

Office Deputy Collector U. S. Internal Revenue,

26th DISTRICT, SUBDIVISION No. 2.

Owego, Tioga County, N. Y., July 18 1864

Hon E. Cornell

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 14th inst

is just recd -

Your suggestion in relation
to Notaries meets my ideas - and
I would mention for appointment to the
vacancies

Charles E. Parker	of Owego
John J. Curtis	" "
Abner Turner	" Newkirk Valley
John Sling Jr	" Waverly
Alexander Jennings	" Apalachin
Edward Platt	" Nichols

Let Mr Thompson suggest a successor
from his Town, for J B Bacon

If at any time the interests
of Chenango Extension can be promoted
by any local influences, send the word
of requisition & a Committee of citizens
will come down -

Very respectfully Yours
E Platt

Do Notaries have power to take acknowledgments

Western Union Telegraph Co.,

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y., Jan'y 19 1864

Hon. Ezra Cornell
Albany N.Y.

Dear Sir Herewith send
You cert No 1688 for 2893 Shs W.U. Pl Stock issued
under Resolution of Directors of Dec 23 1863
also cert No 1689 for 101 Shs for the same
issued under same resolution. Your solution of the
apparent discrepancy as to amount is the right one
The E & M Stock must be converted before I am
authorized to give you W.U. Stock for it and it
ought to be converted without delay as I desire
to get rid of all complications possible

The Capital was increased by resolution of the
23^d Dec of 3,000,000 making it now 9,000,000
The distribution of $3\frac{2}{3}\%$ and the purchase
of the Morse Stock will require about 2,600,000
About 400,000 will therefore be left in reserve
until necessary or expedient to use it

Yours truly
O W Palmer

Ithaca Jan'y 19-1864

Hon. E. Cornell

Dear Sir:

I have a contest over the settlement of an Estate to be tried before the Surrogate next week Tuesday which has been several times postponed & can be delayed no longer. It will make my absence from home next week impossible. I regret it for I would like to attend your meeting of the 24th. I have seen Smith Robertson who is a Trustee of the People's College & urged him to attend. I feel hopeful that he may. Williams & Beers I will see to-day & if for any cause my case next week falls through so that I can leave home I will be present myself.

I have thought much & very seriously of your suggestion as to my giving up my profession & taking charge of your Library & the Historical Society.

It is an important question for me since if I make the change it re-models all my future. I have hesitated, doubted but at last settled my conclusions.

If I go there at all it will be to give up the rest of my life to the success and usefulness of that Institution. I think it will need all that one man can do and I don't want many wounds in the fire. What I do undertake I like to accomplish thoroughly & above all successfully. I am not going in there to be buried or to rest. It must move actively & accomplish its work perfectly or I shall be discontented. I know I should like it better than the practice of Law. Books and Literature have been a repressed passion with me all my professional life.

And yet I must look to the future of my family & children. If I abandon my profession I must see that the

support & the education of my children is not imperilled. In this view I have often thought lately of leaving Ithaca and seeking a wider field of activity.

On the whole this is my conclusion.

If the Library & Hist. Society can pay me \$1600 a year I will quit the profession & give what ability I possess to their service. I ought not & must not make the change on any different terms. Whether my services at this rate will be worth their cost I cannot decide. But one thing I must say frankly. I do not see how the Library Association can pay any such salary. I am afraid it would cripple & hamper its energies & I do not want any personal interests of mine in the least to interfere with its free & successful operations. I want it to prove what it so eminently deserves to be a perfect success. Of these things

you must judge. I only ask that no friendship for me or good wishes for my welfare which I know you entertain shall influence you in determining the question as to what is for the best interests of your Library. I write this now because

1. the possibility of such a change occupied my thoughts & demoralizes me - as the Soldiers say.
2. Because it is now too early for me to begin to wind my cases to a close & shape my business to its end.
- 3 And because at once in every moment of leisure I should be planning & mapping out and preparing the working of the Institution.

For these reasons I think it better not to delay & I may add one more. If you think - as perhaps you will may - that a less expensive Librarian will

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answer the purpose it is none too soon to be looking out for him & setting him at work. I write this to you for you must settle the question. I cannot see how my terms can be complied with without a further endowment of the Institution beyond what you have contemplated & I am not at all clear that I ought to expect or you ought to grant any such thing. One thing however is certain. If I continue my business I must give myself more closely to it than ever & not suffer my tastes to divert me into outside occupations as much as they have. This is the "bread & butter question" - to this my children have a right. I don't desire wealth but in some way my children must have a complete & thorough education. I leave this matter for you to decide with the intention of being entirely satisfied

with your conclusion. I will only add, that one motive I have in consenting at all to leave my professions and the opportunities I know it holds out to me is that I may have time to take an active part in the moulding & shaping of your other enterprises in which I take a deep interest.

