

544 Broadway -
New York Oct - 8/64

Hon. Ezra Cornell.

I learn you are about to donate a sum of money & land to the State of New York for the purpose of building an Agricultural College. Will you allow my suggestion in the matter of the building to have the design for the same competed for by a number of chosen architects of this city or elsewhere - It is by competition you can obtain a variety of designs from which the best ^{one} can be selected for execution giving to the successful competitor the execution of the building plans & superintendence to the unsuccessful offer a small compensation for their time & trouble - The way competition matters are managed is this, for the building or other committee or person to advertise for plans designs by offering a premium of so much for the best design - so much for second best & so on - the premium for the best design to be considered a part of the superintending Architects commission - I shall be happy to compete with any other selected Architects - or I would submit sketches in different styles - as you may think best - I enclose one of my villa

residences as an example of one of my efforts
this house is built —

Presume you may not be quite ready to
undertake anything definite yet in regard to
plans but when you are on my this suggestion
receives a favorable response —

Lawrence B Vack

Architect

544 Broadway

L. B. Vack

Architect N.Y.

Oct 8. 64

E. T. TURNER, President.
D. BOARDMAN, Vice-President.
A. B. CORNELL, Cashier.

Capital, \$200,000.

First National Bank.

Ithaca, N. Y., Oct 8 - 1864

Dear Sir

Your favor of the
7th enclosing a note
you wish cashed is
at hand.

The same mail brought
me a letter notifying
me that I should have
to take a first Mortgage
in Albany to protect an
investment I made
there last spring. This
will take \$10,000. all
that I shall have to
spare this year -

I therefore handed
your note to our
Bank who will

discount it for
you and I directed
the Cashr to send
you a draft on
my-

I heard of the sudden
death of your two sons
in law - I sincerely
condole with you
in your bereavement

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

E. W. Chester Esq

J. S. RAPLEE

PRESIDENT.

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J. T. Raplee & Bank

STATE OF NEW YORK

S. S. RAPLEE

CASHIER.

Penn Yan Oct 8th 1864Ezra Cornell Esq
Ithaca N.Y. Sir

I understand through
Mr Blinn of Dundee N.Y. that you have for sometime been
talking of taking a look at (what was known as far back as 1852)
"The Dundee Salt Spring" - with the view of becoming interested in
that property. I have succeeded in obtaining a twenty years Lease
of the property, after negotiations for abt three months, knowing full well
its value. From what I have heard of you, if you are inclined to
take hold of, & become interested with me, in developing its resources -
I will take the trouble to come over to Ithaca & see you. - If you
have no desire to become interested in it, I will feel obliged, if you
will so inform me by return mail -

Very Truly Yours

S S Raplee

It will need capital to develop it. -

Mass Run Oct. 8th 1864

Mr. Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir -

Yours of the 3rd recd, contents noticed.

Without desiring to influence you in the least in
favor of your choosing the ^{patented} offered you, but rather
to remove the impression that ours is a wild
hazardous enterprise, I wish to say, that most of
our contracts for stock & machinery were
made before there was much advance in
prices. Thus our Engine was contracted for at
30% above present prices, now the price is 120%
Our Mach^y was contracted for at about 15% ad-
the expense our whole establishment will cost
between \$15 & \$16 per spindle - One of our new
Mills cost in 1859 about \$14 - at the same
time, ours is much more complete - It is on
this ground & that we have real tangible
property that the premium is asked - If we carry
a debt above the capital, it is because our
property costs more & of course we have it - It
does not add to the premium - which you
will see in a moment's reflection - The only
thing hazardous, if any, is the future of the country

Yours truly
C. O. Shreve

Many of the earlier Mills cost as little as \$22 per spindle

Not answered

Dublin Oct. 9 1864

To the Hon Ezra Cornell

I had a paper sent me to read
last Eve (for I cannot take one)
& I read of your Munificent Donations
I ~~took~~ take the very great
Privilege of writing to you & ask
you if you will lend a poor
Person My Husband went out
in the 13th N. H. V. & was discharged
on account of his health which
he intirely ruined out there he
has applied for a Pension but
some of the Papers being lost
I fear he will not get one, I
have 5 Children & not well
myself my only Boy has sore
Eyes & is sick otherwise now
if you will please lend me 50.
Dollars it will be conferring a

great Favor & if my Husband
gets well & his Pension you
shall have it but if in the
mean time he should grow
worse & not be able to pay
it would be giving it to
those that ever will bless you
I will teach my Young
Children to Pray for you



Please answer this if you
do not deem it needless

Mary J Greenwood
Dublin
N H

S. M. Kimmy
Oct 10. 64

Orid Oct 10th 1864

Hon E Cornell

My Dear Friend

Had I known
the time of your visit at Orid, on his
trip of the New York Agricultural College
I would have embraced the opportunity
of showing you through our Noble Semi-
nary, believing it would have pleased you
to see 130 students under the care of an
efficient board of teachers.

