

Buffalo July 2 1863
Hon Ezra Cornell
Albany

Albany

Monday or Tuesday

Mr Curtiss is back when we expect to settle
up our N.Y. matter it seems to me you are
interested in our expenses as you were told
in the profits ^{but} perhaps there was some
special arrangement between you
& Mr Curtiss it is certain no interest would
have been got if I had not gone down and
attended to it it does not seem exactly fair
that I should stand more than my proportion
I shall be glad to have your views before
us when we meet to divide (not profits
I am tempted to say) I will wait your
reply and at same time state how I shall
apply your bal after settlement say how
much to each I am to pay Christy & Geo
& then I will make payments direct to each one
Yours Resp^d J H Moore

Albion July 8th 1863

Dear Ezra

Yours of 3^d inst. is rec^d and I am ready to comply with your request as soon as Phebe can get ready to come. I have been out west hunting for stock and while at Ch. I went with Cobb to his farm in Kankakee.

It is a fine farm and looks like a good country around.

I have got on track of three or four shares of stock which I think I shall be able to get. I shall have to postpone the work on my barn till I return.

The weather is good and all crops are growing rapidly here. I have put up the marble which Goodrich sent and it suits us well. I suppose he will now want some pay. I think we will start east next week. Truly Yours

M. B. Wood

Swanton July 8th 1863

Hon^{ble} Ezra Cornell

Respected Sir

Please accept my sincere thanks for the kind consideration and attention shown me while at Ithaca. I was much gratified, and will remember it with pride - I am sorry I did not have an opportunity to see aunt Mary Ann. Please remember me to her kindly and to the younger children which I did not see.

I have made a commencement of your pictures, and would be much pleased if you could find time, in your few moments of leisure, to send me the engraving of the "Bull" you want painted, so that I may carry them there all along at the same time - If you can get it before Marion comes home, and send it by her I would be glad.

Please accept my best wishes for the good health of yourself & family.

With esteem & Respect I remain
Yours Truly
J. W. Millepough

Dear Cornell Clifton, Staten Island, New York. July 9th 1863

In your voluntary proposition to furnish me means, & in your persistent demands that I should become a participant in the profits of the Transportation Scheme, revived in me a hope of your good & kind intentions towards me yet & made me feel that I was not, entirely friendless after all. And that when you were pretty thoroughly convinced that your aid would be a benefit, rather than an injury, by making it available in bettering my condition, you would not be backward in giving me a boost, towards getting up in the world again. This is certainly indicative of the heart being nearly in the right place, if my understanding & construction of the matter be correct. — Is it so?

Had you known my every circumstance, peculiar & otherwise, & my efforts and operations in general, & could look impartially & justly upon all the facts connected therewith, you would never have been so severe, in your criticisms & censures upon me & my conduct, nor had so great a distrust of my abilities & capacity for controlling my own affairs. If you do not do me a great injustice, you do not do me justice by a long shot. Where have I made so many mistakes in my business operations to justify your opinion of me? I am far from being certain, that the greatest mistakes I have made, have not resulted from the best intended advice on your part, nor is this very charge. No person living studies another's interest, considering his circumstances & condition, with a sufficient knowledge of his every trait of character, to enable him to give the most judicious advice to him — as he would, if calculating for his own operation & interest. I will not deny that some of my transactions, when I first started out, would justify you in the opinion that I was not sharp, in not better providing for the receipt of the proceeds of my work & operations (successful). I always accomplished whatever I undertook, to the eminent satisfaction of interested parties. This shortcoming I can account for in this

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wise, I went into the business world, with, what might be called, a sort of virgin
purity, & expected to find in apparently honest men, & professed gentlemen the same
purity of purpose & honest dealing, & you will not forget that my commencement
was at manhood, while yours, was in youth. But one years experience at such
an age, is equal to a dozen in youth. & I think I have profited proportionately
thereby. You say I ought to have stuck to my teaching. Of what use is it to speak
thus of the past, that cannot be recalled. I should unquestionably do a great many
things differently if I had them to do over. & where is there a man that would
not. I never have regrets for the past. At the time, I did what I thought
best & proper & just. But what do you know of my teaching, except through public
report? ~~How~~ I have I not ^{had} equal credit, through the same medium, for everything else I
ever did? These things would not be, were I as inefficient as you seem determined
to make me appear, in your own interpretation, at least.

