

Clinton House

20th Nov 1863

My dear Sir

May I ask
you to favor me
with a Call at this
house this evening

I would like a
short interview tonight
as I wish to leave
on the first train in
the morning

Yours truly
Henry C. Spalding

Missville Nov 20/13

Wm E Cornutt

Dr Sir

Yours of 17 received
we have waited rather impatiently for
a close up of our Cash Lib Matters and
did suppose in this that the paper would
of been exchanged. As soon as that
had been done it was our expectation
to have gone to Cash books and Accounts
other matters in respect to have done
all we could to have compromised
with some delay when we can arrange
that matters we pledge ourselves to do
to name a price that we will give
or take for our respective interests

Trusting
that you will close up the matters without
further delay I am
Yrs Respectfully
W E Cornutt

Simple Grove Institute.
Saratoga Springs
November 24th 1863.

Mrs Cornell.

My sister says, that you are acquainted with a gentleman somewhere who has two young daughters, of similar age with your own, who might be obtained, probably, for my school.

Will you be so kind as to send me his address, and I will see if they can, be obtained.

The girls are both well. Mary occasionally drops out of school for a day, but is doing as well as she ever has been. Emma is doing very well indeed, in her music, and is making good progress in other things.

By sending me the name &c of the gentleman referred to, you will oblige
Yours very sincerely
Luther T. Beecher,

Brooklyn, Nov. 23^d

My Dear Sir,

I am going in a few days to Washington on business which will probably detain me there until after the opening of Congress. It might be very useful to me, to have a good letter of introduction from you to W. Hotchkiss, the member of Congress from your district.

If you will do me
the favor to send me
such a letter in the
enclosed envelope at
your earliest convenience,
you will much oblige

Yours very truly
T. C. Callicot,

Hon. Ezra Cornell.

Utica Nov 24 13
Wm E. Loomis

Dear Sir

I suppose the proposition contemplated in the enclosed Circular is not new to you but it appears to me that the Western Union Stock has been too much watered to make it a fair proposition to the Stockholders of the NY & Buffalo Co, especially as I understand our Cash Surplus is to be turned over to them. If this is done is any thing in contemplation with regard to the new Line now in progress of building.

I would also enquire how it is to effect the Telegraph Lines of Judge Caton, & also is there any disposition to be made of the Stock of the Ohio, Ind. & Ill Co different than to carry out the Original Contract. I have been thinking of writing you for some time.

in regard to the Dividends due on that Stock there is now 3 Dividends past due and it would seem that the Western Union Co could well afford to fulfill that Contract they have had untold success & yet they hesitate to pay the trifling amounts due the poor Stock holders of the Ohio Ins & L Co. They Certainly are safe in retaining one dividend from those Stockholders who may call for the amts due them.

I have 471 Shares of the Stock I propose that they pay me two dividends which would be one dollar pr share & they should pay me the interest since they came due which would be on my Stock about \$33. to the first of this month they to retain the first dividend

to pay the debts of the Co which they claim they have paid. Those Stockholders who have not called for their dividends would not be entitled to interest but I have called for my dividends as fast as they have become due I have to pay too much interest to afford to lose even such small sums. If the Co for the purpose of purchasing up the Scattering Stock of that Co think it for their interest to withhold the proper notice to the Stockholders to come in with their Stock & get their Dividends they should not keep back the dividends from those who do claim them.

The 10 Shares I sent you for the purpose of being transferred on the Books at Indianapolis was issued to Jas. M. Fowler & assigned to Henry C. Hopburn 27th Sept 1852. Perhaps the Western Union Co will not now require this ten

Geo Curtis, Nov 24. 63

Shall be transferred but will
take the Scrip with the other
Scripts that I have as sufficient
evidence please enclose the
Scrip to me when you write
if convenient

I am very much in want
of the amt. due me on the 471
Shares of Stock & shall feel
much obliged if you can aid me
in obtaining it

Please give me any information
you may have received of
late from the Ill & Mich Tel Co
If their earnings of late have
been any thing like the other
Companies they should have
another dividend soon Mr Chapman
informs me that the earnings of
the N Y & Buffalo Co have exceeded
one thousand dollars per day for
some time back. Please let me
hear from you soon Yours
Geo Curtis

I should like to hear from you before the 30th

Southbridge Mass. Nov. 24. 1863.

Dear Sir, Yours of Nov. 14th is recd; and since that time Mr. Osborne has written me, offering \$20 per acre, cash, for the Coe-Harston land; or \$30 per acre, in five bonds of Cattaraugus Co. N.Y. at \$15. per acre, or lands in Morathon Co. Wis. at \$5 per acre. I am wholly unacquainted with the value of the land he offers. Shall I be intrusive, if I hereby inquire of you what course will be best for me? - To take \$20 per acre in cash; or exchange at \$30 per acre for lands ⁱⁿ Cattaraugus Co. ^{N.Y.} at \$15 per acre, or in Wisconsin at \$5 per acre. Have you any acquaintance with these lands? or with persons of whom I could inquire with the prospect of getting information? - I fear if I hold on to my interest in the Coe-Harston land, the accounts of Mr. C. & his son, and of Mr. Wilcox and others will eat up the flesh of the concern and leave little on the bones to be divided in winding up the business. Should you, if in my place, retain the interest there, or sell on any of the conditions mentioned? An answer at an early date will very much oblige me.

Very Respectfully & Affectionately Yours,
Eber Carpenter.
— " " —

Kunro Pappahake
24 Nov 03

Kunro Pappahake.

