attempt at this late day to make out a garbled statement jumped and guessed at. There are many Farmers in our Co. Cattle Breeders Sheep Breeders Horse Breeders and Dairymen which are not wholly unknown to fame whose opinions should be embodied in our Report. I can fully endorse your language in the Transactions for 1860 in which you say "This want of accuracy" which is the very thing that leads me to think we want more time to mature this grand Enterprise. There are but few men in our Co. that take so deep and abiding interest in Farming in all its ramifications as is desirable. But the calling is becoming more popular every year and the Farmers begin to feel their importance in society and why not since the great men of all times have given their countenance to it. Arthur Young. Edmund Burke | ol were Farmers. John Delafield

and Jesse Buel were Farmers names
that every tiller of the Soil is proud
And a host living names which
modesty forbids us to mention.

But your time is worth more than
any paper so I will close this by
asking you how your Webb Downs
get along thro the winter - And as
to your health and the health of
your family which I shall long remem
-ber if I live long - How is John?
The subject of illustrating the next
Vol. of the Transactions with a
Steel engraving of Col. B. F. Johnson
our venerable Cor. Secretary and
others I have laid before the
Executive Committee in a brief
letter please to Advocate it for
me before that Committee -
Remember me to Mr. Davis in
the Assembly Mr. Inman in the
Senate - And Mr. Johnson "Ag. Rooms"
Excuse this long letter from an
old Farmer and believe me yours very
Truly Louis P. Legg

L. P. Legg
9 Feb 63

Clare

Address Speedsill Tompkins
Co. NY-

or

Jenkenville Tioga Co. NY-

Ithaca Feb. 9/63

Hon E. Cornell

Dr Sir.

I send you today by Express 200 Copies of a pamphlet relating to the Sodus Bay Canal &c

It will Explain itself. I have sent to day 300 to A. S. Diven to lay on the Tables of members of the Senate of the U. S.

If you please cause one to be laid upon the desk of each member of the Senate and Assembly.

You are aware

That the act of last
Session of the Legislature
S.S. Laws of 62 p 747
authorized the building
of the Sodus Canal
only from Clyde to
S. Bay

Would it not
be well for you to
introduce a bill to the
effect that upon the
U.S. providing means for
for the enlargement &c
of the E. Canal from
Lake Erie to or near
Clyde & for building a
Canal from the navigable
waters of Cayuga Lake
by way of Clyde and
over the Erie C. thence
thence to the navigable
waters of Great Sodus
Bay "of a size sufficient
&c" the Canal Board
should be as it

Act of 1862

You will know
how to get it up.
Or the former act
can be amended

Yours in haste
W. H. Dowe

State of New-York,

Compkins County Treasurer's Office,

Ithaca, February 9th 1863

Hon. Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir – Enclosed you will find a draft on the Metropolitan Bank, New York city, for fifteen thousand dollars $15.000.00 Will you do me the favor to take it into Mr. Lewis, the State Treasurer and have him apply $6.536.89 on the School tax due the State from this County, and the balance $8.463.11 on State tax, and get a receipt for each and send me by letter. You can say to Mr. Lewis that I shall send him the balance before it is due.

6.536.89
8.463.11
15.000.00

Very truly Wesley Norton
Co. Treasurer

P.S. Enclosed you will find a slip cut from the Havana Journal, commenting upon the Assessor's bill said to have been introduced into one of the Houses of the Legislature. I have not seen the bill, but if this slip gives a correct idea of it there are some features of it which are very objectionable. I particularly refer to the section making the County Clerk one of the Board to determine the correctness of the assessments, and that making the County Treasurer & the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors & the Chairman of the last Board, a County Board of Assessors to equalize between

Wesley Hooker
9 Feb 63

the several towns. The Town Clerk the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors & the County Treasurer may generally be very good men, but it rarely happens that they have any qualifications for the duties here indicated and it will be a mistake to confer any such trust upon them. Our new County at the present time gives a striking illustration of this fact.

