

Hyden, Nov. 2. 1863.

Mr. Samuel Wendell.

I was in

Massachusetts yesterday with the hope of seeing you, but learned that you were out of town, & would not be in till the arrival of the evening Boat.

I sent my boy to the Landing to ask you to drive to the Clinton House, that I might see you, if for no longer than to have you make an appointment for some future day, when you could have leisure to see me. But the Boat not arriving, & the uncertainty of its doing so, that evening decided me to return home & not try to arrange to see you at present (especially in consideration of Election-day).

being just at hand) But if
you please, I would like you
to appoint some day suited to
your convenience, when I
can have the favor of an
interview.

There are some Plans,
Propositions &c. which I would
be ~~pleased~~ to lay before you, at the
earliest convenient opportunity.
Yours most respectfully
S.S. Nivison

Delaware House
Albany Nov 4/63

Sir
We shall be pleased
to assign Rooms for you for the
coming session. As write you thus
early to give you choice of
Rooms.

By first of December our
City Horse Bus Road will
be running from Delaware House
to Capital. We shall be
pleased to hear from you

Yours truly
Thos Jefferson

Wm L
Cyrus Cornell

Albion Nov 5th/83

Dear Uncle I believe that
you wanted a pair of Wild Turkeys.
There is a Mr. Gordineer at Marengo
who has a pair he found the eggs
in the woods and raised one pair
they can be bought by paying a pretty
big price for them he has been offered
\$10 for them If you want them let
me know and how much you will
allow me for them.

We are all well but Pa he has had
the headache to day but is better to
night Phebe and I ~~is~~ is attending
School now we like it pretty well
Mr. Lunnam was at Aunt Phebe's
to Day but has left for that part
of the country now I believe.

Ma went to Detroit last week but did
not stay long I tell her that I guess
that she got home sick

She found them all well Ellen
went down with her she enjoyed her
visit very well Aunt Polina King
has been here four or five weeks but
has gone home again we have had a
letter from her since she got home
she arrived there and found them all
well and I hope these few lines will
find you the same.

I send my ~~love~~ best respects to all
Yours &c M. C. Robertson

M. C. Robertson
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Montreal Telegraph Company
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

Duncan & Co. Lith.

Montreal, Nov 5th 1863

My Dear Sir

I have just heard from
Dunham that he has Closed up his
business with Simmons & Smith and that
he awaits my letter which should
have reached him about the time
that he mailed his letter to me.

I directed him to send the
560 share scrip by Express which
I hope to receive soon when I will
transfer $\frac{1}{2}$ of it in blank and
send to you

I have also heard
from Smith He is still spec-
ulating in Cal Tel stock & begs
very hard for me to send him
\$5000 immediately to help meet his
liabilities for these purchases -

As it will make but little differ-
ence to us I think you had better

use one of the bank notes that I endorsed (for 60 days or until our dividends will be coming in) and send a draft sufficient to cover note of \$5000, given 24th Sept, interest 7 per cent.

As Dunham will very likely return, or may not be acceptable I will arrange with a particular friend of mine in Chicago (Thomas Inglis) to pay and take up the note. I first thought that I would sell 40 shares W.M. stock & not trouble you to go to the Bank for this, but as I wish to keep my full 500 shares and may not be able to replace it if I sell, I have concluded to ask your assistance instead of disposing of the stock.

Smith writes me that the net earnings of the W.M. Lines last month were \$2500 and the Min nearly \$600 & that they will be greater for this month.

At this rate they are making over 20 per cent per annum upon the whole stock —

If you cannot conveniently get the \$5000 write me at once and I will ask Hays to sell the stock & take up the note.

If you send the dft. make it payable to Thomas Inglis and send it to the care of Messrs Ramsey & Inglis Chicago Ill. You can say to him that you send it subject to my order. He is perfectly reliable for any amount and will be very glad to do a favor for me.

I will write to him at once with explanations so that there may be no delay.

I very much regret to hear that Otto is still very ill — we are all quite well.

To save time you might enclose telegram for me to Syracuse.

to be forwarded via Ogdenburgh
saying "I will send draft"
on the following

"You may tell the stock"
I will understand what you
think the best course to
take

We are rejoicing
here over the thorough smashing
of the Copperheads

Much love to Mary Ann
and children

Very faithfully Yours
D. J. Wood

Wm. E. Cornell

D. J. Wood
Nov 5, 1863

Early Joe

Prinale -

Summer Green

Am Summer Pearmain
Belmont -

} Apples

Broadwell Sweet

2 Beurre Bosc Cogswell Pearmain

3 " - Clingman Washington Strawberry

6 Sheldon Red Canada

3 Muskingum Rambo

2 Dix Red Russet

2 Rostitz Reinette Blanche
B'Espagne

5 Flemish Beauty

2 Tyson

25.

Reinette Canada

Richard Graft.

Am Golden Russet

Roman Stone

Ladies Sweeting

Fandine of N.Y.

White Winter Pearmain

Mus. Favorite -

Wine Sap -

Mood's Sweet

Sgt & Co. of G. Groverstein

Porter.

Chicago & Mississippi Telegraph Company.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Thomas Bassnett,
Secretary.

