30 1861

E Cornell Esq
Sir

I had not found time to consult Sibley, on the subject of the stock & claim against the Co. I told this morning we conclude to pay \$1714⁴⁸ if you will sign the receipt & I send herewith.

We are not prepared to act in regard to the stock. Your figures are very high.

I send you \$4000 for which your son signs a receipt in your name to account for. If you sign receipt for the \$1714⁴⁸ it will account for so much

Our dividend is 3 per cent payable the 20th Jan'y next. Will pay yours at any time after the first of January, if you wish with a rebate of the interest

For A Elwood

Stroon Dec 31/61

Mr E Cornell

Dear Sir

Last Spring

My Brother in Law & Partner
in business, H. W. Lockson
Esq. prompted entirely by patriot-
ic motives, neglected his
business obligations, and
spent weeks in getting up
a company of Volunteers, for
the defence of our impend-
ing country. It was entirely by
his exertions, ^{that} the company
was filled up, and com-
-pleted, & as an evidence of their
appreciations of his exertions
the Co when desirous of electing
him as their Captain, he learn-
-ing their intentions, declined
to run for the position, as he

did not wish to disappoint Mr Whitlock who had been encouraged by some to fill the position. He then thought the next position just as desirable for him. He now sees things from a different stand point, and would like now to have a position that would place him where by his application might point to him for promotion.

There is such a position in Co. C. of the 32 Reg. his own Reg. The Capt. first Lieut resigned after Bull Run Battle. The second Lieut has been promoted to first Lieut. The Capt. is still absent. Now Sir if he can obtain this position without any injustice to others which he assures me can be done, I think you would do more to advance our cause than to retain him

in his present position as first Lieut, he is ambitious, and I am confident if an opportunity is offered him, he will not disappoint his friends. in making an efficient officer ^{to occupy} more important positions than which he now ^{asks} occupies.

He has left a lucrative business partnership, that but two young men would sacrifice to save his country and will his country award him a chance to place himself in as enviable position as he has thrown aside to respond to his country's call.

I feel confident that with the facts above stated the Gov will not refuse to notice this request and grant the position asked.

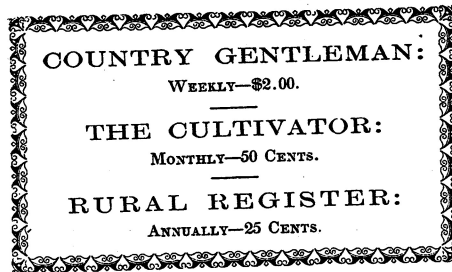
If you can do any thing to
favor the Comorian Task
you will confer a lasting
favor that will be appre-
ciated by your
friend
J. Kendall

I can fully endorse what
Mr Kendall says of the capacity
and efficiency of Mr Jackson
and should be glad to see him
promoted.

Respectfully
E. Cornell

For E. D. Morgan

John Russell
Dec 31, 1867



OFFICE
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BROADWAY,
ALBANY, N. Y.

LUTHER TUCKER & SON,
EDITORS AND PROPRIETORS.

Albany, *Id July* 1862

Mr. E. Cornell

To LUTHER TUCKER & SON, Pr.

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M. Chase *Fair River*

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Recd Payment

Luther Tucker & Son

To A, B, C the above is the list of any
subscriptions for Country Gent,
please enter the names on my
name-book for future referen-
ce— Albany June 62—

E Cornell

Albany Jan^y 3. 1862

Dear Alonso

Col Johnson is putting
up a case of Corn for the
London Exhibition, and wants
some stalks, with the Corn on
it, but has none.

I have one or two stalks
in the Club room with two
ears each on. Please lash
them carefully to a piece of
siding that is as long as the
stalk and then wrap a
piece of old sacking about
it so as to preserve the leaf
& ^{tassel} as sound as possible and
send it by express to Col John-
son Ag Rooms Albany -
Also send one of the three
ears of flesh colored corn with a
dog tooth shaped kernel, which I

brought from Ill last summer
and send also one ear of
those five small eight rowed
early corn that Frank got some-
where, each of the above are
tied up in separate parcels and
hung up in my office when
I left home.

Weather cold but clear.

Members of Legislature are
collecting, Trimmer, Tracy, Cook
Alvord, Rayman & many others
here. I think a Union concert
will be held. the call for all who
will sustain the Ex. Administration
in a vigorous prosecution of the war
for the suppression of the rebellion
and an honest administration of
the state government.

Not much committing yet as
to preference for Speaker
Yours

A. V. B. C.

E. Cornell

Trumansburg 4th January 1862

Hon. Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir. I will attend to the distribution of the statistical ^{*}Blanks (mentioned in your letter published in this weeks Ithaca Journal.) in the town of Ulysses, and collect the statistics in this (Trumansburg School district.) I inclose you the monthly average temperature. morning, noon & night for the last ten years as kept by me, also the course of wind morning noon and night (the number of days in each month) as noted down in my farm book - I have kept a daily records since 1st May 1846 of ~~what~~ each of my hired mens work and what they done - and have found it very useful - I should like to procure the Mechanical & Agricultural Patent Office Reports, also the Transactions of the N.Y. State Agricultural Society should you be able to furnish them - I have not found time to make out a table of the changes of the Barometer for several years past, I will endeavour to do so soon & will send you a copy should you wish it

Yours truly
James McCalline.

^{*}I have send the Blanks to him,

ABC

Syracuse Jan^y 10th 1862
E Cornell Esq
Dear Sir

Yours is at
hand and contents
noticed.

