Washington Feb. 1. 1863

My dear Sir

Your favor of the 26th ult. is at hand. The result so far in the N. Y. legislature is very satisfying to the friends of the union & I trust those friends will not get weary. ~~[illegible]~~. — The northern democracy will have to give up the idea that peace can be established with safety to the country until this insurrection is suppressed by our arms. They have mistaken Davis' strength of will as well as his talents for war. He is a very strong man, despotic, dogmatical & fanatical in his character, & ready to die in his cause; & his spirit has obtained a complete mastery over his people. They are desperately in earnest, & have been all along, &

for better united than the north has been thus far, notwithstanding its magnificent uprising of year ago. We look upon that as merely spasmodic & transient; and the conduct of some of our democratic leaders & democratic journals goes far to fix that character upon it. The public men of Europe, or most of them, so regard it; & it remains for that party now to disprove the slander. Will they? Will they permit the world to believe that in defence of our Government & equal rights the people of the north are indifferent & ready to succumb? Let them remember that none at the north but members of their own party have favored the treason or the traitors & that if our Government is destroyed it will be owing to their inordinate subserviency. That will in-

into by the point of history. Will they not see it in time to avoid it! The war must go on, or the independence of the rebel government must be recognized, whatever party is in power. Sure; for I tell you that the leading rebels will never consent to any future political union with the north. They will, to gain time or some such advantage, of course, hold out hopes of a "reconstruction", "coming out New England", & "conciliating the west", & all that; but it will be mere hollow diplomacy. My mission is into absolute independence, at first, then a weakening of the north by fomenting dissentions which shall enable them (the Southern tyranny) to sway us & use us & finally induce us to regard them as the great power of the continent, which, in the event of our folly, they would really be.

No, the northern de-

Monday here Sat to help us fight this battle out, bravely & strenuously. Governor Seymour will in a few months adopt the men fully & cordially because he will see that peace & union cannot be attained without thorough, hard fighting. God speed this conviction! and plant it deep in the heart of every democrat! Very truly Yr ob't ser't

J. W. Howard

Hon. E. Cornell
Albany

Full House
Feb 1, 63

Albany Feb 2, 1863

Mr Balch

Will please let my brother J. H. Cornell have twenty five or thirty dollars as he may want, and report the amt to Mr Elwood at Rochester to be paid by me thus

Yours Respectfully

E. Cornell

No 15

J. H. Conrad

Rec'd of G. W. Balch Twenty
five (25) dollars on the within
order.

J. H. Conrad

Ithaca Feb 2nd 1863

Dear Brother

Yours of the 29 is at hand in answer I would say that Mr Wilcox will probably burn another kiln of brick by the middle of June In case you build of brick you will want some where from 400.000 to 500,000 If of stone you can get brick Enough at any time for what you will want $5,00 is as low as they can be got and take the whole kiln hard and soft; there will be no difficulty in working in what proportion of soft brick there is in the present Kiln I have Examined the Kiln and I think it is the best Kiln of brick he has ever burnt

There is more building now in contemplation than there has been at this season of the year, for 15 years past

I was up to Franks yesterday am in looking over the Stock I was much gratified to see them all looking so well, they are wintering better then any previous winter since you have been on the place, they have got 55 lambs and they look fine John has more then saved his wages already in nursing those lambs, for I would venture some thing that had he not been there you would not saved half that number at this time of the year, John says he intends to have as many lambs saved as he has Ewes

As regards Nelson I will have him write you and give you a statement of what he has done and what his future prospects are in reference to business, the understanding is that William will go into business with him if they can get the capital to start with

They are both well acquainted with the business and like it better than any thing Else as they have always been use to it since they commenced business for themselves and I think they will succeed, William is geting verry uneasy since he has got better he is so anxious to be doing something for himself

Respectfully yours &c

E B Cornell

Do E Cornell

New York Feb 2d 1863

Hon Erastus Corning

Albany —

Have you any notion of making me an offer for my Ithaca property, in whole or in part? My object in asking you is to know whether the Fall Creek Water power will be desirable to you if you want the other — as I have to day had another letter making me an offer for it — If you dont want that I shall sell it at once — My piece of the water power & 11 lot ground — (with the) is $1000 — but the first man that offers me $1100 which is Cost & Costs (no taxes) will get it — as I am determined to sell — If you are disposed to make me a reasonable offer for the whole Falls (except town House property) you will get it — Let me hear from you —

Yours Truly — H. W. Sage

Camp of 82nd Reg't N.Y.V. Vol's
White Oak Church Va. Feb. 2d 1863

Hon. E. Cornell.

