

Albany Jan^y 8. 1862

Dear Alvaro

Your favor of 5th came
duly to hand,

You must bear in mind
that I shall have to borrow
some money to make out
the sum you are proposing
to use to buy the steamer
& you must therefore see
if you can get at the Bank
what we shall require be-
fore making the bargain -

And in regard to Judge Wal-
bridge I expected to assist him
or Thompson for him to borrow
a thousand dollars as they
require to use, perhaps it
would be best to let them have
from \$100 to 200 of what we have
in bank, and borrow at the last

of the month to replace
it, I want they should run
the Mill during those 50 days
so as to see what the result
is, it will be a guide to some
extent, as to future operations.

Please by mail a couple
of those Statistics blanks to
E. P. Brooks, Bay Thine, N.Y.

Col Brewer is good enough
President for the Ag. Society &
I hope he will shoulder it out
of the mind —

I hope to get a place for
Curran, prospects looks fair
but the pressure is so great
for these small offices, that
no one can tell what may
happen, I can't get on my
knees for any favor, unless
it should be to prevent the
appointment of an out & out
sympathizer of treason, such

applications are hopefully
in the mill, I hope the smut
machine may carry them
off with the dust, but you
can't always tell what im-
pudence will accomplish.

The Organization was
pleasantly effected, and
I hope all will work smooth.

Mather & Mary arrived
last eve, and will leave
tomorrow or next day
for Fall River —

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

A.B.C.

P. S. Send the Journal
I bought a tuition bill of
A. Spruce for Benjamin to
use at Conl. College, and ag^d
to pay \$15. I promised to give him
a check in few days for it, but

Think I forgot it, please
Exm. and if not p^d please
pay it, Ask Spencer
about it, E. C.

These Inlet folks should
send on their petition, and
instructions for what they
want done to bridge, &c

E. Cornell
Jan 28/62

Albany Jan^y 9, 62
Dear Alours

Your covering Mr. Sallen
came to hand to day

I fear Curran's chance for
an appointment has vanished.
The Speaker came to me this
morning and asked if I made
a point of Curran's Appointment,
saying that Mr Dickinson
was urging very hard the app-
ointment of a N. York Co. man,
and it would crowd him to app-
both, I stated Curran's case
pointedly, and told the Speaker
that our people felt it to be their
due and desired his appoint-
ment, a desire in which I
fully concurred, but I could
not assume the bad taste to
dictate in the premises

When we parted I still
felt some degree of con-
fidence that he would
appt. Curran, but in the
course of the session he
announced the appointment
of a Pioga and Broom
Co men, from which
I infer, that we shall not
get any thing =

I subscribed something
for Mill Johnsons Methodist
church, I believe \$25, what-
ever it is, please pay him
when bal of div is recd.
Enquire of Johnson about
it.

In haste

E. Cornell

ABC

P.S. Please send Jas
McSallen Tremansburgh
1 copy last Ag Patent Off.
report from Club room
and ask Judge Mills if
he has not Mechanical
report to send him, I will
send him Treasurer -

E C

Albany 9 Jan^y, 62

Dear Alouzo

I hear that in Ezra, E. & Co's
John ~~At~~ had the charge of
giving his medicine through
the night not long since,
and instead of giving it at
the intervals and in the quantities
the Dr. directed, he gave it
all, in a few large doses before
bed time so as to have the
job off his hands, thinking
it just as well if he got
the medicine, to be all at
once as at intervals.

I wish you would see to it
that he is made to understand
the hazard of such irregularity
and that the Dr's directions
are implicitly obeyed, as other
practice may cost E. E. his life.

Explain this also to the
Dr. so that he may see
that proper care is observed
in administering the medicine.
It has thawed some today
the first since I have been
here, and does not yet freeze
at 8. P.M.

Your Mother & Mary talks of
starting for the east in the
morning.

How does Lewis get on
with collections of Talents
furs?

Frank was lucky in being
one night in advance of the
Courtland fire in the occupancy
of those doomed stables,

I wish you would see that
the boys use plaster freely
about the stables to guard against
lice, and the calves had better
have additional care to avoid

lice - a little currier oil
& Sulphur about their necks
& sholders, would prevent the
lice or drive them off.

