Western Union Telegraph Co.,

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N.Y., Feby 2 1864

Hon Ezra Cornell
In Senate Albany
N.Y.

Dr Sir - My friend David Wright Esq of Auburn who is a reliable gentleman desires to procure an amendment to the 1st Sec of Chap 375 of the laws of 1852 and will explain to you the object of such proposed amendment. I have had occasion to know something of the operation & effect of that law and under the strict construction the Court has felt bound to give it something of the nefarious consequences resulting from it. Some of the Bonds of the town of Genoa were placed in the hands of a broker in N.Y. for sale with full and perfect certificates from the proper town officers showing complete compliance with all the requirements of the act under which they had been issued. Eight of them were offered to a friend of mine. After having them examined by a competent counsel and his opinion that every thing was in due form he purchased them at the market price. Subsequently and after paying the interest

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several years the town repudiated. A suit was brought upon the bonds and the Court held that the certificates of the town officers were not evidence of the assent of 2/3 of the taxpayers, and that that fact must be proven, as the lawyers say, aliunde. Upon investigation I found that the assents had been obtained upon several separate papers but that all of them in respect to this town could not be found in the clerks office. The proceedings are not well commenced and the important question is whether there is sufficient proof of the existence & loss of the papers containing the pen names necessary with the other papers found to constitute the two thirds. I have had enough to do with the subject of testimony aliunde upon the recollection even after a lapse of years from the happening of the events to thoroughly satisfy me that the only safety to the rights of parties is to make the record of the town officers as in this case chosen to determine the facts and certify to them on oath conclusive evidence. There is no security in any other course. The infamous

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effort at repudiation sought to be made available through trickery and a technical exception in the law ought to be rebuked by the Legislature

With this very but imperfect statement and with the explanation it might give me I feel confident your good judgment and strong sense of right and justice will induce you to do all in your power to secure the adoption of the amendment proposed. I am not probably seeking or appreciating my client's friend but independent of any personal interest or feeling I desire to see rascality punished and the public's morals preserved

I am Respectfully

Your obt Servt

O. H. Palmer

Trumansburg N.Y.
Feb 2d 1864.

Hon Ezra Cornell.

Dear Sir:

Not having received the two books (which I am entitled to by law) for collecting the agricultural statistics for the year 1862. I would inquire if they are ready for distribution and how I am to procure them. I did not get the blanks last year until very late, and I find on inquiry that none have as yet been sent to this town (Ulysses) for 1863. Mr J H. Biggs has been elected President of our town agricultural society for the year 1864. and he would doubtless see that the blanks were given to the proper persons.

Yours respectively

D. H. McLallen

Hon Ezra Cornell

P. A. Hopkins
Feb 2, 62

Binghamton Feby 2 1864

Hon E. Cornell

Dr Sir

Mr Robbins has been here & received the offer of my partner, which was the amt according to the inventory, $1000, 1st of May & balance in one year. Mr R has probably written you before this. We told him that we wanted him to buy the third interest & then we loan of you as we have talked, sufficient to erect new shop & start with about $25,000 all told. I thought best to write so it would be understood all round & hasten on the arrangements for we are anxious to know what we are going to do Please write if any thing different suggests

The Corner lot, which will join the new shop if we build, & which also fronts on our principal wholesale street, will be nearly doubled in value with the improvements we shall make, & particularly if your Canal bill for extending our Canal, passes & brings the Canal business all down to this the only basin in town. The lot with two wooden buildings is held for sale at $3,000. & the buildings rent for enough now to pay the interest. I merely mention this, not that we need it at all at present. Yours Truly

P. B. Hopkins

D. Dorsey
2 Feb 64

Ithaca Tuesday
2d Feb'y 1864.

Hon. E. Cornell
Dr. Sir.

The Elmira Female College is, or will be making an application to the State for pecuniary aid.

I am a Trustee of that College & was present at the meeting then a few weeks ago when this application was made upon.

I know that your hands are full & I think of you with constant admiration & gratitude in view of what you are doing, & I do not propose to disturb your mind upon you. But I write to tell you what I know of

this institution at Elmira so that when the case comes before the Senate if you are called on in respect to it you will have heard from me.

I think it is an institution after your own heart. Its single aim is to provide a thorough education for young ladies on such terms as to bring it within the reach of families of ordinary & limited means. You know that young ladies schools are not endowed & they are generally money-making institutions & so expensive as to exclude the vast majority of daughters. This school at Elmira has a patronage, so far as number can concern, that would make it speedily rich in money if its terms were as high as those of most young ladies Seminaries. They have had 150. boarders during the past term. But their charges are so low that the wealth is not largely remunerative & to make them larger would defeat its primary object, i. e. would exclude those for whom the School was mainly designed.

The institution is conducted on the most economical plan. This I know. On this plan & with its present decided & substantial success it is fully paying current expenses. But it needs new buildings for the comfort & health & convenience of the large number of pupils that are there. It is for the purpose

of furnishing them it makes this application.

One man in Elmira has given $20,000 to this institution, but they have been expenditures in the erection of their present buildings, wh. are excellent so far as they go, but more are needed & the means are not at hand to furnish them. I can testify to you that the college is doing an honest, excellent & thorough work - improving every year in the quality & range of its course of study & is growing into a more & more excellent institution. There is no shadow of nuisance about it anywhere. Its Faculty & Trustees have in view the noble object for wh. the institution was

originated, & no other & I think they deserve the assistance for wh. they now ask, & wh. they ask simply because they see no way of doing their work well without it. I very much wish the application might be granted — You know I would not trouble you even with a letter on this subject if I did not heartily approve of the measure. And I have spoken to you thus freely in respect to it, because I have had opportunities such as you have not for knowing the necessities & the substantial worthiness of the institution —

A Mr. Rathbun of Elmira, & one of the Trustees of the College will personally call upon you in regard to this matter, & will answer any questions you may ask touching the more definite & particulars wants of the College.

Excuse me for troubling you with so long & unpretentious a statement of the case. I feel confident that if you can call in to vote on this application, or to use your influence in respect to it you will do what you think to be right & your course will have my approbation. And if you cannot agree with me in thinking that the application ought to be granted, you need not feel under any obligations to give me the reason for not agreeing with me, nor to make any reply to this unless you have objections that there might be some prospect of my being able to remove, wh. is hardly likely to be the case.

