Mr E Cornell
Deliver House
Albany

Dear Sir

I have your birds ready for delivery. Will you please inform me if there can be any thing done about them before you return home. I would like to deliver them as soon as possible for the reason that I am in very ~~much~~ great need of some money.

Yours Respectfully

James M Knight

East Homer Feb 6 1862

Ithaca Feb 7 1862

Dear Brother

I presume your time is much occupied since your arrival at Albany that you cannot devote much of it to a correspondance with your friends at home, but I will venture to intrude for one letter at least

I have commenced Estimateing for the job of building the Co Clerks Office and my impression is from the figures I have made so far that the building can be brought within the appropriation and if you can Exert any influance in favour of my geting the job I should be happy to have you do so I have rented a House in Town and shall move the first of April

I suppose it will be best to make a vendue to dispose of what Stock and other traps I have, unless you should want what there is to remain on the place. Please let me know what you think of it and whether there is any of the Stock or horses you would like to have

I regret very much that my domestic affairs are such that I am obliged to leave the farm after the incouragement I have received from you to remain here, but it is idle for me to think of staying any longer

The trials of last summer have made such an impression upon me that I feel almost discouraged ~~to do any thing~~ in trying to do any thing. I hope however that when I get away from here I may feel different and all will be well

You will please receive my sincere thanks for the pecuniary kindnesses you have shone me and I hope some day to be able to reciprocate for them in some way

Respectfully yours E. B. Cornell

To E. Cornell

Thos. Robertson
Feb 8, 1862

Forest City 8th Feby 62

E Cornell Esq

Dear Sir your favor in the shape of the Governor Message with your Reports was this Day Rec'd for which I am much obliged Said Message is a lengthy and very able Public Document its Corroborating Benton Viz that this Rebellion began a third of a Century ago ought to stop the mouths of Proslavery Democrats who say that Black Republicans and Abolitionists

Commenced the war
how long will it take
this piece or let
alone party to quell
the rebellion, they
have been 8 or 9 Months
at it (an) have done
but very little but
turn Fremont out
(an) a few others that
would probably have
hurt some of their
friends down South if they had
let them go ahead
they got Genl out
out of the way but
what has McClellan
done since towards
ending the rebellion
the answer may be that
they have been getting
ready they proclaimed
themselves ready
last fall (an) had their
guns loaded
probably they know
better then I who is far
away how to manage
the war they might
learn a little from the
rebels to attack them
at their weak places
I do not want any more
of our brave soldiers
to be taken again in
handfulls to the slaughter house of Balls
Bluff or Bulls Run
unless their Commanding Genl is put in the
front of battle as Wright
of old was
it cannot be said that
the People dont do their
Duty for they furnish all the
men and Money wanted as yet

Money it seems is
getting scarce at washing
ton but the Credit
of the government must
be sustained by A direct
tax, for what is life
property or Money worth
without A government
to protect it
the people of the
Rebel States feel
the want of A good
Government now if
they never did before
and they never will
go to h l for succeeding
for they will most
certainly repent if
they have not already
and exclaim as did the
Apostle Paul Oh Lord God
what shall we do to be
saved if Lane & Clay gils after them
Respectfully yours T. Robertson

J. D. Eybert
8 Feb 62

So. Lansing Feb. 8th/62.

Friend E. Cornell, Dear
yours letter Dated 4th has
just come to hand by the
Children Just come from
School, the Mail has gone to
Ithaca for the night, nothing
can be forwarded until
Monday morning. This will
Move for Albany & I will go
to Ithaca & See Mr Selkreg &
learn If I Can More particulars
where & how he received his
Information of which I wrote
you in my last

I am pleased to learn that
you have Interested yourself as
much as you have, & that you
have made the advance,

It may be well to move the
bill forward as you have prepared
it, from what you write in.

regard to other obstructions than Dams I am in hopes they may not prove Serious when we learn all the facts & it may not be necessary to amend but you in your wisdom will elect the course to persue

I will make it my first Business the forepart of the Coming week to learn all I can in relation to the Subject & Inform you, I shall me circulate a petition & send you, I suppose It would Strengthen the more much, you will have the Kindness to inform me as you progress as to your Success,

with Esteem

L. D. Egbert

If we Should Succede in getting a Bill through it would be well to have a Commissioner, apointed to See that the work is Executed according to the Act,

Ithaca Feb 8th 1862

Hon E Cornell

Dear Sir

I received yours of the 30th ult & I allso received from you Mr Hulburd Speech in Assembly & I will express my opinion in relation to the legal tender clause & I think the Majority of the People in this section of country agrees with me in saying that the Legal tender clause is all rite & should be adopted

In relation to the dog tax there will be no rejoicing to have a tax on dogs & if it would do any good to circulate a pettion I would do it but I have made up my mind that Petetions are all Moon shine & you may think otherwise but the fact is that the Legislators are the People & they must act

The people are prepared & expect to have a tax but the assesment aught to be made in some more uniform maner which in the judgement of the Legislator might devise

Yours W. C. Curran

Lake Ridge Feb. 8th 1862

Hon. E. Cornell

My Dear Sir,

I herewith enclose an Advertisement of the Sale of my entire flock of Sheep at Auction on the 26th inst, which I will thank you to hand to our friend Tucker and request 3 insertions in the Country Gen.

I will feel grateful to him if he will direct the attention of the readers of the Country Gen. to the Advertisement by some remarks. I have labored long and faithfully both by much writing and example in management of Sheep, as you very well know, and probably there is no where to be found sheep higher or more perfect blood than my flock. You also know that the sale results from my pecuniary misfortunes caused by the Rebellion. Yes, my old friend, in a very short time, I shall leave my pleasant home forever. I am almost crushed in mind by the sad thought, but the bright ray penetrates and almost disperses the gloom proceeding from the fact that I have honorably surrendered my all to my Creditors. I know not where I shall go or what will be my future avocation, but where there is a will there will be a way.

