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New-York, Mch 16th 1864

Dr Sir

Your letter of the 15th is recd.

I have seen the Soap parties & showed them your letter. I told them if you said the thing was sure to prove a good & profitable business I had not a doubt you would add the $2000, & possibly more - but the $2000, certain. They have agreed to accept me & take me in partnership as I told you. Mr Chester is quite sick so he does not come down to his office. As soon as he does I will have him help me make out the papers.

Very gratefully
Yrs W. P. Pew
52 & 52 Pine st
N.Y.

E. Cornell Esq
Albany

Utica March 16th 1864

Hon. E. Cornell

Dear Sir

I am offered one hundred and fifty dollars pr Share for a part of my Western Union Telegraph Stock I mean the Stock I recd for my N.Y. A & B Tel Stock. This is so large a price that I am strongly tempted to sell as I need money to pay up old liabilities but I am ignorant of the value of the stock or what the future Dividends are likely to be Will you advise me by return mail; whatever you say to me in regard to it shall be strictly confidential. I am informed that the next quarterly dividend will not be over 2 pr cent Shall We get a Dividend this Spring from the Eaton Line Yours Geo Curtiss

Ithaca March 11th

Mr Cornell

Dear Sir

Will you please to inform me how my Bridge matter stands. What the prospect is of getting my pay.

Mr Spencer informed me that it had been put in some bill and had been stricken out.

It does seem to me that no man can have any objection to paying me for that Bridge if they understand the circumstances fully. I have some little uneasiness about it as it is more money than I am able to loose

Please inform me
in regard to it when
convenient

Yours Truly

Peter Apgar

JACKSONVILLE NURSERY.

(J. M. MATTISON, Proprietor.)

Jacksonville, Tompkins Co., N. Y.,

Mar 16 1864

Ithon E Cornell

Dear Sir

I wrote to you some days a gow a bout those farmes and not hearing from you I did not now but the letter might of mis caried I haw sean Frear yestorday and he will take 70 per acor throw in 11 acors of wheat and it looks fine also will throw in a new pair of scales ~~worth~~ he paid 52 for it new cart it is a good place for the Boat to land at the Stove house also a gooded of quite flat land on the shore it a fine place for bathing thair can bee 150 acors of good land joining it on the north at vary reasonable rates Seemers & carmons can bee bought before the year is oute I am quite shure ~~one~~ Robert carmon notified me that he thought I could by the farm his mothers hetth had faild it would sell the hull, now I think if you by Frears 50 you can by Seemer & Carman before the year is out they haw got som what epeated a bout my ~~coming~~ talking with them and I think if we act a little indifferent a bout bying it will it will all come

round Just as You would wish to have it

I send you a letter that I see ~~a~~ from Mrs ~~Fuller O. H. H~~ Mrs O H Fuller she is ahs in grain a ~~grate~~ and a tallented ~~wom~~ Lady I know she is a Fellos horticulturist Has in former Years Talked of bilding up 10 to 15 acors on ~~the~~ Seneca lake She Has a brother I think a lawyer at ~~Elmira~~ Rochester You may think of her enquiry it is not in My power to do much for her altho I would like to see her school in operation They Have something similar to what she wants at ~~acors~~ Spring Port owned by the Quakers they Have 30 acors allached to it Very Respectfully Yours

James M Mattison

J. M. Mattison
Mar 16 64

3 men Have come up from N Y city or near it and Have bot a farm of ~~[illegible]~~ 18 acors ~~and~~ within 1 mile of Jacksonville & air going to make a farm for Raising all Kinds fruit canning making apple Butter putting up large ovens for drying fruit put in up a sider mill & manufa vinegar & other things they fill the farm up with all Kinds of fruite

Thomas H Atkins sold his farm a few days ago 75 per acr also sold Mr Frear Stack Plow. Wm Plow N Ayres & the farm near wheelock 5 or 6 wandues meat weak

Painesville March 16/1866

Man E Cornell

Dear Sir

Yours of 11 rec'd

I suppose that Mr C had replied to Mr Kennedys letter at any rate it was agreed that he should —

The Mortgage which on paid was assigned to Eugene as a form of protection if any thing should be wrong in the title on his release to be recorded