We are struggling to get along, embarrassed
and perplexed. The finances is almost
entirely under my care, with not enough
on subscription to pay the debt & start it
creditably to ourselves, we were \$100 in arrear
the first term for repairs. This term we had
a cooking stove to purchase costing \$106.00
a roof to put on the old Building \$125.00
and chairs, desks, painting papering amounting
to \$400. including a bell pump &c &c.

The lowest Estimate for repairs
& furniture necessary to run a
successful school is put at from \$800 to \$1200
to obtain this amount A subscription
has been started and only \$120. has been
subscribed, I am confident if you
had went through this Institution
when you was at And you would have
subscribed \$50 on this also. I have given
me your draft on The Bank for
\$100 ~~including~~ ^{including} the old subscription of \$50
~~also~~, Will it not be a pleasure to
you to do so still immediately.

At this time the attention of the
people is directed another way. and
this meritorious object is suffering
& how long it will continue to suffer no
one knows, Your liberal hand & benevolent
heart I know is open for this opportunity

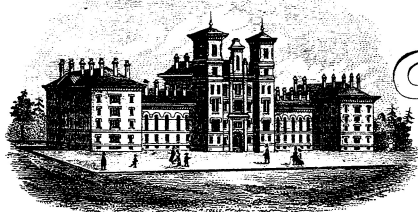
Your Friend & Brother

Silas M. Kimm

Albany Oct 10/67
Hon Ezra Cornell
Ithaca N. Y.

Dear Sir
Enclosed
please find Express Receipt for Three
Hundred & Fifty Dollars (\$350.00)
being amount of Interest due on Bond
and Mortgage on 13th inst. please
acknowledge receipt of same by return
mail & oblige

Yours Very Truly
Alfred B. Starr
Box #51 Albany P. O.



STATE OF NEW YORK
Agricultural College.

Oriskany, Oct 11. 1864

Hon E. Cornell

My dear Sir

I wrote to you on the 27th Sept. & 26th Sept but have not heard from you. I now write to say that a farmer who has sold his farm wishes to hire the farm house near the College, the kitchen is now occupied by an Irish family, they could go into a smaller house, or hunt themselves a place, he wants to rent to 1 April & then if we rent longer & he wants a place, he would be glad of it longer, shall I rent it till the 1. April

Truly yours

Arad Jay

N.B. I may be at your bank on Thursday of this week

Portsmouth October 20th 1864

Mr Cornell - Dear Friend - I have just received a letter from my Son John - he is well - and at work in the Navy Yard but he has not got his discharge from the Navy yet - he expects to be paid off on the 15th of this month - then he will come home Mr Cornell if you can make it convenient to do so - I will be much obliged to you to send my son Ezra Frank to Newbern to John - please direct it in Care of Mr Ulysses H. Ritch - John expects to go there on his way home - but I hope that he will not get there - untill the Yellow Fever is over - that Complaint is very bad in Newbern - the report is - that there has about - one thousand died since the first

September - and now the Yellow Fever
is at ~~Bufford~~ ^{Bufford} - N.C. - several persons
have died - I expect that Paul is there now
where he left home we had not heard that
the sickness had reached there - Paul wrote
to you - in answer to your last letter he
received from you - but he is disappointed
in not receiving an answer - we live ^{able} together
Comfortable here Considering I lost all that
I had - except three Beds - but I met with
a kind Friend here - that lent me a few
Chairs and Tables - and some Blankets
I hope the Lord will provide for me - both
food and raiment - My Health is very
good at this time - this place agrees with
me - we have a plenty of Good Fish -
Oysters and Clams - I hope you and your
Family are in the enjoyment of good health

I shall be pleased to hear from you
when ever it is convenient - for I never
shall forget your past kindness to me
and My Children - I hope the Lord will
continue to bless you and yours - is the
Prayers of your Friend -

Arthur H. Correll

Salem Mass.,

Oct 11. 1864

Dear Sir:

Please accept
the accompanying volume
of the Report of the Massa-
chusetts Board of Agriculture
for 1863. It contains some
items on the Ag. Colleges of
Europe, which may be valua-
ble to you in the ~~practical~~
worthy service you are doing
for agricultural Education.