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

A.B.C

Respects to Ellen & Harry

New York

10 Wall St.

Jan^y 10/62

Hon. Egn Cornell

Dear Sir - I have heretofore

drawn some important bills touch-
-ing private & public interests in this
city, but none I think, that will not
bear the closest scrutiny of the
honest portion of any legislative body.
My services have been professional only
& for clients above a suspicion of
having a weakness for public plunder.
You, among other Members, will
doubtless be applied to on behalf of
parties, who, for public or private ends,
will desire the aid of the Legislature

My present purpose is simply to
say to you, that should you have
occasion to refer any such ap-
plicants to parties here, to put
what they desire into proper shape
(you not having time to devote to it)
I shall feel obliged for any reference
you may feel disposed to make
to me for such purpose -

Further, should any occasion arise,
in which I, as a disinterested party,
can give you any information, be-
cause of my residence & acquaintance
here, touching the merits of any
New York application, I shall gladly
furnish it to you -

Yours Very Truly
W. C. Clegg

Danby Township Co. N.Y.

Jan'y 10th 1862

Hon Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir -

At our last annual Town meeting held on the first Tuesday in April 1861 - the following resolutions were unanimously passed by the people -

Resolved - That it is the wish of the voters of the town of Danby that there should be but one election district in this town; as we have not polled 500 votes (except in one or two instances) since the town was divided into ^{two} districts.

Resolved - That L. F. Clark

and E. L. Hunt be & are
hereby appointed a committee
to confer with our Member
of Assembly (Hon. J. W. Dwight)
and request him to use
his influence to procure
the passage of an Act by
the Legislature to authorize
this town to vote in one
district at all elections
hereafter. —

In pursuance
of the above Res. addressed
a letter to Hon. J. W. Dwight
(our then Member of Assembly)
but owing to it's being so
near the close of the
Session & the multiplicity
of unfinished business
Mr Dwight informed us
that it would be impossible
to get a Bill through at
that session — and rec-

ommended us to apply
early in the Session this
winter. —

Mr. Clark having
died last summer — the
duty devolves on me of
presenting this matter to
your notice and request-
ing (in behalf of the
people of this town) your
attention & assistance. —

As reason for asking
your services in carrying
out the desire of the
people permit me to
state the following facts
for your consideration.

1st By the present ~~and~~
division of the town the
Polls are opened in the
two districts within
fifteen or twenty rods of
each other — The old

Inigo Turnpike road being
the dividing line - and
both polls located at
Danby Corner - one at the
school house east of the
road; & the other at the
tavern west of it. —

2^d The usual vote of
both districts amounts to
only about four hundred
except in Presidential Elections
when it rarely exceeds 525 -
- In 1860 the entire vote of
the town in Elections was
only 522 - and this last
fall only ~~222~~ three hundred
and eighty odd - less
than 390. —

3^d It will save some thirty
to forty dollars expense ~~to~~
for Annan to the town &
the voting will be quite as
well accommodated as

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at present. — Such is the peculiar location of both districts, as they now are that Danby Corner is the most convenient place, ^{for the voters} to open the polls in each district. —

From the above facts you will see that two Boards of Inspectors — sitting within fifteen rods of each other — to receive and count four hundred votes — is a useless trouble and expense to the town. —

Hoping that you will give the matter your attention & thus oblige the people of Danby — I take this occasion to assure you of the high esteem of Yours Respectfully
E. B. Curtis, for the
Committee

Dryden Jan. 13th 1862
My Dear Parents

I write to ask forgiveness for one or two rather quick speeches in my last letter and to ask you to write to me at least if nothing more for I have done nothing as yet that I deserve to be thus treated by you, to be sure I married very young but Dear Parents Louise is more than twice worthy of me she is good and she is pure and all you can say is she is poor (and I don't think that either of you would stoop so low as to make an objection of that). I ask you to forgive me for finishing my last letter as I did I did it without a thought. I have heard it remarked several times that you

blamed. No bquires people a good deal,
if so you are wrong for there is not one single
person but myself to blame.

Mother I wish you would be kind
enough to tell me some of the objections you
had for my keeping company with Louise,
you will remember telling me or writing
to me and saying you hoped I never
would disgrace the family (I supposed
you meant by bringing her into it),

Mother I can show to your own
satisfaction that you were wrong in all of
your charges against her.

Over your affectionate son
C. H. P. Cornell

P.S.

Please write to me as soon as you get this

State Agricultural Rooms,

Albany, Jan'y 12th 1862.

Sir:

You are requested to attend a meeting of the
Executive Committee, at the Agricultural Rooms,
Thursday, January 23rd
at 12th O'clock

B. P. Shuman

Secretary.

