Albany Dec 15 1862

My Dear Mr Cornell

Sundri— As to the talk at the annual Meeting about our sight seeing abroad, I will endeavor to relieve you as much as I can— though I am greatly pressed, as you know— The State bis will add largely to my work— if the matter is attended to— The blanks are nearly ready, and I will send the blanks per Hopkins as soon as I can have them ready—

As to the material for an annual address I do not know as I can give any suggestions that will be of importance— I think generally, if the great importance of our agricultural

and the duty of the State to sustain them, in connexion with the fact that intellect as well as duty requires this— if this as the foundation is used, an address practical in its character may be made profitable— In our present state of affairs, it may be that a change in our agriculture to some extent may be required— Sheep— Flax— Sorghum all and more or less attract the attention of our farmers, and if they will not rush into them headlong, I think in that direction judicious action will be beneficial—

I agree with you as to cattle— and any thing that will secure the adoption of a standard by which we can educate the breeds of stock, can be secured a great advance will be secured—

Respectfully in N Y on monday the 22d — babyon doubtless will be at home before that — If any thing important occurs I will write you

Yours Truly

R. M. Johnson

Enfield Centre
Dec. 15th 1862

Hon Ezra Cornell
Ithaca N.Y.

Dear Sir,

I desire if practicable, your influence in the coming session of the Legislature in obtaining for me an appointment of "Notary Public".

Under Hon. Alfred Wells I have the position as one of the Assistant Assessors of this Collection Dist. The various lists and monthly returns of Manufactures, Butchers &c. must be sworn & subscribed to before a Justice of the Peace or some other proper Magistrate before they are filed with me. It is exceedingly inconvenient for those liable to a tax to go before a

Justice living in a remote
corner of the town to make the
necessary oath; in fact this
looking after Justices is considered
one of the most odious features
of the law. I desire the appointment
not for the pecuniary remuneration
but solely for the accommodation
of the People. There is no Notary
Public in the town of Enfield.
If you should deem it consistent
and proper to present my name
to the Legislature I shall feel myself
under many obligations.

I am very Respectfully Yours

William L. Bostwick

I am ignorant as to how these
appointments are made; if any
thing further on my part should
be necessary; please inform me.

Yours, Wm L B.

Dear Sir

New York Dec 15th 1862

Repugnant as it is to my feelings to trouble or annoy others, with my private affairs, As I have no other left. not a living soul, to advise with, & having always found in you a friend. I also on account of my present relations with you, I venture to lay upon with this Communication, I have been engaged with the New Merchants Exchange & News Room 50 & 52 Nassau St. now 5 months, as Canvasser, the 1st 3. I made $50. each. the last 2. $75 each. The thing is getting nearly played out. (I mean we have nearly all the subscribers we can get.) Notwithstanding the institution is pronounced a highly Creditable thing, & is destined, in the End, to outdo all others. & Eventually become a paying thing to its projectors. but the business will never bring me enough for my support & enable me to pay up my debts. a fact, I have been painfully conscious of for some time, & Consequently have been making efforts in every quarter, to get into something better, I have made many acquaintances learned much of the ways of doing business, in my present employment. that I trust will not be altogether lost on me I have arrived at an age. that makes it of the utmost importance that I make my time tell to the very best advantage I have an offer to go into one of the most flourishing Life Insurance Cos. in the City, for its age, 3 years; as Canvasser I am offered 25 & 5 per cent. The usual & almost universal

Wm. P. Lear Dec 15-62

vote is 1005 - I am offered 15 & 7½ in another part stating —
That is. I can get 25 per cent on the premiums I get, the 1st year, & 5
per cent ever after, as long as the parties insure. If I make a 1000, the
1st year. I will draw each subsequent year, on the same 200, the 25 & 5
per cent. is at least, 10 per cent extraordinary, & offered me in pledge of
secrecy, I acknowledge it is not a pleasant biss for me. indeed, I could
make as much. I would prefer to work in the street, but I endeavor
to bring my mind to do whatever is for the best.

I have another that I feel very confident will prove a handsome
thing. I can get the exclusive right to sell the article in New York city
& suburbs, excepting perhaps Brooklyn. It is Putnams Clothes
Wringer, I purchased one & went around one Monday Morning
Early & made a sale of 3. They are $6.00 each & I get 30 per cent
There are perhaps 20 different kinds in the city & many in use,
A very few are so nearly equal in quality as to be quite a
Competitor. but the one I can get, out-strips all, in a degree
Treman. King & Co of your place have them — I enclose a circular
& giving their description — There are so many things of the
kind. & of every other, going the rounds, annoying people every hour
hour of the day. that an application or argument with parties, is
of no account. The only proper & effectual way, is to go, two days
of working. & put one on the tub & let them see it through their
washing — The Brooklyn agent sells from 15 to 18 out of the
25 that he thus puts out. & some who return them. Call subsequently
& get them, Almost every body washes Mondays. After Tuesdays

so, until they are pretty well known through the city, there one only about 2 days that can be profitably employed during the week. I can go around Evenings & get from one acquaintance the names of other responsible parties & get their consent to let me put the wagon on their tub the working day. Then the night previous distribute them — This makes it desirable to have a large number of them — I can make the most by doing it all myself; $1.80 on each. If I let to Sub. agents, or to Grocers &c &c I will only get abt 1/2. 90 cts. Now I have not a doubt that I can make this pay & do nothing else, but I see no reason why I cannot connect the Insurance with it, particularly if I employ 1/2 a dozen faithful agents to sell for me, — I might, by a very slow process, work along with one machine, but I would get along 50 times as fast with 50, I have to pay the cash down $4.20 for very machine, It is possible if I had good security I might get some on credit until I make enough to go it on the Cash principle, But of this there is doubt, because the President & Secretary told me they had but one rule & that inviolable to sell only for cash, & that is what I propose to do when I sell Being so long idle. I have not been able to pay my way & pay up what I got behind. I once get 100, above what this months wage come to. I have worked them off considerable — $500, will buy 119 Machins. On which if I sold them, there would be a profit of $214 minus the expense of drayage. & if it should prove a very good success $1000, invested would be so much better. The next thing