If you see A.B. as with you you can give him the draft enclosed, and let him do the business for me saving you the trouble

Very truly Wesley Hooker

Walnut Ridge Farm, near Dryden
Feb 9th 1863

Hon. E. Cornell.

Dr Sir In looking over my Library I find that I have not got the American Institutes for 1853, 1854 & 1861. If you can procure me those copies and send them with Mr. McGraw who will visit Albany this week, as our Delegate, to the Annual meeting. I would be extremely obliging,

All works on Ag. are interesting to me and especially the Transaction. & Institute My Ag. Library embracing the above works commences with 1850. & have all the Copies except those mentioned above that number, If you have when published a spare copy of the State Surveyor & Engineer report I would be glad to have one.

Give my respects to Hon. James McLean of Seneca formerly my neighbor & friend May I not hope to hear from him

We have just passed through a very heavy & severe snow storm & wind

Respectfully Yours

Henry A. Hoagland

Boston Feb. 9th 1863

Hon Ezra Cornell.

Dear Sir.

I am informed that you contemplate building (in my native place Ithaca) a Public Library. Museum. Post Office &c &c. and take the liberty of writing you in regard to Plans. & Drawings for the same. I should be pleased to prepare a set of Plans for you which I could do upon reasonable terms. It not having been my good fortune ever having Ithaca to have made any important Designs for building for that place I would like to make some for at least one such building as I am informed you propose Erecting. Should you feel inclined to entertain the idea favourably of giving me an opportunity I should be willing to come to Albany to see you in reference to this matter.

Yours truly
F H Moore
53 School St

Head Quarters 3d Brigade 1st Div 6th Corps
White Oak Church Va Feb 9th 1863

Sir;

Your favor of Jan. 31st came safely to hand, for any effort on your part to secure my appointment please accept my most sincere thanks.

The best assurance that I have of my ability to fill the position I desire I claim is that for nearly one year I have been doing the duty, and all this time I fancy there has been an entire satisfaction, both to men & Gov. The whole time mentioned there has never been any bonds given for the faithful and honest discharge of my duty. Neither have I received any additional pay or emoluments for the duty.

Should I succeed in obtaining a permanent position, I trust that the Department under my charge would

be so conducted that my friends would never have need or cause to regret that a helping hand was given me to obtain said position

We are having a very pleasant spell of weather, the mud is quite deep and to make an onward move with the present bad state of roads would be quite impossible. The health of the army remains very good a liberal supply of fresh vegitables are dealt out to the men, steps have been & are now being taken to erect ovens for baking bread & in a few days the whole army will be supplied with fresh bread. The winter is so far gone now that, we are confident almost that the Potomac will not freeze over, & in this respect we consider ourselves highly favored as it usually freezes up solid for more than a month during the coldest weather.

I have the honor to be
Most Respectfully
D Tarbell

To the Hon
E Cornell

Caroline Centre Feb 9th/63

Hon E. Cornell

Dear Sir It has been my intention to visit Albany this winter but Circumstances beyond my Control will prevent my doing so. I have a little matter to settle at the Albany Evening Journal office which I would be glad to get you to attend to for me. Briefly then it is this. I owe them ($10.) Ten dollars on subscription & if you will be so good as to call on them, pay them the $10. and send me their vouchers get the Journal discontinued I will immediately pay over the Ten $ to your Son (A.B. Cornell) at Ithaca If you will attend to this little matter soon you confer a great favor upon me which I will reciprocate if in my power. Ten dollars will pay them exactly up to the 13th of Feb inst. Please remember me in the way of documents. I must Congratulate you on your success in the election of Speaker & U.S. Senator

With great respect

Your Obt Servant

Chas J Rounsville

Ithaca Feby 10. 1863

Hon Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

Yours of 7th inst is rec'd & is very opportune as it throws light upon some points where we were in darkness.

The Committee have had the subject once under consideration and have done a good deal towards developing a plan and purpose. The Committee intend to meet again on Thursday of this week when they will endeavor to submit to you their views in such a manner as will render a correspondence intelligible and profitable. Of course it is not expected you will adopt anything that may be devised for you entire. But I am full of hope that you will find very much to admire & some things to adopt in the plan submitted

The main points sought after have been

economy in erecting the building & self supporting after its erection.