The work in the Library goes on well. Both reading rooms are hard-finished & are really cosy & beautiful. I do not regret at all now the division of that story. The cornice & ceiling are on in the lower hall & to-day they commence on the side walls. The cornice is partly on in the Bank. The graining in the Post Office is finished, & is the most perfectly I ever saw. One reflection I don't think an iron cover over the Library Register is likely to be needed. The shutting of both Register Valves I think will be

an ample protection against fire.

Deekreg & I made a queer oversight about the letters for those drums. In taking the number from the plan we forgot that there were two drums instead of one & that we should have doubled the number of each letter. But now the price frightens me. Eighty three dollars for letters is awful but to paint them on is worse yet. I wanted that desk a perfect thing in all respects & this raised lettering will be half the beauty of the drums. I send you the list & the bill of the others so that you can repeat the dose. The letters fit exactly & were all right. I don't think, whatever the desk may cost, you will ever grudge a dollar of its expense. It will be one of the gems of the Institution. Besides the drums were your invention & you must see them through, you know.

Abel Bunitt wants to be re-appointed

F. M. Fessick
19. Jan 65

Notary Public. Perhaps it will be as well.

W. C. Curran Collector wants his office in the Library building expecting to have Quaintlet go with him. He wants the fire-proof room back of the Post Office. What shall I say? I think I can get him into some other if necessary.

I am glad, after all, you bought that Cabinet. What is there about it in which I can aid you.

Yrs Truly

F. M. Fessick

Orange Jan'y 19, '64.

Hon E. Cornell,

My dear Sir,

I have at the suggestion of Hon J. F. Root, of Madison Co, made a draft bill for the Chenango Extension and sent it to him. He will send it, with amendments & suggestions to Mr. Lippitt, of the Assembly. Mr. Root is an old friend of the work, and did ^{it} good service in the Senate some years since. His suggestions may be of service.

I also sent a copy of my draft to our Member, Mr. Thompson. It was hastily prepared & is doubtless imperfect.

Let us know if we can in any way aid the project.

Very truly

John F. Taylor.

N. Crittenden
19 Jan 64

Ithaca Jan 4. 19. 1864

Mr. Cornell

Dear Sir

A "Mute Society" met at our Rooms on Friday last to see if they could earn \$50. of you for the benefit of the Sanitary commission. They succeeded very well. Miss Mary Peters was the only one who spoke during the day of the 14 who entered into the arrangement. Miss Hardy superintended the arrangement. She has undoubtedly communicated the intelligence to you ere this.

A.B. started for New York yesterday he has gone to procure Books etc for the new Bank. Mr Maurice has returned from St Louis. The carpenters are getting along very well. The School house is nearly completed.

The Circuit court is in session - but little business. Bob. Osborn is in jail for stealing wine probably go to State Prison.

I see you are getting along finely in the Senate. - I would suggest that you

change the name of the "Cascadilla Institute"
to the "Cascadilla Female Medical Institute"

The Transactions have not yet arrived
and I am not distributing the Blanks for
statistics very fast. several have refused to
have any thing to do with them.

Mr. S. D. Thompson presented
an order from Mathison a few days ago for
\$72⁶⁶/₁₀₀ which A. D. refused to pay. I told him
it was right - but he said he would not pay
it without express orders from you -

Did you purchase three cut
stone of J. H. Winton which ~~was~~ on the School
House lot. Winton claims you did - if so at
what price. -

We have ordered the balance of
the Stone from Syracuse.

We have heard nothing from
Cartwright or the Iron beams since you left

Nothing new. all well

Yours Respectfully

R. Crittenden

NEW-YORK & HARLEM RAILROAD COMPANY.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,

CORNER OF FOURTH AVENUE AND TWENTY-SIXTH STREET,

New-York, 20 Jan 1864

Hon E Cornell

Sir

Your favor of 19th returning
Complimentary tickets is received &
Appreciating the motive which has
induced this action on your part
Complimentary tickets of this descrip-
-tion have heretofore been given to the
members of the Senate, and though
although regarded by me as respect-
-inable I did not feel at liberty
to disregard, especially in favor of
those in whom behalf personal appli-
-cation for passes was not made

Yours respectfully
H Van Dersitt Jr.