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 19th ult found me, while my Reg't with the greater portion of the Army of the Potomac was floundering in mud of the Rhappahannock, (after the commencement of a movement on the 20th,) trying to perform the duties of a mule, in extricating Pontoons which had become almost hopelessly stuck in the mud. The performance of this new duty, together with returning to, and again making comfortable our deserted camp has prevented my answering until the present. Our term of service is now drawing so near a close it has been deemed best to say nothing further in regard to the promotion of Myers and in fact it would seem if what had already been said and done did not prevent his promotion, saying and doing the same thing over would not be likely to break him now. —

the performance of the duties of the office

His bravery, or conduct in Battle can scarcely be questioned since he has been in command of a company, and with us in every Battle in which the 82d has participated - I have heard no complaint in this direction - Myers was originally a New York Butcher and has been commonly known in the Regt as Butch Myers, but at the time he received his commission as Capt was a member of the New York Police and properly belongs to that class in New York denominated Roughs -

Frank S Yates a Capt of Police seems to have been the prime mover in procuring his promotion, and a Mr. Johnston or Johnson the gentleman employed by him to procure the signature of Gov. Morgan, how he accomplished this, of course I do not know - I perhaps could not give you a better idea as to how this Myers is esteemed among the officers of the Regt than by repeating what I think I have already written you, that at an election to fill vacancies in the field of the Regt Capt Whitbeck (who you are acquainted with) received a two thirds majority for Lt Col

while Myers after working hard for the Majority was defeated by a two third vote, Since then our Commanding Officer has put in a protest against the promotion of Myers and highly recommended Whitlock for this position on Elections and recommendations all went for naught however, as the man elected Major was commissioned Lt Col and he who was elected Lt Col. receives no promotion at all — Myers may be as brave, or fight as well as any other officer (the same praise might in in justice be given a "Bull Dog") but knowing him to be a man of no character, a man we would not be willing to associate with in civil life and one who cannot command our respect as an officer, we did what we could from Colonel down to prevent his promotion, but having failed will, like good soldiers submit to what may have been a "Military necessity"

We are now having winter in earnest, it is very cold, the ground is covered with several inches of snow and the snow is still falling — The recent

changes in Genl in this Army have created no ex=
citement and in fact but little is said about
it - Have recently been paid and money is now
plenty among the soldiers, - The health of the soldiers
generally seems to be good, We have but very little sick=
ness in our Regt - Although at times very much
troubled with Rheumatism I have every reason to
be thankful for continued genral health, and that
although at times almost a cripple I have always
been able to be at my post in Every Battle in which
we have taken part and trust that should my
life be spared I shall be able to say the same
at the expiration of my present term of service,
sometime in May next - Should the war continue
I should like to continue in the service, but am hardly
willing under the circumstances to immediately com=
mence a new term of service, as an infantry officer
hoping to endure and outlive for an additional two
years the hardships and exposures which must necessa=
rily render my sufferings more than ordinary lot of
soldiers though I might consent to do so -

I should like the appointment of Paymaster in the
Army and have no doubt that could our Senator be pre=
vailed upon to use his influence in my behalf it might
be secured - I learned from Paymaster Carpenter a short
time since that all vacancies in that department
were hereafter to be filled by the appointment of officers
who had served one term in the field - I am conversant
with the duties of the office and do not think I should
squander the public money at the gaming table - Paymaster
is allowed a clerk who receives upwards of $700,00 per annum
would it be advisable for me to apply for this position and
what would be my chances of success - I am Very Resp'y W. A. Wykoff

W. A. Wykoff Feb-2-63

Ithaca Feb 3. 1863

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir.