is, where to get the money. There does not appear to be a doubt about the sale of these things & it can be made a safe investment on the cash down principle. a little money at first will settle the thing. The demands on the factory are so great that they cannot supply the orders. They have $500, in the safe that they have not machines for, from the country. Only about 350 have been sold in N.Y. & 150 in Brooklyn. They commenced today to manufacture 100 per day. & think they will soon be able to supply the demand. I can close contract any moment. but I must first get the money. The thing is attracting so much attention, that there is danger of my losing it. A Gentleman worth $5000, has offered to take it, but I have refused a short time, through the friendship of the Centre of the Telegraph Office, 145 Broadway, who is a stockholder.

I see nothing that promises so much so speedily & so safely. there need be no loss. whatever, I am sanguine there is money in it. O! would that I could see more like a living human being to be out of debt. & able to hold up my head among men.

I'm little too much hurte

I remain Yours truly

W. P. Rice

50 052 Rice 20

Ans E Cornell

Ithaca

NY

P.S. One reason I am hurt. behind. we took a journey

mourned couple a branch of the Ross. Cherokee tribe to board till money

1st & had to furnish women to amt 140. They went afloon

& we dont get the project on board we expected. They one on

the way back to the Nation a portion of them I think they will halt

at St Louis, the treasurer lives here & the Nation is suffering

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L. G. TILLOTSON, Sup't.

New York, Dec 18th 186 2

Received at ____ M. by Telegraph from Ithaca

To E Cornell

Have not heard from
Mrs McGraw in regard
to that subscription

E Turner

DM

Cortland Village
Dec 1862

Dear Sir

I saw your note for the first time two or three days since. My man informed me that they are taking the corn slowly & he thinks several of them were already in land; (when they got there) Are you aware of any (improper) exposure on their part, to a rain?

They appeared to me to be from different stocks or stalks. I have entered with considerable interest into this experiment, & would therefore be glad to learn, if it is not too much trouble to inform me, what stocks & strains of blood they represent: their weights of fleece; & their relative (build) blood & quality; to your eyes

selected for your Libelian
case. — By the by, are there
any Durham or Alderney Bulls
among them? —

Mr Geddes informed
me that you & he went to
Onondaga Hill to see the
Stock of my "21 per cent"
case! How did you like
them? What was your criticism
on them? —

During the recent "Soft"
weather all my Stock have taken
case very slowly.

Yours truly
Henry S. Randall

E. Cornell Esq

Your Sheep are kept separately
as you requested. —

I have written an article
for the first
for January No. of Country
Gentleman, on the great
mortality among lambs in the
Spring of 1862. Did that
mortality extend to your
county? —

T. C. Peters
Dec 15. 1862

Dunn Dec. 18th 1862

My Dear Sir.

Your kind favor of the 11th inst. is received. I have the N. B. and had already commenced its study with reference to unravelling the mystery in regard to this cattle. I have been able to identify several heads, and to find that I bought nothing older than 9 this spring. I am sure of 4 Princes 26th N. B. Page 425. P. 24th. P. 23d. The man who was at our house a sort of herdsman for S. told me that P. 26 was from a certain man and that did not know any name. That cow is P. 8th 2d Vol. N. B. page 521. Also of P. 24th That takes all the cows which he had in the Co. B. There are two yearlings name of which came from P. 8th for she is only just dry. and the yearling is a duplicate only, smaller of P. 26th. The other looks like

P. 24th and I would be willing to take it for her last calf – There can be no doubt as to P. 25th R.A.W. and I think I shall have no trouble to identify them all after a little with their Individual names. I do not believe that I have more than one that is not genuine Princes of Wales any. I myself can detect that must have been imported, but as he has got her in his possession I do not think I can get her nor do I care any thing particular about it now except for the name. Had I known more about them or as much as now I should have done different, but as it is there are only 2 Reds & 2 Red & White that I did not buy, and he has got back 2 of them I understand. The bull answers to Duke of Gwynn 3890 A.B. Vol. 5 Page 67 –

I think G. has not had the Milking Cattle This A.B. list calls for. If so where are they? There were but 18 females at the sale, and they got all they could find. My theory is from what I can learn by the study of these animals that the P.s have had to do duty in two families at least. I defy the most practised eye to detect any difference except in only one, and that may come from her miserable condition – I am at fault now to know what bull he used to sire the previous calf and a younger one much like it only a duskier red – Page over his head last August and took notes, and I am going to have him visit me soon and see what he can do. It's working that S. acts or much like a bow cap when it is of no possible use to him. However if the cattle can have a good chance for a year or so, they will not be bad to look at to say the least – and will carry a good pedigree between their horns and tails. There is one good thing about it. I am compelled to study the bred closer than ever before.