J. J. Speed
30 Jan 64

New York 20 Jan 1864

Dear Sir

Your letter was received
yesterday ~~last~~ I thank
you for it, because it manifests
a kind feeling, and gives me
good advice. In our long inter-
course of years, I am bound to
concede that your opinions, when
we differed, were more frequently
right than mine. If the opportunity
should offer, I would be very
likely to do as you suggest with
my telegraph interest. I have no
expectation of getting rich, and will
improve the first opportunity to
make myself comfortable.
I care very little what Prudell
may say of me, so long as I do

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what I honestly believe to be right.

My wife & girl^{son} ~~are~~ with me here this winter. Fred is in Banks' army - William, my noblest boy - was killed at Gettysburg - I found his body soon after the Rebels left the field, & had it sent to Detroit. It is a terrible penalty we are paying to satisfy the ambition of a few thousand Slaveholders: but I thank God that my son did not die in vain, but his death, with thousands of his noble comrades, saved the life of our Nation. Mr Smith is at Portland or Augusta. Last year he made a three day speech in favour of resolutions denouncing the Government. This year he will offer resolutions approving of the President's recent proclamation, and inviting all loyal people to

to sustain the ³¹ government in sup-
pressing the rebellion - Last year
nobody approved of his resolutions
but traitors - This year nobody
will condemn them but rebels
and their sympathisers -
When Mr S left here he said he
would return in three weeks -
When he comes back, I will try to
find out what he is disposed to do
about the suit to which you refer -
You know that Smith & Chester have a
suit before Judge Boung, as Referee -
Smith has prepared his arguments, which
is now in Chester's hands - Chester is
to answer it in a month, when the
Referee will decide, after reading
both -

I would like to have you see
Smith's argument - Smith proposes
to have it printed for distribution,
I will doubtless send you a copy, but
it would be better for Mr Chester,
and for all parties, to have the

matter settled now, if possible, and
save the printing & circulation of
matter not particularly complimentary
to Chester, to you, or to me. I believe
if Smith could close up the whole
ground, relinquishing all claim on
you, and Chester would relinquish
his claim on him, and also on
me, that you and I could effect
a settlement which would be better
for us all, and have an end to Tele-
graph Society. I owe so much, and have
so many boys with which to divide any
future profits I might possibly make,
that I care but little for a debt that
I do not feel morally bound to
pay. If you should be here after Smith's
return I would do all in my power
to effect a settlement.

Mrs I & the girls join me in respects
to Mrs Cornell
Yours very respectfully
M E Cornell I I Speed

Newark Valley
May. 20th 64

Hon. Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

Just at home
I have conferred with Mr
Platts and he will send
you list of names & be
appointed as Warden -

We have a vacancy
in the town of Candora
which Mr Thompson will
fill -

Yours Truly
W. L. Lincoln

Vol. 1, 1864
New York Jan 21. 1864

Hon E. Cornell

Senate

Albany

My Dear Sir

I have been awaiting
the receipt of the survey. Will you oblige
me by forwarding it at your early convenience
I may have to leave the City for some
time

Yours very truly

Chas B. Morrison

No 53 West 22nd St
N.Y.

Broome County Bank,

Binghamton, N.Y.

Jan 4 1864

Dear Sir,

I am
pained with yours of 1st inst.
I find that the notes
whose terms are about
expiring, are all right,
and properly located.
I think that they, and also
St. Paul's Union would
be satisfactory applicants.
I feel under personal
obligation to you for
your action on the
Lunenburg Association,
because I had at times
when you were nominated

assured our Peoga friends
that you would not
act adversely to their
interests, - I am so pressed
with business engagements
just now that I can
not, as you suggest
furnish you with
statistics, but will
endeavor to do so
before long.

I am, Sir
With sincere respect
Your Friend
Orville R. Morgan

Office of the Port Richmond Iron Works.

Isaac P. Morris,
Lewis Taws,
John J. Thompson,
John H. Towne.

I. P. MORRIS, TOWNE & CO.

Philadelphia, Jan'y 21 1864

Mr. C. Cornell,

Dear Sir

Below I give you statement of Beams &

2 Girders - 49' 4" long	} 1st floor	{ These were ordered & then the girders were changed to Beams thus 2 - Beams 31 1/2 ft long. This order has been filled & sent. The 4 last pieces for the girders being sent last week.
8 Beams - 29' 4" "		
3 " 24' 7" "		
4 Girders 49' 4" "	} 2nd & 3rd Floor	{ These were ordered & then the girders changed to beams thus 4 - Beams 29' 4" long. 4 - " 29' " These are all made but on acct of there being no opportunity of shipping they yet remain at the works.
19 Beams 29' 4" "		
6 Do 10' "		

When they make up this bill I will draw on you for the amt as they say they will not be able to ship them for a month yet.

