

New York April 7th 1863

Dear Cornell

Yours of the 5th is just at hand - I wrote you Friday giving you such information as I had on the subject. I wonder that you haven't had letter before this - Mr Curtis was to see me again before leaving. He failed to make connection.

I understood Mr Curtis was going home by some circuitous route. He requested me to write you - saying was to accomplish something & write to Mr Moore of Buffalo who in turn was to write & send to Mr Curtis. Mr Curtis to take to you for your personal &c. - I think you must have received it by this time - Mr Loring told me yesterday that he had a note from you inquiring about Mr Curtis, He couldn't tell me anything about him. ~~He~~ David Cadogan.

was in Form & would be seen
yesterday. To call today in the PM &
they would be able to give me
some further information respecting
the prognosis. I wrote you that 2 of
the Original Co had backed out
You probably know that Shel Moore
of Buffalo fills out place to \$10,000
money can be had easily enough it is
looked upon by Chester & some friends
of Raymond as a capital investment
\$100,000 could be raised easily may be
if required. I however think that a
mortgage on the 9 1/2 mile Torrey Road
wouldn't be a bad idea that would
make the thing safe beyond any contingency
Write me soon

Respectfully
M. P. R. R.
50, 1st St. Rm 26

J. Durham
Apr 7. 63

Home April 7th 1863
Hon E. Cornell
Delavan House
Albany N.Y.

Dear Sir

I recd your petition
some days ago, signed it, &
so did Chase; then sent it
to Etna requesting Otis to so-
licit petitioners fast as possible
at the store and return it to
you - To day I learned he had
done nothing with it yet, but
promised to immediately -

I this day recd a letter from
B. W. Squires in Dixon Ill - He
wants to use that Propeller
Model of Cartwright that I
left with you in Albany 3
years ago last winter - Where
is it? Will you please have it

sent to him at Chicago by
Express & much obliged →
Our Republican Caucus
was held today at Dryden
Centre; and such a caucus
was never before known in
Dryden → The people are
making up to the importance
of attending to the Rudiments of
Politics → 221 votes were
cast at an informal ballot
for Collector → The old
supervisor Luther Griswold
is the nominee for this year.
Yours truly

J. Dunham

W B Wood

Apr 7. 63

Albion April 7th 1863

Dear Ezra

Yours of 2nd inst.
is at hand and also map
of Lagrange farm which I
will try and see & examine
shortly & report its merits.
Also the Legislative Manual
for which I am much obliged
We have moved into the
brick house but we have
all been sick & the things
tumbled in topsyturvy so
we cant find things handy
and our folks are a little
out of sorts and inclined
to make rather illnatured
remarks on passing events
and I fear praise on the
patriotism of your sister
was not appreciated

as it ought to be.

She thinks to teach to her patriotism & economy and sacrifice of the elegancies of life is not in good taste from one who is spending \$40. a week for board &c.

You see her notions are a little secesh, and I am doing my best to convince her that democratic economy is just what we need to practice now in these crazy times of war & high prices.

We have the parlors now carpeted and they ^{look} as well as nine tenths of all the houses in town and I say are good enough for three or four years, and have not cost us three dollars extra expense in fitting

them up. We do not need a dollars worth of furniture to make the house as comfortable as it need be. I would much rather the \$100. would go into the tombstones and monuments now being finished at Ithaca for father & Mother Cornell and the family burying grounds which I intend to improve this summer.

Our little boy Harold is quite feeble yet from the severe attack of fever and convulsive spasms he had two weeks ago, and it requires all Aslina's time to take care of him.

Alonzo sent on the amt of the bonds and if we

get 2 per cent on the
increased capital we
shall be perfectly easy
as to finance this spring
I have paid all up for
the house except \$500, which
is not due and I cant
get the man to consent to
take the money. I have it
ready for him now.