You will hear from the Committee the last of this week or the early part of the next.

The style of architecture can not well be decided upon until the internal plans of the building shall have been first settled and agreed upon.

Very Truly Yours

D. Boardman

Etna Feb 10th /63

Hon E Cornell

Dr Sir Yours of the 30th ult. was not rec'd as soon as it would have been if you had sent to Etna instead of Vaina

In regard to Ag. Statistics I believe its all arranged and the work progressing

You ask if a Special act will be necessary for Dryden. I think I hinted to that effect in my former letter, I have seen the Supervisor since receiving yours, He promised to move at once in the matter informing me that the Hon W Dwight was then at Albany & that he would see you and give you all necessary information

I assure you I feel proud of the Spirit and generous patriotism of our Dryden Tax-payers in so cheerfully & promptly responding

Now I hope the Legislature and Gov. Seymour will legalize the acts of the Supervisor in this matter,

Also I think it important that the act appoint a commission or auditing board, say the town board, before whom the Supervisor and others, (except volunteers) having claims on the bounty fund shall appear, The Supervisor to render a full and specific account of all moneys rec'd and expended, & those having claims to present them for audit upon the basis of the votes at our public town meetings for raising bounty &c

And that the auditing board shall report in full, for the satisfaction of all, at our next annual town meeting.

The above I think important as will be for the Satisfaction of the people, as for the protection of the Supervisor &c of the War Committee and all who have been active in the matter of volunteering

Permit me to Congratulate you on the dignity and noble firmness all your motives were manifested in your protracted Struggle for the organization

Remember us kindly to your family

Yours truly

S Robertson

P S any Communications you may favor will be gladly rec'd & any Commands or inquiries will be promptly attended to

SR

Teleg Office 145 B'way

N York Feby 10/63

E Cornell Esqr

Dr Sir

A party applied to me to get him 100 or more shs of W.U. Teleg Stock & I could get 170, that being the highest figure it has reached

Teleged the offer to a no of the large owners & have succeeded in getting 50 shs

The offer is open for the other 50 for the first Man who accepts it — I thought that some of you might Conclude to put some of your "Eggs in another Basket" Respy

Jno Horner

Ithaca Sept 12th 1863

Hon. E. Cornell

Dr Sir

Thanking you for the public documents received a few days since under your frank, I take the liberty to thrust myself & my own private interest upon your attention. Having been in active employment for more than forty years, the leisure which I now have since selling out with the exception of a few months that I was travelling agent for a wholesale House in N York is almost distressing. Now I write to enquire if there is any office, appointment, agency or clerkship within your gift or influence which you can & will procure for me which will furnish me with suitable employment & remuneration. I supposed when I sold out that there would be no difficulty in obtaining something of the kind either here or elsewhere, and where it matters not, so that it pays.

Please reply at your own convenience & oblige yours

B. S. Halsey
12 Feb 63

Ithaca Feb 12, 1862

Hon E. Conrell

Dr Sir

I have talked with a good many persons living in the vicinity of our Lake all along down in regard to the protection of fish in the waters of the Lake.

They all complain that there is a great falling off in the number of fish especially of Salmon Trout.

They account for it by the fact that many persons along the Lake & many more who come from abroad continually infest the Lake with gill nets and traps of all sorts hoop nets &c

that the greatest part of this Contraband business is done by persons who follow this kind of fishing for profit and of whom very many come from the vicinity of Seneca & other Lakes and waters where this wholesale destruction is prohibited by Law." I am satisfied that every inhabitant of our Cayuga Lake region except the pot-fishermen who make fish-murder a business would approve the prohibition of such proceedings in our Lake." I beg to suggest that you attend to the matter what is desired can be accomplished by amending the 17th Section of Chap. 474 of Laws of

1862 by inserting after the words "Seneca Lake"; therein the words - Cayuga Lake;

I have been requested by a number of gentlemen in Seneca Co. & in this Co to have printed and circulate a petition for this purpose but I have neglected it, and the propriety of it is so obvious that I thought you could and would fix the matter without a petition.

