

Confidential

Albany Jan^y 13. 64

Dear Sir

Yours of the 11th is at hand, I regard to all these bills I am ready for them, Historical Society you dont mention, Is it not best to incorporate it? When is the Hunt property to be sold? I am an undivided owner with the Hunt Est, and easiest way to divide is to buy or sell, I hope sale will be delayed untill spring when I can be at home, In regard to will, I had not given it much thought, supposing the laws of the state was the best will a man could have, and perhaps that is so, if he has no more property to leave than I had when I came to that Conclusion, It may be wise for me to make a will, I am inclined to think it is, but again arises a difficulty, I dont know what to do with my property in framing the provisions of a will, My Wife owns the House we live in + 75 Acres of the farm and owns Stocks enough to give her an income of \$3,000, besides the farm, hence she dont want my property, I have five children, it would not benefit them to give them more than \$100,000 each, thus less than half is disposed of, The Library will probably absorb \$60,000, but supposing it to go to \$75,000, What shall I do with balance? I hope to do much good with it, but I really dont know how to

dispose of it in a will so as to do the good with it that I should desire to do,

It is clear that you have touched upon a subject that will furnish reflection on my mind, I therefore impose the ban of confidence upon what I have written.

If you have any suggestions to make, you may shell them out, for they will not have a particle of influence upon me unless they seem rational, and if they exhibit absurdity on your part. I will in turn assume them to be confidential.

All things appear pleasant in the Senate & for us it is an improvement on the last, and I think it is also for the State,

In the House Aswege frowns upon us, in the chairman of the Canal Committee, but we are not without friends on the Committee, and in a fight there I shall expect to be the victor, if not I don't read men correctly. I come to the above conclusion withing a personal acquaintance of more than three of the men. Location and other stems are my index, See if I am right.

Hurry up those charters, I have much to do and want those small matters out of the way.

Yours Respectfully
E. Corvill

Full Faith & Credit



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OFFICE OF
Sage, Sons & Co.
LITHOGRAPHERS & ENGRAVERS.
BUFFALO, N.Y. Jan. 10th 1864

Mr Cornell

Dr Sir

I sent you a proof of your Ball
3rd Lord of Oxford several days ago during which
time I have not heard from you. I would be
very glad to hear from by return mail.
I shall not remain here but a short time
Direct to me in care of Sage Sons & Co
and oblige your truly
D. Vandusen

Delivan House

Jan^y 10th 1864.

Dear Alwars

Enclosed please find
Dick Parrs bill for work
in your garden. If it is right
give him credit, on my Books,
for the amt =

Senate Count^s on Canals
all right, as I believe, as
any rate I should not know
how to alter for the better,

Everything Pleasant in the
Senate. Flood will an-
nounce his Committee
next Tuesday. I fear Osweys
will rule Canal Count^s, then

but hope not, I cannot
however expect the same good
success in that respect that I
have secured in the Senate.

There is a great struggle in
the H^o for Canal, and if we
beat Oswege it will be a great
triumph = I fear however that
we shall not =

Johnson is installed in his
seat as door keeper, and his
necessary expenses will be
up there \$1. per day, and he
boards convenient to the Cap-
ital, He should therefore take
home with him in the spring
at least \$200.

Cushman had a close run
but he was successful, and
State. Count^y, Lobby & Co were
rebuked =

I wish you would hurry up
Finch with those drafts of
bill, that he is drawing -

Had you not better send
Mrs. Stokes the balance of
that Murren mortgage. I
want my Telegraph stock
so as to have E & M con-
verted to W. Union, before
any new questions arise,
I ordered all of my Div
to Ithaca in exchange &
Mother ordered hers to be sent
here in currency =

Tell Selig to send the
Journal here to Delivans
House -

How about Bank Office
Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

HBC

E C to Frank

Apr 10 64 Albany Jan 40. 64

Dear Frank

Your mother in writing to Sue, wanted me to write to you so as to save the balance of postage, that the stamp covered over the left of Sue's letter. I don't exactly know the amount, but will assume that it will be sufficient to carry this half sheet. The question now arises, whether, I do not loose as much in this half sheet of paper, as I gain by saving the postage. However as this problem may lead to some reflections on economy, I will assume that there is a positive gain. I succeeded in getting young Johnson appointed door keeper in senate, and he boards near Capital at \$4. per week, and has entered upon his duty

and appears to be more happy
than he has done since the
battle of Chancellorsville, where
he lost his leg.

If folly don't lure him to
her ways, I see no reason
why he cannot return home
in the spring with \$200. gold
backs in his possession - and
have spent a pleasant and
instructive winter at the
same time.

Crittenden writes me that the
thermometer was 108° below
Zero week ago Saturday, How
does young lambs stand such
weather, Please let me know how
thermometer ranged Friday & Sat
at Forest Park.

J. C. C.

Yours Respectfully
E. Corvill.

J. & R. Randal
11 Jan^y 64

Syracuse Jan 11th /64

Mr E Cornell

Sir

Yours of
the 8th inst^y is just received
you say that you just
received our letter as you
was leaving home for the
winter and that you
directed your Brother to
send a new bill for
the balance of Stone
wanted to complete bill
we have not received any
bill as yet will you
please see that it is sent
as soon as possible
in regard to money I wish
you would send ^{the amount} of the
bill as we need it very

much at the ^{present} time
we lost considerable last
Summer and need every
dollar that is owing to us
in order to keep our
business going
if you will see that the
money and bal of bill
is sent on soon you
will very much oblige

Yours Respectfully

J. R. Randall

E. Cornell
Albany

N. Crittenden
Jan 4 11. 1864

Ithaca Jan 7. 11. 1864
Hon E Cornell

Dear Sir

Your of 8th is just rec^d
Our Agt Meeting was adjourned on account
of the small number in attendance only 3 or
4 from the Country. We will pass the Resⁿ
when we meet.

School house is getting along very
well all completed except seats which
they are at work at and mason work.

Maurice has not yet ret^d from St Louis
is expected soon - the rest of the boys are
at work - they have given up the idea of
going South - David has arrived home.

I am glad to hear Johnson is getting
along so well and hope he will save pro.
this winter he will see the time he may want
it. I am also glad you have had
things your way in the senate thus
far - hope they will continue to

progress satisfactorily

Every thing is moving on
quietly here, nothing new. except Deacon
Hazen buried his wife this morning.