I have taken judgment
in chancery on the Mumbra
Mortgage of \$2000, & sale will
take place in Sept. when
I hope to pay off all my
creditors & have some money
left for improvements on the
lots here. I have written Otis
that I would be one of ten to
make up bounty to Amanda
Jacobs. Town election yesterday
all Republican. Yours truly
M B Wood

Ypsaloe Sept. 8th 1863
Hon^{ble} Ezra Cornell
Albany

Dear Sir

Enclosed herewith I send you
Petition with some names, as reported
And I regret that there are not
more I had desired to have sent
it long before but it got mislaid
in my absence And in my haste
it has not needed the attention that
I wish it had. Nearly every man
will sign it if properly presented
If you have not already recd
these Mr McHardy has quite
a good many names for you
I thank you sincerely for your favors
Recd at different times Hoping that
your other petitions are well & good
Yours truly
E. M. Corbridge

Ovid April 8. 1863

Hon E Cornell

My dear Sir
I inclosed & mailed to day a list
of names to a petition in favor
of the New Y. S. Agt College to
Mr Mc Lean our member

I hope the Senate Bill will
not pass your House

I am truly Yours

Avrad Joy



State of New-York,
Comptroller's Office,

Ithaca, April 8th 1868

Hon. E. Cornell

Dear Sir - Inclosed you
will find draft for \$2,500 in favor of
State Treasurer for State Exp. Will
you please hand it to him & find
out how my account stands.
If it should overpay, as I
think it will not, you can
get a check or draft for the
overplus & send me

The Copperheads here
obtained a gain of Cornput
out of the Town Meeting held
yesterday - although there
was no real advantage.
In this town they elected P. J.
Portenheimer over Whiton
by 96 majority and all

their ticket except Over-
seer of the Poor & one
Constable by majority
ranging down to 9. The
elector Isaac Randolph
for Overseer of the Poor by
85 majority over Mahlon
Rowe & Warren D. Gay
Constable over John Ballister
Esq. Their candidate for
Collector, Dennis Moody
was elected by min. maj.
On the whole the ticket
is ahead not over 80 - which
is at least 20 less margin
than they had last year, when
their supporters of election
were about 100 majority,
although we carried from
men through.

Infidel elects a Copper-
head Supervisor by 14 maj.

and most of the tickets but
by still less maj. Newfield
elects Copperheads though
not by about 30. These re-
sults show no actual
change of votes but give
them a little encourage-
ment to talk.

The balance of the
County have elected
Republican Union officers.
Throughout with increase
majorities from last
spring - unless it may
turn out that Griswold
drops a little behind
in consequence of
some controversy over the
management of the volunteer
bounty fund.

But Connecticut Rhode
Island & the rest glorious
Vox tantus Wesley Hooker

West Gorton ^{my}
Apr 9 1863

Hon. E. Cornell.

Dear Sir

Please send me
a copy of your book
for which you desire
agents, if you will
do so I will endeavor
to give it a wide
circulation

Respectfully

Job Boyle

received
of Job Boyle
Apr 11 1863

Moravia N.Y. April 9, 1863
Hon E. Cornell

Dear Sir

Have you
for sale any thoroughbred
short horn Bull calves, I mean
those dropped this spring. I
would be glad to get one,
either red or red roan, if
I can do so at a price, which
an ordinary farmer can afford
to pay. If you have such
for sale, please give me a
description, with price &c
and oblige

Very Truly,
James H Jewett

To Hon E. Cornell.

Albany April 9th 1863

Dear Sir

Some bearing date this day came to hand. Mr McGowan is absent & has been for two weeks. I look for his return every day. His attention will be drawn to your request as soon as he returns

Respy Yours

A. J. Wiggant
McGowan, & Wiggant

64 Beale Street
New York 9th April 1863

Hon Ezra Cornell

Sir

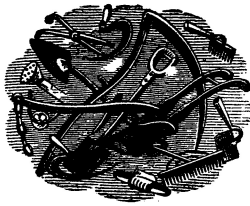
I perceive that an application is now before the Senate to revive and continue the franchise and charter of the Raritan Canal Co. in the hands of the parties who have held the same for over 30 years without accomplishing any result except delay of the work.

A work of such importance to the State. Should be placed in the hands of parties willing to devote their means to its construction but the object of this application seems to be to shut off competition by continuing the franchise in the hands of men who have abused it for 33 years and to prevent more liberal minded men from subscribing their money. until they had purchased from these parties the right to do so.