And when I get my Apples report finished. I intended to go into the business thoroughly — I hope you will find a ready Speculator this winter though I do not know many to get along without you in the fever —

Kindly Yours
T. C. Peters

Hon. E. Cornell
Ithica
N. Y

S. A. Northrup is in the army

Western Union Telegraph Co.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y., Dec 18 1862

E Cornell

Sir

I send monthly receipts for Painesville Office for 1861 & 1862. Business has increased

I believe there is no Office there except at Depot & probably business may be neglected -

I will send your letter to the Purchasing Supt of that R R Line

S. R. Edwards

26. Nassau St
Dec 19/62

E. Connelly

Sha - I have made several efforts to see you - unsuccessfully - I am desirous of closing our differences - Only two matters are in dispute the N.Y & Erie, & the Erie & Kalamazoo construction profits. I can submit my proofs in the case in one hour: Why cannot you submit yours, & have the referee report a result? Shall we see you, as in the Spring? Neither of us can probably attend to it with convenience after this month - Je-

certainly is so reduced
to simple elements,
as not to take any
length of time to ad-
mit it.

Yours, in haste
H. W. Smith

Dr. Oliver Smith
19 Spruce St

Batavia Dec 20th 1862

Ezra Comstock Esq

Dear Sir Can you
give me the Pedigree of Mrs Ambrose Stevens
Cow viz Lovely 11th over 3 years old
drew prem at State Fair 1862
Lovely " 15th 2 Yrs old also drew prem
" 18 Heifer Calf " I presume
when the Same were Entered at the State Fair at
Rochester the Pedigree was given and if you
will do me the favor to send or procure the
Same you will lay me under obligations to you
besides I will pay your Charges therefor
Please reply

Truly Yours
A. K. Cone

Washington December 22 1862

Mr Cornell — Dear Friend I have just
Received your kind letter — with the sad
news of my Dear Ezra's death — but I heard
of his death a few days past — Mrs Vanvanthing
sent me a letter — Stateing his death — She
Nursed him in his sickness — and was with him
in his last moments — she said he was a
Changed Man — that she has every reason
to believe that he now is at rest with his Jesus
in Heaven — she wrote that he was Verry
anctious to see me and the last word he
could speak to be understood was Mother
Oh that I could a been with him — but it is
the Will of God — and I must be resigned
to it as well as I can — but it is hard to part
I am truly thankfull to all who ever Showed
him kindness — I pray to God they may all
be rewarded for every kindness that was
bestowed on him — I know not how to be

thankful enough to you for all the kindness and kindness that you have showed to me and my Children – both of them have wrote me of your kindness to them – you wish to know I get along in these hard times – I can scarcely tell you – how I have had to turn and to do – so it is – I have made out to get something to eat – and but little to wear – for times are hard indeed – if I could get work I could I could get along well – but there is Nothing at all a doing here – if it had not a been for my Son Paul I must a suffered although he has had but little to do – yet he has done for the best in all ways he could – I can say I had three kind and affectionate Sons to me while they were with me – it seemed that my Comfort and welfair was what they Studyed – please try and find out where John is at – and what he is a doing – the last letter I got from him – he was at Buffalow – at work at – 1.75 P day that he thought to be at home in 2 Monthes – Paul received a letter from Ezra that was wrote a few days before he was taken Sick – but he said nothing about John – My wish is for John to have Ezras Clothes if you can find out where he is at – I received the package you sent to me – and it was a great present indeed such as I never had before – and it came at a time I really needed – I gave Susan a part – as I ware black – for I mourn at hart and I try to let my apparal be to suit – but these times – I have to do as I can I feel truly thankful to you – you have done more than I could expect you too but I hope God will bless you and yours all I can do is to pray that you may always prosper – excuse this bad hand for my eyes are flowing with tears most ever since I heard of

my Ezra Shirley John must a known the trouble it would give me if he ever went in the Army again — please write to me about him — and you will add another Great Obligation on —

Lieutenant H. Conrad

McLean Dec. 23–1862

Sir,

I write you at the request of Mr. George A. Case of Madison county who wishes the office of door-keeper or assistant door keeper in the House of assembly at the ensuing session. I am aware that you will have numerous applications of the same nature & perhaps your mind is already made up as to your officers. Mr. Case wrote me with the supposition that I was personally acquainted with Mr. Cornell which is not the case. But I know Mr. Case well & know him to be a worthy honorable man – a staunch Republican & one who has for many years worked hard for the success of that party in his county & assembly district & I have no doubt if elected would fill the office with honor to himself & to the satisfaction of the house & would esteem it a special favor to obtain your influence & vote. I might refer you to Senator Young who is a brother-in-law of Mr. Case but probably the Senator would think it improper for him—

to say any thing relative to the choice of officers of the other house—

As a friend to Mr Case I hope his application may be received with favor—

Respectfully Yours
Alpheus West

Hon. Ezra Cornell

Ithaca
Dec 22

Glens Falls Dec 23 1862

Hon Ezra Cornell

Dr Sir

When I delivered the Telegraph Poles to Mr Hunt I told him that I could deliver in Albany one or two thousand Telegraph Poles if you have not purchased what Telegraph Poles you want I should like to furnish them for you

Respectfully Yours

O M Gilchrist

Cortland Village
Dec 23.

Dear Sir

I write you this morn. I have just seen my farmer & he says one of your ewes has got a nice lamb! He says others are springing bag & will lamb before long. So he thinks you had better get them away immediately. You will of course have to send a waggon to carry along lambs.—

I have not for the last 20 years allowed rams to run with fine-wooled ewes after lambing. They are much more ready than coarse ones to take ram out of season.

Now might if you thought best send a two horse waggon arranged to carry about half

two sheep — all nearest to Lambing — & then you could get home in a day by making a long day of it. A boy could take the other to McGraws Ford day & home the next. — But judge for yourself.