You are aware that we have delayed going to Christmas until title had passed as also that we desire some important changes in Lease — if it was to continue as also if possible to close up the Donnelly Contract — I trust that quite soon you will make the necessary papers —

I cannot say how much this matter has troubled me perhaps alienated those from whom I should if disagree to Course Arrangements my friends

Very Truly Yrs

A Wilcox

Owego Tioga County N.Y.
March 17. 1864

Hon. Ezra Cornell
Albany

Dear Sir

For the many favors that I have rec^d from you this winter, by the way of Public Documents I now have my grateful acknowledgements and also for your assiduous attention to the situation of the Chemung Canal you have the thanks of all our people. I trust that an appropriation will be made to the end that the work will be speedily commenced. I had hoped to have been in Albany long since but the fates are against me. Courts & other business has taken my whole time. Then again I knew that you & our Member would put the matter in its true light. We done the most of the work last winter I did think that the bill for an appropriation would have long since passed. I fear the trouble has been that the third House has been to numerous. Last winter we had no outside pressure to help. All went well.

I intended to come & spend a few days along

the first part of April if I can. I would like much to come this month, but there are so many in the interest of the canal at Albany now I fear it might not. How does your canal get along and what are the prospects? My respects to Senator Baby & Foley & Hon. Filed

Very truly your obedt. servt.

N. W. Davis

Watkins March 17th 1864

M. Mack Esq
Dear Sir

Yours of 11th last making enquiries in regards to our Salt enterprise came to hands. We have done nothing as yet in the matter but talk there is a fair probability that we shall commence boring this spring on such parties engages to make the experiment last fall & made a conditional purchase of some 200 acres of lands, they sent a man to Syracuse to engage parties to bore, & the Salt dealers there persuaded them out of the notion, the facts are the Salt men then are fearful of the result. they are quite satisfied the experiment will prove successful, the experiment will be made

Yours Truly
A. C. Kingsbury

STATE OF NEW YORK.

SENATE CHAMBER
EXCELSIOR
ALBANY.

Albany, Mar 17 — 1864

Dear Alonzo

Your favor of the 14th came duly to hand,

You say you have called in bal of Bank capital payable in U.S. 5/20s

I prefer to pay in Greenbacks or a draft on N.Y. than to spare my bonds

I have sold 150 shares N.W. at 170, and shall have the money which I shall desire to use in that way =

As for N.W. I suppose its value is advanced by our Russian & English Contracts for a line to Europe —

I have no doubt that the price will go up to $200, but I thought I had better sell a little at present rates. I shall not reduce my stock below a million if I do as much =

Mother will attend to Ellens order -

I have written E. B. about help, also to take up so much of the front laid last fall if in any respect it is injured by the winter -

Holliday is a good workman, but it is not wise for me to interfere in a way to cause conflict among the workmen, I dont want two heads to one body, it would only convert the body into a monster, Natural bodys have only one head,

Enclosed find Proxy for Frank,

Sodus Canal, Jew Adams has been here for two weeks urging the revival of his old Charter of 1851 - And thus we may fail to get either bill through, as I shall oppose his unless he consents to such amendments as will fit it to our wants -

We have a meeting before canal board at 9, this A.M.,

I, supposed Bells Messenger was paid up to July next,

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

A.B.C

Ithaca March 17th 1864

Hon. E. Cornell

Dear Sir

We have finished your photograph agreeably to your order and hope it will suit you — It has been examined by many of your friends here and they all pronounce it a good likeness — We have shipped it for Albany and directed to Col. R. P. Johnson (in accordance to request of A. B. Cornell) — You will doubtless have received it ere this reaches you

Respectfully Yours

Folles & Seely

New York March 18/64

Dear Sir,

Your favor 12th inst came to hand & contents noted. Owing to the high prices of metal and high rates of labor I have advanced my prices 20 per cent which raises the price of the instrument to $100. But as you have not been advised of the advance in the price I will ship the instrument to-day for $85 nett cash. Thanking you for your order I am

Yours Truly

Moses Slater

Hon E Cornell
Albany
N.Y.

at ..... is authorized (after receiving the amount of the bill) to allow M ..... to unpack the goods and examine them, satisfactory, they may be carefully repacked and returned to this office, and the money refunded, M ..... paying express charges "BOTH WAYS."