I have sent an Advertisement to your son A. B.

and hope he will be present at the sale and purchase a few Ewes at least, and also the very best Merino Buck I ever saw, his wool sorting Extra, and last shearing his fleece weighed 12 lb washed wool — Our friend Henry S Randall is taking a very active part to have the principal sheep breeders of his county at the sale, and informs me that he will be present himself. I have advertised extensively and there will be a large attendance beyond doubt and spirited bidding —

I may write to you again

in some haste

Yours very truly

L A Morrell

L. A. Morrell
Feb 8 1862

Forrest Park

Ithaca Feb 9th 1882

Dear Father

Your letter of the 1st came duly to hand — You say that I did not mention whether I had fed out the corn stalks or not — I wrote that we would use up the fodder we had by the first of March — I meant — Stalks & hay we are feeding Stalks now & I think they will last about 3 weeks yet.

You went to know about how much hay it will take to last our cattle a month — I think it will take about 15 tons in cold weather last winter I bought about 35 tons of hay besides about $300 worth of corn this winter I think we will have grain enough to feed but we will have to buy some seed Oats

I have bought about 16 tons of hay all ready I bought 2 stacks of Dave McKinney of the nicest kind of Timothy hay for $73½ I think there is 13 or 14 tons of hay in them but cant tell I can tell pretty near when I draw it —

What do you think about my letting Mr Burdick stay in the house where Uncle E B lives & we do what work there will be to do from home the comming season he will be a good hand to see to things & do what few chores there will be to do — Uncle E B was talking about hiring Goodriches House for them to live in & I told him to wait untill I wrote to you & see what you think of my plan — Uncle E B wants us to have the young devon Cow that is the first ~~the~~ Calf the old cow had after he got her had we better buy her or not — I think we have got cattle enough — I dont know but that he will let me have his colts at the price I offered him $225 — thay are worth that.

Fanny Curtis was sick the other night but I gave her some Pork & bathed the top of her head with Spirits of Turpentine & it appeared to help her — she is all right now — her calf is growing finely —

I was up to Dryden last week to see Em she is getting along very well — We expect her & Edie down this week to stay a spell. Hattie is just getting so that she can begin to walk — This is the 4th letter to day so I think I will quit Sue sends her respects to you & ~~Mother~~

Yours Respectfully
Frank C Cornell

E.C

Easton Feb. 10. 1862

Dear Uncle

I received a letter from Father a few days since stating that you would acomodate me with a small loan if I could prove satisfactory to you that I could make good use of it. I propose going into the Grocery and provision buisness here in Easton in the same store room I formerly occupied and in the same buisness a buisness that I think I thoughourly understand as I have been at it now about ten years the stand that I propose occupying is situated in the buisness part of the town and is located on the corner of the block and has an entrance from both streets. I have formerly done a buisness in the same store as follows ~~in~~ the year 1858 $23.463.87 in 1859 $25.387.23. 1860. 21.237.62. ~~1861~~ from the first of November 1861 to the first of July 1862 $17.964.42 the trade now is not quite as good as it has formerly been on account of the war. but I think that there is still enough to be done to make a good living and lay up money beside, I have a great many

acquaintance here. And feel assured that I can command a good trade if I can but get a little help for a start. hoping that you can accomodate me with the desired means without inconveniencing yourself I Remain.

yours Affectionately
H. P. Cornell

(Son of Elizabeth & Betsey Ann)

H. P. Cornell
2 Feb 63

Hon E. Cornell

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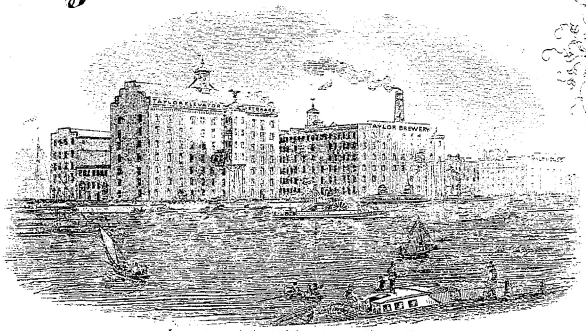

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Albany 10 Feby 1862

Hon'bl C Cornell

Dear Sir We understand you are Chairman of a Committee to whom the Hon'bl Legislature have referred a bill to regulate the sale of milk (or swill milk) to inflict a fine on those who sell milk of Cows that are fed on Brewers Grains. This article has been considered for two centuries & upwards in Europe and America a wholesome & nutricious feed for cattle, and has always entered largely with other Hodeler for Cattle

We could hardly believe the notion could be entertain'd that grains from a Brewery was pernicious or unhealthy for cows, cattle, or Horses that are fed with it, we hope you will be pleased to make proper inquiries on the subject, before venturing to report & avoid such an egregious error. there is perhaps no city in the United States where so large an amount of Ale is manufactured, as in Albany, and consequently so large an amount of Grains is produced.