I think there is
no use of going to see
Mr Merriam without
I am prepared to make
him a proposition,
and he have the
dividends as he seemed
determined to have
them the last time I
saw him.

Please instruct me
what to do if he does
not accept your propo-
sition
Yours &c
N. O. Wood

Albany 6th June 1862

Wm. Cornell

My Dear Sir

Enclosed I

send you my check on Merchants & Farmers
Bank for \$1.75 for which please step into
the Albany Atlas & Argus Office and pay
for one copy of this daily Paper during the
session of the Legislature and have them
forwarded to me. I shall be glad to get to-
day & tomorrow's issue. What do you think
of the propriety of a Law authorizing the author-
ization of each Town or County to levy &
collect upon the taxable inhabitants whatever
sums or sums that may be necessary to make
comfortable the families of our Volunteer
Soldiers! In my judgment there is no class of
our citizens who are more deserving and their
families should be placed beyond the possib-
ility of want. I have as I am glad to hear

over

many very many patriotic citizens
who are paying liberally for the support
of such families and will continue to
do so with or without a law requiring
them to ~~do so~~. It is also true that very many
who are able are not nor will not voluntarily
pay anything for such purpose. Soldiers must be
had and I fear that we have really but
just commenced this terrible controversy
and that our necessities for soldiers will in-
crease as our difficulties thicken (as I fear
they will) and I cannot see how they are
to be had unless we offer such inducements as
the exigencies of the case and our imperative
duties demand.

Wishing that you may have
a pleasant. & pious

I am Resp

Yours
A. W. Dingle

Montreal Telegraph Company.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

MONTREAL,

^{the} January 7 1862

Dear Sir

Yours of Christmas & New Year
were duly received. Please accept all
of our thanks for your kind wishes - we
cordially reciprocate them.

In regard to Morse's Telegraph
in England I cannot give you a
satisfactory answer. I was only in one
office (the Lothbery Station London) where
Morse Instruments were in use & there
they used paper - all working I think
upon the submarine lines to the Continent.
None of them working rapidly -

I intended to have gone through
the International office with Mr Allan
but never succeeded in both being
ready at same time.

W J Henley Esq

235 Gresham House

Old Broad Street E.C.

London England

will

will give you full information
in regard to this or any other telegraphic
matters that you may wish to get.
Mr Henley too is one of the most
successful submarine Cable manufac-
turers now in England -

We regret to hear that little
Nathaniel Dunham is still dangerously
ill - Julia & little Horton have
both had severe Colds lately
but are better now -

The weather thus far has been
unusually mild - I shall go out
to Burlington the latter part of this
month & may possibly visit New York
before I return - if so will call on
you at the Delaware House Albany,

Let us hear from you as often
as convenient

Very Truly Yours

Wood

E Cornell Esq

New York Jan. 9. '62
Hon. E. Cornell
Sir,

The bearer,
Capt. T. M. Humphrey of this
City desires your acquaintance &
your influence, if compatible, in
procuring the passage of an
act which he wishes to more
fully explain to you. So far as
I have been able to look into the
details of his measure I see
nothing objectionable in it. On
the contrary it would seem to be
beneficial to the travelling public.

The Capt. is an old resident of
New York, is a gentleman of
character & standing, and any
aid you may render him, will
be duly appreciated by him
and will be regarded as a

personal fund by
J. B. Mott
S. B. Mott

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Ithaca Jan 8th 61
Hon^{ble} & Cornell.

Dear Sir, Allow
me to introduce to you. Doct
H. D. Paine of the City of
Albany Respectfully Yours
E. J. Morgan

P.S. Little Naty Dunham is
rapidly recovering. M.

E. J. Morgan
8 Jan 1862
Dr H. D. Paine

Hon E. Cornell
Levermore House
Albany

M B. Wood
Jan 8. 1863

Albion Jan 8th 1862

Dear Ezra

Your favor of
31 ult. is at hand and
finds me suffering with
rheumatism in my right
hip & leg and the pain goes
to my ankle and is very
severe much of the time
I have but little ambition
to plan business for the
present or future.

I am not surprised that
Osborn & Wilcox complain
of the expences, as they did
not appear at all satisfied
at what had been done
when you were all there
in June 1861. and I was
confident that from what

ideas they then threw out that they would not be satisfied with any thing I could do on the place.

Wilcox told me he thought that fifteen dollars a month was enough to pay a man for carrying on the business there, and this was what made our folks uneasy and want to get me away from the place. I do not believe that you or I could afford to have any thing to do with the property and carry out their ideas of management and this feeling made me so anxious for you to dispose of your interest in the concern. As for the manufactory of coal oil I have no desire to try it again

Osborn sent for the books early in Oct. saying he would take them to R-y where he would meet you and agree upon the settlement of all accounts.

It is not possible to give you any statement of the farm expences without access to the books which I suppose they have.

If they did not take the books with them so you could see at a glance what had been done they did not do as they agreed. There was but little farm expences aside from my wages the last year up to May 1st 1862 when my wages stoped, untill I returned and rented the premises and got away as soon as

I possibly could and leave
all the property safe.

What ever you do there &
whatever you wish me to do
I am willing to do to the best
of my ability, but I do not
desire to go there to stay a
great length of time, for
I should have to remain there
alone while I stay there.

I sent the 500 shares to
Alonzo to hand over to you
near three weeks ago and
also a draft to Phoebe of \$165.⁷⁵/₁₀₀
but don't hear any thing from
him yet. I am closing up a
Mortgage of \$2000, & shall get
the money in Sept^r when I
hope to be able to pay up
what is due you. I hope to hear
from you occasionally.

Yours truly M B Wood