Binghamton June 7th 1864

E Cornell Esq

Dr Sir

Inclosed we send note to be indorsed & discounted. We are in want of the funds for our building as we are pushing it along rapidly now. & if Mr C is not at home please forward it as you did for Robbins & oblige - Yours Truly

Shapley Hopkins & Robbins

New York, June 7. 1864.

Hon. E. Cornell,

Dear Sir,

I have rec'd yours of yesterday, & acting on your opinion have immediately served my supplemental complaint in our Tel Co agt The E. R. W. Co. It had been prepared & copied for some time, waiting your advice - expecting to see & confer with you. I hope the other party will act according to the stipulation made between us, in good faith.

The title ~~is cleared up~~ of the Brooklyn property is cleared up & there is nothing to prevent the parties from making a conveyance.

Spaulding is anxious to see you. I don't know whether my papers have ever been presented in Washington.

Of Gov. Seymour I have no hopes. I presume Christie* tells the truth

* The Staten Island Senator

When he says that the Gov. has promised to veto the bill, though the Gov. denies it.

I shall not put myself about either of these matters. I am tired of pettifogging, & very little to do, & yet something comes up every day to keep me busy. I can be very comfortable in rambling over the country.

No report yet in my case against Smith. I have sued out Speed for about $6000. I rec'd a note from him the other day, ~~saying~~ ~~that~~ in which he says -

"I met Connell at Washington & when he & Smith can meet I hope we will be able to settle up all our telegraph quarrels - I would like if possible to close up all past contentions & quit the business; & will do so & return with what little I can get just as soon as I can. I have fought long enough for the benefit of other people, & I had rather live on bread & milk or

mush & milk, on the quiet farm, than to be used as a butting post for all telegraph trains to run against any longer."

How long do you think any one can remain honest or decent in the daily association with L.O.J.?

Yours truly

E. W. Chester

Fayetteville June 7/65

E Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

Yours of June 5th Was Recd this Morning and ~~are~~ Very Much Supprised to find that We are to prompt in Making our Collections. you ~~Mention~~ ~~of~~ receveing a dispatch from us at opening of Canal Saying "We had loaded Boat for you" "We Sent no Such but instead Sent you that We had Commenced loading Boat The Kill We were loading from proved to be badly Burned & We only got about half a boat Load from it & for that reason & no other declined to Send to you

We Shipped you load as
Soon as possible & tried our
best to please you Hopeing
that a trade advantageous
to us both might grow
out of it. you Speak of
prices having fallen & Lime
being Cheaper. our Wood, Coal,
Stone & Labour are no
Cheaper than last year
We desire to furnish you
With What Lime you
May Want & intend to
deal With you in an
honorable & Square Man-
-ner or of Course Could not
Expect to trade With you
The draft upon you was
by Mistake placed in the
Wrong Envelope & Sent to
Bridgeport Conn Was return-
-ed this Morning We hope
that you May reconsider
the matter & pay the Draft
When presented & We will try
& make amends in future
Their is now no such firm
as J T Smith & Son. The Son
& Myself (H S Pratt) are
associated together in the
lime business. Will you
please inform us if What
is Called Pea & Dust Coal
that is Coal Siftings Can
be obtained at Ithica &
if So at What price. you
Mention Sending bill of
lime to D Boardman Treasurer
Would they accept & pay a bill
Sent to them Not having
ordered any thing from
us

Truly Yours

Pratt & Smith

Syracuse N.Y June 8th/69

Dear Uncle

Your favor of the 6th inst enclosing draft on New York for fifty (50.) dollars is just rec'd This and and the twenty five dollars which you loaned me when you were here about the last part of April I am much in hopes will defray the expenses I have already incurred as well as those to come.

I thank you kindly for the aid you have given me and hope soon to be able to refund it. Cordially Yours Edward Elder

Detroit June 8th 1864.

Hon E Cornell

Ithaca N.Y. Dear Sir:

I received your very Kind Message and have remitted the required amount to Mr Palmer as you have directed.

I hardly know how to Express my thanks for your Extreme Kindness and liberality. I am sure I appreciate it thoroughly and shall bear it in remembrance hoping that the future may present an opportunity to offer a more substantial acknowledgment of the favor than mere words.

Yours Very Resply

G W Balch

Agt Rooms
June 9th 1866

Hon E Connell
Dear Sir

I have written to Mr Hurlbard as you desired, asking him to bring the subject before the Agt Committee—

I had a letter from Mr Fenton advising me of its omission in report Come Ways & Means—

Mr Pruyne, Frank &c to whom I wrote all evinced a disin to have it passed.

Yrs Truly
B P Johnson

Western Union Telegraph Co.,

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y., June 9 1864

E Cornell Esq
Dear Sir/

The enclosed package containing $125. from Toledo was recd here this morning
We forward it on to you at once –
We also enclose herewith the Scrip Books of the O. I. & I. Tel Co according to your request which you will please return as soon as practicable & oblige

Yours Respectfully
O. H Palmer
pr W. B Levet

Express

5/125
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County Treasurer's Office,
MONROE COUNTY.
Wisconsin

Sparta, June 10 1864

Mr E Comell

Dr Sir

Enclosed you will find certificate of redemption as requested The tax on the SE¼ SW¼ 20 T19 R 4 W has bee peid since I wrote to you Mr Wolcott presented a rcpt for the tax for the year your tax deed is Issued The county is holden to you for the original amount of tax the expence of the deed and 7 p cent interest from the issue of the scrip The account will have to be made out and presented before the county board There is back taxes due on a portion of your land that was put on record befor last year I should think that it would be advisable for you to purchase the scrip on your lands as soon as it is issued Then in case it is redeemed or settled you would receive 25 p cent interest If not redeemed it would save your paying 25 p cent. The ball of money in my hands I will forward to you as you may direct

Yours Respt
C P Seely and
Co Treas

Darien June 10th 1864

Hon. E. Cornell

My Dear Sir.