Allow me to state what Grains are

Barly by a process of vegetation is changd into what

is call'd malt. The flowery part of the grain is by this process chang'd into a Sugar, or Saccarine after it is dried on a Kiln — It is then crush'd between two rollers. & run into what is called a Mash tun where with the aid of warm water. the Sugar or Saccharine is dissolv'd & drawn off. which is made into ale. The unchang'd skin or Flower of the grain remains with the Husk. which is sold for feed & what is call'd Brewers grains. and is found to contain much wholesome nutriment and brought up to fed Cattle, Cows & Horses. nothing in it pernicious, or can be unwholesome for cattle

It is not the article generally alluded to call'd distillery slops. that is said to bring on decay of cattle

I must hope sir you will excuse these few lines. we have assumed to write you on the subject I would be pleased to show you the article about Brewery. when you can make it convenient to call, or any of your Committe

with much respect

Yours

John Taylor & Sons

South Berry Brewy

East Saginaw Feb 10-62

Mr. E. Cornell.

Dr Sir

In the case of Palmer Miller lunatic. I thought I would write you to now wether a certificate from the Dr at the asylum stating the condition of the said Palmer Miller when he was received in that Institution. would not be of some benifit to you in procuring the passage of that bill

If the bill has gone into the hands of the committee and they have taken any action on it please let me now

Truly Yours

George W. Miller

J. D. Egbert
10 Feb 1862

So. Lansing Feb. 10th /62

Friend E. Cornell.

Dr Sir I wrote you on the 6th inst which I presume you will have received before you get this, I have been to Ithaca to day to learn more in relation to what I wrote you of the Starch factories and other foreign Substances Said to be thrown in to the Oswego River to the Exclusion of Salmon & other fish, upon a more close Conversation with Mr Selkreg to day he Said what he knew on the Subject he learned last Summer from a person living near Oswego, that there was large quantities of refuse from Said factories thrown in the River

It was Selkregs opinion that said substance would be offensive to the fish.

I had a talk with B.F. Ferris & several others and the impression is that you had better move forward the Bill as you have prepared it get it started amend and alter as should be necessary

If anything should come up that should make it necessary and you cannot learn facts which would ~~be against us~~ important If you will inform me I will go down the river and obtain all the facts in relation to the same,

you speak of the Agricultural Interests, I have Distributed the blanks in the Southeren part of the town I saw Esqr Ludlow some time since who is post master at Ludlowville asked him if he would do me the favour to distribute the balance in the Northern part of the town said he would with pleasure, I hand them over to him, I saw him some few days since he said that he found it quite difficult to get people to accept and attend to it, I found the same objection in my part of the town,

there is but few persons in the country who is able to spend their time that are willing to do for the benefit and good of others, those who are able as a general thing look for themselves & not for others. Interests,

I fear unless there can be something done to incorage

persons who Spend their
time Either by the Agreeculture
Society, or by the State. that
It will be quite difficult an-
other Season to do anything of
note, in that line a patent office Report
is best Small Interest to many,
a number that I am acquainted
with who have them in their
houses probably will not open
them twice in a year

I would Seggest that If
the Public is benefited by the
Colection the public should
make Some arangment where
by persons who Spend their
time in that should be paid as
well as for other Services rendered
for the public good,

Respectfully yours

J. D. Egbert

let me here from you as often
as you can make it convenient

Private.

74 STATE ST., ALBANY.

February 10, 1862.

MY DEAR SIR:

As you have, probably, already seen, by the published correspondence between a number of the members of the Legislature and myself, I have again consented to issue a work similar to that already published by me, during the past four years, containing biographical sketches of the Governor, Lieut-Governor, State Officers, and Members of both branches of the Legislature.

In order, therefore, that I may obtain proper and correct material for a sketch of yourself, I herewith take the liberty of sending you a series of questions, to which I desire you to return me, immediately, as full and as satisfactory answers as possible. To omit the sketch of any State Officer, Senator, or Member would necessarily render the work incomplete; and inasmuch as it is my determination to secure entire accuracy and completeness in its preparation, it becomes essentially important that you should furnish, immediately, the facts suggested, so as to avoid me the necessity of appealing to other sources for them.

The work will contain some three hundred quarto pages, neatly and substantially printed and bound, and will be ready for delivery shortly after the adjournment of the Legislature. It has hitherto appeared before the adjournment, but the time thus allowed me for its preparation, amid various other engagements, was entirely too short, to do the sketches full justice, and I have, consequently, determined to devote more time, this year, to its preparation.

The price of the work will be TEN SHILLINGS per copy, unless paid for in advance, in which case it will be furnished for ONE DOLLAR per copy, and as I shall not be prepared to furnish more copies than are actually subscribed for, I wish you would also inform me of the number of copies you will take. I am obliged, in issuing the work, to rely almost entirely upon the patronage of those whose sketches constitute its pages, and I trust you will not fail to take a few copies, at least, for distribution among your friends.

Very respectfully,

WM. D. MURPHY,
Box 784.

Hon. Ge. Leonard.

QUESTIONS.

1.—When and where were you born?

2.—Of what descent?

3.—Have you any distinguished relatives?

4.—Your father's and mother's name?

4.—If dead, when and where did they die?

5.—And what their ages?

7.—If not born here, when did you come to this State, and where locate?

8.—Where were you educated, and what kind of an education?

9.—For what occupation educated?

10.—What occupation have you followed, and in what now engaged?

11.—What offices have you held, where, and during what periods?

12.—To what political parties have you belonged?

13.—When and to whom married?

14.—To what Church do you belong or attend?

Ans^d Mar 10. 62

Mansfield Feb 11th 1862

Mr. Cornell

Dr Sir

My Commission as Loan Officer will expire on or about the 14th of March next. Circumstances are such with me that I am anxious to be reappointed. Will you take charge of this matter and see that my name is presented to the Senate. For any services rendered in this respect I shall feel myself under obligations

C. C. Cooke

Ithaca, Feb 12. 1862

Hon E. Cornell

Dear Sir:

Will you see that the governor re-appoints Philip J Partenheimer as Notary Public

It is just proper & right he should be re-appointed

Yours &c

J H Elkreg

Pd His time has expired - hurry up the appt.