You know Mr. Abel Burnitt of this Village. For his own convenience he wishes to appointed Notary He is a Democrat, but for all that is willing to receive assistance from his Republican friends. If you can do any thing for him he will feel greatly obliged.

Yours Truly

E M Schaughnessy

I have called a meeting of about thirty Gentlemen for Thursday evening to talk over matters about your building. They are of all Parties & Religions. S.

Elmira N.Y. Feby 3rd 1863

Hon E. Bonnell

Sir

I left Albany at 12-40 on Saturday & arrived safe at Elmira last evening. After finishing my business at Albany I did not have time to call on You & take this opportunity of returning to You my sincere thanks for the attention & favors Shown me while there.

Owing to the shortness of time and press of business upon the Governor I did not get an interview with him. The Adjutant General was of opinion that it was a matter properly to be laid before the War Department at Washington. having already done so and hearing others have done the same thing I think the matter is in a fair way to be reached. On my return here a letter from Lieut Rumsey was in waiting for me Stating the following facts.

That the Captain Commanding the Regt had received Orders to forthwith report the Names of Colonel Bingham Maj Bradley

over

and others for dismissal for being absent without leave & a longer time than the Law allows. if it is done the fact will soon be known at Albany.

As the saying is that one good turn deserves an other. I have to request that You keep watch of the matter a little and if possible secure the influence of others and be prepared to act the moment it becomes known at Albany that the places are vacant. I Made the acquaintance of E.B. Gilbert the Adjt Generals Clerk Who has charge of the Books and if You can do so We will be free to keep You posted & allow You to See the Books.

Not being in the Field. and the Genl's of Brigade & Division having changed & perhaps will not be able to bring to bear their recommends. but will be making preparation for as much outside influence as possible. I propose to Strike for the highest position that is made Vacant then if they See fit to promote the Lieut Colonel. In case the Colonelcy Shall become Vacant I will have no objection & will try for the next Grade. but I think it quite doubtful whether the Lieut Colonel ever returns to the Regiment as He

P.S. Telegraph me at any time you may deem necessary W. L.

Was severely wounded & understand says he has got enough of War.

I am not ambitious for fame and heretofore have not been for promotion at the same time have a pride in filling a position that properly belongs to me and that I feel myself competent to fill and more particularly since through the selfishness of others I find it necessary to look particularly after my own interests and rights.

One other thing you might perhaps with some consistency urge namely that Tompkins so has furnished nearly her quota of men and to my knowledge has not yet been honored with a colonel.

Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt & Friend
Capt William Stevens
Co A 1st Regt Mich S.S.

Will Mr. Cornell accept many thanks for the very handsome "Autograph Album" from Mary, Hattie, and Fannie Hawley—

Temple Grove Institute.

February 2d. 1868.—

Bridge Hampton Feby 3rd 1863

Hon. John S Stevens

Sir; Although I am personally unacquainted with you, I take the liberty of addressing you on a subject in which I feel very much interested—

Our last Legislature passed a General law prohibiting (by a stringent penalty) cattle horses and Sheep from running at large on any of the highways and unenclosed lands throughout the State— And I understand a petition has been privately circulated in the town of East Hampton, asking the present Legislature to pass a special act exempting that town from the operation ~~from the operation~~ of the law—

Perhaps there are no other two towns in the State where, for various reasons a law of this kind is as necessary as in the towns of East and South Hampton; one of the principal of which is that our wood lands are detached from our farms, and are so intersected by roads, that it would be impossible to fence them, unless at a much greater expense than if they were adjacent to our farms, and consequently they are exposed to the depredations of cattle running at large—

In the town of South Hampton although a large majority are and have been for a long time opposed to cattle running at large, they permitted them to do so, until about four years since, when an association of some twenty or thirty individuals took the responsibility of prosecuting the owners of all cattle found running at large on their unenclosed lands,