Have you got a young or old bull that would suit my Princess herd that I can beg, buy, or borrow. I want the right one but I am not yet selling so that I can afford to pay much if I can get along any other way —

Kindly Yours

T. C. Peters

U. S. Gen. Hospt.
Quincy Ill. June 12. '64

Dear Brother

Yours of 6th June containing draft for a Hundred dollars is at hand.— When I wrote you asking for it. I had a fair prospect of a Commission in the 29th Colored Regt. Since then I have been to Springfield Ill. on business from the Surgeon in charge here to Col La Oaks assistant Provost Marshal General of this State, and I there learned that by posting myself up a little. I can pass examination & get a commission in the Veteran Reserve Corps. and I had an invitation to return to Springfield and study in Lieut B. F. Hawks (Col Oak's a. a. a. Gen.) office until such time as it will be proper for me to go

before the board of examiners.
I have got many friends here in Quincy & also in Springfield. and can get detailed for duty at the office there & get my rations commuted while there.
I think a Commission in this Corps will be far better than in a colored Regiment as this will be a Regular Army Commission from the war Department at Washington. while the other would be only a Volunteer or State Commission,
I have got the plate (which I think I wrote you about) in my mouth & although I can get along with it much better than without it does not quite fulfill my expectations. I firmly believe that a Skillful Surgeon could perform an operation in my mouth that would be of more benefit to me than anything which has been done by all the Army Surgeons I have been under since I was wounded, — I think however it can be done Six months or a year hence as well as now.
Delilah & Eppa Monroe, (our youngest boy) are with me yet. She is on duty at the Hospital. Division No 1. and the Boy goes to school.
They send regards to you & family.

Affectionately &
Respectfully
D. B. McConnell

E Cornell Esqr
Ithaca N. Y.

Rochester June 13th 1864

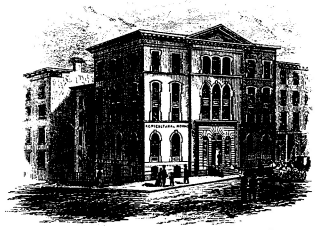
Hon. E. Cornell
Ithica
Dear Sir

I wish to obtain about fifty shares of the Russian or Extension stock and learning that you were a large holder of Western Union it occurred to me that you would perhaps let me have it

Will you please have the goodness to advise me by return mail if you will let me have fifty shares and at what price, and oblige

Very Respectfully
J. E. Pierpont

STATE OF NEW YORK.



Agricultural Rooms,

Albany, June 13 1864

Hon E Cornell

Dear Sir

I enclose you draft for $300, should have been pleased to have made it $500 — but as my money was in N.Y. I did not know as I could reach it in time — as Mr K — might not be there —

I had papa from Mr Tuton containing proceedings on steam plow in the House — I wrote to our Senators, and Senr Morgan wrote me he would do all he could for it — I write him

B. P. Johnson
June 13. 64

Rose June 13 1864

My Dear Sir

You are not I presume aware that the Shaker tract will soon be put upon the market.

Terms will be 1/4 down, bals secured by Bond & Mortgage 10 years Semi Annual Int Hoping to hear from you soon.

I remain Yours Truly

E H Thomas

Hon E Cornell

Rochester June 13.th 1864

Mr. Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

Will you have the goodness to drop a note to Mr. Henry J. Potter, asking him to withdraw his resignation as Director in our board, and much oblige. Yours Truly. in haste

S. Medbery

Will explain hereafter

Cleveland O. June 14. 1864

E. Crane Esq

Dear Sir

Will you spare me fifty (50) skates of your Extension stock and at what rate? —

Yours,

A. W. Swanwick

Aurora June 14th 1864

Hon Ezra Cornell. Esq.
Ithaca.

Dr Sir

Your Speaches on the Ship Canal question were duly rec'd Please Except my thanks.

I send you an article from the G Rapids Paper on the Subject of plaster —

I go to Grand Rapids Mich to Morrow Morn by Steam Boat

Yours respectfully &c

H. D. Richmond

N. Y. June 14. 1864.

Hon. E. Connell,

Dear Sir,

I rec'd yours of yesterday to-day. I annex a statement as I have it of the account between us in regard to the Coshocton Lands. If there is any error you will be able to correct it.

I have heard nothing from the Erie R. W. folks since service on them of our amended complaint.

Yours truly

E. W. Chester.

Morse Tel Institute
Syracuse June 15th 1864

Dear Sir

Yours of 13th inst is rcd — Telegraphic tuition is $25 —

Board such as our Students get is procured for $3,00 and $3,50 per week —

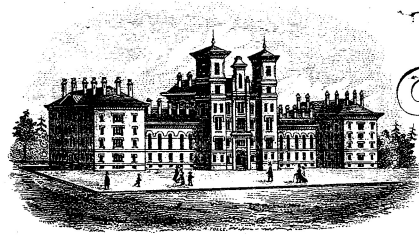
With ordinary adaptation and application it will probably take from 4 to 6 months to complete a a course — And do it well.

We have plenty room and shall be happy to rcv Mr Johnson as a Student —

Yours truly

S. Dunham

Hon E. Cornell
Ithaca N. Y.



STATE OF NEW YORK
Agricultural College.

Ovid, June 15 – 1864

Hon E. Cornell

My dear Sir

I recd the Leace, it is not executed, Mr Beaver took one to examine, he intimated that he should, or might go out & see you

The leace will require changing in several respects, the 26½ acres east end of the farm is not in the leace, nor is the 36 to 40 acres South of the revine, nor the 8½ acres last year in winter wheat

I recd yours relative the the pasture lot, & will look to it

Respectfully & truly yours

Arad Joy

Seneca

June 15th 1864

Dear Sir,

I am in the receipt of your favor of the 13th inst. and am much obliged to you for the opportunity presented. But as your letter did not reach me until too late to communicate with you at Rochester, and as the parties with whom I usually operate in such matters are absent I am unable at present to avail myself of the chance offered.

Should not the

stock all be distributed to-day, <as I suppose that it will>, and my friends be disposed to join me in the investment. I will be obliged if you will let me know and I will take measures to take advantage of the offer

Yours truly & Resply

Chas I. Folger

Hon E Cornell
Ithaca

Illinois & Mississippi Telegraph Company.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Thos. D. Gatlin, Secretary. } Ottawa, Ill., June 16 1864

E Cornell Esq
Ithaca N. York
Dear Sir

Enclosed find Stock Certificate No 1521 for 955 Shares & Scrip for 34/100 Share being Stock Dividend (955 34/100 Shares) on 1910 68/100 Shares owned by you. This dividend was made at last meeting of Board of Directors.

I also send you monthly statements for October November. Dec. Jany. Feby. March & April as you requested in yours of the 30th May.

Please acknowledge the receipt of them & oblige

Yours &c

Thos D. Gatlin

Dear Sir

Yours is this day to hand for which accept my best thanks for the full information and your promptitude

I shall endeavour to get over to the State Fair to be held at Rochester in September next when I trust I shall have the pleasure of seeing you.

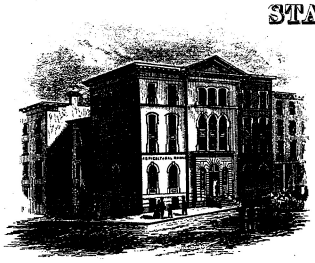
Yours very truly

Thomas Turner

Windsor Cots June 18 1864

J Cannell Esq

STATE OF NEW YORK.