Very Respy Yours
H. Ch. Dowe

Laws of 1862 p. 877.

P.S. I sent you 200 copies of a pamphlet by Express on Monday last. Did you get it?
H.C.D.

Office of Clark & Company, Bankers.

Trumansburgh, N.Y. Feby 13th 1863

Hon E. Cornell ~~Cash~~ Cashier

Dear Sir.

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

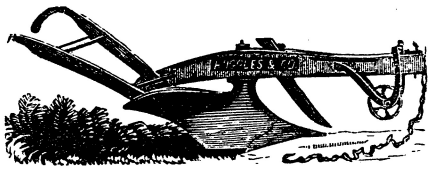
I enclose for collection

I wrote you on the 5th instant. Sending you my proposed amendment to the Banking Law. If you have received it, I should like to get your views regarding it. I feel very anxious to have the matter put through the present session.

Very Resp'y

W. B. Clark

Cashier.



OFFICE OF THE AMERICAN AGENCY FOR THE

Hamburg International Agricultural Exhibition,

OF JULY, 1863.

AUSTIN BALDWIN & CO.,
72 BROADWAY.

New York July 13 1863.

Hon Ezra Cornell
Albany

Dear Sir

It is quite important for the success of our efforts to be well represented at the International Exhibition that the appropriation recommended should pass in Congress and we hope you will think proper to write to such of your friends in Washington urging the passage of this measure as you think would be benefited by its passage

We observed in your proceedings at Albany that no mention is made in the report of any action in regard to the Fair, a simple resolution commending it to the support of the other State Societies would have been very desirable

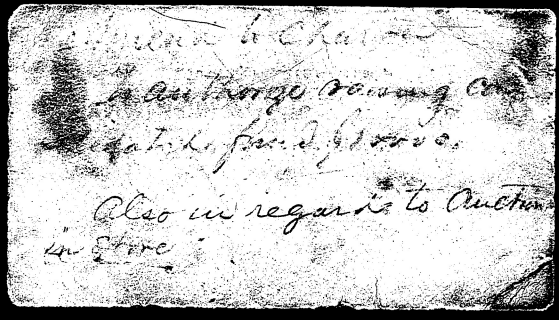
Yours very truly
Austin Baldwin & Co

J. S. Lathrop,

Well Borer,

~~EAST SAGINAW~~, - - - MICHIGAN.

Flint N. B—Wells Tubed on short notice



Flint Feby 14th 1863

H. Mack. Esq

Dear Sir

Yours of the 9th inst is at hand

My price for sinking wells in this neighborhood where there are a number is as follows

$1 75/100 per foot for a 3/4 in tube

" 2 00 " " " " 3 3/4 " "

2,50 " " " " 4 1/4 " "

Each well to be reamed to the required size, to admit tubeing below fresh water.

Where it is necessary to ream & tube to stop caveing an extra charge of $1.00 per foot

These figures are to the depth of 750 feet. From 750 to 1,200 75 ct extra

were you to conclude to have it would be impossible for me to do it just now, as I have enough on hand to keep me busy until the 1st or 15th of May.

I furnish all labor and tools, the Companies furnish power & lathing.

Would there be any prospects per more than one mill at your place??

Hoping to hear from you again

I remain yours truly.

J. S. Southerland

Ithaca Feb 14. 1863.

Hon E Cornell

Dear Sir.

In Common with the Citizens I take a just pride in Our New Clerks Office, and in Connection with the general finish of the room. On the top of the Case, there is a Splendid Space now unoccupied which forms a Niche just adapted to Stand an American Eagle. or Buck of our forests, put up in its natural Attitude.

What would be the Cost of both, or either at the Tericidermists, I hope to raise a sum sufficient to place there one or both of those noble Specimens of our native forests.