My dear Sir, I have with
regard for yourself, and my earnest approval
of the formation of your Society - induced me
to accept your invitation,

Will it suit the
Society that I should deliver the lecture before
them on the evening of Wednesday, the 15 Dec^r?
If so, you can make the arrangements - and
I will try and come up on the 14th (Thursday)
so as to be sure to be in time -

The title of the lecture would
be, "The History of Pappahake's Life" -

I shall endeavor that I am preparing
and delivering it among my life
long associates and friends, rather
than among strangers

With great regard
Ours -

William H. Boylston

D. B. Dutcher
24. Nov 63

Senate

TIVOLI, DUTCHESS Co., N. Y., }
November, 1863. }

Hon.

I take the liberty of addressing you upon the subject of the election of Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, for the next session. I am a candidate for that office, (having filled the same position in the Assembly of 1858,) and in soliciting your influence to my assistance would respectfully refer to

Hon. JOHN B. DUTCHER, Senator, Dutchess Co.

Hon. RALPH RICHARDS, late Senator, Washington Co.

Hon. LYMAN TRUMAN, late Senator Tioga Co.

Hon. ADDISON LAFFLIN, late Senator, Herkimer Co.

Hon. R. B. VAN VALKENBURGH, M. C., Steuben Co.

Hon. THOS. J. ALVORD, late Speaker, Syracuse.

I am, very respectfully,

Your most ob't serv't,

P. H. LASHER.

(TURN OVER.)

POUGHKEEPSIE CITY, DUTCHESS Co. }
November, 1863. }

We, the undersigned, Union men of Dutchess County, would respectfully recommend the nomination and election of Gen. P. H. LASHER to the office of Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, at the ensuing session of the Legislature.

Gen. LASHER is a man of much political efficiency and energy, firm in his devotion to the cause of Freedom and the President, in putting down this unholy rebellion.

He filled the position now asked in the Senate, in the Assembly of 1858, to the satisfaction of all parties.

WILSON B. SHELDON, County Clerk.

JUDAH SWIFT, Sheriff.

A. VAN KLEECK, Post Master.

PETER DORLAND, Surrogate.

JOHN F. HULL, County Treasurer.

A. ANTHONY, District Attorney.

ISAAC PLATT, Editor Poughkeepsie Eagle.

MOSES C. SANDS, late Sheriff.

SAMUEL J. FARNUM, late Member of Assembly.

Pawling Nov 24, 1863
Hon Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir
It affords me
much pleasure to endorse
Gen Sashin for this position
He has qualifications
that fits him for Sergeant at
Arms. He is expert
in raising volunteers for our
Army in the field and his
unflinching devotion to the
Cause of freedom together with
his incessant toil in the
late Causes give him claims
upon us that but few men
in his position possess
He is poor and this place
would do him much good
If you have no candidate of
your own for this place I
sincerely hope you will give him
your support. I am very truly,
Wm H D Butler

1863

Rochester, Nov. 25th
Mr. Cornell,

Dear Sir I take
this opportunity of writing
a few lines to you and
let you know that I am
yet in the land of the
living and have some hop
es of once more returning
to Athaca I am able to set
up but I am not able
to go out I have had the
intermittent fever for two
weeks and my limb did
not heal any and the
Doctor says that I had
better stay here two or three
weeks yet and he says that
he thinks by that time my
limb will be healed and
as the two months that

you paid board for me is
up next wednesday and I
write you this to know if
you will please send me ^{ey} mon
enough to pay two or three
weeks board and to come
home with, and I will be
much obliged to you hope
ing to some day be able
to repay you for your kind
ness in assisting me in get
ting a foot please answer
this and Oblige your
Obediant Servant
Anson W. Johnson

W. Johnson
Mar 25 1852

Mr. E. Cornell

Sennett, N.Y.
Nov. 25-1883

D. D.

I will, on Monday
next, forward for your inspection the
drawings on the block, of the two
heifers, a group of rams & a group
of sheep.

If satisfactory please
send them to

R. H. Carson 14 Ann St.
Ann St.
N.Y. City

Mr. Carson is the best engraver of
sheep in Country, no better of cattle &
his prices are moderate. To save time
in collection of pay, allow Mr. Carson to
send his bill direct, instead of thro' me.
(Carson has met with losses of late & is hard
pressed) I have marked the prices on
each block.

My bill for drawing is
\$46. for which you can send check at
convenience.

Most Respectfully A. B. Page

Clifton Staten Island N.Y

Dear Friend Comdly

Nov 27/63

Yrs of Nov 11th speaking of the drug business
convincing to me that you still kindly remember me, has been at
hand a few days. I have been very much engaged so as to be
able to give it but a little attention. Its receipt of course
made me feel better - after a little - I will ^{have time to} look into it. It strikes
me that it cannot be a very good paying business - there - There are some
4 besides I believe & 3 large & old establishments that must divide
up the business a considerable. The idea of having a steady business
is a happy one to me - but I have some misgiving in regard to
this - However I will be able to decide better after I have given
it more thought & made some inquiries. The fact that I shall
for some considerable time be entirely dependent on clerks -
isn't pleasant - & anywhere but in Tompkins Co would have
been more agreeable -

Very truly & gratefully

Yrs J. F. Peck

Care Mr Hudson

50 & 52 Pine St

N.Y.

ALBANY & SUSQUEHANNA R.R.CO.

Albany, 27 Nov 1863

E. Cornell Esq

Enclosed please
find our ch on Com Bk for
\$941.56 to pay for your bill
of Telegraph Poles, which
please receipt & return &
oblige

Very Respectfully

W. L. Phelps. Treas

Walton on the Hill,

Liverpool, 27 Nov

C. W. M. 28 Nov
Jan 27 1863

My Dear Sir.