Once. I knew nothing of teaching, I obtained my knowledge of it, by
application, as I do of everything else. I attempt. I have perfect confidence
that I would be equally successful in anything I would voluntarily
undertake. When in straightened circumstances one will sometimes, in the
absence of anything better, attempt what is of doubtful propriety, or at least
not promising much. & not according with ones taste. Such business, is
never so well & so successfully carried through. I know nothing is ever
~~accomplished~~ accomplished without an effort, & frequently a risk has to be taken
that risk, is usually proportionate to the prospective gain.

It is said, there is a tide in the affairs of men, that if taken at its
flood leads on to fortune. That is reckoning on but one opportunity. I
have had several. My ignorance of the correct principles of business, & ^{my} ideas
of justice. And my fellow sympathy, caused me to let slip several in my
earlier operations. Latterly I have not had the means to enable me to improve

them. I did not misjudge in regard to the wringon business. My success is realizing between \$500. & \$600. per month from them now, & but partially running the thing as yet. & could not be purchased off today for \$10000. This chance, I could not persuade you was a good one. He started with \$1000. The fact that the factory was here, thus saving transportation expense, & also the same, in repairing breaks & making good imperfections, together with the fact, ~~that~~ there was scarcely a possibility of losing, it being a cash down business & that if it did not prove sufficiently profitable to make it pay. They would take back all the stock on hand & refund the money - rendered it a most desirable thing & justified the adventure. Frequently there comes along something to make money at, in this great city. I am now investigating a business that from representations made me by my friends acquainted with the trade, looks like an excellent thing, with the hope that if I satisfy myself in regard to it. & then you ^{that you} will loan me \$5000, to go into it. It promises as well as the transportation did. It is a branch of the drug business. An ingredient for dyeing, for which there is a great demand. & not a manufactory in America & only 5 I believe in Europe. The original discoverer now, of the secret of preparing it, is to be a party in the concern - "Cud Bear & archil. You know, or ought to know, that a man can scarcely live, in these expensive times, on the mere pittance of a salary. that such dependants are obliged to submit to. I want to pay my debts & lay up something. The little jobs I get will never help me on. During the time I was idle waiting the consummation of the transportation scheme, I made me a splendid garden though late, that will furnish me in vegetables for several months. My wife's health is poor at the best, but at my prospects, through ^{your} tendered aid, ~~she~~ ^{she} ~~became~~ ^{she} quite herself again. If you

had been here, at the receipt of your letter announcing your proposition
I should not have been surprised if she had set aside all conventionalities
& given you as warm a hug & kiss, as ever your estimable wife did
but at learning of the probable failure of the scheme, she was down flatter than
ever. It has been my misfortune, to waste 2 or 3 months, at 4 or 5
different times, the last 2 years ^{just as in this last exchange & thus} & have ^{been} brought ~~me~~ behind again
a considerable, some \$150. & my next quarters rent will be due
the 1st of August. So I must be stirring, but there is nothing doing now
nor will there be, for 2 months or more, except gambling in gold &
stocks - I was in hopes you could get me the job on the Albany &
Suzquehanna R.R. I was disappointed in not hearing from you
but I suppose you did not see the parties

How may I hope for a loan from you, if I find a good
opportunity to use the money advantageously. There is no use of my
making an effort to find a business unless I can get means to
carry it on. No interest has been paid us by the Towns, nor is
any one attending to it. that I know of - I wrote Mr Carter but he
does not reply

Hen Ezra Cornell }
Ithaca N.Y. }

Very Respectfully & Truly

W. P. Pew

50 & 52 Pine St New York

Livermore, Clews & Co.
Bankers 34 Wall St.

New York July 10 1863

E. Cornell Esq. Ithaca N. Y.

Dear Sir

We are in receipt
of your favor of the 9th inst with enclosures
as advised to your credit of \$1 $\frac{67}{100}$ balance
on sub. to \$20 bonds.

It would take from 10 to 12
days to fill an order for more bonds.

Respy yours

Livermore Clews & Co.