Ever Cordially Truly Yours
Thos. G. B. Loring
A. S.

Chatham Mass
Oct 12/64

My Dear Uncle

Saturday Brothers trunk
arrived at the Hospital and I
received it to day I find that
his shirts and socks are missing
there is not one of either also the
Photograph and Picture of your two
daughters why then I know he had
also some letters that he received
from a young Lady of Long Port

I was told by Mrs Dan Van Ken-
burg that a young man was seen
with Brothers close on and told
me the mans name but I have for-
gotten he married the Lady that
those letters were from after the
death of Ezra he married this girl
and moved to Chatham Mass
Bro Dan Van Kenburg Can tell

you his name he boade with
Ezra and took charg of his trunk
he is the one that sent it to you!

I state this to you you may do
what you think best

I am still to work in the
yard I did think of going
home next week but I ~~think~~
think I will wait until
the weather gets colder -

you will please answer this
and direct - Charlestown
Princeton St Wap
My best respects to your family
Yours with respects

Yr Ezra Cornell I ~~W. M. M.~~

Phoebe Wood
Oct 12, 64

Allison Oct 12 1864

Dear Brother

I suppose
you would like
from time to time
to know how our
invalid gets on
she is this morning
trying to learn to
walk by taking hold
of her hand she
can walk about
three steps but cannot
stand alone she
is not able to be
dressed yet and
only sits up two or
three times a day
about half an hour
each time requires
constant attention

I do not know
what she will do
when she can near
cloths as it was
warmer when she
came and has
nothing but summer
clothing and will
need much warmer
cloths than if well.
I guess she will
have to have her
winter cloths sent
from home. She
has not much
appetite yet but
lightly. We will
not do have to
use great caution.
Deborah is here we
are doing what
we can to help
cloth them up for

The winter and it
seems so hard to
have her go back
to her cold log hut
to winter with very
little means to
make them comfort^{able}.
Their crops were poor
spoiled by drouth
and. Early frosts will
have hardly enough
to sell to pay their
taxes. Mr Packard
her son-in-law has
been drafted which
breaks them up
and is very hard
for them.

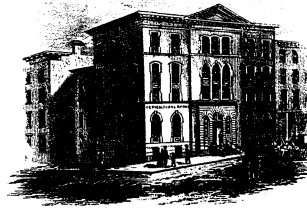
We expect Lina home
now the regiment
is relieved from
duty on Lookout
mountain and ordered

to the front. We shall
have to suspend if
the Co does not soon
make a dividend
Our expenses since
Emmy's sickness has
been enormous for
us. but we will come
out all right; Edgar
is at home and will
go to school to the
summer he likes
it very much and is
very studious.

We would like to
hear from you

With much love
to you all I am
Your Sister
Phoebe

STATE OF NEW YORK.



(Agricultural Rooms.)
Albany Oct 12 1864

My Dear Mr Cornell,

I write to ascertain
when you will probably be able
to give me 45¢ - From the numerous
letters I am receiving I am satisfied that
you must have a very severe trial in
passing upon so many really valuable
implements & machines, about which
inquiries are made -

Has your Committee done any
thing with the Telegraph deposits,
and do they intend to ignore the
whole matter, and divide it among
themselves -

We are to have a Sale of Short
Worm on the 16th November at Mr
Pentice's farm, Mr Hainson of St Lawrence

will offer his whole herd, and
Mr Thorne the whole of the late
Mr Rotch's herd - being in all 35 -
where are some very fine animals -
I will send you a catalogue as soon
as I receive them -

Mr Cooper I understand designs
making a sale of cattle & horses
about the same time, though not to
interfere with this sale. The day
is not fixed -

Mr McCall was very unfortunate
in losing his fine Bull on his way
home from the Fair -

The news from the election
yesterday, is rather troubling the
Copperheads & Gov Seymour - Their
stock is rather cheap in the
market.

