

Ithaca Jan'y 24 - 1865
Hon E. Cornell -

Dear Sir:

I came near starting for Albany yesterday noon & should have done so in spite of everything had not my little boy been taken sick. It is perhaps just as well for the storm would have stopped me on the way & rendered it impossible to reach Albany in time for your meeting. I am anxious to hear from it & see the Enterprise successful.

Barnard brought me your letter to-day & we gave the directions contained in it to Maurice. The wood work in the Bank is going up & will make the room very beautiful.

I write more particularly because of another thing. That Clinton property on East Hill is going in some shape or other very speedily.

Clinton is "hard up" & must do something by the first of February. A few days ago he offered it to me for you for \$3000. I told him it was too much & I would not even write to you about it. Last night Abel Bunitt called to see me & made a proposition, in which he seemed to see no harm but which assumes that I would do a thing not at all honest. He said that if I would write to you & advise you to give \$3000 for the property that Clinton would give him \$300 for making the sale & out of that he would give me \$200. My first impulse was to resent the proposal. My second, to crowd the price down to the lowest point & then write & tell you all about it & thus reduce the price to you by the \$200 which

he offered me. Accordingly I told him you would not give \$3000 & I would not advise it. Finally he thought he could get Clinton down to \$2800 & is to let me know to-night. This shows that the property can be bought for \$2600: out of which Clinton gets \$2500 & Bunitt \$100. This is the lowest point I can see any way to reach. Your brother E. B. with whom I talked to-day thinks it best to buy at \$2600. I told the whole detail to Alonzo an hour ago & he advised me to write to you at once. It seems there is a mortgage of \$1200 on the property, the interest of which comes due the first of February & which Clinton cannot meet. Bunitt says he is negotiating to sell small lots to some very unpleasant persons. I don't know

F. M. Fierch
24 Jan 65

how that is but it is pretty evident that if you buy at all you will have to act promptly. You are the best judge whether even at \$2600 it is best for you to purchase. I am not fit to advise on that question & only seek to put you in possession of all the facts & give you the advantages of whatever there may be in the opportunity. Of course I trust you will say nothing that will reveal to Bumilly the fact that I have made this communication to you. It is notions of what is right for me to do & mine differ as widely as the poles & yet at the same time I don't want any fangle with him. It is right enough for him to make a commission on his sales but my conscience & character are not for sale at any price. I accordingly tell you all the facts and if there is

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any advantage to be gained you shall as you ought to reap the whole of it. I am not more than half satisfied now that I did not resent the proposal at once for I don't want even Bunick to think that I yielded to his temptations, but I deemed it of importance that you should have the chance to buy as cheap as possible & so negotiated but for your benefit & not for my own.

If you make up your mind to buy at \$2000 telegraphs to Alouzo or to me simply this "Close the bargain". Otherwise you can write.

Those letters you had, perhaps, better send by Express. We shall need them very soon.

The Judge has nearly completed his searches of the Aurora & property. It is something of a tangle, but the title is apparently

coming out straightly.

It seems to me that Cabinet
ought to be shipped at once. Have
you got the Keys? It would be
so easy for unauthorized persons
in examining it to injure or even
remove valuable specimens that I
feel anxious to know that it is wholly
under your control -

Yours Truly

J. M. Smith

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To

Wm Ezra Cornell
Congress Hall

From

Spencer Dated Jan 24
Rec'd Jan 24 1865 M.

The funeral has been
postponed till tomorrow. Shall
I come after that?

SH

Geo Geddes

Office of the Binghamton Iron Works.

Binghamton, N. Y., Jan'y 24 1865-

E Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

These notes are both
for renewals, due on their respective
dates. Please forward by first mail

Yours Truly
Shopley Wapkins & Robbins

Ithaca 24. Jan'y, 1865

Genl.

The dangerous illness
of my Mother forbids my
presence at the meeting to be
held at Albany on the 26th Inst.

Allow me to express full
confidence that the princely
offer of Senator Cornell will
be met with a like generous
spirit by the friends of education
& agriculture throughout the
State. if any action to any
action you may take is of
any importance it may be
assumed.

Yours obt Servt
Wm White & others
Connecticut.
Geo O Peers

G. D. Berry
24 Jan 65

Hon. J. C.

I did not know
but some thing would seem
to render my absence from
now practical, & have so
long deferred writing that
that my letter may be
too late, but if not by
any value use it,

Respectfully G. D. Berry

Fairmount N.Y.