New York, March 18 1864

Mr Geo Cornell

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Western Union Telegraph Co.,

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N.Y., Mch 18 1864

Hon Ezra Cornell
Albany N.Y.

Dear Sir Yours of 16th Recd

W.U. is selling for about 200
Nett of Lang $41 364 50
Rely not ascertained

Mr Collins is here - will leave for N.Y.
Tuesday

W.U. to build Russian line by
sum of Special or Extension Stock
Capital to be $10.000.000. W.U.
Stockholders to have the priority of taking
50 % of the amount of W.U. Stock
held by them 16th of May.

Collins to have $100.000 Cash
1.000000 of Stock from Sum of profits
right to subscribe for $1.000.000
Bal to be distributed under direction
of this Board for the best interests of
the Co

Hastily
Yours O.H. Palmer

Pacific Co merged into
W.U. share for share

Hoopers Valley March 18th/64

Hon. E. Connell

Dear Sir

I am just informed that the Committee of Ways & Means of the Assembly have stricken out an item of $114 from the Supply Bill which has been inserted to pay the ballance due the Commissioners of Public Accounts for their services over and above the $1500 which was appropriated last year for our pay. ~~Last year~~ The $1500 covers our per diem allowance, but not our travelling allowance

There is still due Mr W. J. Snow $50 and myself $64 making $114

I understand that the Committee has doubts as to our being entitled to travelling allowance over & above the $500 per diem allowance, But the Comptroller has not, & paid us for travel last year, and indeed this year, and the balance yet due us is for per diem allowance I think the Law is plain See Chapter 223 Laws of 1862

By paying some attention to this, and seeing that it is made right in the Supply Bill when it reaches the Senate if not before - Rumsey Much obliged to two of the Commissioners Mr Geo & Myself - Judge Noto the third Comr living at Albany is entitled to no Mileage

I suppose you are much engaged in Legislation What is the prospect of getting an Appropriation for our Canal extension

I think the people are more & more patriotic,

I think the President's last Call will be promptly filled I greatly hope our Arms will be successful this Coming Summer, and the Rebellion Wan be closed with the present year

Very Truly & Respectfully
Your Obt & Obt Svt
Washington Smith

Western Union Telegraph Co.,

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N.Y., Mch 186

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir/

The Secy. of the Monroe Co Savings Bank brought in a certif for 40 shs of our stk this morning for transfer - It was originally issued to N. Marsh (Receiver) & by him transferred to you - by you transferred on the back to Lewis Selye - by him transferred on the back to J. C. Pierpont the Secy of the M.C.S. Bk.

Mr P. wished to transfer the stock to another person & brought it in for that purpose.

Of course we could not acknowledge all these transfers as they were all irregular - We therefore told him we must transfer it to you - & he must get your transfer in blank so that he could transfer it to whom he wished

This we did, & cancelled the old Marsh certif and now Mr Pierpont requested me to forward new certif to you & ask you to transfer in Blank so he can transfer it - This will bring the matter straight - Please oblige by signing it & return to me

Yours truly W. B. Level

New York March 19th 1864

Hon. E. Cornell

My Dr Sir

In response to your suggestion I have for several days felt anxious to be with you. But in consequence of the want of strength I did not venture to leave home until Thursday and expected to reach Albany to day - But since my arrival here I learn that the Legislature are expected to be here to day and to return on Monday. I have therefore come to the conclusion that I had better remain here & go up with the Honorables on Monday - as it will afford me an opportunity no doubt to reach many members under circumstances more favorable than in the Capitol. my health is improving but do not yet feel much like active service

I trust however your strength will be equal to your task & that you will be able to move all blocks out of the way

Very truly yours

J. B. Williams

Confidential

Portland 21 March 186[illegible]

Ezra Cornell Esq

You probably are informed of the consolidation of W U & Pacific Telegraph lines - W U given Pacific share for share W U have purchased Collins grants for Russian Telegraph line Collins gets $1000000. paid up Russian Stock & $100,000. cash & right to subscribe for $1000000 of Russian stock -