Yours in relation to Rock Salt will be attended to. My not answering your letter sooner was caused by my being occupied in settling my Fathers affairs, he having died on Friday last. I was not in my office for about a week on that account.

Give my kind regards to friend Schuyler & all loyal friends. Shall I direct to you at Melavan House? I remain

Yrs Truly,
Robt Cartwright

Ithaca Jan'y 21- 1864

How. S. Cornell

Dear Sir:

I am just released from the Circuit & now sit down to answer your letter of the 17th which I have had to neglect till to-day. Before doing so let me say what I believe I forgot to write in a previous letter that I see no objection to your proposed amendment to the Library Bill making the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors a Trustee in the room of the Village Supervisor. I think the amendment a good & prudent one. Its tendency will be to add strength to the Library organization.

As to your inquiry about the Executors in a will I answer that the Statute does not fix the

number. A man may appoint as many or as few as he chooses. In your case I think your wife should be named as executrix & your son Alonzo as executor. As to any beyond this it is solely a matter of choice and judgment whether you have more or not. I do not think it would be wise to name more than three and it is a matter for you to determine whether two will not be sufficient.

Your suggestion as to the propriety of reserving a more formal and extensive will until your plans can be amply matured I am sure is a prudent one. Nothing, in my judgment requires more care and wisdom than rightly to mature & shape plans of a public nature to be accomplished by will & I am glad that you have reserved that

subject for deliberate reflection. I feel sure that Providence will give us many years of your life yet & I hope to see you able to work out and finish your own plans with your own hand & brain.

Miss Nivison & Dr Morgan should be named in the "Cascadia Institute" bill. You ask me to suggest names of others who will aid it with capital & influence. I cannot do it: I do not know who they are. I know many who ought to do so but cannot say that they will. Bro. Bess - Deacon Esty - J. B. Williams are among this number but you can better judge than I. If I had the capital of either of them I would go halves with you in furnishing the \$30000, such is my confidence in Miss Nivison's ability & the feasibility of

the enterprise but my only capital
is in my head (+ not much there
I sometimes think.)

Seltreg has just handed me a
printed copy of the Library Bill
sent him by the Clerk of the Senate.
I find some corrections necessary.

Page 4 - Line 85 for "Rev William
Bisby" read "Rev. William Bixby".

Page 4 - Line 92 for "Grunly"
read "Greenly".

Page 4 - Line 93 - for "F M Finch"
please read "Francis M Finch"
inasmuch as all the other
names are written out in full.

Page 5 Line 120 for "specified"
read "spec'ific".

Page 4 - Line 95 - between words
"Humphrey" + "Alouzo" insert
word "and".

Page 7 line 165 between word "with"
+ word "proceeds" insert word

"the".

Page 7 line 13 change "F"
in my own name to "Francis"
as before.

Page 9 Line 8 for "created"
read "contained".

Page 11. Line 11 for "sub~~u~~vision"
read "subdivision". The printer
has dropped the "d".

Many of these errors are
merely typographical but I have
a sharp eye for types & like to
see clean proof.

I have not said to you, because
I thought it hardly necessary, how
much it gratifies me to be placed
in the list of your Trustees. I think
you know already that no labor or
effort or ability of mine will ever
be wanting in its service.

And right here let me suggest
an improvement in your list of

Trustees. I make it after deliberative reflection & after conversation with several of the Board that is to be.

Strike out the name of Elias Freeman entirely. He is not at all the man for the place. I feel sure it would be an unwise course to leave him in. He is absorbed in business & politics - knows little & cares less about books or literature & would be of no service in the Board. If any of that firm are to be taken let it be Leonard Freeman, He would be very much the most useful man of the two. But I think Benjamin

G. Dennis preferable to either because

1. he has literary taste & love for books which the others have not.
2. I know he feels a deep interest in the Library & its success.
- 3 He & Dowe are rather the Democratic leaders & spokesmen

& one of them should be taken for conciliation.

4. He controls & partially edits the "Citizen & Democrat" & in that way would be useful in keeping public sentiment straight.

5. He has time & leisure which the Freemans have not.

For all these reasons I prefer him. I would change the list in this way

"Finch & Schuyler
Thompson & Selkreg
Cornell & Dennis.