May, 24, 1865

Hon. Ezra Cornell

My Dear Sir -

I had no doubt of my going to Albany to day to meet you and others - until I learned that the funeral of my nephew Lieut. B. H. Porter who fell in storming fort Fisher was to be held, as was first appointed to day, and then for tomorrow. This is the second son of the same father and mother that has fallen in this war, both bravely leading into the very jaws of death - The body of one has never been recovered - and the second now demands our last services - His Father & Mother feel that I must attend - By telegraph you have learned the reason of my detention.

but I thought something further than
could be said over the wires was
due to you - I still hope I may
at some time be of some service in
the matter of the College -

Herewith you will find a
rough sketch of the elevation
&c. of our barn - I have not
thought it best to go any
further with the drawings
until they have received your
criticisms - The ground plan
I drew. Mr. White did the
rest - I like the whole
thing more and more as I think
of it - It seems to me that
cattle, horses and sheep are
equally provided for - It may
be said that so much under
one roof exposed to fire is object-
ionable - but if the walls are
of stone - the floors of stone or

Cement - with no timber except
partitions - I do not see much
danger from fire - The engine
in the center of the building burning
coal cannot set the building on
fire - The shafting will run so
slowly that friction will not, &
in short lightning is really the
only thing to be much regarded.

I do not believe there
is any where so grand a barn
as this would be - but perhaps
I should wait for your opinion
in regard to it -

Please let me hear from
you soon -

Yours Truly

Geo. Geesley

Mr. White I see has not put ventilators
as I intended on the wings - You must
imagine ventilators with lightning rods
running up them ~~on the~~ ends and middle
of each wing - ^{Also inclined planes to drive into upper story}
~~white root cellars under them -~~

Gro Graders
24 Jan^y 65

Wm Ezra Cornell

Congress Hall

Albany N.Y.

Albany Jan^y 25. 68
Dear Almon

A letter from Palmer
says dividend sent to you -
Please make a draft on
my for \$820 and interest
from Oct 27th 64 to order
of John R. Kennedy and
send to Mr E. W. Chester to
pay bal for Brooklyn fac-
tional lots - and say to Chester
that I will instruct him
what to do with it -

Did you get the Evening
draft I sent?

At a meeting held here
Tuesday in which Thayer
was more interested than
in any other mission room
before presented to his society
four of her citizens were in-
vited to attend viz; J. B. Williams

9 D V 3 r r r r , Full French &
J. Robertson, and not one
attended and only French
wrote an excuse for not
being able to attend -

Such treatment of great
interests speak for them-
selves. What can a place
expect from such attitudes?

We had a respectable meeting
and harmonious action -

Grady was with us and is
with us = If the Peoples
College dont move soon
it must get out of the way
and let us pass = I have bot-
tled Jewitts Cabinet for \$10.000
Have I any more W. S. Spect
bonds? I can use such to
pay Jewitt = Write and let
us hear from Elder & children
Mother & Girls well

ATC

Yours Respectfully
E Cornell

Worcester Jan 26th 1865-

E. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir -

I beg to acknowledge receipt of yours of yesterday requesting me to "draw a bill" suitable to protect the community against losses by the spread of disease in Cattle &c -

As a social science question legislation for the prevention of contagious diseases amongst animals must be regarded as of primary importance. -

From the want of properly educated veterinary surgeons in this country, the breeders of stock are of necessity thrown upon their own scanty knowledge and limited experience for the detection and prevention of disease -

It is useless crying out concerning the sale of animals contaminated by contagious disease - so long as the farmer and cattle dealer are permitted to remain, as at present almost.

free from responsibility for any resulting
damages - It must have struck every one
who has paid attention to the occasional outbreaks
as to the introduction of new or the spread of well
known - contagious diseases, that there has been no
one in this country to interfere for the public good -
It is a well known fact that everybody's duty, is
nobody's duty, and the public interest
never suffers so much as when important
concerns are left in the hands of irresponsible
people - To frame one Act and not to
devise efficient means to enforce that Act, would
in my opinion be no legislation at all -
In England the Medical Department of the
Privy Council Office, in 1863, passed a Bill which
provided for the appointment of an Inspector
General of Live Stock whose duty it is to report
to the Privy Council, as to any contagious or
infectious disease which may prevail among
cattle sheep pigs and other animals ~~stock~~
~~which report should be annually laid before~~
Parliament -

within the United Kingdom together with
the best means of prevention and even things
and also whether any such disease has
been imported with cattle sheep and pigs
or otherwise from foreign countries with the
particulars thereof, and generally in any matter
of importance connected therewith, which report
shall be annually laid before Parliament -

I think it must be admitted that the Privy
Council judged very wisely in aiming at
the collection of facts which, in the course
of time, must prove of incalculable
value to the farming community in
indicating how to preserve the health of
the herds and flocks without which -
even our almost boundless fertile lands
may fail yielding to provide "cheap"
aliment for the "millions" -

There can be no doubt that the most
certain means to check the spread of
contagious diseases is to prevent the sale
or transfer of diseased animals -

A. S. Copeland
26 Jan 65

about bill to prevent
spread of disease among
cattle sheep etc
This is my desire and it is this feel-
ing that has led to the framing
of the Bill enclosed herewith
I am

respectfully your obedient servant,

Abner S. Copman

P.S. If deemed necessary let a clause or
section be inserted into the Bill - Act -
investing the Inspector General of Live Stock
with power to put men under oath
to elicit facts which will otherwise
remain concealed - Also with
full power to appoint competent
inspectors to be stationed at the
principal markets for live stock
with power to exclude any animal or
prevent its being entered or sold there -
Abner S. Copman