We are agitating the matter of having a Sanitary Commission Fair here. Perhaps we shall conclude to make a long & strong pull, & a pull altogether & shall put off the time of the Fair till about 1st of May

I cannot close this letter with assuring you that scarcely a day passes without my hearing blessings pronounced on you for the noble things you are doing & desiring for this place. Such aims & deeds need no reward, & yet there can no other so richly recorded in the end. Your proposition for relieving needy women is receiving the careful attention of some of our ladies - Mrs

Mrs. Terry joins me in kind remembrance & yourself & Mrs. Connell -

Truly Yours

H. Terry

Dry Dock Springs. Feb 2. 1864.

Mr. Cornell - Dear Sir:

I find one of the parties from N. Y. — Miss. Margaret B. White — a little sensitive over the use of her name. She is one of the modest sort of women & evidently is unwilling to submit to the so public use of her name. She is a warm & personal friend. & has always given me the warmest support in my business. but I find on consulting her that she is a little too modest to allow her name to be used as one of the Incorporators of our "Cascadilla Place". I am disappointed, somewhat & withall a little provoked at such morbid modesty. But

If it is not too late, the name evidently will have to be stricken out. Suppose in place thereof you use the name of A. Wilder - the Postmaster of Post? I think he would be entirely willing for his name to be used & it might prove as useful or more so, than another.

Yours truly
S.S. Nixon

CRYSTAL CARBON OIL COMPANY
WORKS,
HALLSVILLE,
CANNING TOWN,
VICTORIA DOCKS.

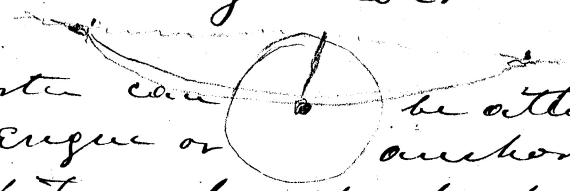
Hallville House Canningtown
Essex E
~~14 Cannon Street~~
London, E.C. Feby 3rd 1864

E Cornell Esqr

Dear Sir I have just received your letter on the subject of Steam cultivation, I have sent to Mr Thuson the statistics & cost of Apparatus and I will give him a pencil sketch of my travelling porter or rope carrier and of my steam harvester - My plow & plow would be on a frame similar to Howards cultivator with facilities for reversing.

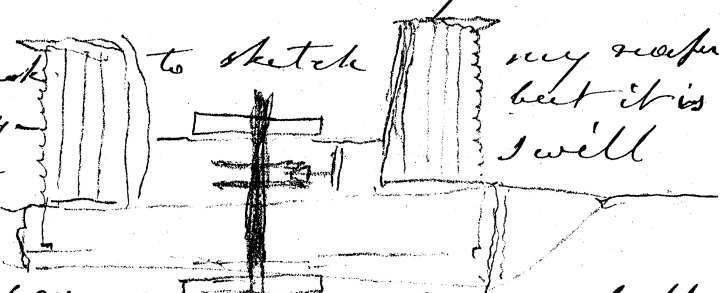
I am intending to swop some of my inventions with Howard & we can use his name to patent them & I will soon be ready to send over models for my own patents. My travelling Rope Porter has two wheels say 2 feet diameter & two feet ~~tread~~ apart - From the centre of the axle I carry a support curving upward say 2½ feet each way till the ends are as high as wheels, and parallel with the axis I have a light bearer or guard for the rope to rest on in the centre and projecting

over & to the outer edge of the wheels to prevent the rope ever catching on them. — At the outer ends of the long bar which may be called the double pole or tongue I have [V]s for the rope to rest in — one of them has a swivel or joint so that it can turn freely so as to pick up or drop the rope in any position & Just behind it is a hook [ ] or bracket under which the rope slides as it swings into line with the travel of the Porter. At the other end there is a small hinged lever with spring catch,



This porter can be attended by the engine or anchor men and will travel out & back till near the end when the attendant can trip the hinged leaver and with his hand guide the Porter to the uncultivated land. The other end loosens itself — & he can as easily adjust it when ready to start it out.

I underlook to sketch my reaper very rudely — but it is too rude & I will



see if I can describe it any better,

I propose of course a machine that will cut both ways or double

I place the general frame on two wheels 4 feet diameter & the axle 8 or more feet long — on this axle I place two 3 foot bevel drives & between them pinions to rive a rake which works back & forth under the upper slats of the platform & driven by a steel wire rope. by changing the pinion it reverses the motion of the rake — the reels & cutting motion are driven from the main axle — the cutters & platform to cut 8 ten twelve or more feet to suit 6 8 or 10 horse engines. I have all the details perfect & complete with facilities for steering & swinging into line with percision. I make it to tilt the back cutters 3 feet from the ground & the draft of the rope & the conductor will change it each time — If I hear a favorable report from you I shall send my models where you can see them & should like to have all patents issue to the Steam cultivating Co if organized in time or I will arrange for the assignments at the proper time. What a grand place the Newark machine works

would be to start — it could be sented low & & they have the best portable Engine pallens & tools for making them that I know of —

[FROM *The Oil Trade Review.*]

OUR CABINET OF SAMPLES.

CRYSTAL CARBON OIL.

Messrs. Gilbert and Gibson, 14a, Cannon Street, E.C.

Since our last published examination of the Crystal Carbon Oil issued by this firm, it has been still more improved. The sample we have just examined presents the following characters:—It is perfectly colourless, very limpid, with a very slight smell, which is not at all unpleasant. It possesses a particularly good illuminating power, burning with a pure white flame, altogether free from smoke. Its specific gravity is ·790 and the temperature at which it inflames is 126° Fahr. It may be characterised as a perfectly safe oil of superior quality. The various samples we have seen of the above oils, and the tests they have undergone, stamp them as very superior productions. By careful importation of the best crude oil, and proper distillation Messrs. Gilbert and Gibson have attained a purity which can hardly be excelled. It is this also which enables them to produce that high quality of mineral turps which we have not yet seen surpassed.

MINERAL TURPENTINE.

Messrs. Gilbert and Gibson, 14a, Cannon Street, E.C.