E. Cornell

Albany Aug 13th 62

Col Johnson

Will you please
Telegraph me tomorrow morning
(Wednesday) to North Adams Mass
if you & Mr Cornell conclude to
accept my proposition. ~~or~~ in case
you do not think best how so I
would like to know that as it
may make some difference with
my negotiations with the parties
that I am going down to North
Adams

Yours Respectly
P. F. Field

P.S. Please Telegraph me as Early
as possible & oblige

Ithaca Jan 13th 1862
O. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir. Yours of the
12th inst was duly read and I
hasten to reply. You ask first
To what extent the public health
of Ithaca is effected by the marsh
bordering the inlet of Cayuga Lake.
I can safely answer that it
is very seriously effected. The
effects are by no means confined
to Ague and Fever. Nearly all
the diseases to which we are
subject are more or less aggra-
vated by it. Stunted growths,
Sallow Complexions, Enlarged
livers and Spleen are some
of the effects of Malaria upon
us. And in my opinion were
it not for this marsh six physici-
ans could as easily do the medical

of the town as there is no more
of. Why you ask "what effect the
drainage and Cultivation of these
grounds would produce upon the
health of the Citizens".

In my opinion the drainage and
Cultivation of these grounds would
in a very slight degree if in any
increase. Malarious diseases
among us ^{out}!!

3a You ask "At what distance from
the locality of a swamp or
marshy piece of ground is health
affected". In answer. from
one to three miles.

Respectfully Yours

Wm. B. Correll.

G. Pelton

P.S. Ezra B. Correll is Comalensis
and will soon be out again
All well. Yours M

De Ruyter Jan 13th 1862

Respected Cousin

thy letter to
Father came duly to hand, he wished
me to write down what he knew
in regard to the impressment of
American Seamen he says in 1804
he sailed with Timothy Barnard
when on the South side of Long Island
(in sight of it) the British Frigate
Combarine boarded them and took
their mate ^(whose name was) ~~the~~ Cunningham
he had a written protection which he
showed them they took no notice of
it but took ^{him} on board their
ship Capt Barnard went on board
and ^{tried} to prevail on them to give him
up they were very insolent and
ordered him to leave their ship which
he was obliged to do without his mate
in 4 months from the ^{time} they run in to Galifa

he ran away and came back to Hudson
he says the voyage before this, one of
these sailors Samuel Smith a native
of Rock Island said he was impressed
don board a British man of war
and kept some time before he could
make his escape

I believe it is quite healthy among
our friends at present the diphtheria
has prevailed here to quite an extent
and many children have died with
it. ~~Sarah Hunt~~ John Hunt (he married
Sarah Wright) buried their eldest
a little girl of 8 years old a few days
ago they have one left Father is
very smart goes to his shop every
day he says tel Ezra to write to me
often for it pleases me much
and I may ~~add~~ say we all like
to hear from you Eunice often speaks

of her visit and tells how much
she enjoyed it Wm Shepherd and
family are well they have ^{2 or 3} children
his health not very good which
makes hard times for them

Caroline went from here yester-
day her health is not very good
Rubin has moved back on his
farm his wife, has bin lame for
more than a year and no prospect
of her walking Minnie George

Hull visited Sister Phoebe last
fall he found them well and
nicely situated she has 5 ^{2 or 3} hundred
acres of land she lets the most
of it out to til for shares she has
a steam saw mill that ~~last~~
had run but a short ^{time} when
Warren died it cost six thousand
dollars she has not bin able to
get any body to run it since she
thinks of visiting next summer

Dr. Barnard
13 Jan 62

We carry on ~~our~~ the business of
Cheer has making as usual we
made 12 thousand last summer
and got nearly got our pay
Daniel gets tired some times having
so much care and so many things
to see to but he has got along very
well and I think we ^{shall} get out
of debt before many years we
should have him nearly so ~~know~~
if we had not met with losses

Daniel owns that grey horse that
Frank let brother Robert have
last fall he likes him very much
I think I have scribbled as much
as the will want to read my
eye sight is so poor I cant see
to write much give my love
to Mary Ann Come and see ^{us} when
you can Father sends his love
to you
Aunt Wright

Belvidere Jan. 13th 62

Dear Brother

I am very anxious to go to Michigan with my wife on a visit to our friends, none of them being acquainted with her except yourself - I am also very anxious to see our Father again, but I feel hardly able to spare the means, ^{and} I thought perhaps you might be able to procure us a pass to Albion and no one be the richer for it, such a favor I assure you would be duly appreciated - we are all in good health at present - are having a good run of sleighing & very cold weather - the winter thus far however has been mostly moderate.

I have added a new milch cow
& calf to my stock which I have
paid for in work since Dec 15th
have some more work to do at my
trade this winter with a prospect
of more in the spring.

Produce is very low with us
this winter, wheat is worth 45¢
50¢ corn 14¢ oats 10¢ & 12¢ - heavy pork
\$2.50 & 2.70 pr cwt &c &c
rather a poor show for farmers
we look forward to better times
however.