Albion Feb 18/69

Cornell Dear Sir

Yours of the 8th inst came to hand in due time Glad to hear that you were well and hope that you are injoying your new business—

Father's health is about the same as when you was here still I can see a gradual failing both phisically and mentally a great deal less care about his person now probably as much as the most of men of his age

Mary's health is not very good but keeps doing and grunting The rest of us feel pretty well, but I can tell you that I had a time with that finger —

I showed your letter to Bidwell he found no fault with it and said that he should have reckoned the rent at $80,00 a year but you made out the bill at at $78, so he let it go as that was all that he thought it worth He payed me $25,00 for which I gave you credit

Mary said that she should think that Mary Ann might write her a good long letter

We have had the niceest winter thus far that I ever saw hardly a day without thawing and the best of sleighing since about the first of Jan

I am ~~and~~ &c with much respect

H. D. Robertson

To E. Cornell

Jared S. Halsey
14 Feb 62 Trumansburg
Tompkins Co. N.Y.
Feb 17th 1862

Sir I was to day informed that you had purchased of Capt Wilcox the steam boats that he has been running upon Cayuga Lake. We are now without a dock at Goodwins point: we have been talking the matter up in this neighbourhood and have circulated a subscription for the purpose of building one. We have met with very good success having nearly enough subscribed, as we estimate to build the dock. Capt Wilcox agreed that he would drive

the piles, at his own expense, if we would get them upon the ground and then we are to go on and complete the dock.

As Capt Wilcox is out please inform me what you will do in the matter.

There has a new difficulty arisen which I hardly know how to get around.

Where we propose to build the dock is at the end of a road running to the lake shore, there is a man owning a strip of land, or gravel ridge, on each side of said road along the lake shore, and he says that we shall not build the dock. I would like to have you ascertain what course it will be necessary for us to pursue if it is necessary for us to get a grant from the Legislature I will forward you a petition for it immediately.

There has been a work of an apology for a dock where we propose to build one for the last 5 or 6 years, but that has given out and the boats cannot land as it now is.

This is an important matter to you as well as to us in this neighbourhood. Capt Wilcox has received over $1000 in one day from excursion parties coming to the Falls.

Please let me hear from
you soon for if we build
the dock we want to get
the timber on the ground
while the sleighing lasts.

Respectfully Yours
Jared. F. Halsey

Ithaca Feby 14/12

Dear Sir

Your favour of the 11th inst
Enclosing the 3 notes. Endorsed
is rec.d.

Milling has been quite as good
as I expected & considering the small
amount of means employed has been
very fair. All the plaster stone
which was on hand that was dry
enough to grind has been ground
& sold during the five mos of
slushing we have had — none of
the other plaster Mills have been
able to grind for want of water
We have ground & sold about 150
tons. & could have sold much
more if we had had it.
We have had a tolerable run of
custom in grinding. and the
retail trade at the Mill does

nearly doubled weekly.

I have seen Dorsett once since you left & he then said nothing to me on the subject of the mill. Judge Dane told me yesterday that Mr Ferris had spoken to him to know whether he would be willing on the sale of the Mill to take a new Mortgage for what was due him & I spoke in behalf of Ives.

I suggested to the Judge that I hoped he would make no pledges to those parties on the subject - and I think he will not

Will you be here on the 1st of March at the sale? Have the goodness to let me hear from you as soon as convenient

Our latest War news seems to be more hopeful. and trust it may continue to be so

No special news here.

Yours truly

H. S. Walbridge

Hon E Cornell

Ithaca Feb 14. 62

Ezra Cornell Esq.

Dear Sir -

Inotice in the Democrat there there is to be an application made to the Legislature this winter to abolish the office of police Magistrate in our town - As you represent our interests in the Assembly, I will give you a fact which came under my observation last week, and which I think is in itself a good argument against the abolition of the above office. The business of said Magistrate, since the death of Drake, has been done by the Justices, and the Police officers have endeavored as much as possible

to divide it equally among them. But you know that greediness is a characteristic of some men, and it finds a place in the breasts of Magistrates as well as other of your Kind & One of our Justices here, became angry at one of the officers for not taking certain cases before him, and because he gave them to our new Justice. This is the spirit likely to be engendered among the rest, unless the office of Police Justice is given by the People to some one - and then all understand before whom Police business is to be done - and there can be no ground of complaint. The Corporation complains that the salary of the magistrate is more than the fees paid by him to the town. This can be easily remedied by allowing the Magistrate to take his Pay out of the fees of his office, or a certain Proportion of them regulated by the Trustees, and thus no the town of any expense. I simply suggest these matters to you, as a humble member of your constituency, and not with the desire of instruction.

Yours truly
Samuel H. Wilcox

Recd Albany Feb 15, 1862 from E. Cornell
J. R Elwood draft on R. C. Rankin of
Chicago Ill. for five hundred dollars
in full payment for one half interest
in my invention and all improvements
thereto of my steam Spading Machine or
Cultivater as Specified in Contract with
said Cornell and B. P. Johnson dated
Albany Jany 22, 1862

B. F. Field

N. Y. Feb. 15. 1862.

E. Cornell Esq.

Dr. Sir,

I read yesterday a letter from your son & replied to it this morning. If I had had time to think, instead of being taken in the street & going into an office at hand - & being in a great hurry, I dont believe I should have consented to be the medium of the communication without some explanation. It looked on its face as if there was some object rather than the mere securing his pay on the mortgage. I dont know how it is, but the family & other relations between the parties entitle Capt. W. to a fair chance to do the best he can with his property. The party asking me to write was a brother-in-law of Capt. W. & a client of mine, tho' his business is now mostly done by a young relative admitted to the bar.