J. J. Denbrow

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Albion, Orleans Co. July 10 1863.

Dear Sir:

A meeting of the Union State Central Committee will be held at Saratoga Springs on the 23rd inst. to decide upon the time of holding the State Convention, the terms of the call and other matters of vital importance to the nation. These duties, at all times of a grave character, in this eventful period of our history impose an increased responsibility. In view of the vast consequence of right action now, the Committee have determined to ask the attendance of prominent representative loyal men in different parts of the State for the benefit of their advice and counsel upon the matters to be brought under consideration. Your presence is earnestly solicited.

Relying upon your known devotion to the welfare of our common country, we are confident that no ordinary obstacles will prevent your compliance with this earnest invitation.

Please address me here, that I may inform the Committee of your probable attendance.

Hon Ezra Cornell
Albion N.Y.

Respectfully yours,
Ben Field
Secretary.

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

TRINITY BUILDING, 111 Broadway,

New York, July 11, 1863.

Cyru Cornell, Esq.
Dear Sir,

I enclose a diagram of some lots which my father has, adjoining your small plot bought of Lilex & Osborne. He will sell at a fair price, and would prefer to see the whole plot rather than the front alone. The area, estimating avenue lots at 25×100 feet, and street lots at $25 \times 127.9\frac{1}{2}$, is as follows:

Gore, west side Troy Ave	2.16 lots.
Plot east " "	6.13 "
Ground in Troy Avenue (46.74 lots.) $\frac{1}{2}$ equal	<u>2.37 "</u>
Total number of lots	10.66

I estimate the land in the avenue as being worth at least one half that in the

blocks, which is a low estimate as the owner would be entitled to the award when the city opens the avenue.

The prices are for the gone lots at the rate of \$300- per lot, and the balance \$250- per lot. This would be

One west side Long Ave.,	\$648.00
Residue of lots ($8\frac{1}{2}$)	<u>2125.00</u>
	\$2773.00

The lots are subject now to \$1064.50 mortgage, which can remain or be paid off, as might be desired; and the balance \$1708.50 could be arranged upon terms to suit you.

Property is advancing in that direction and beginning to be inquired after. The improvements are of such a character in the neighborhood that the property cannot depreciate, and will certainly be as safe an investment

as any city lot that can be had.

If you think it worth while to do anything in the matter please drop me a line. I have made the diagram to show your plot also - yours being within the red line, the other within the heavy black line.

Yours very truly
John R. Kennedy.

I wrote you some days since, giving what information I had obtained as to the western land. I presume the letter arrived safely.

Yr.

J. R. K.

Southbridge Mass. July 13. 1863.
Ezra Cornell Esq. —

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 7th inst.
disappoints my hope of conveying my
interest in the Oil Co. to you, as agreed.
Both yourself and Mr. Osborne wish
me to assent to your conveying the
whole property to Messrs. Osborne and
Wilcox, "subject to the same trusts that
now exist." I believe both those gentlemen
to be upright and honorable; but I would
^{not} be at the mercy of any two men, inter-
ested in Co. transactions. I would much
prefer the mercy of one man alone.
I will, however, waive my objections to
your conveying the property to them, if
they will agree to pay me, without
delay, \$581.26, the price agreed
upon between you and me.

I remain, Dear Sir,
Most Respectfully Yours,
Eber Carpenter.

Shaw, July 13th/68

Hon. C. Cornell. Sir.

Doubtless yours are weary
with repeated requests; but please hear with
this one from a stranger.

About eight years ago, my
husband, Mr. Willey, died; and at that time
we had a slave in Onego about half paid for.
I kept the interest and taxes paid. About
three years ago, the gentleman who held the
Mortgage thought best to sell it; a friend
in this place said that it should not be sold
as he would help me; so he bought the place
and kept it until about a year ago, ~~and~~

then sold it.

The money was out on interest until this spring when it was handed to me. I have something over two-hundred dollars! now I wish to ask if you will help me? I want a very small place and I thought perhaps I could find a small lot and get a house on it for about five hundred dollars.

I have no fear but what I can pay for it if you give me time. I am a dress-maker and I am very anxious to get me a home. If you are willing to assist me, and if it will be taking your time too much, I will attend to all of the business myself. I have thought about this for a year past and I will wait anxiously for your decision.