Respectfully D. B. Cornell
D. Cornell Esq }
Ithaca Ny }

New York 32 Layt St
Jan'y 13th 1882
E Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

I am in receipt
of your letter dated Jan'y 10th
and in reply thereto would
state, that a proper apron,
can be constructed with six
inch spruce plank, under
any ordinary dam, for \$10.00
that will answer all the pur-
poses required for a Salmon leap-
able might be framed thus,

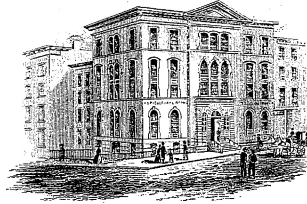
1st All persons in the State
of New York, owning dams,
shall construct an apron
under the dam, in such
a manner, that Salmon
may leap up with ease.

2

If any person shall unlawfully
and maliciously break down,
or otherwise destroy the apron,
and thereby cause the loss or
destruction of any fish,
or shall put any lime, or
other noxious material in
the water, with intent to destroy
the fish therein, such offender
shall be guilty of a murderma-
n, and being convicted thereof,
shall be liable on the dis-
cretion of the court, to be
imprisoned for any term not
exceeding two years.

I am, Sir, respectfully
Yours
Robt L. Pelt

STATE OF NEW YORK.



(Agricultural Rooms.)

Albany Jan 14 1842

Hon E. Cornell.

I wish you would
call ~~for~~ the rooms - a Smith & see you
in relation to the Steam Cultivator -

Yours Truly

R. W. Johnson

Fifth Av. Hotel

New York

Jan. 14: 1862

Hon. - Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir - I am obliged for
the kind sentiments of yours of the
11th - It is quite probable that I shall
be at Albany during the winter, when
I shall be glad to see you - Mrs
Riggs & myself are at the 5th Av. Hotel
where (should you & Mrs C. visit N.Y.)
I think you can be made very
comfortable, & where we shall be
glad to see you - Very Truly Yours
M. L. Riggs

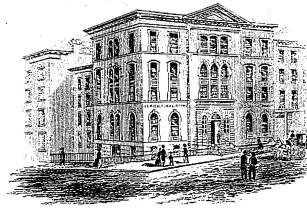
Lakewood Jan'y 14th 1863

E. Cornell Esq
Dr Sir -

When you was here on your way to Illinois you promised that Mr Hough should hear from you in regard to that old Chadwick note matter - Mr Hough is after me very often - Very anxious to hear from you - Can't you do something for him - How do you get along this mild winter - We have had very little winter weather here - It looks now more like winter - Quite cold for few days past - Do you not get impatient at the slow pace our Government are pushing on the war - We are all well & hope that you & yours enjoy the same blessing -

Yours Truly
W. A. Beach

STATE OF NEW YORK.



(Agricultural Rooms.)

Albany, July 14. 1862

Hon E Corneil

Dear Sir

We welcome

News just received from Mr
Field. I will be at the office
at 6 o'clock and should
be pleased to say in relation
to this matter.

Very truly

T. B. Johnson

Ithaca July 15/62
Hon E Cornell
Sir

I see
by the papers that
the Judge Advocate
General has made a
report or addressed
a memoir to the
Legislature on Military
matters.

If you can
obtain the document
without too much
trouble I would feel
obliged if you would
send me a copy

Yours Truly
W. B. Howe

Ithaca Jan 15 1862

W Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

Your inquiry of 13th is before us - We have examined the matter to some extent and in reply would say that we regard the increase of tolls as most remarkable, at Montezuma but we know of no reason why this port has not contributed its proportion of the increase - If so. the figures would show as follows:

Tolls at Montezuma in 1858.	\$22,316.86
1859 -	23,557.17
1860 -	125,462.96
1861	276,849.82

During the two years 1858 & 1859 an office was maintained at Ithaca and the tolls collected in 1858 were \$ _____
- 1859 8,851.11

Aggregate tolls at Montezuma & Ithaca in 1859 \$32,408.00
Compare this aggregate, with amount rec'd at office at Montezuma in 1861 shows an increase of over 8 1/2 times which in round numbers would amount to over \$75,000 to be accounted for as coming from this place in 1861 - We see no other way of

accounting for it — Possibly the office
at Seneca Falls may have been discontinued
for the past year and if so the tolls
on shipments from all points on the Seneca
Canal below Geneva (where there is an
office) should be deducted from the
\$75,000 — This fact you will remember
We have today but $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet of water on
the gravel bar just above the foot of
Cascadilla st (about 80 rods below
our warehouse) — Please send us
copies of such reports &c as you
may without inconvenience be able
to do and oblige

Very truly Yours, E. C. Cady

Wheat & Cady
Jan 15, 1862

P. S. When Tillotson gets his goods up do what you can to keep
his business along. He always did what he could to help the State

along
cc

E Cornell
Jan^y 15/62

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O'Brien House
Jan^y 15. 1862

Dear Alous

Your favor of the 12th inst
came last eve. Please keep an
eye on the Milling go to Fall Creek
occasionally, talk with the Miller
and keep a run of what they are do-
ing. And urge Thompson to work
his stuff over into cash as fast
as possible so as to convert the
money in grain &c &c.