Agricultural Rooms,

Albany June 20th 1864

Hon E. Cornell,

John W. Osborn of this city is the best Slater in the country — plenty of help & will do your Job as he agrees —

His address No. 10 James St. Albany —

Batterhead report received —

Mr Osborn says he will do your Job — Please write him & he will give terms &c.

I have not heard from subscription presume the Corne & prices will absorb the whole —

Weather excessively hot here — Crops suffering for rain very much — Field Strawberries about as large as small peas. Kind regards to my Cornell — Yours Truly

[illegible]

Auburn. N. York
June 20. 1864.

My Dear Senator:

Your of the 18th inst.
I am anxious to secure that
Stock but have received no
notice that it has been awarded
me. Will you do me the
favor to send me a list
of the Committee to which
the matter was referred.
Any influence exerted by
yourself to secure me the shares
will be duly appreciated and
the kindness will most assuredly
be reciprocated.

Yours.
Wm. P. Robinson.

Wolcott June 20./64

Hon E. Cornell

Dr Sir; Major Spalding left here this morning in company with Sinclair of the N.Y. Tribune He is anxious that I should gatten up the contract for those Marsh lands - I am willing to do anything reasonable to insure the success of the drainage Enterprise but dont like the idea of spending more time unless there is some prospect of success - I understood the Major to say that if we would get up the contract to run till Jan. 1866 you (or the Ithaca interest) would construct a steam dredge & have it ready to commence operations this fall & that if

found necessary would have another built this month for operations next Spring

If I can be assured that something of this kind will be done I shall have motive & again devote my attention to the Enterprise

The Major now proposes to have the dredge set up at Rock's Saw-mill & work it up the Sonora river

Will you please let me hear from you by return mail so that I may know what to expect in the direction named above -

If I can receive satisfactory answer this week I shall be ready to start out & ascertain what can be done next week

With respect I remain
Truly yours
E. N. Collins

1864?

Ithaca June 21st

Mr. Cornell

Dear Sir

I should have written you sooner upon the subject you spoke to me of, a few days since, but I have been so exceedingly busy since that morning, that I have scarcely found a moments leisure. — In answer to your inquiry as to what ladies would be best suited for managers of the fund, asked for the assistance of Soldiers Orphans, (which as I understand you, was intended for the nucleus of an orphans asylum) I would suggest — Mrs Ezra Cornell — Mrs. J. McGraw — Mrs. Boardman — Mrs J. Stansbury, and

either Mrs. T. S. Williams or her sister Miss Hungerford — This forms a committee large enough for all practical purposes — Of the qualifications of these ladies I will speak to you confidentially, that you may judge if the selection is judicious —

Of Mrs Cornell I need say nothing, except that the ladies who have had the pleasure of working with her at the Clut room — will fully endorse all that the seeming partiality of her husband may accord to her of patriotism — zeal — kind hearted — ness — and ability — The other ladies, partake in these qualifications, while they have also their peculiar traits which I think will make them work well together. — Mrs. Woodruff and Mrs Williams are very economical, excellent managers — with a great amount of prudence and caution, too much perhaps to act alone, but Mrs. McGraw's large hearted liberality, will furnish a counterpoise, while Mrs Stansbury if I understand her rightly, combines, the management and economy of the first named ladies, with the generosity of the last. — I should have suggested Mrs. George Beers — but that she would not work with Mrs. McGraw I presume, and she has to much the same traits as Mrs Williams and Woodruff that they would not have the necessary balance. — The choice between Mrs Williams and her sister would not be marked, Miss Hungerford has larger views — but is more easily discouraged, — that is, she will labor as diligently but with less hope. —

Will you please to say to Mrs. Cornell that I have received for circulation, the pledge of the Ladies' Patriotic Association for dispensing with foreign articles of luxury - and if she thinks best, will present it to the ladies at our next dent room meeting. I would also like to know whether she thinks it best for us to have our next meeting, the first instead of the second Thursday in the month, as the next month opening on Friday - leaves five instead of four weeks between our times of meeting. My love to Mrs. Cornell -

I am very respectfully yours
Jane L. Hardy

J. L. Hardy
21. June 65

Binghamton June 21/64

E Cornell esq
Dr Sir

Enclosed we send note $100.00 for endorsement & discount. They come rather fast just now but material has been advancing we find it necessary to pay in advance on some of our contracts, to hold them wit- Brick are now worth $10, on the cars & that is all we pay for them laid up &c

Please return Dft by first mail & oblige

Yours Truly
P. A. Hopkins

The Chas. Robinson Chair Factory,

ESTABLISHED IN 1834.

M. C. MORDOFF, PROPRIETOR,

OFFICE AND FACTORY AT THE HOUSE OF REFUGE.

Rochester, N. Y. June 22 1864

Mr Ezra Cornell Dear Sir

Having met you Several times at the State Fair & with Mr S. R. Earl I take the liberty of writing to you to See if I cannot get a little of the extension or Russian Telegraph Stock, I have always lived here & Seen So much money made in the telegraph Stock I am very anxous to get a little to hold. But not being able to buy any at the prices they habd it. I write to you to See if I cannot through you get a chance to Subscribe for Some of the Surplus Stock. If you cannot do that for me can you not Spare me a little of yours at a price I could afford to pay for it & hold it. And at the Same time pay you a handsome profit I assure you I do not want it to Sell again but will agree to hold it for three or five years

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M. C Mordoff
22 June 64

The amount I would like and all I could possibly spare out of my business would be any where from fifty to one hundred shares. as I have quite a large business on my hands and started it without one dollar or any help from any one Nine years ago & am not yet quite out of debt Hoping you will put me in a way to get a little reasonably and assuring you that I will appreciate the favor I am Sir

Your Obedient Servant

M. C. Mordoff

State of New York

Executive Department.

Albany, June 22/64.

Wm. E. Cornell.

Dear Sir.

I have a favor to ask of you - as I have learned, that you own the line of Steamboats on Cayuga Lake. My brother, Calvin Willers of East Varick, Seneca County, has recently been appointed to the position of Store Keeper in the Auburn State Prison. He returns home usually by way of the Lake from Saturday every Cayuga Bridge to East Varick and returns on Monday.

I desire if not inconsistent with the rules of the Steamboat Company, that he be permitted to travel at half fare.

You will remember me as the Private Secy - with whom you conferred occasionally during the winter, concerning legislation.

Please excuse the liberty I have taken, and believe me, very truly Yours. D. Willers Jr.