Now a word in regard to Capt. Capt G. F. C.

You know he is in the 53rd, (called D Epincil Zouaves,) went with Burnsides Expedition - put on board an old barque that had been sunk for some time at Philadelphia - got up & painted & sent off with this Regt on board - drew four or five feet more water than there was on the bar - ran ashore in the Potomac (or Chesapeake) ~~got~~ was left behind by the others & after getting off went on - unable to cross the bar & sent back to Annapolis - Regt 33 days on Ship

Gov. Morgan & Adj't Gen'l Hillhouse both have seen George, & know him.

board (26 of them rainy,) so crowded that there was not room for all to lie down at night - provisions & means of cooking deficient - Officers & men covered with vermin, (Geo escaped this,) & suffered beyond endurance. You know this Regt is got up under the fiction of being French Zouaves - but have nothing of the French drill - the Field Officers & staff all French while there are only about 80 Frenchmen in the Regt. There is about as bad a state of feeling between these French Officers & the American soldiers as can well exist, & the regt has been almost ruined by it. They turn out to be ignorant pretenders, with no knowledge of American character or capacity to understand how to manage Americans. The Lt Col. ~~was~~ & the others had difficulties & he was detached from the Regt & went as a volunteer with some other part of the expedition & was killed at the battle at Roanoke Island. This makes a vacancy, to which I hope the Gov. will appoint George. He told me some time since that he had seen George - that he was just such a man as the service require & just such an one as he should take pleasure in promoting & should do so at the first opportunity - that he had endeavored to place in some other regt but difficulties had been in the way - that he had no doubt of his ~~capa~~ fitness for any field office. George has bestowed so much labor on this Regt - has been so anxious about it, & has the confidence of men & officers to such an extent that he would rather be connected with it, in a position where he can be useful to it, than to go into another where the duties would be easier & he would have less anx-

iety. There have been a good many desertions from the Regt purely from the bad management of these Kendmen. The Col. refused to let the men have overcoats on this expedition, & in all that terrible knocking about for thirty three days the man were shivering in their little French Talmas, with the exception of George's company. He managed to put overcoats on them, (getting an order I think from the Gen'l officer while the Col. was under arrest,) The Col. attempted to have them taken off, but as George required a written order, the Kendman dared not give it, & so they were protected while the other poor fellows were shivering. George has repeatedly been in command of the Regt when the field officers have been away, & always succeeds in establishing good order, & was once heartily cheered by the Regt. The Col. soft-soaps him without stint, but probably fears him more than he likes him, as he cannot but be aware of the feelings of the Regt. George's first Lieut. has been the instructor of the Regt - his 2d was a young talented lawyer whom we have known from early boyhood - & one of the best officers in the Regt. He is now placed in the signal corpse, (a punishment George says upon him for having a Lieut. who could write.) He & George, I think, are the only well educated men in the Regt. the 1st. Lieut. of his company being a good officer but his education defective. The 2d Lieut. Van Buren says that he went on board the John Tucks, (the barque on which was the 53d) at Fortress Monroe before they went further South, & the condition of the men was such that his heart ached for them for days. He says nothing would

have tempted him to leave the Regt. if the field officers were such as they ought to be. George has taken officers & men into the Regt & must now stand by them, whatever his position. He says he labors for the Regt & not for himself.

The only fear is that the Major as next in rank may be thought entitled to the vacancy. This would be so if he was at all qualified. But he is really unfit, I suppose to command a company – is a French pretender to being a military man from having once been a French sergeant. – is brother to a baker on 6th av. with neither education, position, or fitness of any kind for the office he now holds. To promote him would only disgust the Americans – how about the Frenchmen, (of whom only 80 in the Regt,) I don't know. If he was a good, competent officer, George would be quite content to have him promoted. In regard to promotion he has always shown himself disinterested, & till he found how incompetent others were, objected to his friends naming him for any higher office. But he says he is over all that modesty after seeing what he has.

I wrote to the Adj't Genl yesterday briefly on the subject showing him the importance of placing some competent American in this 2d Office of the Regt. I write you now these matters confidentially that if any thing is in your power you may exert your influence to prevent this ignoramus of a Major being promoted. If he should take ~~it~~ in dudgeon being superceded & resign, it would be the next best thing for the Regt to the Col.'s resignation. He may be removed & probably would, I understand, on charges preferred against him, if the authorities ~~at~~ Washington had time to attend to it. I am told they are amply sufficient, but what they are or by whom preferred I don't know. George has kept himself out of these troubles as much as possible. I enclose a ~~letter~~ copy of letter from Genl Tyler which is among others that the Gov. has in Geo's favor. Yrs E. W. Chester

E. W. Chester 15 Feb 62

Arlina Robinson
16 Feb 62

Grand Rapids
Feb. 16th 1862

My dear Uncle,

I am almost ashamed to address you now, after so unwarrantable a delay, and can but apologize for so long neglecting to acknowledge your kind favor of December 16th. Throwing myself upon your habitual good nature and generosity for pardon I will proceed, to the best of my knowledge to answer your inquiries concerning Mrs Hayes.

Soon after I received your letter I began to look for her, and found she had left this city. Not long afterwards I learned she was living two or three miles out,

upon a farm, which they had rented. A lady, who had known them, said they seemed to be doing better than ever before. She represented Mr Kyes as a very worthless man, idle and dissipated. Instead of contributing to the support of his family, he had been an actual burthen to them, rendering them wholly dependent upon her exertions, with the needle and otherwise. At this time Mrs Kyes was in poor health.

