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H. C. PAGE, Editor.

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Dear Sir: In reply to your note of the 11th inst., I have to say: I had myself sent you several copies of our paper, & ordered my clerk to send you several others. I presumed, therefore, you had perused them, & could form an opinion in regard to its deservedness. That is why I wrote you. I am sorry I troubled you.

I went to Washington after some advertising for my paper, & think I shall get it.

Hoping to see you at Albany in a few days,

I am, &c.,
H. C. Page.

Brookport Dec 28th 1863
Monroe Co N.Y

Hon Ezra Cornell

Dr Sir

I wish to
inform you that I am a can-
idate for Post-Master in the
Senate. And I beg for your
Support and Influence
in my favour

Yours Respectfully
Casper Walton

Union Springs Dec 28th 63
To Ezra Cornell Esq

Mr Sir I have heard
that you have generously
offered to pay any man
that will enlist in your
Army One Thousand Dollars
& you take his Bounty
I have a Coloured Man
A Stout Honest sober, indus-
trious man, who offers
to enlist if he can make
some provision for his family
Will you do by him as
by others & have him make
the offer that is reported
this way as above stated
Please Answer by R^{ly} Mail

Yours &c
A. J. Gregg } Pastor of
the
M. E. Ch.

Philadelphia Dec 28
Box 429 Post Office 3

Dear Sir

My sister, Mr. Beebe
has decided on accepting your
offer of \$1500. for the 56 acres
on the west side of the Lake.
We have a very good opportunity
of investing it for her just
now, & shall be much obliged
if you will send on a check
for the amount at your
earliest convenience. We
will send on the papers
tomorrow.

Mr. Beebe would have

written himself, but is out of
town on business.

My sister Mary joins with
me in kind regards & the
best wishes of the season

Yours truly
Elizabeth

Hon. Ezra Cornell
Ithaca
N. Y.

Auburn Dec. 29. 1863.

Hon E Cornell, Sir

Having some acquaintance with you as "mine host" of old, and knowing that you take a pleasure in promoting the public welfare with the means Providence has entrusted to your keeping, I have ventured to present a Case for your Consideration.

The Society in this City of which I have the honor to be pastor is made up entirely of the laboring Class - mostly of mechanics & operatives in our factories. We have not more than one or two men that are anywise frehanded & they only very moderately so. Notwithstanding these facts, they have built and finished a new, substantial, brick church, at an expense of some 2500, 3000 dols. Considerable aid was obtained from benevolent ^{men} of the City outside of our Church & Considerable from abroad. With this aid, the members made extra efforts to pay up so as leave no debt on the Church. The subscriptions taken

were thought to be sufficient, but the war came on and the times changed, so that a considerable percentage of the subscriptions proved uncollectable, and the trustees were obliged to give a mortgage on the property to secure a debt of \$300. They have besides a floating debt of about \$80. This is a small amount to be sure, but in view of the extra exertions already made, and the constantly accumulating incidental expenses, it is somewhat discouraging to our weak church. The church is located North Westward from the prison in a section of the city, unoccupied by other churches, inhabited by a numerous laboring population. We have free seats and all are made welcome. It seems to me very desirable that this debt should be paid. I can do but little personally, but am willing to do what I can, as it seems to me to be a good case, though

my only interest in the case is that of a transient pastor (after our Methodist style as you know).

If you deem the case a fair one and will send me something to give this matter a start I will get all the Stimulus out of it I can for the encouragement of others, & will impress the people with a sense of their obligation to you. Please write and let me know your conclusion in the case, & excuse my boldness.

Mrs Cobb joins in expressing regard to Mrs Cornell

Yours for the public good

Wm A. Lobb

Philadelphia Dec. 29/63

Dear Sir

I wrote you a few hasty lines yesterday, saying that we would accept your kind offer of \$1500 for the 56 acres on the West Hill Field. -

I find my sister has no papers but an Exemplified copy of the Mortgage Sale, which I forward with this note to you.

Will you be so kind as to have the deed of sale drawn out & forwarded to me, when we will sign it as you may direct and immediately return it. I went this morning to a friend here, who attends to my

business we may have, & he
told me the better way was
to ask you to get the deed, as
each State had its own laws
on these matters.

I am sorry to be obliged to
give you any extra trouble
as I know your time is just
now taken up. -

We expect Mr. Kane home
every day. -

Yours resptl

Eliza Casey

Hon. Ezra Cornell.

Ithaca

(New York)

T. Bassett
Dec 30, 63

~~Chicago & Mississippi Telegraph Company.~~

SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Thomas Bassett,
Secretary.

Ottawa, Ill. Dec 30, 1863

Hon. J. A. Corwell
Dear Sir.

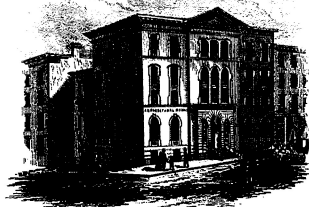
Yours rec.
I know of nothing at present.
If any thing occurs I will cer-
tainly advise you. It is to
the action of the new Board
we must look for the first
indications of what is intended.
On Dec. 1st (Oct. report) there
was 78,000 in Treasury and
5000. Notes Receivable alias U.S.
Certificates. As for Politics, I am
out. Without ignoring the rights
of Citizenship & such duties as the
Law prescribe, I avoid voting &
active participation in what any con-
science condemns - being passively
"subject to every ordinance of man"
the motive being "for the Lord's sake",
regarding as I do every human
government as belonging to the

usurping dynasty of the first
Rebel Mikaddo. and am
looking for the return of the
rightful occupant of the
Imperial Throne in propria persona
Indeed it is my study to
decipher the Times & Seasons
and have hope, that, although,
I cannot live to see it (about
a Century yet) like Job, In my
flesh I shall see Viwa. I
always aim that a man shall
thoroughly understand me & hence
the above Confession, which while
affecting the harmlessness of the
Dove is perfectly compatible with
the wisdom of the serpent when
snakes are lurking around.