I last evening received your esteemed favor of 11 inst enclosing Bill on London Eighty five pounds 9/5 for which please accept my best thanks - The irregularity in the delivery of my letters to which you allude, is to me quite inexplicable as they were posted on their respective days of date: I much regret it as I also do the severe ordeal through which Bridget & Hubert have had to pass. I trust however they are making daily progress & will soon be completely restored - Now, I wonder, could the former have become polluted with the mouth distemper? They were in full bloom when they took their departure hence.

Many thanks for your hint about the position of the stalls on ship board. I shall always bear

it in mind - Capt. Jonathan Drake of
Rhampole is lent by Col. Samuel L. Eastwood
for 2 years, not received - the former tells of
not opening the only chance offered me was
between "Grand Duke" & "Duke of Waltham". The
former I at once declined on account of the
known case in his pedigree. You have
gratified me more than I can express by
kindly sending me four photographs, accept my
heartiest thanks for them, I prize them exceedingly -
I don't think I sent you one of Mr. Bates. in
fact I believe I had not received them at the
time of writing. I have great pleasure in
handing you the enclosed, taken from an engraving.

You have indeed a mighty business on
hand in your magnificent gift of a library
to its valuable contents of Books - I was not
previously informed of your intention - I trust you
may live long & happily to witness the advantages
which will be disseminated by it.

With kindest regards & wishes Yours sincerely C. F. Johnson

Albion Nov 27th / 63

Dear Uncle I sent the
turkeys a week ago last monday
wrote ~~it~~ a letter and sent it ~~also~~ request-
ed Orson to telegraph you the same
day and Pa asked Uncle Martin
to save him and I supposed he
done it untill yesterday when I
made up my mind that you had not
received my letter and spoke to him
about it and he said that he did
not telegraph you because he forgot
it. The turkeys cost me fifteen
dollars Mr. Gordiner sold them for
ten dollars and I bought them second
handed. The ^{nest} eggs ~~was~~ found in
the woods with seven eggs in it
they wer set under a hen and four
turkeys wer hatched out two of them
skulked away and died ^{they died} we expect
these two we found and kept in

a tite box and were around the barnyard when we went after them we colled them into the barn and caught them some of the tail fethers were pulled out in catching them. They went off in the woods a few times to roost before I got them and come back the next day. I presume you have got them before this time.

Aunt Phebe that a thanks giving dinner yesterday we were all down there and a good time.

This term of school is out next wednesday and commence to organize the next day for the winter term I think I shall go.

I am learning to tellegraph with Orson and want an Office as good as I can get next summer.

We have had a pretty windy time for a few days back but it is pleasant weather now.

We are all enjoying pretty good health at present and hope you are.

As it is most school time I must close by wishing you all good luck

Yours &c

M. C. Robertson

Albany, November 27, 1863.

DEAR SIR:

— Upon an informal consultation, had between several members elect to the next State Senate, it has been considered important that there should be a meeting of those Senators who belong to the Republican-Union party, upon some day of the week before the first Tuesday of January, 1864.

It is therefore suggested that all such Senators should meet at Albany, on Saturday, the 2d day of January, 1864, at 2 o'clock, P. M., at the Delavan House.

The object in view, is to perfect arrangements for the proper organization of the Senate, and the appointment of Committees. And the necessity of a meeting for that purpose is evident from the fact that, Lieut. Governor JONES, the Presiding Officer of the Senate, has party affiliations different from those of a majority of that body. He is an impartial, upright man, but it will contribute to his comfort as well as advance the rights of the majority, that preliminary arrangement should be had upon the subjects above alluded to.

Respectfully yours,

CHAS. J. FOLGER,
Senator 26th District.

JAMES A. BELL,
Senator 18th District.

A. H. BAILEY,
Senator 19th District.

WILKES ANGEL,
Senator 30th District.

Hon. *Efra Cornell*

Ithaca

Albany Nov. 28th 1843.

Dear Sir,

From present appearances our
Little Co. between N.Y. & Buffalo are to be Gobbled
up by the Western Division, and the first
Longest & Most Successful Working Line in this
Country becomes Extinct, & poor old man has to
Die, I have no particular feelings on the subject,
our parent Line seems to think it but I am annoyed
it, Not Very Strongly until within the last few weeks
and finally found I had to be pretty well spoken, in
consequence of certain one who found it a Very Nice
thing to get a Good Salary & be Great Men without
Great practical knowledge. but Enough of this at
present.

It is understood that there is to be 2 Directors
taken from our Co. I feel that if agreeable to
the Board at Rochester, I may be considered an
applicant, having some practical knowledge about
telegraphing - what do you say to it? Confidential

Yours Truly, J. J. Foster
Hon E. Carruth. Albany N.Y.

(Private)

N.Y. Nov. 25. 1883

My dear Sir:

E.C. Benedict of this City
is a very able man & would
make a most excellent speaker.
He has character, talent, experience
& integrity. He has been for several
years President of the Board of Edu-
cation here. I imagine however
that Alvord will be elected. He
has some advantages, having been
speaker before, and will
work very hard for it.

Yours

H. J. Raymond

Give my kind regards to Mrs.
C. & your family.

Nov. 28th / 63 =
Hon. Ezra Cornell.
Dr. Sir =

The undersigned is a candidate
for re-election as Substantive
Aide of the Senate. Having
discharged the duties for the
past two years, and as he trusts
in an acceptable manner, he
hopes to receive your support.
And if chosen can only promise
to use his best efforts to merit
not only your own, but the
approbation of the public. =

Very Respectfully
Chas. J. O'Brien.

