

had a friend in the office  
but did not know until this  
Evening who it was. He will stave  
it off if possible.

please not let their excuses  
paralyze your influence. We want  
the work accomplished and leave  
the obstacles, disadvantages, and so forth  
with us. There is more principle  
than profit involved even were I able  
to get mustered. base this action  
upon the principal we are fighting  
the battles of our Country "Victory  
or Death" Hoping this will  
reach you timely and that you  
may meet with success.

I am very Respectfully  
Your obt Servt & friend  
Capt William Henry  
64<sup>th</sup> NY

Over

The aggregate strength of the Regiment is 394. We are not to blame for our reduced numbers.

Near three fourths of our original (yes quite) number have either been killed, or bear honorable scars.

do you think it would be injustice to a Regiment that has done such service enlisted without bounty &c; even if a Colonel should be commissioned and mustered with its present numbers?

I know you do not. but the Government may, taking the first view of the case, as I said before the Government can not be harmed. further in reference to their objection there are hundreds of officers in the Army waiting muster on their commissions line officers in our own Regt, but this is the first objection to giving commissions on that ground that I have heard. further I think one or two will step out of the way if we can get the Wishes of the Regt gratified in reference to promotion.

Respectfully Yours  
Capt. W. Williams

Mr. Glenn  
29 Feb 63

# ERIE RAILWAY TELEGRAPH.

Office, Erie Railway Depot.

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L. G. TILLOTSON, Str'r.

Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 1864

By Telegraph from.....

To Am E Cornell

msw

Enclosed we send you papers to execute to enable us to close up the whole matter with our Bank - Please send your note for six months or 9 as you please for the amount of the judgt which we are obliged to pay off before we can close with him. Then about \$1100, more in a mortgage will give you the first Lien in the whole thing. Please return all papers just as soon as possible. As our

Robert is here waiting to  
go to work & can't take  
hold until bank is  
satisfied -

Yours Truly  
P. A. Hopkins

P.S. The amt of Newell  
& Childen note is \$926,99.

you may make the note  
& leave blank to whom order  
& we will put our firm in  
as we will decide to name  
it.

Genoa 2<sup>o</sup> mo 23<sup>th</sup> 1864

Hon. C. Cornell

Respected friend

I rec'd a few days ago a copy  
of the Albany Evening Journal Almanac  
from thy hand, for which please  
accept my sincere thanks.

From the brief review of the work  
which I have already made I  
consider it very valuable for reference.

It pleases me much to receive  
such tokens of regard and desiring  
thy prosperity, believe me as ever  
thy Affectionate fr<sup>d</sup>

George H. Sibbard.

P.S. - I have been deeply interested in perusing  
from the "Tribune" an account of the late  
Meeting of the State Agricultural Society - C. M. S.

New York Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 22<sup>d</sup> gives me no little gratification, enkindling as it does, afresh in my mind, the hope that you will yet manifest your expressed good will & intentions towards me, by a practical demonstration. If this be your determination - I would impress upon your mind, with all the force I am capable of - that now is the time - that in appearance, this is another tide in my affairs, that must be taken at its flood - if I am to do anything - whether it is to be so - depends entirely upon the course you adopt with regard to me - That you feel disposed to do me the favor solicited. The language of your last, leaves little room for doubt - "I should be glad to help you, if I could see any way in which I had confidence that it would lead to your benefit - Is it reasonable to suppose that one with the multiplicity of business on his hands that you have, will be able to give the subject that attention necessary to come to a correct conclusion in regard to what is a safe & profitable business for another to engage in? wouldn't one who has <sup>a</sup> vital interest in the matter, with ample time & opportunity to make the necessary investigation be the most likely to be the better judge? I know that everything depends upon the choice I now make - hence - am exceedingly cautious & particular in my examinations into everything pertaining to it - I have confidence in my ability to judge of such matters, if I may be allowed my own selection - If I am to wait until you find time to investigate & become convinced of the practicability & profitability of any business that chance may throw into my way - I fear it will be a long time before I do anything under your auspices - I do not see that anything practical is likely to grow out of your good intentions towards me - until you make up your mind to treat

to my judgement & ability - & at once respond to my appeal - Most assuredly I should be doubly grateful & delighted to have your counsel in the matter if such a thing could be - but while I am writing your convenient time. My life, and with it the best of opportunities are likely to pass away - You are cautious and prudent, as you should be - but no more so, I think, than I can claim for myself - If I have <sup>not</sup> had experience enough to teach me the value of money, no amount of it would avail me anything - The difficulty seems to lie in our not coinciding in our views respecting the kind of business to be selected.