What I have honestly earned I
want to enjoy. Nevertheless the
Lord has always so far avenged
me when necessary far better than I
could do it myself. I have not
now voted for 14 Years

Yours truly
Wm Bassett

STATE OF NEW YORK.



(Agricultural Rooms)

Albany Dec 30th 1864

Hon^{ble} Cornell

Dear Sir

Enclosed letter rec^d
this morning from Holmes. I rec^d
one by previous steamer. It is in
relation to the steam plow, which
he writes is now so arranged as to render
it adapted to our country & cheaper
than plowing by team. Notice in
the last English paper, that the plow
arrangement is such that the cost as
between steam & 4 horse team is from $\frac{1}{3}$
to $\frac{1}{2}$ & the furrow much deeper than
can be made by team in stiff soils -
Holmes. See Sickle's predictions of
commencing the manufacture
in this country, and if the apparatus
is all right, money could be made
out of it without doubt - In my letter

B. P. Johnson
Dec 30 68

Holmes did not inform, what the
improvements were - I wrote him
it was all important to ascertain what
the improvements are, before we
could form any opinion as to its probable
success. —

The State Printer has not yet
the Trans-vaal Statute; yet printed - This
delay will be very embarrassing, and
harm us as we were last year -

Yours Truly
B. P. Johnson

When do you locate this winter -

Camp Stoneman 21st 1863
December 30th / 1863

Hon^{ble}
O. Cornell

Sir:

Your favor of late date came to hand last evening, and I make a hasty reply. I herewith give you a list of names, dates &c. And now that this business is attended to I have a favor to ask, - From the position you hold in the State Legislature you of course have great influence with Gov. Seymour. There are several vacancies in this Regiment and I am anxious to get a Lieutenant's commission. I have spent a great deal of time and money since the war broke out in raising recruits; When I was in the office with Miles Goodrich of Dryden I worked hard in

assisting to raise the companies
of Captains Brown (deceased) Cap
Mowbr of the 109th regt. & Marvin
of the 143^d regt. & I labored hard
in assisting to raise the company
I am now with.

If you wish ref-
erences I can refer you to Milo
Gordrich, & Marcus Lyon, both of
whom I have studied with.

Horatio Ballard & G. W. Schuyler
will assist you, and I think with
your assistance I can suc-
ceed in getting a commission
either for this or some Artillery
regiment. If you will do ^{me} the favor
to make the attempt, I will pay
such sum as you may think
proper and if ever in my power
I will return the favor

Very respectfully Yours Obedt Servt
Engene B. McWhorter
Capt., 21st N. Y. Cavalry

Ithaca Dec 31/63

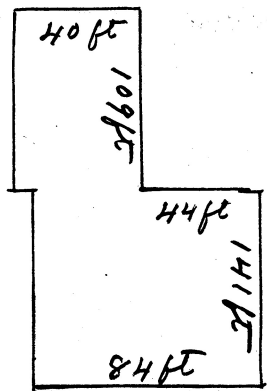
Hon E. Cornell

Dear Sir

It has occurred to me since you left home that I might like to trade the remainder of my Tioga Street and Aurora Street property for your Arthur S Johnson lot, if you were inclined to make this exchange at the fair difference between the two pieces of property. How does this strike you? In view of your now owning the adjoining property to mine and ~~the~~ the impression upon my mind that the Curran Barn lot will eventually fall into your hands although it now "hangs fire", I have thought that you might deem it desirable to hold the intervening property.

The dimensions and situation of my property are as follows.

Aurora Street



Tioga Street

There are two houses on Iowa Street and one on Aurora Street. The former rent for \$6 & \$4. per month respectively and the latter for \$4. per month making in the aggregate \$168 per annum, and being the prices fixed by Mr. Chubbrough last Spring. I can rent them to day for another year at an advance of One Dollar per month each, making in the aggregate \$204.

Will you please give me your views and if you are willing to make a trade state at what difference you will do it

Yours Truly

Andrew, McLean & Co

Deliver House
Albany Jan. 2. 1844

Dear Abner

Please examine the subject
of the enclosed letter and let me know
what you think I had better do, about
trading with McCham, find out what
he paid for the several lots that he offers.

There is strong efforts being made to
make favor for Underhill as clerk
of the House, but I think Cushman
will get the election Alvord will
be speaker -

Folger & Cook a committee to make
up the Senate Committee & confer
with the Secret Gov. on the subject

Indications of a disposition to increase
the number of officers in the Senate

Very cold here to day -

Yours Respectfully
E Corvill

A V S P

Nauckatchie, Tennessee.