Ottawa, Ill. Nov 6th 1863

J. Lovell Esq. Dear Sir. I have
spoken to Mr. Cutler about sending
you monthly statements as usual
& I expect he will do so, at least
he said he would —
Yours truly
W. Bassnett

P.S. You will a correction
in Patents & Bills Payable
resulting from a rigid investigation
on my part before surrendering
the books — Some things had
been charged Patents twice —
the present \$32100. of Bills Payable
and 3 bonds due next Oct. & their
Coupons of 1750 each —

Montreal Telegraph Company,

Connecting with all the Principal Cities and Towns in

CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

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The public are notified, that, in order to guard against mistakes in the transmission of messages, every message of importance ought to be repeated, by being sent back from the station at which it is to be received to the station from which it is originally sent. Half the usual price for transmission will be charged for repeating the message; and while this Company will, as heretofore, use every precaution to ensure correctness, it will not be responsible for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery of repeated messages, beyond five hundred times the amount paid for sending the message; nor will it be responsible for mistakes or delays in the transmission of unrepeatable messages from whatever cause they may arise; nor for delays arising from interruptions in the working of its Telegraphs, nor for any mistake or omission of any other Company over whose lines a message is to be sent to reach the place of destination.

All messages will hereafter be received by this Company for transmission, subject to the above conditions.

O. S. WOOD, Superintendent.

No. of Words..... *Oswego* No. of Message..... *Nov 1863*

By Telegraph from *Montreal*
To *Hon E Cornell*

Albany
mail from Oswego.

Make the draft
payable to John D Yelverton
President Bond of North
America New York write
him to place it at the credit
of the proper party
instead of sending to
Chicago as I wrote you
yesterday answer

O. S. Wood

W. H. Steves & Son Boat Captain
Morgan's Bar Mississippi River
November 1863

My Friend

With pleasure I embrace this
opportunity of penning you these few words hoping
they may find you and family all well my health
not good since I have been here on the river -
But I am proud to say that I have taken your ad-
vice and have turned about corner and hope I may
never be led astray again by the cup of intemperance
I am very sorry for my past conduct I know
that you and all of my Northern friends have lost
confidence in me if such is the case I hope you
will think better of me for the future I shall endeavor
to gain my reputation again I was not braced up
to drink tho my father was much inclined in
that way and no doubt it shorten his days but
I had all ways had better advice from my dear
brother who no doubt has shed money a tear on
my account since this cruel war I know I was
all ways a good boy before - I Probly you would like
to know what I am doing here I am Carpenter
maker and I am glad to say I am saving my money
I have more now took up then I ever had at any

W. H. Steves & Son
Morgan's Bar
Nov 1863

one time in my life I am six month taken a few
days in and had six more to serve I was for two
months Master at Arms on board the receiving
ship at Cairo I found out they were not going
to rate me so I resign ~~the~~ ^{my} Capt Scott told me
they could not rate any further officers so I was
ordered on this boat I could they got the commission
as Master Mate but I thought I would serve one
year first as I wish to go home then -

Probably before this reaches you - you have
heard of the engagements we were in a few days
ago the particulars I am not about to state but
I will come as near as I can without violating
the law - We were running up to the mouth of
read river when within one mile a mass battery
open on us numbers fire gun over boat
is a steam wheeler ~~the~~ after we got weary
they open fire upon us they had the
desided advantage the river narrow and high
bank on channel on that side but never the
less we open our port battery as soon as possible
gave them all round I am happy to say we
were killed on our side - because we had taken
a prisoner yesterday morning at day light he was
made his way across the river the fox broke a
way two soon for him and to his great surprise
he was in a trap we took the boat and release

him of his trouble he belong to the party that
stand in to us his Matrimonies fore conducted and
one child that is worse then ours. The ship
is getting in a worse way I must return to duty

Sunday Evening my letter was commenced
on Thursday yesterday and since then we have had
another shelling of the rebels no damages
done on our ~~front~~ side. We have been firing between
two batteries we transport steamers by them
or at least stay in range of them battery probably
you are acquainted with the history of the Mississippi
River better then I can state them it is by the
banks or levee as they call them and thick
woods they have the advantage as we can't
see them but we make them feel as

I would like to be transported on board of
some Iron clad steamer for their shells
can't break them over our bows one of
their shells went thru two thickness of Iron
in thick each and very near of enter-
ing our bows and would if ~~not~~ an iron
tower that one that would destroy our Best
service rating. Turn the Rebs has
placed on board another transport
the damages I have not turn we are now
laying long side of ~~our~~ Flag Ship Capt
Foster we are below ~~our~~ three lower
batteries

in the morning we will try them again
and it finally makes the Kinsolling
wood fly the first one that we run
one of these shells busted on our
gun deck —

Probably I have nothing more
then you will make out as I am a bad
penman and speaker which I hope
you will excuse - Hoping I may hear
from you soon I will close —
Remember me to all of your
family — Yours with respect
John W. Cornell

To
Hon. E. Cornell

M
I received a letter from home all are well
Dorset W. J. Signal
Cairo ILL it will be sent to the fleet J. W. C.

Will you please send me some paper and
stamps Our pay master is out of
money and I cant get any

Hon. E. Cornell
Dr. Sir.

Sennett, N.Y.
Nov. 9th 1863

I have your note
of 6th inst.

I will put the drawings
on block at once but would like the
sketches returned, that I sent you, with
the corrections. I will also draw
sheep with reference to Catalogue
Lime. I will get them engraved
by Carson, the best animal engraver
- particularly sheep - in the city, &
the cheapest.

Am. glad to hear the
new stock has arrived alive, even,
as a voyage from England is very
trying for cattle.

I am but now
returned from O. & Ky. with
a lot of cattle for Mrs. O. Shelden
& brother, in lot I brought two Dukes
(good ones too) Constance 2^d, two
Harringtons, a Louisa 17th (Maj. Dines
breeding) impt. April Morn, Elsie,
these by Duke of Thornedale, &c. &c.

is all 41 one head, quite an
addition to Mr. Shelden's herd.

We found nearly every breeder
overstocked with females but
all sold out in bulls. Demand
for bulls in O. & Ky. has been
very active this season.

Most Respectfully
J. R. Page

J. R. Page
Nov 4, 63

AGENCY OF
Aetna Insurance Company of Hartford.