Albany Jan 27th 1865

My Dear Sir

Your favors of the 19th & 24th inst came duly to hand, I have not previously answered for the reason that I had as much other pressing work as I wished to do, and a little delay could work no serious harm =

In reference to the college movement I am sorry that Ithaca was not represented by any of its invited guests, this is an indifference unworthy the importance of the subject,

The Meeting was strong in the character of the guests present, among whom was the Lieut Gov, ~~then~~ five Senators (all who was invited) four of the Regents - several trustees of Propler College, do Ag College and several other guests =

Discussion was full and harmonious, Greeley - Alvord - Folger - Van Rensselaer - Gov King - Dr Suckey - Judge Clinton & others participating in it -

The enterprise expands from an Agricultural College, to a University of the first magnitude - Such as we have to go to Europe now to find - Agriculture and mechanic arts being among its leading objects - The annual income of our strongest (Columbia) college is \$55,000, from that our other colleges in this state have incomes of \$20,000 - \$10,000 - \$8,000, and down to \$5,000 per ann. If our plans

~~are successful~~. I feel confidence in being able to lay a financial basis which will give us an annual permanent income of \$100,000 - That to be expended at Ithaca yearly for all time to come is the material question to which our citizens are supremely indifferent, can't attend a public meeting when invited to promote such an object - May the Lord be merciful to them and grant them future prosperity and happiness,

2 ~~Letter in Cayuga Lake~~

1/57/1865

The meeting resulted in the appointment of Thos. G. Alvord Lieut. Gov. - Hon. Wm. Kelley and Chauncy M. DePue Secy. State, as a committee to further the enterprise. I occasionally hear from Outsiders that every thing is working well =

Peoples College has introduced a bill in Asst removing the conditions of the Act, which lays between them & State Trust. Thus they indiscreetly, expose their own weakness, Their bill may pass, we shall see =

Just as I had got the above written blowing up our citizens generally, J. B. Williams came in and entered an apology, saying that he started Monday & got snow bound and only reached Albany Thursday evening - If the scolding is out of place on this occasion I will let it stand for the next -

As to the question of your taking the appointment of Librarian, I don't like

to assume the character of Dictator, and I regard this a question which it is eminently proper that the Trustees who are to be responsible for the management of the institution, should thoroughly canvass and decide in full board.

Individually I think it for the interest of the Library that you should be appointed, and if our Historical Society is to be what it should be, it ought ~~to~~ be able to pay its share of your salary at the price you name. I don't know what would be a proper division, but I should say let the Library pay $\frac{3}{4}$ and the Hist. Society pay $\frac{1}{4}$ of it. If such apportionment should be deemed equitable - I have no doubt that the Library would be able to pay its share. I think more revenue can be obtained from Lectures than we have estimated -

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In regard to the Clinton property, I talked about it last summer with Clinton, and should perhaps be willing to pay him \$2,500. for the entire block, but I don't know any intermediate agent and would not pay any thing to such. You may renew my last summer's offer, of \$2,500 = direct to Clinton, "Millions for defence, Not one cent for tribute" —

In reference to the question at large of your leaving the law, (which occupies to you the position of a Wittip) for your first love, Literature, your legitimate bride, I must say that in my opinion Ithaca will open up to you a much broader field than you at present contemplate = If my life is spared, and prosperity continues I shall be able to make a broad mark on the future prosperity of Ithaca I shall promise less than I shall perform = If we secure this Congressional College fund — I am confident that we can make Ithaca the seat of learning in America. I shall expect in addition to my own donations, to draw Millions

from the wealth of the city of NY
to the support of the institution
that we will there found -

We shall start in a position
to help ourselves, and such the
world stands, ready to help =

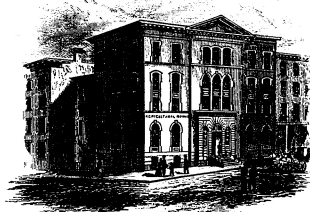
If you are in condition to need
help, every body is afraid to lend
a hand, fearing their alms will be
wasted - but demonstrate to them
that you ask no favors and the
rich will lavish their bounties
upon you, if they have to bribe
you to accept them - In view
therefore of the prospective future
I cannot doubt the wisdom
of your embracing literature =

I ordered the additional silver
letter sent to my address Ithaca
by Express yesterday or the day before

This Evening I get a letter from
Geo O Berry with reasons why he could
not attend meeting -

I am waiting for dimensions of ground
and situation of Nurses & Schuyler's stores
to have drawings going on for Arcade

STATE OF NEW YORK.



(Agricultural Rooms)

Albany July 27 1865

Mr E Cornell

Ceclond \$50.00

From Am J. E. Woodbridge -
for South Down Brk -

He requested me to ask you
as to price of brk and said
perhaps Mr Cornell will
let me ask him how he
has got enclosed which he said
ought to have been paid long ago.