The question here naturally arises, who should be the best judge of a man's ability for any business, himself or another? Suppose by some fortuitous event you should become penniless & could only recover by the aid of a friend who made it a "line quanon" that he should have the choice of the business, you should go into regardless of your taste, adaptability or qualification, & should select one that you were perfectly well satisfied you were utterly unfitted & disqualified in every particular, for successfully carry on - you would, as would any man, consider it your interest & duty to decline it - especially when your age & circumstances did not admit of your trying experiments - It is certainly perfectly proper for you to look to the probability of getting your money back - In reference to that, I have <sup>made</sup> every conceivable proposition to secure you - upon plans, it is true, that taxes your confidence in my ability & honesty to keep my word - Mr Carr - who has made operations in my behalf, as no friend ever did before, has kindly & voluntarily tendered his services & aid - in support of the latter - & visits you to state his proposition in person - This however contemplates a partnership arrangement between us - in some business, we may elect - He having some capital of his own to put in with mine, This I accept - 1<sup>st</sup> because I think he would make an excellent partner & 2<sup>d</sup> thinking that if

he were one, you might sooner be induced to loan me the money - for you cannot be ignorant of the fact - that he has always borne the character of an - exceedingly cautious & safe operator - being content with small gains on certainities, rather than run the chances for large ones - on unwarranted risks. & his success in his various operations attests the justice of the reputation he bears. - This will not necessarily debar me from going into <sup>the</sup> mining association which I frankly confess to open I do not want to give up - I have bestowed a considerable attention upon it, and have been peculiarly fortunate in obtaining information respecting it - Mine does not tally with opinion - which no doubt dates back to first experiments under very crude machinery & imperfect knowledge of working mines & extracting the ores - Great strides have recently been made in both <sup>these</sup> respects, and most satisfactory results are now being realized - Some parties who went out to Colorado 2, 3, & 4 years ago poor, are already worth 1, 2 & 2 1/2 hundred thousand, as the result of their operations - 2 or 3 of <sup>whom</sup> wrought most industriously a whole year without paying results - exhausting their entire resources & were about going abandoning it - when suddenly they struck upon lodes that yielded them from 15 to 18 hundred a day for some months - This I have from the parties themselves as well as from others, Of course all are not expected to do as well - but that our association will do well. I am perfectly well convinced - As everything depends upon the management & as our manager is universally reputed an A. to 1. operator & is now backed by men of sufficient means to help him to any extent - Our mine is invariably pronounced, by miners & visitors there to be one of the richest objects - The projectors & I have obtained our information from various, reliable & disinterested sources, including the Assay Chemist of the Treasury department of U.S., who has been particularly friendly & communicative to me - who has been twice out there for special examinations & only recently returned from his second trip - Their attention having first been called to it, from the reports & success of some of the

projectors friends or acquaintances engaged in mining & a very favorable opportunity coming to them, through an intimate acquaintance of many years standing, in whom they have the most implicit confidence - who has been some little time operating there, on too limited means & inadequate facilities to enable him to work it to advantage. They embrace it - They are not young adventurers upon others capital - who have neither money nor character to lose - but Merchants of good standing and unquestionable veracity - whose antecedent operations here, have been eminently successful, & who are noted for <sup>their</sup> extreme caution, sound, practical sense, & business qualifications - who invest their own thousands in it - Such men are not given to engage in any Chimerical Schemes - They love their money too well to put it into anything that does not give the strongest assurances of profitable returns

An average specimen of our quartz, of what was at hand - it is true, assayed, but about 700, to the cord - but the proprietor has taken out as much, by the simple ordinary process - some yielding more, some less - & some not paying expenses - His has averaged him 200 - 2 or more cords can be worked out in a day - His specimen enables him to arrive at a pretty accurate estimate of - With a full force & a contingent of 30, the daily expense figures up 175, - 2 cords at 200, each, gives a receipt of 400, deduct the expense 175, & we have 225, amounting in a year to 82125, - on a cash capital of 50000, - 15000, of which is kept as a reserve contingent & is not expected to be needed - This estimate is based upon the receipts by the old process & imperfect machinery - The new process - recently started & in successful operation there, is yielding more than double any former one - which together with engines instead of hand power - promises to considerably increase the above figures - But if it pay 50 per cent, it is a good investment - Then something may be realized from the sale of the stock - ~~the~~ thing is modified so that only 2000, is required to be paid down on a share, with the understanding & almost positive certainty no more will be called for, This amount entitles the subscriber to 1/5 part of the whole stock & receipts - 10000, is paid down to the proprietor - 10000, he puts in - 30000, the balance of the 50000, the price of the 3 claims mills & appertinances, is paid from the receipts of the mine, after this wise, 1/2 of the receipts at each regearing off - goes to pay it - & 1/2 to liquidate the advances by us, but withstanding the investigations that have been made - with the further caution of the association, 24000, remains in the hands of Deers Trustee, excepting some small advances to enable the manager to get out a few hundred cords, to further test the quality of the quartz - From each cord - an average specimen is selected & laid aside, till the end of the week when it is to be regearing off