Our quota is full for this town
The County lacks about 100 but they are
still coming in every day. - I think ten
days will fill the quota for our County
I receive my Journal daily.

I guess your Cattle are not all
dead. I only know of 2 deaths
"Harry Curtis" dropped twin calves
both dead so John says. - The only
victims to the fanged monster in this
part of the moral vineyard -

I thought I could tell a little
larger story than Bob. Nalney did
when he said the mercury stood
45° below zero. - so I put it at
108° - one was a little nearer the truth
than the other. - All well

Yours Truly
C. H. Hiltindon

Free Jan 11, 1864

My Dear Sir

It being sometime since I heard from you I am anxious to know what is to be done about theodus Canal. I presume it will devolve on you to get a Bill through the Senate - And the sooner it is commenced the better. You will find great and mighty Opposition from Oswego - and Mild Opposition from Syracuse Rochester & perhaps Buffalo. How does Folger feel about it this winter - as soon as the Bill is introduced and printed will you send a Copy - What is then

of a Canal from Port Pail
to Montezuma. ii —

Hoping to hear from
you soon

I remain your truly

C. R. Thomas

P.S.

I am your send some
documents —

Western Union Telegraph Co.,

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y., Jan'y 11 1864

How E Cornell

Albany Dr Mr - Mr Cornell's div. is
\$912. for which I send currency as you
request by p. 60. the amount of your
order to Ensign Cobb. I omitted to deduct
the order from your div. You will therefore
please & account to Mr. Campbell for the
sixty dollars. Supposing she is with you
at Albany I enclose receipt for her to
sign which when done please return
to me

I will write you as soon as I get time
in respect to Edw Stock

Yours truly

O. H. Palmer

Frederick Finch
11 Jan^y 64

Ithaca Jan^y 11-1864
Hon. S. Cornell

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 9th
came to-night. The amended Charter
of Ithaca, is nearly complete but it
will have to be examined & modified
by the Board & then re-written. That
will delay it somewhat & I have
concluded to lay it aside for the
present & complete the Charter for
Cascadilla Place & for draining
swamp lands first. I shall hope
to mail them this week & get the
Village Charter to you in a week or
two after. I will talk with Boardman
to-morrow about the Savings Bank
matter & write you our conclusions
& also see to the title & quantity of
land which you have contracted
~~for~~ with Giles at once. As to the

conveyance of the Cornell Library to the Trustees as soon as the Bill passes to meet the possible contingency of your decease let me say that such conveyance would but partially meet the emergency. In conversation with Alonzo to-day I have urged him to advise you to guard against that possible misfortune by Will rather than by Deed since in that way you could insure the completion of your plans & by the other only give to the Trustees an uncompleted building & while I know that your family would even in that event earnestly desire to complete your purposes yet they would be met by the difficulty that the minor children could not legally contribute to it. Add to this that if you should die intestate your Administrators would have to give

bonds in double the amount of your personal property; that your estate in other States would have to be settled by Administrators appointed in such other States, making perhaps four or five different sets of Admin's, that your Brooklyn lots could not be sold without expensive legal proceedings to divest the title of your minor children; that your contracts could not be fulfilled except under the same difficulties; that your Telegraph Stock would have to be divided & in part at least sold since the minors could not be settled with except in money & I think you will agree that I ought to call your attention to these things & you ought to consider them. Your letter has given me the opportunity to suggest them and though I have felt an extreme

delicacy about doing so yet I have felt it a duty to mention these things and feel confident that your reflections will satisfy you that I have wisely brought the subject to your notice. If I have erred in doing so, at least, you will do me the justice not to misinterpret my motives, which are simply & solely the best interests of your own household.

I received to-night some foreclosure papers in Phillips & Blunt for which we are indebted to your kind mention of our names.

I see you have started your canal bill. I wish I had your faith for one thing & your persistence for another.

Yrs Truly
J. M. Smith

E Copnell Esq
Africa

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find bill for
Linn for which I have this day drawn draft
on you as sight should have sent it before
but my rule is to collect once a year &
hoping this will be satisfactory to you -
Yours

Truly

E. D. Abbott

Syracuse Aug 11, 1854 By W. B. Brown

W. L. Llewellyn Albany Jan^y 12/64

Dear Sir

Your favor of 8th is at hand.
Your wishes in regard to Selkirk
I had anticipated.

I named the following Directors
Toss, F. M. Finch, E. M. Schuyler
Leonard Trimmer, Geo. M. & Chairman
Wm. B. Humphrey & A. B. Cornell.

To obviate some difficulties
to get at least a shadow of
County representation in the
board. I shall ask Coun.
to amend by striking out
the Supervisor of Schoen,
and insert the Chairman
of the board of Supervisors

who shall hold over the death of the board and until the new board is organized and a chairman appointed who will then assume the mantle of succession.

Can you see any objection to this plan? It will obviate the difficulty arising from an increase of Supervisors in the County town which has occurred in some towns and is liable to occur in Ithaca -

I will send you a bill as soon as printed -

Please hurry up the various bills that you are supposed to be drawing

Respectful Compliments
you for the draft of the

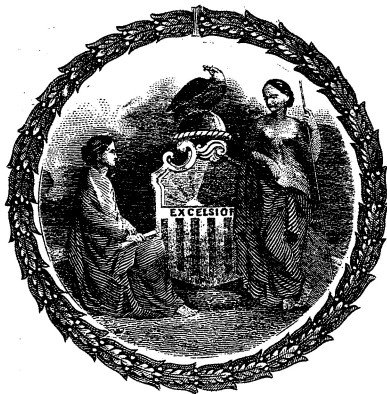
Library bill

Senator White, says my example is doing good, He has had talk with some of their rich men in Syracuse, and thinks he will follow the example.

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

Full Finch Esq

J. S. Cascadilla Inst-
is in the hands of the
Architect - E. C.



E.H. Bender 73 State St Albany N.Y.

STATE OF NEW YORK.