December 31st 1863-

Co. "D" 137th Regt. Mf. S. Volunteers.
Hon. E. Cornell —

Dear Uncle —

Your favor
of the 18th was rec^d by me the 26th.
Very glad to hear, you & the rest of my
friends were well. We are still here in
camp where we have been for 2 mos.
The only excitement now-a-days is
re-enlisting. All of our Division
except the 149th & 137th Regts Mf. S.
have re-enlisted for 3 years —
except few scattering ones in each
Regt who have but 6 mos to serve.
Those Regts who have re-enlisted get
from 30 to 90 days furlough, & most
of them have gone home. I heard
the officers say today that Papers
would be brought into this Reg.
& the 149th in a few days to have such —

Please answer as soon as convenient W. S. C.

man, who will take ~~odds~~ that they
will enlist for 3 years, (unless sooner
discharged) when they have served
the U.S. 2 years, can as these other
Regts have done, go home, for 30 to 90
days. I have thought all along that
I would not enlist. I ask your
advice! also, I will ask you one
question. Will these men be dis-
charged when the war ends, if
that should end before their term
of enlistment expires?

Some say that all Volunteers will be
discharged when the rebellion
is suppressed, others say not.

I was reading in the "Articles of War"
this afternoon, which says that -
all Volunteers will be discharged
at the end of the war. But I
will wait your answer.

Permit me to ask you another
question, Are not Congressmen

Civil Officers of the Government,
same as, President, Secretary,
Governor &c. &c.? after I receive
your answer, I will tell you which
side of the Question I took, a few
days since in debate with a com-
rad.

I have rec'd. the Journal
regularly ever since I have been
into the Service. If I said I did
not, I must of made a mistake.
I heard a few days ago that Genl.
Geary, (Com'd. Div.) said that his
Div. had all enlisted but 2 regts.
was going home, & that he would get
these home if possible! I think
we will get home before spring on a
Purlough, whether we enlist or not.

My love to Aunt Mary Ann.

Yours Respectfully
Benj. D. Cornell.

Gen. D. Cornell

P.S. excuse my short Pn, it is miserable.

P.S. no 2

I receive letters from Mr. Spring Wood-
again. he is in the 8th Mich. Inftry - with
Gen Burnside at Knoxville, Tenn.
- his address is -
Nashville, Tenn.

W. C. C. C.
31 Dec 63

J. M. Peabody, Jr.
Legislative
1863

Philad Jan^y 1st 1864

Hon. E. Cornell

Dear,

Mms is at hand.

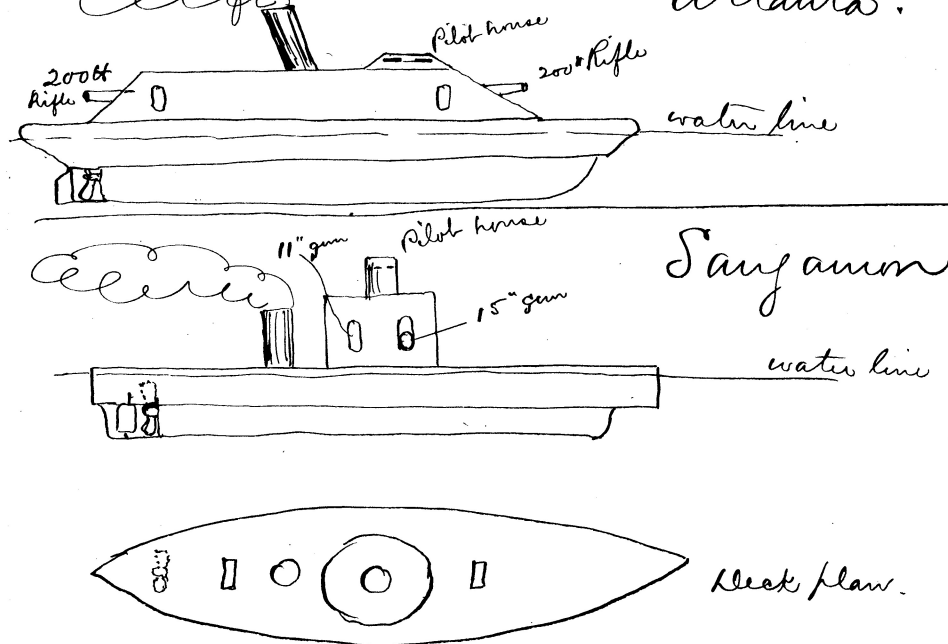
I called yesterday at the Phoenixville Office & find that the Beams are all done & have been waiting an opportunity to ship for the last 2 weeks. They will be sent via Trenton Scranton over D.L. & W. RR. You ask in relation to 9 Beams. If you look you will see that I refer to 9" beams. 9 with " after it means inches in mechanical correspondence.

As soon as they can get transportation for the beams from works to this city they will forward them. I shall draw on you for amt of bill, when they send it to me, or shall I send you bill & you remit amt to my order?

