

Albany Jan. 13. 1865.

My Dear Sir:

I cannot say that I am
free of anxiety as to my position.
I admire your public spirit - & am
glad in every practicable way to
show my interest in it - & appreciation.
^{of it} I ~~volunteered~~ volunteered to give you
^{the promise of} that I could do some of the hard
work. But it was in consequence
of Mr. Selkirk's letter addressed to me
at Leeds & of what he subsequently said
to me that I come here.

It would pain me indiscribably to
be regarded as an intruder, or a bore.

Now it will relieve me if you will
forbear to tell me if Mr. Selkirk understood
you correctly in saying you desired
me to come here.

As to compensation I should neither
ask nor desire any. I am more than

willing to contribute my effort for
the accomplishment of so good a
scheme as you have adopted for your
self - India just now employment
is a great relief to me.

The Hali charges here are too high
for me to pay for a long time from
my slender means, I am sorry to
say. My wages for the last few years
have ^{not} been equal to those of a common
day laborer. Allow me to say this for
that I wish to aid you simply because
I am inclined to ^{think} that I send
your disproof of or it will be if it
goes to others. Whether I ever might
attend any effort I have made no
further obligation direct or implied &
would be credit thereby.

I have written as above with some
hesitation - but I believe you will be
dear & I have me for doing it.
If I am to sink out of sight I would

wish it should be with no accession
of the reproach of inaction.

I have written Mr. Pray as
you suggested

I am. Dear Sir

Very truly yours
Hiram Brown

Wm. Ezra Cornell

I go to Keeney line to morning
A. B.

Lummis Bro's & Sutton,

No. 64 READE STREET,

New-York, 14 July 1865

Hon E. Cornell

Dear Sir-

I observe that
an arrangement has apparently been
made with Mr. Adams in relation
to the canal business. You would
much oblige me if convenient by
sending me by mail - copy of the
bill, if printed, and if I can be of
any service in assisting in the
passage I shall take great pleasure
in doing so.

Yours very truly
Wm. Lummis

Croton Aqueduct Department,

ROTUNDA, PARK,

New-York, Jan^y 14th 1865.

To Hon Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

The bearer of this Mr Samuel
Whitchurch is an applicant
for appointment of Harbourmaster.
Mr Whitchurch is a worthy man
and an ardent Republican.

and if appointed would fill the
Office ^{with} ability and integrity.

If you can do any thing
to promote his appointment you
will confer a favour on your
very Respectfully

Robert L. Canaf

New York, Jan. 14, 1865.

Superintendent of Sunday School,

DEAR SIR:—Your attention is respectfully solicited to the following, as the result of the meeting of Superintendents at the Mercer Street Presbyterian Church, 11th inst.

133d Anniversary of Washington's Birthday.

A public meeting was held in the Lecture-room of the Mercer Street Church, January 11th, agreeably to a call at the suggestion of several clergymen and Superintendents of Sunday Schools, to adopt preliminary measures for the appropriate celebration of the 133d Anniversary of Washington's Birthday, Wednesday, February 22, 1865.

REV. ROBERT R. BOOTH, D.D., was invited to act as chairman, and made a general presentation of the purposes of the Institute of Reward for Orphans of Patriots, and of the contemplated celebration at the Cooper Institute, under the auspices of that Association, and having opened the exercises with prayer, called upon the Corresponding Secretary to state, in detail, the objects and labors of the Institute.

The Secretary then gave a history of the origin, purposes, and labors of the Institute, since the 18th of April, 1861—its scholarships and educational advantages, procured in the several loyal States for the Orphans of those fallen in the defense of our country. These details are indicated in the circulars severally issued in the specific interest of some one of the departments of the Institute, which will be furnished on application to the Treasurer, ARTHUR F. WILLMARTH, Vice-President of the Home Ins. Co., 135 Broadway, New York.

After the reading of a letter from a distinguished clergyman of this city, regretting his inability to be present, and pledging a delegation of singers from the Sunday School of his church, the following resolution, sustained by appropriate remarks, was unanimously adopted by the meeting:

Resolved, That the objects of the Institute of Reward for Orphans of Patriots are worthy of the cordial support of all well-wishers of our country, and that the contemplated celebration, February 22d, by volunteer delegations of Sunday Schools, meets our hearty approbation.

PROF. L. A. BENJAMIN, under whose direction the Washington Anniversary Concert last year secured unanimous approbation, has been invited to repeat his kind offices in 1865, and has accepted the direction of the contemplated concert. He will give any further information desired, and to him delegations may report by giving in their checks, signed by their Superintendents, at the Great Hall of the Cooper Institute, Saturday, January 28th, at 2 o'clock.

A delegation from your Sabbath School of twenty girls and ten boys, from ten to fifteen years of age, is desired. They will be required to meet at Cooper Institute on Saturdays, at 2 o'clock, for rehearsal, four times previous to the concert. No teachers are required to accompany the children unless the school may so desire. The music to be sung will be Sabbath School and patriotic—the most of it new.

One thousand five hundred children are expected to participate at this celebration—750 at 2 o'clock P. M., and 750 at 7½ in the evening.

Checks of admission will be sent to each school, which will admit their delegation.* * * [See Postscript.]

It is not intended by the committee to allow any tickets to be sent to the schools for sale, or require the children to sell any, unless they prefer to do so voluntarily.

The regulations will be the same as those adopted at the Concerts of last February, given with so much satisfaction by the Public Schools.