MESSRS. GILBERT & GIBSON have also forwarded to us samples of a very superior mineral turps, perfectly colourless, without any nauseous odour, and so pure, that a portion spilt on the whitest paper evaporates without leaving the slightest stain or trace of odour. This is the best specimen of mineral turps that has been sent to us for examination.

Yours
Joseph E Hohen
J. E. Hohen
3. Feb 64

I wrote so fully to Col Johnson that I do not need to trouble you more; I have given up all expectation of success to any travelling engine & plow. The rope system is the thing

The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Rail Road Company,

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT.

Binghamton Station, Feby 3d 1864

Hon Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir — Coal has been forwarded from Binghamton to Syracuse by Rail Road as follows.

1858	45.000	tons
1859	68.000	"
1860	115.000	"
1861	130.000	"
1862	169.000	"
1863	151.000	"

By canal from Binghamton — Note as follows.

1858	40.000	tons
1859	51.000	"
1860	58.000	"
1861	65.000	"
1862	61.000	"
1863	70.000	"

The Shipments in 1863 by canal would have been 120,000 tons with a fair canal — It is the design of the Co to increase

Coal Statistics Binghamton 1864

to 250,000 tons by canal, if it can be put in order.—

The Comr. last year, Mr Wright said the only way to get a good canal — would be for Legislature to direct the water raised 6 inches — the banks raised and strengthened where low & weak — and the canal bottomed out to its original depth & width —

Probably not 10 miles of the whole canal would require any strengthening — only places where the banks are low — The act — directing repairs — or rather raising the water in Chemung canal — would be about what would be needed for the Chenango

Very Truly Yours
Chas M Kinney

Hon. Ezra Cornell
Dr Sir

I received your letter in June last wherein you stated that you had made the advances on the Wisconsin lands for the taxes. a friendly and obliging act for which I feel very grateful as well as my son -
I am very anxious to arrange our affairs so as to go West and make some disposition of a part of these lands - and shall, as soon as we can arrange matters here and receive money due us —
In the meantime I almost reluctantly ask you to afford me a temporary advance on those lands of fifty to one hundred dollars - for which I should be very glad -
The real estate business in which I am now Engaged seems to be reviving after along stagnation.
With confidance in your friendship,
I am, dr Sir,
Your obedient Servt;

No 82 Broadway
New York Feb 4 1864 -

Office Deputy Collector U. S. Internal Revenue,

Private

26th DISTRICT, SUBDIVISION No. 2.

Owego, Tioga County, N. Y., Feb 24 186 4

Hon E. Cornell

Dear Sir

If those names I sent you for Notaries Public are not beyond alteration I would like to change the one named for Apalachain from Alex^d Jennings to George Cooper —

Our friend Truman is on the rampage. He has opened the Campaign for Congress & publicly proclaims himself a candidate for the 36th District — In a confidential conversation with a gentleman, recently, (one to whom he was talking very confidentially & whom he believed entirely reliable) he assured him that the fate of the Chemung Extension appropriation this winter, was going to decide his strength in this County, that although everything was so favorable for the project, it was certain to be defeated, for the

T. C. Platt
4th Ward City

reason that you had so many irons in the fire & so many other projects, which you were pushing to the disadvantage of ours, that defeat was certain - that your opposition to the People's College had done us serious damage. Said he "I have been down there twice and rendered all the assistance I can, but of course I am outside & comparatively powerless: If I had been sent back there, you would have seen a different result"

Now, I only mention these facts to show you how the crafty fellow is working & to urge you to do your utmost in our behalf, so that your friends here will not have to suffer the mortification, of his taunts & jeers, which defeat will surely bring upon them - My pride in the matter is as deep as my interest in its success - Kicks & blows would be nothing to his "I-told-you-so" —

Mr Lincoln & myself will be down after our Town meeting -

Truly Yours
T C Platt

State Agricultural Rooms,

Albany, July 4th 1864

Sir:

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Executive Committee, on ~~Thursday~~ Tuesday July 9th at 9 A.M.

B. P. JOHNSON,
Secretary.

John E. Lowell

New York February 4. 1864

Dear Sir I owe you an apology for not having written to you to give you the information you desire in regard to the plans & arrangements for the reception of contributions to be made to the Metropolitan Fair to be held in this city opening the 28th. march. I have prepared circulars to be sent to the gentleman mentioned by you in your letter of 25th ult°. to Mr. Sherman, but have not yet sent them, as the several members of the Committee of which I am chairman Mr. Lewis G. Morris, Mr. Robt. L. Pell & Mr. R L. Allen have thought it advisable not to issue them until the building where they will be placed is nearly ready & a proper agent on the spot to receive these articles sent. I am very much obliged for the interest you feel in the matter & for the manner you have given me. I will take pleasure

in advising you of our plans &c &c as soon as matured in the mean time I am with much respect

yours &c

N. P. Hosack

Chairman

of the Committee on Farm & Dairy Products & agricultural Implements

To The Honble E. Cornell

Delavan House

Albany

N. P. Hosack
Ny Feb 4, 64

Ithaca, Feby 4, 1864

Hon E. Cornell

Dear Sir:

I received your letter last Emery relative to an individual payment by yourself to volunteers. Your Sir's Judge Boardman & indeed my own views are that our quota will be filled without any difficulty, & the offer of an individual bounty might create a prejudice, without corresponding benefit.

I trust you will at once write me & allow me to lay your communication aside without publication

Yours &c in haste

J H Selkreg

Ithaca Feby. 4. 1864.

Hon E. Cornell

Dear Sir/

I have this day forwarded to you by Ex. a Trunk of Apples. mostly Tomp Co. King's. some Northern Spy. a few of other sorts. – also a Bottle of Mr. Bramans Grape wine – all of which I trust will arrive safe

I hope you and Mrs C. will enjoy a good apple from Tompkins Co such as Mary Peters was tempted with

I see the winter meeting of the Agl. So. is to be held on the 10th inst. would it not be well to have our Co represented by way of Fruit!