Tillotson when he gets going will
trade with them and can help in
both buying grain & selling flour
but it must be cash operation

I voted for Raymond in caucus
and the House my preference, when
I came here over for Herbert
but I could not see or learn enough
of him before the caucus to satisfy

me that my preference had
taken the right direction, I therefore
demanded it the wisest to vote for Raymond
who I knew was unsurpassed as a pre-
siding officer. I shall write to Curran
after all chances have passed by -

As to seats, I drew the 125th choice
and located in 53, the 3rd from corner
in south west rear, good light, and
otherwise good enough for business
except in hearing the clerk's read.
His voice is loud enough but rather
thick & he don't articulate plain &
distinct. I shall distribute any
documents, as I shall think
they will do the most good.
We have none yet to dispose of.

I am glad to learn that Emma E is
recovering - Clark I presume is
a good man -

As to sleighing I presume you
are like to have some as your
letter of 13th which came in since

I commenced writing, mentions a
storm then on hand,

I am glad to hear that they are
improving at Dryden. I wrote to
Emma Sunday -

I think likely if Frank thinks best
to put Edward on the Danby farm he
had better hire him, we can then
direct as to its management and have
such improvements made as we choose
and he owes me several hundred dollars,
yet, a portion of which he might be
able to apply towards his wages -

If Charley can't do without a horse
any longer I will talk with Cal John-
son about his having the Arab -

There is a Steam Spading Machine
here from Ill, that I think will
revolutionize Agriculture. Half of the
patent is offered to Cal Johnson & my-
self for \$1000, and the expense of a man
to London fair & patents in England
I think we shall take it -

Eastern Manufacturers of Machinery
is after the Spader, very firmly
but, I think we have the preference
of the inventor a Mr Davis who
is son-in-law of a Mr Trobridge
who was formerly a Machinist at
Ithaca -

Your Mother leaves Providence
this morning, and will probably
reach here this evening -

I wrote to U. S. Treasury, for
Fred Harris respecting the pay
of his wife's brother who served 3 yrs
in an Indiana Reg. and died
in few weeks after his return to
Fort Wayne, not hearing before
I left home. I returned to
Fred the mounds he had of
his brother's service -

Last eve Mr Mortimer came to
me with a letter from his father ask-
ing me to advance him some money
I think it is a forgery, but I let him
have \$2, Enquire about it, young E. Connel

A.B.C. -

Respects to Ellen & Charles -

Albany 12, 1862

Dear Alvaro

When I bought that college certificate of Spencer, he said he expected another, A line from Bray says he owes \$17, for the loan over the amt of \$20, that his certificate is. If Spencer has another or if the institution owes him for advertising, arrange with him to pay the balance of Benjamin's term, if not you will have to send Bray, the \$17, and a few more say send him \$20, as it will best for him to have to much at once.

Your mother reached her this eve found all usually well at the east & many stayed perfectly contented -

Our committee were announced to day Agriculture - E. Cornell, E. P. Gaslin Esq E. Westbrook Wm. D. Pickett Ontario & G. E. Mc Gougal Monroe - all strangers to me, Cal Johnson M.C. - is opposed to deep plowing. the rest are strangers to him, all said to be farmers -

Yours in haste

~~Alv~~

E. Cornell

F C Cornell
16 Jan^y 1862

Forest Park

Ithaca Jan 16th 62

Dear Father

I received your letter
of the 12th inst Tuesday
eve and was glad to hear
from you for I had not
heard from ~~you or Mother~~ ~~here~~ since I left
Mother & Mary at Portland
but I took it for granted that
they arrived all right or I
would have heard to the
contrary —

I was up to Dryden last
Friday to see how Emma was
getting along. Edie said she
had been trying to coax her
to come home with her a
foot. she was so glad to see
me that as soon as I got inside
the door she caught me around
the neck with both arms —

Hattie is gaining nicely
Aunt-Emily says that Emma
is a great ~~deal~~ of comfort
to her—

The letter you sent
for I cannot find I think
you will find it in some
of your pockets. for I have
never seen it around the house

In regard to the sheep
they are doing very well we have
lost 2 lambs out of 3 one come
dead & the other one was from
the ewe that had such a large
bag it was smart for 2 or three
days & then it died I don't know
what was the cause.