This substitutes Dennis for Freeman & puts him in for one year & makes Thompson in for two years instead of one. This last change I would make any way.

This evening I talked with Selkreg about this. He says he advised you to put in Thompson

in preference to Denis but he thinks
Denis preferable to Freeman. This
discussion is a little delicate but I
leave the whole subject to you.
Whoever you choose I shall work
with them with entire harmony &
good will.

I begin again to-morrow on my
unfinished Charters.

It is not impossible that I
may have to spend a few days
in Albany in the course of next
month. I hope it may turn out so.

You must excuse the length of
my letters but long as they are I
generally leave out something I
wanted to say: & that reminds
me of a request I was asked
to communicate to you which
I had nearly forgotten.

The friends of Henry Stephens
a Soldier in Co. D of our 137th

1-21-64

Regt who was wounded at "Gettysburg"
& is now at York Pa desire his
removal to the hospital at Elmira &
understanding you have effected
some such removals ask your
interference.

I hope you may have good luck
in your fight with Oswego but my
faith is slender—

"One little hope
To face a thousand fears."

Yrs Truly

A. W. Smith

Deliverance House
Albany Jan 22. 64

Dear Madam

Your favor of the 16th Officially
announcing the fact of a "silent
meeting" of a dozen or more
Ladies of the Aid Society at
their recent monthly meeting
came duly to hand, and I was
happy to learn that the Ladies
of Ithaca had the will and
endurance to perform such
a difficult task.

I require no further
test to convince me that
whatever they undertake
they will accomplish
and I most cheerfully

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confess that I had under-estimated the sternness of their wills, and as cheerfully respond in the payment of fifty dollars, with which I provoked the test, a check for which I enclosed to J. H. Selkirk Esq with directions to hand it to Mrs M. L. Wood Treasurer of the Ladies aid Society.

I now most earnestly request, that the Ladies will remain no longer under the influence of silence, but henceforth enjoy the full exercise of a woman's privilege,

Having closed the account of the "Silent Meeting", I will now propose another task for the Ladies of

Ithaca, I will give them One thousand dollars, towards any successful effort to furnish suitable employment to such of our Soldier's wives and other females who desire ~~such~~ an opportunity to contribute to the support of themselves and families.

Ladies, here is a work of the utmost necessity, and a work for which none are better fitted than yourselves,

Your organized efforts, if wisely directed, can place the mothers, wives, sisters and daughters, of the brave defenders of our Country and our Liberties in a ~~condition~~ situation when through suitable and adequate employment

They can under themselves
comfortable and happy -

In such a work you
may rely upon the constant
continuance and cooperation
of us Your Obedt Servt

E. Cornell

Miss Jane L Hardy

Secy Ladies

Aid Society

P. S. Mrs Cornell, send,

Greetings to the silent
sister,



METROPOLITAN FAIR

FOR THE

U. S. Sanitary Commission,

RECEIVING DÉPÔT,

No. 2 Great Jones Street, New York.

New York
January 22^d

Dear Sir

At the suggestion of Mr
Edward G. Fair, I take the
liberty of asking your interest in
the Metropolitan Fair, and that
you will endeavour to interest
the Farming community generally,
in sending articles to the Fair

If you will send us lists
of persons, to whom we can
send circulars, we will be
obliged

Respectfully yours
Elizabeth W. Sherman

Secretary

1864

Albion Jan 22.

Dear Brother

As we
do not hear from
you as often as we
wish I will write you
a few lines hoping to
get an answer.

M B health is much
better this winter, and
the rest of the family
are well. Jane will
soon have an addition
to her family.

Deborah writes that
they are well and
Daniel is still in the
Hospital he is employed
as nurse and his wife
also.

My object in writing
you at this time is
to solicit a little aid
for the Presbyterian
church in Allston.
it cost about ten thousand
dollars and we owe
yet about 25 hundred
about one thousand
of that is pledged if
we can raise the rest
our men are some in
the army leaving
mostly a church of
women. The mortgage
is in the hands of
a banker in New York
and we must pay
it if we do not we
will lose our church
and our society will
be ruined. We ought

not to have builded to expense
a church but were aided
by the builder. M.B. has
subscribed \$225.00 I intend
to give one hundred more
if we cannot get it
without. Will you please
help us a little however
small the amount it
will be gladly received
If you think I do
wrong in asking it
Please pardon me

We are having mild
weather now but have
had very cold weather
I write so little that
I write very poorly as
I always did

Give my love to M.A.
Arthur has been in Chicago
a visiting is home now
Robert is well not been home
yet

He is very patriotic
and greatly rejoiced
at the result of the
Ohio & Pennsylvania
elections, although he
is a Democrat.