I met you last Wednesday and Thursday at your sons. I would like to have written this before they left so that if you wished to make any inquiries respecting ~~me~~ you could ask Mrs. A. Cornell, as I

have served here for several years.

Yours Respectfully.

Mrs. S. Willey.

Address, Mrs. S. Willey

Ithaca.

New York July 13. 1863

Hon E. Cornell

Dear Sir

Yours of July 4
mailed July 6, was duly received, I
could not get an interview with
Doctor Robinson until Saturday
evening, Mr James H. Wood who is
interested & through whom I have
reached the property is out of Town
and will be for some days, he is
determined the Doctor shall sell &
close up the matter, the Doctor on
Saturday evening declined your
proposition, it will consequent have
to remain until Mr Wood returns
the day before he left for the West
(gone to pay taxes & look to the property)
he told me to write Wiley & Babson
and get their best proposition.
this I done, but will keep their
proposition back until he returns

I try and get him to accept
yours & have the Doctor do so
& will write you as soon
as he returns what can be done
A mob has possession of the upper
part of our city & has destroyed
the enrollment office in the 22nd Ward
& we fear a general mob

Yours Truly

W. V. Studdiford

Alma July 15th 1863

Dear uncle

I take my pen in hand
to ask this favor I would
like to get the loan of
one hundred dollars
\$100 for the purpose
of getting on of team
if you can comodate
me please forward by mail
the amount or by express
if by mail Direct to parent
Bill for which I will
give my Note for the
same & 7th seven Per Cent
interest Payable by the
first of April 1864 & my
of the able Farmers will
live with me

our folks are all well
Living is quite raged
If I get a team I shall
try and get in 12 acres
of wheat this fall and can
take them in the lumber
woods this winter where I
can get \$35 or 40 dollars
a month wages are from 12
shillings to 22 dollars
per day crops look well
this season Please write
on recp. of this

Yours respectfully
E. Cornell

Daniel Wood

Paul Wood
July 1878

Answered

Darien July 16th 1863

Mrs. Ezra Cornell

My Dear Sir.

What are you going to have this season, say by Oct. in the way of a bull for me?

Two of my Princeps have calved and many more will do so in the next three months. I ought to make a crop if possible. But I do not want to get out of the Bates blood. I have had 4 calves from my Short Horns, and 5 of them are bulls. I hope the sex will change soon. The cattle have gained finely, and begin to look like Short Horns -

Kindly Yours
J. L. Peters

Granville July 16th 63

Mr. E. Corneil

Dear Sir. We shipped to
you some two weeks ago from New York
One Fork per agreement and through
mistake the pulley blocks we not-
shipped I send to you this day per
Express 3 pulley blocks which makes
the Fork complete which we hope
will reach you in time
please remit to us by Mail \$10.00.
Yours of Fork & Oblige

Yours Truly

Geo. W. Knight

Granville

Green Co.

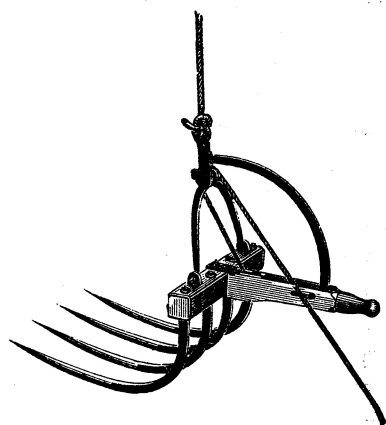
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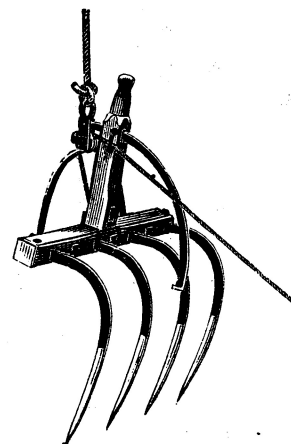
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GEO. W. KING & CO.

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Western Union Telegraph Co.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y., July 16th 1863

Dear

Mrs Cornell

Albion N.Y.