and by that means expelled them in this town before the passage of the present law —
But in the town of East Hampton about 1/3 of the people are opposed to, and about 2/3 of them in favor of the cattle running at large — And I presume if a vote should be taken by the people of that town (if by this vote the object could be effected) the result would not differ materially from the above proportion —
At any rate it is a fact that some twelve years since a majority of the people of that town, voted that the land of Montauk (situated in that town and being now worth about $140.000 and which had always been improved by an association of individuals called the proprietors of Montauk as tenants in common) belonged to the people of the town — and also elected a set of trustees of their own stamp to contest the title with the proprietors, who did so and lost the suit —
Now, I think the people of that town have just as much right to vote that cattle shall run at large on the highways and unenclosed lands of that town, as to vote that the whole land of Montauk belonged to them, and if their right to do so is contested it will amount to about as much, and no more; and no doubt it will be contested whether they obtain a special act in their favor or not —
In my view, the present law does not give, or take away, any right from any individual; but merely enforces the rights of each one by a penalty — and therefore it seems to me the more necessary that it should apply to towns, where a majority are in favor of cattle running at large, in order to protect the minority in their rights —

Otherwise, should the minority contest the question by legal process, although I have no doubt they would win in every case, yet it would be rather an up hill business for them, comparatively, as, should the town be exempted from this law, although I have no doubt, by perseverance they would succeed, yet it would tend to prolong the war and cause a good deal of bickering and ill feeling among neighbors; whereas if the present law were continued in force, the probability is, there would be no difficulty at all, and every one very soon would acquiesce—

Although I do not reside in the town of East Hampton, I reside less than 3/4 of mile from the border, I pay a tax of nearly $40 a year in the town, and have also nearly 200 acres of wood land exposed to the depredations of their cattle; for which reason, and also at the request of a number of individuals of that town, I have been induced to write to you and to request that you will use your influence to prevent the passage of any special act exempting the town of East Hampton from the operation of the general law—which if you will do, you will receive our hearty thanks and if ever it is in our power we will reciprocate the favor—

Respectfully Yours &c

Wilkes Hedges

P.S. It is probable a remonstrance will be sent on—

Ovid Feb 3: 1863

Hon E. Conell

My dear Sir

I have yours of the 2nd. I am glad that you were not disappointed finally in the organization of the House, I hope the Speaker will prove to be all that you expect. I am pleased with the sentiments that you so frankly express, I am with you

To day will be the great Struggle I cannot put my finger on the man that will be successful, I do hope it will be the best man, one true to the State and National Government. Thanking you for yours

I am respectfully
and truly Yours
Arad Joy

Ludlowville N.Y.
Feb 4. 1863

Hon E. Cornell

Dear Sir,

Pleas accept my thanks for your favorable notice, & more especially for the inspiring note of confidence and hope in the integrity of Men who in the hour of trial and peril can rise superior to the petty bonds of party Names & battle manfully for the right

In this respect the lofty bearing of the union Men has been too conspicuous to be forgotten & I trust a ~~grateful~~ grateful people will hold such men as they should in the front rank of honor and esteem,

John Ludlow
4 Feb 1863.

Permit me to enclose the Notice of my previous appt as Notary Public by which you will see that the term is nearly expired & that prompt action would be considered a Special favor, in Mon case than mine

With entire respect
Your ob Servt
John Ludlow

any paper or Document to which you desire to call the attention of our friends will be thankfully rec'd

Elmira NY Feby 4 1863

Hon E Cornell

Dr Sir & Friend

As the commissions for my two Lieutenants have not yet arrived I begin to feel a little uneasy about them, Gilbert the Adjutant Genls clerk promised to send them to me and said they would be ready Saturday afternoon. I hardly think any thing could of turned up to prevent the Governor Signing them but as they have not come soon as I expected it gives me a little anxiety. if You will just step in and inquire of the Clerk if they have been forwarded. it will very much oblige

Your Friend

Capt Glenny

64th Regt

Newfield Feb 4th 1863

Mr Cornell

Dear Sir— You no doubt rec'd petition &c in favor of the passage of an act authorizing the Supervisors of this town to raise by tax the bounty money which was paid to Soldiers, which I forwarded to you last week from the "War Committee" of this town. I notice that you have introduced a bill to that effect.

We are very thankfull for whatever effort you may make in that direction— At the urgent solicitation of interested friends I am induced to ask of you the favor (if it would not trespass too much upon your time) to send a copy of the Remonstrance referred to with list of names attached.