Well, how goes on the rebellion in N. York? I hope whilst you are

in Albany, that you & Schuyler will put your heads together. to devise ways & means, to have "Seymour" exiled among his "friends" in New York City. I would like to be the judge in his case & I think the loyal portion of the community would be satisfied with the sentence I would give him. I would take Fernando & Ben, Seymour & Isaiah Ryaders & doom them to "personal liberty within the precincts of Five Points & Macaulayville, with no others than Dead Rabbits & Plug Uglies for companions as long as they all should live & so help them, Copperheads!" If they showed any great contrition I would not even let them clear, but might remit a portion of the sentence & let them have a few Ithaca Copperheads to visit. A "Grant" might mitigate their sentence a little. Every thing here looks favorable for a speedy collapse of the C. S. Every day I think it can last but a little while

longer. To see the material they are losing by our blockaders is in itself an evidence that their starvation is close at hand. Yesterday I was on board a prize in our Navy Yard. An Iron steamer with everything very beautifully & expensively fitted up. The rebel ram Atlanta is just now receiving her guns preparatory to a trip to Charleston, in company with the monitor Sangamon. Below I give you sketches of the two Atlanta.



I think that we are all right so far & I think too, that $7\frac{1}{30}$'s & $8\frac{1}{20}$'s are about as good an investment as any one can make even if "ol dabe" is at the head of the government. I will risk him another 4 years, but if we must have a change give us old "Bew Butter." Maybe you think I am writing more than is pleasant to read but I tell you if you were only here where you could see just what a people we are, I think you would have the disease called "sheep eaglesm" as bad as any one. I know that "Sam" & "Frank Finch" would.

Kind regards to all loyal people
I remain

Yours Truly
Robert Cartwright

Robert Cartwright
August 1, 1867

Orangeburg 3^d 1864

Hon^{le} Ezra Loomis,

My dear Sir,

You have doubtless rec^d. a copy of
resolutions of our Board of Supervisors, asking an
appropriation for the Chenango Extension - Similar
resolutions, I am told, were passed by the Supervisors
of Broome, Otsego, Oneida, & perhaps other
counties - I have taken the liberty to say to our people,
where the subject has been mentioned, that you are,
upon principle, a friend of the work, and that you
will do every thing which it is in your power to do,
to procure an appropriation - This I felt warranted in
saying, from our conversation last winter.

My opinion is an appropriation can be obtained.
Many things conspire to favour it - The large amt. of
coal required for the Port Henry, Leavenworth, & upon,
gives a surplus after meeting constitutional charges, the
high price of coal & consequent importance of opening
as many avenues as may be to it, and the new and
increased coal operations in the Susquehanna Valley,
all seem to point to the immediate execution of this work.

I have recently made a visit to the Wyoming Valley - and was surprised at the extent of increase of the coal business there. New openings are made & the old ones improve in productive power, so that I have no doubt over a half million of tons could be placed in the boats upon the canal, ^{during next season of navigation} and the Wyoming Valley alone - and this of a quality not surpassed by any anthracite - superior to the Delaware & Hudson or the Penna coal bed's coal. Besides this there is the Pottsville or semi bituminous, which you will find mentioned & described in Col. Childs' Rept. which I handed you last winter, the supply of which may be almost indefinitely increased. There is also a new supply, not understood when that report was made, a soft anthracite of fine quality, in Sullivan Co. Pa, which is just beginning to be worked, and will doubtless be connected with the canal by rail at Pottsville. This coal then which I am trying to describe to you as a medium between the anthracite of the Wyoming Valley & the semi bituminous of Pottsville, a fine burn and very pure & beautiful & of course admirably adapted to grates, as well as many mechanical purposes. The veins are extensive, one of 12 & one of

about 8 ft in thickness - How extensive I do not know, but our property is described to me as containing 5,000 acres of this coal -

You are aware that there is all such an Eastern market. The market West for any coal, tho' increasing, is yet limited - The large supply of bituminous coal in the West, includes nothing that equals them - The Ponceance is the most North Eastern of the Pa bituminous coal - & by the route proposed would reach Albany with 60 miles less transportation than by Elmira - and so, of course, would the Sullivan Co. coal. But the subject of getting the different kinds of coal to Albany by this route, along with other matters, you will find fully treated in Col. Childs' Rept. transmittal to the Senate in 1860 by the State Engineer -

My main object in writing to you now was to say that we shall rely much on relying on you to press this project - and that, if you desire any information or aid from me, I shall be happy to do whatever I can do - Senator Johnson of the Champlain district will doubtless take a deep interest in this work - Senator Bailey of Oneida did it good service last year, and will doubtless again - I have written to Senator Phelps of

Albany, who, I think, cannot fail to be friendly.
Senator Murphy of Brooklyn was friendly last year, &
will doubtless be again - ~~Thurston~~ & Serotage should
be friendly, and the whole line of the Pers & Reid
road - Onondaga County will doubtless be friendly.
The interest felt here in this work is greater than
I have ever known it before - tho' the business of
recruiting is now absorbing so much attention, that
other things are, for the moment, neglected - & you
may not, therefore, get expression of the sentiment
which is felt.

I shall be happy to hear from you whenever
something any thing can be done or said here
to aid the Challenge Extension - and to serve you
in any manner - Very truly,
John F. Taylor

J. J. Appleton
3 Jan. 5. 64

Ithaca Jan 24. 1864.
Hon E. Corwin

Dear Sir

After receiving yours
of the 2^d upon examination I found
a package of the country sent marked
full, but upon looking them over I
find Nos. 19, 24 & 25. of Vol 21. 1863.
Also Nos. 17, 22 & 26. of Vol 22 1863
missing.

Our Soldiers left this
Morning for Oswego, they made rather
a singular appearance, all sizes,
Colors and no two draped alike

A.B.C must over to pay the
balance of their bounty

Yours Respectfully

T. Pittendrum

all mly.