Buffalo, Nov 9th 1863.

Hon Ezra Cornell
Ithaca N.Y.

Dr Sir, I understand that Mr
Otis E. Wood, owing to continued ill health, is
obliged to give up his position as Asst Supt. of
the N.Y. & Bu Telegraph Co.

If such is the case, & there is a vacancy, will you
make application for the Appointment, and use your
influence to secure it for me, same salary as Mr
Wood.

With the long experience & acquaintance
among Commercial men here, I trust I could fill
the position advantageously to the interests of the
Co. & especially in securing patronage away from
the new opposition line now said to be nearly
complete.

Please let me hear from you on this
subject - & very much obliged

Yours obt Servt-

W. D. Allen

Office of Duncan, Sherman & Comp^{ts}
Bankers, New York Nov 9th 1863

El Cornell Esq
Ithaca N.Y.

Dear Sir

We are in receipt
of your favor of the 7th Inst — with enclosures
as advised & as requested we beg to hand you
herewith ^{sight} Bill No 1553 on London for £85 ¹/₃
for which @ 163 ¹/₂ % Exchange we debit your a/c
\$618.13 ¹/₃ —

We are as yet unable to state the proceeds
of U.S. Coupons owing to the press of business at
the Sub. Treasury. we have been unable to collect
them.

As soon as we receive the Gold we will
sell it & place proceeds to your Credit, unless
in the meantime we are advised to the Contrary
by you.

We remain
Yours most obt. S^{ts}.
Wm Duncan Sherman &
James Mott

Southbridge Mass. {
Nov. 10. 1863. }

E. Cornell Esq.

Dear Sir,

You were expecting when you last wrote me to make a transfer of the Ohio property to Messrs. Osborne & Wiley in September; but as I have had no information of its occurrence, I conclude that probably it has not been done. Without waiting longer for that transaction, it will be far more satisfactory to me to close the whole matter with you, upon the terms agreed upon. In yours of May 2, 1863, you state, "I shall not have any money to spare before the 15th July, I can then send you the money for your share of the coal property if you wish me to do so." I think this has properly the precedence of the agreement afterwards made between you & Messrs. O. & W.; and that they can

have no just cause of complaint, if
you now take the property off my
lands according ^{to the} previous understanding.
Will you not do so? Being at so great
a distance from the Company's property,
it is next to impossible for me to have
any care in relation to it; and, therefore,
I shall be glad to quit-claim my
interest in it, for the consideration agreed
upon between us, though with some
loss, as I wrote you last summer.

Very Respectfully & Affectionately Yours,
Eber Carpenter.

Providence Jan 11/63
Hon E Garrison

Dear Sir We
have met the enemy
& they are now at a
stand in the town of
Providence which the
Capt. Vacantza their
soldiers first; I
highly respect ask a
position in the Senate
Chamber or in its Assembly
of consistent; with a
harmonious arrangement &
good feeling with all concerned
Yours Truly
David T. C. 106

J. B. Cushman 1863

11 Nov



SENATE OF NEW YORK

Assembly Chamber.

Noted

Nov. 11. 1863

Hon. E. Cornell,

My Dear Sir,

The result of the Contest is all that we could ask or Expect this year, & I Congratulate you upon it, as well as your triumphant Election. — both branches of the Legislature nearly a quite two thirds Union members. —

I Enclose you one of my Circulars which I have sent to the Union members Club, & will be deeply obliged for such further endorsement to Mr. Lord as you deem me worthy of. —

I have recd. some most cordial assurances of aid from the old members who appreciate the importance of the Clubs work in the accuracy and

despatch of business, & which may
not occur to the inexperienced. —

a letter from you to the
Broome & Tioga members, as you
also represent those Counties, would
I am confident be valuable in
shaping their Views & Conclusions. —

May I ask you to do this. ?

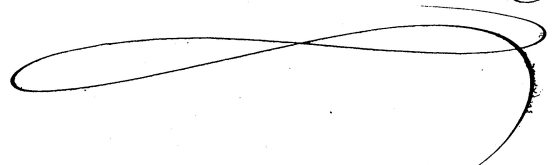
If successful, I hope
I may be able to do you some kind
act, & in a measure repay a port-
ion of the already large debt of obli-
gation I am under to you for
favours of the past — as yet, I hear
of no Competitor, but can hardly
expect to have a close fight. —

I shall be pleased to hear
from you. —

Most truly & Cordially

Yours friend,

J. B. Buchanan



Five Points Mission,
SITE OF THE OLD BREWERY,
61 PARK STREET.

Ezra Cornell Esq.

Dear Sir 

*We take the liberty to send
you a directed Envelope, hoping it will
be convenient for you to favor us with a
Thanksgiving Donation for the Poor
Children of this neighborhood.*

*We should be glad to see you at our
Thanksgiving Festival.*

Respectfully Yours,

J. N. SHAFFER,
SUPERINTENDENT.

November 12, 1863.

Office of Duncan, Sherman & Company.
Bankers.

New York, Nov 13th 1883

Ezra Cornell Esq

Ithaca N.Y

Dear Sir

We credit your a/c
avails 50 U.S. 720 Coupons (fractional)

Gold - \$829.88

47 1/2% Prem - 390.

in all \$1219.88

Twelve hundred & nineteen 88/100

Dollars Current funds

Remain

Yours, no, obt, Lobs,
Duncan Sherman & Co.
Messrs

Western Union Telegraph Co.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, ¹⁰

Rochester, N. Y., Nov 13 1863

Hon E. Cornell

My dear Sir

Permit me to
introduce to you the Bearer of this
Washington Gibbons Esq of this City

Mr Gibbons has resided in this
City for twenty years He is a man of
uncommon Energy & industry and has
held the office of City Recorder and Clerk
of the City, for many years connected
with the Board of Education & many other
important offices

He will discharge the duties
of any position he seeks with ability
& I think to the satisfaction of the public

It would afford me great pleasure
to have you assist him in any way you
can

Yours Truly
Hiram Sibley

I have a payment of just
132.00 to make today, and
I gave a draft on you for
that amount, payable
about the middle of next
week, by remitting which
which, you will oblige
me. The (\$2.90) two dollars
and ninety cents. I will
pay in to next quarter
bill.