2<sup>o</sup> reported immediately to head quarters - after this has gone on ~~to~~ a sufficient time to -  
perfectly satisfy all parties. \$250,000, is to be expended in the purchase of an engine & additional  
machinery to run it to its fullest capacity - Mr. Judd of the firm of Lee Judd & Co. who has  
mines & mills in Black Hawk 1 1/2 miles from ours - & who are sending out from 20 to 25  
thousand per month to their Bankers Duncan Sherman & Co. N.Y. says our Mine is worth  
\$150,000, as it lies, & further that Keith's process is going to work wonders, (It worked in  
their mills before he left) that it gets out 8 or 10 hundred from quartz that they have never  
been able to get more than \$200, by their process which was the best in use - If this be true  
it will immeasurably increase the above estimate - There is nothing that has not its risks & is  
not subject to extraordinary casualties, but that mining in Colorado will compare favorably  
with any other project conceivable. There is too much proof of to admit of a doubt -  
When the proper time comes - an organization is to be effected under the laws regulating mining  
Companies - It is true, although an unheard thing, that the lodes may run out - It is equally,  
and with as much force & reasonableness, true that the whole territory of Colorado  
may sink, & our investments be lost - but there is not the slightest probability that  
either will happen - You hope that I will abandon my schemes for sudden riches -  
I am not aware that I have any such - My plans look only to a comfortable  
living, with a reasonable prospect of getting enough more to enable me to pay up my  
debts & lay by a little for old age - & my present age admonishes me of its urgent  
necessity - You can no more desire me settled down in some permanent, good, business -  
than I - but who is to find it - You have not time & are afraid to trust me with its  
selection - I think were you to duly consider what I said in a former letter, respecting  
professional & practical qualifications - You would find in it some force of reasoning - & not  
lay my present condition altogether to a lack of Capacity on my part - but where you  
should - to the loss of my means & friendly aid - in an injudicious & unpropitious commencement  
that I was led into, rather than went into by my better judgment - There is a force

Soap business - just started here under the auspices of a friend of mine, who ~~turns~~ will turn it over to me - if I will take it - to engage in a purely commission basis, that does not require capital, that he has not in very great abundance, - that looks well & is worthy of a consideration.

The telegraph matter is not new to me - I have under consideration the taking of a class in Bryant & Stratten Commercial College here - where I recently put up 3 instruments. They only propose to pay me 50 per cent of the receipts.

I have repeatedly applied to Speed, Randall & Co. for positions on their line - Speed does not exhibit his wonted courtesy & friendship towards me & the others know little of me - I applied about ten days ago to them, for building & running their City Lines - but as yet hear nothing from them - I have left no stone unturned in seeking something to do - The mere fact that a man is seeking business savors ill of him I suppose - in their nostrils - reasoning that he can't be worth much - or he would not be in want of a place.

Mr Chesters's friend Judge Wilcox from Central City, bid him advise me to go out there & open a loan office - where from 5 to 30 per cent. a month could be realized & 5 per cent. a day was sometimes paid, with the best security.

There seems to be opportunities enough for any person with means - I am sorry to tax your time so much - It is said all things come an end - I suppose our correspondence will sometimes ~~have~~ -

Mr Ezra Cornell }  
Senators Chamber }  
Albany N.Y. }

2/25/1863

Very Respectfully Truly

M. P. Raw

57 182 2nd St  
N.Y.

E. B. Corwell  
25 Feb 64

Athaca 25 Feb 1864

Dear Brother

Years of the work is  
at hand, We have got the school house  
done all but shingling I have  
bought the shingles for the job  
for \$3.50 per m and shall put them  
on the first fine day

Mrs Gile moved into the school house  
last week and this morning she  
commenced the school in the new  
room and is highly delighted  
with it, it makes a verry fine  
room for her and will seat  
100 scholars

as regards getting more help  
I think it would be well to  
engage some four or five good  
prep book layers if they can be  
found who will come here

for reasonable wages. There is  
one thing certain the Masons we  
have here are not used to that  
kind of work and will make a  
slow job of it. Will you ~~see~~  
~~what~~ attend to the matter or  
shall I go and look some  
up. I think Masons will be  
scarce and in much demand  
~~next~~ <sup>this</sup> Spring as there has been  
a large fire at Ironmans burgh  
one half of the business part  
of the place is destroyed.

Let me hear from you soon  
in reference to getting help  
from abroad.