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To

E. Cornell

By Telegraph from

Rochester

Jan

5

1864.

Rec'd

M.

Exchange on New York one quarter
per cent - O. H. Palmer

D. H.

Camp Near Germania Ford
Virginia Jan'y 5th 1864

Harvey A. Dowe
Brigadier General
State Militia

Sir

About one year since, through a friend I trespassed upon your generosity by asking for your influence with the Executive of the State for my personal benefit in anticipation of a vacancy about, (as I then thought) to occur in my Regiment. As the vacancy did not occur all action was rendered superfluous.

Now that the anticipated event is brought about I propose to make an effort in my own behalf and to that end ask for your influence. In order that you may fully understand the whole

Matter and why I take this
course I will give you a brief
history of all connected with the
subject.

At the battle of Fair Oaks Colonel
Bingham then Lt Col and Major Bradley
then Captain and my self were
all wounded. I was absent from
the Regt for said cause two months
but on account of my disability and
other reasons not necessary to mention
I was sent out on Recruiting Service.

Some time in July of that Year (1862)
Colonel Parker resigned and Lt Col
Bingham was promoted to the Colonelcy
Major Brooks to the Lt Colonelcy.

Capt Bradley living near Albany
through outside influence received
promotion to the Majority to the disgust
and contrary to the wishes of the
whole Regiment. He and the Colonel
however did not return to the
Regt until 27th of July 1863 both having
been absent nine months —

Colonel Bingham was with the Regt four months and has been absent since. Lt Colonel Brooks was wounded at the Battle of Fredericksburg has been absent since and does not intend to return but will hold his position long as he can.

Major Bradley is in Command of the Regiment and personally objectionable to all as a commander. He was assigned to the Regiment after it had gone in to the field as a Lieutenant. Now I propose to strike for the Colonelcy for the following reasons, first I was the Senior Captain at the organization of the Regt, second Tompkins County is not represented in the Army by an officer above the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. I have many friends in the Regiment but don't know what action they will take most of them being from an other locality. further, I don't know

what may turn up else where
and propose here after to look
out for my own interest.

What I wish is your influence
with Governor Seymour, and the
ground that Tompkins is not repre-
sented by an officer of the rank
of Colonel will be a good basis to
work upon. I think by addressing
Governor Seymour your influence
will effect the object.

by so doing you will
confer a favor on.

Your Friend & obt servt
Capt William Henry
B. R. T. N. Y. Co

Capt W. H. Henry
Letter
Jan 14/4

Camps of the 64th N.Y. Vol
 Near Germania Ford Pa.
 1864

To
 His Excellency Horatio Seymour Governor State of New York
 Governor

We the undersigned Commissioned Officers of
 the 64th N.Y. Vol, would respectfully request
 and solicit your excellency to appoint and Commission
 William Henry Captain 64th N.Y. Vol. Colonel in said
 Regiment. Vice Daniel G. Bingham

Henry Thompson	Serjeant	1 st	Adjt	64 th N.Y. Vol
Geo. L. Faggart	1 st Serjeant	D.M.	"	"
Dana E. Kellogg	Serjeant	"	"	"
Chas. P. Kellogg	Adjt	"	"	"
C. D. Hubbard	Chaplain	"	"	"
Warren M. Wark	Captain	Co. C.	"	"
Levis W. Hapsett	"	"	"	"
A. R. Chace	"	"	"	"
Wm. W. Roller	"	"	"	"
O. H. Willard	1 st Serjeant	B.	"	"
J. A. Manley	Captain	"	"	"
George R. Hisk	1 st Serjeant	"	"	"
A. B. Bunssey	1 st	"	"	"
James J. Mebrey	1 st	"	"	"
J. V. Dalton	1 st	"	"	"
Pyron C. Ketchum	Capt.	"	"	"

William C. Rockwell	1 st	Sergeant	Co. D.	64 th	N.Y.	Vols.
D. H. Wiggins	2 ^d	"	"	B	"	"
E. J. McCutcheon	1 st	"	"	A	"	"
Addison Pierce	2 ^d	"	"	"	"	"
A. B. Blackman	1 st	"	"	I	"	"

I hereby Certify that this is an exact & True Copy of Original paper signed by the Above Mentioned Com^d Officers of the 64th Regiment New York Vols.

Official Henry Thompson

Sergeant & Adjutant

64th New York Vols

Western Union Telegraph Co.,

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y., Jan 5 1864

Dear Ezra Cornell

Dear Yours of the 4th Recd

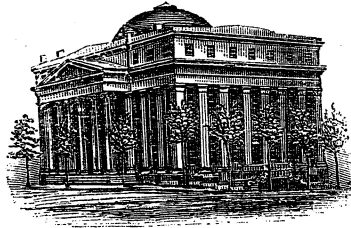
We have consummated arrangement with the N.Y. A. & B. Co. Took possession in the instant, virtually have the business since 18th Nov. The trade is a hard one but better than what we made. We take a transfer of their stock - increase our capital & give in exchange Three dollars for two

We have declared a cash Div to old W. U. Stockholders payable 9th inst of 3%. Stock Div of 33 1/3%. For Stock holders of the N.Y. A. & B. who exchange their stock to participate in the latter, the latter all the surplus profits & property of the N.Y. A. & B. Co.