Yours truly

Henry S. Randall

E. Cornell Jr.

Ulster Home
Dec 23d 1862

Hon E. Cornell
Dear Sir.

We had a meeting yesterday & today — A committee was present from the Cooper College who proposed an Union of the Institutions — After a full consideration of the subject the Trustees declined to unite in consolidating the Two — They also resolved that they would most cordially co-operate in an application before the Legislature in relation to the land grant by Congress & the disposition of the proceeds —

I wish you would send me Belly Messenger containing the remarks on Steam plowing — & will have the article copied & return you the paper — I intend to give an account of the trial at Yale before the Legislature at the annual meeting —

Yours Truly
J. L. Johnson.

P.S. Mr Kelly, Mr Prentice & myself were appointed a Committee to attend the Legislature Monday and resolution passed requesting you to co-operate with us in securing what we want & propose by Legislative action

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Camp of 82d Regt N.Y. Vols
December 25th 1862

Hon Ezra Cornell.

Dear Sir.

I am well aware that your time is quite too precious to allow you to trouble yourself to any extent with the affairs of individual Soldiers in the field, but trust you will pardon the liberty I am now taking, in consideration of its being the first —

The number of men in the 82d Regt from Tompkins county is greater, than from any other two Counties in the State — Among those men are officers quite as consistent to command at least as any in the Regt, they have done as much duty, and duty as arduous and dangerous — are fully as consistent and deserving of promotion as those who through Political wire pulling at Albany are receiving positions over them, while it would seem their hands are not only tied at their posts in the field but not a voice is raised in their behalf at the Seat of State Capital at home —

In Battle we lost our Col. & Major. Our Lt Col. (from Amsterdam) went to Albany and secured the appointment of Col. Cyr Hubbs also from Amsterdam, not by any means

the most competent and deserving among the
Cof.te of the 32d through the assistance of ~~his~~
~~friends~~ Col. Pinto and his friends at Hom
pronced the Majority & has since been made
Lt Col by the same means — At an elec=
tion held by the Officers of the Regt while
these last two positions were vacant, Capt
Dotn Whitlock was elected Lt Col. by a
vote of 12 to ~~18~~ 6 which was afterwards made
unanimous — Hubbs was elected Major —
Now the prospects are that Whitlock will
get nothing and that one Capt Myers
formerly a Butcher and since a N. York
Policeman; a man incompetent for such
a position and disliked by every man
of respectability in the Regt will get the
Majority — This is wrong and ought not
to be — Col. Pinto & Lt Col. Hubbs both
desire that Whitlock should be made
Major, much preferring him to Myers, and
it is the Col.s desire that some prominent man
of our County should call attention of Gov.
Morgan to Papers now on file in the War.
Dept at Albany in reference to the incom=
petency of this same Myers — I have taken
it upon myself to address you with re=
gard to the matter, hoping that if it would
not require to great a tax upon your time
and attention, you would take down course

to prevent such an injustice as the commissioning of Injere —

I Remain Yours Respectfully

W D Wyckoff & Co^{y}

Hon Ezra Cornell

P. S. I write for Whitlock, and in haste ak our Mail Boy is now waiting at my ~~end~~ door

W D Wyckoff Co^{y}

Rose Dec 26 1862

Dear Sir

I have written a long letter to Comr Albright of Buffalo stating the strong points of our project and urging him to recommend the building the Long Locks from Rochester to Clyde and also the putting on the Long Locks at Lockport which at once makes a Tow Boat Canal from Montezuma to Buffalo — This can be done this winter — & by building the Lockport Canal — a channel

& Connection would be formed with Lake Ontario, Erie & Cayuga —

Now with united action I do hope that all this will be brot about this winter —

Now is the time to carry it through as the Commercial interest demand more facilities &c &c —

Yes a moving quality by Petitions &c —

You want to have petitions circulated in Ithica &c — our best respects — as ever we will

Yours Truly E. D. Thomas

Who can I correspond with at Albion this year as Albany — —

I thank Mr Wheaton kindly for my Copy of Woodman with Compliments of this House & yours —

Western Union Telegraph Co.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y., Dec 26th 1862

Hon E. Cornell

Dr Sir

I have perused the Book for Mr Collins and regret you did not comply with My request for I am confident you would never have come to regret it.

I know the Stock is worth more than par. And I have sold as high as 120 & And all Every figure above par up to 120 ¼ (averaging 112) in all about 30. or 40 Thousand Dollars all I care to sell — A friend of Mine desires me to offer you 120 for 100. Shares or any no less you may want to sell

He Has in N.Y. in the Ame Ex Bank $12.000.00 he will give for $10.000 of W.U. Tel Stock Transfer them so as to carry the 2 per Cent Quarterly dividend we made day before yesterday

If you send Mr Elwood (Elwood) a Certificate for Transfer in time I will see that you get the draft & guarantee the payment If it is on any Bank less than 106. S. But not more

Please answer by return Mail or by Telegraph Whether you accept or not We dividend 2. per cent & have used up our Surplus by authorizing the Treasurer to Pay off our Bonds & the funds hold out so we think there will be Enough by including receipts to Feb 21. Next

Hiram Sibley

Highland Nurseries
December 26th 1862.

Hon Ezra Cornell.
Dear Sir.

Will you think best to move in all or any part of the reforms under consideration last winter?

It appears to me that you could very easily get a law passed requiring Attorneys, each, to look for their clients for remuneration, instead of costs following suit; and the amount to be agreed upon before the services were rendered, as all

other professions and business have to do, adding 5 per cent to all demands paid after process was served. 10 per cent if plead to by the defendant, and 15 per cent if paid after execution was issued.