Dear Sir - I have your letter of the 13th. You are mistaken in respect to the amount of Marsh's stock. He has only 120 shares and has not had since last January. He had 136 but in Jan'y last 16 shares were transferred to you and you received the April Div when it as you do now. Marsh's present Div on 120 shares is ^{in package & except to night} \$300 for which I enclose check ^{to his order}. I do not find in this office any authority from Marsh to make the payment to you. I had intended enclose instructions from our Finance & Committee to pay all our dividends by check on our deposit Bank here & got up a book for that purpose but find I must depart from the order in order to oblige stockholders. The stockholders are becoming so numerous that we shall be compelled to adopt some general uniform system of paying dividends & save labor and confusion. I have amplified with your request so far as I can.

Your W. U. Div' is

\$21,695

" E & M " "

600

Mrs Cornell

760

A. B. Cornell

30 \$23,055.00

Debit for M. Libby \$2,000

In to date

20,61

2,020.61

Balance

\$21,064.39

Western Union Telegraph Co.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y., 186

which I send you by Express to night as follows:

Currency	\$11,064 39
Dopt on A.M. 1/4 %	<u>10,000.00</u>
	\$21,064.39

all of which I trust will be found
Satisfactory

I also enclose acts for you and
Carrick & you on design & return to me
Mr. Marshes endorsement of check is all
the voucher from him that I desire

Yours Respectfully

O. H. Palmer

Buffalo July 17 1863

Mr Ezra Cornell

Through Mr Decker's

Some days ago I sent Messrs Chute & Kennedy a
draft for 448 being 1/2 of \$10,000 I understood your
letter that it was understood by Mr Chute that
would be in full for what they done they return
me the draft with an impudent letter I waited
then reply before answering your favor
last and I cannot send the amount to
Mr Bee under the idea that it is paying
him a claim he has against Cornell now
they did not in any employ him in any
capacity it was understood that if we got
the Contract that as your friend we would
give him some situation at your request
and now that Chute refuses to accept
the draft I sent it seems to me that we
ought to get together and settle
before any money is distributed
Yours Resp Y L Moore

Albaca July 17. 1863.
R.D. Johnson Secy
Dear Sir)

W. E Cornell
wishes me to say to you that he is confined
to his bed by sickness & wholly unable to trans-
act business or even to write you. He has
been expecting you here for some days & has
wanted to see you very much about the
Reports &c. He has his Report partially
finished & unable to complete it, he has
completed it to the end of Southdown sheep
and suggests the idea of publishing it
as far as completed in this year &
& the balance next year if he should
be able to finish it - he says he has not
exhausted more than half the material
for such a report. If the printing can
be delayed a few days he may be
able to complete it. He would like your
views on the subject over —

Mr. Cornwell suggests that ^{you} procure
the cut of the Devon Corn. Timpit
bred by & the property of Mr. James
Davy of Plilton Barton - which took
the first prize at the Royal Agr.
show in Battersea Park 1862

also his Bull which took the
1st prize at the same time. We
trust they may be procured and
appear in the Transactions soon
& be published - They are splendid
pictures of a Cow and Bull Mr. C.
thinks they can be procured of Mr.
Davy in time for next vol.

I have this day sent you
of exp. the Agricultural Statistics
for our County - we have delayed
sending them expecting you here

after completing them some few
of the districts have come in & I have
added them - the footings are correct

When I left Mr. Cornwell soon
this morning he wished me to write
you and tried to say what he wanted
to communicate, I have done it as
near as I could understand him

You undoubtedly will
get an idea of what he wants

Yours, Respy

A. Pittender

Albany July 18th 63

My Dear McCormel,

I have Mr Crittenden's letter, informing me of your illness, which I very much regret. Mr Earle who has been worked to as to need relief, has taken a respite in the Country for 10 days or more, and I have been unable to leave. Dr Fitch is to be here on Monday to attend to his report, and I hope to get to ~~Utica~~ during next week, unless called in some other direction - If your manuscript should be ready when the Dr is through, it could all go in, if not, we will give to the South Down Sheep - and the balance can go over.