A large and effective Orchestra of instruments will accompany the singers.

Solo or Duet Singers are solicited from each school. Also attractive Readings, Recitations, and Declamations.

By order of Committee,

DAVID P. HOLTON, M.D., *Secretary,*

139 West 49th St., 4 doors West of Broadway.

P.S.—* * * Superintendents will see the importance of attending to the following at the next session of the Sunday School, 22d inst.:

For the *First Rehearsal*, Jan. 28, delegates will make the ante-room of the great hall of the Cooper Union their place of rendezvous, and one of their number bearing a list of the delegation, signed by their Superintendent, all will be admitted, and, by the Director of the Concert, assigned their positions.

The list should be accompanied with the name and location of the school, and the residence of the Superintendent, that tickets and programmes for the subsequent rehearsals, February 4th, 11th, and 18th, may be duly forwarded.

DAVID P. HOLTON, *Secretary.*

January 21, 1865.

Ezra Cornell *Secy. Secretary Albany*

Certificate of Incorporation of the Institute of Reward for Orphans of Patriots.

Whereas, Certain of the undersigned, on the 18th of June, 1861, took measures toward organizing the Association hereinafter mentioned, and since then have labored to establish its benefactions in forms of Reward rather than Alms-giving, and wish to make such Association permanent.

Now therefore, this is to certify that we, the undersigned,

[Here, in the original, are written the names of the incorporators.]

citizens of the United States of America, desire to associate ourselves together into a Society for benevolent, scientific, and literary purposes, under and pursuant to the Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled "Act for the Incorporation of Benevolent, Charitable, Scientific, and Missionary Purposes," passed April 12, 1848, and all acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, and for the purposes of incorporating ourselves, our associates, and successors, under and in pursuance of the provisions of said acts, do hereby certify, declare, and make known, as follows:

1. The corporate name of said Association shall be the "Institute of Reward for Orphans of Patriots."

2. The object of said Association is to provide for the education and support of orphans, and especially the children of soldiers or sailors who have died in their country's service, by establishing homes for destitute orphans, and especially homes upon experimental farms connected with the Agricultural Colleges which may be founded in the several States, as provided for under Act of Congress of July 2, 1862, where they may contribute to their own support, and fit themselves for lives of usefulness; also, by creating and investing funds, the interest of which shall be employed in awarding scholarships in Colleges and other institutions of learning, as prizes to those orphans who may give promise of eminence in any department of literature, science, or art.

3. For the purpose of carrying out the objects aforesaid, the Institute may create funds of two orders,—one for a general fund, and the other for prize funds.

4. The general fund shall consist of the ordinary income of the Institute, from dues and from such contributions and subscriptions as shall not be specifically made to either of the prize funds.

5. The prize fund shall consist of such contributions or donations as shall be made for purposes specified by the respective donors.

6. These prizes shall primarily be conferred upon members of Institutions which this Association shall be instrumental in establishing; and, secondarily upon such orphans as the Institute may select. The forms and modes of reward may be extended to encourage studies and explorations in foreign countries. Should the means of the Institute become sufficient, prizes may be awarded for the encouragement of personal, social, and political virtue among youth and adults in every class and condition.

7. The management and disposition of the affairs of said Institute shall be invested in a Board of Directors; and Valentine Mott, Horace Webster, Frederic Depeyster, Edward Gilbert, W. A. Hoeber, Alexander Knox, Edward Warner, Samuel D. Burchard, Charles Gould, M. M. Vail, Robert M. Hartley, George Andrews, Caleb T. Rowe, Edmund Fowler, R. N. Havens, E. P. Whitmore, J. A. Nash, W. E. Thorn, Prosper M. Wetmore, J. W. Richards, George H. Beyer, D. P. Baker, Ebenezer Bartlet, and David P. Holton, shall be such Directors for the first year of its existence.

In witness whereof, we hereunto set our hands and seals, this 18th day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three.

Valentine Mott,	Alexander Knox,	Caleb T. Rowe,	Prosper M. Wetmore,
Horace Webster,	Edward Warner,	Edmund Fowler,	Henry T. Hunter,
Samuel B. Bell,	Charles Gould,	D. P. Baker,	George H. Beyer,
Frederic Depeyster,	M. M. Vail,	R. N. Havens,	Ebenezer Bartlet,
A. F. Willmarth,	Robert R. Booth,	J. A. Nash,	J. W. Richards,
Edward Gilbert,	R. M. Hartley,	E. P. Whitmore,	Samuel D. Burchard,
W. A. Hoeber,	George Andrews,	William E. Thorn,	David P. Holton.

I approve of the within, and allow the same to be filed.

JOSIAH SUTHERLAND, Justice, etc.

NEW YORK CITY, November 13, 1863.

[Here, in the original, is the Notary's certificate of acknowledgment.]

STATE OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE. }

I have compared the preceding with the original certificate of incorporation of the Institute of Reward for Orphans of Patriots, with acknowledgment thereto annexed, filed in this office on the 16th day of November, 1863, and hereby certify the same to be a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of said original.

Witness my hand and seal of office of the Secretary of State, at the City of Albany, this Second day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three

J. WESLEY SMITH, Deputy Secretary of State.
A duplicate of the above was deposited in the Clerk's Office of the city and county of New York, November 19, 1863. DAVID P. HOLTON, Corresponding Secretary.