All executions to be re-issued 30 days after lien.

This percentage to remunerate the plaintiff for costs and delay &c.

This would certainly stop all unnecessary litigation and nearly all of the total, and the other reforms would soon follow. A shrewd debtor to delay action on

them. It is a good time to move to relieve the tax payers, and the business of the state, from these useless and demoralizing offices, and clogs.

I have been collecting evidence to show the necessity of this reform, during the past season.

Very Respectfully
E. L. Frost

M Leon Dec. 27th 1862

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 25th inst. is just received In answer to your enquiry Mr. Geo. A. Case was a son of Chauncey Case who lived and died about two years since in the town of Nelson. George lives at the same place. My acquaintance with the family has been for about 25 years & I think they are no way connected with the gentleman you mention as having lived at De Ruyter. I became acquainted with this family by reason of visiting my wifes parents who lived & died in the same neighborhood but were no way related to them yet we have ever been very intimate since. I was ignorant of the fact that the officers of the Assembly (except doorkeepers to the galleries post-master &c) were appointed by the Speaker and I had not informed myself as to the relative political standing of the members elect If the majority is with the Democrats Mr. Case of course can not succeed if with the Republicans his ticket in the lottery will be full as likely to draw a blank as a prize. Wishing you a pleasant session for yourself and a usefull one to your constituents

I remain Your Obedient Servt

A. West.

E. Cornell Esqr

STATE OF NEW-YORK

Assembly Chamber.

Utica, ~~Albany.~~ Dec 27. 1862

Hon. E. Cornell,

My Dear Sir,

I have yours of the 24th — Boatings are openly made throughout the State, that the Dems. will secure the organization of the next House, by the aid, direct, or indirect of the U. D. members. — This Emanates from the cities of N. Y. & Albany, & is promulgated through the State by the Argus, & swallowed by its readers. — The only basis in my judgement for it, is the hope that they will do so, & the boastings of it are as much as anything an Empty.

There are 8 U. D. returned

to the next House, 4 of whom were
there last Winter — of the latter No.
I have seen three, & no more decided
or truer men will be found there —
All were Chosen on Straight
Dem. Nominees, & against the most
Violent & bitter Efforts of their former
Associates — It is too unnatural for
men under such Circumstances, &
acting as representatives, to betray
their Constituents, & I shall not, &
Cannot believe that such treachery
will occur, until I seek demon=
=strated — Broome with 2000. Wyom=
ing with 2500. Cattaraugus with
1000. & Steuben with her 1000 maj=
orities in their Assembly Districts
would hardly send unreliable Men
to the Legislature — Some of the
Dems. here Claim 70 Votes of the 128.
but in my judgment 64 is the highest
point they can reach, & this with
the aid of W. Butler, whose action
is very uncertain —

We must Keep our Powder
dry. & trust in Providence, & I have
an abiding Conviction that we shall
Win — I will Venture the guess
that no one in the State has Can=
=assed the ground as fully as I have
done, & have rec'd any more infor
=mation relative to the position of
matters, [redacted]

Very truly Yours.

J. B. Cushman

Western Union Telegraph Co.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y., Dec 27 1862

E. Cornell. Esq

Dr. I send you copy of Tubbs acct for Sept. Oct & Nov! as it appears on the Ethn Books

I also send you copy of Mem. pinned on the Leger of the Cleveland acct. which I think is in Tubbs hand writing.

I have no means of Knowing how much of our business at Painesville is "made up from transients & wai receipts", but I know that most persons who are vexed with a disappointment are apt to exaggerate.

I am sorry you did not send me the receipt I gave you for March 1st Sept. The Transfer Books for purpose of Quarterly Close Tuesday night next. If you have any to be transferred, I hope it will come in before that time. Div. payable on the 3d. January. 2 per cent

Sibley has been buying considerable Stock at prices varying from $110 to $120 and transferring to other persons - some of it at least, as I understand at an advance from 8 to 10 per cent. He transferred to Follows 47 Shares, but at what price I have no price, I have no means of Knowing. As you are a large Stockholder, I think it but right for you to bear a part of the loss which you find out Sibley has made in

the sale of Cloth for the benefit of the Company.

Oct. profits $42.184 80. Nov. not yet made up. Work is behind

Yrs. S. N. Elwood

S. N. Elwood
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Mrs D. A. Cornell
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Daniel Cornell's
wife. Sister in laws to Co

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Dear Brother

I received your letter some time ago but having been unusualy hurried have neglected to answer it I have written but once Daniel wrote before he went away and it seemes you never received it you wrote that you thought it best to get along and not use the money and save it untill he comes back I did not intend to use it but put it out and if necessary use the interest I do not need it at all now for what he has received is suffficient for the present he has not received any of his pay exsept one months and part of the County County ——— ——— ———

the Company left their pay to be drawn here at the bank but there is some mistake for none of them have

had any if should go to house
keeping I should have to hire a house
but I do not think I shall for Austin
has got a good place and I shall stay
where I be you wat want to know
how many children we have we have
the same as when you were here
we are all well at present I have not
heard from Daniel in two weeks he
was then in Mgs he was well and
contented I do not think of any
more that will interest you

Yours respectfully
D A Cornell

E Cornell

I do not want you to think I
lay any particular claim on that money
or that I am in a hurry for it is
not so and still am very grateful
for such a generous present I remain
your Sister D E

Clifton. Staten Island. New York

Dec 28th 1862

Dear Sir.