I do not think the cuts of Devon, could be had in time for this volume, but they may for the ones 1863 - but I will write Mr Davy - & ascertain -

Yours Truly

T. P. Johnston

B. P. Johnson
July 18. 63

Wm E. Cornell

Coming July 18th 1862
O Cornell Esq

Attaca me

of

I held the Shares
of the Western Union Telegraph Co some
four Years since "within it was issued
direct - to G D Williams from whom I
obtained it - I am not able to say
that my impression is, it was, although
it may have been disposed of to him
by two brothers who were engaged in laying
out some Rail Road who he had some
business connections with. This morning
I cannot remember more" at the time
I know they were holding some of the
Shares & to purchase he obtained it of
them. Can you inform me in regard
to getting any clue ~~as~~ to the worth of
the Shares. I have lost the Shares
& cannot find any thing of them

Amongst my papers I write
You one in regard to their value
Some four Years since. And also
If there is any way by which from
the Board of the Co I can obtain
any information so as to obtain
the Shares again. What are the
Officers &c. If there is any value
to them I need not I would be
very thankful for any suggestions &
information You can give me
Very truly Yours &c
Ch. D. Johnson

Yrs

I may be mistaken as the correct name
of the Co as I have neglected the matter
so long. at the time I wrote You. I was
advised to do so. as You are one of the
Officers &c. I think I had the Shares &
have lost them or have been stolen —
Your letter stated there was some matter
to arrange & thought the Shares would
be worth something &c Ch. D.

Office of Chesters & Kennaday,

ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW,

TRINITY BUILDING, 111 Broadway,

E. W. CHESTER,
GEO. F. CHESTER,
JOHN R. KENNADAY.

New York. July 18. 1863.

Hon E. Corcoran,

Dear Sir,

I rec^d your
enigmatical letter of 16th this morning,
but find by a note - rather sharp
- from Mr. Martin of the Ocean
Bank that your note is not paid.
I inferred from your note by Mr.
Littenden that it had been atten-
ded & so there was nothing left
but a joke about our fizzle
of a mob - or as demagogues wan-
ted to turn it, an uprising of the
people. Martin has written
me to pay it this afternoon,
which of course I can't do - wish
I could.

~~George~~^{we} telegraphed you about it
the day we learned of its pro-
test.

I hope this will find you well
enough to have it attended to - since
we are too poor to do it.

As to the mob, I think the strength
of the government & the power of
law, & the weakness of the copper-
head disorderedly element, at the
north are matters more to be
rejoiced over than all our vic-
tories. The threatened storm has
burst & proved to be a harmless
gust.

Yours truly

E. W. Chetani

Buffalo July 20 1863

How Ezra Cornell

I think

Dear Sir enclosed please
find my aft on Mess Linen Kerckhoff
& Co is about 21 for forty four dollars the
amount you wanted paid to Mr Lew as I
could not pay it to him without consenting it
was to pay a claim to his aft C M & Co while no
such claim exists of course you are at liberty
to endorse it & forward it to Mr Lew who I am
satisfied needs it I will enclose you the
aft sent Mr Chester if they will accept
it from you as I suppose they will & will
arrange to make they seem to say
that if you say it is right it is so
if not accepted please return it to me

Yours very truly

John H Moore

Office of Chesters & Kennaday,

ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW,

TRINITY BUILDING, 111 Broadway,

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

New York, July 20th 1863

Dear Sir

I this moment received
a note from Mr Moore of Buffalo
in which is the following language
"As regards the interest money in my
hands I wish it out. but I must have
proper orders to relieve myself. I have
a note from Mr Cornell which
requires an explanation & further
orders before I can pay you the
Amt."

On receipt of yours I wrote Mr
Ransom but got no reply from
him yet - I hear you are
sick - I trust not seriously
so. I wrote still quiet, without
an irreparable loss / I mean the

opportunity for getting rid of the
poor reptiles.) That they were not
graped, bayoneted or knifed -
I would think ~~it~~ but justice
that the party in fault, that ordered
blank cartridges fired, should
have one whole charge of grape
put through him or them, ~~and~~
reasons for the money living
but in consequence -

The never will accomplish
anything until these picky
and fanatical officials &
military commanding are put
back in the nursery & brought
up on something besides sugar
plums & sugar tits

Yours Respectfully

M. P. Jew
30 52 Pine St
NY

You may not have at hand
the following addrs

R. H. Moore

115 Niagara St Hotel Cornell
Buffalo }
Phoen }
NY }

Illinois & Mississippi Telegraph Company.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

THOMAS BASSNETT,
SECRETARY.