Truly Yrs

Wm Solomon

Any Movement from the Regents
& Havana

Cong Hall. Jan'y 27th

Hon W. H. Cornell

Dr Sir. I am informed that you are the only member of the Com. on Finance present in the city.

Can you state to me a day, time & place when you may meet to hear Judge Potter of Sch'dy. on the Bill in reference to Equalization of apartments by Supervisors.

If you can will you please reply directing your letter to
Yours

Thos. Hill
Schuectady
N.Y.

Albany Jan. 27. 1865-

My Dear Sir:

My carouade has kept me confined to my room since Tuesday I hope to be at large again in a day or two.

I understand Mr. Kelly that he should be in this city to day -

I write to suggest whether a Bill may not be drawn containing a Chapter for a College, & also making provision for the transfer of the U. S. Land General - to it.

If the same section of the Bill of 1863. making the conditional transfer of the grant to the People's College should be modified & the 5th & 7th amended, perhaps it would then, by so much, become as well for our purpose as if an attempt be made to draft another. I think Providence will favor

Abner Brown
27 Jan 65

your efforts as I greatly hope.

I will suggest as soon as I get out.

I shall perhaps be obliged to leave next
week.

I am Dear Sir

truly yours

Abner Brown

Hon. Ezra Cornell-

Fuller
28. Jan^y 65

Ithaca Jan^y 28th 1865

Hon. E. Cornell

Dear Sir:

O. B. Curran called yesterday about the Fair Grounds, property saying you sent him here to see how the title could be got into the Ag. Society so that you could safely take a mortgage. The land was conveyed to Mack & Giles as Trustees for the Association. I suppose that association was & is still unincorporated. In that case the Trust was Void & the title instead of vesting in Mack & Giles as Trustees vested in the shareholders as tenants in common. Curran, thinks there was some special act authorizing this Trust. As yet I have been unable to find one. If there is none the only way of

perfecting title will be by getting a quit-claim from the shareholders. I think, after examining the list we can do this & if we fail to get a few of them, the land can be sold for taxes & those claims cut off by a tax title. Of the two mortgages one, only, the one on the building lot, would give a perfect title by foreclosure. The other involves the trust question & so does the judgment now held by Crittenden. Shall we set to work to clean the thing up. If I am right about it that the legal title is in the shareholders it grows worse & worse with every death in the ranks.

Now as to another matter. Case has been down to the oil regions & has just returned. Freeman and Cartwright were with him. They concur in this representation of facts: that it is important to get

an engine on the ground while the snow lasts. From a map made by Cartwright I enclose a rough sketch of the lay of the land. The nearest & easiest approach to Case's lot is from Hall's mill by what I have marked as a "log road." The distance from Hall's mill to Case's lot is about three miles & the log road runs about $\frac{1}{2}$ way. If you wait till spring a mile & a half of hard road will have to be made & it is perhaps doubtful whether an engine could then be got in except at great expense. This Hall is said to be worth \$200,000 - & proposed to Freeman that if an engine was brought by Rail Road to his mill that he would take it on to Case's lot at his own expense, provided, it was brought there while the snow lasts. They all concur in this further idea - that at the

opening of Spring the oil-fever will run high & if your engine is on the ground, then will be the time to sell parcels at high prices. You will readily see that Hall owns land in the neighborhood of Case which accounts for his willingness to help and the old firm of Mack & Andrus own the lot adjoining Case and of course have a direct interest in the starting of your well. Still after making all allowance for the bias of interest, I think it will be wise to take advantage promptly of Hall's offer. Case has been very anxious that I should lay these facts before you & I write them at his request leaving you to decide upon them. In talking with Case, I observed another thing. He fully expects to superintend personally these operations & if you conclude to send an engine at once it is

perhaps necessary that he should see to it. He says, however, that he must raise \$1000 before he goes to pay up some debts at home & wants you to advance it upon the security of his half of the land. That is a matter personal to yourself & about which you don't want anybody's opinion. There is perhaps danger that his need of present cash may induce him to part with interests at low prices. I have warned him earnestly against two or three "scalpers" who have been hanging around him making all sorts of propositions.

When you write please let me know the situation of the Agricultural College matter. We hear rumors that there is danger that the land grant fund is lost.

Yours Truly
J. W. Finch

Longhauk 28th Jan'y 1865.
Hon E. Cornell

Dr Sir:

With this I send you
the names of active & leading
Republican & Union men
residing in different parts
of this county: the lists are
not perhaps as full as you
would like them, and I will
enlarge them at the first
opportunity: -

I am very much obliged
for your promptness in sending
in the names recommended by
our Co. Committee for Draft
Commiss^{rs}

I trust that none of
the interests affecting us
before the Legislature will be

undertaken or over-looked by
you. —

The Chenango Canal Extension
should be kept in such shape
that it may be carried into
effect at an early day. —

The Albany & Susquehanna Rail
Road is a matter in which
we have a deep interest.