Net profits of W. U. Co for Aug to Dec 27. 160. 62

Apr	48,259, 93
Oct	56,333, 23
Nov	70,577, 74

Why don't you convert your E & W. Stock? I think this should be done at once. I cannot carry it along in the hope it is that is increase it. Cobb has sent me a new certificate issued by you in Nov. Still I can't recognize it as I understand it without having the books & papers showing list of old certificates. I must get rid of this muddled kind of them of the books. At any rate I can't assent to perpetuate that another
O. H. Palmer



STATE OF NEW-YORK;

Treasurer's Office,

Albany Jan'y 6 1864

Hon Ezra Cornell

Sir

The accompanying
Pistol & ammunition was captured
from a Rebel officer at the storming
of "St. Marys Heights" Fredericksburgh
by Lieut Wm Lombard of the 43^d
New York Volunteers

As these mementos of the "Slave"
"Hold the Rebellion" will be prized
in after times. I take pleasure in
placing them in your hands for presentation
to the Farmers Club of Tompkins County
for preservation

I also have a piece of Petriphon Wood
Exhumed by the 43^d in erecting some
Earth works at Fredericksburgh

Yours &c

J. P. S. Bryant

Ithaca Farmer Club Room
January 6, 1864.

Hon E. Cornell

Dear Sir/

Your of 4th inst is
just Rec^d. I forward by Ex^l the
draughts of these divisions buildings &c
I see by your census
Mr. Cushman was nominated for clerk
by a very small majority - 1. Also
Mr. Johnson for doorkeeper - all right.
David - left out in the cold.

Our Volunteering stands thus 122

Rejected 26

Accepted — 96.

Short. 14

Ithaca's full Quota — 110. —

Our Ag^l meeting was adjourned until
1st Saturday in Feby. - what shall I
do in relation to those Resolutions.
over

The Soldiers at Oweego are having
a great time - Oweego is full to over-
flowing - A.B.C. has not yet
returned

Very cold here on Friday
afternoon and Saturday - Thermom-
eter 108° below zero -

Nothing new -

Yours Resp^y
A. Crittenden

A. Crittenden
Jan 26. 64

Chicago Jan'y 6, 1864
Hon^{le} Ezra Cornell,

My dear Sir,

I have asked Gov^t
Seymour to nominate Geo. A. Mac-
dill Esq^r for Notary Public. Mr.
Macdill is my partner in business, is
a young man of excellent character
and proven, dependent on his
labor for support & success. The little
office I ask for him is a well merited
compensation with his deserts - but it
would do him some good, and
would be exceedingly convenient to
him & me & our clients in our business.
He is not of your side politically, but
is deservedly popular with all parties.
If his name should be sent into the
Senate, may I not ask you to give
the nomination your support?

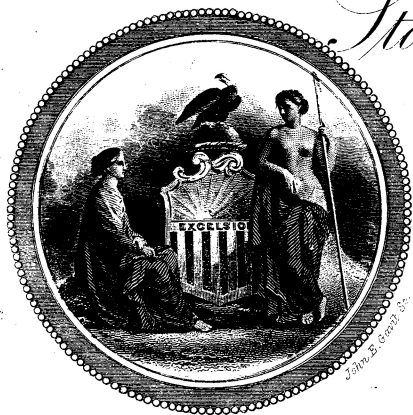
I am glad to see the Gov^t gives

J. J. Taylor
Jan 6/64

Chenango Extension a gift - It
seems to me it must go through

Very truly

John J. Taylor -



State of New York.

Assembly Chamber
Union ~~ALBANY~~ Jan'y 6th 1864

Hon Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir I take the liberty
of asking you to see that I am appointed
Notary for this county. I now hold the
office under Mr. Morgan's appointment. Mr.
Symon offered to give me reappointment
this winter of which I have called his
attention. I am so located here that
the office is a great convenience to me
and the public - There is no justice living
or keeping office immediately in the village
and the trouble to go $3\frac{1}{4}$ mile for every
act or acknowledgment is a good
deal - There is nothing new. There has been
lively times existing for a few days -
Our people are interested in the retention of the
Chenango Canal and are relying on you

To represent their interest this Session
I am glad that Cushman has been
selected clerk of Assembly
Yours
H. B. Smith

H. B. Smith
to Jan 2 64

Binghamton
Jan'y, 7-64
Senator Cornell

Dear Sir: The
proceedings of the
Supervisors of Broome
County were peculiar
and special in au-
thorising extra bounties
for volunteer soldiers,
Hence there must
be a special act of
the Legislature ap-
proving the same with
special provisions, I
draw such an act
at the request of the
Supervisors and Mr
Northrup has in-
troduced it into the
Assembly - If it shall
pass the Assembly

I hope you will
see it is promptly
passed by the Senate,

We have consid-
erable difficulty in
raising the necessary
funds prior to the
approval by the Legis-
lature of the acts of
our supervisors.

I hope the resolu-
tions amending the
Constitution so soldiers
in the field can vote
will be passed im-
mediately & submitted
to the people by the
first of February -

Very Respectfully Yours
Ransom Balcom

R. Balcom
Jan 27, 64

The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western R. R. Co.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT.

Office of Superintendent of Cayuga Division,

Ithaca, N. Y., Jan'y 7 1864

Am E. Cornell

Dear Sir

Enclosed
is draft of an Act this
Compy, would like to
have passed — and which
failed last session for
want of time.