We are assured that misrepresentation

C. M. Starr
4 Feb 63

is indulged in by the Wholesale & that signatures are obtained of both minors and non-residents.— I would here wish to reassert that every name attached to the petition is an honest Election of the town. Had the effort been made at the time the money was raised & paid to the soldiers I think we could have added nearly every Voter of the town. I mention this on account of the Special Effort which will be made to have this town exempt, should there be a general act passed for the State. The time may come when we shall consider it necessary, at least to rebuke some of the "Copperheads" of this town. We want the documents with which to do it.— I have obtained the Agricultural Blanks for this town & have them partly distributed. I will see that they are properly filled & returned

Yours &c C M Starr

Albany Feb 4, 1862

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 3d is at hand, It may be that you are right about the A. & I interest, I cannot decide the question now as I sent the statement to Thomas for my son to enter it upon my books = If you Cr interest, instead of Dr it you are right —

I have not used the $670. Order yet, a few days will decide if I want to do so, If I do not I will return it to you,

I wish you would pay or let Beach pay, T. H. Hough the amt enclosed note and charge to me tell Beach to settle it for last amt he can, Chadwick Ch[s] me the rent — in his monthly accts and I supposed it p[d] when I settled with him, and when I first learnd of the note I though I would not pay

it, but I now prefer to pay all such claims even if they are not fully just — The fault in this case was with Chadwick & not with Hough

I presume Beach can settle it by letting Hough loose the interest, & let him take up the note of which this is a copy

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

A R Elwood
Rochester

Office of Clark & Company, Bankers.

Tumansburgh, N.Y. Feby 4th 186

Hon E. Cornell ~~Esq. Cashier~~

Dear Sir.

Your favor under date of the instant with enclosure, has been duly received.

~~I enclose for collection~~

I have received the report of the Superintendent of the Bank Department, I am much obliged to you for the favor. I observe that the Superintendent urges an amendment of the Banking Law as it regards the amount required to be deposited by Banking Associations, on the ground, that there is no Law which prevents them from returning their bills & taking up their securities, making the Capital of Associations as small as they may wish, I think the amendment proposed is a very important one, I hope that it may become a Law. I should be pleased to get your views regarding it.

Very Resp'y

J. B. Clark

Cashier.

Old Wm Smith that used to live
to Fall Creek says you owe him
that you would pay him some
thing that he claimed you owed
him he says that he is very
much in need— What shall
I do about it— I have just
one spare Cock Turkey I will
send it as you request soon.

Dan Curtiss brought us a heifer calf
it is marked bad & very poor & small
so John says—

Why don't you send me a
note to send to C Preston requesting
him to remit Money for Back services
it can be Collected now better than
after the lambs come—

We have about 60 lambs
it is very cold for them now
Thermometer 3° below zero this morn

She says she don't like the
name for the baby— I sold Man
Friday— Young Astoria & Hereford to
go to New York for $110.00

I don't believe it is best to
bring any more men from Eng
just now— I guess I can get
help reasonable here.

All well

Yours Affectionately
Frank E Cornell

E Cornell

Delavan House
Feb 3. 1863=

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 4th inst Came to hand this morning enclosing your report, to which I may embrace the opertunity your invertation offers to add a sentence or two, by way of illustrating facts that our Statistics places at our command=

In regard to your suggestions as to the Presidency of the State Society. I fear the partiality of my friends may place me too far in advance of any dissents or qualifications, I have no ambition that would prompt me to step in front of older and more deserving colaborers, in the great work of Elevating the position and Standing of the honest tillers of American Soil=

Yours. Respectfully
E. Cornell

J. McGraw Jr Dryden

Office of Clark & Company, Bankers.

Tumansburgh, N.Y. Feby 5th 186

Hon E. Cornell ~~Esqr~~ ~~Cashier~~

Dear Sir.

Your favor under date of the 2d instant ~~with enclosure~~, has been duly received.

~~Enclose for collection~~

I would propose something like the following as an amendment to the Banking Law

An Act to amend the Act authorizing the business of Banking Passed April 18th 1838.