Please Enquire the Costs

of there and let me know

Yours truly

Chas G Day

Albany Feb 14. 1863

Dear Sir

Yours without date, enclosing ~~that passports to be~~ a copy of agreement ~~to be~~ ~~boarded~~ is at hand -

It does not ~~embrace~~ enclose any statement of your views as suggested in your last you desired to submit with ~~reference~~ the agreement to reference,

If you now propose to submit only the agreement ~~without any~~ "~~modification~~" I see no ~~objection~~ to, ~~any~~ cause delay, in the ~~immediate~~ reference, ~~submission, You can therefore~~ your answer and I will do the same, and we will proceed to a decision of the the question at once -

Your Respectfully
E Cornell

A. Wilcox Esq
Mailed Feb 6th

Ithaca Feby 16th/63

Hon E. Cornell

Dr Sir

I take the liberty of addressing you on a matter of interest to the Ithaca Academy. It is in contemplation to attempt to raise by subscription some $200 or $250, for the purpose of adding to our scientific apparatus. If we can raise this outside of our corporate funds, the Regents of the University will contribute an equal amount, but not otherwise. Knowing your interest in all that pertains to the proper education of the young, I am emboldened to ask you if you could aid us somewhat in this matter. The academy has never very much taxed the generosity of our people. nor would we do it now, were it not for the circumstance I have mentioned above.

Very Respectfully Yours

S. G. Williams

Hoors Town Canada C. W. Feb 16 the 1863

Uncle Egra

Dear Sir I received a letter from you inclose one from Paul Gray ware I ment to live by Uncle John he came over there to see me I was much pleas to see him we did not know each other when we met that was on last Sunday aweak ago he was to send one son Father when he return home and I expect to go to his home and stop till my health get better I har not hurd from him seince I am afraid sonthing has happen as he promist to sit I rote to him on Monday to pleas to be in start by Sunday night took my Coat after I had retired to bed I owe him one dollor for my board I sold my uniform when I first went in his house and made him two days in advance I had him to work for my board and made him up to one dollor so I sold pantor Shirt and pair of drawers and made him took my coat and leave for this place I am to work there at the wagen bumsp I har not made any bargen what I am to har as I am quite Home in my Dept Dear Sir

Sept 16 Hoors Town C.W. 63

boarding with him. When I first came over there I wrote for my Clothes and Ezra's Tailes but have not heard from them you will please do me the Kindness to drop Mrs Mack Van Vanderburg a line and request her to forward them to Marcus Hook by express Mr Linn I believe has Charge of the Tailes and probley this trunk — I received a discharge stating the death of Ezra but was too sick to come — I would like very much to go home I do not think there would be any danger now after I get my Clothes and close and some money I think I'll go to new york probley I can get a job in the Navy Yard at Brooklyn —

I shall write more hoping to hear from you soon I will now come to a close as ever yours Truely

John H. Connelly

To
Hon Ezra. Connelly

P S

Please see and have those Tailes and Trunks sent in haste and you will ever oblige

Yrs, C

Danby Feby 16th 1863-

Hon E. Conold

Dear Sir-

Enclosed you will please find statement of Danby War Committee giving the facts in regard to our town Bounty to Volunteers. Should you think that justice the occasion demands it you can make such use of the same as will promote right action & under justice to all.

The members of "War Committee" have not been able to obtain a sight of that said Remonstrance.

(Over)

Has it been sent to you? Or, if not to you; can you obtain a copy with the signatures attached? I

I will feel much obliged if you will cause a copy of that Remonstrance to be taken - also a copy of the signatures to the same; & send it to me at your earliest convenience. I will cheerfully pay any expense ~~to~~, that may be necessary for the document. I

Hoping to hear that our Brave Soldiers are successful in

Putting down rebellion I remain Yours Most Respectfully

E. L. Pleasants

Danby Septr 6th 1862

Feby 16th 1862

Hon Ezra Carroll, Munroe Assembly

Dear Sir —

The undersigned "War Committee" for this Town desire to state the following facts in ~~relation~~ regard to the ~~bounty~~ Town bounty paid last summer by this Committee to ~~for~~ Volunteers under the call for soldiers made by the President U. S.