Senate Chamber

Albany Jan^y 12 1864

Dear Howse

Your favor of the 10th is at hand.
You may convert the poor County Bonds into
T^{rs} if you think best - I don't recollect
what the Old Tavern House cost me. Please
look at my old narrow blue covered up Book
and let me know the cost of it -

Heavy Moony is more desirable than to
go in the drug store -

I am disappointed at the decision of your
Esty, but have no regrets -

There will be no difficulty of getting you
app^{nt} - Pottery until our town has it full
complement already 1 for each 2000 inhab-
itants, as per law of last winter, I will
explain that. If it is ~~so~~ you will have to
get some one to resign and let you take
his place -

The Consolidation went into effect the

the 1st of Dec or 1st Jan. I am not
sure which by paying \$1.50 for their stock
in W. Union at par. We take their surplus
some \$50,000. Our 3 per cent div, was the
Maximum amt we could make by the
Consolidated agreement, it was to W. U.
Stockholders and leave some 10 or \$12,000
surplus in Our Treasury.

Pabner writes that they made also a
stock div of 33 1/3 per cent, which I don't
yet understand myself -

Faxton is here and says with their
Earnings as they have been they should
have had \$50,000 a year more dividends
than they have had. He is glad of the
change so as to secure a change of
management -

Treman was here a few days, fussing
around as usual, but I suspect that

He did not make his expenses -
Taxes as so high and likely to increase
that it is unfavorable for Change.
Otherwise every thing favors the enter-
prise, I shall introduce a bill as soon
as I am settled on its provisions =

Mattoon is on Canal Com as chm
but I think balance of committee is
good to fair, On the whole better than
I expected =

Lord is on two Committees, but has
no chairmanship, I am sorry for
this, He is a far better business man
than his Chairman Palmer on Towns
& Counties, He's Chairman on Public defence
Crooke I don't know,

Your Mother says, tell Alonzo when
he writes again to write something about
the folks, How Charley and Eddy get along
and how Ellen, Sam & the babe all do
&c. &c -

Mother joins in love to Ellen & children

Yours Respectfully

E. Cornell

A, B, C

Albany, Jan. 12th 1864.

Dear Sir:-

In view of the critical condition of the country, and the vast importance of securing unity of action among the friends of the Government, and if possible a more hearty coöperation in the measures which conduce to its preservation, at a casual meeting of a few Union men, it was resolved to hold a more general meeting at Albany on the 27th inst. for advice and consultation as to the best means to secure these objects.

The undersigned were appointed a Committee to invite you, with other representative men, in the several localities of the State, to be present at this meeting and to aid in its deliberations.

We trust that no ordinary obstacle will be allowed to prevent your attendance.

Yours truly,

Hon Ezra Cornell
Senate Chamber
Albany
N.Y.

Chauncey M. Depew.
Lyman Trumbull,
Isaac M. Schermerhorn,

The meeting will be at 7 o'clock
P.M. at the hall 110 State
street. Frank Hiscock,
Ben Field, Com.

Dyden Jan 12th 1864

Mr. Cornell

Sir

I write to
inquire of you if there is a law
in this State for Pensions for Soldiers
that have enlisted and have been
injured before they were sworn into
the U. S. Service, if there is not
I think there ought to be. I
will here state my case and you
will concur in my wishes I think.

I enlisted in a company
forming in this place under
Capt. G. H. Martin for the 137th
Regt and the Regt being full
before our Company was we were
ordered to join the 143rd Regt then
forming in Monticello Sullivan
County this was on the 17th day of.

September 1862, We went by
Rail Road to Cocheaton and
then marched to Monticello a
distance of 26 miles, and on the
way I injured my ankle ~~and~~
and the Emopelas set in and
I have lost the use of my left
leg which leaves me in nearly a
helpless condition. I am a poor
boy and have got to earn my
living the best way I can and
I thought I would see what
could be done for me in the
Legislature and I write to
you for the reason of your being
from this county and if you
should want any reference I
could give you men whom you
are acquainted with such as
Mr Dwight, Sears, Friedrich
& M. Emun, and others.

Please write to me as
soon as you can make it

convenient and oblige
Your humble Servt.
Charles Perrigo

P.S. I have received
no pay from the Government
and only got my discharge
last 17th day of September ¹⁸⁶³
and have got a pretty heavy
Dr's bill to pay, so that you
see I have got a pretty good
load on my shoulders.
C. P.

Western Union Telegraph Co.,

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y., Jan 13 1864

E Cornell Esq
Sir

Enclosed we send you draft from
Monroe Co Bk. on Met. Bk. N. Y. No. 4056.
for \$360. less Ex. being the amt of Div No 15.
on N. W. Stock standing in name of W. Marsh
Receiver.

Please sign & return receipt to me & oblige
Yours Respectfully

O. H. Palmer

Utica Jan^y 13th 1844
A. B. Cornell Esq.

Dear Sir.

With the
impression that you attend to
your Father's business in his
absence & that he has so much
Legislative business on his hands
at this time I thought best not to
trouble him with my affairs
and therefore write you to say
that when I borrowed of your
Father \$10000, about a year ago
I placed in his hands as collateral
security two Scripts for Stock of
the New York Albany & Buffalo
Telegraph Co No. 848 for 10 Shares and
849 for 8 Shares in all 18.

I now wish to surrender all
my New York Alb & Buffalo Tel
Stock to the Western Union Co.

agreeable to the arrangement
made with them & receive their
Sto. Co. If you will send me
those two Scripts of Stock I will
obtain the Stock therefor from
the Western Union Co & replace
it as Collateral for the \$1000.

The interest is now due on the
\$1000 but it is not convenient for
me to send it at this time as I
have invested all my means at
command & what I could get of the
Banks at present in some 4 to 5000
packages of butter none of which
has been sold I expect to sell it
this mo. I will pay the interest
shortly & make all satisfactory to
your Father.

In April 1860 I handed your
Father a scrip for 10 Shares of
the Stock of the Ohio Ind. & Ill

Telegraph Co. issued to Jas. W. Fowler
for the purpose of having him
get it transferred when he went to
Indianapolis; when your Father
last wrote me he said he would
send ~~it~~ it then were it not in
the Bank vault with his papers
and not convenient for him to
get it then. If convenient for
you to send that with the other
two Scripts please do so

With best regards to Mrs
Cornell & Charley

Yours Respectfully,
Geulert

SHADRACH HILL,

Importer of JASON HILL'S Needles, best Spring Steel Sewing Machine
Needles, Elastic Welbs, Trills, Braids, Cords, Shoe Welbs,

&c., &c., &c.