Will you do me the
favor to put it on its
passage again

Yours
Respectfully
W. B. Humphrey

Rhinebeck N.Y.

Jan 7. 1864

Hon Ezra Cornell

My dear Sir

I have to thank
you for your letter of 4 Jan, with
its suggestions in relation to the
Agricultural College, and the unjust
Bill passed at the last session of
the Legislature disposing of the
Public Land granted by Congress.

I shall rejoice at the success of
any measure that shall tend to right
the great wrong done by the passage
of the Act referred to; a movement
which shall receive the earnest
support of Mr Folger and yourself
would I think quite certainly pass
the Senate, and probably the House

also, if proper effort were made there.

As to the Agricultural College, I am not hopeful enough of success to advocate its re-opening until some certain and ample foundation can be secured - I have tried begging for a College until totally discouraged; before making the effort I thought as you would that there was liberality enough to respond to such an appeal in the cause of solid instruction; my own experience has well nigh destroyed all confidence in the liberality of the people towards this object.

I shall be in Albany within a few days and hope to have an opportunity to talk with you.

Most respectfully,
Wm Kelly

Ithaca Jan'y 8 - 1863
Hon. E. Cornell

Dear Sir:

In conversation with
Alonzo the other day we discussed
somewhat the name of Selkreg
as one of the Trustees of the
"Cornell Library". Further
reflection strengthens my wish
to see him among the number.
I know that he will esteem it
an honor & a favor conferred to
be so appointed & his large
acquaintance with books and
publishers & the book trade will
be of great use to us. It will
have a tendency, too, to make
him yielding & pliable on the
subject of Post Office rent.
All our estimates for that have

been too small & if he is put in
the Board he will have an interest
in that direction which will make
it easier to get a proper rent.

I throw out this suggestion,
as I have always done, with no
wish to have you influenced by
anything except its intrinsic
merit.

When your Charter is printed
can you not save for yourself &
send to me a few copies. They
will be convenient for reference &
I may discover typographical
errors in time to have them
corrected.

I am working on those
Charters & hope to get them to
you soon.

In haste Yrs Truly
J. M. Smith

Board of Supervisors
of Broome County Nov 27. 1863

Mr. Ransom offered the following, which, on motion of Mr. Dickson, was adopted.

Resolved, That the next Legislature of this State be requested to amend the existing Dog Laws as they now apply to Broome County, in the following respects:

So that each town in said county shall have exclusive control of its own dog fund, and also, that claims for damage from dogs killing or injuring sheep shall be audited by the Board of Town Auditors in the town where the damage is done, and that the Collector of each town shall give a bond in a sum of twice the amount to be collected, to the Supervisor of said town, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duty, and that whatever taxes are collected shall be paid to the Supervisor of said town, to be applied by him in payment of damages done to sheep, and the balance, if any, to current expenses of the town.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolution be delivered to our Member, Hon. Mulford Northrup, and our Senator, Hon. Ezra Cornell, and that they be respectfully requested to procure the above amendments.

I Certify that the foregoing resolutions were adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Broome County on the 27th day of November 1863
E. D. Robinson
Clerk of Board

Resolutions of the
Board of Supervisors
of River Co, for
aring the annual
meeting of the Board

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Edwards

Wm Smith
Jan. 8, 1864

Agreement

Agreement

Ad 1864

Private

Office Deputy Collector U. S. Internal Revenue,

26th DISTRICT, SUBDIVISION No. 2.

Owego, Tioga County, N. Y., Jan'y 8 1864

Hon E. Cornell

Dear Sir

George A. Madill, of whom you enquire, is the partner of John J. Taylor, in law practice, here - is the Lieut Col. of Seymour's Militia in this County & a "Copperhead" - He is a young man of good standing as a citizen, but there are truly loyal men enough in this community willing to serve as Notaries, among whom I would mention the name of Charles E. Parker -

The prospects for an appropriation for the Chenango Extension seem quite bright - and I do hope you may be able to push it through this Session - Senator Fenniman reached home this morning & I am led to believe, the regulation of the organization & all the committees was as he ordained - He thinks, with your pet project of "Indus Bay" on your hands

"It was best you should not be on
the Canal Committee" - I hope he has
not done any mischief thus at the outset -
Whenever you think any of us can be
of any advantage in pushing our Chenango
Extension bill, Mr Lincoln & myself and
some others will come down - Let us
know -

Very Respectfully Yrs
J C Platt

J C Platt
Suffolk Co

Western Union Telegraph Company,

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y., January 7, 1864.

SIR,—

The Directors of this Company have deemed it expedient to increase the number of Shares of the Capital Stock so as to give to the Stockholders an additional amount equal to one third of the number of Shares held by them on the 30th day of December, 1863.

Fractional parts of Shares, when less than Fifty Dollars, will be paid in cash to the Stockholders, and when more than Fifty Dollars the Stockholder will be entitled to a full share by remitting to me to make the amount equal to One Hundred Dollars.

It is desirable this remittance should be made so as to be received by me on or before the 15th instant, so as to complete the transfer. If not made, however, prior to the first day of March next, such Stockholder will be entitled to such fractional part of Share in money only, viz., \$66.66.

Upon the receipt by me of the annexed voucher, signed, I will forward you additional stock and money as you may direct.

You are entitled to 4 Shares of Stock and ~~\$33.33 cash.~~

~~You are entitled to _____ Shares of Stock on payment of \$88.84 as above.~~

Yours, Respectfully,

O. H. PALMER,

Sec.