The State Aylum
has become a considerable
burden and we hope the
board of the State will
be convinced by it.

These are all subjects
of general interest to the
State, and in advocating
them you can feel assured
that you are acting not merely

for a local interest but for
the prosperity of the whole
State.

Yours Respectfully
L. E. Dymally

S. B. Ruggs
~~Jawz 20th~~ New York Jan. 28. 1865

My dear Sir

I have sent by the
mail of today to the Librarian
General the Annual Report of
the Astor Library - It happens

this year to possess peculiar
historical interest to the friends
of letters, in the proceedings
adopted in honor of Doctor

Cogswell on his resigning

his seat as Trustee -

He is known throughout America

and Europe as the most
efficient librarian and
bibliographical scholar the
country has produced.

The Senate has customarily
ordered 500 copies
of the Annual Report to be
printed for the Trustees -
This is the sixteenth Annual

Report, which as Secretary
of Trustees I have ^{yearly} sent to
the Legislature since the year 1849 -
Returns also

have received and received
the reports of the fifteen
preceding years ^{will be} ~~are~~ very
desirous to get a copy of
the present Report - especially
as it records the honor
awarded to Doctor Coppell

Will you and Doctor
Lambert or either of you
move for the extra copies

I would ask him as the
representative of the city -
and you as the President -

Friend of Whittier.

With much respect

Very truly yours

L. A. Ruggley

Send to Cornell

Albany

Ithaca Jan. 28th 1865
Hon E Cornell;

Sir;

Capt D. Tarbell
C. S. was taken prisoner by the rebels
Sept 21st 1864 and is now confined
in the military prison at Danville
Va. He writes that several officers
have been exchanged of late by
special application; and wishes me
to address yourself and Hon. Mr.
Schuyler upon the subject of getting
this like for himself. He has
faithfully served the Govt. for
nearly four years and has fairly
won his kind offices, as well as
the earnest efforts of his friends.

He wishes me to address you because
of your known influence, in the hope
that you may reach the War Department
and bring about his exchange.

He is very grateful for the interest you have heretofore shown in his behalf and is sanguine that you can be instrumental in releasing him from his present "living death"

Very respectfully yours

S. B. Howe

Rock Island Co Illinois

Jan the 29 the 65

Respected Cousin

I recieve your letter and was very glai ~~that~~ to
hear from you once more I have not heard from you
in fourteen years till ~~but~~ I went to make Father
unwell this fall you wished me to let you
know all about my family I have seven
children two of them are married and the rest live
with me most of the time the oldest is work
^{ing} but part of the time I have only one son
sixteen years old and ^{his} all of my dependance now
when my uncle ~~Sam~~ died he was very badly
in debts and it took all most all I could make
to pay the ~~the~~ debts I have got a small
piece of land and want to manage so as to
raise my living I have no team nor year
ten till to till the ground with and Samos
thinks he had better work out day the month
and get a team and so forth ~~as~~ I never knew
what hard times was till lately but I will
keep trying and not give up
Yours truly
Meha Ballant

East-Georgetown Mich^u 29th Jan^y 1865

J Boardman Esq

Yours is received & in answer will say that I hardly know what proposition to make

After reflecting I think I would take the superintendence & management ^{of the selection} of those lands for one sixth of the scrip or its equivalent about 11 cts per acre Mr Carnell paying for all the money which I have to pay out for men & plots &c for its execution

I would say that I would take one sixth of the land—but I think I might prefer to use some of the money ^{out} another way

The rule here for looking land is not less than $\frac{1}{4}$ of the land for looking & selecting & many times $\frac{1}{3}$ the usual price in cash is \$25 per 80 acres

The expense to Mr Carnell as I propose would be somewhere from 16 to \$20 an 80 or perhaps less

If my services are worth anything to him they will be worth that for no one knows better where to go to find desirable land than myself for I am surveying employing men to look lands & looking myself nearly all the time & you know I am perfectly familiar with the land office & am constantly posted where lands are being taken up most

It is all important that ^{some one} should have

a thorough knowledge of the lands to certify to in selling them — & I flatter myself that selections made by me or men whom I might send, would give credit to the lands — I speak of that because men who buy lands here always desire ^{to know} who selected them & they generally believe my descriptions, I should have a record of the quantity & quality of pine or other timber on each lot & I should have a map showing the lands on the stream, now for the stream was cleared, the roads & the camps as they were extended from year to year & I should take a general look over the lands personally

I presume I could make a satisfactory arrangement for the Agency & care for the lands: I would do it for a fair per cent, selling &c —

I presume you are aware that College Scrip takes only square 160 acre lots & I would suggest that some be sold or exchanged for 40th 80th & 120th Warrants & also some sold & the money used to purchase State Swamp land scrip — that land is scattered around all over the state & we never think of looking Gov^{ts} land without a state plot also as we find some of that just as good I can buy that now for about 65 cts per acre