No. 25 BANK STREET.

Philadelphia, Jan'y 13 1864

Hon E Cornell,

Enclosed I send
you five of 4 wrot beams. 9".
They cannot get transportation
for them & so are obliged to send
them in small lots. Send left
to my order Hobbs

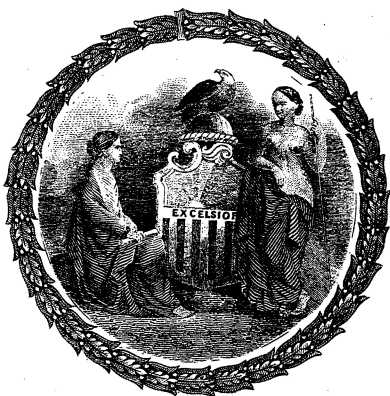
Mrs July
Robt Bailwright

North Hempstead, Queens Co.
Long Island, Jan. 13th 1864
Hon Ezra Cornell.
Dear Sir

Being a stockholder in the "Geniith Insurance Co" of New York, and desirous that they may be successful in obtaining an amendment to their "Charter", as asked for. I take the liberty of asking your influence; knowing that if approved by you in the "Senate", it would receive attention, and probably be granted.

We have been a successful Company, and propose to increase the Capital from \$300,000 to 1,000,000.

With sentiments of regard, I remain - (Respectfully) your friend
Isaac H. Crooks.



E.H. Bender 73 State St Albany N.Y.

STATE OF NEW YORK.

Senate Chamber

Albany 14 Jan^y 1864

Dear Mouse

I find that we have in Tompkins Co 16 Notaries who were appointed last winter and whos term expires in 1865. We have two others whos term expires as follows-

Ja^s. W. Mansberrg Expires Mar 5, 1864

Saml Love " " 21, "

P. J. Partridge " " 5 "

Milo Goodrich Dryden " 14 "

Wesl^l Mcloughby Groton " 12 "

Mrs Austin Tommansberrg " 14 "

A. Crittenden Ithaca Apr 2 "

A. Wells " " 2 "

Jerome Rowe " " 18 "

Chancy F Clark Groton " 9 "

We are credited by Census of 1860 with only 31,409 Population, The Law of last session limits. Notaries, to the number of 1 to each 2000 inhabitants, Thus it appears that

Cornell

Jan 14/64

The 16 states in our County who hold to 1865, covers the whole ground and those whose terms soon expires cannot be reappointed,

Now to accommodate our Banks and the Thompson Co Bank, we shall have to wait until the close of the season and the 10 about to expire is out of the way and then get two of the 16 to resign so that you & Partridge can be appointed.

Of the 16, H. A. French is one, and could do any frustrating the new bank would require until a change could be secured,

Pioga is better off. She is entitled to $14\frac{1}{2}$ and has only 7 who hold to 1865, and are expiring Mar 19, 64 =

Broom is entitled to 18, and has 13, expiring in 1865, and ~~3~~ expiring soon in 1864.

I have an other expedient by which I think I could secure one more notary for Thompson, that of an assumed error in the census as to our population. You remember the blunders in the Census of Massa & Danby, I assume that our population was then 34,000 which would give us 17 notaries, then with our migration we could get what we want, except dark at Framingham here want one,
Yours, E. Cornell

Ithaca N.Y.

Jan^y 14. 1864,

My Dear Father.

Your favor of the
12th inst. is at hand.

I have recd^d Palmers off for \$26.687.¹²
bring the avails of \$26.754. at 1/4. exchange,
I enclose receipt which please sign and send
to him. This remittance is for your W. U. &
Ex M. stock, Cant you get March to give
you an order for all Dividends until con-
-term andrs, This would be a standing order
and save the trouble of applying to him
so often.

I also enclosed a letter and bill from
E B Alvord for Water Line, at 14.^c per bush.
and Hardy today presented a draft for
the amt. which I declined to pay until
I could hear from you, as I see by your
Mem^o. book that H B Wood wrote you
that Alvord would furnish the Line at

12 1/2 cts delv^d on Boat, and you have figured the amt. on your book as 895 bush \$111.²⁰ You had better write to Alvord and have the matter arranged, Please advise me what to do, as Hardy holds the dft until I can hear from you.

Your book figures the cost of Taven House in 1835. at \$513. improvements \$390. Bond \$185. making about \$1100. and the ^{acc} runs to 1847. chg^d interest and crediting rents when the bal. is reduced to \$196. I think you had better authorize the sale of it at \$1000. or thereabouts. It is possible I can get more. I am now corresponding with Mrs Stokes Attys. and hope to be able to get them in shape to pay the bal. of that Mortgage. Collier promises to satisfy the mortg. if I can procure for him a certified copy of the proceedings of the Court which app^r Mrs Stokes as her own trustee, and a request from her to have it satisfied. The Mortgage can only be satisfied by the Executors of Mums' will.

I don't know anything about Pans bill. except that he was about here a long time. He applied to me in the spring to go at work and fix up the garden, I declined to employ him, and the first thing I knew he was at work, and said you set him at it.

In regard to Notarys, 1 for each \$1000. would be 3 for this town, while there must be some 8 or 10. altogether, I presume I can get Crittenden or Stansbury to resign if necessary, but it has always been customary to appt. a notary for each Bank. and until within 3 or 4 years there have been none here except the two Cashiers.

The stock div^d. will make you, with Marsh and Mothers over \$1,200,000. I don't want to seem foolish, but I will suggest whether it would not be prudent to pay the last, to sell, say a hundred thousand, and put it in desirable securities, Government and RR bonds. I know that to have followed my advise last winter would have been

a mistake, and I don't know but it would be now, but the future is uncertain, It may be worth much more, if so. you still have a vast amount to be benefited by the appreciation, and if it should be depreciated it would be better to have the amount I have suggested in some other shape, It could be sold in lots of \$10,000 at a time covering a month or two, probably without depreciating the market value, - Calling it worth 140. before the div? it should now be worth 105.