Others with whom Robert and I have conversed corroborate this statement, and all alike seem impressed with the idea that he is overcoming some of his evil tendencies, and is inclined to be more of a man.

The other day we went out to see them. Found them in much more comfortable circumstances than we had expected. There has been found to be four neighboring women there visiting her, so you may know the opportunity was favorable for learning more of their situation than what was to be gained through declaration. They certainly did not appear very destitute. They live in a house comfortable and convenient as most farm houses, which after seeing their best days are given over to the tender mercies of thriftless tenants. They complained of the farm being "very poor" "sandy" &c, and were thinking of leaving it for a better. They were to know in a few days whether they should make the change or not.

Do you not think it owing to the intemperate habits and thriftlessness of her husband, the poverty of which she complains?

They have only three children, and one of those away from home. I cannot see why, with industry and

sobriety, and the health with which he at least seems to be blessed, they may not prosper, and live more respectably than they have done since they came to Grand Rapids.

This is about all I have been able to gather concerning them. Robert knows Mr Fox, the gentleman who leases them the place. Perhaps he might learn more about them from him but as yet has not had opportunities.

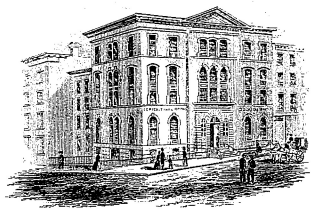
I cannot tell you how glad we would be to have you come and see us Uncle mine; Aunt Mary Ann too. Are you never going to bring her west again?

Now that the "Cares of State" are added to your other responsibilities and perplexities I presume you are busier than ever, I hope they may not wear upon you too much.

Robert joins me in congratulations upon your political success, and love to yourself and my Auntie.

Affectionately your niece Arline Mr Robinson

STATE OF NEW YORK.



Agricultural Rooms,

Albany, Feby 17 1862

A B Cornell

Please send to

Wm G. Deniston Prattsburgh

Steuben County — One of

Your Statistical blanks.

Yrs Truly

B W Johnson

Binghamton Feby 17 1862

Mr E Cornell

Dr Sir.

In your last you request me to get along without your aid if possible. I have seen the parties and find that they are inexorable. The money $450, is due the 4th of March, but I can get them to wait until about the 15th of April. If you will be any more at leisure then to attend to it, let it go until that time.

Bro & family well as usual & all send respects.

Business looks a little better with me

Yours Truly
T. A. Hopkins

E. W. Chester
Feb 18. 62

Office of Chesters & Kennaday,

Attorneys & Counsellors at Law,

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

TRINITY BUILDING, 111 BROADWAY,

New-York, Feb. 18. 1862

Hon. E. Cornell,

Dear Sir,

This will be handed you by my friend James Van Buren Esq. a faithful & true man as you & I count faithfulness & truth.

I wrote you about George. Mr. Van Buren is the father of J. Leyman Van Buren, a Lieut in my Son's Company, tho' now taken from it to put on the signal corps. He has the reputation of being one of the very best officers in the Regt - probably the only thoroughly educated man in it except George - Geo. says he passed the best examination of any.

As Mr. Van Buren has had so much knowledge of the Regt. its

interests & ill usage, he has kindly undertaken to go & see the Gov. when he knows, in relation to the interests of the Regt. He will show you George's letters. In the last his diffidence in pushing himself forward peers out. He thinks it more important that the vacancy should be filled promptly than to be best filled.

Mr. V. B. & myself feel for the men - they are attached to George & would go with him wherever he would lead - look to him as their protector against French prejudice & tyranny. We know that there is no man who can fill the Lt Colonelcy so much to the advantage of the Regt as Geo. The Major cannot command their confidence either in field or camp. The Col. is very likely to be dismissed from the service, if charges against him are ever investigated. I don't know what they are or by whom preferred. Geo. has tried to keep out of all their squabbles. In case of absence or ~~If such that~~ any thing happening to the ~~Lt~~ Col. the Lt Col commands. It would be wretched to have him in such a place. If he was reasonably competent - if the Americans constituting the great body of the Regt had not found so badly in the hands of these Frenchmen, I would cheerfully consent that George's modesty should be regarded. But it would be cruel to the men who look to him as their friend. Their interests & not his ought to be looked to.

There have been a great many desertions from this Regt & will be a great many more unless there is a change. But I believe not one from George's company

since the men have been with him - a perhaps one, a boy whose leaving may have been winked at because it was cruel to keep him.

If you can do any thing to have the vacancy promptly filled, please do it. Yours

E. W Chester

Trumansburg Feb 19

Dear sir

I would like to have you send me a Report of the Medical society & a Report of the State Agricultural Society and any other Public documents that you see fit and oblig your friend Richard Nash

Trumansburg
N. Y

Asst Marshal

Delavan House
Feb 19, 1862

Dear Sir

Yours of 15th came duly to hand, asking me to do what I may have an opertunity to for the promotion of G.F.C. I shall take great pleasure in doing any thing I can to promote that object when I return from a week's absence from the capital.

I leave in few hours for Rochester there to Utica and back next tuesday

Yours in haste
E Cornell

E. W. Chester Esq

a good disciplinarian. In fact no officer can be popular & confided in by the men unless he is. He says if the whole regt was in open mutiny he could go among them unarmed with perfect safety.

Let the Gov. do what is best for the Regt. I ask nothing for my son, if any man can fill the place better — but I do insist, like Genl Tyler, in a letter which the Gov. has, that the office shall be filled by a good American.

I hope to get Smith to meet me in Albany to finish up your examination. It will suit me to come probably in ten days or two weeks.