Weymouth June 14 1865

Dear Mr. Cornell

Mr. Sir - Our friend Sumner
went into our League last evening
& got his Brother in Law John Fordrich
one of the old Commissioners, intro-
duced by the League, & says he will
get him appointed any how inde-
pendent of the Co. Court, or any
other place. Now this must
not be done do not want any
such thing, & Sumner is acting
very badly, & must be beat, any
how so don't let his men be
confirmed, although the men are
good enough, but we do not
want him to beat us. He says
he has got the first National Bank
but we do not believe that yet
he has been to Washington, this week
& thinks he is pretty smart
with much respect I am yours H. I. C.

Albany ~~Aug~~ 14. 65

Hon Ezra Cornell
Dear Sir

Allow me to
introduce my brother-in-law Mr
Charles P. Skinner of this Village
He will explain his mission to
Albany -

Truly Yours
J C Plath

Mr Skinner called this morning
and I assigned two bonds W. S. of \$5000
each funding a salary at Olcott
Bank Albany 14. Jan. 65.

E. Cornell

Ithaca Jan 14, 1865.
Hon E. Cornell.

Dear Sir,

In conversation with you before you left I think it was deemed advisable to cut a flue in the South West corner of the Lecture Room for ventilation and smoke flue for room below.

Maurice agrees with me in the opinion that it can be done without injury to the wall,

Also. I understood that there was to be an iron door to shut ~~off~~ the register which admits hot air to the Library, from the furnace, as a greater protection against fire; And a register in the floor of the Library, with a flue connecting with the draft of the furnace, to be used in warming the Library.

I am of opinion that these things

had better be done for the convenience
and safety of the building.

There seems to be no definite order
in reference to it. and if you think
it best please to give the order, as
it seems necessary you should do in
order that it be done,

I have had conversation with
Mr Finch in reference to this, &
he being busy and unable to write
requested me to do so,

Respectfully Yours
M^r R. Barnard

I think these things ought
to be done -

In haste

B. Finch

Albany June 14. 1865

Mr Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

The Comptroller
deems it necessary that you should
join in the enclosed Articles of
Association - Will you please sign
your full name to the paper and
return ~~to me~~ by post mail -

Forman has made a move to
change the Loan Commissioners of this
County, because one of them as he claims
"cheated him last fall" - He has found
it difficult to get any one to sign
his papers & may give it up as a
bad job, but if he persists in his
efforts & should make any move at
Albany, you will please post us up
immediately -

For the present, we deem it
best that no change should be made in
those officers

Respectfully Yours
J. C. Platts



Albany Jan^y 15 - 1865

Dear Sir

You will rec^d an invitation to attend a meeting of eminent men, friends of Education, at Albany on Tuesday the 24th Jan^y inst, to inaugurate the movement for an Agricultural College, and a University at Ithaca - Geo D. Beers will also be invited, as one of the trustees of the People's College - Urge him to come -

We had a meeting last Thursday of Trustees of Ag

college and a few others
from which they call con-
sultants. We invite the most
prominent Trustees of the
People's & Ag colleges,
the Regents of the University
and a few other prominent
friends of Education -

I have modified my prop-
osition so that it proposes
to donate \$500,000. for the
erection of a college at
Ithaca on condition
that the State will endow
the institution with the
inter land grant fund -

The movements thus far
in the enterprise all ap-
pear favorable, and I have
great hopes of success in
our legislation. The
meeting of the 24th will
probably decide the question

one way or the other
You must not fail to
be here,

Assuming that Herrs
is satisfied that the People's
college is a failure through
Cooks refusal to carry out
his promised aid, and that
he will now go in for
our project as I am told
many of the People's College
Trustees will, we want
him to come also,

If on the other hand he
would be against us -
why then I had rather he
would stay away, you can
sound him and perhaps
shape his course -

J. B. Williams should
not fail to come. He is
one of the Trustees of the
Agricultural College

I have bought Cal Jewett's
cabinet, I want you also
to assist me in arranging
the details of the matter
with him I have to pay
\$10.000 = and had to buy
now to prevent its going
to Meadville Pa =

Patrolism is stirring
up the boys, down there, but
they must aspire to out-
strip the lightning -

How does the Library
get along -

Yours, Respectfully
E. Cornell

H. M. Finch Esq
Ithaca

E B Correll
Jan 16. 65

Atasca Jan 15 / 65
Dear Brother

We are enjoying as good
Sleighing here as I ever knew
in Atasca and the winter is
passing of quite pleasantly
myself and wife in company
with Frank & wife and Marie
all went up to Perrys last
Thursday the sleighing was fine
and we had a fine time generally
Thompson has not yet finished
painting in the postoffice I think
he is nursing the job pretty well
I think it will take him pretty
much all the week to get
through, We want some advice
in reference to the floor in the
drill room what kind of a floor
did you intend to have if a wood
floor the floor timbers should be

of pine or Oak, as hemlock
will not last but a short time
in such an exposure as that
where there is no circulation of
air under it. Mannis wants
to know also what kind of a
floor you intend to have in and
over the Library

I have finished the Senators
department with a common
brown wall not thinking it
necessary to hard finish that
story, and likewise the two
rooms in the story below,
the map room and the one
adjoining I finished in the
same manner all the rest
I suppose had better be hard
finished or had I better finish
the Club room and the Historical
Society room in the same manner
as the Senators room, we are
now at work running a cornice

in the hall on the first floor
and banking room which looks
very fine

John Rumsey has rendered his
bill for work & materials had man-
&c for the last year which amounts
to over \$4000. I think he has been
extravagant in many of his charges
for instance the front door lock he
charged \$12. for and it is nothing but
a common lock, when we got it
he could not or would not give the
price had he done so I would not
have taken it, I have quit trading
there unless it is for some articles
we cannot get elsewhere

John Cornells goods have arrived
but we do not hear anything of
him yet Please let me hear
from you at your earliest
convenience

Respectfully yours
J. B. Cornell

P.S. The grate to the furnace
you got in Albany has got
broken and you had better order
another one before you come home
it is not injured so bent that we
can use it

E.B.C.