Viz — That when this Committee first began their efforts to obtain men — very few came forward, and it seemed doubtfull for a time whether we should be able to fill our quota. —

At this time the Committee decided to offer an additional bounty (in behalf of the Town) of $25. for men — for Volunteers — the money to be raised by tax on the Town ~~the~~ in the same manner, as other bills are paid. —

That this Committee called public meetings in different quarters of the town; said meetings being duly noticed by hand bills and otherwise. —

That those meetings were attended by large and enthusiastic gatherings of taxable and other inhabitants. —

That this matter of paying

an

an additional town bounty of $25.
for man was brought forward at the
three Meetings by the Committee —
and a vote taken thereon: at
every Meeting it was unanimously
in favor of sustaining the Committee
& paying said bounty by tax on
the Town.

After obtaining an expression
of the people as above mentioned:
the Committee borrowed the money
necessary to pay the aforesaid bounty
of $25. for Man for Volunteers
enough to fill the quota for this
Town under all the calls made
on up for Soldiers.

A few Loyal & Patriotic men
came forward and executed a Bond
of indemnity as security to the
Committee for the money borrowed
as aforesaid.

When the said Bond was
executed — it was distinctly understood
by the Committee; also by those persons
signing said Bond — that the same
should be paid by tax on the Town
so soon as the necessary Routine of
Legislation, Levy &c could be effected.

At the annual Meeting
of the Board of Town Auditors this
last fall the bill of the Committee
was duly acted on; and voted that
the same be paid.

Since the first day of January 1863
a Remonstrance has been Circulated
through the town against paying
said County by tax — and asking
the Legislature to refuse to pass a
law Authorizing a tax for that
purpose. — The effect of that
will be to compell the afore-said
Boardmen to pay their bond. —

This committee feel that justice
to those men who pledged themselves
as security for the borrowed money i
demand of this statement at their
hands — and that they should fall
short of fullfilling their duty unless
they expressed their earnest desire
that the necessary Legislation may
be had to make a Tax on this
Town to pay the aforesaid bounty
Lawfull & Under the same Collectable
in the same manner as other Town
expenses. —

We the undersigned
"Local War Committee" for the Town of
Danby do hereby certify that the statements
set forth above are true to the best of
our knowledge & belief — Witness our
hands at Danby Feby 16th 1863
Wm A. Manderlle Dispersed 1862

S. L. Phillips
H. S. Miller
Josiah Haines
J. D. Phillips

War
Committee
for
Danby
Rutland Co. Vt

W. I. Wood
17th Feb 63

Alexandria Va Feb 17/63

Dear Unkle

I recd. your kind letter as it became due but I have been unable to answer it before on account of sickness and I am scarcely able to sit up to day I have been having the Measles and I have been quite sick.

It snows here this morning it is very muddy and wet wether it is a bad time for the Measles Since I came to the hospital which is over a week ago three poor Boys have gone to thier last resting place and the day that I was brought here one Private and one Lieutenant was burried one died of the small pox the other with Measles

our Doctors have been ver successful with the measles they have had 60 or 70 cases and have lost but 6 of them these haveing caught cold which settled on the Lungs

I have a letter from Cousin Benjamin his Regt. has mooved to Aquia Creek Landing he was well, Also one from Aunt Phebe and one from home

Aunt writes that times are first rate there she also says the prospects of peace and the restoration of the Union are better than heretofore I hope it it will soon be Restored, It is over 6 mos since I enlisted and I do not see much better prospects yet. P.S. what is your Appinion is there any prospect of the war comeing to a close soon I do not get a chance to read the papers much, Aunt Phebe sends me papers now the Evangelist, Ithaca Journal &c. and the Albion Paper all of which come very good I am sorry to here of such bad conduct in the Assembly while You were trying to elect a Speaker it seems as though our Country was full of traitors. May God grant that peace and unity shall soon be restored throughout the whole extent of our Country

Our folks are well the Children goes to School Father does not do much this winter I am afraid he will not be able to do the work on the farm this summer, I suppose Daniel will work

on his place and leave
Father alone I thought
when I enlisted that Daniel
would stay at home Father
has done so much hard
work that he has nearly broken
down his Constitution
and he ought not to work
much until he gets recruited
up which will take a long
time, we got a part of our pay
last week I sent mother $30
to get a set of Crockery a table
and a stove but she cannot
get the stove until next payday.
In my other letter I forgot
to give you my address it is
Washington D.C. 2d Regt
Co. D. Mich. Vol
Please write soon from
your Nephew
W Irving Wood
Hon E. Cornell

State of New York,

Tompkins County Treasurer's Office.