The girls are both pre-
sently well, so far as ap-
pears, and are getting
ready for a good Thanks-
giving tomorrow. There
are about twenty remain
to dine together.

With regards to your
family, I remain
yours truly-

Arthur J. Beecher

Temple Grove Institute
November 14th 1863-

Hon Ezra Cornell,

To Arthur J. Beecher Dr

To board, and English tuition
of two daughters in the first qtr. 90.00
To music and use of Piano " " 14.50
To French for two daughters " " 10.00
For drawing, & water colors painting 5.00
Books, paper, pencils, & envelopes 6.70
Cash advanced- 15.20
Lodging in room 25 & seat in church, &c 3.50

144.90

Credit by cash paid 100.00
44.90

To advance, payment
on the second quarter 90.00

134.90

Have drawn on you for 132.00
2.90

over

Explanation of Withen bill
 The charge for "Musie", Embraes
 lessons in the Piano, for one, and
 lessons in singing in class, twice
 each week, with use of two sets
 of music books for both the girls -
 "Cash advanced", As Ten dollars
 advanced to the Painterly books
 to furnish ~~the~~ ^{the} a complete set
 of apparatus, including full set
 of colors, for oil painting next
 quarter, 10.00
 For lessons in Elocution to
 Miss Taverner, from two facts
 paid in cash 3.50
 hiring stable carriage to the lake 1.20
 Commis tickets .50
 15.20

The rest, I believe is all plain -
 I propose keeping each quarter ac-
 count distinct, by itself this
 year, it being more convenient.

Albion Nov 15th /63

Dear Uncle I ~~start~~ the
turkeys tomorrow I went and got
them to day They cost me fifteen
dollars Mr Gordiner sold them
to a man for ten dollars the
one that offered it to him and
I got them of him for fifteen
dollars The eggs were found in the
woods the old turkey was scared off
from the nest there was seven eggs
in the nest they were taken and
set under a hen and she hatched
four turkeys Two of them skulked
away and were lost these were found
and put into a wire fox war tunnel
so that they around the barn when
I went after them the tail feathers
were pulled out in catching them
I think it would be a good plan
to crop one wing of each

because they will be some what wild
they went off in the wood ~~two~~ or three
knights but came back

They are fully turkeys I think they
are pretty good size for that age ours
are over a month older than these and
we think they are large but these are
larger framed than ours

Please let me know if they arrive
all well they pretty uneasy now
but I guess they will get over that after
they have been in the cage a little while
Uncle Martin and George and his mother
arrived her Thurs day evening all well
I guess they enjoyed there visit pretty
well

We are all well and I hope you
are the same I cant think of any
thing else to write now

Yours &c M. O. Robertson

Gaines Mich Nov 15 1863

Dear Brother

I received a letter from Molly yesterday saying that M. B. Wood was at our house the day before who said you wished he would see me and see if I had secured a location and what the prospects were for business &c.

I did not see most nor probably shall not unless I go to Albion on purpose which I have not the time to do unless it is absolutely necessary for me to before I receive from you the assistance I desire.

Mr Perkins and my self came up here two weeks ago and have got our mill nearly ready to work. that is the saw mill first.

And as soon as we can
have plenty for the horses
in the lower part of milk the
chance be ready to put up on
Lane Machinery.

I must go some three
months ago that I must like
to get from you \$1000 now and
500 just of 50c and 500 lot of
cider. If you want to that and
can let me have one thousand
now, and 500 just of 50c and
500 just of 50c, I can get
through with what I have
undoubtedly. Please write me
on receipt of this to what so
that I will know what to
depend upon, as I have need
of what means I had on hand
after I get from you your
place, and my partner's
to fear I shall not be able
to perform what I have agreed

to with him.

It will cost us about \$500
to put the engine, boiler and
steam mill, but we good order
which we shall finish this week
and I am satisfied if we
can carry out what we have
undoubtedly we can make
some money. Please write me
on receipt of this so that I
can know what to do as
regards purchasing the steam
machinery as it is getting late
in the season and we must
to get it set up this fall if
possible.

Yours Respectfully
Jesse H. Cornell

J. Cornell Esq
Albion

Savannah 15th Nov 63
My dear Sir
I wish to invite
you in connection with
Mr Williams (to whom
I refer you for details) and
Mr Humphrey to visit
Savannah this week on
Wednesday to meet there
several gentlemen in relation
to the projected improve-
ments. The object is
to hear statements and
reports from various
sources, professional and
otherwise as to the questions
of Law and fact which
are being canvassed pre-
paratory to definite and

decisive action and
to the making an author-
itative detailed exposition
covering all points of
importance bearing upon
this subject which it
is proposed to have drawn
up and signed by those
in attendance

Ample facilities for
the purpose will be placed
at your disposal to
enable you to do this

Mr Williams will
explain to you fully
the reasons for this
course if you will
call upon him

Hoping that I shall
see you (and the others)
at the time indicated
and that the visit
will be productive of

the good results anticipated
& remain

Yours sincerely
Henry C. Baldwin

Private

Rochester, Nov. 16th 1863

Monday Evening

Hon Ezra Cornell,

Senator,

Albany, N. Y.,

Before

Election, I addressed a Note to you, advising you, that I should be a candidate for the Clerkship of the next Senate -