I will not advise you to do it, but it can do no harm to make the suggestion, and you can give it what consideration you think best. The controlling influence which your stock gives you is valuable, and on this do it seems too bad to move it. At the same time good financing would seem to dictate the conversion of a portion of it into the most desirable and available securities, so that you may have a sheet anchor against the possibility of disaster to your great Polygraph interests, or the necessity of being able at any time and under any circumstances to be able to command any reasonable amount of means to carry you around any rough corner.

F. M. Finch
Jan 24. 64

Ithaca Jan 14 - 1864.

Don. E. Cornell.

I send you herewith draft of a drainage law as to which several explanations are necessary.

1. As to names of Commissioners. If you object to your own I would suggest that of John Guantlett as a substitute. I think it important that at least two of the Commissioners should be so well known in Albany as to carry weight & a guaranty of honest management on the face of the bill. St John favors the bill - says he will pay heavy assessments on lands controlled by him & I have thoughts would make a good outdoor member of the Board. Perhaps Edw. Esty would be better than Guantlett.

2. As the bill takes private property for public purposes it has involved considerable detail. It is modelled

mainly on the provisions for local improvements contained in the Charter of Brooklyn which you will find in Laws of 1854 page 860 except that the mode of collection is substantially that of your former bill. The appointment of appraisers of damage by the Court is rendered necessary by the Constitution: (Art. 1 § 7.) and that involves all the other provisions.

3. The final section (§ 20) contains an appropriation of \$15000 by the State. As to that I should say several things.

1st The State ought to do it. Its own works have occasioned a large part of the evil & therefore in justice it should aid in applying the remedy.

2^d If your Dodds Canal bill is likely to fail as I think it certainly will, since Mattoon is

at the head of the Canal Committee, under cover of giving up the fight on that for the present I think you can get this appropriation through.

3^d If not, however, or if for any reason you think best to abandon the appropriation you can do so by simply striking out § 20 & the bill will still be perfect for our main purpose.

4th I have some doubt whether the bill with the appropriation in is not a bill appropriating public moneys to a local or private object within the meaning of the Constitution. (Art 1. § 9) But I see the Bayuga Marsh bill was not a two-third bill & this is no more local or private than that. Without the appropriation of

course this question does not arise.

5th The bill I send is the first draft & I have no time to make a fair copy. Still it is not much cut up and I hope is legible.

6th I do not know that I have used proper language for making the appropriation in § 20. Perhaps it should specify out of some particular fund or out of any moneys unappropriated. You will know or can ascertain that.

Finally - I have drawn the bill as well & safely as I knew how but if any respect it seems to you unsatisfactory do not hesitate to let me know.

Drafting laws is comparatively new business for me.

The charter of Cascadilla Place

1-14-64

is drawn in outline. I think we may finish it to-morrow & mail it to you to-morrow night.

Next week is our boust. In the course of the week after you shall have the Village Charter if we have to set up nights to finish it.

Boardman thinks you had better strike out from your Savings Bank bill the names of Harris, Beers & Apgar & insert O. B. Curran (who would get all the Irish deposits) W. L. Wilgus and Deekreg, or other names equally reliable. I think as the bill stands you could not be sure of getting the Savings Bank in your building.

Your search in the Gils purchase is made & ready to send on but the survey to ascertain quantity is yet to be done. There will be great difficulty in getting

that accurately as it is troublesome
to locate the lot in the absence of
stakes & starting points. It will
not be long delayed

I think of nothing more
necessary to write to-day.

Yrs Truly

J. M. Finch

Office Independent Line of Telegraph,
26 NASSAU STREET,

New-York, May 14 1864

Wm E B Borne - Albany -

My Dear Sir - Enclosed

I send you copy of a grant I
have made, which I think you
will find about right - I have
been unwell, or should have
gone to Augusta, ere this - I shall
leave for Portland to day -

Having purchased the test-
imony I have written in the Chester
Case, cannot be at an early
day must have I finish up
the Spent Borne case? Can
you do so before the close of your
service? If not, let it be done
immediately after - as I want
to wind up these outstanding
matters -

Yours truly
H. O. J. Smith

P.S. I think a single day will
suffice to print our cases

Portland Jan'y 14, 1864

Hon Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir - A case
between Joseph M Gray
& Geo. W. Phillips, was decided
~~at~~ the last Term of the Court
of appeals, in favor of
Mr Gray; by which a
new trial is ordered; and
the cause has been noticed
for trial at said Circuit
which holds next week.
We want & must have a
copy of the Opinion (or
opinions) given in the case
by the Court of appeals.
To be used at the trial
at the Circuit on Monday
next. ^{From} In my having
been here attending on

the Court now for
two weeks, I have neglected
to send for the opinions
before. & now I fear
they may not come in
season unless I send to some
one who will go to the
Reporter (Mr. Smith) &
get the copy or copies
& mail them to me at
once. Will you do
me this favor? If Mr
Smith wishes the pay,
please pay it, & send
me the amount & I
will remit to you. Mr
Smith, the Reporter of the
Court of Appeals, you will
easily find as the Court
is now in session. Please
go at once & see him. Let him
know I want the opinions
for use at the Court

on Monday next -
we will prefer them in
season.

Send them to me
at Dryden, as I
shall be at home
Saturday -

And that I may
be sure they will be
sent, will you
telegraph me at this
place, at the Corriveau
House, at once whether
they will be sent or not.

And very much
oblige Yours

W Goddard

J. J. Taylor
14 Jan^y 64

Orange Jan^y 14 '64

Hon^{le} Ezra Cornell

My dear Sir,

We have not prepared a bill
for an appropriation for the Columbus
canal Extension, because we cannot
tell him exactly what he wants. What
he wants is an appropriation - The
work is already an authorized
work - The canal commissioners are di-
rected by law to construct it - (Laws
of 1863 Chap. 115) page 173) But they
cant do it without money, & that can
only be appropriated by the Legislature.
The first question runs to me therefore,
to be, where shall the money come
from - and that question you gentle-
men in Albany can answer, better than
I can - It may be there are funds on
hand which can be applied to this
object - The surplus revenues from the

canals, for instance, after satisfying the constitutional requirements upon them, might, perhaps, be applied to this object - or some other fund. If so it is a very simple matter to appropriate them - But if there be no such fund, then resort must be had to borrowing or to taxation - Probably the Constitution would be in the way of borrowing -