Camp Willis Madden
Near Germania Ford Va.
February 18th 1864

Hon.
E. Cornell
Albany N.Y.
Sir

Your favor of — inst
came to hand last Evening.

There is a rumor here to day
that our Colonel has resigned but
no such information has officially
reached us. however I am quite inclined
to think it may be true as we are
looking for such an event, and think
it quite likely that the news will reach
Albany as soon if not before it does
the Regiment for the reason intimated in
my other letter, Namely, that it will be
held back at Division Hd. Qs. for the purpose
of giving our Major a chance to get his

papers through to Albany.

In such an event You would be in a position to know of the vacancy before I would, provided You could have access to the Adjutant Generals Books or rather the Clerks. but as You will not want to be doing that every day for two reasons, first want of time Second because of stirring up friends of others that might possibly be there. I would suggest that Lord being Chairman of Military committee might keep an eye to the matter without creating Suspicion

I have just received a letter from Harvey A Dows stating that he will go to Albany when the Vacancy occurs

I thought best to have the influence of some Political friend of Gov Seymours, and if knowledge of the vacancy should reach You before it does me. You may telegraph to him provided You need his assistance if You do not require his presence might telegraph him to that effect

As I purpose informing him at the same time I do so of the vacancy.

I would suggest that provided the Major beats us all it might be well to look out for the vacancy made by his promotion. He is now aware that there is an effort to supercede him and in the event of his success might in view of the circumstances try and get some one else promoted to the Majority

Nothing Specially new or interesting here the Weather is very cold but no snow on the ground. With Regards

I remain Very Respectfully
Your Friend &c
Capt William Glenny
6th N.Y.V.

P.S.

The Major was absent at Hd Qrs Yesterday & possibly may have fixed up his papers & forwarded it would be well to look after the matter Soon. W.G.

Wm Glenny
18 Feb 64

P.S. No 2

Since writing the within some papers have come to the major of which he is very shy and keeps private not even allowing the adjutant to see them. from which I judge they have some bearing on the case in Point. it would be well to examine into matters on the reception of this

W.G.

New York Feb 18/64

Dr Cornell

Can you not find a few moments time to give an old friend? Come now do & do not withhold from me any longer the aid I so much need, & that you can so easily give me very soon, it will be too late & in time you will deeply regret the consequence when you come to know the ~~result~~

Very Truly

W. P. Pew.
50 & 52 Pine St
N.Y.

269 DeGrauw St Brooklyn N.Y. Feby 18th 1864

Dear Sir

Your kind favor of the 16th inst
is received & Gow are thankfully
excusable ~~in~~ in not knowing where
to place me among the Dekuyter
Warts The youngerrs remember the
older better than the reverse
My Fathers name is Abraham Wart.
he has lived for over fifty years
in DeRuyter village - he was one
of the early Ancient Masons - for many
years a I.P. I have often heard
him speak of you, he is yet living
and in his eighty sixth year & you
no doubt remember him
There were two Councilys of Warts
that lived a mile west of the
village in Fenton, they were no
connexion of mine
Your Father and the old homestead
are fresh in my memory - the old
earthen ware pottery &c
I used to like your Father so much
neplus and off hand way
when I was but a lad I asked him
why he did not make stone ware
instead of earthen as the former was
so much better &c & he replied. "Harry
dont the Knowing the rottenness of the
work is the strength of the trade"
The reply was so apt that I have never
forgotten it. Is he yet living?

over

Those who were the active ones of
DeRuyter when you left you (High
Land) home now are you have (nearly)
all passed away — Occupied the revo-
bleped is their memory — their works speak
for them — their Children and grands
Children in Councils and on fields are
true to the inspiration of the Fathers

I almost (seem to) know that God
will bless the efforts to save our Country —
but not slavery

I was but a boy when you left DeRuyter,
The seasons of forty eight minutes have now
passed over my head and left some
of the flakes in my hair

& Congratulate you on your success
in life and do trust it has been useful
to Mankind and do pray continues
to be so

I trust (for Lenny sake) you will
excuse this poor rattling epistle

Yours with high Regard

W. P. Ward

W. P. Ward
18 Feb, 64

Dear Sir
Will you please
Send me a
Receipt on the

S. M Kirne
17 Feb 64

Ovid Feb 18th 1864

Hon Ezra Cornell

My Dear Friend and Brother

I have the pleasure of informing you that the amount required by the subscription to make its signers responsible to pay the debt of $4000 in good & responsible subscriptions have been obtained on Ovid Academy for the payment of the debt.

Although the Mortgage debt have been provided for $2013.00 have been paid in to me in cash & the balance probably will be in a few days, and this Mortgage debt is [redacted] called for by those to whom the debt is due. Although our debt is partly paid & all provided for. Still we are in greate need of $500 or $600. more for repairs and additions of writing desks painting & replenishing of the chimical & Philisophical aparatuses & library &c which is necessary before the school should be started. And it is desirable to commence about the first of April next. Our necessity has almost compelled me to request you to add $50. more

to your already liberal subscription of $50.
making it $100. in all. It is a noble institution
& worthy of large sacrifices. I dont wish to attatch
a claim to this request. There appears to be a pressing
necessity in this case. Your benevolent [redacted]
heart is now so large, that there is no room for
it to expand even by an additional benevolent act.

The name of Avid Academy has
been changed to that of "East Genesee Conference
Seminary" at Avid" The new Charter will be forwarded
soon. The certificate of the Regents of Universities
of the State of N.Y. with their seals &c &c was sent to me
by Mr Woolworth Secretary of the Regents, saying that
we could proceed the same as if the Charter was
before us.

You are placing the inhabitants of
Seneca County under many obligations
for the interest you are taking to assist to
the New York State Agricultural College
The inhabitants in habitants in this vicinity
are now giving you the honor of doing by your
influence & wealth so cheerfully bestowed
about all that has been done. & we feel
assured that all will be accomplished that
can be. Messrs Cook & Brown certainly disgraced
themselves by a wholesale practice as the people
of Avid think of deception, if not fraud added.

Their unprincipled and outlandish course
in this matter has placed them in almost
every locality in this state in a very unenvia-
ble position. It is reported here that one
half of the appropriations of public lands
granted by the general government for Agri-
cultural Colleges will be given to Cornell
College at Avid.

It is with great pleasure that
I recommend to you Hon Wm J Johnson
Member of Assembly from Seneca County
as worthy of your confidence and respect
Mr Johnson & I was born only 1½ miles
a part. and have always been neighbours
and I regard him very highly. Any informa-
tion that you may wish from this locality I will most
cheerfully give you. & Mr Johnson will do

The same.