I think I can find from 25 to 50000 acres that will sell by grouping them together at auction at from 1.25 to 4.5 per acre — lands which will be tributary to Saginaw

I know now where I think I

Can get some 10000 acres ^{forming land,} which are perfectly adapted to settle a German Colony on,

I learn that some 500 Germans are coming here from the old country in the spring; & if I get the land I have no doubt but I could establish a Colony

I know of pine lands in Wisconsin a party from here has located some 20,000 acres there this fall I think I could locate some there —

I wish to remark that in one year from now it will be very difficult to get desirable gov^{nt} land here & Mr C ought to hurry the thing at once — If the snow is not too deep I should have men at work from now till musquoto time; some ^{lumber} camps are now in the neighborhood from which we might get supplies & to get good land a day ought not be lost

I thought of sending to you this fall to send out \$10,000 with which I would ~~self~~ select pine lands — I know of nothing so sure to rise —

The Lumber 250 000 000 yearly here, equal to 3 townships where the woods are all pine & in pine regions not more than 1/4 is pine

Every man woman & child here or who come into this country tell upon pine & it has now become reduced to a small compass, a small part of Minnesota Wisconsin & Michigan

I should ~~also~~ ^{show} me that pine land in Canada where he was sold from 1,80 cts per acre to 40 dollars

in 8 years - men who have followed the pine forests
all the way from the state of Maine say it is about
used up east of here -

I would take a greater interest in the
lands, ^{if pay & expense of selection} but I don't wish to put so much money in it
now, ⁱⁿ fact I have not the money to spare

My greatest anxiety is to get the quantity
that would be valuable, & I will do it as I would,
for myself. I would wish to get good & that which
would sell or I never could make anything by its
sale - & that is the reason why I want it hurried -

If Mr C could give orders to look be-
fore the meeting of the trustees I could withhold it in
the land office I think until the crops come -

That farming land I fear will not be
valued - 60 days & every one have got the pine fever -

I was examining the Gov^{mt}'s books yesterday & it makes
me ache every time I see the new entries -

I have had a man looking for me 1/2 the fall
& am now negotiating, ^{the whole of} land that cost me \$2 at \$6 per acre

If Mr C don't think favorable of the matter I wish
you & friends would make up a price for the purpose; but to superintend
a small quantity I should charge a little bigger per cent unless it was
for you personally - my price is small the proceeds to me would amount
for selecting 25000 acres only to about \$2700, which would not require
but 7 lots at \$5 per acre to pay - (You can submit the matter to
Mr C & I have not much doubt but he will accept it & if so I would
like orders soon for his benefit. Yours respectfully E. L. Goddard)

E. L. Goddard
Jan 19, 65

Confidential

Western Union Telegraph Co.,

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y., *Jan'y 30* 1865

Now & Cornell

My dear Sir I wrote you some days since on the subject of the application pending before the Legislature in respect to fare on the N.Y. C R R Co but have no reply I am therefore ignorant of your views. If you do not take the same view of that question on the merits as there I expressed I can see that your position as a Director of this Co. and its largest Stock holder may be embarrassing. Our relations with the R R Co - Post and prospectors are such that policy as well as good faith dictates to demand a fair & liberal treatment on our part. We can no more afford to block their wheels, than they can afford to obstruct our wires. We are too large, existing, and important institutions. Our own interest and the interests of the public are to be best subserved by our working in harmony. So far as our Management is concerned we wish to be distinctly understood as favoring the application. We believe it to be just & fair and what the Legislature ought to grant. What we should expect if our position were changed. I write this to put you on your guard. If unfortunately you take a different view of the question, against any action as an officer of this

Western Union Telegraph Co.,

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y., 186

Company in hostility to our views as a body
and to induce care and caution on your part
as to the attitude of our company the do not
directly or incidentally wish to be in a doubtful
or false position upon this question. We are open
and squarefooted in favor of the application and
wish the R.R. authorities to understand us
and that we are acting in perfect good faith

Yours truly

O. K. Palmer

Ithaca Jan'y 30 - 1865
Hon. E. Cornell -

Dear Sir:

Cartwright writes
from Philadelphia thus: "according
to P. Case's request, I have found an
engine suitable for oil purposes. It
is an 8" x 14" cylinder, portable,
tubular boiler & is mounted on wheels
ready to haul away. It is one of 5
constructed for the McClintock Co
& I have the refusal of it for 5 days
at \$2300". His letter is dated
Jan'y 27th. He further says "It
will be cheaper to send it from
Philadelphia by RR as it does not
re-ship. The same car that it is
loaded on carries it to the station
within four miles of the lot".

I know nothing about engines or
their value & so I simply send
you the information. I should

have said in my previous letter to you that we have rec'd a Clerk's certificate as to title of Case's lot. It seems to be all right. The original title was a tax title: Commissioners deed from them to Dr Newman & Cummings & afterwards another sale for taxes & a deed from the Court to Newman & one from Newman to Case. It is said the tax titles in Pa. are sound.