I send herewith a letter to you of our mutual friend, Hiram Sibley Esq, of this City, which, he supposed, would be personally presented by me to you, but which I am compelled to send you, by mail, as I have not the means, to incur traveling expenses -

I need not say, that such a letter, from a man of Mr Sibley's recognized judgment, as

one, every way competent to form a correct opinion of my character and capacity, will undoubtedly have weight with you, as it would with every one, who knows Mr S, and his eminent capacity to judge, accurately, of other things -

I take pleasure, in enclosing to you, such a high testimonial, in my behalf, and, at the same time, to say to you, that I have the endorsement of Judge Henry. R. Selden, of the Court of Appeals, of all the Supreme Court Judges, of this Judicial District, of Freeman Clarke, our Member of Congress, and of others, of high standing, socially, and politically -

Faithfully Yours &c
Washington Gibbons

Itaca Nov. 17th 1843.

Gent

Mr. Wood has just
been here with a statement
for the settlement of the Coal Oil
accounts &c

I think the basis upon the
settlement proposed is incorrect to-
wards me, and I think some errors
have occurred even upon the basis
you adopted, but without the book
which he left with you I could
not point them out definitely, and
I am awaiting the return of my
Coal oil papers which he had
taken home with him and not
returned.

I think however on reflection

that I will acquiesce in the
settlement as proposed if you
will take also the Donnelly
property allowing me the
amount paid by me therefor.

If you acquiesce in this
we will exchange deeds and
close it up at once

Yours Respectfully
E. Corwin

Wheeler & Osborn
Painesville O
C. J. O.

Syracuse Nov 17. 1863

How Ezra Cornell

My Dear Sir, I congratulate
you most heartily upon your
election by so overwhelming a
majority, & congratulate the people
of your District & the State more
upon your securing your valu-
able service, for the next two years.

And now having been elected
you will have to be bored a little
by persons desiring your vote

for position. I shall do that
but very little. You know all
about my Character, qualifi-
cations, & Claims for the Senate
Clerkship, & hope they are such
as to secure for me your sup-
port & influence. I presume shall
have some Competitors, & don't know
as I shall. A unanimous nomi-
nation would be very gratifying.

It has been suggested that in
consequence of the Lieut Gov^r being oppos-
ed to the majority of the Senate, the ma-
jority ought to have a meeting as

early as Saturday Jan'y 2^d for Consultation
to. Unless Gov Jones will agree to make the
Committee satisfactory, the majority must take
it into their own hands & make the majority
of the Committee themselves, leaving Gov Jones to
fill up the minority with his political friends.

This course was pursued in 1854 when Church
was Lieut Gov. & the Senate maj. was abiq.

Mrs Tennilliger wishes to be kindly remembered
to Mr Cornell. also please remember me
to A. B. Hoping to hear from you
& to have the pleasure of meeting you
I am very Truly Yours
Jas Tennilliger

Philad Nov 19th 1863

Hon E. Cornell

Dear Sir,

Yours of 19th is at hand & in reply. I have seen the manufacturers in relation to the beams &c. It will be impossible to have them ready for shipment by Canal owing to the great demand by the Govt on the Establishment for iron. They will use every exertion to give them to us this month. As soon as they can tell when they can be made they will let us know. I shall call on them again soon to hurry them up.

My seeming neglect in correspondence is only because I am so much employed in hurrying out work in hand for Uncle Sam. We are running our Establishment night & day on Govt work. This is the first evening for two weeks that I have been able to be at home. Allow me to congratulate you upon the success of our ticket.

I remain

Very Truly
Robt Cartwright.

Chenestee, N.Y.,
(Nov. 19, 1863.)

Ezra Cornell Esq

Dear Sir: -

The great difference in the town and county bounty to volunteers in the different portions of this state is apparently working very badly, and robbing the poorer sections of their men.

Many districts cannot pay the large bounties that are paid by others more wealthy. This draws all the men who are at all inclined to volunteer to the localities that give the largest bounty. This not only takes the men out who would

volunteer under a system of bounty that would be equal in all parts of the state, but it leave such locations with just as many men left to draft from in case of draft.

The Governor of the state of Connecticut has called an extra session of the Legislature, and they have passed an act giving a state bounty of \$300 to each volunteer, and prohibiting local bounties.

I think our Governor would call our Legislature together for a similar purpose, if he should be petitioned from the various portions of the state.

I have written to at least one man in every county

of the state, requesting them to get up a petition and forward to our Governor during the coming week if possible.

If you think favorably, will you use all exertion to send as strong a petition from your place as possible?

Yours very,

Thomas A Reed

Fordham Nov 19th 1863

Dear Cornell

Yrs. of the 5th ultimo declining to accede to my urgent request—backed by the only proposition in my power to make, which was, made, perhaps, more as an earnest of my anxiety in the matter, than as a deemed necessity—although with an honest intention of carrying it out to the letter, if required—Came duly to hand—but so completely upset me, that I have not sooner been able to frame a reply.—Nor am I now in a mood to do so, in character at all commensurate with the bearing & pregnancy of the subject

An irrevocable decree from the apostate Davis, as a temporarily reigning Rebel Dictator, that tomorrow my right arm must be severed from my body, as a punishment for my having steadfastly and persistently adhered to the love of my old Government, The principles of Christianity & the practices of humanity—could scarcely produce in my mind—feelings more poignant than those I experienced on receipt of yours—

Language does not serve me sufficient to warrant the attempt at a description of them—It came like a death warrant—A dose, of the veniest extracts of the gall of bitterness—to me—So Much depended—& I counted—so much upon it—