Remember Col. Johnson in the distribution of the apples – Inclosed please find Key to the Trunk – all well

Yours Resp.y

N Crittenden

Ithaca Feb 4th 1864

Hon E Cornell

Dr Sir

I have spent Two days in Binghampton and have finaly brought Mr Dunk to the point; these are His terms: He will Sell His Entire interest for Thirty five Hundred Dollars $3500.00 payments as follows. One Thousand Dollars on the first of May next and the Ballance in one year; Now Mr Hopkins and Shapley propose this Arangement; That You buy out Mr Dunks Share as named above and also Loan to Hopkins and Shapley a Sum sufficient to purchase the adjoining Lot and for building the New Shop on Said Lot Say Seven on Eight Thousand Dollars and give you a Mortgage on the whole property; That would shut out all competition in the business; In the above arangement it only remains for the parties to decide what Share on Salary I am to get for Superintending the whole thing; It is nesecary the arangement should be made soon in order to be getting the materials for buildindg on hand this Winter;

If the above Arrangement meets Your own approbation or any other that You may propose please Write me at Your Earliest possible Convenience for I should Expect to get the New Shop Runing before next Winter and the Business demands More Room and Means to prosecute the Business Thoroughly &

Most Respt Yours

E L Robbins

E. L. Robbins
Feb 4, 1864

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To Hon E Cornell By Telegraph from New York

Feb 5 1864 Rec'd ___ M.

The Steamer I had intended to send my letter and draft with has sailed and I am afraid it is too late to get the Pear Seeds here in time I will try and buy it in this Country " I will let you know if I want the money

Jas M Matison

Albany Feb 5. 64

Dear Sir

All goes well here so far. Economy in expenditures is enforcing its claims to our attention, and may swamp $20 — Send on Village charter & Historical Society —

I see the "Cow Boys" are after me, I guess they'll have a good time —

Stir up the patriotism of our people to the filling by Volunteers the President's last Call. Don't wait for State Bounties, there won't be any. Supervisors will be legislated —

Yours Respectfully

C Cornell

F. M. H.

Tompkins Co
Bank
Feb 5 1864

E. Cornell Esq Dear Sir

Please accept thanks for
Accounts. I see you have
a favorable report on
your Bill I hope you will
succeed

Stick our Bank

In fine a red Book 64 if
you can with Pay or with out

Yours Truly
C. S. Grant V.P.

Oswego Feb 5th 1864

Hon E Cornell

Dear Sir

May son Charles is an applicant to the Governor for the appointment as Notary Public for this County. As this appointment may come before the Senate for confirmation may I beg for your good offices to favour it, as I believe it would be every way suitable, and a personal favour to be remembered by me

My other son William that you practised on the Multiplication Table on our journey to N York many years ago, is at present in the Montreal Almanac

office at Cambridge and I have reason to hope may become one among the best mathematicians of the country

With great respect
yours truly
Chas F Johnson

C. F. Johnson
Feb 5. 64

Albany July 5. 1864

Hon E. Cornell

Dear Sir

I take pleasure in stating, in answer to your note of enquiry, that the Rev. Solyman Brown, whom I have known from the time of my boyhood, is in every respect well qualified for the place of Librarian. He is a gentleman of learning, taste & varied accomplishments — and his ardor & devotion, with which he engages in an enterprize, would add greatly to its popularity & success & the beneficent uses we contemplate.

I am quite sure a more fortunate selection

Amasa J Parker
Feb 6. 64

Danby Feby. 5, 1864,

Hon. E Cornell

Dear Sir it is with pleasure I acknowledge the recipt of the "Albany Evening Journal" Almanac", at your hands—

I have all the numbers except 1858. I wish to have them bound. If you can procure one and send me, I will be much Obliged and will Satisfy you for your trouble and Expense when you return to Ithaca at my earlies convenience,

Respectfully Yours &c

Hon E, Cornell, W. A. Mandeville

Camp Willis Madden
Near Germania Ford V.a.
Feburary 6th 1864

H. A. Dowe
Ithaca N.Y.

General

Your favor of 2ds inst came to hand last Evening. as we are liable to move at any moment I improve the opportunity to address you at once.

Since writing to you last our Lieutenant Colonel has replied to the petition we presented to him. He declines to accede to our request. the Colonel has not replied officially but in a business letter to one of the officers Stated that the petetion had been receeived and that he purposed vacating his office.

He is a man remarkably slow to action and possibly may delay us by trying to get in to the Invalid Corps

But the officers have prepared a petition which will be forwarded through the department to Washington requesting that both be mustered out so that the Colonel will without doubt be disposed of soon.

It was originally the intention to place the petition (of which you have the certified copy) in the hands of Hon R.C. Fenton at Washington but as my friends thought perhaps he would endeavor to make Lieut Col. Brooks Colonel in order to keep the Regiment in Cattaraugus hands sent it to E. Cornell at Albany so that if you go there, can have the Original and his (Cornells) influence.

I think the Major is working his card about as I indicated in a former letter, namely to obtain a leave to go to Albany. There is a move of the Army to day and the Major indiscreetly remarked to me that it interfered with him as he was about to get

a leave of absence. he is frequently in council with Genl Caldwell commanding the Division and as notification of of Colonel Brighams resignation or discharge would come to him before the Regiment he may possibly hold it back to give Bradley a start.

I think perhaps you had better address Gov Seymour a private letter and try and get him to stave off Bradleys influence until you can fairly represent my claims and that of our County. We must manage to beat Boone way and I have confidence that you can do it. the unanimous petition of the Officers ought to be evidence to the Gov that Bradley is not wanted as our Colonel. and the effort that Genl Caldwell and Major Hancock (Brother of Genl Hancock) are making in Bradleys behalf looks like spite. The 53 P.V. veteran of this Brigade returned to day but its Colonel our regular Brigade Commander is in

Command of Depot at Harrisburg P.O.
if He was here he would do all in
his power to prevent Bradley rising
any higher. I think General Caldwell
has some spite against this Regiment as
they were very outspoken in reference
to the accusation that He got behind a
Hay Stack at Antietam. However I do not
think him a man lacking in Courage and
respect him highly as a Gentleman and Officer
but he is taking a course in this matter
well known to him to be contrary to the
wishes of this Regiment.
Capt Gleason

The move all ready spoken of is a
recognoisance of the army in force and they
are now Cannonading near the River (Rapidan)
as we were occupying an advanced position
-were not ordered to move, but are under orders
arms Stacked on the Color line. the troops
have passed to the front of us. if a general
engagement is not brought on we will
probably not move. In Haste

Very Respectfully Yours &c

Capt William Glenny

New York Feby 6th, 1864

Hon E Cornell,
Dear Sir

In reply to your enquiry in regard to Solyman Brown, who is an applicant for the situation of Librarian to the "Cornell Library", I can say that I knew him in his youth, that he was educated at Yale College, & is fully qualified by education to fill a much higher situation than that he solicits — He has ever maintained an excellent moral character, & I should regard his selection for that situation, as a great acquisition to the Institution truly & resp'y Yrs F. A. Tallmadge

Saturday Evening
Feby 6 – 1864

Hon. S. Cowell –

I send you herewith by express draft of Village Charter. You will see that I have had work to do & that it has been a formidable task. Monday or Tuesday you shall have the Historical Society Charter if I can get an hour or two to work at it.