Yours respect fully  
E. B. Cornell

E. Cornell

Feb. 25-1864-

Senators of the 24th.

Dear Sir

I acknowledge  
The Recd of several valuable Documents  
at your hands for which I return you my  
sincere thanks. What progress does the  
Susquehanna Canal Bill make - is there  
any chance for its passage this Session?

Are the Trans- for 1863 published yet?

Is there any prospect ~~of making~~  
of making an appropriation to defray the  
expenses of getting the Statistics of the State  
an enterprise so desirable and so useful to  
us all?

It has been a good winter for cattle and  
Sheep thus far and all farm stock is looking well  
up to this time (Feb 25) How do your Sawtooth  
winter and <sup>how</sup> does the herd thrive under Mr. Watts'  
care and superintendance? Is John housesick  
any yet? How does the Duke of Thorndale get on  
Will he make good the old Duke's place?

You will please excuse me for asking one more favor  
of the Senator - it is this - I want to obtain your  
Photographs to place in an Album which I am  
filling up with eminent Farmers of the Empire State

of my own Time - Please give my respects  
to Col. Johnson and tell him if you please  
I have left a niche in my little Westminster  
Abbey (as I call it) to place his picture in that  
he promised me some time ago - Friend Cornell  
I mean no flattery - I like pictures where I cannot  
be conversant with the original - Does Webster's portrait  
embelish his Quarto Dictionary would it lessen its value  
any to have it expunged, we could almost as well  
the text itself

If it is not too much trouble  
please give my respects to our ancestor from  
Troja and I would like to get some small  
memento from him -

We are all well - how are you  
and the family -

Yours ever to serve -  
Louis P. Legg  
Berkshire Hill

Hon. E. Cornell  
Forest Park

Address Speersville Tompkins Co. N.Y.

And oblige -  
I shall want a Buck another <sup>year</sup> if nothing happens  
I want to be in season so I can have my choice  
in the Lot - if not otherwise disposed of -

L.P.L.

P.S. Please say to workmen the we are  
all well

Eric Co. Infirmary  
February 26/64

H. Mack Esq  
Ithaca N.Y.

Dear Sir

Your letter  
of Feb 15, was forwarded to me  
from Castalia, to Sandusky  
that being my Po. office address  
and Castalia is the address of  
Mr Bois, I would say to you  
that if I can do any thing  
to aid you in your investiga-  
tions, in regard to the existence  
of salt water in your vicinity  
I will do what my time and  
ability admits, after becoming  
acquainted with Mr Bois and  
his old widowed Mother I found  
that they were from Tompkins  
County and that they had

\* trace of salt water on the flats near the inlet - would be of some service to Ithaca

formerly lived where Ithaca  
now is and that the old  
lady was well acquainted  
with our family the old  
lady interested us by telling  
stories of the past when your  
place contained but two or  
three log huts she said her  
father came there by the way  
of Oswego, and Susquehanna  
River after they had been there  
a year or so My Grandfather  
with his family came there  
and lived in the same house  
with them and I think she  
said that the two men cleared  
and sowed the first piece of  
wheat in that place it was  
on the east hill but I can't say  
just where, subsequently ~~my~~  
My Grandfather Elder Micajah  
Starr and family moved to the  
then town of Milton now Lansing

and Mrs Bois Father Mr Yaples  
moved to Sanby where some  
of the family now live, Henry  
Yaples is her brother and of  
course Uncle to B. Bois, when  
the family lived <sup>there</sup> the Indians  
were quite numerous old Mrs  
Bois said at one time a small  
squad of Indians came to one  
of their neighbours and wanted  
some mush made for them to  
eat, the woman told them they  
had no salt. an old Squaw  
said ugh, Me get some she  
said she went out with a  
pail and soon returned  
with a pail of water suffi-  
ciently salt to make their  
mush. ~~At~~ Now we will pass  
along to Berlin's account his  
Father by some means, secured  
the confidence of an old Indian  
and by his promising faithfully

It believe that Bois is perfectly safe and has no disposition to humbug any

one. I wrote to Gortman because I thought them  
honest and that their knowledge of the eyes  
that he would not tell any one  
about it, or at least where it was  
told the Indian told him where it  
was and B said his Father had often  
got water from the spring, time  
passed on and they concluded to move  
west, and the old man Bois feeling  
that life was uncertain or for some  
cause thought best to communicate  
the whereabouts of the spring to some  
one and he chose his son B. he took  
him with him and told him that  
he would not tell him but would walk  
in the direction of the spring and when  
he got directly over it he would stop  
and he could note the place so  
says he did, and set a small compass  
and took directions and got the dis-  
tance from a certain point, and  
drew a map &c, but in moving  
he has lost the map, but thinks  
he has it so fixed in his mind that  
he can point out the place or can find  
the spring, at any rate he can tell  
you enough to get you on the direction  
he says that his Father said that in  
all the searches for it, in former years  
they did not get near it, he Gortman  
says that he wants you to say or write  
whether there is a small Island in the Inlet  
between the Inlet-bridge and the Lake, say  
about 1/2 mile from bridge, if so he will come  
out and see what he can do. Please write  
Respectfully yours D. L. Starr