Kind regards to Mrs
Cornell. Yours Truly

T. J. Hudson

W York Oct. 13th
My dear fr.

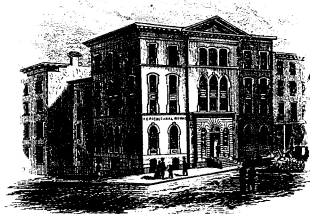
I am in sub. of yr. of 10th
inst. I will do all I can most
gladly in obtaining Legislative
assistance to your Ag. College.

You say that the subsoil
plow is not strong enough. Recalled
I told you that it was what we call
a "one horse subsoil", altho you could
put a light pair of horses or open bit.

I would have preferred yr. taking
our "C" subsoil, with which you can
go 14 to 18 in. deep, & it would be
strong enough for 3 yoke of catth. But
the price was so high \$31.⁵⁰ it seemed
to almost like gouging to recommend
it. I thought, moreover, with this little
subsoil as a sample, yr. village
mechanics could turn out one suitable
for you at a less price than we could
sell at.

Very Truly Yrs
E. Cornell Esq } Allen

STATE OF NEW YORK.



(Agricultural Rooms.)

Albany, Oct 14, 1864

Dear Mr. Cornell

For King, Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Prentice & myself agree to the
Memo. in the body of the proposition
of \$30,000 - and I have written out
that proposition as suggested by you.

Respy Yours

T. J. Johnson

Temple Grove Institute
Saratoga Springs Oct 14th 1864.

My dear Sir.

I have this day drawn for Two Hundred and Fifty dollars, on account of the first term for your two daughters, as directed by Mrs Cornell when there, and hereby notify you of the same.

I am happy to be able to report both the girls well, and doing finely in their studies. Much better, thus far, than ever before. My school is doing well, and will be fuller when all are in who were engaged, than ever before.

Yours Very Sincerely
Luther T. Beecher

Ithaca Oct. 15-1864

Hon. E. Cornell

Dr. Sir I spoke about the price of my farm yesterday without sufficient reflection. 6 or 8 years ago I talked about selling it to a man who was well acquainted with it & I think should have sold it to him but he had not much means I did not like to take so heavy a load upon his shoulders

My price then was \$60. & since that I built a good farm house (in 1861) & other repairs ditching &c have been done & the timber is worth much more than it was then which altogether will raise the price materially & perhaps you will not want it - My mind is not exactly settled but will endeavour to fix a price in a few days & see you again if you wish to say anything more about it

Respectfully Yours W. P. Luce

Gaines Mich Oct 15/14

Dear Brother,

I have got disappointed in get the Mill here to Run longer than first now as my Lease expires then and Mr Hyde has sold the property.

If you have any thing I can do this coming Winter to pay our board I would like to send Mary and the children to Auburn as soon as they have made a visit to Allen. and I shall get through here probably about Jan'y.

Mary has got completely discouraged and has made her self think she will never get well if we stay here. she is still having chills & fever, and wants to get away

from her soon as she is
able to travel.

How is the farm house
you proposed to have me go in
to? is the House empty so we
can go to Kufney House the
coming Winter.

Yours Truly
J. W. Cornell

E. Cornell Esq
Ithaca

J. W. Cornell
1/10/64

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STATE OF NEW YORK

S. S. RAPLEE

CASHIER.

Penn Yan Oct 15th 1864

Ezra Cornell Esq Dear Sir

I wrote you the 8th inst. in regard to the "Dunder Salt Spring" - at the suggestion of Mr Blinn the owner of the land, who informed me that you were disposed to take hold of the property, with the view of testing its worth

Thinking perhaps you may have been absent from home, or my letter may not have reached you, I write again. - Please say by return mail, whether you would like to secure a half interest in my share of the property, which I have for 20 years. I have abundant evidence in my possession, of the value of the property. I write you, preferring to take only a partner with me, rather than form a stock Co. - My design is, to sink a well to the depth of 500 ft. as early as possible - and would feel obliged to you for an answer, by return mail - whether you would like to join me.