Then are the sources - Then the question comes, shall the bill making the appropriation be a separate bill, or shall the appropriation be included with others for canal construction or improvement, in the same bill - I have supposed the latter would probably be the case, and if so then the bill must be prepared in Albany - Now a specimen of such a bill, where a tax is to be levied, allow me to refer you to Laws of 1860 page 355, Chap. 213 - and for you when no tax was to be raised to Laws of 1862

^{of course there are many such bills, varying according to circumstances}
page 301 Chap. 137 - You will see that before you can draw a bill you must settle the point from what fund you will ask for the money, and whether you will ask alone, or in conjunction with other works - We tried hard to get into the bill of 1860, to which I have referred you, & did get in in the Senate, but were stricken out in the House - They then objected that we had no business in such a bill, until we had first got a law authorizing the work - Now we have such a law - & unless there is some new doctrine, I don't see why we may not now go to work in that way - If so, and if that be the best way, then those who represent us in Albany will have to ascertain what other applications are proper to go along with us - This will be naturally a question for the Canal Committee - but of course the friends of ^{our} ~~own~~ work should, as you suggest, come together and act together for its

its best good. In the Senate, Mr. Bailey of Ohio & Mr. Julian of ~~California~~ ^{California} are to be regarded as directly interested in this work & perhaps others would take an active interest in it. In the Assembly ^{& Mr. Blakeslee} Mr. Weaver of Ohio, Mr. Lippitt of Mass., the ~~California~~ ^{California} ~~Broom~~ ^{Broom} & ~~Stowe~~ ^{Stowe} Members have a direct interest in the work - I think too Mr. Alvord, the ~~Speaker~~ ^{Speaker}, may ^{be} value upon as a true friend of the work - & it has many other friends -

It seems to me there are points to be settled which must be settled in Albany & cannot be here, before a bill can be drawn, and that the friends of the measure there should be to settling them with as little delay as is consistent with prudent action - Mr. Thompson of this Co. will do what he can, and is on the canal committee, but he is a new member & will have it all to learn. Col. Davis will write him and send him a draft of a separate bill, to be used as he upon consultation with you and others, shall deem best, or not use at all, if that be thought best - We must leave the matter with our representatives, being ^{anxious} to aid them in every way we can -

Very truly,
John J. Taylor.

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

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT.

Office of Superintendent of Cayuga Division,

Ithaca, N. Y., Jan'y 14 1864

Hon E. Conell

Dr Sir -

Your last
was duly rec^d & I thank
you for so promptly putting
our same Bill on its passage
I think well of incorporating
the His Society - will bring
the matter up at next meeting
Each is the Coal Statment
I have given prices for May &
Nov. each year - which will
give you the highest & lowest
rates each year - As rates
vary from month ^{to month} it would
involve too much writing to
give rates for every month for
so long a time
Yours Very Respectfully
W H Humphrey

Ithaca Tuesday evening
January. 1864

Hon E. Cornell

Dear Sir,

This day I saw
Mr J. C. McWhorter in relation to ft.
on stone from Syracuse - he says
he has the shipping bill \$4. for you
that dont follow that it is right I
suppose McWhorter told the man
at Syracuse to put it on the bill \$4.
and he did so. - but the Captain is
the man to govern the price I should
suppose -

We have pleasant winter
weather ~~here~~ here but poor
slighing and fine wheeling -

Tomorrow I am to be accom-
panied by the Ladies. I trust they will
have a pleasant time - am sure they
will miss yourself and Mrs Cornell

I have received the Country Gent
back numbers all correct - I have
not rec^d the back or missing No^s.
of the Agriculturist or Horticulturist
as yet - expect to soon

All well

Yours Respectfully
N. Crittenden

I do not like the Canal
Committee in the House
it looks salty but smells
of Oswego bap. -

C.

N. Crittenden
Jan^y 14. 64

Ithaca Jan'y 15-1864

Hon. E. Cornell.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 13th

came to-night. Boardman mailed you to-day charter of "Cascadilla Place" which I have examined & approve. Yesterday I mailed you a drainage bill. Next week is Court. At its close I will finish Villages Charter & draft that of Historical Society. I am worked hard these days but hope to get through safe.

Your remarks with reference to a will have staggered me. Your reflections have carried you into a region where mine had not entered. I had assumed that your general purpose was, after using freely for the public good your means, as I have seen you steadily do, to leave the remainder in

equal portions to your heirs. I had not dreamed of any scheme of public beneficence or charity to be provided for by will. My thought was only this: to make a will, appointing Executors; to give to them, the Library lot & such an amount as you would deem sufficient in Trust to be expended by them in completing your plans and then to convey the whole to the Library Trustees. That would remove one possible difficulty. Then to give to your Executors as power to sell Real Estate & divide the proceeds. That would remove a second. Then, if you so preferred, to give them your Telegraph stock in Trust either to hold the same together for a period of years or to divide it equally - thus avoiding a necessity of sale. That removes

a third difficulty. Then Executors do not have to give security; that obviates a fourth difficulty; and finally a certified copy of such a Will proves itself in any State so as to allow the Executors to qualify & act there; & that removes a very serious trouble. It was some such a will that I had in my mind, one that left your property to descend just as it would if no will was made, and yet that went far enough to avoid the difficulties which, as a lawyer, I so often run against in the case of minor children and large estates & which would secure beyond the reach of accident or difficulty the completion of your Library in which I feel as deep an interest as even you do & to which I look forward as a great benefit & blessing both to me and my children

after me. So far, I thought it an act of duty & friendship to go with my suggestions. Beyond that, I had no thoughts. Now you must excuse me if I hesitate to follow you into the field you have opened: and if, too, I suggest whether it is not best for the present to make some such formal will as that I have indicated, leaving the question whether you should hereafter allot so large a portion of your property to beneficent & public purposes for a very deliberate & mature consideration. If you should determine upon such an allotment, no aid, advice or assistance within the scope of my ability should be wanting & yet I should feel horribly incompetent to do more than merely follow your lead. I like better - much better the plan you are now acting on of

doing good as you go along - while you are present to execute your own plans - while it is possible to see and detect & correct mistakes if they occur - than that of reserving such things for Executors or Trustees. It is worthy of consideration, too, whether the example of the father might not be followed by the children & if so whether something beyond a liberal independence might not wisely be confided to them. Considerations like these must be weighed by you & you alone: no third person can even help you to decide them for they depend very much upon facts & opinions known only to yourself in their full extent. If after such reflection as I am sure you will give the subject you should in the end conclude to devote by will some portion of your property to benevolent or

public purposes beyond what we all know you will do in your lifetime and should fix & determine the amount or proportions then I should freely discuss with you the objects and purposes to be accomplished & the best means of doing so. But I could not do that without some serious reflection where as yet I have indulged in none. Anything I might now suggest would be very crude & undigested. Whenever the time comes that your own preliminary intentions are settled & fixed I will "shell out" at your command all the ideas or plans that I think may be of any use to you. But I should have to get them together, sift them, and label them first.