Much—as I had been schooled—in adversity—& become accustomed to—learned to expect disappointment—& was not prepared for this—It seemed as if I could not, endure it—

I had gathered so much hope from the kind tone of your letter of last Spring—& its attendant evidences of returning consciousness, as manifested in the efforts, I understood you to then make, in my behalf, that I had not allowed a doubt to interpose between me & success—but on the contrary had flattered myself, with what I deemed ample assurances, that my application would be responded to, with a vivid satisfaction, if not delight

- especially when its purposed use, was found to be perfectly practicable & safe -
promising such immediate & lucrative returns - - For as absurd as
it ~~would~~ at first appear to you - I expected you to come at once to see me
& assist me with your experience & means to the extent of your convenience
ability - or my wants - But in this again, it seems I erred, by measuring
upon myself - For it is just what I should have done, for you, were
our circumstances & relations reversed - if my business had been
fourfold that of yours - For next to our Master - I regard the fulfilment
of our obligations to our fellow man, the highest & most uncompromising
duty obligatory upon us - And my practice has always accorded
with this belief - to the extent of my ability - as no one should know
better than yourself -

My failing to get the money, was so pregnant
with consequences, I was completely overcome - scarcely knowing which
end I stood on or whether at all or not

In your present frame of mind - not comprehending it - you
will, no doubt, look upon this feeling & its exhibition, as puerile in the
extreme

I grant - its conception is scarcely possible to one who has never
been compelled to drink the draught of the cup of bitter adversity & misfortune
to the extent & duration that I have - least of all to one who is so far, & has
been so long - removed from the most ^{remote} contingency of want - in its mildest
form - & is now in the full enjoyment of his highest & most ambitious
aspirations - The distance between the two positions is too great, to
admit of so sudden & direct a transition from the one to the other

Nothing short of the sad lesson of a short life's experience, bringing
it home to & educating the person in it - can give him anything like a
comparison to a realizing sense of the condition of such a position

I have so long - struggled - under the most adverse
circumstances imaginable - suffering everything - that misfortune &
penury can entail upon their subjects - buoying up my spirits with
the hope - of realizing my anticipations of relief - as soon as your circumstances

would enable you to extend to me the helping hand— And now—when that time has come & the golden opportunity again presents itself to me—in all human probability for the last time—my age considered— I must have my most ardent & long cherished expectations blasted—in one fell swoop—to all appearances—forever—The reasons assigned for the refusal—being so feeble, & such as could—& were likely always to exist—The indifference & spirit evincing in the most unmistakeable manner—that the distance between us—was but too apparently increasing—if it had not already reached a point beyond the hope of response—

The situation of my wife—like the postsummer ~~so~~ was not to be able to assist me, until recently—& now in a family way—The time of all times—when I would like to have her mind at ease & her comforts adequate to her necessities.— My pecuniary embarrassment consequent upon the double expense of living—incident to the times—and the miscarriage of two or three such schemes as the transportation project—throwing me out of employment the greater part of the season—compelling a mortgage of what little furniture we had, including carries magnificent piano—to furnish the means of subsistence—From all of which, I would have been so easily & speedily relieved—Combined to give intensity to my feelings—

I could but contrast the difference between us.—when I was thousands—worse than nothing—completely beggar—choking under the mortification of being obliged to accept for my wife & self, the kindly tenderest hospitalities of appreciative acquaintances, in a strange section of country, for months together—& even clothing—to cover my nakedness—Out of pure regard—I sacrificed out & out—for you all I ask of you as a loan today—when you are blessed with a superabundance—more than your most languine expectations could reasonably have counted on—with an income of about a 100000—enabling you to donate 50000 to your country to whom you owed nothing—Comparatively speaking, & you refuse me the kindness of that mere pittance—not a drop in the bucket—compared with the means at your command—Why the exercise of a tithe of the feeling towards me,

that I did - towards you - if you had 1/2 a million to raise in a month especially for a mere speculation - would have at once added 10000, more to what I had & lent it to me - without a moment's hesitation - or a sacrilegious thought of security.

And once you must have thought differently from now, & have spoken to other parties respecting it & me - In Mr. Chesters, last Spring - when signatures were called for - mine was asked - I remarked "I suppose at least 5 of the 10 thousand - is intended for me - but as it ~~now~~ stands I do not feel at liberty to put my name upon the document" - One of your friends - said - "Of course it is" - & added, "Cornell ought to make you apresent out & out of the whole 10000" - I said "what do you know about it?" He said - "I know all about it" - & repeated the remark with no little emphasis -

There I single - I never should have breathed a syllable of this to you - but there seems a forced necessity or duty incumbent upon me to try to have made good - my opinion & predictions of you.

If there is any one thing that presses harder upon me, than another it is the assurance I gave my wife, (who could but approve of my course) & those friends who were showing us the Kindness - alluded to, & above all, Trade & Co. who said so much to the contrary - That you were a sure & steadfast friend & would make good to me the loss I should sustain - which only drew from the latter a sort of fiendish laugh - & curses upon my head - that he seems to take pleasure in seeing carried out - as well as in taunting me, when, as a last resort, I have applied to him for a position on his lines. Simply saying you made a down-fall of yourself once - if you had gone with us we would have made you a rich man by this time - as Mr. Bibley & Stager to this day.