I have called upon two of the very highly respectable gentlemen named as commissioners in the proposed act. who reside in this city. and they assure me that the use of their names under the circumstances contemplated in the act. was wholly unauthorised by them and that personally they know nothing of the project.

Very truly yours

R. M. Sumner



OFFICE OF THE AMERICAN AGENCY FOR THE

Hamburg International Agricultural Exhibition

OF JULY, 1863.

AUSTIN BALDWIN & CO.

72 BROADWAY,

PROPRIETORS OF THE

American-European Express.

New York April 9th 1863.

Mr Ezra Cornell

Albany

My dear Sir

Our friends called in on Tuesday with the Secretaries of the Chamber of Commerce and reported rather unfavorably upon the efforts to raise the sum suggested to pay the transportation expenses of contributors to the City of Hamburg, but Mr. Stevens will make a further effort on Monday next, yet we are confident that the proposition for each State to provide for itself in this particular is much better than to depend upon the beggarly resort of private subscriptions, and indeed there is but slight reason for calling upon the merchants of this city for their hands in their pockets to the aid of 250,000 dollars a piece to support our national dignity at Hamburg at this gathering of European nations, and they say with some good show of reason, that they have no immediate interest in this matter but is rather belonging to the manufacturers of agricultural implements who

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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who have an immediate interest in opening a foreign market, this would be a strong point were not our manufacturers already more than full with orders, mainly, owing to the scarcity of agricultural labor and in their own situation they will not be disposed to pay the whole expense of space at Hamburg, and transportation, included.

But the State of New York should take a more broad view of the matter she is to appear at this great gathering as representative of one of the great States of the Union by a delegate sent from her State Agricultural Society, and not only the Agricultural Implements & Machinery made and used by her citizens, but liberal specimens of agricultural products, samples of the Cereals of Corn and all articles of this kind for the purposes of exchange and distribution. The Flour manufacturers should send in a barrel or so of their choicest brands of flour, the Hardt Marzani and other articles manufactured in our State, extensively, should appear.

We are informed that Corn is being extensively introduced in Hungary and Southern Germany.

me Steamer having taken me two baskets of
seed, soap, Hemp, Flax, provisions,
fruits, preserved in the various ways now
known would be a proper article, it would
require all these and much more to
represent our agricultural industry, but
in the most instances there is no inducement
for individuals to send them at their own
expense and if we appear at all provision
should be made in the way you propose
to have new Irish appear respectable.

Now in this matter we have no
pecuniary interest. The Societies Commemorate
complimented us by naming us as agents
in the United States in consequence of our
personal & business relations with some
of the leading houses in that City and
we therefore have a pride in being successful
in sending a fair contribution to the exhibition
beside our National feeling creating a
desire that the people of Europe may be
assured that we are not so far crushed
with our national troubles as to make
unable to sustain our position in this effort
in which we have been invited to assist
the nations of Europe to promote the cause
of agricultural industry.

Yours Truly
William F. Pullen

Ithaca, April 9-1863
Hon. S. Cornell.

A consultation with
Colonel Dowe leads me to the
following statement & suggestions.
By the Militia Law as it stood
prior to this winter I understand
it was made the duty of the
Board of Supervisors to furnish
to the Regiment a drill room &
armory at an annual expense of
not more than \$150. An after
provision however provided that
in case the Supervisors neglected
so to do the Colonel of the Regt
might furnish the same at the
expense of the County but to an
amount not exceeding fifty Dollars.
The Supervisors have always taken
advantage of this provision and
neglected to make an appropriation

leaving the Colonel to furnish it
at an expense of but \$50. I
understand the Militia law is
undergoing amendment. Would
it not be policy to amend by
giving the Colonel power to
go to \$150 in case the Supervisors
neglected? We might thus make
the appropriation reasonably sure.

Dowe proposed to write to
Maj Sprague the Adjutant Genl
on this point. I mention the
matter that you may see whether
it be not possible in this way to
make reasonably sure of \$150
extra rent from your building.