I have been expecting a calf
from Fanny Curtis all this week but
it has not made its appearance yet
she has got an holder as near
like the old cow as could be
she promises to make just as good

a cow as her mother was if nothing
happens to her—

I killed the Devon Bull Fortune
this week—I tried every thing that
I could think of to cure him
but it was no use I gave him
some pork one day & it came through
him whole so I made up my mind
the best thing for the rest of the
herd was to put him out of
the way—the rest of the cattle are
doing well—I saw Uncle E B C
this week & asked him if he was
going to leave the farm in the
spring & he said that he was—
I offered him \$225. for his 2 brown
cattle that were from the old mare he got
of Judd he asked \$230. for them—

Tell Mother that I have got
a house keeper of my own she has
not commenced yet to see to things
but I expect she will to morrow

Edward & Wife are here yet

I think they will leave next week. Ed & ABC have gone up to Newfield to see a Steam Saw Mill & 50 acres of land that is for sale price \$1000 - I tell Ed the best thing he can do is to let a saw mill that is 14 miles from town alone.

Jan 18th ABC concluded on seeing the Mill property that it was a little too far out of the world.

Had's wife died last this morning about 4 o'clock with Diphtheria & quinsy to gather I set up with her last night it seemed to me that she was gaining but as soon as she got so she could sleep she died without a struggle.

I have got a bad cold & a sore throat but I guess nothing serious I got some medicine of the Doc this morning & guess I will get along.

She sends Love. Write often & oblige

E Cornell
Your truly E Cornell

E. Cornell
Jan^y 16/62

Deliver House

Albany 16. Jan^y 1862

Dear Howes

I notice in the appropriation
of last session, (See Page 612) an
appropriation of, "for expenses of Cayuga
milit^y \$2,500, or as much thereof as may
be necessary &c.

Was any work done last sum-
mer under this provision, and
if so what & how much?

Does any body at Ithaca know
what was done under the previ-
ous sentence for appropriating
\$5623. for the Cayuga Mares?

Did you succeed in learning
anything definite respecting
the amt of toll, that the traffic
of Ithaca contributes to the
Erie Canal Revenue? —

I asked the sheriff for a statement

the prisoners that had been in the
jail at Abbea the past year, and
the offences for which they were
committed, he promised to fur-
nish me the statement, I afterwards
asked him if he had made it out,
he replied that he had not but would
do so. Will you remind him of it
and ask him to hurry it up.

Why dont Mr Love have Lyon
hurry up the statement of the
Lincoln trial that the Governor
requires, to enable him to review
that case?

I find by examination at the Com-
ptroller's office the T. C. Socy
did not draw its share of public
money in the years 1848, 49-50-51 & 52.
amounting to \$540 = I hope to be
able to recover that for the so-
ciety - which with an equal amt
to be raised by the society will help
pay for the fair ground - Yours E.C.

Oil works Jan 16/62

Dear Ezra

Your letter of Jan 8th is at hand and I proceed to answer the inquiries as correct as ~~it~~ my knowledge extends. The bargain with Bidwell was for rent of house \$80. per year. The repairs of house & fence and other fixtures were to be made when necessary & paid for out of the rent. The account which ^I sett-
led with him commenced March 10th 1859. & ends the 21st June 1860. & embraces the following items

Goods by Jane Cornell 34.08

Repairs on house

cistern, Well & fence 8.62

Am't over \$42.70

Aunt brover 42.70
Taxes 3 69
Good Ch^d to M. B. Wood 49.02
Rent from Feb 21st 1859
To June 21st 1860- 106.66
Bal. due 11.25

The amt ch^d to me is
credited to you on book.

This ac^t ends previous
to the date of the ac^t he
sends you. All the repairs
in the bill he sends you
have been done since I
was in Albion. You ought
to have looked over the
house & grounds when you
were there & noticed the
condition of them. I can
not tell whether the ac^t
he presents is correct or not
without looking over the

premises. The bill of goods
to Jane, dates from March
10th 1859 to May 19th 1859 and
does not include the \$15.
to Irving.

The Bryant judgment
you speak of I have not the
least recollection about.
I have hunted over all my
important papers & don't
find it. If I ever received
it from you, it must be in
Albion among the telegraph
papers I left there. When
does the dividend of one per
cent on the O.S. & P. become due
You know I have some stock.
The suit on the Donnally
farm is put over till spring
term. Dr. lawyer told Mr.
Wheeler that Donnally did

Mr. B. W. Wood 16.62

not represent the case
to him correctly, and W.
thinks I will go under.

Phebe wrote you a few
days since and says she
did not scold any.