Yours enclosing Rev. S. Brown's application came to-night. We all know him here, better than Judge Parker or Mr Dalmadge. Will write again next week.

In haste Yours
F. M. Church

Respected Freind

Senator Cornell
When the Ship Canal passes
I would be glad to have my
name on as one of the Coeporatees
Yours Truly Amos R Willits

C. J. Roundwell
Feb 6th 64 Carolina Centre Feb 6th/64

Hon C Conrad

Dear Sir please
find Enclosed one dollar which
you will please hand over to
Dawson & Co ask them to send
one Copy of Semi-weekly Journal
for four months to H Grant
of this place Commencing on the
first inst. that is he (Grant) will
want no back numbers
You will at the same time
Confer a great favour upon me
by doing a little business at the
same office for me. I want five
Copies of the WEEKly Journal sent
to my address for the ensuing year
or next Presidential Campaign
one for myself & the rest for gratuitous
Circulation. If you will pay them
the five dollars ask them to push
the papers along as fast as possible

I will pay over the V to
your son A B Cornell
immediately
Please ask Dawson & Co if
the weeklies cannot be forwarded
so that I can get them on saturday
of each week & the semi weekly
on wednesday & saturday to
Grant as we have mail facilities
on those days
Please send the voucher of
Dawson & Co to me or your son
as suits you best: please find
stamp enclosed
In haste Yours
Chas J Rounseville

Weekly Thurs mg

Semi mailed
Monday & Thurs Eve

Dansville N.Y. Feby 6th 1864

Hon Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

During the years of 1849 & 50 I was employed by You as telegraph Operator at the Village of Sparta Livingston Co N.Y. When I left that place there was a balance due me of about one hundred & fifty dollars for Services rendered. In the Year 54 or 55 the matter was placed in the hands of a Mr Riggs who was then acting as an Attorney for the old Mutual Co. I called on Mr Riggs at his office 10 Wall St N.Y. several times but never succeeded in realizing a penny from my claim I now take the liberty of presenting

the Case to You and beg leave to ask if You Cannot do something for me in the matter.

I am aware that my Claim is outlawed & that You are not legally bound to pay it & it Can only be treated as a debt of honor

I lost my only brother at the battle of Gettysburg last Summer & am left with aged parents who look to me for support & am in want of Everything that rightfully belongs to me to make my Ends meet - and hearing of your prosperity I feel it my duty to ask You to assist me - Allowing me 7 per cent interest for 14 years on the original amount figures up $297.00 but I will leave the matter entirely to the dictates of your own Concience, trusting to your Generosity for the result.

Please let me hear from You on this Subject at Your Earliest Convenience & You will greatly oblige -

Very truly Yours

F. H. Thompson 2nd

P.S. I am Still in the Employ of Erie Railway Co at this place

F.H.

Offices of Goodman, Jesup & Kennaday,

Counsellors at Law,

Richard Goodman,
James R. Jesup,
John R. Kennaday.

112 Broadway,

New York, Feby. 6, 1864.

Dear Sir,

The title to the Brooklyn lots is so far complete that we shall probably have it entirely so in a short time. I have had considerable trouble to get the prior conveyance by Henry J. Fox, one of the grantors in the chain of title, out of the way. I have, at Mr. Fox's request, prepared a quit-claim deed, which will probably be executed in a few days, and will make this right.

I enclose a diagram of the lots of which I wrote to you, some little time since. I shall want to see them soon, and there is a party who has recently made two or three purchases of property in this vicinity

and is looking out for more, to whom I wish to offer them, if you should not take them. I shall want to see the three parcels, shown on the diagram, together. The front on Troy Avenue joins your lot and would give them a fine front, improving them coincidently, as Avenue lots have a much higher reputation than street lots. You may not specially desire the rest, but the party to whom I refer has a liking for your lot and I could dispose of the whole plot much more easily to him if this front is included than without it. The parcel of lots on the east of Troy Avenue is a fine piece of ground, and will doubtless pay well to hold for a year or two. The corner at Schenectady Avenue and Bachie St. could have been sold, two or three years since, for $450- to a gentleman wishing to build. The Avenue is filling very nearly to this point and will probably be a prominent thoroughfare. The dotted lines show land in the streets and avenues belonging to these lots, for which an award would be made. We estimate the whole at 144 lots, 25 by 100 ft., and would sell all together at the rate of $275- per lot, making $3916.75. The party to whom I refer bought his lots at the rate of $250- each, but they were many of them near lots, and the rest fronted on streets instead of avenues. These are much superior to them in location being higher on the grade. This section of Brooklyn is continuing to improve in the same way that you saw, when last there. It is the finest part, I think, for investment, and promises the speediest and most satisfactory profit of any land that I know of. We have more than we wish to carry, and I have gone

thus at length with the subject in order to have this plot in a position to dispose of in the course of this month. As I shall in all probability have an opportunity of selling it, if you should not wish it, I would like to have you consider the matter and give me an answer as soon as may be convenient. As the property would be advantageous to you, I feel bound to give you the first opportunity to purchase. I shall want, however, to sell the whole of it.

Yours very truly

John R. Kennaday.

Hon. Ezra Cornell.