Leedsville Feb. 26 1844

Hon Emile Cornell

Sir

Our Board of Supervi-  
sors holds a meeting on Monday  
next for the purpose of settling the credits  
of volunteers to the different towns. As  
it is quite important I should attend,  
I shall not be present at the com-  
mencement of the session

The Bill amending the Bounty Act  
passed the House a day or two before  
the rep. As it ~~is~~ happened, the Bill  
seemed to fall into my hands, as our  
county was as much interested as any  
other. If no body in the Senate, then it  
in charge, will you see that it is promptly  
passed?

I expect to be in Albany on Wednesday  
evening.

Your Resp

H. B. Linn

# NEW YORK, ALBANY & BUFFALO TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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No. 1.

Reg'd

JAMES D. REID, Sup't, Utica, N. Y.

T. R. WALKER, President.

To

*Cornell*

By Telegraph from *New York*

*Feb 26 1864* Rec'd *M.*

*It can be retained at 10 20 to 50 shares in a lot at 130 could probably sell the whole at 125 in a lump reply*

*J. Horner*

Sent check \$500. Full P<sup>r</sup> Albany  
22 Mar 64 - EC

Gaines Feb 26 1864

Dear Brother

Your favor of 13<sup>th</sup> inst  
came duly to hand last  
Evening on my arrival from  
Detroit. I shall cut what Block  
Walnut Lumber we can get in  
according to directions in your  
letter. But have had no shipping  
since I wrote you before, and  
I am fearful we shall be obliged  
to draw our logs to mill on  
trucks. We have got I think  
over 50 M Contracted for within  
3 1/2 miles of mill and over 15 M  
in yard. I would like to have  
you make an arrangement by  
which we can consign what  
we cut to some good responsible  
Lumber dealer of Albany, as

Consign Lumber to Birdsall Frazer & Co Albany

soon as navigation opens in  
spring so that we can get the  
benefit of the first spring market.

I would like to have you if  
you could send me \$500.  
to help me through with getting  
in Logs and paying help till  
first of May and then come  
out here if you can and  
see the prospects here for making  
money and what the inhabitants  
propose to do as soon as I  
get the Saw Mill &c in  
complete operation. I think  
I can do well and in a  
few years pay you back  
what means you may  
assist me too in getting  
started, as I have got the  
mill to work, which works  
very well, and there is market  
at good prices for all the

lumber I can cut as  
the country is settling up very  
fast and demand all the  
time increasing for Lumber.  
Seven years ago there was  
not a tree fell here where  
the village is, now there is  
two good stores and about  
forty dwelling houses, and  
there is not a mill more  
than four miles one way  
and fifteen the other.

If you come to Michigan  
in the Spring and will come  
here I think you will satisfy  
your self that I can make  
a safe investment in getting  
through what I have undertaken.

Wolley and Kallen is  
here with me. Mr. Moore is up  
about the 1st of Jan. Leggie  
is with her Aunt in Toronto. All well.  
E. Cornell Esq. Yours Truly  
Albany N.Y. J. V. Cornell

Genova Feb. 26. 1874,

Cyros Bennett Esq.

My Dear Sir,

Mr Beane has called on me today & desired to come to some definite conclusion relative to the College Farm. I told him I had no authority from you to do any thing & preferred to hear you make your own terms, but that if he had any proposition to make you that I would submit it. After a long enumeration he offered to take the entire farm except the wood land, at five Dollars per Acre, that is to take the 205. Acre he has rented the past year the 34 acre my brother has had the past year & the 26 1/2 Acre now rented to two other parties at 5 1/2 \$ per Acre.

He wants to fallow the 34 Acre piece my brother had last year & put in winter wheat, which is virtually renting it for

two seasons at 5¢. He also wants to put  
in 20 acres beside this in winter wheat  
on which he proposes to raise spring  
crops, the ground now being ~~rough~~ <sup>raw</sup> land  
plowed. There is another piece of raw  
land 33 acres on which he would like  
to put corn barley & buckwheat.  
The balance of the land to remain in  
grass. There is a piece of land mostly  
wooded of 20 or 40 acres, which is all  
heavy timber which he has valued at  
60¢ 1<sup>st</sup> grade and 40 or 45 the rest, and  
which probably is not worth as  
if that. This piece of land has a very  
poor fence on the road which will  
require relaying down new blocks &  
rails. He offers to take this lot in, and  
to repair the fence along it & cut rails  
enough from the field to fence it over,  
finish it with stakes & ridges, and  
propose that the labor shall pay the expense  
and.