He says they are about
bringing the relation to
a close. God grant it
may be so.

Affectionately

Hon & Cornell

Your truly
Philip Good

Philip
12 Feb 64

H. Dins 64th N. B. Vols.
Camp near Brandy Station Va
Jan 22nd 1864

Glen E. Cornell; Sir;

I take the liberty of addressing you on a subject vital to the interests of this regiment because I know you take an interest in what we are doing and because I think you can promote the efficiency of the regiment very materially.

The Colonel of the regt. is not able to be with us because of Consumption. I gave him a certificate of disability in July last and he went home "on leave of absence" because of his being affected with consumption, and he has been failing slowly since that time so there is not the least probability of his coming to the regiment again. He has been with us about four months in the last year and a half, and while he was here he was unfit for duty most of the time.

The Lieut Colonel is unfit for service in the field because of a wound received at the first battle of Fredericksburg which leaves his left arm useless.

While in full possession of all his powers and faculties he lacked some of the requisites for a good Commander. He ought to be in the invalid corps.

The Major (now commanding the regiment) is an

eccentric man and his sanity is sometimes questioned. He was deranged some years since and his eccentricities have destroyed the confidence the other officers ought to have in their commander.

He has influential ^{friends} (out of the regiment) and we are afraid they will make ^{him} Colonel unless those who work for the welfare of the regiment bestir themselves to prevent it. The commissioned officers of the regiment have all joined in a written request which has been forwarded to Col. Bingham, and to Lieut Col. Brooks asking them to resign.

Major Bradley is now absent and all the Commissioned Officers present have signed a petition asking Gov. Seymour to make Capt. Wm. Glenny Colonel of the Regt.

Of course we can not send this petition to the Governor until the place of Col. is vacant, but we are afraid outside influence will procure the appointment of some man unfit for the place, before the officers of the regiment can be heard in the matter.

Capt. Glenny is the Senior Capt. in the regt. and he would have been made Major had not outside influence (against the wishes of the officers of the regt. in the field) promoted Bradley over him.

We know Capt. Glenny is well qualified to fill the place of Colonel, is respected wherever he is known and if you can assist us in promoting him when the vacancy occurs you will add greatly to the efficiency of the 64th N.Y. Vols.

With feelings of respect I am,
Yours Obedt. Servt. Charles B. Kelsey
Asst. Surgeon 64th Regt. N.Y. Vols.

A. H. P. Cornell

Jan^y 22. 64

Danby Jan 23^d 1864

My Dear Father,

I have thought very often of late that I would write you and as often abandoned the idea thinking that perhaps after all it would do no good to ask the favor I have so much thought of. I have thought that as you are buying a great deal real estate and as it is a very good investment that if I would ask it you would buy the Giles farm for me (I understand it can be bought very reasonable) it would make such a pleasant home and would be so much nearer all my friends and relations, I should prize it as one of the

finest gifts you could bestow on me

Father if you will but grant me this one favor you shall see that I am not yet entirely unworthy of your best hopes and wishes, There are so many more chances for improvement there than here I will study hard and try in every respect to become what you and Mother most desire

Now may perhaps think if I were to live so near the village that the many temptations would be too strong for me, but Father I never have any desire for the company that spend their evenings around the parlors and groceries. This much I am proud to say for myself that in the two years I have lived in the town of Danby and have been in town I have ~~never~~ ^{not} spent ten evenings away from home unless it were to make a call on some of the neighbors, and that I have

never yet tasted of one drop of spirituous liquors nor ever shall, that is something that but very few young men can say at the present day

And then the advantages of living there, there are debating societies and public meetings and lectures that are of a great deal of use to a young ~~to a young~~ man and I promise you that I will try and improve them if you will but do this I plainly see the necessity of all of them

And besides this living away back here if any of us are sick we can not get a doctor that is of any good without going to Ithaca and then have to pay four dollars a trip and not have the doctor oftener than once in four or five days

Father if you will but do this you will ever find me trying to do ~~well~~ manage so as to please you and always anxious and asking for advice in things that I am not capable of judging

Now Father please think favorable
of this one request and try and grant it
if possible and I promise you that you
shall never see the day you can say
you are sorry but on the contrary you
shall say you are glad

By the way Uncle Otis has
leased the Honstis house across the road
with the intention of buying if possible

Our little Lela walks all over
the house and is getting to be a nice boy
he is as fat and healthy as could be

Tell Mother I should like
very much to receive a letter from her

Louise joins with me in love
to Mother and you

Ever your Affectionate son

O. H. P. Cornell

P.S.