I would be glad to receive a line from you at your earliest convenience

I have written in haste

Your friend & Bro

Silas M. Kinne

J. M. Mallison
18 Feb 64

JACKSONVILLE NURSERY,

FRUIT AND ORNAMENTAL TREES, SHRUBS, ROSES, GREEN-HOUSE PLANTS, &C.

Jacksonville, Tompkins Co. N. Y Feb 18 1864

Mr E Cornell

Dear Sir

I hav made the nessarey enquirey a boute those 2 farmes of Carmans & Deremers I cannot get enny diffinate answer from Deremer he ses assoon as his son comes home, he will let me know whether he will sell or not he went to canoday the fore part of the winter on a visett and ~~he~~ I hav no doute he is staying thair for fear of beeing drafted, the carmon point can bee had the ould man is willing to sell it. I hav ben informed by Janung that ~~the~~ carmon only owns 2 thirds and the other third Dr Purdy & som other parties own it ~~the~~ ~~of~~ my opinion is they would bee glad to sell it for the ould man pays them nothing

The ~~F~~ Frear 50 acors north of Deremer can bee bought for 75 dollar an acor thair is a store house for storing grane the store hous brought in 200 dollars clear of all expences last year it is a fine Steambote landing the bote can land thair I am informed when it cant enny whair else along the lake the same lime rock runs

a long a bout the same distance from the lake

I think you had better by this 50 or ganungs 100 the time has come when it is nessary for me to have som clay ground for Pears & other things Plunes if we extend the nursery matters farther togeather I have saved ~~[illegible]~~ 27 thousand of the best seadlings and will hafto take up the pears seadlings that wair planted last spring on youre land

when I was in ~~[illegible]~~ NY I bought 50 dollars worth of Pear sead extra from what I wrote to you a bought ~~and~~ and payed my own money for it I also engaged 200 lbs if it ~~is comes go sead~~ ~~is~~ proves to bee good sead they air to send me sample as soon as ~~I can~~ they cang it from custom house it will cost three hundred & fifteen dollars if and if it prooves to bee a genuine ~~it is cheape and will~~ artickle will bee profitible to bothe of us I hav thought best as soon as the is sent to me to gow to NY and examine the # sead for fear of ~~[illegible]~~ beeing cheated

You may send me 315,00 to pay for the 200 lbs also 50,00 for what I advanced for 25 lbs 365,00

I want to start amediatly as soon as I hear from the seade fix the check so that I can draw it with ante delay on mr Ferdon or som other man, if I do not concidder the sead all wright I will ~~come~~ returne the check

pleas answer amediatly ~~and~~ I hav no dout but what a fine bisness could bee done at the store house in storing grane if proper means wair taken perhaps it might bee rented oute

Vary Respectfully Yours
James M Mattison

Land is advancing in price around our villag

Hon Ezra Cornell

My dear Sir.

While in Albany I should have had some conversation with you regarding the renting of the farm at Ithaca, but I overlooked it. The person who has had the farm the past two years called on me the week before I went to Albany to have me anticipating any change in the farm terms. I told him that I should probably have the renting of the farm the same as usual. & that as soon as I returned from Albany I would write him giving him the price & terms for another year, and that I would give him the preference, as I felt I was

due to him as the occupant.
Thus the matter stands.
Mr Beane of course wants to know whether he is to have the farm another year and it is but right that he should know as soon as you can come to a decision regarding its disposition.
The Farm was rented to him the last year @ 5$ per acre. with the privilege of some winter wheat. and at the time the price was considered all he could pay & my own opinion is that it would be for this, but of course you can better decide that than I can —
My only object in writing you is to let you know that Beane wants to know as soon as possible what he is to do for another year —

If I can give you any information regarding the farm at any time I shall be most happy to do so.

Sincerely Yours

James O. Sheldon

Geneva
Feb. 18, 1864,

New York Feb 19th 1864

Dear Sir

The bearer Mr S. D. Carr, visits you to make some propositions in my behalf - which will meet with my concurrence, approval & gratitude. I suppose you are acquainted with him. He was the former principal of the Ithaca Academy

Very Respectfully Truly

W. P. Pew

50 & 52 Pine St

NY

Hon Ezra Cornell
Senate Chamber
Albany

Mr Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

I reed a letter from Mr Sheldon that he had resigned his position on the farm Committee and that you had the renting of the farm this year I have been renting the farm since the College Closed and would like to longer if I can I am anxious to hear from you soon in regard to it as the season of farming is near at hand

please reply by return mail if convenient

Very Truly Yours

George W Beaver

College Farm
Ovid

Ovid Feb. 20 1864

Hon. E. J. Cornell

Dear Sir –

I have to-day forwarded you by mail one State Report on Rail Roads & Canals, which I trust you may find of some intrest. The Statistics are valuable and important, and the marking on the Map of the location, of Forges Bloomries &c renders it still more intresting.

As a "Book" it is not equal to the like Report of your State; which latter I am desirous to obtain. But it is the best we have –

As the Printers say – "please exchange" –

Resp'y Yours

W. J. Turrell

Senate

Pa

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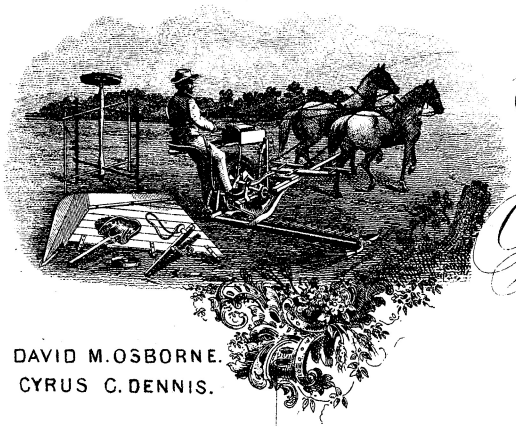

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Auburn, N.Y. Feby 20 1864

Hon E, Cornell

Dear Sir

Your Telegraph of 19th is too hard, The Bank of Auburn say they do not understand that they are in any way committed to you in the matter of the Beach Mill property at Port Byron,

But say that they are committed to the Commissioners & are notified that they have appropriated the property for the Benefit of the State & the Commissioners now Expect the Legislature to Sanction it,

And the Bank authorities say further, That in case of any failure on the part of the State to follow up the motion of the Commissioners that they will then Be at Liberty & willing to Commence an Original Negotiation with you for the property, any thing I can do to serve you will be a pleasure to me

I am Very Truly yours
C, C, Dennis

D. C. Hancock
20 Feb 64

Owego. N. Y
Feby 20. 1864

Hon. E. Cornell.