Section 15. is hereby amended so that Banking Associations hereafter organized may commence the business of Banking by depositing Securities in the Bank Department to the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars.—

This corresponds with the recommendation of Superintendent Van Dyck which he has urged for the last two years. I hope that the present Legislature will comply with this suggestion, Tell your co. to give this matter your support, urge it forward

Cashier.

You will confer a great favor on me, & I will try to reciprocate should an opportunity occur. I should be pleased to hear from you regarding it. Very Resp'y

W. B. Clark

W. B. Clark
Ft Fisher 1863

Ithaca July 6. 1863

Hon Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

Enclosed herewith find copy proceedings of a meeting of some of our citizens sent you by their directions. I am advised by the Committee that they will write you soon. Accept the thanks of Boardman & Finch for that very acceptable present the Evening Journal Almanac.

Very cordially Yours.

D. Boardman

JACKSONVILLE NURSERY,
FRUIT AND ORNAMENTAL TREES, SHRUBS, ROSES, GREEN-HOUSE PLANTS, &C.
Jacksonville, Tompkins Co. N. Y Feb 6 1863

Mr E Cornell

Dear Sir

I have rec Youre letter requesting me to distribet the Blanks to colect the statistecks of our town I will ~~undertake~~ distribute the blanks and will do what I can to get them in to persons hands that will attend to it I have ben absent from home a good deal this winter and will hafto be Severell days yet ~~which I~~ and when I am at home I have so meny Publick duties to attend to that I cannot colect enny part of the statistecks altho I will distribet them I am very anciss to sea the Tomp ag society revive and see what it ought to be and if a few things that do not belong to the Society can be removed I think the society will revive it

I have rec a parte of the Pear seade and expect the balence to arrive every day I will notify you as soon as it comes to hand

Very Respectfully Yours
Charles H Mattison

Hon Ezra Cornell
Albany, N.Y.

Ithaca Feb 6/43

My Dear Sir I have the honor to Acknowledge the receipt of Copy of the Ev'g Journal Almanac which you were so kind as to send me —

I Congratulate you upon the Organization of your house — you will recollect that my experience was almost quite Equal to yours in this respect —

The meeting Convened last Evening at your Suggestion manifested grateful appreciation of your very generous proposal to Establish in our Village An institution which shall ever be regarded as an honor and an ornament to be handed down and participated by the present & coming generations

Very Truly Yours

Edward S. Esty

Surrogate's Office,

Albany, Feb. 6th 1863

Hon. E. Cornell

Dear Sir

I desire to see you for a few moments, & fearing I might encroach upon your time by calling upon you, I take the liberty of asking you to favor me by calling at this Office, tomorrow morning if convenient.

If not convenient for you to do so, please inform me when I can have a brief interview with you.

Your Obdt Servt

A. B. Sawson

Ithaca July 6. 1863

Hon Ezra Cornell

My dear friend. I sit down to address you a few lines. on a subject very dear to me. and of vital importance to the interest of our Church our children and our community. We have for many years felt the pressing necessity of a more convenient and commodious Sabbath School & Lecture room and the condition of the Old one is such, that it will have to undergo Extensive repairs, or be rebuilt. the Trustees have decided to build a new Brick House of Capacity and style to

Meet our wants. And to this end we are now trying to raise the amount necessary.
I feel much delicacy in asking you for anything. for I know your generous heart. And that you are approached from every quarter - Still remembering that your dear Children are in, and love our dear Sabbath School I know you would deem it a pleasant privilege to lend us your helping hands. I have just commenced the Subscription list. and herewith send copy of Amts thus far subscribed. If you will please reply at your earliest convinience how much you will give us

it would ~~be towards~~ this
help facilitate this most
worthy enterprise. My time
is very much taken up
with my business and the
great burden of raising the
estimated amount (£3.500) falls
on me alone. We have a
Capital grand plan, and
are now taking measures
for the model of the super
-structure. And if we can
succeed. We shall have a
building and institution that
will be of inestimable value
to our Church and families
please give my kind regards
to Mrs Cornish & the Children

Yours with Esteem
S P Sherwood

S. P. Sherwood
Esq
63

Estimated Cost $3.500

Geo D Burs 1/10 or	350.00
J B Williams	200.00
Geo McChain	100.00
J C Stowell	100.00
Edw S Esty	100.00
C P Shumway	100.00

I commenced this morning and above is as far as I have succeeded in getting names and amounts. There are 40 or others that I hope to get $100 ea from — S.P.S.