Ottawa, Ill. July 22 1863

Hon. Ezra Cornell
Ithaca N.Y.

Dear Sir, By some unaccountable
mischance your letter making
certain inquiries has been mislaid and since the
receipt of your last (22 June) I have been very busy
& many a day that I had devoted to answering your
queries unexpected business would interfere about
the Contract with Judge Catow which is no other than
the contract of consolidation against which you protested
you know as well as I do. Since then no new lines have
been built for the Co. as the Company has no right,
except on old routes. The price has since been modified
as I informed you before. The dividend due J.D. Catow was the
extra half dollar added to the last years dividend which I
allowed to stand, as the Judge had received some Govt. Certificate
on account of the profits of certain lines, the construction
account of which was kept in our books, in accordance with
a resolution of the board. These have since been paid. There are
some unclaimed dividends due from the very first which
are slowly applied for by the owners of their shares.
At the present time our living stock is 18134 ¹⁹/₁₀₀ shares

Illinois & Mississippi Telegraph Company.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

THOMAS BASSNETT,
SECRETARY.

Ottawa, Ill. 186

of which there has been paid
this year dividends \$52548.07
leaving unpaid 1794.80
but which is daily diminishing
Some day I will give you
the number of miles of line
The accounts collectable are
supposed generally good (some
not probably) these are all the
time changing. In fact lately
I rec'd nearly \$20,000.00
lost matters ^{which have} been dragging
along, held back by red tape.
You will see the change
in the next monthly statement.
These gross amounts look
formidable, but in such a large
machine, the shore margin
covered by the ebb & flow of
business must necessarily be
pretty large. Altogether I think
our affairs are prosperous.

Very truly Yours
W. B. Bassett

Thos Bassett

July 23 63

Illinois & Mississippi Telegraph Company.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE

THOMAS BASSNETT,
SECRETARY.

Ottawa, Ill. July 23 1863

Wm E. Cornell

Dear Sir, I wrote you
yesterday. In that letter I alluded
to some Govt. accounts paid & that
the Champ would appear next
statement. As an illustration
of the remark, that a pretty
wide margin was affected by
the ebb & flow of the tide of
business I must explain that
the money does appear in
the Treasury bal, in the statement
sent, ~~having~~ been deposited as
soon as recd; but as Mr. Wilson
who collected the bills, could
not immediately come up, it was
credited provisionally to him so
that the "accounts collectible" ~~and~~
were not affected, but an increase
was made in the "accounts due"

to the amount of over \$15,000
(the bal being in Govt. Certificates
bearing interest) This amt.
will be taken off both sides
in next statement - the
settlement with Mr Wilson having
been since made.

In my remarks in a former
letter I alluded to the "polite
terms" which you took too
seriously. We are good friends,
perhaps now the worse for
knowing each other better.
When men get acquainted
with me, they discover my
disposition to oblige, is not weakness
but strength, conscious strength, which
may concede a pecuniary right from
choice; but will never surrender the
independence of judgment, conscience
& action to any man's keeping or
dictation. I sail my own voyage for
time & eternity & no man must block
my course. I don't fear collision nor
count them. I want to do as I would that others
should do to me. I also want others to do likewise.
Yours truly, Wm. B. Chace

Choumont St July 23 ¹⁸⁶³

Mr E Cornwell Esq

Dear Sir

You doubtless recollect
giving me a receipt for 100 Dollars to be paid
in New York & Erie Telegraph Stock the receipt
represented 100 Dollars for labor performed
by self, B E Stevens & C shared for you in putting
up the line below Quebec ^{in 1847 & 48} you was poor
then & so remember you could not pay at that
time since then I understand you have been
remunerated & have successfully turned all
your old Tel Stock in to living Capital we
have never received a farthing for the 100 & share
I know you to be generous from the liberal gift
to your City, a notice of which I have frequently
seen in papers. I trust you can be just
also, we have never received any stock but
hold the receipt had of you I appeal to your
sense of Right to do in the matter so you may
feel disposed. Hoping to hear from you & by
ret of Mail I remain yours truly
Absalom Baertis Jr

Ans Aug 28. 63. Will send \$100. in Jan next
for the certificate - EC

Private

Albion July 27, 1863
Dear Sir,

At the meeting of the State committee at Saratoga on the 23^d inst. it was resolved to raise funds by voluntary subscription with which to circulate loyal documents and journals throughout the State.