Besides. Dowe urges that
your first floor should be not
less than five feet above ground.
He says the drill-room will
require it & the beauty and
symmetry of the building equally

so. The more I think of it the more
my opinion goes in that direction.
Very Truly Yours

A. M. Finch

Albany Apr 9. 1868

Dear Sir

Yesterday I met with adverse action on the bill for chartering the Cayuga & Oswego Canal Co. — It was sent from Com of the Whole back to the Canal Com. This was designed as a death thrust, but I may possibly get a report from them ~~at~~.

Albany members voted enmasse against me.

You are well acquainted with the merits of this ~~bill~~ measure, (The old Sodus Canal) and if in your power to aid us, it would be a favor that our citizens would kindly remember, and duly appreciate

Yours Respectfully
E Cornell

M Mc Gown Esq

Dear Mr. Sumner Apr 9/63
Hon E. C. Correll
Albany MS

Sir I understood
that a bill has been introduced
in the Senate to renew the
old Sodus Canal Charter

I also understood that
you have introduced a bill
for a charter for a new
company

As the old company
has accomplished nothing for
30 years past, I think that
if a charter was granted to
a new co the Canal would
be built immediately

I am among the strong
of commision to renew the
old Charter. He from Walbridge
of our city, I have called
on him to day for information
in relation to it and he
informs me that he knows
nothing about the old co or
canal, that some man

recently I spoke to him
about a Garbus Canal but
he knows nothing about
it and has never thought
of it since, and did
not know that his name
was among the commissioners
and that he has no interest
in the bill whatever

I think it is now a
very favorable time to build
the Canal and as it is an
important work I hope
your bill will succeed

Yours
J. A. Lyon

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T. R. WALKER, President.

To E. Cornell

By Telegraph from Rochester
April 10 1863 Rec'd _____ M.

Your dividend is subject to your
order direct as to remittance
O. H. Palmer
Treasr

DX

New York April 10th 1863

Dear Sir,

Without any special purpose, or real object, I thought I would drop you a line this morning in reference to our bright project. I just came from 65 Beane where I had a short ~~interview~~^{to} with one of the Mr Torry. He has made a proposition with Mr Cass in person - which was not refused - but to be taken into further consideration. Mr Cass & Co were to have had an other interview with Mr Torry before this, but the sickness or death of one of the Co. changed the program somewhat. Mr Cass telegraphs & writes Mr Torry. I understand, that the original proposition only can be considered - \$50,000 - or something to that import. Mr Torry thinks there will be no difficulty in consummating the thing if that amount is raised. Notwithstanding some outside party has volunteered the information to Mr Torry that Cass & Co don't want to sell out - A letter from Syracuse this morning is all favorable. Mr Torry wants Mr Curtis to come on here as soon as possible & get up the subscription. He has written & telegraphed him at Utica. He does not request me to write & say anything on the subject - It is entirely voluntary on my part.

Mr Torry speaks very positively of the Lucrative prospect. He says the contract is worth \$100,000 & I suppose you will be down here soon.

Mr. E. Cornell }
Albany }
my

Very Respectfully
W. P. Faw

50 & 52
Rm St.

Southbridge Mass. April 10. 1863.
Ezra Cornell Esq. —

Dear Sir,

Our Coal & Oil Company is enjoying a protracted sleep, or, shall it be called, death? The first week of Decr. last, having been notified that there would be a meeting of the Company at Mr. Chestnut's office, I went to New-York to attend it. Of course, in the absence of the Ohio members and yourself, no meeting could be had. At that time, gentlemen in New-York informed me, that a project was entertained for a sale of the Co.'s property — that Messrs. Wiley & Osborne, or else yourself, would buy the whole. It seems desirable to make some move in the matter. Being one of the small owners, a sale of the property would probably endanger my own interest, and the interests of other small owners. Therefore, will it not be fair, that you buy up these minor interests in the first place? I would sell mine for a reasonable consideration.

It cost me at the beginning \$500.00; -
then, an assessment of \$125.00; - and, afterwards,
an assessment of \$75.00; amounting to the
sum of \$700.00. What, now, now will
you give me for my interest in the
Company? - Please do me the favor
to write soon at convenience, and inform
me on any points relating to the Compa-
ny, it being a considerable time since I
have learned any particulars. Though the
rich streams from the Oil-wells seem to
have been unfavorable to the success of
our Company, yet an abundance has
thus been supplied, which has greatly
benefitted the public generally; and in
this we may rejoice, while our
private interests suffer.