U. S. Gen. Hospt. No 4
Quincy Ill. Nov 29th 1863

Dear Brother

Your letter of 26th Oct was duly received, and I also receive the Ithaca Journal. My health is very good with the exception of a slight cold and I am gradually stretching or extending the contracted cords & muscles of my face and I hope soon to be able to have the hole in the roof of my mouth closed up by what the surgeon calls a "Plastic operation".

The Medical examining Board have been here and examined the patients of these four Hospitals. — I am sorry to say that I was ticketed for the Invalid corps, 2nd Battalions, for I am thus cut off from the possibility of getting a discharge, and also the chances of my again joining my regiment are lessened. I expect now to be obliged to remain here in Quincy on Hospt. duty until my term of enlistment expires, which will be July 26th 1865. Deborah is here with me and is in hopes of obtaining some employment whereby she can earn her living, I have not been paid since last Feb, in consequence of not having my descriptive papers from the Capt. of my Company.

D. B. Cornell
29. Dec 1863

The Officers of the Invalid Corps are expected here to organize their respective Battalions in a few days and then I shall know to a certainty whether I remain here or am sent to some other Hosp^t. - I am at present at work with my tools, doing whatever house work is needed for these four Hospitals, but I shall seek another situation, - as there is not work enough to do to keep a lazy lout out of mischief. We had a glorious time here on thanks giving day, - the Ladies of the several soldiers aid societies gave a dinner to the soldiers, and it was a real old fashioned thanks giving dinner, consisting of roast turkeys & chickens, roast pig, - mince, apple & pumpkin pies by the hundred, & such pies! and while the boys were enjoying themselves to the fullest extent, it was a noticeable fact that they also remembered their brother soldiers who had so recently been engaged on the field of battle, & many expressed the wish that they could exchange dinners with them.

I will write to you again soon, after the officers of this Invalid Corps arrive & we find out what is to be done with us. I am always glad to hear from you & from other through you.

C. Cornell Esq
Ithaca N.Y. }

Respectfully
D. B. Cornell

Ithaca Nov 30. 63

Dear Sir

Since the 25th July last there has been enlisted here about forty volunteers, each for Richardson's Cavalry, organized at Syracuse, and Griswold Cavalry Organized at Troy, N.Y.

They were citizens of Ithaca and enrolled their names as such on a Muster roll signed here & sworn in by our County Clerk. Ten dollars of the state bounty was paid to each here, when they were sworn in. I suppose they also rec^d a local bounty at Syracuse & Troy, but don't know. We desire to know if our Town or County is entitled to audit for those and other like enlistments, of our citizens, on the pending call

of the President for val-
uation-

If you are not the proper
officer to determine such ques-
tions, please do me the favor
to inform me who is-

Yours Resp^{tly}

How O. K. Kattitt

" A. S. Owen

Cop^y

Hand writing of Ezra Cornell
founder of Cornell University

THE NEW-YORK ERA.

"Indomitable and Independent."

H. C. PAGE, Editor.

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Office of "The Era,"

New York, Dec. 1st 1863

My Dear Sir:

The Era has always been a Union loving paper, in favor of a vigorous prosecution of the war to suppress the rebellion. Its course has driven from its support some of its very "conservative" patrons, who doubt ^{like} its principles. Having a good circulation in city and country, I propose to visit Washington to endeavor to draw to our columns some of the government advertising. Please be so kind as to forward me letters to the President, and members of the Cabinet; (or to some other gentleman in Washington) to be presented in behalf of the Era for the purpose ^{of} ~~our~~

herein named,

Hoping to hear from you
at once,

I am,

Yours, Truly,

H. C. Page

H. C. Page
New York
Dec 1. 63

Rochester, Dec. 3rd 11
1863
Mr Cornell

Dear Sir!
yours of the 30th came to
hand last evening and
I take this opportunity of
answering it and let you
know that I am getting well
and in hopes to soon return
to Ithaca my limb is fast
healing and I think in two
weeks I will be able to come
home you wrote for me to
have the bill made out and
send it to you but as I do
not know how long I shall
have to stay here I do not
know how much the bill
will be but I do not think
it will ^{be} over three or four
weeks at six dollars per -

month Mr Cornell at the time
I wrote to you for the money
to pay my board and bring
^{me} home I had 25 dollars and
my father has been sick for
some time and I had to send
him five dollars and I was
intending to buy me some
winter clothes with the
the balance of it and cloth
ing being very dear it would
not go far in buying cloth
es for the winter I did not
feel as though I could ask
you for any more as you had
been so liberal and my being
destitute of clothing I wrote
to Mr George Beers to know if
he would lend me some money
to aid me in getting my clothes
and I would pay him out of
my bounty or pension my
object in writing to him -

was this he told ^{me} before I
left home that if I wanted
any money he would lend
me same I have received no
answer from ^{him} yet -
Mr Cornell if you will
please to see Mr Beers for
me as I do not think he
has received my letter and
tell him if he will send
me the 25 dollars I will
secure him for the same
I will now close please answ^{er}
this and Oblige your
Obedient Servant