Dear Sir —

A Bill has been introduced into the Assembly, and probably into the Senate giving in Criminal Trials the Counsel for the Defence the Last Summing up — It is important and just that this Bill should be defeated if the proper administration of Criminal Law is to be maintained in this State — The Rule is right as it is — viz — The Defts' Counsel sum up first and the District Attorney close the argument, this is now and has been the practice in nearly all Civilized Countries for ages

there is no sense or propriety in changing the Rule. The Bill is obviously introduced in the interest of those city Lawyers who make it the principal business of their profession to defend Murderers, Thieves, and Scoundrels generally for pay — A heavenly villain ~~seldom~~ but seldom gets justice even as the Law now stands, and I protest in behalf of a large majority of the Profession against any more indulgence (under cover of Law) being given to Depredators upon community — The Members of the Bar, and the Judges so far as I have command with them in this Judicial District, are opposed to the ~~alteration~~ proposed change. — It ought not to be said that the last word of the Court and Jury was the best, and most advantageous, yet the Member who introduced (Mr Curtis I think) the Bill evidently supposed that great advantage would result to Criminals by having the Closing argument — You know very well that Men commit Crime and cover up their tracks sometimes so thoroughly that they cannot be reached by the closest Scrutiny, and then the sympathy that ~~pervades~~ persons arraigned naturally command from the human heart renders it absolutely necessary that the People should have at least an Equal Chance with Culprits in protecting themselves

from the machinations
of Crime, and the sanctions
of many generations has
been given to the present
practice, which is blind
to be fair and right
between the People, and
the alleged Criminal —

Let me further add
Sir, that I have witnessed
your course in this Senate
with admiration, and knowing
your position, I take the
liberty of addressing you
this hasty note hoping upon
proper examination you
will find it your duty
to oppose and defeat the
above Bill —

With great respect,
I remain Your obdt Servt
D. O. Hanover
Dist Atty
Niagara Co.

Camp Willis Madden
Near Germania Ford Va.
February 22d 1864

Hon E. Cornell
Albany N.Y.

Sir

Without doubt You have ere this received both my letter and dispatch. from some observations and incidents of late occurrence, I conclude nothing will be done before this reaches You and as I anticipate several points that may come up propose to touch upon them briefly in order that You may be able to combat such as are likely to prove obstacles in the way of your Success.

First - since the Major has learned that I was a rival for the Colonelcy, I surmise he has linked his destinies with either Captains Fassett or Manly. The latter has a namesake in Washington (Uncle) Who has

run the Regiment full as much as any outsider. He told some of our Officers that if they would get a petition and place in his hands designating their choice he would see that their Wishes were complied with. after the petition was unanimously signed I concluded best to have it in safer hands accordingly it was forwarded to you. I conclude that perhaps Captain Manly has promised the Major his Undress influence for the Colonelcy provided in return the Major will assist Manly this is I surmise no one

Second — Capt Fassett though probably not linked in the same way with the Major but probably fortifying himself on the ground of having petitioned for me as Colonel will have his card cut and dried for the Majority provided the present Major should succeed to the Colonelcy then say to me that he petitioned for me as Col and that he had a right to ask for the Majority which would be

Nothing more or less than a dodge.

Third - The Chaplain after signing my petition declared his intention to act against me, because I told a man in the Regiment who professed to be powerfully impressed upon the subject of religion that if I was in command of the Regiment he might have an opportunity to speak publicly when it did not interfere with any of his duties services or roll calls of the Regt. He is very sensitive and claimed it was interfering with his rights, and so goes the world.

Now then comes May B. With Recommends With some one associated with him Fassett or Manly or none atal. if the latter then Capt Manly will be recommended by his uncle in Washington. Fassett by McDonald & Dr Lincoln of Elmira &c. Others perhaps with recommends from Else where, and the only way is to make the best effort we can to beat them all. I am all most ashamed that so good a Regiment one that Stands so high and done so much good fighting

should get in such a mixed up mess but the fact is both officers and men Enlisted out of the best of motives, and in order to have harmony submitted to little wrongs until we were engulfed by their multitude and all are bound to have a change, and for fear it might not be made exactly to suit, each one has made up his mind to at least suit one, however I think all are bound to be suited but senior officers would not like to be superceded a second time. I guess with what I have written before you will be made acquainted with all the circumstances necessary in this case. I Telegraphed to H. A. Dowe at the same time I did you

With Regards

Verry Respectfully Yours &c

Capt William Glenny

64th N.Y.V.

Wm Glenny 32 Feb 64

P.S.

You will have an opportunity to see the different documents presented and I wish you would make a little note of the different ones and inform me who & how the different clicks pull

W.G.

N. Cattaraugus
22 Feb 64

Ithaca Feby 22. 1864

Hon E Cornell

Dear Sir/

I am happy to inform you that the old Lefevre House which caused our Baptist friends so much trouble, is converted into a School House completed and occupied by Mrs. Gale. It makes a good school house and Mrs. G is well pleased with it.

Mr. Maurice informs me this morning that the Carpenters are getting uneasy and are disposed to raise on their wages.

They have got along this winter very well — We have rec'd 11 of the Iron Beams from Philadelphia — you say in a former letter you rec'd a letter from Cartwright in which he says they were all shipped or ready to be shipped.

The Lumber is coming along slowly. I have written to Dodge to have him

forward it as fast as possible

I know of nothing to prevent early operations on the Library building except Masons I am fearful that part of the business is not being attended to as vigorously as it should be, Still Elijah thinks there will be no difficulty in getting all the hands he wants. and such as he wants

The Agr. Statistics are progressing slowly, many say they will not have any thing to do with them

Groton, Danby, Newfield, Enfield and Ulysses with our own town are all out. Lansing, Dryden & Caroline behind hand — Transactions not yet received

The first National Bank of Ithaca commenced business this day.

Yours Respectfully
N. Crittenden

Remember me to Mrs C — all well

JACKSONVILLE NURSERY,

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Jacksonville, Tompkins Co. N. Y Feb 22 1864

Mr Hon E Cornell

Dear Sir

I wrote to you Saturday asking you to send me Three hundred and sixty five dollars to by Pear seade with ~~with Mr Thorburn~~ it beeing a lot of sead that had ben sent oute from france it is a bout $150,00 less than I could of imported it pleas forward check or notify me amedially whair I may gow and get it I may send the check for the Pear sead direct to mr I M Thorburn unless I get better I am vary unwell at present mr Thorburn is a vary releable man

Vary Respectfully Yours

James M Mattison

Ithaca Feb 22d 1884.