If you hear any thing about the military appointment please write or telegraph me for George at Annapolis, Md

(Capt Geo. F. Chester 53rd N. Y. Volunteers.")

Yours truly

E. W. Chester

What about our trade with Wilcox & Osborne? I am afraid we shall lose this. I turned them over to you to finish up. My health has been very good again. It was bad this Jan.

Albion Feb 17th 1862

Dear Brother

We received a letter from Perry last night. he says he has failed to get Employment as yet, and has not a cent to help himself with, and from the kindness with which he was treated when here he thinks his Uncle James will help him to come home - he does not state the Amount says he will leave that for his Uncle to determine - but speaks of going to housekeeping as the only way he sees for them to do -

Now the case is simply this. James is in debt, and is now paying interest on money that he was obliged to hire to carry on his building, and we have got to calculate close and economize as much as possible in order to come through all straights

The only way he can send Perry money will be to hire it, and pay ten or fifteen per cent interest, which he cannot afford to do. I knows nothing of this, probably thinks his uncle has money on hand. We do not think Perry took the right course but still feel sorry for him. And wish he might get into some business where he could support himself. James has not answered his letter. I do not know what reply he will make to it, he will hate to refuse his request. Perry's wife and Franks have been intimate friends, and why there should be such a difference between them now, is more than I can comprehend. I confess I cannot comprehend why a Tailor isent as respectable as a distiller - being for ought not to be an unpardonable sin

both Perry's parents and grand parents commenced life, without a very great amount of this worlds goods

I am very sure, from what Perry said when here - that he had not a thought of being married when he left home that sunday morning he must have had his trunk all packed for he said he got to Ithaca only about a half hour before the boat left - and his coming on west, shows that he had made calculations to come, and did not know what else to do.

We are all quite well - Father had a poor spell a few days since, but is quite smart again. We should be very glad indeed to hear from you. Please let us have the pleasure of a letter

Ever Your Affectionate Sister

J. C. Finch

E. Cornell Esqr.

Albany July 20/62

Hon E Cornell

Dear Sir

Understanding you had left for home I leave this letter for your return

I had an interview this am with Gen Hillhouse who gave me the assurance that he was decidedly in favour of giving the appointment to Capt Chester of Lieut Col — I also saw Gov Morgan & placed the matter in its true light before him

The fact is that the senior Capt (Willard) is entirely unfitted for promotion, I dont think him entitled even to his present position of Capt — & the Major is nobody, properly officered the Regt would soon have —

J. Van Buren
Feb 20-62
a respectable standing but at
present it is almost useless—
Very Respectfully
J. Van Buren
52 Wm St

Black Rock Feby 20th/62

Dear Sir

Allow me to congratulate you, and our State Ag. Society on your election as President of the Society for this year. You will find it, in addition to the pleasure of association, and the head of its administration, ~~of~~ with your official ~~staff~~ a post of solicitude and responsibility, the duties of which I have no doubt you will discharge with both fidelity and honor. I hope the Show will be at Rochester, as I know of no locality which, at this time, is so well calculated to give it success.

I observe with gratification that you have reported in the assembly the Senate bill "for the protection of Fish in the Niagara river". I feel much interest in that bill

having been mainly instrumental in getting it up, and forwarding the petitions in its favor. It is quite important to us in this locality, as you will see by the prayer of the petitioners. I have communicated with our Buffalo Members, Messrs. Seymour, & Murphy on the subject, and they are in favor of its passage. Mr Porter, of Niagara, I presume, is also in favor of it, as, if his attention is directed to it, he will readily apprehend its importance. My farm, at the head of Grand Island, in the Niagara, has three miles of river coast around it, where our most valuable fish resort in spawning time, and the constant inroad which the marauders make upon them at that important season is rapidly thinning them off, with no benefit to either marauders, or the public, and to the ultimate destruction of the fish themselves, and spoiling the sport and amusement of thousands of our amateurs, and professional anglers, who gain a livelihood during the proper seasons, by hook and bait fishing. I trust that no serious objections will be made to its passage — more particularly as most other portions of the State already have laws protecting their lakes and streams from depredation. I shall be exceedingly obliged if you will urge the bill forward to its passage before the rush of business accumulates, when its passage may be hazarded by want of time.

What Glorious victories, for the past few days, have our armies, and navy achieved! Rebellion at last, has its back broken. God speed a few more such victories, and treason will be vanquished! With much regard, I am truly yours,

L. F. Allen

Hon. E. Cornell.

Lith. by Sanford & Hayward, Cleveland, O.

H. Sibley, President
I. H. Elwood, Sec'y & Treas'r
Rochester, N.Y.
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Cleveland, O.

Western Union Telegraph Company

Rochester, N.Y. Feb 21 1862

E. Connell

Sir.

The interest on your bonds is as follows:

22.	$1000	$35
23	1000	35
24	1000	35
25	1000	35
26	1000	35
31	5000	175
34	33000	115.50
		465 50
33 May 6	1000	135.00
		500,50

Sent to Mrs Phebe Wood 15.75

Miss Cordelia M. Wood 100.00

Balance endorsed 384.75 $ 500,50

I send to Mrs Wood for above $15.75

for her interest this year 15.75

$31,50

November Earnings $24,033,28-

December " $17,041,38-

I have not had time to look to the amount of business of 1862. I believe it will be about as good as last year

I observe you have given notice of introducing a bill on the subject of the incorporation of Telegraph companies. Be so good as to send me a copy

Yrs H Elwood

Agency of Aetna Insurance Co. of Hartford.

Buffalo, Dec 21st 1862.

Hon E. Cornell.