J. W. Johnson
St. Marys Hospital
Rochester

My

Clifton, Staten Island N.Y.
Dec 3 1863

Dr Cornell

Yrs, of the 30th is at hand - I have been so busy since your first on the Drug subject - that I have not had time to digest it as I should - I did not anticipate they would get matters closed up so quickly - had only just begun to examine into it as your 2^d came - It is a trying position for me to be placed in - My next step must be in the right direction - The idea of a permanent bnsr. & near you - is an exceedingly pleasant one - & one not to be inconsiderately passed over - nor slightly looked upon - But in spite of my inclination that way - my judgement is against it -

There is scarcely any other business that would not have found me better qualified for it - And my judgement & observation is against any man's undertaking to run a Concern that he cannot manage himself - Even if it were surely a paying business, to depend upon irresponsible clerks - would be a great detriment & lay me liable to exorbitant charges for services - Druggists here, say no reliability can be placed upon clerks they cannot be depended upon - I am told that a capable man cant. learn the business short of 7 or 8 years of the closest attention to it - & that it is nothing like the paying business it has been. All Druggists discourage me from the undertaking - giving it as their opinion, the place & the country around it, cannot support so many - Many of them are going out of it - in this city & scarcely one stalks with but wished to sell out - There were among my acquaintances I simply told them I was offered a place in the country in a town with a population of about 3500 - with a rich country around, they remarked the Country people did not patronize such establishments much - As Mr. Shuter is a mutual friend - I showed him your letter today - He discouraged me at once - saying he would not give me 10 cts on a dollar for my note founded in the success of the undertaking - He helped associate of his - in the same business - which proved an utter failure

Besides both he & the Druggists say I will have to undergo an examination & get a certificate before I can operate any how.

The practice of the times, is for Physicians to merely make prescriptions for the Druggist to mix & compound - Thus making it a very responsible position - If I were confident it would pay - I would run something of a risk before I would give it up - I don't like the idea of a failure - & at my period of life it won't do - The business would be much pleasanter than my present one - & I am inclined to think I would soon be quite at home in it -

If I had the means I would come out this evening. You are there & can much better judge of it, than I - If the business is carried on extensively. Boiling ponds, sails - burning cottonwood & glass & its accompaniments & everything that ^{at} all pertains to it. And this is necessary there - It will require I learn from 5 to 7 thousands capital - & cash down is the only way to make it pay at all - I hear Mr. Lupton made it pay - by his close calculation. He had the reputation of a very tight, some mean dealer - here so much so as to make himself disagreeable, by his Jewish propensities.

P.M. - After further examination & intercourse with my Druggist acquaintance - I have with regret - felt myself obliged to yield to my judgment in the matter & telegraph advised to taking it - If it does not meet your sanction I shall be sorry - I weighed the matter as much as the postage allowed me to - The latest intelligence from Cuba - says it is extremely doubtful if I get another dollar from there - They are so poor & not disposed to do anything - They owe ^{me} \$990, which would help me through, I now owe 2 1/2 quarters rent - I have enough coming in from my little jobs to pay up my groceries & meat bills to date - My Porters & Chum now lies over till about the 1st of Feb - The other project does not yet develop itself - but is daily expected - It is for the other side of the world - These things made me more reluctant to decide adverse to your implied wishes in this matter - But I think you will

bath of as find it was a wise thing not to undertake it -
I am confident I could do much better here on half the
Capital that it would require. It is true a credit could no
doubt have been obtained on the Deep bars - I can even now
get a chance in the Quartz Mining bars - I saw a nephew of
Lyon's Shultz today direct from Central City in Colorado
& gained considerable additional information respecting them
He has a mill & works, there & there is one good one without
a few rods of him that can be purchased. The party has
made a great deal of money out of it in a few years, & I
think - but his health is very poor & his family in Chicago is ~~and~~
in such poor health that he is obliged to be with them too much
to enable him to stay at his work - ^{as he wishes} He has made enough
Mr Shultz pays to him comfortably - & therefore thinks he would
sell - His mill grinds for customers & yields him \$200
per week. Mr S. says he thinks ^{on} an average - His mine had. &
not worked now while he is at Chicago with his ~~dear~~ family
He represents the gentleman as a very fine man -

He says with 50 or 60 thousand dollars, to work it up to
the hounds, the mine will yield he has no doubt \$300. per day
They sometimes do a great deal better - He says one of his neighbor
miners took out - for several weeks straight along over \$1500. per
day & has now over \$200000. that he had made inside of 2 years
& had not anything to start with & so on - I have obtained from
different reliable sources - much information from the various
mines - in Colorado, Nevada & Arizona & north of Pikes Peak
They are making pits of it, from digging. If I do not succeed
in getting mine or business here - I shall make an effort
to get out there - but even that requires money - I am
now going to Arizona with an engineer on his staff
on a salary of \$1500. per month if the ore he first sent for
had not come I should have gone with him & may yet find
for me - It is about 1000 miles interior from San Francisco

I am working now for a position in the custom house
again for the few intervening months - between the prospective
business - If I could get a few thousand or 10 or 15 hundred
dollars - I am confident I could do well here in the city. I
have friends that have done well on 1500 to 2000, but that
I suppose is out of the question - But something has got to be
done & that mighty soon - Carrie is doing all she can
now - we have a good deal to pay between this Spring
besides hard scratching to live - I am sorry this is so

Believe me gratefully

Yrs W. P. Brown

Cor. Hudson

50 52 Rye

St.

W. P. Brown
Dec 3. 63

Office of Chester & Kennaday,

ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW.

TRINITY BUILDING, 111 Broadway,

New York, Dec. 3, 1863.