I was at that time rather simple minded & unselfish to the extreme - thinking quite as much, if not more of others interests, as of my own - Totally destitute of that stern - rigid - business character so indispensably necessary to success -

I then had character, respectability, influence & the confidence of all with whom I operated - & returned the latter commodity rather to my injury - as the result proved -

I had not learned that with the loss of means - went also, all the

² above essentially requisite characteristics - nor did I once imagine the possibility of my misunderstanding - or misinterpreting, the acts - or implied intentions of those I felt most interested in & friendly towards - nor had I counted on the probability of a change of character, or sentiments, or of conceptions of right & wrong - nor of memory failing to fill its accustomed office

I know you say my acts were of no earthly benefit to you - & that the parties were not sincere in their propositions & would never have carried them out - I thought it was, & governed myself accordingly - & I have the most positive assurance & proof to the contrary of your opinion respecting the other parties - But if it were no advantage to you, in the name of humanity, why didn't you allow me to accept it - It would have been of incalculable benefit to me - Feeling sure you would, in the end, have to succumb to the party, with such odds against you - I asked your consent to join them, when it would avail me something - but you would not give it - I could not, & didn't go contrary to your wishes

My refusal to accept the proffered assistance - cost me the displeasure & aid of the friends alluded to - as well as the eternal ill will & patronage of the Western Union - & the former arguing with me, that the duty I owed myself, wife & creditors was paramount to that owed you or any other friend -

It cost me also - the means for further operations - My home - & my all - & entailed upon me, sufferings, discomfortures & annoyances, that I would not willingly go through again - for all the telegraph interests on the face of the Globe - I might - for a true friend - I should so appreciate one -

You were in trouble - And advantage taken of your calamity & misfortune, by friends who sought your ruin - I had, in a degree, been your associate & co-working & was therefore & for other reasons, obligated to you - We were then so much alike - in disposition, & energy, & capability of endurance - And in our conceptions of matters & things in general - that I made up my mind to ship in the same boat with you - come what would - & share your fate - I pictured to myself

the satisfaction I would have in the enjoyment of your society in
after life - that similar experiences in toils, sufferings & habits are
naturally calculated to enhance - which would amply compensate
me for all ~~my~~ deprivations - during the interim between struggling
& the consummation of anticipated events

I felt confident - that one in your position & with your energies,
would in the end be crowned with success -

My hands tied - My feet shackled. My soul narrowed
incessantly, through a long period of time - has unfavorably affected
my energies I know - The prime & vigor of my life is gone - &
with it much of my ambition - because I have been so long - and
find myself still struggling against impossibilities - Wind, tide &
Current & everything being opposed to me - I have gone down,
down down - while you have risen & are in your glory beyond
my reach -

For myself - it's of little consequence - but I have debts
& obligations that I so much desire - & would be so happy to liquidate
And expectations of my wife & friends to meet - that I would willingly
undergo years of obscure servitude to accomplish - And yet - old as
I am - I should, also like, a few years of the comforts & pleasures
this life affords - if such a thing could be - but, if the record of my
life doesn't entitle me to them - I must submit to my fate - And I
would like to get them by my own exertions & schemes - If I had
real estate - or anything that would bring the medium to operate
with - I would quickly show you I can do it -

I feel that if the heart of one risen as you - from the position
of a daily laborer - teaching him sympathy - could be reached - & the
reflective faculties brought into lively & energetic action - there would
be some grounds for hope - But there lies the difficulty - Health,
Position, & Influence acquired by these attainments - And the naturally
growing disposition to grasp for more - inculcated by & consequent
upon pecuniary success - is so apt - either to blunt the faculties, lean

the conscience - to all outside interests - or - else - ~~to~~ make such extra. demands, upon the time & attention of their possessor - as to leave no room nor disposition for considerations of a minor character - or anything - that Self has not a direct interest in -

The lesson is learned too late to be of any essential benefit to me - That Self is to be considered - first & above, all others

That to be just, Kind & generous towards a neighbor - is to rob oneself of means - Credit, character, influence everything that is needed to help one along in future - or to make life attractive & desirable - without a ray of hope for retaining - beyond a character for inefficiency - imbecility & puerility.

When we see those who have done all in their power to ruin a man - cordially shaken by the hand & received back into full communion of fellowship again, without any change of character, or reformation on their part - While a true & steadfast friend - is laid up on the shelf, as a weak minded man, unworthy of patronage or respect, or confidence - what other Conclusion can one come to -

I have I really given evidence of no better capacity - than you in your estimate put upon me? Can you place your finger upon a transaction, that I have miscalculated or failed in - or an opinion, except it be upon character - or a mistake I have made except in placing too much confidence in man? But I mean merely in a business point of view - I think you will find, for it - no foundation in verity - I have my faults - who hasn't? I lack experience. But do you consider the difficulties I labor under, in getting ^{alone} singlehanded & alone - with nothing but my hands to operate with? I am not experienced in any particular business, demanded by merchants & business men - & hence the difficulty in getting employment - No one wants an unexperienced clerk - and speak as confidently as I may of my ability, it makes no difference - Besides - what can a man do towards supporting a family these expensive times - on any salary he can get? to say nothing of paying debts? The average of which does not exceed 500, & the maximum - even in Wall it is 1200.

The supply is so much greater than the demand - I know & you too I have capacity for many things - but situated as I am I need means to help me start - If life is ever to be anything to me - it must be now - there is no time for delay -

These - are times fruitful of sources of wealth - I had hoped to be able to avail myself of them - I have had several splendid opportunities - the one just ~~now~~ lost to me, was of that character - There may be more

You accuse me - severely - of wanting to get rich by steam as it were - It can't come too quickly to avail me much with ten thousand - or even \$5000 - I can move off glibly

I have had a few small jobs lately - & have just finished one - & have more in prospect - I expect to go to Boston in a few days - to commence one - And I have, in prospect, a very large & I trust profitable one - It will take me a great distance from home & for a great length of time with the situation of affairs - it is desirable & would be most agreeable for me to remain at home - But if my deprivations are not yet to come to an end - I must again put on the helmet & sally forth -