He proposes the payments  $\frac{1}{2}$  1<sup>st</sup> Nov.  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  1<sup>st</sup> Feb. &  $\frac{1}{4}$  1<sup>st</sup> April, the rent to  
be paid the same as last year by a  
chattel mortgage on crops etc.  
To keep the woods cut, keep the fences  
in present repair, when no new  
fence is required, but when new fence  
is to be built or old ones raised &  
repaired he to be paid for labor as  
you can agree with him to have either  
new fences or old ones built over —  
Any points omitted in this to be the  
same as in last year's lease —  
This in his proposition is not as  
favorable for the College as the lease  
of last year as there is 20 acres more  
in winter wheat, which earns a crop  
of two seasons, & the 26 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres land  
near the village will probably rent for  
5 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  & my brother will take the 34  
acres at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  this year for pasturage,  
which will benefit the land even though

to have it cropped. On the other hand  
having it would be better on some accounts  
than it suited to no person.

Consequently submit the proposition  
to you for your consideration & such  
return as you may think best.

I think can talk with Beane fully  
that he is satisfied with the result of his  
last year's operations.

He is anxious to know your decision as  
early as possible -

Inclosed you the last year's lease some  
days since for your perusal -

What is the prospect of the  
various applications for the benefit of  
our Agricultural interests before the Legislature

Very truly Yours

James C. Hudson

George W. Beane.

College Farm

Oriskany,  
N.Y.

J. C. Hudson  
26th Feb 44

STATE OF NEW YORK.



Albany, Feb 24 1864

Dear Howes

I rec<sup>d</sup> Boardman's  
letter & Proxy, which I  
return to you I have  
no revenue stamp and  
authorize you to put  
on one and cancel  
the same for use -

Tell Boardman  
that Humphrey would  
be as glad as any body  
to get but one depot  
fixed in Caudor, but  
he won't quarrel with  
one half of town to please  
the other - When they  
can settle the quarrel  
between them all will

be pleased -

I am offering \$130. for  
W. U. What do you  
think of the prospect  
of selling enough to  
buy 100,000 of college  
land & crop at 80 cts  
per Acre? -

How could we get the  
land located? -

Yours in haste  
E. Corvill

A. B. C.

Albany Feb 26<sup>th</sup> 64

Dear Alvaro

Your favor of 21<sup>st</sup>  
came duly to hand  
but I have been so  
busy I have not had  
time to answer it

I now write a hurried  
note as Capt Mackbee  
presses up and desires  
to be useful,

I enclose two blank  
notes, thousand dollar  
each as you suggest

Your escape from  
injury was very  
fortunate in your  
Fall Creek adventure

All well - Mother  
joins in love for you  
and children -

Yours &c

E Corbitt

A.B.C

Hon. Elyria Corwell

Dear Sir

I have met  
with so much unforeseen  
delay in another Enclosure  
in U. S. arising chiefly  
from 2 very unexpected deaths  
of parties - that I feel  
constrained to decline a  
postponement of the Utah  
Sale on 10th March.

I am very anxious  
to close the business & to  
incur no risks, of delay  
that Justice to the Parties  
does not require - at the  
same time I do not see  
that your interests can be

in any way prejudiced -  
my claims are so much  
more than the property will  
sell for in any reasonable  
probability, that I expect  
to have the whole bought  
in force - If it turn out

so, & I complete a title

I shall be happy to confer  
with you, when the weather  
is pleasant in way or time,  
if it w<sup>d</sup> be convenient for  
you to visit me in New York

- or if you w<sup>d</sup> stop and be  
over here at my residence

- my health is delicate, &  
I have no idea of attending  
the sale -

Yours truly

J. W. Phelps

Camden  
Feb 26. /64

I was about writing to  
inform you of the day of  
sale, when I rec<sup>d</sup> yours -

Camp Hill's Madden  
Near Germania Ford, Va  
February 26<sup>th</sup> 1864

Hon C Cornell

Sir

Nothing new has transpired since I wrote last. The Governor's objection that I can not be mustered has been revolving in my mind, and I have come to the conclusion that I can get mustered. The same order that regulated the field officers applied equally to line officers. our line officers are all getting mustered some of the cases were carried up to Washington but in every instance they came back with orders to muster. we now have ten Captains five of them been mustered in the last thirty days and our Lieutenants are all getting mustered.