Ithaca Feb. 17th 1863

Hon. Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir— The receipts for School & State Tax came duly to hand this day— having laid on a day & so in the snow banks in Cortland Co. Allow me to thank you for the trouble, and allow me to trouble you again in the same way. Enclosed you will find Cashiers draft for $11,000.00 which you will please hand Mr. Lewis, & have him give you a receipt which please send me & this, with the School Money which will be apportioned to this County which I shall transfer to

Say State top will nearly
be quite say the State
Ticket from this County.

What does Treasurer
Lewis & Secretary Ballard
mean by their Co-letorie
with the Democrats?

I have neither no Copy
of your address before
the State Society

Very truly
Wesley Hooker

W. Hooker
17 Jan 63

Dear Sir New York Feb 17 1863

If you really feel like helping me, you now have a chance I have experimented on a small scale, to satisfy me of the practicability of the thing & of its success— I have sold enough to clear me $54, this last month with a very small capital, borrowed by a friend, to work with, Nor have I been able to get all the wrings I wanted, I have to pay the cash down, & often have to wait 2, 3 & 4 weeks for my pay, I cannot get them on credit. They have an invariable rule with all— On the cash down principle they are enabled to furnish them cheaper than on the Credit system, The Brooklyn man has cleared over $130, per Month & hires a man to do it for him, They have orders for several hundreds ahead & paid for, & cannot at present supply the demand— but will be able to do so soon, I cannot make it profitable with a less sum than a $ 1000, that is not very profitable, $500, would enable me to keep out 100— at a time, when I should have at least 200 out— I can have Report of Bergen county if I attend to them for the taking, All other counties they sell outright All the Consideration asked of me is thorough canvassing, the more I have out, the better I can do, I take them around & put them in houses & let them use them through a washing, I scarcely ever fail to make a sale, The parties will not be satisfied unless I can sell more than I have had money to buy, They have borne & will bear with me a while longer more than any other could perhaps, on account of their inability to supply the demand— The Philadelphia man has sold 2000, & just came & ordered 2000 more as soon as they can furnish them

Now I thought I would let you know how it is— & leave it entirely with you— I don't want you to do a thing unless it is done with the heart & a good will— The simple "I'll do it" or "not do it" is all I will trouble you to say, I shall get along without it, for I am not going to lie down & give up by a long shot. Give yourself not one moments thought or trouble about it, Do it or not just as accordance with your own judgment. I have answered any points & wrote this thinking it possible you meant what you said when you said you would like to help me if you knew what was best.

Very Respectfully
Your W. P. Rees

Care Brewer
50052 Rivington St

Western Union Telegraph Co.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y., Feb 18 12 1865

E. Cornell Esq

Dr Sir

Enclosed a Circular asking the Assent of the Stockholders to a proposition to increase the Capital Stock of our Company

The high premium paid for our Stock has a bad look. Besides the positions an increase of Stock would give us in any negotiation to merge other lines with ours

There can be no doubt of the policy & I hope you will assent at once

You will receive the Resolution for your Signature as Director to the proposed increase

Yours Truly Hiram Sibley

P.S. Do you desire to sell any of your Stock if so let me know so I can distribute the same to advantage to the company

Tompkins Co. Town of
Ulysses Jacksonville Feb. 18/63

Hon. C. Comell-

Dear Sir-

The Senate Bill relating to local bounties is before I have examined the same & find that it does not cover the case of our Town & would suggest the following Amendment to Section 1st line 14 at the end of the word Capacity-to wit. "or such liabilities as any Officer or Person of said town may have incurred for other Valuntier Purposes when authorized by persons representing two thirds of the taxable property of said town"

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The circumstances of our town are that when the quota of 600000 was called for I could do nothing until I had assumed as Supervisor of the town what had been subscribed & partially paid for enlistment previous to July 2 1862 - the date mentioned in the Senate Bill back of which the Bill does not go

I hold a writing signed by persons representing two thirds of the taxable property authorizing me to assume such subscription & to expend a further sum amounting in all to $9000,—

With the amendment I suggest I think the Senate Bill will cover our County.