Very Respectfully Yours
S S Raplee

Albion Oct 16 1864

Dear Brother Ezra

It has been a long time since I have written or received a line from you and I don't know as I should have got about it now but to ask a favour of you for myself and Jane We both have been wanting a nice set of furs for a years and have not been able to get them And if we could afford it this fall we could not get them in Albion

and thinking you might have an opportunity and would like to make our a handsome present I thought I would mention to you

Eunice Chase is gaining slowly begins to set up some The rest are all well Deborah has been to Albion three weeks but expects James after her before long She has been here digging apples to take home has got a nice lot dried

I received a letter from Mary last week saying that John had been sick all summer and that she had had three attacks of bilious fever and could not sit up an hour now. She writes that John wants her to come to Albion and see if she can't get rid of that fever. Mary writes they are going to leave there in the spring. And she is afraid she cannot regain her health inaines. I wrote immediately to her to pack their goods and come to Albion and spend the winter which I hope they will conclude to do. As our family will not be large this winter and there is plenty of room Matt has been from home all summer was in Ipsilanti 2 months in the night Office and boarded with Mr Rodolys people. But for the past 2 months he has attended the Albion Telegraph Office.

Phoebe attended the Albion College last year and I want her to commence a year in the spring if she can and attend closely to her studies. Egan and Ellen will attend school this winter if they are well.

We should all be glad to have a visit from you this winter & if you can make it convenient come and bring Mary Ann and the girls.

Give my love to them.

Affectionately your Sister

Mary C. Robertson

Graniteville Conn 1867

Mr Cornell

Dear Sir

I have noticed
in the journals a
munificent donation
by you for ^{an} agricultural
college in the State of
New York. which will
undoubtedly establish
a place for your name
in history for generations
to come. I often notice
donations to colleges

libraries &c and have
wondered why it was not
so ordered that I should
be the recipient of a
donation I have laboured

hard to maintain a home
for my parents until
I am now thirty years
of age and have been
deprived of a great many
comforts of life and still
aspire to a harder task to
maintain a home the
greatest comfort I have is
~~that~~ the apprehension that
I shall sometime be rewarded
for my good deeds.

I have no great desire
to be rich or to live
without work but when
I think I have probably
lived out half my years
with very few pleasures
compared with ^{that of} my friends
and acquaintance. I
become almost tired of life
and all for the want of
a small amount of

money while many
have thousands of dollars
that they will never feel
the need of.

I beg and pray, that
you will make me
the recipient of a
donation.

Yours ever
Obedient
Servant

Jeriah C. Wright
Graniteville
Mass

Danvers Oct. 17th 1864

Ann. E. Cornell

My Dear Sir,

I was at Mr. Gidd's the other day and we talked over a good deal. I think he has gotten a plan which promises the best of any thing I ever saw. It is original and to my mind a great improvement. and will be unlike any I ever heard of or saw, yet it will be the most complete model ever presented —

He has some other good plans in regard to you of which I must heartily approve, and shall be most happy to aid in carrying out. Of these plans you must learn from him —

Kindly Yours
W. C. Peters.

White House Lucas Co O Oct 17 1864

Thos Ezra Cornell
Ithaca
N.Y.

Dear Sir I have been
trying as well as I could for some
years to get up a small public
Library here I have gathered a
few Books mostly what I bought
myself but we need more & are
poor I have heard of your
generosity and would respectfully
ask you to make us a gift of
a few Books they will be taken
care of & will be thankfully received
I refer you to Gen J. E. Hunt Hon
E. D. Potter Hon R. Mott Toledo O
or Hon J. W. Green Clerk W. S. Court
or Hon H. V. Wilson W. S. Judge Cleveland
Ohio if you can possibly send any
books to us send by W. S. Express
to White House Lucas Co Ohi's
and allp. many friends

J. C. Wales
Chairman

Hutkins Oct 18th / 64
St. Mack Bay
Dear Sir

Yours of
yesterday came to hand
we are progressing slowly
with our well we have
gone down to the depth of
390 feet only, thirty six feet
of which has been our solid
rock with the exception of
about two inches of which
was slate, consequently the
work has been slow. but our
faith in finding a copious
supply of oil is not in the
least abated, as soon as any
thing of importance turns up, will
our

adieu you

Yours Truly

A. C. Kingsbury

Mr. Cornel

Sir

In me you will recognize the woman you gave five dollars on the Lake some 3 weeks since I stopped at Brewers, could find no rooms, as I anticipated trying to get to housekeeping, the hard times broke me up some 2 years since, and scarcity of work, I then worked for Lord & Quarr had for 4 years, the facts are these, I have nothing to begin with, it is so hard to work out by the week, I can earn five dollars at my trade, tailoring, easier than 2 at housework, and few few want a woman with a child my daughter is 12 and a promising girl, I have buried 2 and can give up this one, would you, should you find me worthy assist me to a few things to keep house and a sewing machine and take a mortgage on the whole

until I could earn enough to pay for
them, I am at work at Exton Lyons
& Corners, I refer you to Ben Jory at
Penn Yan formerly of Ludlowville as his
family are among my best friends or
Lord and Burr or Dr Barr Please let
me know this week.