Office of the Erie Railway Company.

New York, January 9th 1864.

E. Cornell Esq:-
Delevan House
Albany

Sir,
I enclose herewith order
on Secy of M. N. Tel. Co. as
requested in yours of the 6th inst.
I will advise with Mr. Eaton
our counsel in regard to the
transfer of Stock.

I herewith please find
Pass over Road for 1864.

Yours Respectfully
Nathan Marsh.
Pres.

✓.

Western Union Telegraph Co.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y., Jan 9 1864

E. Cornell to A. B. Cornell

sir/

Enclosed we send you 2 prs. Monroe county Bank on Mch Bank N. Y. No 7017 for \$26.754 less exchange being amt. of Div No 15 on Del. stk standing in your name as requested in your ltr of 6th inst.

Please sign & return enclosed receipt and oblige

NW 8678

EoM 240.

Yours &c
O. H. Palmer

Delaware House
Albany 4. Jan 64

Dear Sir

Without any disposition to
put you on the "double quick"
I am impelled to ask you
to "hurry up" the drafts for
Acts incorporating the Cascade
Institute, Amending Charter
of Ithaca + draining Swamp
lands in town of Ithaca =

I think you had better also
send draft of bill for incorporat-
ing our Historical Society,

Ask Boardman what amend-
ments, if any is necessary to
the Savings Bank Charter to
ensure its location in the

Library building, I had that location in view when I procured the passage of the act. If I did not make a proper selection of Trustees to secure that object now is the time to correct the error.

I have bargained for some 12 Acres of land extending from Inlet to Trumansburg Road, a short way north of Fair Order. It now belongs to J. S. Giles of N.Y. I want the quantity ascertained and title examined. I pay by the acre and hence the quantity determines the aggregate amt. of price.

Will you procure the desired information, and send one copy of the same to me and

another to C. B. Morrissow to 53 West 22^d St N. York. I desire this attended to as early as convenient.

I have secured a doorknocker birth for young Johnson & he is more comfortable & happy than he has been since the battle of Chancellorsville where he lost his leg.

He gets board near the Capital at prices that will enable him to take \$200. home with him in the spring, if folly dont woo him to squander it.

At your leisure you may draw up a conveyance from me to the Trustees of the Cornell Library. I dont know why it is not best to place the title at once in the Trustee as soon as the act

paper incorporating them,
as it would save some trouble
and delay if done while I
am living =

I shall place Miss Livermore's
Sketches of a building, in the
hands of an Architect Companion,
and have proper drawings made
to fully illustrate her ideas
of an Edifice =

Every thing in relation to my
position in the Senate is
Satisfactory, pleasant and
agreeable, Schuyler is equally
pleasant in his Office, and
the improvement in the Treas-
ury, is fully appreciated -

Yours Respectfully

E. Cornell

H. M. Finch Esq

Office of The Tribune,

New York, Nov. 9, 1864.

Dear Sir:

I do not choose to be
sent myself in Albany just
now. If Senator Cornell and
the Agriculturists will
ask the People's College
men to a conference with
a sincere intent to blend
the two projects in one
ground ~~and~~ by other, I will
either attend or secondly
assent. He on the other hand,
he prefers to go his ~~own~~ ^{own} way,
and thinks himself strong enough
to override us, I prefer to
wait here. Yours,

Harace Eeely

New York.

Pokepsie Jan 9th 1863

My Kind Friends.

I had much to thank you for when we reached Albany - but as the obligation was increased after that, I am obliged to express it in black and white.

After Mr Cornell left me on the ferry-boat - and I was settling myself for a lonely ride: he returned. With Mr Walker of Utica - and kindly introduced me - a proceeding which made the ride anything but lonely - There was with Mr Walker, a Mrs Dutton of Utica, who knew my mother's family quite well: and as both were very pleasant and entertaining - the name "Pokepsie" rang through the cars before I knew it -

I cannot but compare my pleasant journey with the dreary one I should have had, if it had not been for you. and I assure you, that I feel most sincerely obliged -

It became very cold by the time we reached Pokepsie

and has continued so ever since

I found my friends well: and I have enjoyed my visit so far, very much.

My friend Miss Hofmann's models in clay, draws, and paints, and her house is very interesting, with specimens of her own work, and curiosities, which she brought from Germany, and Switzerland.

She has one chair which would be well worthy a place in a certain library (which Ithaca people are proud to call their own) — it is made of deer's antlers with heads carved on the large ends, and is very graceful and pretty.

I have not yet seen the "Vassar College" building, but they ^{say the} outside is about complete, and it is to go into operation next fall — most of the professors are engaged and a great many scholars.

I hope Mary and Emma arrived safely at their journey's end and are enjoying themselves —

With best respects

Sincerely your friend

Lane in Haverbury

Niagara Ship Canal
100 - on surface 95 bottom
depth 12 feet vertical wall
6 1/2 miles - 20 lock of
16 feet each 320 feet fall
from Iroquois to Seneca
Lock 275 by 45 in chamber
has boats of 1250 tons -
drawing 10 1/2 feet water
Estimated cost \$6,000,000
Single - \$7,500,000 double
Labor 124 mechanics \$3. per day
Average cutting 26 feet deep
40 feet down side mountain
Can lock a boat every 10 min
single locks