I think there will be no trouble in my case if I can only get the Commission

No doubt in my mind but what the Government intends to give their old Regiments their full quota of officers and devise some means of filling them up. if that was the only objection it will no longer be valid.

Very Respectfully Your Obt Servant  
Capt William Glenn

Cranville Ind Feb 26/64

New York  
Albany N.Y.

Dear Sir

Your favor of the  
15<sup>th</sup> received, and contents noted,  
causing surprise, I presumed  
those notes were paid years ago.  
The debt is justly due and  
reported at the time made,  
Jacob Beck was a repairer for  
us and for want of means to pay  
the bill the notes were given. He not  
needing the money immediately was  
perfectly satisfied to take the obligation  
and I presumed he might not have  
called for it for years to come if he  
had lived but his Adm. is more  
of business man and does it

up in a business like Enamels,  
Mrs Beck may need the money  
now that she is a widow, and it  
is both right and proper for you to  
pay them.

My Connection ceased  
with the Pdq about the time you  
passed the O.D. I went into the  
Western Union Co., and I took the  
regular course to obtain a correct  
knowledge of the Theory and practice  
of Dentistry and have been very  
successful. I have a fine practice  
here. many coming for hundreds of  
miles to see & have me operate. J. Haas  
1891  
W. S. & Co.  
City contains from 18,000 to 20,000 inhab-  
itants. I am sorry you did not  
write me more fully, having heard  
but little of you for many years.

Very truly  
J. Haas

Western Union Telegraph Co.,

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y., Feb 26 " 1864

Hon E. Cornell

Your Dis. respecting the offer  
for Albany Sarqueharra R.R. We will  
refer to you

If they have any Business  
with the Public You can convince them  
of the propriety of our paying our office  
by gaining the Enclosed Circular

Mr Wade & Creighton are here  
+ the terms of uniting the Pacific and  
W. U. is being discussed and we don't  
want to Telegraph prices of our Stock  
over the wires

Confidential Some of our Stockholders have  
bought small lots of our Stock at  
high rates + I think because of the  
Negotiation for Union with Pacific

I can sell your Stock through other  
parties to whom I pay one dollar a share  
Commission + I would suggest that you  
do the same thing for the unfavorable  
Effect upon the Stock by a sale from  
you or me would be three times the  
Commission

I will give for your Stock to the  
Amount of 20. or 25,000 129<sup>c</sup> net Cash  
If I hear tomorrow from you show the certificate  
by mail  
Yours Truly  
Hiram Sibley

A. B. Smith  
27. Feb 64

Rochester Feb 27 1864

Am E Cornell

Dear Sir

I arrived  
here at 1/2 this evening  
and have since I saw  
you - morning thought of  
the smallness of  
of entertaining the idea  
of selling your Western  
series should down to  
one million. It has  
occurred to me perhaps  
you would sell me  
250 shares and give  
me time by half in  
year or two years  
to pay after my paying you  
by New Cash down  
which I can do and

Should you want more  
security than to hold  
the stock I will give  
you some of this coin stock  
in addition. I would  
like very much to get  
that amount of stock  
and could & will pay  
my notes promptly up  
my dividends would  
harass me in doing so  
If you will take this  
matter under consideration  
perhaps you will feel  
like encouraging me by  
selling that amount &  
if you should want  
to hold a large amount  
I will find you custo-  
mer on my return to NY  
and not charge a cent  
#1 per share is the usual

Commission but I will  
save that to you. I have  
a right to ask you to favor  
me if you would say so  
as I was the owner of  
the old Erie ~~RR~~ telegraph  
line being got through west  
of New York having myself  
raised a large amount  
of stock which was paid  
in & was all lost for some  
it was made available  
to you in some shape  
by changing over to the other  
road. I have heard  
this evening stock is down all  
lots has sold as high as  
138 I also was told the  
intention is to only pay 2  
per cent next December  
Sibly told me so if that

is accepted. the stock  
will fall as it is  
being expected 3/4 cent  
or more in fact. I would  
like to have you telegraph  
me here in case of any  
news if you will sell  
me the stock & I will stop  
Tuesday morning on my way  
back to New York.

Yours with much respect  
A. B. Smith

Ithaca New York

Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Father

I received your letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> some time since but thought I would wait until I saw what I could do about the danby farm before I answered it - I talked with Allen Gray about going there and found that he was calculating to work at his trade the most part of his time if he went there so I concluded that he was not the man we wanted - I then went and saw a man that has been working a farm on shares right across the valley from our farm and hired him & his team for one year to work for us for \$290<sup>00</sup> House Garden Fire Wood & 2 Cows ~~kept~~. Perry moved last week his stock that he left to danby

looks hard I dont think I ever saw  
a lot of calves that looked worse  
than his do - they are so poor they  
almost want tailing up when they  
lay down - I told him he had better  
not sell his bag - I dont know  
but that we may want to take  
some of our stock up there to help  
us through - Our Banker Will we died  
this winter she had the inflammation of  
the kidneys - We have 2 nice south down  
lambs. Kirk Livingston dropped a red Bull  
calf day before yesterday we have got the  
lice of from Fidget and she is doing well  
John says he is satisfied that she has  
got a calf in her.