You know by this time that J B Williams tried to reach Albany last week but was weatherbound on the Cortland R.R. - I did not think it safe to urge Beers to go & Robertson was pulling out and preparing to go west. Whenever again you want Tompkins County represented at Albany write yourself how many you want to come & the necessity for it &

we will send any number provided we are not limited to particular individuals. Those who want to go sometimes cannot; but in such case we can always select others.

I do not hear from you about that Clinton lot. Another person, who is friendly to you & will not buy at all if you want to, is ready to give \$2600 for it whenever you say you don't want it.

Yours Truly

A. M. Smith

Shaca Jan 30th / 65

Mr Cornell

Dear Sir

I think that
Senator Holzer will be
influenced by you in my
behalf. Please do all
you can for me.

Very respectfully

Dr Seller

West Troy
Hon E. Cornell January 31. 1865

Respected Sir
A Subscription list
the object of which is to purchase
a new hat for the Hon George
Brace from the Latitude Dist and
to which you are a subscriber has
been left with me for collection

Payment of the amount set
opposite your name to the bearer of
this together with the sum of one
dollar Attorney's fee will save your
costs

Your immediate attention to the
same is demanded.

Yours Respectfully
H. C. Van Dusen
Atty &c West Troy
N.Y.

Jenksvill Jan. 30 1865
Hon. E. Cornell.

Dear Sir.

I acknowledge the receipt of several valuable documents for which I am truly grateful. Be assured honored Sir that I fully appreciate such tokens of your kind remembrance.

We returned the ram in good condition, he worked well and I think he is sure.

John said "he had gained since we took him." I meant to have him. He is a good sheep and was admired by all sheep fanciers.

I would like to get for another year if you will let an "Archbishop" either the old or the young buck.

I spoke to you for a Devon
Bull next season and your
answer was favorable. Can I
have one and if I can at what
price? The winter is severe
the weather has been very cold
for 20 days past the mer. in
the neighborhood of zero all
the time. All farm stock is
wintering well but the hay goes
off like fog before the sun hay
must be higher higher highest
it is 25 dollars pr. ton now
what will it be by the first of
may? 35 or 40 dollars I dare
presume.

Please send me a
Diagram of the Senate and
Assembly Chambers if you have
them to spare

Remember me to Mrs.
Cornell if you please and
to our venerable Secretary
Col. Johnson hoping the sequel
of his years may be as pleasant
and as happy as they will be
useful to the State.

At present all will thank
God, and hope this note
will find you and yours the
same.

Most respectfully yours
Louis P. Legg

Hon. E. Cornell }
Senator of the 24th }

Address Jenkinsville N.Y.

Highland, N. J. Jan 1865.
Mr E. Cornell,

D. Sir:

I understand
that Bridge from Harper's-
ville in this country, is
seeking to be re-appointed
a clergyman. He is a
violent, rabid & abusive
Copperhead and his
reappointment would be a
deep mortification to our
people in his town, and a
source of astonishment to
the Union men of the
county. If you find such
an effort on foot, please
put a quietus on it.

Yours W. W. Merdian

A. Seymour
Jan^y 31. 65

returns. He will explain
the matter to you fully.

Yours Respectfully
A. Seymour

Ithaca Jan'y 31-1865

Hon. E. Cornell -

Cartwright is here:
says that engine can be had
if bought by next week Monday.
(Deby 6th.) - This is the only one
Cartwright could get hold of at
present. He got his refusal
extended from 5 days to 9 days -
The engine is from 10 to 12 horse
power.

E. B. Cornell was just in:
says they will be ready to fresco
ceiling in Lecture Room in two or
three weeks. Hungerford has
finished his drawing. I wish you
could see it. I can send it in
a roll by Express. Shall I do so?
It seems necessary to be determining
whether to send abroad for a
fresco painter or take the chances
on our home productions. This

is the fifth letter I have written
you without hearing from you
but I suppose you are very busy.

I keep you informed of things
that I think your interests require
you to know.

Yours in haste

J. M. Finch

Fort. Fort. Md.

January, 31st 1865.

Mr. Abner, Cornell.

Dear Sir.

Although we are strangers still. I trust you will excuse this infringement on your time. I received a letter from my Aunt Hargan, this afternoon, stating that you would kindly lend your influence in proposing to your Father, the project of getting me a commission. I made an attempt in Governor Seymour's time, to better myself in that way, but from some cause or other, unknown to me, I was unsuccessful.

I forwarded on a recommendation from my company commander, stating that I was fully capable of performing the duties of a Lieutenant, but those recommendations were lost, at least I never heard from them.

Our officer might be willing to sign another recommendation, but I don't like to trouble him again. I have been in service since the 20th of August, 1862, and during that time

with the exception of about eight months
I have been ^{clerking} in several of the different depart-
ments of the Army. I am well versed in the
practice of drill, but as regards the theory
I do not know quite so much as I would, had
I had recourse to it, but by a few months study
and application I can master them quite
easily.