Scranton Jan^y 16th 1865

Mrs. Ezra Cornell

Dr. Sir. I have
finished your picture of the "Duke
of Northumberland" and am now
waiting for the frame. when I will
ship it to your address. and I
wish to know if I shall send it
to Ithaca or to Albany. Please
answer soon and oblige

Yours Very Respectfully
J^r H. Millsbaugh

P.S. All well. we send our best
to yourself and Aunt Mary And
Yours again J^r H. M.

Orangetown Tompkins Co. N.Y. Jan 16th 65

Hon. E. Cornell
State Senator
Albany N.Y.

My Dear Sir

I know not what disposition may be made in reference to obtaining the Transactions of the N.Y. State Leg. Society for 1863. As you and other friends of the Cause have liberally supplied the Club Room at Otisco, will you be so kind as to furnish me one in your package as Life Member of the Society. Also a copy of the American Institute for some years past are valuable works to me as a farmer and forest Cultivator.

I have written to Hon. Henry B. Lord in regard to a copy of Insurrection Report. Any thing you may have to spare on Ag. or otherwise will be thankfully received & reciprocated.

Truly Yours

Henry H. Hooper

P.S. Mr Lord will send you this note

Senator Cornell

Abaji
ms.

16 June 1881
H. H. Hunt

Congo Jan^y 16. 1865
Hon Ezra Cornell;

Dear Sir - Letter
D. Curtis, whom I recommended
for reappointment to the office
of Notary Public, being about
to leave the Clerk's office, and
go into other business, his
reappointment is not desirable,
either to him, or anyone else.

Truly

W. H. Brooks

Farmers Club Room
Ithaca Jan 4 16 1868
Hon C. Cornell

Dr Sir

(Yours of the 5th
Inst. was rec^d the 10th. delayed on
account of snow storm.

I herewith inclose the
Statistics of our County as well as
I am able to do so, with what returns
we rec^d, and the Transactions with Dr
Parkers help. - I think they are as
near correct as they can be got at.
at all events I hope they will
be satisfactory -

The Library is progressing
as well as could be expected.

The Post office part is nearly
ready for occupation - It has been a
slow and expensive job to finish -

It has been very stormy

and unpleasant weather for
nearly two weeks - snow is very
much drifted and many roads
almost impassible -

Nothing new to write about
- all well -

Yours Truly
N Crittenden

Chicago Jan. 19 '65.

The Hon^{ble} E. Cornell.

Dear Sir,

Please accept this
society's sincere thanks
for the "Governor's Message" 1865,
supplementary to your former
valued favors - May I beg
your kind remembrance
in the distribution of your

Adj. General's Report, & all doc-
uments or publications - me-
morial of the patriotic
loyalty of New York in this
great national struggle -

Most resp^d, Dear Sir,

Yr. ob^d serv^t

Wm Barry, Sec^y &c.

Am. E. Cornell.

Western Union Telegraph Co.,

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y., Jan'y 17 1865

Dear E. Cornell

Albany N.Y.

Dear Sir - I don't know how you stand
in reference to the question of allowing the N.Y. C R.R.,
the right to raise their passenger fare to 3^c. At the time
the restriction of 2^c was imposed no body thought it too
high. It was universally accepted & low enough and I
have no doubt it was then a reason if it was low enough
then it is too low now. I will not trouble you with
reasons they are very much too obvious. The truth is the
Company cannot carry passengers now at 2^c and live.
The result is it will endeavor to make it up in freight. This
is against the interests of the State. It is a great deal better
to let the tax be put upon passengers than on freight.

I think it for our interest, aside from the question
on the merits, so far as we can conscientiously to
act with the R.R. in the efforts to obtain fair
legislation. I don't believe in the policy or justice of
the course pursued by the Tribune. This effort to create public
prejudice against useful & indispensable corporations is wrong
in principle and dangerous in practice. (Yours truly)
J. W. Palmer

Trumansburgh Ny
Jan'y 17 '1865

Hon Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

Permit me to ask
you for appointment of Voluntary
Public at Trumansburgh

I will procure recommendation
of Boardman. Dow. Finch. & Lampson
if you desire it

Judge Boardman advised me that
all that was necessary was to write you

Pardon me for troubling you
but your appointment of your own
& oblige yours

J. A. Smith

Junclee Jan 17/65

Wm E Cornell

Dr Sir

The Lease I gave S. J. Poplee
has turned out just as you said
it would I want your advice
should you feel inclined to
give it please answer and let
me know when you will be
at home and I will call on you

Truly yours

John E. Bliven

Junclee Yates co Noy

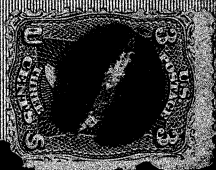
STATE OF NEW YORK.



Letter Egan Cornell

E. Egan Cornell Esq
Albany

May



ELI B. CHAPMAN, STATIONER, 73 STATE ST. ALBANY, N.Y.