I herewith acknowledge my obligations to you, for the receipt of your reply to mine of recent date. in which I note, you insinuatingly charge me with certain defects, & attempt, as usual, to assign causes for my failing to get along better in the world. that, if applicable to me, would have some little bearing on the Case, — but, deficient as I undoubtedly am, I cannot in justice to myself, fully admit to be strictly true. Indeed they are quite foreign to the real Cause. I am far from having "elevated fancy flights," 150 or 200 dollars per month, is required this time, to live & pay up any debts I carefully reckon my expenses & my income, I do not reckon on today's expenses to be met by tomorrow's anticipated receipts, I fulfil my engagements (or business) as well & as punctually as any man living, I never, in my life had 1/2 a dozen appointments at the same time. ~~or extraordinary engagements~~ nor any more than I could fill None of these attributes belong to my character, Those Tillotsen sometimes blows about are easily explained & amount to nothing, In my present Employment Several parties sometime name the same hour for me to call & see them & I have in a few of these remarked that I had 1/2 a dozen places or appointments, as I called them at 2. I had no hand in making them, nor could I change the time if I wished. They simply meant that was the only time the parties were in & if I called I must call at that time, all that is mene "Poppy Cock," (Puppy) I dont Know that I ought to expect anything else, Your opinion can be but conjectural at the best — not being sufficiently intimate with me of late, nor at all cognizant of my operations & practices, nor do I expect you find time to give the subject the attention a correct Conclusion demands, Hence it is folly, I suppose to trouble you in the least. But I am so lonely here in this wilderness of Society that affords me no Kindred, nor friendly associations, above those that falls to the lot of any Stranger anywhere — That, in times of reflection. Old ones coming up. I am too apt, on the Instant, to allow my thoughts to give themselves Expression, imagining I find some consolation therein — But the number of those acquaintances, having dwindled down to a very small figure. I am not troubled much in that way, You & I, having been slightly

associated together in the past few years. Experiencing similar hardships & vicissitudes differing but little, except in degree, had an opportunity of learning each others disposition the views & characteristics of each. in many particulars, quite coinciding with the other I had hoped to keep up these friendly relations & attentions to the End of our existence, but you have so outrun & outdone me, that I suppose I must give you up. & allow you to ascend to a higher sphere of usefulness & position, than wasting your time with such a worthless being as myself. I Commenced by acting towards you as a true friend & brother regarding your interests identical with my own, In all my acts with you & others I had an Eye single to your welfare. And here it is but just to acknowledge you have been Kind to me & done me many favors, which God grant that I may be exposed & prospered to make ample returns for. Hypocrisy is no characteristic of mine. what my heart harbours, I feel better to out with, what I ever did for you, I did from the natural impulse of my heart, dictated solely by a desire to be just. my heart scorns to do a favor for a Consideration. True, when in my wretched, indebted, broken down & ragged Condition in Pittsburg, I was proffered a handsome Compensation & position to do an act that I knew was intended to injure you. I may have gathered some hope from your promise to see me through, if I would stand by you, but I think I should have done just as I did if you had made no promise. for then I was young, vigorous & energetic & thought if all went to the Shades, I could at it again & recover, And resolved to do as I would be done by. Wade told me recently, if I had gone with him then, he would have made me a rich man by this time. He often taunts me with my refusal to comply with his request & accept his terms, & inquires what you have ever done for me. Says I told you so so, You let me have at that time $150. to put my line in repair. the accomplishment of which was worth $25, to you, where it was worth $1, to me. Since then you have helped me to, I think, about $500. it may be a little more & in friendly advice & attention, And in many other ways, been to me, & done for me, more than I recollect of any other person ever doing. This, I am going to make every exertion to pay with interest, if I live & if I die, I will make provision for. I have asked you for the Amount & would be obliged to you for it. what you have thus done for me, was essential relief. Had I been entirely by myself I should not have needed it. Circumstances over which I seemed to have no control, Combined to bring me

to this most humiliating condition, I am so debased in my own estimation, as well as in others, that I can scarcely look a decent man in the face. I frankly own, that I have hoped, that now, that you have been prospered & have abundance to spare you might find it in your heart to aid me with a loan to help me start. but I suppose you have lost all confidence in me, my own habits & ways have deceived me. in the belief that you & others were made of the same material with myself, I should certainly do it to you were our circumstances reversed. If I would make a sacrifice of $000, & a permanent situation worth 1200 per year when I was stripped in poverty for a friend, I think it is fair to conclude I would do it when I had plenty to spare but we all do not think alike & every man has an undoubted right to his own opinion. I am getting deep in years. & have not the same vigor I had. I feel now that I ought to be doing something for old age, & I ask what a man can do on a salary these times, especially where there are so many willing to work for almost their board. It is true I can purchase one machine & sell it, & with the money buy another & sell. So too I could purchase a cigar & sell one &c but that would be a very slow process for a man of my years & position. As to the machines there is only one successful way of operating & that is, to take them on working day & put them on the tubs & let them use through the washing. Washing days once only once a week. Almost universally Mondays - with 50 or 100 machines. I could put the whole on. Saturdays nights, or Monday morning, & out of the number might sell half or more, Many do not decide at the time or have not the money at hand, but after a little buy, then I want a depot to deposit them in & sell from. These places scattered about in 3 or 4 places, say N. city, Hoboken, Jersey & Myrtle, become a sort of necessity. I can set them in some corner of a Grocery, & all the time running about myself, making sales. Then again the manufacturers would scarcely give me the exclusive right to sell in the cities, if I were only able to get one machine at a time when other parties stand ready to go into it on a grand scale. I want to pay my debts. I cannot on any salary I can get. & live besides & they must & shall be paid, whether any body expects it or not. I am long winded, I am