Yours Respectfully
Wm M Russell

Five Corners
Cay Co

Wm M Russell
18 Oct 64

Payetteville Oct. 18/64

E. C. Boyd Esq
Ithaca N.Y.)

Dear Sir
We have not until now been
~~been~~ prepared to send any
Leaves only to our regular
customers. - We can send you
what you want - this fall
delivered at your place for 18³/₄
cents per Bush, or 16¢ here.

We should like to establish
a trade with you, or at least
what you want another year
and hope to be able to sell
much lower than the above
figures. If you want a boat
load this next week please
let us know as early as
convenient. - Respectfully Yours

J. P. Smith & Son

Silas M. Kime
Oct 19. 64

Ovid Oct 19th 1864

Hon E. Cornell

Dear Sir

Yours of the 17th inst
is rec I very much regret that our suffering
and meritorious institution does not engage
your attention to the extent that I had reason to
hope it would. No doubt you have many calls
like this, because your benevolent acts are so
numerous. But none merits ^{your} ~~the~~ attention
more than this. You will pardon
me for taking so much ^{liberty} as that of asking the notes
and subscription for the same enterprise.

I have no doubt that you entertain
the opinion that the subscription I obtained
of you has been paid. I rec'd a letter from you
dated at Albany Feb 20. 1864. informing of me of the
pleasure it gave you to know I had succeeded
with my subscription ~~also~~ And that you would
send me a check when you returned home
from Albany at the close of the session

if that will suit me. and I would
then inform you of it.

I read the letter hastily and laid it
away. I now have it before me ~~again~~.

I now see the intention you conveyed
(that is) you requested me to inform you
if a check would be satisfactory to me.

I did not understand this part of your
letter & consequently did not give you the
information you asked for. and consequent-
ly did not receive a check.

If convenient you may send me
your check immediately, and I will enclose
my receipt to you by return mail if you
wish.

Most Respectfully Yours

W. L. McKim

Leicester Grove 1901
64

E Cornell
Sir

I have been looking with all patience for the ram but he does not come now have I heard from you since you said he would be sent in about 10 days please send him as soon as possible as it is high time I had him -

Tell you when the day he will arrive at Rahway which is but 5 miles from Elizabeth on the N. J. R. R.

Respectfully

George Hartshorn

Quebec 19 Oct: 1864.

Sir,

I am sorry to find that I have made a mistake in the price of "Silla Languish," and fearing there might be a further misunderstanding about her. I would be much obliged, if you would let me know, what you would take for her, landed in Canada.

Mr Sheldon kindly wrote me last week, telling me of my mistake, but as ~~you~~ I had written you, the day

J. Ashworth
Oct 19, 64

before the receipt of his letter,
I delayed writing - hoping
to hear from you - but as
possibly my letter may have
gone astray. I have thought
it as well to write again - as
Winter is fast coming on here,
and the navigation might
be closed in a few weeks -

Yours

Very truly yours

J. Ashworth

New Orleans Oct. 27th 1864.

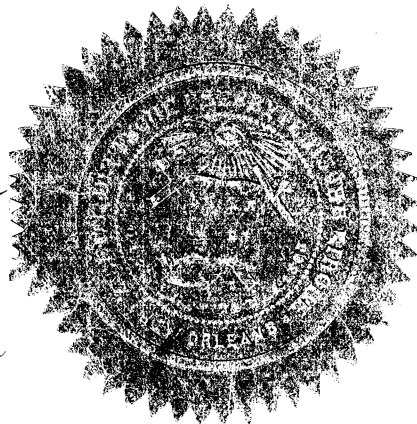
Hon. Ezra Cornell

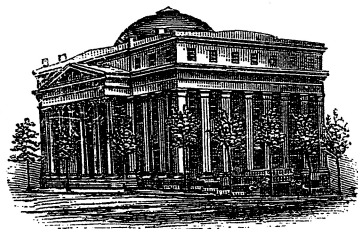
Dear Sir!