I have written to Senator

Yeaman & suggested the
same amendment to him
Hoping that you Hamp
& Mr Yeaman will make
this matter all right
I subscribe myself

Yours Truly

Lyman Congdon Reporter

L. Congdon
Ga. 12. 63.

New York Feby 18th 1863

Hon Ezra Cornell

Albany N.Y.

Dear Sir

When you was here a few weeks ago, I mentioned to you the subject of a Rail Road in South Brooklyn, and partially pointed out the route, this road was started by myself and some friends, after agreeing upon our route &c we laid the subject befor Mr Hughes the member from our district, going over the route with him, he agreed to act with us and for our interest, instead of which after he became familiar with the route (enjoining secrecy upon us) he went and laid the subject befor his own friends getting up and entire new Circle leaving my name in as one of corporators for form sake, in other word sold the original parties out

and made an entire new circle all Democrats, finding out what he had done, we went to work and organized under the General law have obtained the consent of almost the majority of property holders, and shall the present week have the release of full 2/3 of all property holders upon the route, being that we can build the road under the General law and that we have now vested rights, that the legislature will not interfere with, having paid in Ten per cent in Cash - and expend some three hundred dollars in getting consent of property owners for the purpose of looking after our interest, Mr Woodruff of this goes up to night and will present you this letter, Mr W will explain our position, if you will be kind enough to introduce to the members of the Rail Road Comm, and after looking at our position, if you approve of what we have done we would be glad to have your support - our Corporation is not a political one although the majority of our members are republicans

Yours Truly

W. V. Studdiford

S. P. Sherwood
Feb 18/63

Ithaca July 18/63

Hon E Cornell

My dear friend,
Your letter in reply to my last, came to hand this morning.
I appreciate fully the tone of your remarks. The object and Enterprise I am engaged in, does [redacted] to our religious men, and should be promptly & cheerfully met by them. And we shall endeavour to raise the amt without your help. But it looks as though we should not be able to do it, at present. You are doing a most noble and generous act for our Town. And I assure you it will be appreciated by

Mary, and perhaps all of your
fellow Citizens
But there are "Swine" in every
community before whom
"Pearls" may be cast unappreciated
I thank you for your
very Kind encouragement that
you will donate something, rather
than have the enterprise fail
But. we will try and do it
without taxing your, already. too liberal
hand & heart. You Know
as well as, I can tell you
how hard it is to loosen
the purse strings of such
men as Esty Harris Stowell &
who are our most wealthy men
I should like to engraft
into them a slion from
your heart. I Know it
would produce good fruit.
With Kind regards to
yourself and family,
I am yours truly R. S. P. Sherwood

Watkins Feb 18 1863

Hon Ezra Cornell

My Dear Sir

Permit me to introduce to your acquaintance Rev F J Hone Pastor of the first Presbyterian Church at Watkins, He is our agent to procure a Charter for the Watkins union School District, and if you could Bestow the favors ask by my friend it would be apricated by your friend and

obedient Servant

G W Quinn Jr

H B Lord
19 Feb 63

Ludlowville Feb. 19th 1863

Hon Esek Cowell

Dear Sir

I am greatly obliged for the copy of the act sent me. I find first what is wanted in this town with perhaps a single modification

I deem it important for the safety of the individuals who have borrowed the funds for the purposes mentioned in the act that their accounts be passed upon at the earliest possible moment. This is secured in most cases by the clause in the first section of the act commencing in line 35 of that section with the words. "And the Supervisor of any town in this State on being requested by any such claimant, &c. But suppose the Supervisor is himself the claimant. Would he not be obliged in that case to wait until the regular meeting of the Board in November before his