E. Cornell Esq.

Dear Sir,

I rec'd your letter in relation to Spalding & the Cayuga Man. has some time since. Last week I went for the grounds with Spalding & Mr. Hicks an engineer from the City, & we went over the grounds pretty thoroughly for the brief time we had. I looked at the contracts for lands - saw Mr. Collins & others, who say that as to much the greater part of the lands regained for them is no doubt about the title - some others are tax title & may be more or less safe. Of course I could only judge from information that they gave me.

If, as I presume, the engineers are right in their surveys & measurements, there is abundance of fall for the drainage, &

I have closed the window in my seat at night & nothing remains but to hand in our shares in writing. I am the Cayuga Man. has some time since. Last week I went for the grounds with Spalding & Mr. Hicks an engineer from the City, & we went over the grounds pretty thoroughly for the brief time we had. I looked at the contracts for lands - saw Mr. Collins & others, who say that as to much the greater part of the lands regained for them is no doubt about the title - some others are tax title & may be more or less safe. Of course I could only judge from information that they gave me.

no very difficult or expensive embankments or cuttings. For drainage ~~the~~ as to its feasibility the first thing to be looked at is whether the lands lie sufficiently above some safe outlet to give a current for the water in running off. If such is found to be the fact, & the lands are not in their nature springy, requiring under-drainage, the work is feasible & the mode & the expense are only to be looked at.

I think there are no legal difficulties. I have not yet made out my report - shall speak of the questions of law & dispose of them in it.

Mr. S. has shown me the agreement which he proposes to make with those who furnish the money. It seems to me under, & such as men will not advance money on. For instance, after the bonds - or hire & int. advanced, are paid, Mr. S. is to have entire control of the lands & I see no security provided beyond his personal responsibility as to the pay't over of the people. This

whole agreement, it seems to me, ought to be recast, & a much larger power given to the Trustees. I have not seen him since I read his plan, which I took home with me last night. He returned to N. Y. only yesterday. I think the matter may be so arranged as to make it safe for the capitalists without unnecessarily restricting him. I take it, from his being sent to me by you, that I am bound to look after this.

Pew was in here just now - showed me your letter about a drug store in Ithaca. You must pardon me for not concurring in your ideas. I have happened to have some little knowledge of such business & it doesn't seem to me possible that a living can be made by four druggists in such a town as Ithaca, even if the business was equally divided. More than an equal division Pew could not reasonably hope for, while his block him, owing to his own want of knowledge & experience in the

E. W. Chester

Decr. 3-13

business, would swallow up any little profits on the drugs. Besides I do not believe that a man with no knowledge of medicine or drugs has any moral right to go into business on which life & health of customers is so dependent.

If you were to loan him money for such a business - dependent as the loan would be on his success, I would not give five cents on the dollar for his note. I once set up a young man in the business in N.Y. - a young physician - to my cost.

I should be glad if you could help Pew into some kind of business, but I should like it to be one where he could live & the capital be reasonably safe.

Pardon my interference - he came in just as I was about to write you, & I felt sure that my judgment in the matter was based on sound reason.

I congratulate you not only your personal success in the election - of which there was never any doubt - but on the result of all the elections in the country. I feel a little hard to think that we are to go into winter quarters without further inroads on the rebels.

Yours truly

E. W. Chester

Ataca Decr 4. 1863

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 3^d inst is at hand mentioning that you had been over the Cayuga Marshes with Spaulding. Spaulding called here on his return to say from that trip and I was surprised to learn from him that he had made the trip and taken you and others out there before learning the wishes of the capitalist who he desired to influence on the subject.

He seems destined to continue to "put his cart before the horse" and then wonder why his train does not make headway.

I hope your visit will be

of service to him, and I think it will in a general way, but it may not in the special wanted he wished to operate upon -

Mr Humphrey & myself suggested to Spaulding a month since the defects to his program which you refer to.

He has also made a mistake in securing such short time on his land contracts.

It leaves no time for him to make the necessary preliminary arrangements for carrying his Scheme through -

I have no doubt that there is much money to be made in the draining of those marshes, but I am not sure that I will be able to realize it -

In regard to Perw and the pills, I think you have left advantage over me than in

forming opinions on legal questions.

The drug store in question is one of five in town as well located as the best. The proprietors of all have made money, and layed up handsome sums besides supporting their families -

Saxton who owned the store in question has supported his family and layed up some \$12,000 to \$15,000 during the past dozen years, and knew more of drugs or of Medicines when he commenced than Perw does now, and was not as admirably constituted to carry out the details of a retail business as Perw is - Saxton recently died and hence the business is for sale -

None of our druggists are Physicians, and our Physicians do not send prescriptions to the druggist to be compounded, hence

That objection of yours is inoperative
with us.

As for Faw, he decides not to
take hold and I think he errs, but
he may have some better way of getting
along - I hope he has.

I hope to hear soon from the
titas of the Brookings lot.

I am glad to hear that you are
drawing to a close in your trial
with Smith. I hope the result will
be satisfactory =

I cannot attend to law cases
with Smith at present, and I think
he can find business that will prove
more profitable to him -

Shall I see you at Albany
next winter?

Yours Respectfully

E. Cornell

E. W. Chester Esq

New York

Rec'd & an d
Dec 5

STATE OF NEW YORK.