Mrs Warfield's wife had a severe  
attack of diphtheria Friday and when  
Dr Morgan was up here to see Aunt  
Em I had him go out and see her  
and he fixed me a liniment that  
is helping her when I commenced  
bathing her throat with it she

could hardly breathe yesterday  
she was much better and I am  
in hopes she will get along all right  
at - all the rest of the stock is look-  
ing fine. I sold Lexington for beef for  
\$30<sup>00</sup>. I sold my Sorrell colt for \$212<sup>00</sup>.  
I traded the big Mare coming to that  
had a colt last summer for the Express  
mare \$40<sup>00</sup> -

John Mabee told me to tell you  
to send him an Evening Journal  
Almanac if you could find one.

They are going to appraise the  
property on the Dryden farm to-  
morrow or next day they thought  
as Perry was going to want some  
May &c and as he was there that  
the best way was to let him  
have the control as soon as pos-  
ible. Grand Mother & Aunt Em went  
home yesterday they are pretty smart  
Cordelia is getting along well -  
Gae & Eunie is both well Eunie

Just begins to walk a little.  
I offered to sell the Sanby Farm  
for \$25<sup>00</sup> an acre that will let  
us out all right and relieve us  
of a nuisance. I went to Dryden and  
got the Book Case that we bought  
years ago and set it in the hall  
I suppose that is all right

Mae & Eunie sends love

Yours Affectionately  
Frank Cornell

F. Cornell

F. C. Cornell  
48. Hill 64

Albany 29. Feb 64

Dear Alouze

Frank Phillips writes  
that he cannot postpone  
the sale of Blunt property  
that he expects to have  
to bid it off himself to  
get pay = Will negotiate  
with me after he gets  
title.

Is it worthwhile for  
me to go up to Ithaca  
to attend the sale -

See what B + Finch  
instructions are and  
advise me in time -  
Mar 5. The above got out  
of sight before it was  
finished -

Yours Respectfully  
E Covell

AJC

Palmyra Feb 29 1864

Mr. C. Cornell

Dear Sir, by examining the records at sparta Wis. I find that A. Belte esq has got a tax title deed on one forty acres of my land I wrote to Belte before I heard that you was his agent not knowing how he might act on it or not I write to you if you have power to settle it I wish you would get a <sup>quitclaim</sup> deed executed and send it on here or to sparta to some trustworthy person if not get Mr. Belte to do it and oblige

Yours truly  
Walter Baxter

Address { Walter Baxter Palmyra  
Jefferson Co  
Wisconsin

New York Feb 29<sup>th</sup> 1864

D<sup>r</sup> Sir

Mr Carr may have you a letter from me - partially a duplicate of what I sent you - He thought I better not write you until he went up there - but I thought it well enough to send one ahead to give you a little time for considering it - He does not know that I sent it - nor would I like to have him know it - You will be kind enough to take & read the one he bears & keep from him the fact that you had its substance before - That was written in haste & this is a little modified

Very Respectfully

W. P. Faw

50 052 Pine St  
ny

Hon E Cornell }  
Senate Chamber }  
Albany }

Scranton Feb 29<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Uncle

Marion and myself wish very much to have you and Aunt Mary Ann to stop on your way home from Albany and make us a visit - We will do all in our power to make things pleasant for you - Aunt Mary Ann has promised us a visit for a long time and we hope she will improve this opportunity. and uncle Ezra I have the portrait of Washington finished and would like to have you see it before sending it to Ithaca for the "Comme Library" Hoping this will find you in good health - I remain Yours Respectfully  
J. W. Milspaugh

Thughamilton 29<sup>th</sup> Feby 1864  
Hon<sup>ble</sup> E. Cornell

Sir:

At the request  
of Mr Stone I send you the  
enclosed Deed, and Bond &  
Mortgage. The Deed is executed  
& is ready to be received, and  
he wishes you to sign the  
Bond & Mortgage and  
acknowledge the latter &  
return it to him here: you  
will of course cancel the  
stamp on the mortgage. If  
you do not acknowledge  
the execution of the mortgage  
before a Judge of the Supreme  
Court, you will please have  
attached to it the usual  
certificate from the County  
Clerk. -