going to have the money from some source. I only fear it will be too late that their patience will become exhausted. [illegible] is not strange it is done every day, a neighbor starts the 1st in loans for himself — a friend loans him the money — and hasn't it been the case with you? Where would you have been. & where be, now. Hadn't it been for those friends who loaned you money bye the $1000 & $2000, to help you along — & so with thousands of others. It does not seem to be a disgrace with others why should it be with me — but the difference between a thief & one who is honest & the other not — The difference between you & me is, you were early bred a business man. I had it to learn after I became a man. I have learned enough — but I have failed to get it — This arose from too great confidence in men & a want of a better business Education — you have always kept your accounts correct — In this particular I have always been most deficient, & unpardonably loose — when it come to operating in any capacity, it is very rare. when I did not have the reputation of doing extraordinarily well getting a great deal of credit for what I did — You have always had the reputation of figuring well for yourself — but when it come to running. say lines of telegraph, it was always said you soon sunk them into the ground, not because you did not figure well, but because you did not understand managing the operators &c. &c. You always seemed to expect of others what you were in a habit of doing, & were always willing to do. The Western Union managers & proprietors say they made you rich — That you wouldn't be worth a dozen but for them. Wade says it is not always industry & attention that does it. but for them. but circumstances I believe I have worked as hard as you, but with very different results — I can easily see & understand the reason — But let the past go into oblivion. You will pardon my trespassing so largely upon your time. I want to deserve a better opinion than you & others have of me & mean to

Very Truly Respectfully

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M. P. Pew 28 Dec 62

Cortland Village N. Y.
Dec 29 1862

My dear Sir,

I think you had better send for your ewes Jan'y. 1st. or as near to that time as conveniently practicable. They have been kept by themselves & thoroughly fed with the raw (21 per cent) - who is particularly thorough and resolute at such work - every day since they have been here, & the last time I saw my farmer but 4 of them had taken raw. - They probably know nearly all been to raw; & if not, a lamb dropped after the 1st of June amounts to nothing.

Besides, some of the ewes are making bag fast, & they ought to get home before they lamb. -

The ewes that are served by my ram I will have marked with paint over the shoulder, & I shall of course expect that you will renew that mark at shearing. So that the precise form, appearance &c of those particular ewes can at any time be compared with the forms &c of their progeny from my ram. And you will of course preserve their exact weight of fleeces, to enable a comparison to be made in that particular also.*

I am very sorry for the untimely impregnation of these ewes. It is both a loss and a disappointment to both of us. But even if you raise 60 lambs from 21 ewes, I think you will get a taste of his quality.

You say "he" (meaning perhaps old Mr Copitt) "seems to think yolk can be produced without fed & that whoever produces it is as valuable as wool," &c.

A yolky Spanish sheep could not be starved so that its wool would not contain yolk. — But high fed creates more yolk. Summer sheltering preserves that yolk from being washed out by the rain & dew. — Feeding & sheltering & shearing unwashed is the way to attain "brag fleece". — Not for the latter object, but because it is a part of his system, our friend Chamberlain does all three of these things. Taking the year round I know of no higher kept flock: there is not another flock in the U.S. that I know of that is sheltered so thoroughly & he shears unwashed.

* And the date of birth of the lambs should be recorded — as they will be late and early lambs will have the advantage of them. —

There are some Spanish sheep
yolkier than the Silesians. But
the latter come up to the average
of Spanish in that particular. —
The Silesian yolk is like that
of many flocks of Spaniards,
in having the consistency of "oil,"
instead of that of "gum"; but
other Spaniards exhibit
much "gum".

The Copid Ewes out of
21 per cent which you saw, have
not generally a particle of external
or internal "gum" — their yolk is
in the form of "oil". Washed as
well as Shipmasters generally
wash, washed as the buyers
made no complaint, both
the yearling & 2 yr old ewes average
about 6½ lbs of wool. Their
dams average not far from
4 lbs. (I forgot the precise

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figures, but how true). Now when a fact like this stands out clear & undeniable, how can we argue it away, or drive it way by captious innuendos? I have no reference to you in the last remark, but to a man I both respect & love — but a man who in such matters, for a time & till he has tried says out his say, & often says it in a way that would lead one to infer that it was nearly criminal to differ with him! (I make this remark confidentially.) —

For me, I consider the man who considers "gold as valuable as wool" to be an ass, with a crop of ham in his blood! But of anyone

would reject a yolky
sheep because it was yolky
when it had more cleansed
wool than the unyolky one
selected by him, I should think
he was mistaken. 21 per cent
has longer & thicker wool than
I ever saw, except in two or three
cases. This is what I like him
for, not because he is yolky.
And yet I don't object to
yolk when its quantity is not
so excessive (as it sometimes is)
as to be prejudicial to the production
of wool.

21 per cent has a very
extraordinary heavy fleece inde-
-pendent of yolk. He has
abundance of yolk too - though
little or no external gum.

E. J. Dec 29/00

He does not begin to be as "gunny" as Memoirs frequently are. — Not I did not like him in this particular when I first saw him. I used to admire clean Saxon looking work. But I found it would not pay. — What I think about the Lessons I have stated fairly in my last winters report. I have spoken with them. I have now thought it was necessary to cry down everything that varies from my standard, or arouse a querulous suspicious combative tone towards every man whose fancies differ from my fancies. —

I am the oldest breeder of pure Spanish Merinos I know of in the U. S. I have bred them about 33 years & never have been without them during that period.* I have been the owner of sheep a little over 57 years! (I began when I was 6 months old) I have paid more attention to them than to any other animal. Therefore you would expect me to have pretty well settled opinions. But I never was more ruffled by having a man of much or little experience differ from my conclusions. It is his right.