Albany;

Dear Sir. I would like to get a copy of the Proceedings of the Legislature for the present Session, if it can be done free & without too much inconvenience to yourself.

Please put me on your list for the distribution of Pub Doc. I would also like the "Legislative Manual" or Red Book for a few Sessions back.

Very Respectfully Yours

W. D. Allen

Cortland Village
Feb. 21. 1862

Confidential

My dear Sir,

I could not get Hammonds old Scoop Stakes ram that we taked about, but I have got the refusal of a ram bred & sold by him when a lamb, which though of moderate size shears over 20lbs. of wool. He has on ordinary keep sheared between 21 & 22 lbs. —

I have seen two crops of his lambs, on some ewes that averaged say 4 3/4 lbs. They will average 1lb. of wool more a head than their dams at least: indeed I think

they will average 6 lbs a piece of washed wool — And they are greatly lower rounder & more compact than their dams. In short, in my whole life I never saw such a change made by one crop. —

On reflection I had rather own the ram than make any joint-stock of him — I am hesitating a little about the price. I am not willing to be bothered with a dozen sheep from here & there — or to let many persons in, but I am willing to let "the President" in, to any number not exceeding 50 on the same conditions we named. — I must let in one more friend any way, & possibly a small number from a third friend —

As this is not the same ram we talked about, I thought I would consult you, before taking any action based to any degree on your expected action — but you may rely on having your expectations fully met. For length & thickness of wool he is unsurpassed: & he peculiarly stamped these properties on his offspring. — His full grown wool is about 2½ inches long!! (I mean unstretched of course)

If you will join as we talked I will burg him at once, write me at once on the subject, if you please —

I have marked this "confidential"

for reasons you can readily guess. — I will pick my associates — or I will have none! —

Our people are pleased at your Election as President. They say "we have got a practical man." In haste

cordially your friend

Henry S. Randall

Hon. E. Cornell

H. S. Randall
Jr. Feb 62

Hon. Ezra Cornell. New York Feby 23d. 1862.

Dear Sir.

There is a proposition before the Legislature to amend the Usury Laws in some form & I hope it may be so amended as to be beneficial, & correspond with the liberality of other States. In Penn.a the Usury Laws were amended a number of years since, in which the principal of the loan was not vitiated & the interest of 6 per cent was allowed. but any excess above 6 per cent could be recovered. This seems to me a just law & the rights of all parties are protected. I dont see why the Empire State cannot afford to be as liberal. Please give me your views relative to the matter, & I hope you will use your influence to get an amendment to our Usury Laws, which will be liberal & protect the interest of all

Very Resp.y

Asa B. Clark

No. 85. Cedar Street

Trumansburg Feb 24th 62

Hon. E. Cornell.

Dr Sir.

Will you do me the favor to send me a copy of the "Annual Report of the Superintendant of the Insurance Department" when published and oblige.

Yours &c

A. V. Coddington

Direct to Trumansburg N.Y.

Montreal Telegraph Company.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

MONTREAL, 24th Feb 1862

My Dear Sister

I returned from N York Via the Hudson River R.R about 3 weeks since It was my intention to have stopped over one day in Albany to see you but before finishing my business in N.Y. I rec'd a message from home desiring me to return in great haste to attend to some business of importance to us here. I could not therefore Consistently Carry out my plans to visit you as I had hoped to do.

I rec'd from Otis the enclosed suggestions sometime before I went to N.Y. which I intended to have handed to you myself but having failed in this I wrote to Otis directing him to Contribute of my funds in his hands the sum which he has suggested. You Can intimate to him what your wishes are in regard to his proposition & forward his suggestions to Merrick —

Since my return from N York I have been Well and on my return I found letters from Cara & Cordelia giving a most painful account of their situation -

In Calling to mind your report of Cara's situation; the description of her quarters at Clifton &c. which you gave to us last fall, I Cannot but think that she would be better off and far more Comfortable at home with mother. You are no doubt aware that she requires (to make her feel Comfortable) a higher degree of heat in her room than is good for her and I feel almost sure that her prostrating & I fear fatal fever has been brought on & greatly aggravated by a high temperature (probably Stove heat) in a small Close room and if Cordelia was not sick when she went there; being Confined seriously in such a room as Closely as she necessarily would be to take Care of Cara must bring on disease -

As you know from actual observation what their situation is I wish that you would advise Cara to go home

as soon as she is able to travel that is if you entertain Views similar to my own — If it is thought best for either Cara or Cordelia to remain there I will direct Otis to furnish them with money on my account to defray a portion of their expenses — Egra says that Egra has been very kind to them in offering to furnish what money they may need.

I have naked & my disagreeable winter here. Have wished me over again that my interest in this County was in such shape that I could move up to the other side of the line and venture the whole of it in Crushing the rebellion. It seems to be rapidly waning now and I do not think many weeks will elapse before England will discover that her last chance for breaking up our free government has passed by — As Egra now occupies a prominent position amongst the legislators of the land I shall the first opportunity give him my views in regard to an Reciprocity treaty

I notice by the last Ithaca paper that he is now Pres't of the N.Y. State agricultural Society What have you decided to do about visiting England? Mr Holton & family will all go over probably about the last of May with the intention of being absent six & perhaps 12 months. We hear that your family is still increasing that Frank & Perry are both married. I hope you will write to us soon & let us know how you enjoy yourselves in Albany. I suppose that you will leave there about the end of March?

We are all quite well, have had an unusually mild steady winter.

My house is nearly finished but I have lost all interest in the enterprise since this Country sprang to arms for the purpose of butchering my Countrymen without a cause. Julia joins me in Kindest regards to you both

Yours very affy D. Wood.

D. Wood
Feb 24, 1862