Please answer as soon as convenient

26 East 20th St. New York
Jan 7. 23rd. 1864

Senator Dutcher

Dear Sir

I see by to days paper that a bill has been introduced into the Assembly to punish the adulteration of milk. Hon. E. Cornell laboured very industriously last winter and succeeded in passing an act for this purpose, but owing to legal technicalities it failed to accomplish what he and Legislature intended. The whole matter of the testing of the legality of the act, and the commitment of the parties infringing it was under my management. I have many facts collected upon the subject and was intending to present them to Mr Cornell when I visit Albany at the meeting of the State Medical Society about 3rd Feb. I think I can point out to him and the Legislature all that is needed to make the law all that they intended it should be. You will remember that this subject of unsound milk has not ceased to occupy my attention since my report to the Academy of Medicine & Board of Health in 1858. If Mr Cornell will kindly take the supervision

of this matter again I will furnish him with facts
sufficient to accomplish all that he asks. I shall be
in Albany 2nd 3rd 4th Feb^y next. Will you please show
this letter to Mr Cornell and ask him to write to
me on the subject and also to inform me what is
the bill at present before the Legislature, and by
whom it is introduced.

I show your letter to Mr Becker, if you will
lend me your earnest assistance in this matter it
will materially aid you in accomplishing your inten-
tions in this bill you proposed to pass and wrote to him
about.

I do not know you personally but am well
acquainted with you through my relations in Doc Dr. Smith
25 Dr. Smith

Yours respectfully
J. L. Percy M.D.
Professor Nat. Med. N.Y. Medical College

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As journalists, it is our duty to publish such matters as may be interesting to our readers, and we shall, therefore, publish your sketch. Should there occur any mistakes or inaccuracies therein, from neglect to furnish us with matters of date, facts, etc., it will not be any fault of our's, as we shall have endeavored to get as near the facts as possible, in the absence of any information from yourself, the most likely to know of them. Hoping to hear from you by return mail,

I am, Yours, &c.,

H. C. PAGE, Editor of the Era.

Assembly Chamber

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- 13—When and where received military or naval education? When graduated?
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Please answer the above FULLY AND IN ORDER, and also send your photograph, or other good sized picture, for engraving of portrait.

~~22~~ All communications and conferences with this office are considered as STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL and SACRED between man and man. Should you not send us data, please name to us some gentleman to whom we can apply for that purpose. We will send you a copy of our paper should you so desire, so that you may see the style and manner in which our sketches are produced.

H. C. P.

High way Labor! Candor Jan. 25 1864
- Mr. Cornell Dear Sir

The H. way Commissioners think
that the roads would be better worked
if the wages of H. way labor was raised
to \$1. a day of nine hours to commence at
7 A.M. (travelling time allowed beyond one mile)
and Quit about 1/2 past 5 P.M. or 6 o'clock
that will about use up the day with Teams
Merchants & mechanics and others commut
at 5/- a day - and if prices were not
inflated by a depreciated currency work
on H. ways - 8 hours nett time could not
be hired at 5/- a day and board ones self
If the non-Resident Lands were assessed a
money tax for H. way Labor, would it
not be more convenient,

Yours
J. V. Haddock
Candor. N.Y.

To have the price of
H. way Labor raised from
5/- to 8/- a day
per 9 hours

^{E. W.}
Office of Chester & Kennaday,

ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW.

E. W. CHESTER,
JOHN K. KENNADAY,

TRINITY BUILDING, 111 Broadway,

New York, Jun. 23. 1864

Hon E. Cornell,

Dear Sir

I recd yesterday yours
of 21 inclosing copy of a Bill put
into your hands by the Erie R. Way Co.
of which I see you have given notice.
Don't introduce the Bill till I send
you such an amendment as will make
them deal with common honesty with
us.

I wrote a note to Mr. Eaton asking
to see him in relation to such an
amendment. He promised to call but
has not yet ~~been~~ done so.

I will send him a proposed amend-
ment this afternoon, & see if we can agree
upon it.

On his request I had consented to

resume the cause on the calendar
& to refer it, if we can agree on a
referee. He expressed himself with
more frankness, I thought, than for-
merly in regard to the case, using the
expression, that he had thought the
case over a good deal without being
able to make up his mind - that is
that he was doubtful whether their de-
fence would hold.