Hon Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

On my recent return from N York where I have been sojourning some time, I was much gratified in the receipt of the Pamphlets which you was so kind as to send to me — and on the well established principle that "one good turn deserving another" I feel myself privileged, not only to thank you for the same, but to assure you that such documents — or reading matter, is no waste paper in my hands —

There were — in days of yore — when I, in some small degree, participated in Legislative Action, many reports & other documents printed & circulated which were not undeservedly treated as mere rubbish — and I doubt not such is the fortune of much now issued — but the standing regular publications, are worthy of a better fate — I claim to be no party Politician but I take a deep interest in all the great concerns of the State and of the Union — With great regard

Your friendly constituent

I. B. Gosman

Rutland Feby 22./64

My Dear Sir -

Your letter of 17th ult. has chased me round, but did not until yesterday - overtake me. Your but appreciation of my endowments for the benefit of Aged Indigent Mothers is found in your own generous provisions for your tourism & their posterity - altho' your words of approval are gratifying to me.

I have taken the liberty to copy parts of your letter for the Adventure, which I will forward copy of to you.

I, too, am a member of a Legislature. But I have not been able to reach my seat thus far in its session. I shall go to Augusta, tomorrow, but for a few days

only - as I have other demands on my time more interesting, & so told my townsmen when they elected me -

I am rejoiced that you are prospering - & I hope will long continue so - But, the times, in the hands of politicians & army contractors, are possibly out-of-joint, & promise but little improvement. I fear for a long time to come.

I shall introduce to our Legislature some proposals for amending the U.S. Constitution, which I think, if they had any hope of adoption, & should be adopted, would end the war, sooner than armies will do it. I work when I forward you a copy, you will consider them carefully

Yours truly
F. O. J. Smith

Hon E. Cornell
Senate - Albany
N.Y.

Binghamton Feby 22d 1864

Hon E Comfort

Sir

Robbins has closed the bargain at $3,600. Best he could do. 100 Mar 1st 900 May 1st Balance $2600 in one year. Wants you to give notes for three amounts. Derick also requires us to pay off the obligation I spoke to you about on our personal property. The holders will take your note at bank for Six months, amount about $900. Will be more explicit when we send on the other papers. He also wants Guarantee for payment by new firm of all Company debts—

Our whole indebtedness is less than $5,000

Stock on hand &c 3,000

Good accounts over 3,250

$6,250

Which leaves us round, aside from our real Estate and tools which inventory at about $10,500

What do you learn about Robbins responsibility—

If we do not hear from you in a few days will send on papers for you to Execute according as above.

You will also receive deed of new lot & mortgage to Execute.

Yours Truly

P. A. Hopkins

FISK & HATCH,

Bankers and Dealers in Government Securities,

38 Wall Street, New-York, Feby 22 1864

Hon E. Cornell

Albany NY

Dear Sir.

I have decided I will be security for a loan to Wm P. Pew on certain Conditions — will have a personal interview with you in a few days. If you think you can make a loan to him state conditions

Very truly

S. D. Scott

M B Wood
22 Feb 64

Albion Feb 22nd 1864

Dear Ezra

I send you some notices, cut from different paper respecting our oil spring. Our family are all well as usual. I do not think Edward or James are making much preperation for building this season, Phebe and I intend to take a buggy ride up there as soon as the ground gets settled and the weather comfortable.

I am glad to hear that Mary Ann will keep the old farm and make a home for Perry. If Frank & Perry work agreeably in the stock line they can make it pay with the amount of land they have.

I have rec'd a letter from

Cobb saying that Palmer at Rochester refuses to pay any dividend on his Crocker stock untill the evidences of transfer are examined by some body, he does not say who.

The weather has cleared off again verry nice, I shall plan to come to Ithaca again this summer and see the Library & the bank operations

I have bought 1¼ acres of land close by my house which I must fence & take care of this Spring, and my garden & making sidewalks will keep me busy for a spell

J. Finch has some fine fat cattle to turn off this Spring.

Glad to hear that Frank has good luck with his stock this winter

Respects to All,

M. B. Wood

Geneva Feb. 22. 67

Hon Ezra Cornell.

My Dear Sir,

Yours of the 20th reached me yesterday.

I have as you requested written Beam, a letter offering him the farm at 5$ per Acre, but have referred him to you for particulars of privileges and requirements, but said to him that I presumed you would not vary them very materially from his last lease —

I have also said to him that I would write you this evening giving the particulars of last contract, so that you would be prepared to act at once — I probably would write him giving him terms etc —

I enclose you herewith the last lease. from which you will be able to see the terms upon which he had the farm last year. the time of payments, etc. As Beams means ~~is~~ limited he promised to give personal security last year but come to get the papers ready, the party who had promised to sign the Bond declined, in a very un handsome, manner, In consequence we had to do the best we could, which was to take a chattel Mtge on his crops etc. to secure the rent — He has nearly paid up so far. there is perhaps 25 to 40$ behind — When you have finished with the lease please return it — There are three lots belonging to the farm which are not included in the lease. one of which some 35 to 40 acres on the South part of the farm & running down to the lake. the land is in only fair grass. and would probably be benefitted by breaking up now or soon we should want to rent the farm for two years. but with that uncertainty we have perfused to rent it at 4$ per acre the party year for pasture, My brother has hired it for two years the first at 3$ the second @ 4$. Mr Ivy fixed the price last year & my brother took it.

I presume he will do so another year should you think best. Mr Ivy is fully advised in the matter. My brother would like to know as soon as you decide. There is also a piece of land nearest the village on the road

J. O Sheldon
Feb 22. 64

good land bin good grass, which
we rented the past year @ 5 1/2
per acre, about 26 acres —
I presume the same parties
would take it again — Mr
Ivy. can see them support to you.

Very Truly Yours.

James O. Sheldon

Hon. Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

I returned home from Washington about ten days ago where I had been to meet my son who has now sailed for New Orleans — like most young men he is impressed to be in active service & expects to be at Mobile & after that with Banks to Texas. I trust & pray that my Heavenly Father will have him in his holy keeping and that he may be restored to me safe

22d. Jan. 1864

Box 429 Post-Office Phila.

from all the perils & dangers he may have to pass through.

We have not yet received the papers — perhaps the Gentlemen in whose hands they were placed has forgotten them. You will oblige me by having them sent as soon as possible or it will be too late for the investment my sister mentioned to you.

Sister Mary joins me in kind Regards to you with many thanks for the interest shown to me and my son.