State of New York.



Albany Jan^y 18-1865

Dear Brother

Your favor of the
15th rec^d this morning =

I am glad to hear that
you have a good run of
sleighing, and are enjoying
it. There has been good
sleighing here ever since
I came down, and weather
cold =

I should think Thompson
was mending the painting, &
hope the mure will soon
"dry up"

In reference to the drill
room, I thought the best
floor would be first to put
down a waterlime cement
floor say two inch thick of

screened gravel filled with
grout and smoothed over.
When that becomes hard and
firm, I would lay down strips
of 2x4 pine strips and put
a pine floor on top thereof.
Having no water here you
cannot proceed with that
job this winter =

The Library floor should be
tile or marble, I will make
enquiry as to where I can
get such flooring = I don't
know but those pressed
brick would answer well
enough for those floors.
What do you think of it?

I think the Club room
& Historical room had better
be a hard finish =

I shall have to scrutinize
Russys bill = A \$12, lock
should be a very good one

John A. Cornell left Albion
yesterday for Ithaca and
will probably reach there
before this reaches you =

Last evening we spent with
a pleasant party at Gov.
Fritons, all jubilant over
the pleasure of enjoying a
loyal ~~Loyal~~ Union Governor
and the glorious news of the
capture of Fort Fisher =

If Ithaca felt interest en-
ough in the Cayuga & Ontario
canal question to send two
members to the third House on
Union & our Democrat, I should
have great hopes of getting a
charter this winter =

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

E. C.

New York Jan 18/65
Hon Ezra Cornell Esq.

Will you please inform me how
you will ~~exchange~~ Russian Extension
Stock for Western Union -

I bought
Western Union at an early day &
cannot afford to pay the interest
Revenue upon the increase ^{should I prefer} & put it
back in nominaly the same thing -
I should like to trade one two or
three hundred shares of Western Union
for Extension, will you please say
how many shares of Extension you
will give for the whole, or in part.
As regards the present price of each
I would say that Mr Horner bought
Extension yesterday at 31 & he also sold

15 Shares of Western Union at par.
but it could not be sold for
the latter price in any quantity -

Very Respy

Sam W. Elder

Director in Western Union

145 Broadway.

New York

Owego Times Office

Jan'y 18. 1865

Hon. Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

I take the liberty
of writing you, concerning the office
of Commissioner of Loans. There is
quite a contest springing up about
it. Mr. Loomis is determined to put
out Thomas Higley, because he did not
aid him East Here; & Mr. S. C. Pratt is just
as determined that he shall retain the
office. While I have no objection to
either of the present incumbents, but
since a fight is made, the right
candidate, in my opinion, is for
you to insist on two Newmen.
The two now holding, should be
for four years; whereas the three men
who preceded them, held only for
two years each. There can be no

being done by removing both.
If one man is dropped off he and
his friends will be exasperated, but
if both are changed there can be
no cause of offence.

Mr. Sumner claims that through
the influence of the Governor's Private
Secretary he can make or unmake
whom he pleases irrespective of
you; & I firmly believe that this
will be done if you do not take
early charge of the matter.

For New Haven I would recommend
Messrs. Thomas Post of Oswego
& Royal W. Clinton of Newark both
both good, true reliable men
& both friends of both Mr. T. C. Platt
& Wm. Lincoln. I have no self
interest in this matter but
firmly believe it will be for the
strength & harmony of the party.
This contest between Messrs. Platt

@ Human is very annoying.
The men I mention are perfectly
unobjectionable to either or both,
@, such an appointment will be
far more acceptable to both the
contending parties than to give
a victory to either —

Hoping, my dear Sir, that you
will take Charge of this matter
at once; @, if you do not see fit to
decide, at once, prevent appoint-
ments being ^{made} by others who have
either personal spite or self in-
terest to gratify at the expense of
the unity of the party —

With kindest regards I am
most respectfully
Yours

W. Smyth

Owego July 18/65

Hen & Correll -

There is so much
cheating in Politics that
one never knows who to
believe Platt & Sumner are
in a fight Platt wants the
High of the old Union & Sumner
wants the Goodrich of the old
& I want a new man by
the name of Pert for
one - am not particular who
the other man is but think
it would be better for both
men instead of retaining one
new & one old - I will
get some names to my
paper & send you some.
we probably shall not agree
at all but I want Thomas
Pert for one - any how -
Yours W I Chatfield

Weyo June 18/65

Am to Cornell

Since writing you this
morning, I have seen Platt
& he does not say anything to
me, of his desire to have
the old ones appointed,
nor, did I tell him of any
thing you said to me as to
his letter. He wishes me
to hold on till after his
Meeting, so that we may not
lose our Superior
which I am perfectly willing
to do, as I wish you
would see that Sumner
does not get the start
of you. You say you have
heard nothing from him
nor, will you, He is operating

independent of you & the
Co Com & makes his
day, that he can carry mining from Washington
it alone & is in correspondence with the private Test
there with the private Test to the Gov & expects to make
his joint there. - So you may know how to operate
I have a paper signed by several of our official
men asking the support of Mr Peat & Mr High, one new & one old
which I will send you soon as soon as meeting is
over. of course I want to have a good loyal man
for Supervisor, & the I want Mr Peat & any other
good loyal man, officer for this Co, I may come
down to the Winter Meeting