Ithaca 6 Feby 1863

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 3d Inst making certain inquiries was duly Rec'd, although a delicate Job I will answer to the best of my knowledge upon the subjects of inquiry

Mr Wilson I should Judge to be about 24 years old, possibly a year older, a tolerable good workman at his trade for the experience and practice that he has had, his Moral Character is what the world generally would call fair although I have seen him occasionally the worse for bad whiskey — he has a little Money I dont know exactly how much probably 200 or $300. I learn that his Father & family is going with him, and a Brother that has probably about as much Money as he, which Mr Borrows of him, The Father has no means of his own, The young Mans politicks is of the Thomas Fields Stripe, his reading Mostly Confined to the World and New York Express, has about as much brass as Fields in proportion to his age education &c &c, he has a wife and one child he Married a daughter of Mr Joseph C. Burritt of the Firm of J Burritt & Son, I know nothing in particular of her, either for or against, I think They have only been Married about a year or perhaps a little more, The young Man has never been in

business for himself Therefore Cant say exactly what sum of Money his Honor would be security for, his Father worked for me a good many years when I paid him $700. pr year it was all he could do to make his ends meet, his Father is a good Silk Hat Maker and is to be with him either as a Silent partner or Clerk, whether his Father in Law Mr Barrett, helps him any, I have not ben able to learn he is abundantly able to do so, if he wished to,

The above is all the facts I can think of that would throw light upon the Subject Matter of your inquiries — I Sincerly rejoice that the Assembly has finally succeeded in Organizing the house for business, and hope you have got the Factious Democrats in a position that they can do no more harm this winter, What Course will the Senate take in relation to the nomination of Gov Seymour for Office will they Consent, or Confirm his nominations generally, I have no doubt that this State has a large Union Majority, and that it will show itself at the polls next fall, I think the Senate would be perfectly Justifiable in withholding their Consent to all changes where the public interest would not suffer by so doing, and if they should be inclined to make any kind of Compromise, to give the Democrats only those Strong Democrat Counties like New York &c &c you reverse the Matter and give us a Democratic

Senate and Republican Gov, and there would not be a nomination ~~Confirmed~~ confirmed this winter

I should very much like to retain the Office of Loan Commissioner, If you could do any thing for me in that way I would take it as a great favour

Is there any Chance of promotion for Isaac, his testimonials were of the very highest order and was sent to Gov Morgan before his term Expired, I suppose Gov Seymour will throw every obstacle in the way of prosecuting the war, if he does not he will loose the confidence of the leading Democrats here

Your very Obedt Servt

I. S. Titherington

Hon E. Cornell

Albany

N. Y.

Phila
Feb 7. 1863

Albion, Feb 7 1863

Dear Brother

Your letter to M.B. came yesterday I will simply say in regard to the carpet- I want something very Elegant. Tapestry velvet not too dark or light- bright- lively looking and the figure moderate as the rooms are not large enough to warrant a very large figure I think I can safely trust your taste with Mary Ann to consult- Our friends are all well except- Grand Pa

French he is very poorly
Consumption we think
and may not live
long. one of Jones
babies walks. Mary & Jane
were here yesterday with
the babies. Mary thinks
her parlor is complete
with out curtains to
the windows She was
talking about getting
some but then are
more here such as
she ought to have to
correspond with the
rest of her things it
will take about 18 or 20
yards of Lace for
her three windows
She feels too poor to
get it until they are
out of debt.

I am glad you sent
Morgan to the Senate
Mart growns over
Chandler being sent
back & we hope it all
for the best. Robert
Ackley is Lieut R.A. Robi
inson 1st Brigade 2nd Div
convalescent Camp S.
Nashville. he is quite
well again and
will probably remain
there as it takes an
officer of his rank
to do that service
H. Irving Wood is 26
Mich Vol Co D Washington
D.C. he has been sick
is better but expecting
to have measles.
Edgar & Orson are both
in the 2d Officers in Kalamazoo
Mich

are both good Operators and Woodford likes them very much and they like him.