Wade & Craten are here both are gone Wade & wife to NY - dont know where Craten is - since they left our Presidents clique has voted him the privilege of subscribing about $875,000 of Russian stock for his services in bringing about the trade with Collins in addition to his privilege as other stockholders

Each person holding Stock in N.U. on 16 May can on or before then subscribe for 50 pr ct of the Amt for Russian Stock by paying 5 per cent at the time

Medbury boldly opposes whatever he thinks wrong — I have not as I now feel I should have strenuously opposed Tom when I could not prevent — I have my resignation written & unless you Wade & others think you can relect me & I can be of use in opposing wrong and show me you can & will do so I shall very soon present it & now have no influence in the board — Butts seems recently to act with the Clique sometimes blindly (as he says which I doubt)

Write me tuesday so I can get it Wednesday Morning — It seems to me you would do well to see Wade — Maybe if you telegraph him at 8 Early tuesday Morning he will possibly stop at Albany if you do

My friend Munger of the Senate you will find worthy of your confidence he was Judge of our Court & as such highly respected — he resigned his position — was the law partner of Henry R Selden new Judge of Court of Appeals

Respectfully Yours

Henry S Potter

Western Union Telegraph Co.,

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N.Y., Mch 21 1864

Hon E. Cornell

Secretary Albany N.Y.

Dr Sir. Yours of the 19th is rec'd. The cert for 40 shares represents the same 40 sold to Mr Selye Selye had seen it to Ellwanger & Barry and I cannot act as the assignment had been filled up make the transfer except through you. It is mere matter of form to enable me to have it on the books

I answered briefly Enquiries in your former letter on Saturday. It occurred to me afterwards that my brevity, which was a necessity, might put you in a hurry, and that I should have said farther that the Russian line was to be constructed and the $100.000 paid to Collins by an assignment from time to time upon the Special Stock and not from the funds of this Co. By the arrangement you will be entitled to take from $600.000 to $700.000 of this Special Stock. I assume this is more than you will care to take. I want to take $100.000 but of course not having sufficient W.U. Stock to entitle me to it I want to secure it otherwise and want you to say to me that I may take $100.000 of the amount going to you. Which you do so. Please advise me by return mail and oblige

Yours truly
O H Palmer

Gentlemen

I wrote to you a short time since inquiring about your land in the 9th Ward of this City.

I write again to ask whether you will join the other owners on the Block in grading & paving the street by private contract, or have it done by the Corporation (which is expensive) or whether you prefer to sell & at what price.

Respectfully Yours

E. B. Collins

Wilcox & Olson

Painesville Ohio

Brooklyn March 21st 1864

G. B. Elkins
338 Fulton St
Brooklyn
Mar 21. 64

Mr. C. Evans
Please give the
enclosure to Mr. Adams &c &c
yours truly
Geo. W. Childs

Camp Phillips Madden
Near Germania Ford Va.
March 21st 1864

Hon E Cornell
Albany N.Y.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication bearing date 5th inst. having purposed to make acknowledgement for favors after the matter had passed over, also some apoligies or explanations for having written in my several letters. what may appear simple and foolish, I improve the present, a favorable opportunity for so doing. first I confess the course I have been compelled to pursue in this matter, is

rather beneath my dignity as a man and Officer, but being urged to do so by those who had a right in part to require it at my hands, and the result of which if successful was simply securing to my self my rightful and just dues, I yielded to their requests, and allowed my self to be a party to the transaction

but I wish more particularly to speak in refference to what I have written about what this one and that one had said or was doing. and from the fact that matters of considerable importance turn on a very small point some times, and thinking that possibly some little thing might turn up as an objection with the Governors, thought best to post you in all the minutia so as to enable you to understand the why's and wherefores if occasion should require.

I did not enlist for honors and if I do not get them it will not be the occasion of any soreness. Yet so long as my motives are good, and I labor faithfully for the object to be accomplished which called me to sacrifice family and home or rather the comforts, I feel that it is no more than justice to take all laudable measures to secure the benefits which if they had their natural and rightful course would accrue.