As to your aiding me - I ought never to speak of it again I don't think I can with propriety - or a due regard to self respect do so - It must come - if at all - cheerfully & with a will to be acceptable - I intend this - as my last - on this subject - & the end of such lengthy ones -

I believe your heart is right & your intention of good will to man - ample - Only requiring time & opportunity to carry them into effect - I can in a measure excuse you for apparent remissness Your rise in the world, has been so rapid - & your usefulness so demanded - your time - labors - & energies so taxed - that it is little wonder, past associations & transactions & friends - find no place in your memory - I expect when I get through my troubles, if ever I do - to forget inattention & apparent ingratitude

A person I have once taken to my bosom - I cannot so easily put aside - I shall probably get over this - & trust it will do me good

3^d If I can get the balance due me from Cuba - and there is some little prospects I may - I shall weather ^{it} very well - If not affairs must take their course - I can do no more than I can

In the mean time - I do not & never shall - forget the kind favors I have received at your hand - And shall do everything in my power to return them at the earliest practical moment -

You do not - & may not - ask it - but you ^{must} not infer that though I have humbled myself in ~~my~~ my appeals to you like a suppliant, (but not on my own individual account) - I have no spirit, no pride - no self-respect - no Ambition left -

I am not much of a man now I admit - but if life is spared - & health is vouchsafed me - I will yet hold my head up - among live men - notwithstanding I have so many years been bowed down under so grievous a weight of humiliation that I appear thus a fixture for life

With a sore heart, but not
wanting in gratitude

I remain truly & faithfully

Yrs M P Few

Care Mr Hudson

50 & 52 Pine St,

N.Y.

Montreal Nov 19th, 1863

My dear Sir

Your letter of the 10th came in my absence - When I promised further that I would take up the \$5000. note as soon as possible. I was under the impression that you had not yet found it necessary to use all of the paper that I endorsed and I thought that we could borrow without embarrassment.

When Smith sold to me he took particular pains to inform me that if he sold it would be on short time so that he might use the funds to purchase California stock and I agreed to raise the money as soon as I could, do it conveniently.

As we are situated with him I am anxious to oblige him as far as I can consistently though I will not go further in the way of accommodation

than to pay up the outstanding notes
as soon as I can —

Nes was so confident that I would
raise the money that he sent the
note to me by mail.

I put fifty shares of my W. M.
stock in market as soon as I recd.
your letter which will enable me
to pay this note and about discharge
my indebtedness to you with what I
expect to be able to raise during the
next two or three months —

Every thing is going on so
swimmingly in the M. S. that I
very much fear a reaction in money
matters & if it comes I would rather
own less telegraph stock and be
out of debt — Indeed I was not
constituted so as to carry a debt
for any considerable length of time
with any comfort. I sincerely hope
that the stock will sell shortly
so that I can smooth up my
matters completely —

If I should fail to raise this
(as I hope) I wish that you would
let me know in what way we had
better provide for this \$5000 and \$4748.⁰⁶/₁₀₀
(the latter) payable at Exchange Bank
New York on the 24th of December —

I will enclose Scrip Wis
State Isl Co No 58. (Two Hundred & Eighty
shares) endorsed for transfer to you which
I wish you to hold as partial security
for your advances. I hope you will
not forward it to Kenosha for transfer
at present but allow me to draw the
dividends and send them to you.
Smith will be dissatisfied if he finds
that I have disposed of 1/2 of my
interest so soon. He is very anxious
since Otis' failure that I should
break up here immediately or soon
enough to allow me to go out
and take full charge of his Isl
matters in the spring. I do not like
to go so soon for many reasons tho'
I am aware that the whole thing

requires to be overhauled & put on
a good business basis -

Please acknowledge receipt of
enclosed scrip All quite well
Much love to Mary Ann & children

Very sincerely yours
A Wood

Car E. Cornell
Ithaca

Oct 19/62
A Wood

Monticello Nov. 19th 1863

Hon E. Cornell

My dear Sir,

I have been too much occupied to write to you before but take the liberty now of addressing you briefly in regard to matters concerning the election of Senator in this, the 18th District. After a laborious and exciting canvass and after having obtained a clear majority of all the votes polled and intended to be voted and a considerable majority of all the legal votes, I find our County Canvassers are attempting to canvass me out and have given my opponent an apparent majority of a few votes (five or six) - They accomplish this result by rejecting a number of ballots for me which they claim defective and by refusing to correct the frauds perpetrated by our Copperhead inspectors of election and as a consequence of this, counting the alien and fraudulent votes polled for him - Before an impartial tribunal that has authority to hear witnesses and look outside of the canvass

I have no fears, but I dislike to have my opponent obtain the certificate of election and then be put to the trouble of a long contest to meet him - Our friends here feel indignant that they should be represented even for a short time by one so disloyal and with so little claim to the seat and I write to ask your advice as to what I had better do, knowing that your experience will enable you to give the needful information and advice -

With sincere regards I am

Very truly Yours

H. R. Low

Delaware House
Albany N.Y. 19/11/3

Dear Sir
Your favor of 17th we recd
this morn. Not hearing from you
or getting a reply to our letter
to you we have let the rooms
occupied by you to Senator
Cook.

We have other sitting rooms not
yet taken. Which we shall be
pleased to have you take.

We have
Nos 75-76. Rooms occupied by
Mr. Gray and afterwards by Major
Wallace. The major has rec^d. orders
to join his Regiment.

Nos 75-76 will
be sixty dollars per week for yourself
and Mr. C. . or we have No.
82-83 next door to your

Old Rooms at Fifty dollars
per Week

Prices are somewhat
higher this winter, that last
almost everything having advan-
-ced from twenty five to one
hundred per cent.

We shall be
pleased to hear from you

F Rossiter
Wm C. Cornell