Yours Truly

Jessie C. Bucky

M. L. Peters
24 Feb 64

Ithaca Feb 22nd 1864

My dear Friend

I suppose that as I have never had the pleasure of being one of your correspondents - you will be somewhat surprised to receive a letter from me. but I have intended to write to you for a long time - to thank you for a kindness to myself - which al- -though circumstances prevented you from doing for me, was such as grate- fully received - I refer to your intend -ed purchase of Mrs. Shaw's house to rent to us - and I would like to explain to you how I was situated at that time - that you may not think that I took advantage of your benevolence to make a large request and after you had partially made

arrangements to accommodate me — we could have her house or not.
I should (when I found that I would . I wished to do what was for the best
not need your kindness) fail to my Aunt is old and in poor health
see you again about it or even to and we did not wish to move unless
thank you for it — I was situated it was necessary — so I went to Mr.
in this way — subject to the whims Crittenden to ask him not to send
of our landlady — who is constantly the letter until he heard from me
changing her mind — and keeping us — the next day according to agreement
in suspence from her variable moods I went to Mrs Van Rick — but she was
. My mind was in a state of great still undecided. Three times the next
uncertainty when I saw you in the day I waited upon her unsuccessfully
club room — and asked you to buy and so continued until Christmas
Mrs Shaws house and rent it to us — morning when she gave us a decided
— you kindly consented and engaged answer that we could have the house
Mr Crittenden to make an offer . But on Christmas afternoon I
for you that evening to Mrs Shaw was suddenly taken very ill with
. Afterwards I saw Mrs Van Rick the prevailing fever and entirely con-
and when I told her what I had done fined to my bed — Mary De Witt
I found that her mind was not succeeded in finding Mr Crittenden
made up fully — and she promised that a few days afterwards — but you had
if I would wait — she would let me left the place — so I had no opportu-
know positively. The next evening wheth- nity to conclude the business with

you are to thank you for your kindness. This long explanation I fear must be tedious but I feel unwilling to give any person reason to think that I am wanting either in politeness or in appreciation of kindness shown to me and I know that you have had reason to form such impressions. I assure you that I value your kindness shown not only to one but to this place where I trust that it may be my lot both to live and to die. I trust that God may spare you long among us. that you may see the results of your great efforts for the benefit of this community. and I earnestly pray that in the better world there may be also awaiting you the nobler reward which is the portion of the Christian

Respectfully

Your Friend

Mary L. Peters

Remember me affectionately to your wife. if I had a little more room on my paper I would have some news for her —

Hon Ezra Cornell Feb. 23 1864

Dear Sir

Yours of 22d is before me and contents noticed

Under the act of 1853. the Town of Ulysses had two Notary P. Henry D Bartow and Charles A Hawley. Mr Bartow was my partner then. Since then he has gone into Banking — & his appointment is no benefit to me — Mr Hawley has gone to Seneca Falls. Permanently I has as he informed me resigned At all events he will do so if necessary. This leaves a vacancy under the act you refer to. of which I supposed you were made acquainted & to fill which I desired the appointment and desiring Mr Bartow under

under the proposed act for Banks specially. If the act passes it will accommodate both of us. There is a vacancy for Ulysses without a doubt.

You & I are strangers and I supposed you would much prefer favoring some one of your friends instead of some one not acquainted with you and for this reason spoke to Gen Milley an intimate friend of mine to see about it. I have not heard from him directly only in directly.

If you are disposed to fill Mr Hawleys vacancy by my appointment & Mr Clark get his by the act for Banks please do so.

Our little village the 22d came well nigh burning up - about ½ of the business portion is consumed and we are about exhausted fighting fire

I can scarcely hold a pen today.

Truly yours
I D Emolle Smith

Ithaca February 23. 1864

Hon Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

John Southworth of Dryden & Mr. Rich of ~~Candaw~~ Candor have just left the office. They explain to me what is doubtless known to you that the two depots on our R. R. known as Candaia Cruler & Candaia Corners, are situate within half a mile of each other & accomodate two little villages very poorly because neither one will pay to take care of. Every one concedes there should be but one depot for the two places but each village thinks it should be the place for the one depot. Mr. Southworth says he Rich & Mr. Thompson (Mem. of Ass.) have determined that one depot shall accomodate both places & that it shall be placed half way between the two places where the Post Office now is. If this result which they think is eminently reasonable &

desirable can not be attained by the voluntary action of the R. R. Company they they propose to see what effect pression will have. Thompson thinks he has the power to reduce the rate of fare on the road & in case any of the Roads are tolled he can cause ours to be tolled also. He intends to use these weapons unless Humphrey will immediately procure the change to be made.

Now Mr. Southworth says that Humphrey would immediately apply to you in case any attack on the road & that your action might have much influence upon the decision of Humphrey & the R R Co.

He therefore wished me to make to you the above statement that you might act, if consistent with your judgment, in favor of abolishing the nuisance of a double depot at Candor & in place thereof substitute one depot well cared for for the use of both villages, to the manifest advantage of the town, the travelling public & the R R. Comp'y.

Very Truly Yours

L D Boardman

Illinois & Mississippi Telegraph Company.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Thomas Bassnett, Secretary.

Ottawa, Ill. Feb 24th 1864

Hon. Ezra Cornell
Dear Sir

Being so summarily deprived of my salary & position I have had to decide on a future course promptly & with the habits of economy I have cultivated farming offered at least a moderate but sure independence & I have been induced to purchase — The farm has a mortgage of $3000 — owned by a Mr. Thompson Harrington of Lyons N.Y. Dreading such a debt hanging over me I suggested a trade for Tel. Stock & referred him to you. It ought to be worth par. Seeing we ought to have a dividend of 10 per ct, but I would take a little less sooner than be in debt. Trusting you will excuse the liberty of referring him to you although he may never apply. I remain Yours truly

Thos Bassnett

Camp Willis Madden
Near Germania Ford
Virginia Feby 24th 1864

Hon. E. Cornell
Albany N.Y.

Sir

Your favor of 20th inst is just received. In reply I would say that we are in hopes to get more men soon. We have recently sent out four Commissioned Officers and ten men to recruit. of course I can not tell what success they will have.

If there should be a draft we would be likely to get some of the men.

What may turn up in our favor is more than I can tell. Suffice it to say if we had not been Cursed with inefficient and objectionable Field officers. the Regiment would have reenlisted as veteran and now been filled to the minimum, but the Regiment

Would not reenlist as an Organization unless they first had assurances that they could rid themselves of their Embarassments.

The wishes of the Regiment are that I should hold the Commission (which will prevent any one else getting it) even though I may not be able to get Mustered and under all the circumstances I care more about the Commission than I do the pay.

Again if we should be filled up I would be prepared for the muster where-as if it is left open some one else will get it, further more if I can not be mustered it will be no disadvantage to me, or the Government as I will continue to receive Captains pay and that only. I am inclined to think the excuse rendered to you is a dodge. Evans of whom you speak is the friend of the Major of whom I spoke in my letter. I knew he