I think Orrie will buy an old house as it suits his wife so they will have to have new carpets too but I supose they will be more economical than I seem to be. We take possession of the house 1st March and hope to get settled so as to see you and M.A. & the girls in the Summer vacation. Phil Robertson is very anxious to go away to School but his father thinks he can't afford it. I shall take her next year and send her here Phil

Drydew Feb 7, 1865

Hon E. Connell,

Mr Robertson was here yesterday and stated that you had corresponded with him in relation to our Town Bounty, presuming some specific act would be necessary in our case

We presume you have seen Mr Dwight ere this and that he has fully explained our situation to you

I will however say what our condition is and not having much legislative knowledge have you to act as our case requires.

We included and have collected most of the money voted by the

town at an informal town
meeting. Now you will see
that we need an act to
legalize this action, and
in the same act the appointment
of an auditing board to audit
the claims against the fund so
ordered and raised or proposed
to be raised, This auditing
board might be the usual
town board, or the town Military
Committee — (but I should
think the town board to be
the best) giving the supervisor
authority to call such board
together for the purpose
of auditing such claims,
As I said I suppose
Gen Dwight has seen you and
explained our wants, If he
has not been in Albany he
will visit that place on
his return from New York
I shall write
him this morning to call
on you —
Trusting that you
will give this matter your
earnest support and
attention. I am
Your Obt Servt
L. Griswold
Sup. Dryden

Ithaca Feb 7th 1863

Dear Father

John has killed the lice on Fidgett - Oxford Maid had a dead Bull calf she went 18 days over time - Lucille weighes 960 lb Our best Buck Lamb weighs 152 lb John has got a pair of Lambs from one of his Nº 10 Ewes

Yours

D. Wood
Feb 8, 63

Alma Feb 8th 1863

Dear Uncle

your letter of Jan 24 is at hand, you say that you sent me an Agrement, I resieved a letter stating the terms that I could have the land but S'posed that if I agreed to those terms I was to have an Article althoughthe letter is suffitient.

I think that you are right about Paying for the land, & I am glad that I can say with a clear consience Not guilty, nor never will touch nor handel the cup knoing the Evils that spring from it, cigars & Gambling I never touch & m avoid being a Storie listener as much as posible

We are all well, Father and Mother has gone to Aunt Anns to day I and the Girls are here a lone Eunice & Edson Packard lives 16 miles east of here there Postofice Address Pine River Gratiot Co Mich I call Chofing, cuting down the timber in good smg winrows and the brush trimed off the trunk I have choped 5 Acres in this manner and 10 in round piles and choped the small trees into once and leave the large timber To log To I want To chop 5 acres more in March And if it is a good season to Burn I shall try and git in some wheat in the Fall

yours ~~respectfuly~~

E. Cornell Respectfully

Daniel Wood

Berkshire Hill Tioga Co. N.Y.

Hon. E. Cornell

Dear Sir

I receive yours of 9th Feby. I am am glad to see that you are so much engaged in the important work of taking the Ag Statistics in this State And you hope Tioga Co. may not go unrepresented in the great and good work. I feel to respond to your very kind wish, but I do think the time we have allotted us to do this important work is to brief to do anything like justice to it this winter.

But if we fail to make out a report this year we promise to make amends next year when we shall have more time and will do the thing up in an acceptable manner which I think will be as well for the Cause of Ag. as to

Ithaca Feb 4th 1868

Dear Father

Your letter of the 2d rec'd A B C sent Randall $10.00 Check Yesterday to settle for sheep

The amt of M L Wood interest in farm was according to Memorandum $851 78/100 to parties as follows

To Mrs Mary Wood $308.81
" Caroline Wood 127.84
" Cordelia M Wood 209.36
" O S Wood 138.41
Check M L Wood 20.38
Do C B Wood 26.78 Total $851.78

Otis E Woods is as follows

To Order of Olive A Wood $100.
" " " " " 230.
" " " O S Wood 9 days 540.89
" " " D D Weaver 67.00
" " " " 64.78
" " " O E Wood 48.37
Amt Rec'd for rent 6.25
Total 1077.29