I have written you very frankly, thinking seriously while doing so: but the whole subject is of such

magnitude - takes me so by surprise - that I ought, really, to have reflected more before writing at all. But you have my first impressions drawn out by your letter.

Of course your letter shall be thoroughly confidential. I shall avoid even a mention of its receipt, though as I wrote you before the subject of such a limited will having reference to your Library mainly was discussed between Alonzo & myself as one mode of avoiding possible difficulties. What you have written & may write shall remain as it is your personal secret.

The Blunt Sale we suppose, will take place in about six weeks.

The ladies at the Club Rooms have got a good joke on both themselves & you. Fifteen of them have worked all day without saying a

word! If I can steal an hour
to-morrow I must immortalize them
in Seekreg's paper. They say you
promised them \$50. if they would
do it. Consider yourself elected!

Yours Truly

F. M. Finch

F. M. Finch
18 June 64

Ithaca January 15, 1864

Hon. Ezra Cornell

Or Sir

We enclose you herewith
draft of act of incorporation for
proposed Medical Institution

It undoubtedly has great defects
but they are such as might very
naturally arise from the little
consultation that has been had
as to the present plan proposed.

Of course you will exercise the
utmost freedom in changing or
remodelling the whole thing

In the charter of Savings Bank
John C. Stowell is printed John Stowel
John E. Whiten is printed Whiting

Perhaps they had better be corrected

Yours Truly

Boas and Fisk

NEW-YORK & HARLEM RAILROAD COMPANY.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,

CORNER OF FOURTH AVENUE AND TWENTY-SIXTH STREET,

New-York. Jan 15th 1864

Dear Sir

Please find enclosed
Complimentary Pass over our
Road for the Legislative term.

Yours Truly
E. Cornell

How Ezra Cornell

Jan^y 19th Rec^d and returned
the above Pass to C. Funderbelt
Esq. by Mail

E. Cornell

Connell
Jan⁴/16/64

Albany Jan⁹/16.64

Dear Horro

I have a line from
Palmer informing me that
stock dividend, amount
being $33\frac{1}{3}$ per ct to 2893
shares, inclusive a fraction
for which I have to pay \$33.34

I have no mem^o of my
stock here, but I think
this is wrong for the follow-
ing reasons -

I find by my old mem^o
book, that my dividend in
Apr 1863, being 2 per ct made
\$17.836, or equal to 8,918
shares, $33\frac{1}{3}$ per ct is 2,972- $\frac{2}{3}$
The March dividend was

\$240, or on 120 shares
33 $\frac{1}{3}$ per ct is 40, "
thus making 160 of
the Marsh stock with div
added, and add 8.918.

and $\frac{2972\frac{2}{3}}{12,050\frac{2}{3}}$ Shares.

Please examine and see
if I am right -

How much did Palmer
make my dividend amount
to,?

I have rec^d The Marsh
Dividend of \$360, and suppose
my order from Marsh cov-
ers the stock dividend also -
but Palmer says nothing
about the latter -

Your Mother's div \$912.⁰⁰ also
came to her here -

Yours Respectfully

E. Cornell

A. B. Cornell

Itaca New York

Jan 17th 1864

Dear Father

I received your letter of the 10th inst by Mr Smith in due season and have waited for Sunday to come so that I could answer it.

Mae & I went up to Dryden today to see how they were all getting along. Emma baby has just been taken sick again she is afraid she is going to have the scarlett fever. Cordelia is getting along very slow she cant get about the house yet and the rest are sick with the blues.

Lambert's family is coming down here to stay as soon as Grace gets so they have come out.

What have you concluded to do with the Dryden farm Aunt Em

was asking me to day what
arrangements we were going
to make about working it and
I could not tell her — just advise
me what you want me to do about
it. I wish you would write to
that man in Vermont that has
got that Buck and have him
send him home all the rest —
are home except the one Danham
had. Our wild Cock Turkey got
killed yesterday I don't know ^{how} with
out Yours & Charley's dog killed it
if he did not do it the other Turkey
must have done it — we let them
out of the coop about 2 weeks ago
and they stayed around the barn
and was as tame as our white ones —

You ask how our lambs stood the
cold weather & how the Phenix stood
2 week ago to day — ~~Friday~~ ^{Friday} morn
it was 43° Above Zero & ~~Saturday~~ ^{Saturday} morn 3°
below quite a change in 24 hours

but the lambs stood it first rate
we have had only 2 & they are doing
well — Our sheep & cattle are all
doing well one of the Southdown
Back lambs weighs 135 lb

Fidgett has got 4 lice on her to every
spear of hair this sounds like a big
story but if you could see them you
would give it up and say go to work
and kill them — Tell Mother that I
got home from Courtland that night just
7 o'clock — John Brown has volunteered
again he went to a New Years Ball
and was gone 3 days and when he
got home he went and put his name
down. Tell Mother that she must
not be too fast now that her dividend
is getting so large — All well

Yours Affectionately
F. C. Cornell

F. Cornell

Albany Jan^y 17, 64

Dear Henry

My book shows the facts in regard to the Water line - It may be proper to add interest, as I expected to pay cash for it -

Wm. Little, Andrews & Co. will pay for what they had of it, at same rate that we have to pay -

Yours in haste
E. Corvill

A.B.C.

P.S. I am quite afflicted with a lame back, don't know the cause, Hope to be better soon -
E.C.

Ithaca Jan. 17. 1864

My Dear Father,

Your favor of the 14th inst. in regard to Notary Publics, came to hand last evening.