We read a letter from Skinner, this
morning, from Washington, saying that
Buck had written to the President that
he is but one man here
this is good, but
you need not expect
any thing good from such
a violent opponent as
he is. but we have written
Hutchinson here to
proceed & hope to be able
to make the change very
soon. - Skinner thinks that
Buck, are the best
with most respect I
am yours

W I Chittfield

Mr Cornell-

Sir, You will of course deem me very presuming in thus addressing you a perfect stranger - and the position I occupy is certainly very humbling - and mortifying to myself. I say addressing a stranger never having met you face to face to my knowledge - yet your name is one frequently spoken of accompanied with the most grateful feelings, and warmest heart wishes for your charitableness, and thus having heard ^{your} this name associated I have been prompted to this bold step - soliciting a favor which if conferred will render an otherwise desponding &

unhappy family very very grateful and happy. him into the depths from which he is unable to extricate himself. He

You will of course think me very bold is ambitious, and would with some encouragement soon occupy the position which I expect it - and perhaps even impertinently agement soon occupy the position which but when you will have read this comm. is rightly justly his. A loan of \$1200 would vication and imagine yourself placed in place him in the desirable position the same circumstances perhaps you will and would so much encourage him feel inclined to deal more leniently with (which he the most needs) that I have this otherwise unpardonable breach of Etiquette - perhaps I should add decorum. dared without his knowledge to introduce the subject to you, from the warm desire

But to my object in writing. Our circumstances are of course immoderately poor I have to see him rise above the insinuations of his enemies.

The times very pressing to such and my husband's physical derangements will render him able to pay both principle and interest in 2 or 3 years. Of course it is not admit him in the army or endure and interest in 2 or 3 years. Of course it is its hardships else he would have gone is asking it without security, and do not long ago, and after many unsuccessful enquire of those who you meet of his acquaintances for I know they will speak trials has given up in despair.

His father though abundantly able to his discredit - yet believe me if you would to assist him has repeatedly refused to do true, him I know he would try to ^{would} res. so because in hours of discouragement he himself worthy of your notice & confidence has been led astray, and one hint after Please consider my motive for this step and if another upon his character has thrown inclined to do me the favor address Mrs C. A. McWhae P.O. and I will disclose my real name an early reply if convenient is desirable

State of New York.



Albany, Jan^y 20-1865

My Dear Miss

Your note of the 6th
inst came duly to hand
Expressing the thanks of your
self and Mother for trifl-
ing New Years mementos-
es.

I accept it with pleas-
ure, as additional evi-
dence of the small ex-
pense at which friend-
ship may be cultivated,

My Cornell joins in
kind regards to your Mother
and your Self

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

Miss A. T. S.

Albany Jan. 21, '65

Hon^{ble} E. Cornell

My dear Sir,

I am obliged for yours of 16th In respect to the Seneca extension I have of course, no wishes except to do what is most judicious. If it be best to let it till this winter, I shall be very happy to be relieved from going to Albany. I should be very sorry to jeopardize what we have got in the attempt to get more - and I wish to leave it to you and Mr. Shepard, our Member, upon consultation with other friends of the measure, what shall be done.

But I am not able to see why there should be any disposition on the part of those who supported the measure last year, to repeal it this - certainly there

have been no new discoveries
against the merits of the work.
The principal Engineer (Mr. Nichols)
now engaged in the preparation
of the work for letting, avers us that
every thing looks favorable & that
his opinion is that the work has
been left undone so long. So
says every unbiased stranger who
comes here & examines for himself.
There is nothing in the price of
fuel, I am sure, to diminish
the importance of the work.
As to finances, we are just where
we were last year, or rather just
where every body saw we must
be this year. There is nothing new
in this aspect. Taxation is
heavy - but we knew last winter
it must be. In this town it
was about $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent on valuations
for State County & Town. How
much would it relieve us to

take of $\frac{3}{16}$ of a mill? And is
it really worth while to make
the fuss the Comptroller does about
this little addition to the tax?
He ought to remember that we
have been taxed largely for the
benefit of canals, which have
only done us harm -

Unless Senators can show some
new state of things, or at least some
new discoveries, I am aware of
none, I really cannot think they
would change their action from
last year. That whether we shall
now ask for more, is a matter
to be well considered & carefully
decided - and I shall be glad to
hear from you, whenever you
have any thing to say on the subject.

I am under obligations for a
copy of the Ev. Journal Almanac
Very truly,
John F. Taylor



Genoa, N. Y. 1st mo 21st 1865.

Ezra Cornell,

My dear Friend

This may inform thee that I have just received a copy of the Governor's Message, issued in pamphlet form through thy kindness and I may in truth add, that this kind token of remembrance is, I trust duly appreciated.

I had given the Message a hasty perusal when I first saw it in print, but now I have carefully perused it and I do think the Governor is possessed of a true loyal heart, strictly identified with the Government of these "United States," against which the wickedly rebellious have sought to overthrow.

At any rate, we trust that if an

infuriated Mob should ere long
seek to destroy human life and
property in any of our large Cities
that our Governor elect would not
by any means recognize them as
his "friends".

What is said upon Agriculture
is short but comprehensive. The first
Paragraph is certainly true, and then I
will copy, or call thy attention to another
one. "A most generous offer of endow-
ment &c" - This offer has been made, I
conceive by no other than the person who,
I am now addressing. If this be the
case, how grateful many hearts should
and will feel that the Lord in his
goodness hath put it in the hearts of
the prosperous, to generously contribute
for the welfare of humanity.