If you will kindly state these facts to
your Father, I shall remember your favor
with much gratitude. On the whole I think
your Father's influence is weighty enough with-
out any further recommends. If not please let
me know, at your earliest convenience, and I
will try to get my Officer to sign another letter
for the purpose.

Yours Sir.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt.

Lathrop S. Cady.

Privt. Co '9, 2^d Regt U.S. Artillery.

Wm Ezra Cornell }
Ithaca, N.Y. }

Ottawa Jan 31 - 1865.

Dear Sir, In August last I wrote
to you offering to sell my Ill & Miss. Tel. Stock
to raise money for necessary payments, and
although you answered me favorably a few days after
(according to the date of the letter) yet it was about
three weeks before the letter arrived, and in the
meantime I had schemed so as to get along for
that time, and therefore I did not answer your
enquiries; but I see no other way of raising the money
and knowing you are largely interested, and that
it is a good common interest paying stock, I
would like to sell it to you. If you can conveniently
take this off my hands (170 shares) I will not
dictate a price - you know as well as I do
what it is worth - give me the best you think
you can afford - for I would rather you would
have it, than another certain individual. I received
all dividends to this time. Please favor me with a
reply and oblige

Yours truly,
J H Bassett.

Binghamton Jan 31st 1865-

Hon Ezra Cornell
Albany N.Y.-

My Dear Sir-

Allow me
to call your attention to a subject, that
interests our political friends in Town of
Colesville Broome Co - It is in regard
to a Notary Public - William L Mudge
is now a Notary in that town, and a
most violent Copperhead; his term expires
this spring, & he is, I understand trying to
be appointed again - Mr Merriam
our Member is at home and understands
the case fully, but through fear of
Mr Mudge applying to you personally
and representing him self under false
colors, I take the liberty to write you
on the subject - It would be an
insult to our friends to have Mudge

disappointed - It is not the fees of the
office that is card about, but it is
the fact of a notorious Copperhead who
has opposed & insulted them time & again
receiving favors, (though they may be
empty honors) from the Union party-

I have just seen Mr Mur-
rison and he will more fully
state the case on his return

Yours &c A. E. Andrews.

Justice of the Peace
Binghamton

A. E. Andrews
31. Jan 65

Head Quarters 64 N.Y.
2^d Army Corps
January 31st 1863

Hon O. Cornely
Athaca N.Y.

Sir

My letter will unquestionably appear a little strange at first but several reasons have prompted me to write. by papers and letters that come to hand I learn that the Oil fever is running high, and even as Patriotic a Lady as Mrs Glenn is, she has been trying to persuade me that three long years and upwards has fully discharged my obligations to the Government, as a Soldier, and that the interests of my Family ought not for a longer time to be made Secondary.

Her argument to a very great extent is, and may be wholly true, but for the reason that I can not

feel its full force, still remain
in the service. Owing to high prices
for all most every thing at home and
in the Army, Securiably it is of no
advantage, and as compared with
danger, no object under heaven, other than
the one which has called me here would
be an inducement to take the risks, that
I now do. In view of the fact that my
best days are now being spent I have
come to the conclusion that the future
welfare of my family, and my self
(Should I survive the service,) demand
that I should give it my attention.

To this end I propose to make some
inquiry in reference to the company
now being raised, of which M. B. Riggs
is the President also an individual
enterprise which I understand you
have undertaken. My wife thought
perhaps I might do well to invest
to the amount of one share in ^{the} Company
referred to, or invest the amount with
You. I do not know that you would

desire to have me do so, neither do I know where, or how favorable the project is that you contemplate or are about to engage in, but suppose as a matter of course that it is contiguous to the present producing wells ~~on~~ you would not be induced to experiment.

If any way for me to risk a small amount and if successful share a proportion accordingly, I would like to do so, but would not like to risk on my own judgement. Will you write me on the subject.

There is no Army news of special interest here. Deserters come in pretty freely. Last night several came in through our Corps lines. One Reb brought in a Mule team and Wagon which kicked up quite a mud for a few moments.

Race rumors are very rife and it was currently rumored to day that Commissioners were asking ~~to~~ to come in to our lines, On the

Road known as the Jerusalem
Plank, the story looks a little
fishy, but some of the more credulous
believe it. My faith is grounded
mostly on, Bluck, Powder & Lead, by
which I hope peace will be brought
about in due time. The weather is
pretty snug for this country but no
snow. Hoping to hear from you
soon, and with best regards,
I am Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt & Friend
William Glenn
Col 64 N.Y.S.

Wm Glenn
31 Jan 54

OFFICE OF THE
Metropolitan Railway Company.

New York, January, 1865.

To the Hon. *Mr Cornell*
Member of *The Senate*
State of New York.

Sir:

I have the honor to hand you herewith a
Report upon the project of the METROPOLITAN RAILWAY
in this City. Soliciting your examination of the
same,

I am your obedient Servant,

A V Poor

Sec'y Metropolitan Railway Co.