Under these circumstances I hope
we may now force them to do what
is simply honest.

Paw has just been in. It is a mis-
erable condition for a man to be
hanging about New York trying to pick
up something to make a living out of
& as destitute as he is.

If I find it likely to pay I will
come to Albany, next week - in the early
part & confer with you.

Yours truly

E. W. Chester

J. M. Matteson
Jan 23. 64

1864

Hackensack N J Jan 23

Thos E Cornell

Dear Sir

I have bought 98 lbs of Pear Seede
and have drawn on you one
hundred and nity six dollars at
Haea I bought the 98 lbs seed
in N Y, since I have been absent from
home my folks have sent me this
bill of trees that I send to you
and have concluded not to get
only 98 lbs of Pear seade and
I want you to send me as soon
as you rec this mounney anoph to
by the 100 lbs it will cost in france
\$100 and what ever the exchange is.
I will have ~~no~~ concluded not to get
the evergreens and balene of seade
on account of the high ex change
altho we ought to have them but will
defer it untill another year
on telling the importers of the

success of our raising seedlings
they advise me to raise all I can
there is not ~~another~~ another locality
superior to it in the United States
if we succeed this year as we have
heartedfore I would like to plant
1000 this, if I had the seedlings now
on hand that we sold I could
get 500 or more for them than they
were sold for, I want to send
immediately, it is now getting late
sold to day is 15¢ send me one
hundred & fifty seven dollars and I
will by a draft on some house
in France send it directly to
N.Y. city

I am anxious to return home
as soon as I accomplish this business
I have been absent nearly a month
I will look after those farms
as soon as I return

Very Respectfully yours
James M. Mattison

P.S. if you should want a man
to superintend building you a grapeery
and plant and prepare borders and
look after it for a time I can find
such a man for you

Please send me back the
French letter & bill

The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Co.

{ Office COAL DEPARTMENT.

{ Binghamton. N. Y. Jan 23 1864

Hon E. Cornell

Dear Sir

Will you have
the goodness to present the
enclosed petition

We deem the object
for which the petitioners
ask aid from the Legislature
very important, and in fact
indispensable

Please help the
matter as far as you can
consistently

Very Truly Yrs

C. M. Dwyer

E. B. Cornell
24 Jan 1864

Ithaca Jan 24 1864

Dear Brother

Yours of the 13th came duly to hand and found us all well as usual. I have ordered the balance of stone for the new building and hope they will be forth coming by the time we shall want them. The Schoolhouse is ready for plastering which I shall do as soon as the weather will do to make the mortar which it bids fair for today as it is quite warm and pleasant. I think there will have to be a new roof on the Schoolhouse had it better be put on this winter or not - untill spring. Frank has got his ice house nearly filled but the roof is not on yet - I presume Millard will go at it tomorrow

I got the Safe up from the
Inlet yesterday for the new bank
all night although it was something
of a job on account of its height
(5180) The trustees have been party-
ing over that bill for stone and gravel
ever since you left, putting it over from
one meeting to another & yesterday
I went to Mr Greenly and asked him
what disposition they had made of
our bill. Well he says I have tried
and I cannot get it through the
board, well said I, I will take it
then, he hesitated for a moment and
finally handed it to me, I put it
in my pocket and said to him
I would keep it until you returned
from Albany when I presumed you
would make them a present of ^{it} your
being a pretty liberal kind of a man
and as I left the store he followed
me out and says hold on a minute
we don't want you to give us any

thing, why then says I don't you
audit the bill. well says he
if you want some money
we can let you have some,
very well I says that is what
I want, and how much can you
let me have, he says \$300 well I
says that won't settle the bill
well he says we will pay the
balance some other time he finally
gave me a check for \$300. with
out the bills having been passed
by the board, I think the reason
why the board won't pass the bill
is because the president, Mr G. took the
responsibility to make arrangements
for the stone & gravel without
consulting the street committee
committees are very sensation
some times especially if there is a
Ring on the committee
Betsey Ann wishes me to say
that she would very gladly

I accept the present you
propose to make her and
thank you kindly for so generous
a gift - hoping that you may
be prospered more abundantly
as a reward not only for your
generosity towards her but to many
many others who have enjoyed
so many of your generous favours
for my own part I join heartily
with her in thanks for ^{your} generosity
towards us hoping that you
may be prospered with health
and long life to enjoy all the
honours that so generous a
spirit deserves please
remember us kindly to Mary
Ann & the children

Yours Respectfully

To E C

C. B. Blornell