I am, Dear Sir,
Very Respectfully Yours,
E. Carpenter.

Mechanics and Farmers' Bank,

Albany, April 10th 1863

Wm

Ezra Cornell.

Dear Sir

I regard the
Bank bill which has passed the
Senate & is now before your House
as of great importance to the
public & I believe this to be the
opinion of our Bankers in this
State, with scarcely an exception.

As you honored me by asking
my opinion on another matter,
I trust you will pardon me
for volunteering my opinion
concerning the bill in question.

I have the honor to be
With great regard

Yr. A. S.

Thomas W. Olcott

May I ask you to show this to Mr. Douglas

Rochester April 11
1863

Hon Ezra Cornell

My dear Sir

I noticed
yesterday in one of our city
papers the fact that you had
devoted \$50,000 to the founding
of a public library in the
village of Ithaca -

I have a high admiration
of an act like this come from
whatever quarter & bestowed
upon whatever locality it may -

But I feel a special pleasure
in it considering who ~~makes~~
~~it is~~ ~~the~~ does it in the present
instance, & the particular com-
munity that is to reap its
benefit.

For I knew you in former years
well - without the early advantages
of Education and of Books which
you have nobly determined to
make up to others your believe
in the value of Books & of a
liberal Education have shown
you further by your works in
a manner seldom illustrated
by self made men - I do have
seen the architect of your own
fortune & yet you love other things
better than the money you have
made - a thing equally rare
with ~~the~~ your appreciation of the
benefit of Book learning -

Again - If there is a spot
of Earth which I cling to more
tenderly & to which my thoughts
revolve more frequently than any
other it is the beautiful & fertile
village where I spent some of the
happiest years of my life &

where I hope to lay my bones
when life is done -

Upon the whole this act of
yours is so entirely after my
own heart that I cannot
refrain from thanking you as
personally for it -

May God multiply such
beneficence as this in these
days of grasping selfishness
& when so many are fattening
on the calamities of their Country -

It is true patriotism -
Wealth cannot be better bestowed
& patriotism cannot be better
employed than in thus laying
new foundations of our
Country's prosperity & welfare -

I am very truly &
gratefully yours

A. Schuyler

Camp opposite Fredericksburg
April 12th 1862

Gen O. Cornell

Sir

Your favor of 6th inst came duly to hand yesterday. Dr. Kelsey has been notified of his promotion. Ezra K. Shepherd is a 1st Sergeant in Company C (my own) the vacancies existing of which I mentioned in my last were caused by the promotion of 1st Lieut Fuller to of Co F to be Captain & 1st Lieut Fassett of Co G to be Captain.

I was of the opinion that at Albany they did not keep track of companies as when they commission men it is for such Regiment & not company but I see readily that it might be possible for two of same name & rank to be in the same Regiment. I have heard that persons have been recommended to fill those vacancies and further that no more promotions were to be made at present until a decision was made as to whether Old Regiments should be filled or consolidated. I do not desire you to be discommoded by attending to this when you are pressed with other business & prefer to let the matter go rather than put you to much trouble or than that any undue effort should be made. When I wrote you before

I had got my dauber up a little because the Regiment went in for only such as were from their locality and as I had all ready learned that I must look out for ~~xxx~~ ^{number} one concluded to try hereafter to play my own hand so far as I could here, and bring what influence I could from out side. if it can be done easy you may make the effort if not I think I would not press it, but be governed by your own impulses.

Speaking of consolidations I hope the Government will not resort to it if any way can be provided to fill them up. those who have served thus far during the war have a great horror of consolidation, and a particular pride in the letter of company and number of Regiment in which they have served. and I think it would have a tendency to depress their spirits.