(Agricultural Rooms.)
Albany Dec 5 1863

Am Eleonore

Stamps

Every effort
has been made to get the books -
promises after promises made -
This morning Printer says, Call

on Monday -

Regret this as much
as you can - I intended that the State, his
should withhold this year on account
of the blanks being distributed the 1st of
December - I sent a circular to all
the counties, having societies asking
how to send them - & all were sent
from him on or before the 2^d of Decr -
You will have to see to the Trans. & when

B. P. Johnson
S. Brer 63

The Legislative Mts. — I have no
Control of them until they are
delivered & we will distribute as soon
as they are received —

Yours, B. P. Johnson

When do you State this winter —

Office of Chester & Kennaday,

ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW,

E. W. CHESTER, }
JOHN R. KENNADAY. }

TRINITY BUILDING, 111 Broadway,

New York, Dec. 5, 1863.

E. Kennaday

W. L. L.

I recd yours yesterday of the 3^d in regard to selling our line branch line of Tel. from Ithaca to Owego, to Mr. Wood for two thousand Dollars - I suppose the \$400 spoken of as expended on the line he is to meet & not leave it as a charge on us or to come out of the \$2000.

You can do as you judge best in the matter - & if you think it will not impair the value of our Main Line exercise your own discretion in the matter.

Are you not mistaken in your estimate of my share?

You have the records & can see from them how it is.

Mr. Kennaday is endeavoring to fix up the title ~~about~~ of the Brooklyn property. A deed is lacking from one party who seems never to have conveyed, leaving out an important link. Mr. Th. can probably get him to convey. It is attended with considerable trouble but will probably come out right, if he can get this link made up.

I have prepared a new agreement for Spalding, plain & simple which any one can understand instead of the complex confused thing he was having printed.

I am just now very much pressed with business taxing my brain more than it has been

taxed for some time - all very pleasant for a man who is rather fond of thinking out knotty questions.

Yours truly

E. W. Hester

Since closing above I have read yours of yesterday. I am utterly at a loss to know how you ~~dispute~~ make so much money. The business must be quite different from what I supposed it. I concede of course to your better judgment in the matter without you at all deprecating yourself as a lay lawyer. I always found it easy to make you understand a legal principle, & that requires sometimes a good deal of brains - of common sense brains, which is a kind of sense that lawyers & others often fail in.

I think you are quite right
about Spalding & his matters.
His time is altogether too short.
200,000 is not to be raised by
the men asking.

I shall probably be in Albany
this winter - have several cases
in the Court of Appeals. As to those
if any of my grand children should
be lawyers I hope they may live
long enough to argue them when
reached.

I told Smith you could
not attend to his case till after
the adj't of the Legislature. I however
have no belief in his disposition
to bring it on. There is however no
telling. As a lawyer he is a mere
tyro. Yours E. W. C.

E. W. C. Smith
5 Dec 63

Telegraph Office,
Rocketa, Dec. 7, 1883,
Hon. E. Connel
My dear Sir -

I know it
has been & is your policy
not to sell your W. H.
Telegraph stock but I
write to see if you cannot
not be just enough toward
from your established plan to
sell me ten (10) shares, at
what price & on what terms.
Can I get it without paying
at the time of purchase,
you holding the stock as
collateral?

I have sought for
ten years to get some of it
but those who sell do so
in larger quantities than I
can hope to pay for, or have

others to favor rather than
me.

If your labors are
not too arduous an early
answer will be thankfully
rec'd.

Yours truly,

A. Cole Cheney

Ans. Decr 18th Declining to
sell - EC

A. C. Cheney
J. Decr 1863

Montreal Telegraph Company
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

Duncan & Co. Lith.

Montreal Dec 7th 1863

My dear Sir

Some two or three weeks since I sent you by Express, scrip for 280 shares Wisconsin State Tl^g Co. the receipt of which has not yet been acknowledged.

I would be glad to know if it went through all right. As I have not succeeded in selling the Fifty shares W Union Stock which I put in the market some time ago I am anxious to know how we are to provide for the notes falling due on the 24th inst.

Two notes of Two thousand three
Hundred & seventy four⁰³ ($2374 \frac{03}{100}$)
dollars each are payable
at the American Exchange Bank
New York City - the third for
five thousand dollars Smith
enclosed to me by mail some
time ago anticipating that
I would raise the money in
some way to accommodate
him and place to his
credit - with John P. Gelverton
Pres. Bank of North America
New York. I did not
return the note to him
hoping that I might
succeed in selling the stock
before now and cancel the
note - As I have no
other advice from him
I suppose that the draft

for that note should ^{still} go to
Gelverton to be paid to A.
B. Smith's Credit.

I wish that you would
write by return mail if you
have not already written
advising what course to be
pursued to meet these pay-
ments.

A dividend will be
due to us on the Wis. Stock
1st Jan'y I think and early
in Jan'y on the Western Union
but both come too late
to meet these payments.

We are all quite
well weather cold &
no sleighing yet
With much love to Mary Ann
and children

I remain Your Affly
O. S. Wood

N.Y. 8th Dec /63

My dear Sir

We have at last
Completed our documents
for the Exhibits & Subscription
& I send you herewith
Copies for yourself & friends

I saw Mr Sibley last Friday
evening at the St Nicholas & stated the
points to him. He said that it was
a good thing & he would subscribe
money to it but had too much
else to keep him busy to assist
except in that way. He wanted
me to send him a Copy of Pamphlet
as soon as it was issued. I shall
send him one by this mail if he has left
town. I have sent Copies also to Mr

Humphrey and requested him
to aid in the matter of getting
subscriptions I hope that no time
may be lost in getting it done
so that an instalment of 20 per
cent can be called in before the 1st
of January. you can say that
it will only be necessary to call
for 20 per cent per month except
in January when we may have to
call twice although I do not
expect that it will be necessary
to do it.