The sum of four thousand dollars was raised upon the spot in amounts of one hundred dollars each, and the Committee have instructed me to solicit like contributions from eminent Union men who were not present.

If it should meet your views to furnish the cause this aid, please write me at the Astor House New York authorizing the Treasurer to draw upon you for this amount.

An answer by Thursday

morning is desirable, that
the Executive Committee may
know the extent to which they
may enter upon this work.

To be effectual, this labor
must be done at once. and
before the people have entered
heartily upon a state canvas

Am Ezra Cornell Yours Very Truly
Ithaca
N.Y. Ben Field
Secretary

Please also to consult with
your neighbors and friends many
of whom are able and doubtless
willing to aid the cause
materially

B.F.

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New York, July 27, 1863.

Dear Sir,

I have examined the Tax rolls in Brooklyn and find the taxes all paid for the years 1861 and 1862, and presume all back taxes have been paid. I suppose you will not convey your Ohio property or close the matter entirely with Wilcox & Osborne until the title to the Brooklyn lots is fully examined. As the matter has been in a state of abeyance between you, the title has not been fully gone through, but can be finished at any time, on one or two days notice.

I mentioned to Mr.
Chester that I was about
writing to you and he wishes
me to remind you of the
unpaid note. That was
a day or two since. Possibly
you have attended to it.

Yrs. very truly,
John R. Kennedy

Attica July 28 13
Hon. E. Connell

Dear Sir

I write to
learn if Mr. Moore has paid the
interest money collected of the R &
Deleware ^{Bay} Rail Road Co as arranged
with you I suppose he must
have collected it before this

I would also like to know
if there is any progress making
in obtaining the List of Stock
of the Ohio Ind & Ill Tel Co so
that the Western Union Co can
pay the Dividends due the Stock
holders The interest on the Div-
idends past due on the Stock I
hold would be of some conse-
quence to me I hesitates I really
need the amount due me

A Company has been organized
to build a Rail Road from Schenectady
to Catskill I am solicited to

take stock & be a Director
I have the charge of the
Subscription Books in this City
It is my opinion that this is
a move behind the Curtain of
the New York Central Rail R Co
and that eventually the officers
and friends of that Road will
own the majority of the Stock of
this Road I am told that the
prospect of building the Bridge
at Albany is rather dubious
and for this cause & the difficulties
of the overland below Albany
the N.Y.C. R.R. Co are looking
favorably on this new route
to Catskill I am also informed
that there are parties standing
ready to build a Rail Road from
Catskill to Piermont to interest
the Northern New Jersey R.R.
if that is done I have no
doubt the whole will be
Consolidated into one Road

Have you done any thing
since I saw you in the
way of securing the Control
of the Stock of the Northern
New Jersey Rail Road
If the Stock can be obtained
of the Northern N.J. R.R. as Mr
Seymour represented to you
it could it never be a good
operation I fully believe a
Road will be built from
Schenectady to Catskill & the
Continued to interest the N.J.
R.R. With the New York C
R.R. interested sufficient to
induce them to run their
freight & passengers over that
route it must be a good
paying Road. I do not know
of a better operation than
that of getting the Stock of
the Northern N.J. R.R. at

the rates suggested by
Mr. Seymour

If I had the means to
spare I would take stock
in the Schenectady & Catskill
Road with a view of becoming
one of the Directors, I may do so

What would you think of
taking stock & taking on
Directorship They propose
to get stock taken in Rochester
& Buffalo & have a Director
at each place I think if
you have any idea of getting
the contrall of the stock of
the Northern N.Y. R.R. it would
be for your interest to be a
Director in this Road

Yours
Geo. Curtis

Geo. Curtis
28 July 63