There was a special muster on the tenth which undoubtedly had something to do with the matter. as it was mainly to find out the strength of each Regiment. very few of the old Regiments number over five hundred present and absent and many of them not over from three to four hundred. if the consolidations take place it will be of such as are less than five hundred the 64th Numbers about four hundred fifty present and absent. the weather is very fine —

When I wrote you last I thought a move would take place before this but the weather has been bad since and now I do not see as much prospect as then, but I have confidence to believe that Hooker knows pretty well what he is about. for a few months past the finances and Government property has been looked after pretty sharp. They are requiring officers to make their returns and reports of property in their hands and holding them to a strict account. heretofore a great deal of allowance has been made for this emergency and monster rebellion which came upon us so suddenly. The Army is also undergoing a thorough course of instruction in the art of war. I will not now make any predictions as to future moves, for I must confess in that respect I can not see beyond my nose.

in any event I have no fears but what the representatives of Tompkins will do their duty at least they all way have. pledging that such shall be the case in the future

I Remain Very Respectfully Your Obedt Servt

And Friend
Capt William Henry
C 60 64 Regt NY 15

St Nicholas Hotel
New York April 12. 1863

Hon E. A. Cornell

My dear Sir

I ought before leaving Albany to have had a fuller conference in relation to the action of your Committee on the Land Grant Bill, but you were too much engaged for me to intrude the subject upon you during the Session of the House, and the necessity of coming to the City in the afternoon forbade my waiting to see you at the close of the morning session.

— The amendment I handed your com. was this — Bill No 257 of the Senate with Section 2 amended so as to divide the proceeds of the whole grant equally between the People, College and the Agricultural College, — as this would dispose of the whole — Section 6 of that Bill which directs the Regents as to the disposition to be made of a remainder — is to be stricken out — there would be no remainder — I call your attention to Section 2 as amended, it modifies certain very unnecessary requirements demanded from the People

College, and which were put in the Bill purposely to exclude the Agricultural ~~Bill~~ a rather prevents their deriving benefit from the Bill if a motion should be made to include them - As amended by me the restrictions are quite as ample as they should be - any greater restrictions I trust you will oppose most vigorously -

If the amendment handed in by me is rejected in Committee - will you propose one that Senator Tobey offered in the Senate -

To give one third to the Agricultural College one third to the Peoples College - and one third to the Regents for distribution - (I think they cannot legally give it to other colleges - but that is a question really of law) - and I think the funds of Union - and Hamilton - of Hobart and of Rochester would all be benefited

- This amendment you can prepare in a few minutes - Take the Bill as already altered by me - In second section ~~section~~ where it reads "one half part to the Agricultural College" alter to one third part - then when it says "the

remaining half part to the People's College - make it
"and one third part." — Then restore Section 6
which applies to a remainder as I have stated —
and which would be operative upon the remaining
third part —

I believe such as all as this would secure a
majority of the joint committee - perhaps a unanimous
report in its favor. -

The Agricultural College Trustees respectfully insist
on their ~~the~~ college being named in the Bill and
as favorably as the People's College - if this be not done
they will feel slighted not to say degraded by
the Legislature, and as a consequence I fear Mr
Key and perhaps others will abandon the enterprise

One idea let me at the risk of being known
press upon you - The Agricultural College is this day
as well off pecuniarily as the People's College - we can
sell means belonging to us and by the sale of land pay
off our indebtedness - and have left 100 acres of
land and our College building - this is all the People's
College have - true they have a promise or rather
an intimation of an intention on the part of Senator

Cook - on the other hand we have assurance of
handsome though not such large donations as by,
from gentlemen in New York.

I return home Monday evening (tomorrow)
and shall hope soon after to hear from you

Most respectfully yours

W^m Kelly

P.S. If your Committee have not before them a copy of
our Report I think it would be well to have it read
before them. — The numerous petitions should also be looked at

If you find your associates here upon leaving
our College out, I hope you may be able to delay making
a report - and in that way prevent if possible such
urgent legislation.

Wm Kelly
Apr 12. 62

11/1
Camp of the 6th N.Y.V.
Apr 13th 1863

Sir

Having an opportunity to send a line direct to the Washington Post Office, I improve the opportunity as it will quite probably reach you soon as the one forwarded yesterday, and may save you some trouble. There has been promotion made to fill the vacancies for which I recommended Shepherd, news of which reached the Regiment yesterday.

The weather is pleasant and warm this morning. I see no new indications of a move, it looks now as though the intention was to avoid putting the Regiments whose time expires soon in to an other fight, if so it is to encourage them to reenlist. In Heart

Your Friend

Wm. E. Cornell
Albany N.Y.