It has ever rejoiced my heart to see
useful Citizens properly flourish and
when their aim seems to be to distribute
a portion of their substance (rather than

hoard it up like the rich "Misers")
for the benefit of those around
them - these, I believe will not only be
comforted and cheered in their honest
endeavors in this world, but will be
rewarded in the world to come.

What our Governor says about the
"Elective franchise", "Local Legislation
and Economy;" also, "General Considerations"
at the close, meet my hearty approval.

I believe that you who are
sent from the various parts of the Empire
State, as Member of the Senate & Assembly
to enact good and wholesome laws, will
feel strengthened that you have a
leader who it seems has, as I before
repeated "a true loyal heart and
purely identified with the welfare of
the Government" and the protection of
its noble institutions. May you all
seek - (as I trust you will) for best
Wisdom, which will enable you to
legislate for the good of all concerned,

G. M. Sisson
21 Jan 65

I cheerfully hope this link of
friendship between us will never be
broken and I shall ever be pleased
to receive tokens of regard from thee.

I desire to attend the State-
Agricultural Meeting next month
but whether I shall be able or not
I cannot at present determine.

My kind regards. Please to thy
wife. With the salutation of love

Thy friend - George M. Sisson.

Montreal Telegraph Company
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

Duncan & Co. Lith.

Montreal, June 22nd 1865

My Dear Sir

I herewith enclose
the statement which you
desired me to return

I am much obliged to you
for the information which it
contains and the advice con-
tained in your letter.

I want if possible to sell
my share here and convert it
into U.S. Five Percent or $7\frac{30}{100}$
If I do not succeed in this
I think that I will con-
tinue to sell of my W. N.
stock until I have but
one thousand shares remaining.
I am prompted to do this
for the purpose of distributing
my assets somewhat more.
I will have Alonzo purchase
and hold the Bonds for me.

O. S. Wood,
Jan'y 22. 65

I expected Julia would have written to Mary Ann at this time but she has gone off very unceremoniously to Kingston C. M. and I will probably be absent ten days or two weeks -

We have given our stock holders the past year ten per Cent Cash and 25% stock besides adding a good deal to our efficiency.

I want if possible to get away from here before our blockade is completed by the abrogation of the Reciprocity Treaty - Even the passport system touches us in a tender spot -

With much love to Mary Ann. Write soon &
mark private

Yours Very Truly

Hon E. Cornell

O. S. Wood

Sunday Evening

Mr Cornell.

I find upon arrival that you are not at home. I received your proxy, not however in time for the meeting. But there was sufficient amount of the Stock represented to do all that we wished to.

We organized under the name Northwestern Telgraph Co. which Charter authorizes, increase of Stock, purchasing of other telgraph property &c &c. after organizing under the Northwestern Telgraph Co. We ~~purchased~~ resolved to increase our Stock from 125,000 to 250,000. after doing this

the Representatives of the outside
~~offices~~ being ~~owned~~ by yourself
Wood, Simmons & myself, offered
to sell the entire interest to
the Northwestern Telegraph Co. for
124,400 of the said Co's stock
which was accepted and
resolution passed authorizing
the Secretary to issue
the said amount of stock
to the proper parties.

as Wood representing your
outside interest the stock
will go to him unless
you get him to authorize
your portion direct to
yourself.

There are other
matters of minor importance
which are of interest
to you, which I can
tell when I see you.

I will try & stop

over upon my return.

I have a good deal
to do in New York in
connection with the
Northwestern Union & the
Northwestern Telg Co.
& may not get along
back under about two
weeks. I will telegraph
you when I leave.

The affairs of the
Northwestern Co. or of the
old Wisconsin State have
not been very well
managed & are not
yet in good shape.
Perhaps if we can get
some stock that is held
by outside parties in our
hands that we may
be able to control
the management or
rather have more

Voice in the management,
Sorry you are not
here. Myself &
wife are passing
the evening with
Mrs Cornell

Yr truly
Emory Cobb

22 Jan 65
E.C.C.

Ithaca Jan 23^d. 1865

Dear Father

Yours of the 20th
came to hand this eve
I am glad you have bought
a root cutter if it is any
better than the old one and
I suppose it is —

I wish you would hurry
up the plan of barn I am
very anxious to see what it
is going to look like. and if
we build next summer it
is best to get it along as soon
as possible —

Those Furs came all
safe and suit Sue first
rate she has been trying to
get me to write and let you
know that she had got them
ever since they came

as she has had no time we
have but one girl now and it
takes Sue about all the time
to do the work and take care
of the children -

We filled the ice house last
week with nice ice -

I sent Lolly Spangish to Geneva
last week by John - he says
Shildons herd looks fine has
a nice place to keep them

I sold pair steer calves
coming 1 Year old to McGraw
for \$100.⁰⁰ they were the 2 best of the
3 that run in sheep yard

If I get a chance had
I better sell Kirks Bull for
\$500.⁰⁰ I think it is best we will
have no use for him for 2 or 3 years

John & Molly got here last
Thursday all night John & I are
breaking Colts -

We were up to Perry's a week ago
his stock is looking hard

Our stock is doing first rate
Lucy Ann dropped bull calf yesterday
Princeps will calve in a day or
two. it will be as much as a bargain
for us to get through this winter
without buying hay but I think
we can do it -

Sue Eunice & Ezra is well
Eunice has been feeling better since
you left she eats better than ever
The rest are all well

Yours Affectionately
Frank C Cornell

E Cornell

Lummis Bro's & Sutton,

No. 64 READE STREET,

New-York, July 23 1865

Hon E. Cornell

Dear Sir-

I have much pleasure
in introducing to your acquaintance
Mr. John O'Brien of the highly respectable
Banking house of Wm & Jno O'Brien.
Mr O'Brien visits Albany on business
connected with the Second Avenue
Rail Road of that city. If you can
assist in furthering Mr O'Brien's views
you will confer a favor on me, &
perhaps secure his influence on
our N.Y. delegation in the canal
matter -

Very truly yours

Wm Lummis

Jan 30. 65
Sent him my check for
Fifty dollars
EC

Ham. Coll.