We got a letter last night
from Arlina saying she
had rec^d the things we
sent her, also that she
had rec^d your letter and
would answer as soon as
she had called on the family
of Keys. I also heard from
S. S. Osborn yesterday. He is
in the Legislature at Col.
-umbus. I am glad to hear
Mary Ann is to be with you
this winter. Pl^s let us know
how you like business of Legislation
all well, Yours truly
M. B. Wood

Albany, Jan'y 17th 1862

My dear Sir,

I have examined the various acts in relation to the subject of obstructions in Seneca River - preventing Salmon from going into that, and other waters, & find that as long ago as 1800 (Laws of that Year page 139), an act was passed prohibiting the erection of dams, weirs, or other obstructions to prevent the fish from going into Seneca and other rivers. A similar act was passed in 1804, & others all along down to the year 1835, when another

important act was passed re-
lating to this subject - See
Laws of 1835 - page 251.

I can find nothing repealing
or modifying these several
acts in any essential par-
ticulars, or any act auth-
orizing obstructions of a
character to prevent
salmon & other fish, from
going into Seneca River, and
believe there are none

Very truly Yours

J. H. Hammond
Dep Atty Genl.

Wm O. Canell

1862

Ithaca Jan 18th 1861

Cousin Ezra

Thinking you would like to know how John and myself are getting on I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know John's arm is getting so that he can use it some. my fever has been broken several days but I seem to gain strength very slowly I hope though to be able to go to work in two more weeks. I should like to go home when the balance of the prisoners are exchanged which I think will be soon as there are not a great many left in Fort Warren. There are no news here that I know of only Frank is married. I must now come to a close John wishes to be remembered you will please answer this when convenient give my love to cousin Mary Ann and accept for your self the same from Ezra C. Cornell

E. Cornell

Albany 18 Jan^r 62

Dear Abner

Your favor of 16th is at hand
The Steam Spader is by no means without
the objections you raise that I supposed
such a machine could be, The machine
here is a working model, with it our
garden could be spaded, Among small
farmers, the tillage of the soil will be
done as thrashing is now done by men
who will own a machine and go from
farm to farm for work, The same ma-
chine serves as a portable engine for doing
all farm work that power is used for,
you could take a grist and go to mill with
it if the team was away from home -

As regard to the insurance you better
consult Talbot, I presume he will want
the control of insurance but may con-
sent to the reduction in amount,

I enclose with this a note to Mr
Love, please hand it to him -

Please look among my letters

for one I got last spring
from W. A. Beach, containing
Mr Hough's claim on a note
he says Chadwick gave him
for rent of ops at Toledo and
enclose it to me -

We have plenty of good sleighing
here, and a very productive
snow storm in prospect at
this time -

Was any money expended last
summer on Cayuga intel under
the appropriation of \$2,500, passed
last spring?

I am sorry to hear that
Brown's wife is sick, do what
you can for them, and alloy pain
as far as possible, there is as much
danger in the fear of the disease as the
disease it self - How is Ezra E.

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

A. B. C.

citrus

Rhinebeck Jan 18. 1882

Mettonville

Ezra Cornell.

My dear Sir

By this morning's paper I perceive W Kinney has introduced a bill to regulate the sale of hay and straw in the City of New York; and I write to ask your special attention to it.

It will be or has been doubtless referred to the Com. on Agriculture, unless W Kinney made a special motion for its reference to some other Committee - It properly belongs to you -

A bill has been noticed in the Senate "in relation to baled hay" by W Bradley but has not yet been introduced. - They may mean the same thing, perhaps not.

Mr Bradley represents an omnibus interest in New York who have tried twice before now to get a law passed, requiring that farmers, in packing hay, should weigh the slats and hoops for each bale, and on a sign board to be fastened in the bale, they must state their name and residence in full with the gross weight and the tare of each bale.

When you reflect that very much hay is sent to market in bales worth not more than one dollar each, you may imagine the vexation this law would cause to all our hay farmers.

The pretended motive for this law is to prevent packers from using slats of more or less the necessary weight - This practice is too common it is not honest - but it does the packer no good, and the buyer no harm - The purchaser can see the character of the packing for himself - the slats being fully

in sight, and he graduates his price offered in view of the amount of loss by slats. - he pays a less price for the hay - and the packer of course reaps no benefit from his illiberality, or his honesty. - The passage of this law would therefore not be productive of any good, but would give infinite trouble to the farmer. - I presume Mr Bradley's law will be of this character.

As to Mr Kinney's I fancy it will be found on examination to be the same thing, or else to make a place for somebody, as inspector or weigher &c.

As you are at the head of the Com on Agriculture - we farmers claim the right to ask you to protect our interests. I want you not alone as a brother farmer but as your friend

Wm Kelly

Albany Jan^y 20. 1862

Dear Alonzo

Enclosed I send you a bill. I drew hastily last eve empowering the Trustees to act as commissioners for draining the swamps that render the area so unhealthy.