Capt. Henry

Waterford April 13th 1863

Hon E. Cornell

Dear Sir When I had the honor to speak
to your committee the other day, I was called upon
unexpectedly. I had not contemplated saying more
than presenting some record of what the State
Society and some of its friends had been
hoping thereby to establish claims that should
not be entirely overlooked to or share in
the magnificent appropriations made by
Congress to endow one or more institutions in
each State, the main purpose of which should
be to give instruction in Agriculture and
the mechanic arts. The working of the act
seems to leave no doubt, to what branch of
instruction Congress intended the appropriation
to be devoted, and exclusively confined.

No body supposes that if State or appropriations
had been asked for the existing scientific and
literary colleges, it would have been successful
no aid was needed in that direction. We have
no lack of full supply of young men to fill all the
places where such education is necessary. But
we have all sensibly felt the want of instruction
more systematic and more extended, in the
cultivation of the soil and breeding of stock
as well as in the mechanic arts.

Many gentlemen now living & many who
have passed from us have been devoting
their time and intellects to the propagation
and maintaining a place for such an
institution, and more than once have
they been made to feel the hindering
influence of the existing college. There
has been constantly taken to give reference
and give evidence ^{on the part of agriculture} that no such interference
was intended or would be likely to follow.
The Hon. Genl Brown & Mr Cook should
know that something has been to be done
to induce Congress to allot a portion of
the public domain for the education of
the negro who was to tell us, besides going
into the halls of Congress or the private
portion of its members. A Public Opinion
was to be formed pointing in that
direction. Of this the friends of such an
institution early became satisfied and
with zeal, with patience and untiring
perseverance they set about it. However,
prejudices deep rooted, and tedious assuages
against it of which you have our illustrations
the others arising in the gentleman from
Wilton. A regular time, patient endurance
to overcome such obstacles. It is probably
not too much to say that but for the
Postage which the New York State Ag. Society had

established for itself and the vigorous and
untiring efforts put forth by the Society as a
body and by its friends, the public mind
would not have been brought up to making
an appropriation in this State to commence
such a work, either in their disapproving memorial
addresses and reports were put forth and read
with avidity not only by the people of this
State but by other, also. So much in other
States that their people became convinced of
its importance and practicability before we
did, so that Michigan's Pruntyman got in
advance of us in commencing the work.

The people of this State used those of other
States visiting our fairs, saw unmistakable
evidence that our Society was backing up its
theories, its addresses and reports by its works.

They saw labyrinths of improved machinery
brought to the reach of the farmer; they saw
richly improved breeds of stock. Covering our
fields and improved systems of cultivation
of the soil going generally into use, as the
result of the specimens put forth by the
Society and the lessons of instruction which
it imparted.

There are some of the means put forth
to bring the public mind not only in this
State but in all the States up to the point of
appropriating some of the public lands to

teach the rising generation how better to cultivate it.

From 1844 to 49 very little was done, further than Talk and resolve upon the subject. In the latter year I took the liberty in the winter meeting of that year to move a committee of five to prepare a memorial to the Legislature in which should be somewhat shadowed forth the outline of a plan for a school. Good Thing, then President of the Society, put me at the head of the Committee and I, up at my farm at Beech Heights, drew up a memorial & sent it to Mr. Joel W. Johnson, Tucker & others to sign.

You will see from the reports of committees of the Legislature, Report of a Committee of 3 appointed by Good Thing in 1850, with other papers put on record by the Society what they have done to bring into existence such an institution.

Mr. Brown claimed before your Committee that but for him the bill in Congress would not have passed. I have often known as much modesty on that with others, standing in the same relation to a bill as he does to this. It would be enough to say in answer that if nothing had been done to prepare public opinion upon the subject as well as make other labor bestowed, the bill would never have got to where it is.

Securing the attendance of a member or two on
 its final passage would decide its fate.
 That he is a diligent lobbyist I readily concede
 you can all testify. But that a bill of that
 magnitude that had been before Congress
 for two terms and so fully discussed both
 in Congress by the press had at last to depend
 upon the lobby vigilance of one individual is
 putting national legislation low down

I know that Mr Johnson, Mr Kelly, Gov^{rs} King
 Mr Henry Wager and others from their States
 visited Washington and gave their aid in securing
 the measure, that public sentiment at home
 had come fully up to it and called for it.