The last time I saw our friend ——, he was fierce for some contest — for some challenge. That he! I laughed at him. I told him we were too old men I thought to be too dignified men, to resort to such modes of arbitrament. An experiment can be tried as well without as with a challenge.

You are the only man to whom I ~~have~~ have for years talked anything which looked like substituting a comparison between his bred & my bred. I did it in your case involuntarily. You were a man who has seen much of the world. Your serenity is not easily disturbed. We were old friends. (Ha, ha he! Do you remember the furious quarrel that I & your new friend xxxxx had with each other, I defending you & he assaulting you before the Board of the N. Y. S. Ag. Society in 1841 — or 1842 — when the first Fair was held at Syracuse! When you was a

* I don't know who has bred as many or held as many.

candidate for the Presidency I
was attempting to interest ~~you~~ him
in your behalf. You may guess I did
not revive his old recollections! I have
no doubt he has forgotten you were the
man who reported against the xxxxxx
harrow!!) — I say deduced by
your temper & your old good will,
I did beg I think you to the
point of instituting Companys
between the Spaniards & Cubans.
At least do I recollect the
talk when you & McGraw united
my flock. — But I withdraw
it all. It is a foolish way
of discussing or getting at facts.
A man always feels cheap when
he has allowed himself to slide
into that sort of talk. —

I shall write two or three articles
for Country Gentleman about Chick in the
January Nos of that paper. —

Cordially yours
Henry S. Randall

E. Cornell Esq.

Dec 29, 1862

P. S.

Have you got any body yet to prepare a Report on Coarse wooled or Mutton Sheep for the winter Meeting? If not I think Lewis F. Allen is on the whole the best man I know of. He has had a good deal of Mixed experience with the different mutton breeds, & he is a very able man & a very able writer. He is one of the clearest & most vigorous Ag. writers our Country has ever produced. —

If you select him & he hesitates, inform me, & I will join you in crowding him into the traces. He & I have had many a "spat" in the old days — but we are great friends now. —

I will send you bill after you get back home, so as not to hurt your

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New-York, Dec. 27 1862

Hon. Ezra Cornell
Ithaca N. Y.

Dear Sir. Since you were in my office the inventor has called with that gun-- the one you saw at Ithaca. I do not deem it as it now is, a perfect instrument-- If you have any inclination in the gun line, for purposes of manufacture or otherwise I think I can have shown to you a gun, better meeting Government approval than any

other infantry breech-
loading arms - I under-
stand breech loaders are
rapidly making their way into
the army - I am satis-
-fied that the time is not
far distant, when breech
loaders, & fixed ammition
will displace all others -
I think that the Govt can
be supplied with the arms I
have in view, at a less price
than is now paid, & much
money can be made
by parties bringing the thing
forward - Open satisfy me
that you will manufacture
or can do so, two hundred
thousand of these guns within
the next two years, & I ask no
better fortune than the privilege
of bringing buyers for them -
The gun is now near Albany
& can be shown you, if
you so desire -

Yours Truly
M. C. Rigg

E. W. Chester
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New York, Dec 29. 1862.

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My Dear Sir,

I just saw Studiford learned from him that you had not seen him after you parted with me. I hoped to see you again the next morning but I suppose you left early. I advised Studiford to drop you a line about the Illinois sum. He promised to do so.

I enclose note, which if you can have discounted for me, you will do me a special favor. If it cant be done please return it - I want to use the money as early as 1, 2 or 3rd Jan. Thompson is good & so am I. Have you heard from Wilcox & Osborne - I wish you would telegraph me

Whether this note can be done - I suppose you can know without its coming personally before the board -

George has had the misfortune of having his, with other small regiments, consolidated & is thrown out - got home yesterday. It is too bad. I am sure there is no braver, cooler more vigilant Col. in the army. He comes home with a perfect consciousness that he has performed his whole duty & asks no favors of any one - This is a good deal for him to feel - his modesty is usually his fault. If wanted, he is ready but will not ask any thing as a favor. One honest man has left a service which has been an expense rather than a profit to him - robbing the govt of nothing. This is a good deal when robbery is the order of the day.

He was on picket within a few rods of the enemy till the army retired - deceived the enemy & covered the retreat so perfectly in his part of the field that he beat off his regt quietly without the enemy discovering it & without losing a man. He has just read an order of his Brigadier highly complementing him & his regt both for their conduct in battle & on this picket duty.

Yours truly

E. W. Chester

P. S. I am so much afraid you will be gone & I am so pressed in want of the money at the time mentioned that I withheld the note to do something with it, if you leave after - If this reaches you can send me your order by Tel. If so can be done as if present -

Note dated Dec. 6. 1862 at 4 mo. Made by Andrew Thompson, Endorsed by E. W. Chester. Mt. Y. is a Company. 25 Rappan - an honest man - owns house on 12th St & is good. I am pressed too & better than

I have been for some years part
But I want this money. By the end
of the year I hope to be down out
owing a dollar -

I hope the Spreadeagle will
prove to your lot - If so & you have
any good things in your gift for the
winter - remember Gen. F. if he is
not again called into service - He does
go if asked to, but will not ask as
favor the privilege of expending his
life without profit - He has never been
absent for a day since he has been
an Officer of the army from his
Command - never has failed in vigi-
ance - indeed not confining himself to
the mere routine vigilance - His hotte
post on the Branch from the Potomac
to the Rappahannock was on the right of
the army carefully scanning the country - a
rebel lady wanted him to hunt a friend