Please submit it to the Trustees and others and see how they regard it & if they can suggest any better plan, to effect the object.

It may be that we can get indirect aid from the state in the erection of a tow path along one bank of the inlet, which will serve as a dyke to keep the waters from overflowing the marshes from the inlet.

A.B.C.

Yours in haste
E. Corvill

Ithaca Jan'y 21. 1862

E. Cornell Esq
Albany. Dr Sir,

Doct C. C Cook
of Newfield is one of the Loan
Commissions of this County. His
term expires this winter. He is
desirous of a re-appointment.
It would be gratifying to me
& many others, to have you inter-
est yourself in his behalf.

The doctor is in all respects a
reliable man - an old Whig - one
of the first to join the Republicans,
& now a unionist politically - at
heart & in deed thoroughly loyal.

I hope you will find it con-
sistent to give him your assis-
tance.

Very Truly Yours
G. W. Schuyler

Deliver House

Albany Jan^y 21. 1862

Dear Frank

Your letter dated the
16th and mailed the 20th is
just at hand.

The most important information it contains, is that you "have got a house keeper of your own". You undoubtedly allude to having formed a matrimonial alliance. The Lady you have wedded is no more your house keeper, than you are her house keeper, marriage is a mutual and equal alliance, one in which both parties are equally bound in duty to promote the mutual welfare and happiness of both. You have therefore both of highly responsible duties to perform, neither of you

can keep the house as well as both can, and the better the house is kept the greater will be the enjoyment and happiness of both. The labors incident thereto you will divide, as becomes the physical condition of either. The rougher and more masculine duties you will take upon your own shoulder, and those of the opposite character it is appropriate for your wife to assume, and thus aiding and assisting each other, overlooking, forgiving, and mutually correcting each others faults, and short comings. If either gets "mad" be sure to postpone the quarrel until the next day, and with the blessing of divine Providence you may be happy and secure the happiness of your wife, and all others dependent

upon you. That wisdom may thus lead you both to happiness is the earnest prayer of your parents.

Your mother says she put the letter I enquired for into the homeopathist's doctor book that lays on the hall table, please enclose it to me,

I am glad you visited Emma, you must do so frequently for she is undoubtedly lovable, I wrote her a few days ago & will do so again soon,

We are sorry to hear of the death of Mrs Brown, we can hardly realize that it can be so.

Fanny Curtis, is undoubtedly a choice animal and will make a fine milker if you can avoid her being spoiled by being badly milked. I fear she will be at home, I don't know

but you better let your
Uncle E.B. have the use of
her in order to get her
carefully and regularly treated
so as to secure the full devel-
opment of her scribbling qual-
ities - I had rather accept a
lop out right of \$500. than have
her spoiled by bad management,

You speak of a bad cold in your
throat dont tamper with a thing
of that nature but consult
Dr Morgan at once -

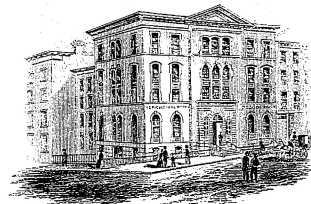
Please present the res-
pects of your Mother and
myself to your wife -

Yours Respectfully,

E. Cornell

F. C. Cornell

STATE OF NEW YORK.



(Agricultural Rooms.)

May 21 1842

Hon E Cornell

Mr Field has returned.

and the North Adams say they
will make a machine that shall
be tested & declared satisfactory or
very paid \$1,000. when done &
\$1000 when sold.

The Machine to be by
Tutal & Cornell & Co. that be
a second to — Please call
Hester Knos B. J.

Delivan House

Albany Jan^y 22, 1864

Dear Alonzo

Your favor of the 20th came this morning -
We had heard of Mrs Moors death by a letter from Frank!
It seems difficult to realize that such can be the facts.
I will write to Binghamton respecting that scholar-
ship = I will also look after the locking tools
of the Country Gent, You had better write for copies
of Western papers -

As to the St Ag Soc^y Col Johnson mentioned when
I first came down that I was to be elected next Post.
I told him I had not thought of such a thing and did
not believe it was best, he said that so many of the
members of the society had suggested it, that he supposed
it had been determined on, and he seemed to be so well
pleased with the idea, that I withheld further assistance
and concluded to let events take their course, and be
content with any result,

You had better come down to the meeting as a
delegate from farmers club, and by the by has
the club held its annual election if not you
better call a meeting for that purpose in name
of Post & Soc^y. I wish you would have the number
of trees counted in the north and east rows of
that Plat of forest trees. I had set out on farm
and send me the number so. I can make a note
on subject, I can tell the size of the plat of ground
by knowing the number of trees in the two above
rows -

Respects to Elmer & Charlie

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

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