If I do not secure the end for which (with your assistance) I have sought, it will be some satisfaction if no one else can

I will not insult you by offering a remuneration

Mt. Gleasney
31. Mar 64

for what you have done for me knowing that you would spurn it. however what-ever expense it has been to you, I desire to defray. by letting me know you will oblige. thanking you for the interest taken in my behalf. I am very Respectfully your obt Servt

Capt William Gleasney
64 N.Y.S.V.

Dryden Springs. March 21. 1874.

Mr. Cornell – Dear Sir.

Your note of the 15th inst – relative to the "Plans" for the "Cascadilla Place" &c. I have rec'd.

The "Plans" I have seen. I am much pleased with them. I think the changes which have been made, all indicate improvements – with the exception of a few trifles. They entirely satisfy me. I think they will give general satisfaction.

I shall be in N.Y. the greater part of April. but on my return if you think best I will hold myself ready to give a few lectures, or do what I can. to help inspirit the Ithaca people relative to the "Cascadilla

enterprise.

I see no notice of a Charter as yet. What is the prospect? Do you think you will be able to obtain one?

And if not will it cut short the whole matter for another year? Or, in other words, is there nothing advantageous which can be done without a Charter?

I have rented the "Sulphur Springs" property for another year & after a little vacation in April – shall return again the first of May.

This week I shall be engaged in Ithaca, giving a course of Lectures before the Teachers Institute. If you should write me, you will please address me there.

Yours most respectfully

S. S. Nixson

Confidential

State of New York.

Senate Chamber.

Albany 21 Mar 1864

Genl. W. H. Adams

Dear Sir

I will purchase your interest in the Sodus Canal and the late Sodus Canal Company if we can agree upon terms and price

I shall be pleased to receive from you a detailed statement in writing of what you have to sell in

this behalf, with your lowest cash price therefor. In fixing your price I trust you will not forget that you are proposing to sell and I to buy, a very uncertain piece of property.

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

Ans $70,000

Auburn Mar. 21/64.

D. Sir -

I saw Mr. Merriman this morning, He says The Bank of Auburn has made no written agreement with any one for the sale of The Beach Mill property - That Mr Wright telegraphed a note (I dont remember which Expression he used) that the Canal Comr. had appropriated the water and that the State would take the property, but that nothing further had been done about it - The price I could not ascertain Exactly. The matter is Evidently in play somewhere - So far as The Bank is concerned I think the position of the matter is about as follows - Mr Wright applied to purchase the property. The Bank gave him the price - He agreed to telegraph from Albany (as I write) what action the Canal Comr. would take - He did so al-leging that they had appropriated the water, and would take possession as soon as the preliminary matters could be consum

-mated - and there the matter has
rested. I think the Engineer upon the
middle division, or he who was such
Engineer during Mr. Wright's official life
could explain the matter if so inclined.

Should I learn any thing further I
will write You.

Yours truly
D. Wright

Hon Ben. Powell

Binghamton 21st March 1864

Hon E. Cornell

Dear Sir.

I am in receipt of your favor of the 19th inst. —

Messrs Stone & Sampson will accept the money instead of the mortgage, if you prefer paying it — You of course will add interest on the principal from the date of the mortgage to the time of payment and charge it to your friends —

Yours Respectfully

L. Seymour

Albany Mar 22, 64

Dear Brother

Your favor of 20th Feb. Came duly to hand & am delayed to make some enquiry about parties. Messrs Birdsall, Fassitt & Olcott Will receive your Lumber & Sell it on a Commission of ten per cent & insure it or 9 per cent and not insure - I believe insurance covers all risk of transportation & fire - I think they are a good & safe firm -

I enclose you with this my Check for five Hundred dollars - as you request

Be careful that you dont
cut your garment to large
for your cloth -
We shall have swimming
times for a spell, But a
smash up is not far distant
I think as every body running
riot in Speculation =
You can only be safe by
keeping your business snugged
up all the time, so that
you can keep it in hand and
under your Controll -
Mary Ann joins in love
to Molly & children -

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

J. H. Cornell

Albany Mar 22, 64

Dear Alonzo

I have just sold 100 shares to Roessle & Son at $200, and I enclose you a Dft on Ny for the amt $20,000=

I have also send $154 shares shares to RW to be sold at $200 & over, and directed Palmer to send you Dfts on Ny for amts.

Yours Rec^d — In Haste

E. Cornell

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