J. R. Kennaday
Dec 64

Copy

North Branch Canal Office
Athens Penn" Feby 6. 1864

Sir

Illness has prevented an earlier answer to your note. Our own interests are probably your best assurance, that if the State of New York will extend the Chemango Canal to the State Line, our Company will meet you there on terms of fair reciprocity. But to meet the question fully our Board of Directors has passed resolutions, a copy of which I enclose, and to which I add the assurance that this Company will not fail to do their part towards making the connection, and to have it in readiness upon the completion of the Chemango Extension. Our surveys are already completed for that purpose, and we know where the means to do the work are to come from. This seems to us all the State of New York can ask of us on this point. until it has itself taken a forward step, especially as our Canal is already completed to a point almost within sight of the State Line.

In reply to your inquiries about New York boats being allowed to pass upon our Canal, I might again refer you to our manifest interests. We of course desire for our Canal the largest possible amount of tonnage. We are not ourselves carriers; that is the Canal Company is not itself the owner of boats, and does not run boats. It only provides the Canal and takes toll of the carriers who run the boats. It desires, therefore, an increase of tonnage which implies an increase of tolls, and of course it will welcome to its Canal boats from any State and from any section; and it will be for our interests to make our tolls such as will invite them. We have never discriminated in respect to tolls, or in any other respect, between

between New York boats and Penn^a boats, and I may safely say we never shall. The laws of this State, make our Canal "a public "highway forever, for the use and enjoyment of all persons desiring to "use the same, subject to the laws of the Commonwealth, and to such "rules and regulations as the Board of Managers are authorized to "adopt." We are limited by law in our rates of toll, and our last the limit is the same as that fixed by the laws of New York for the Junction Canal, with which we connect. In point of fact, we have made our tolls much lower than their rates, and we make no discrimination except by allowing special rates to those who will transport large quantities, and we should feel at liberty to do so for the purpose of bringing to our Canal business which otherwise it would not have. As for instance, if on opening the line of Canal to Utica, we should find, [as we think we shall,] we could induce a large business over it in the iron ore of Madison and Oneida Counties by putting our tolls low, say two mills, or even, if necessary, one mill per ton, we should do so, and so in other respects. and as to all things we should endeavor to adapt our tolls to the laws of trade and the exigencies of the case. To enable us to do this you will see that it is utterly impossible for us to bind ourselves to any fixed permanent rate, as to enter into agreements which might trammel us in the future. And we can only assure you that we should make no discrimination against New York or her citizens, and that in promoting our own interests we are convinced we should do that which would be best for yours. Whatever may be done by the State of New York in opening new avenues so as to increase the business on our Canals will of course enable us and make it

for our interest to reduce our tolls. We depend largely upon the Coal business for them, and in doing so we come in competition with other lines of improvement and we must therefore, in order to increase the business over our Canal put our tolls low as we can.

This is your best guarantee that they will not be unreasonably high. If by making the proposed connection we can open an exchange trade in the iron ore and other products of New York, this will not only enable us to reduce them, but lessen the other expenses of transportation, and greatly subserve the interests of both States.

Hoping this may be accomplished

I am Gent^n

Your Ob't Serv't

C. F. Wells Jr

President

To Hon ~~John~~ Thompson
M. Northrup
A. P. Weaver
Committee

Sent original to J Thompson albany

STATE OF NEW YORK.

SENATE CHAMBER
ALBANY.

Albany, Feb 7 1864

Dear Hanzo,

Yours of 5th is at hand, I am sorry to learn that you have been sick, hope you will escape a fever,

I sent a check from here to J. R Randall Stone cutter Sy- and to J. R Page Summit, I did not send to Mattison forgot it If he call for it or direct as to the matter of Paying for Pear Seed let him have the money, I fear it has got to late to send to France for the Seeds & he will have to pick them up here if he can find any Pay Thompson as per former letter or if lost, Crittenden can give you the amount —

I forget what Stansbury claimed, I recollect that it was a great claim for the amt of service rendered, but I concluded to pay it, in view of his necessities, $25. is more reasonable and if that is what he now claims, he has probably forgotten the amount he before named and is now dictated by his conscience in fixing a fair amt., Pay it—

I titled McWhorters bill as best you can, it is a gross imposition —

All seems to be going well here, Cayuga & Ontario favorably reported to Senate - Chemung we have promise of written report soon, but I cannot find yet the views of Com - on the subject, Heavy taxation is all that will prevent its passage if pressed -

Truman was satisfied when he was last here that it could not pass, At Onego I learn he announces that it will not pass, and charges the fault upon me,

He also announces himself a candidate for Congress for next term -

I hope you, Elmer & Charley will be down to Annual meeting,

Mother sends love

Yours Respectfully

E. Cornell

ATB.C

Danby Feb 7th 1864

My Dear Father

I rec'd your kind letter some days ago and am very much obliged to Mother for the chance & she gives me tell her that I accept her offer,

I see now that you are right about the Giles place but mistaken in the number of acres there are twenty instead of ten

I think the way matters look it will be easier to get a suitable man on this farm than on that, Mr Allen Gray spoke to me the other day about it

Mr Gray is a very fine man and has a good reputation both as a farmer a carpenter and gentleman he is a man capable of taking charge of so

much work and seeing that it is done right, he is a very hard working man

He spoke to me about living here and taking charge of the farm and the repairing of the buildings he says if you wish you can inquire of Judge Walbrige J. K. Selkrege or Uncle Otis both as to his caracter and his capability as a carpenter he has had charge of a farme three years he can also give you referance as to his farming, he says he has that confidence in you that he will come here and you shall fix his wages yourself

I know you will find him a trusty hand Uncle Otis says he dont think you could find a more suitable hand being both a farmer and a carpenter,

I wish you would let me take charge of the farm he is so trusty a man that I should not have to come over often enough to inconvenience me,

What are we going to do with the surplus of hay that is here John Wats says he thinks they have got hay enough to last them through, there will be from twenty to twenty five tons

Please answer as soon as possible as Mr Gray wishes to know what he is going to do