I was advised, as coming from Mr Morrell
 who introduced the bill and labored it so
 faithfully, that he met strong opposition in
 the winter of 57-8 from a little jealousy against
 the State of New York because from her great
 representation she would get so large a portion
 of the land. I at one wrote Mr Morrell that
 they should be in mind that but for the
 Erie Canal built exclusively by the money of
 our own State, it was fair to say, full one third
 of the Prairie lands now sold & settled would
 have remained to this day a wilderness; and
 one third of the value of the real & personal

property of the Prairie States, as well as very much of Ohio, would not have been there at this time, if it instead of giving N.Y. her proportion, large though it might. but they should, if they have a proper magnanimity, be repaid with one opportunity to pay some part of a debt of gratitude which they had so long laid under and not only the Prairie States, but the Eastern also, for having given them a transit for their bread, dairy & provisions, from beyond the lakes & for their manufactures, to their consumers.

I understood Mr. Kerck had no further difficulty about the share of N.Y.

That argument, if worth very thing, was due to our Agricultural College, for I voted at Iowa while in charge of it.

No one institution should have the whole of this appropriation. No one should be made so rich as to begot a spirit of inertness with the Faculty. The Agricultural College has earned the first share and in its organization comes clearly within the provisions of the bill.

The People's College, altho of much later growth as its organization comes within the bill should have a share. But my impression is that as the fund is so large & there institutions to be established in some more easterly part of the state might share

a part. But it will be time to assign a third one a share when it comes into being.

I am a good deal surprised to learn the fact, if fact it be, that the board of Regents of the University desire to take the control of a fund, which, in the law of its appropriation, limits it so expressly to agriculture & the mechanic arts. The public have supposed that they have been, or should have been, selected for those things to preside over the colleges and academies where the exact sciences and natural sciences, where literature belles lettres Elocution &c are taught, where training is had for professional pursuits. Will they not expose themselves to be thought out of place when they ask to be placed to direct the action of the ~~board~~, or the carrying of short horns, & swines, or in directing the movements of the mowers or the threshers & separators. I have always held that board in high estimation and should be very sorry to see them placed in this new position. The friends of that board should be careful not to expose them to the suspicion of a love of power. I can hardly believe Mr Cook was entirely disinterested towards the gentlemen of that board when he gave them such prominence in his sweepstake bill. I fear they may suffer from it.

Very Respectfully Yours.

S. Cheever

Attica April 13 1863
Hon. E. Cornell

Dear Sir

I left Mr. ~~Deane~~^{Pew} a Week last Friday in N.Y. & went to Buffalo direct over the Erie R.R. He said he would write you & make you acquainted with all that had been done up to that time in regard to the Rail Road business.

I had a letter from Mr. Chester to you which I intended to have given him to send to you. I now send it. I went on to Buffalo & returned Saturday night the 11th. On my return here I found a letter from the Pres^t of the R.R. Co. saying they had not yet concluded their arrangements with the Union Transportation Co. who have been doing the business on the Road but that they were making progress

I now forget whether I wrote you that my Cousin in Buffalo with Mr J. H. Moore of that City proposed to put in \$10,000 perhaps Mr. Pew told you Mr. Moore is a man of wealth a very active business man & a very careful close managing man is now out of business & has become uneasy and discontented to be out of business. He proposes to put in the \$10,000 & to take hold personally in the management of the same. He is all right and will attend to it faithfully. I got a letter from him today. He is anxiously waiting to have the business concluded & he at work. When at Buffalo Mr. Moore consulted a Lawyer and examined the law in regard to organizing a Company under

the Genl Law & came to the Conclusion that it could not be done. He however concluded that the business could be arranged satisfactorily so that you need take no further risk than the one you might advance which he considers that he shall have security for. If you have time will you look into the matter in regard to organizing a Co under the Genl Law.

This is the way the matter stands now in regard to this business up to this time.

I will keep you advised as the business progresses. I would like to hear from you if you have time to write me. Yours
Geo Curtis