I enclose an amendment which I wish you would get passed, so as to allow each Bank one Notary. As the law now stands we shall be constantly annoyed, and each year one of the Banks in danger of losing its Notary by some one else being sharp enough to get ahead of us. I think you can procure this amendment without much trouble, please try it.

I enclose letter and bill from Cartwright. If correct return to me with directions for payment.

What shall I do about that Freight bill of McWhorter's, It is

an outrageous swindle to say the least.

We have secured Moores shop for the Bank, and I am going to N.Y. in the morning to procure our Books, blank drafts, certificates &c &c. Southworth don't get home yet. When he does I shall have to go to Washington to deposite our Securities get the charter. Shall be back from N.Y. by Thursday.

We shall get ready to commence business somewhere from the 20th of Feb. to 1st March.

The Ladies at their meeting at the Club Room on Thursday took up your proposition to give \$50. to see a dozen women get together and work all day without talking, and determined to try it on Friday, which they did. 15. going through

the day from 9. a.m. to 5 p.m. entirely mute. I suppose you have been officially advised in regard to the matter. All I can say is, (though I suppose you make the proposition as a jest), they have beaten you, and the best way out is to pay them the money for the benefit of their institution. The operation has caused a great deal of amusement in town, and you are fairly elected for the money.

Very Truly Yours

A. B. Cornell

E.C.

Delivered Albany Jan 4.
17th 64

Dear Sir

Yours of 15th inst hand
also a line from Boardman en-
closing a draft for Cascade
Institute, with blanks to fill
with names of incorporators.
I have written to Miss Kiverson
to suggest names to fill blank.

Will not you suggest names
of persons who will aid with
capital and active assistance
& influence — I will suggest
That Miss Kiverson & Dr Mor-
gan should be named as in-
corporators, I don't recollect
of any constitutionally disability
in ladies to being incorporated,
Send on the names —

We can cure the Savings Bank
Charter by correcting names in
the act and adding two or three
more, and thus avoid the odium
of dropping any without prominent
cause. What do you say to this
suggestion =

As to will your suggestions
of preliminary action in that
line may be the wiser course
Trusting to the possible pro-
longation of my life for the
development of unmaturing
plans of the future =

How many executors are usual
and how many, wise to appoint?
Does the Statute fix the number
in any way?

The propriety of naming some
of my children, or wife and
children in that capacity.

I have just read through
your drainage bill, and don't
see any defects in it.

It may be that we shall
have to curtail it of the
20 Section =

I am not in despair
of our Canal Charter
notwithstanding Alwood's
House Count. Which was
made to kill my bill as
I have been told by an ex-
Senator who had a talk
with A. on the subject.
The lobby is also against me
on general principles, I have
never been a favorite of theirs.
Salt Point is against me I told
2 years ago to slough off the
inspection nuisance, and save
\$40,000 per an to the State
The Broadway, N.R. Problem, an

against me, as I would not
accept a pass in their cars -

The People's college are against
me, because I demand that they
shall be honest and respectable
and not take that which don't
belong to them -

The Ag. Central R.R. is against
for the reason that I was one
of the two members in the last
Legislature who refused to
ride free over their roads
and spurned their proffered
passes. My conscience is
with me, and in times past
has sustained me in harder
fights than the present, with
greater odds against me,
My Guardian Angel whispers
"all is right, go ahead, and trust
a just cause for victory" -

Yours respectfully

Wm. Finck Esq

E. Cornell

July 17th /64

after writing the accompanying letter I found that it was only a rumor and that Colonel Bingham had not resigned but contemplated doing so. however the officers have tired waiting for his voluntary act in that direction and by a unanimous petition have requested him to do so. if this request is not acceded to Measures will at once be taken to have him dismissed the Service which can and could have been done any time during the past three months but out of regard for his feeble State of health have borne with him until "forbearance has ceased to be a virtue"

after writing the letter I pondered much whether to take such action had the case been as I anticipated. but upon mature deliberation have concluded to do so for several reason some of which I will name first after the Colonel is disposed of it will properly belong to me as the St Colonel never intends to return to the field

but will hold the position long as possible or until superseded. and Major Bradley has no right even to the position he now holds having come to the Regiment as before stated and added simply his own strength, which unfortunately is not appreciated, and can not get the name of a single officer in the Regiment to recommend him. but upon the strength of the rumor that came (went as many of us suppose) to what friends he has in this Corps and near as we can find out among the number was one General, who else we do not know. but we are sure he is preparing his papers, and through some friend of his in the Adjutant General's office at Albany contemplates accomplishing what ever he desires.

The officers feel that the absence of two field officers and the presence of one worse than none is none than they can bear, and some declare, and some swear they will have a line colonel at all hazards. The Hon R. E. Fenton

and an other gentleman in Washington from the Cattaraugus, ^{District} understand the whole matter and are much interested being great friends of the Regiment, and have told some of the Officers that if they would agree upon the man they wanted and send them the petition - one of them would go to Albany and see that their wishes are regarded. the officers have concluded to do so and without doubt will all most Unanimously write on me.

but I am a little fearful they may take a notion to keep the Regiment in Cattaraugus hands and will conclude it best to make Brooks the Colonel. that would not dissatisfy me provided he was going to be with us. but as it is think best to "go the whole hog". I will state in order that you may understand the whole matter that Colonel Brooks is disabled for the field but is on detached service which makes it a little difficult to reach his case.

Now General having laid the case before you voluminous as I deem necessary or advisable

I have in conclusion to say that I am quite certain, you know, that either your influence. Colonel Bartos, or certainly both can accomplish this thing through acquaintance and friendship with Governor Seymour and upon the ground I have given you to work upon. if you see fit to do so. of course that is a matter to be left all together with you. if the decision should be favorable and the matter can not be reached by letter either your self or the Colonel may go to Albany at my expense. please inform me on receipt of this what your decision is, if favorable, I will inform you when the vacancy occurs in the min time you can prepare for review &c. I desire this to be confidential.

I have no news of special interest. the weather has been very cold but now mild & pleasant we are occupying an advanced position supporting the Cavalry Bickets. have changed position and been compelled to build winter quarters a third time all ready. I am General very Respectfully your obt Servt
Capt William Glenn