Give my love to Mother,

Your affectionate Son

O. H. P. Bennell

Camp Willis Madden
Near Germania Ford Va
February 8th 1864

Hon. E. Cornell
Albany N.Y.
Sir

My Friends are pressing me to make an effort in a direction which for some reasons I dislike, and thought after the experience of about one year ago I never would, but the importuning of My friends and two or three other Reasons have induced me to take the matter in hand. about one year ago I addressed You upon the subject of promotion to fill a vacancy that I then anticipated would occur. We are quite sure now that our Colonel will soon resign. if not measures have all ready been taken that will without doubt effect his removal. The Regiment is determined

if possible to have a live Colonel during the remainder of its term or give one a chance to be killed at its head. during the past two Years our Colonel and Lieut Colonel have been absent the greater part of the time, and our Major is very objectionable as such, to the entire Regiment, and more especially as he was an out sider assigned to the Regiment after it went to the field as a Lieutenant and succeeded to the Majority through outside influence without a voice from the Regiment, and contrary to their entire wishes. He can not get the indorsement of a single Officer in the Regt, but we understand he has secured the influence of Genl Caldwell Commanding this Division and perhaps some one else, and I think the matter is cut and dried to grant him a leave when the vacancy occurs so that the Major can go to Albany. I am a little surprised at the General as he knows

it is against our wishes, and I am not sure but we would receive all most as much satisfaction in beating him as the major. but these are minor considerations with me.

In the first place I was by rank entitled to the position Bradley holds, and now if a colonel is to be made, my claims are first.

Second, thus far Tompkins County is not represented in this War by an officer higher in Rank than Lieut colonel this should not be. And I regret her volunteers are not organized in to Regiments.

Well, you ask, what shall be done; nothing until there is a vacancy unless some preliminary steps can be taken which will prove advantageous when the time comes. Mr Lord I see is Chairman of the Committee on Military affairs. and he might have the matter in view without exciting suspicion in the Office. I think Bradley has

a friend there who keeps him posted Who it is I do not know. for this reason I made up my mind to bring some influence to bear directly on the Govenor and to that end I have been corresponding with H. A. Dowe who has assured me that He and Barto will both give me their influence. the only difficulty will be to inform him in time, of the vacancy

We are seven miles from Brandy Station and if I can get there will Telegraph to you and him both.

In order that you may have the full particulars I will say in regard to the Lieut Colonel, we requested him to resign. but He declined our request He will undoubtedly make an effort for the Colonelcy but none of us want him to get it as he does not purpose to serve with us in the field and in the event of his promotion to the Colonelcy

We will have a Colonel. Yet be without one during our term of service. it was the intention first to put the petition (forwarded to You) in the hands of R.E. Fenton at Washington Senator from the Cattaraugus District but we were a little fearful they might think best to promote Lt Col. Brooks he being from that locality.

Brooks and his friends & Bradley and his friends will probably both make an effort. as opposed my friends, and to back them they have the expressed wishes of the Regiment.

If I should telegraph to You the fee will have to be paid at that end of the line. I will refund, and mention the matter in case there should be an occasion so that You will not think strange.

I do not wish to hinder or disturb You in other labors knowing Your time is occupied with More

important business than my personal interest, and I should not troubled you now were it not at the instigation of my friends.

The Army has been making a Reconnoisance in force. I have not learned the result but should not be surprised if the Rebs got the best of us.

As we were occupying a particular location, and for a special purpose did not have to move. The weather is very mild with us. Mrs Glenny is with me injoying the novelty of Camp life for a short time. With Regards

I am very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Capt William Glenny
64th Regt. N.Y. Vols

Mrs Glenny
Apr 8 64

Western Union Telegraph Co.,

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N.Y., Feby 8 1864

Hon E Cornell

In Senate Albany N.Y.

Dr Sir - Your letter of the 5th inst recd. The new stock to Marsh was issued in his name, & other the cert. made out before the rect of your letter of the 20th of Jany The old stock standing in his name on our books I was obliged in any event to make out new certificate in his name. I must be able to trace these certificates and can do it in no other way. I supposed I had said this to you if not I find by looking of yours of the 20th of Jany I am in fault.

I now enclose you herein his certificate for new stock under resolution of Dec 23/63. You can procure his signature to the transfer then it can be made to you. After getting your letter of the 20th of Jany I marked it not to be delivered until advised by you This was all I could do except to notify you of the fact which I supposed had been done

Net Profit for Nov $70,757.74

" " " Dec $41,522.47

I cannot yet give you Jany. The N.Y. A & B funds will come in to Jany but I shall know separate amounts in due time

Net profits of W. U. for the year ending Dec 31 — $637,525.43

Yours truly

O H Palmer

J. Dunham
Feb 8. 64

Syracuse Feb 8th 1864

Hon E. Cornell

Dear Sir

On the South Hill in Dryden I have a Timber Lott about 14½ acres; Pine, Chestnut, White & Red Oak, Hickory, Beech & Maple, are the principal kinds of Timber — Chestnut predominating.

Father Wood intended it as a part of Emily's dower — She and I. I think signed a rel to apply in that way, on the final Settlement; for five hundred and thirty dollars ($530.) — We now think best to sell it & ask Six hundred dollars ($600.) Believing it will worth that sum — After holding it 7 or 8

years. paying taxes, and cutting nothing on it. we think it should bring the sum asked.

Do you wish to purchase and give your Note to Emily for same?

Institute flourishing finely: nearly 100 students. and <u>all</u> of a high tone moral character —

Norman's wife quite ill with pleurisy — Dea Spencer's wife died Saturday last —

Yours truly

J. Dunham

Farmers Club. Room
Ithaca. Feby. 8. 1864.

Mr. Cornell

Dear Sir/

Inclosed you will find copy of the Resolutions adopted at our annual meeting held on Saturday last.

The following named officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Ezra Cornell President
A. N. Nungerford Secy.
O B Curran Treas with Vice Presidents &c

I have written to Col. Johnson and informed him of the names of officers for the Journal — Also forwarded copy of Resolutions to Mr. Lord.

Have you rec'd the applt? all well

Yours Respectfully
N. Cittenden

our streets very muddy—

The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western R. R. Co.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT.

Office of Superintendent of Cayuga Division,

Ithaca, N. Y., Feb 8 1864

Hon E Cornell
Dr Sir

I notice in our Land Bill, the published notices of your proceedings call us the Delaware and Lackawanna R Road — Our Corporate name is "Delaware Lackawanna and Western R R Co"

I presume the title of our road is correct in the Bill — but I have thought it safe to call your attention to the matter

Yours
Respectfully
W R Humphrey

W. Irving Wood
8th Feb 64

Pine River Feb. 8th 1864

Hon E. Cornell

Dear Uncle

I am now at home on a furlow of thirty days granted to our Regt (8th M. Infty) by reason of Reenlistment in Veteran Volunteer Corps. the Regt. was 700 Strong & Reenlisted 350 men as Veterans. we recd a 30 day furlow at the expiration of which we are to report to Flint Mich, to Rendevous & recruit.