Jan. 23^d. 1865

Mr. Cornell,

Dear Sir,

Agreeable to
a request from Mr. Torrey,
I write you, to let you know that
I shall be necessitated to
have another installment, to get
me through this term.

My health is excellent; and
I am ^{striving} to improve my time to
the best advantage; hoping
that the culture, which I may
get here now, will prepare me
for a life of usefulness hereafter.

Thanking you for your kindness
to me,

I remain,

Yours Truly,

M. G. Hollister
Please, direct to, Ham. Coll. Clinton N.Y.

Ludlowville N.Y.
Jan 23. 1865

Hon E. Cornell

I have the ^{Dr Sir} pleasure to thank
you for a copy of the Albany
Journal Almanac, its statistics
are very convenient for reference.

How does your Ship Canal
progress? thinking of that far
reaching & stupendous project I
am induced to believe you had
it in view before you invested
a dollar in it.

Beside making the Capital of
our Country almost equal to a
sea port & Mart of all Nations
the level of the Lake reduced
from seven to ten feet will

reclaim and open to culture
thousands of acres of deposit
incorporated in fertile and
depth, & at the same time
secure the health of the
surrounding Country.

I trust you will have
the generous support of all
interested for the benefit &
Honor of our County and
State in this enterprise not
like Petroleum or gold in its
ephemeral & transient
character, but like the Hills
& Mountains of Granite, durable
for all time.

Very Respectfully
Your old Servant
John Lusk

I see a proposition for some
Change in the act for taking
the State Census.

I have that of offering my
services for some territory more
or less. will you please advise
me of the prospect and also as
to the renewal of my lease for
Notary if it expires next Spring
& oblige Yours,
John Lusk

E. W. Chester
2³ Jan 26

New York Jan. 23. 1865.

Hon. E. Cornell,

Dear Sir,

This is specially to introduce to you my brother, A. Chester, Esq. of Washington.

My brother can give you as good an account of the state of things, political, in Washington as any other man, being an officer of the National Union League, & conversant with all the matters in regard to national affairs in which you & I take an interest. I think you will be interested in some things which he can tell you & may, perhaps, relieve your fears, as he has mine about the apprehended collision between the Executive & Congress.

A paper - a great national leading paper is about to be established

at Washington as the representative
or mouth piece of the Union Leagues,
about which he will tell. I have told
my brother he may confer confiden-
tially with you as one in heart with
us. He has been deputed to visit
Boston, Rhode Island & Vermont, to con-
fer with our friends there & with Gov.
Linton & other friends in Albany.
He has just returned from Boston.
I commend him to your good graces
both for his own sake & that of the
cause.

Respectfully & Truly
Yours

E. W. Chestee

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To Hon Ezra Cornell
Cong Hall

From Syracuse Dated
Rec'd Jan 23 1865 M.

My nephew Lieut Porter
is to be buried tomorrow
Is it worth while for me to
go to Albany Tuesday night
Geo Geddes

JK

J. J. Chalpers
23. June, 65

Owyo June 23 1865

Hon E Canell-

Dr Sir June 20th is this
morning recd. I am not at all
surprised at its contents -

Our Pitt is a fair man but
entirely in the Platts Hands & will
do anything. He asks him to do,
of course I do not wish to run
any risk at all about our Iowa
Meeting, nor do I think I ~~am~~ doing
anything to jeopardize our Dickett, I
want a good loyal & true man who
& shall endeavor to do all in my power
to that end a man -

I would not trouble you with our
matter, but see no other way to
settle it. You are Senator & have
the power, & we must refer to you
all the facts in the case. I only
wrote you to see the Governor &

not let the opposite side yet
the Court in the opposition
I know I am right, & following
the usual custom as can be seen
in the 3 or 4 last terms, of some
Court—

I wrote you 2 letters in the 18th
& presume the one you received
was the first in the morning—
Mr Platt told me when Senator
Sumner sent a letter to the
private Secy of the Gov. so he
knows what is going on. He is
now off to Washington, to see
about the new Bank.
Mr Skinner returns yesterday, but
I have not seen him yet, to
know what was the result of
his commission—

We are having fine flying, & if
I can find out when the Winter
Meeting is, I will try to come down
with much respect I am yours
as ever II I Chastleton

Western Union Telegraph Co.,

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y., Jan 23 1865

E Cornell Esq

Congress Hall Albany N.Y.

Dear Sir - I have this day sent
to you per as you requested, checks for
the following Divs. viz.

Esra Cornell

46.124

Mary Ann Cornell

1.620.

E. Cornell (for N Marsh)

480.

In all

48.224

I enclose herewith receipt for you to sign
for the Marsh Dividend, please sign
& return it to me & oblige

Yours Truly

O. H. Palmer

per W. B. Levet