We shall start one
paper at the lower end of
the Lake about Seneca Falls
& Auburn & one in this City
besides yours I am anxious

to complete the whole in a week
from the time we begin

I will send you every day a
list of subscriptions & would like
to have the same from you so
as to see how fast we get on

I have sent word to Mr.
Williams to come down
& help us here which he
has partly promised to do I
hope that he will not fail as
it is important that we
start strong

Remain

Yours Sincerely
Henry C. Spalding

Bank of Geauga,

Now E. Cornell

Ithaca N.Y.

Painesville, O. Dec 8 - 1863

Dr

I have received your favor of _____
 with enclosure as stated. ~~Herewith please find for~~ While you will soon be

engaged in the N.Y. farms at Albany - I am so unfortunate as to have to go to our own Capital N.Y. - Before undertaking these grave duties is it not best to have conversations & changed - You can send deed to any bank or to the Tel. office in Clev^o. or here, and we will deliver ours to same party to be forwarded good - Or you may send deed to us and we will respond promptly - At Columbus I am separated from Mr. Hays, and too much engaged - Thus I deem it a fit time to try and arrange with Doulog, so that we may either sell or divide that property - If the business could have been closed by this time between us, Mr. Hays proposed to go down immediately and see what could be done - One or both of us must in person to ourselves & others interested, visit the property as soon as possible - You will greatly oblige us by giving the matter early attention - There seems to me no valid reason for not closing it at once - If you think our proposition unfair as to the other share holders - or that their interests will not be secured by us, then coming to us in common, what will be our interests we owned $\frac{34}{80}$ - Yours share $\frac{11}{80}$. Wood $\frac{2}{80}$ E. W. Chute $\frac{15}{80}$ Geo. F. Chute $\frac{4}{80}$ - making in all $\frac{71}{80}$ to be conveyed to us in common - We do think we have reason to complain of the delay, which however they may affect you, are serious to us -

Yours truly

S. S. Osborn



Proble Albany Dec. 8th 1863
Hon E Cornell

Dear Sir

It is now a long time since I met you - while you have done more to keep up the acquaintance which we made last winter under circumstances which I hope no other Legislature will experience.

Accept my thanks for that complimentary ticket you sent me, and I should most gladly have availed myself of the pleasure of visiting your country fair, but our own country

pair together with other circumstances rendered it impossible.

I feel a deep interest in agriculture not only as a farmer, but I see in it the life of this nation and every thing that advances this branch of industry enhances the wealth and stability of this government.

While on a visit in your county last fall I first learned that you were nominated for the office of senator and since election I am gratified to learn you were elected by a fine majority - I most heartily congratulate you in securing this position of trust and honor - and I doubt not ~~but~~ that it is but a just appreciation of the service you have rendered in the other branch of the Legislature.

You probably will never forget those disgraceful scenes which took place last winter during the organization of the House neither will you forget the leading bully in those transactions and it is burning shame that such a desperado as Thos C Fields should be rewarded for his villainy by being sent to the senate - but this only proves the fact that modern democracy pays a premium to the man or measure that creates the most difficulty -

But the day for copperheads is past and the future will regard them as relics of the Rebellion. I trust you ^{will} faithfully deal with Mr F - and correct his evil habits - I wish you may have a pleasant session - I would be glad to hear from you often.
I remain yours H B Van Hoesen

Anna Fayyeh
10 Dec 1883.

My dear Sir.

The change of evening
is agreed to - I have just returned
from Washington - and shall need the
time to look up our history.

I shall go on Sunday
to the first house - unless I shall meet
Mr B. F. J. or yourself.

I observe that Albany is preparing
staff for the Legislature.

Very truly yours
William B. F. J.

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Dear Sir:— Some time since I sent you a note, requesting of you "credentials" to present at Washington, but have received no reply thereto. — of course, I don't expect you to grant my request unless you can do so consistently; but please do me the courtesy to acknowledge the receipt of my letter, as it may be that it has not reached you at all. If you will grant the request contained in my note, you will always find me grateful. Please let me hear from you by return mail. Yr. oblige,

H. C. Page,

P.S.— Please address me at Washington, D.C., care of Hon. Theodore M. Pomeroy, M.C., House of Representatives,

57 Beekman St.
New York Dec. 11. 1863

Ezra Cornell Esq.
Ithaca N.Y.

My dear Sir

Will you
please call to see me
the first time that you
are in New York? and
oblige.

Very truly your friend

Wm. D. Child -

Ithaca Decr 11, 1863

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 8th inst
came duly to hand, and I am
glad to hear from you.

I should have been equally
glad to have met you at
our Annual Agricultural
Fair.

May I not have the pleas-
ure of meeting you at
the annual meeting of the
N.Y. State Agricultural So-
ciety - at Albany in Feb^y
next? It would add largely
to the interest of those meetings
if we could secure a much
larger attendance of our pr-
actical farmers. The value
of the Society would thereby
be largely enhanced, and a

wider scope secured for its
valuable labors-

You well say that Agriculture
is the life blood of the
nation, and I will add
that the higher the intelligence
of our agricultural population
and the more substantial
our agricultural improvements
the more healthy and vigorous
will be the circulation of
the Nations life blood.

Let us all unite in giving
a vigorous and hearty impulse
to our Agricultural improve-
ments-

As to the question of the
Senate, I am sorry to see it
darkened by so foul and dark
a spot as T. C. F., but I trust
he is in a position where
he will be harmless if not
decient and respectable-

If you are at Albany during
the winter you will not
fail to call on me, and
I hope to receive a call
from you at some future
time at my farm home
in Ithaca -

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

Rev H. V. B. Van Hoesen
Perble