I recd a discharge from the 26th M.S. By Reason of disability Jan 15th/63 I had ben very low with the measles taking cold with them, & I got discouraged & Home sick, but after I got home & got well I thought better of soldiering & thought that I would give it a fair trial at least accordingly I Reenlisted Aug 17th 63 in an old Regt.

I recd for State Bounty $50 U.S. Bounty $25 1 Mos. pay in adv. of this I sent Home $65 Keeping the rest to defray necessary Expenses. I joined the Regt. in time to participate in the Tenn. Campaine & participated in all the fights & hardships under Genl. Burnside up to Jan. 8 at which time we started for home by the overland Rout passing through Cumberland gap & thus on to Nicolasville Ky. where we reached the Rail Road. after a march of 180 miles I Reached home Jan. 30th the same day my furlow Commenced. as we were furlowed from Detroit I was only 24 hours in geting home started 12 hours in advance of my furlow.

I found our folks all well. Daniel is married & is Keeping house. at present he is at work in the Lumber woods drawing logs. he makes from $1,50 to $2 per day. but is Considerably in debt. Unkle Edward & wife are well. Unkle E. is geting Logs to mill for lumber for a barn it is not very good Sleighing but snows some to day.

Provisions & produce of all kinds are high Corn. $1.50 wheat 1.4[illegible] Oats 75 cts potatoes dito flour $10 per barrell.

Father has had some Corn & potatoes to sell but no wheat.

hay is $12 per ton. Unkle E had some hay to sell.

Father killed a beef this fall had 80 lbs tallow. besides a number of hogs so they get along very comfortable for meat. also have a plenty of grain wheat. Corn. & buckwheat.

Children all go to school except the two youngest Ida & Lucretia have not seen Minnie yet since I came home. She has a family of two children (Girls) they are geting along well on their farm.

P.S.

Do you hear from Cousin Benj. Cornell & if so what is his adress. I have no letter from him since Aug last although I have written several.

Mother sends her love & requests a letter from you at times when you can find leasure.

write soon

Your Nephew
W. Irving Wood

E. Cornell

Lyons Feby 8th 1864

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 4th reached the 5th came on Saturday morning — I was that day suffering so much under an illness which I hope is so far temporary to reply to you on that day

Since I became acquainted with your position and purposes I have been desirous of a free & full conference with you on the subject of the Ship Canal you mention, because I supposed our objects and views would be found to be in harmony and because I believed and still believe that such conference would result in promoting the success of our views in accomplishing this with one almost life long great & good purpose for it — I think few men have done more than I have for it — I am aware that I am not understood by all the men who have at various times felt an interest in it and many of whom did not understand the matter — I suppose I have most reason to be gratified by the opinions of those who have best understood the subject in all its branches and through all its difficulties —

I note your remarks in speaking of the views of your people, that "they also believe that that the Executive "of Canada is one belonging exclusively to the parties who will put up" "the money for building the Canal" &c"

This is obviously in a general sense but it is to be taken with the explaining remarks (over)

That of the power and the duty of making Canals and other highways, pertains to the Government, who are to make them or cause them to be made for the benefit of the public, and whenever the Government delegates this power to Corporations and devolves this duty upon those who are to represent the State it is proper and ~~is~~ an incumbent duty even that the Government should require the adoption of the best practicable routes for public accommodation

It may be further remarked that when the Legislature have authorised the construction of a public work of improvement of this nature by a corporation and a large sum of money has been usefully expended in good faith under the sanction of State officers, those who have so expended that money will be deemed to have acquired some priority of right - and more especially will this be the case where a failure to complete the work has been properly chargeable to the acts of the State - when the fatal interruptions have been by the acts of the State - But on the subject of the route of this Canal I am without difficulty and without disposition or necessity to discuss it, I know the ground pretty well, on the surface & under the surface, as well as the means of making and preserving a Canal and I am not concerned that sensible men and competent Engineers will differ on this part of the subject

The discords and discrepancies of opinions arising from those who have real or supposed local & personal speculative interests in routes contemplated by some by many I may say will subside in good time

The grand object is (and with me has long been) to get an authorised channel for a Ship Canal between these Lakes and on the right route & place — I think I know how to bring this about

There is much to say about it more than I can put on paper — It is much more labor for an invalid to write intelligibly than to converse — I am aware of the difficulties lying in your way arising out of the efforts of rival Commercial Channels and places — I went through the Contest in 1850 & 1851 —

There may be more potent means of persuasion now than there was then, but then we were glad of all the strength we could write — We thought we had a good Cause & we were able to draw to its consideration the attention of good men though we had to go through with many Contests before several departments of the Government & with several public functionaries

It was not then a new subject & ought not to be so regarded now — I thank You for Your offer to send me a copy of your bill and shall be glad to receive it at Your Early Convenience

Regretting that I do not have opportunity for a sufficient conference with You on this great subject

I am very Respectfully
Your
W. B. Adams

Hon. E. Conrad
State Senate

At a Meeting of the President & Directors of the North Branch Canal Company, held at Dutens Bradford Co. Penn" on the 9th day of February 1864.

It was unanimously:

"Resolved, That whereas, a Connection between the Chemango Canal of New York, and the North Branch Canal of Pennsylvania would add largely to the business and tonnage of both, and greatly promote the interests of the people of the two States, —

We pledge the North Branch Canal Company to construct so much of the work necessary to effect such Connection as shall be within the State of Pennsylvania so as to have it done by the time the portion within the State of New York shall be completed, and to do all in their power to facilitate such connection"

"Resolved Unanimously, That it will always be, as it always has been, the pleasure as well as for the interest of said North Branch Canal Company to allow to the people of the State of New York, the use of their Canal upon terms as favorable as to the people of Pennsylvania, or any others, and to fix their tolls at the lowest rates consistent with reasonable remuneration to the Company".

A true Copy from the minutes

Attest. A. McMahon

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