Having read of your great munificence towards different objects in your native town, the undersigned though entire strangers to you, in more than one sense, would humbly lay their case before you, and appeal to your benevolent feelings, in behalf of an institution with which they are identified, and which they would like to see prosper. You will perhaps think us very impertinent to address ourselves to you, from so great a distance, and we must confess that it required some exertion to overcome the reluctance with which we entered upon this delicate business; but remembering that "Necessity knows no bounds" we thought to lay our case before you, if perhaps the Lord might incline your heart to assist us, and help forward the work, which is continually growing under our hands, but whose expenditures, we are not

able to meet. The object for which we would solicit your kind consideration is, "The Second German Presbyterian Church" of this city; a short synopsis of its history we would humbly lay before you. Shortly after the rebellion broke out, several of us came together on a Sabbath for mutual edification and prayer. Our number continually increased until it became necessary to hold our meetings in a church, which we succeeded in renting that is only in the afternoon of the Sabbath, and the Pastor of the First German Presb. Church consented to preach for us on Sabbath afternoon. Our numbers increased, but not so our means; for month after month the miseries of the people increased by the calamities brought on them by the few demagogues, that brought on secession. What should we do break up our organization just in the time when we needed the comforts of religion more than at any other time? We found that that would not do and resolved to continue trusting on the Lord that He would help us through and so He did hitherto. We had hoped that the American churches would be able to assist us, but they all became so impoverished that even the "First Church" can not support their Pastor. All this time we could not keep service

in the morning, nor keep a Sabbath School for our poor and wandering children. This year, the Lord unexpectedly brought it to pass that we came in possession of a neat and comfortable little church for the moderate sum of \$2250. of which we raised among ourselves, about \$800. leaving us in debt about \$1500. We are poor, because most every body in the desolated South is, we have now a Sabbath School of 1175 Scholars, which alone requires almost all our means to carry on. If you dear Sir, would remember us, we would feel greatly obliged to you, and the work of the Lord among us would prosper. In order to convince you that it is no imposition the seal of our church is hereby attached, and if you require any further references in regard to the truth of these statements, they will be furnished to any extent. If you should be pleased to answer this, Please address either to, "The Second German Presbyterian Church" W.D. or to John Heber, W. 658 Low street, Elder of said church,





STATE OF NEW YORK,

Treasurer's Office,

Albany Oct 21. 1864

Hon. E. Cornell

Dear Sir,

I have engaged Room No 4 Congress Hall for you & \$60. per week.

It is the Room I spoke to you about on the second floor. I think you will find it very pleasant.

Our friends here are working very hard to diminish the Democratic majority of last fall, with a fair prospect of success.

Yours Truly
H. W. Schuyler

Albion Oct 22 1864

Dear Brother

Your good
letter came yesterday
morning is very
grateful for your
kind offer and
good wishes. The grapes
from Phaca are
received and she
enjoys them "much"
as Edgar says
they do her good
and she can eat
all she wants of
them now and
they agree with her
she has not got to
the terrible appetite
yet which people
have after a long
sickness

Eats very moderately
yet but her time
will come and
then she will have
to be watched
Arline left Chalmers
Thursday for home
we expect her now
Roberts Bryant was
ordered out
after Forest a month
ago so she was
left on the mountain
with Strangers
I am sorry to
say M.B.'s vote and
recount will be on
the wrong side
Orson will vote
for Lincoln and
Ed is doubtful
he wants to be a
Democrat but cannot

Stand their treason
What little influence
I have will always
be for my country
& Government and
against rebellion
Let it come from
where it may
Then never was so
much at stake at
an election as now
and if M.B. vote
would affect any
thing I don't know
but I should try
to imitate some of
Gen Grants strategy
to prevent his voting
our glorious state
is all right, Thank
God, Since Gen Cass
came out on the
side of the Government

and against
rebellion the Mich
Democracy never
mentioned his name
He said at the
beginning that
"Slavery must die
or the Union be
destroyed" and so
he was a democrat
no more.

That New York
may be redeemed
is my great anxiety
and constant
Prayer

Yours Truly
Sheeh

E Cornell

Oct 23/64
J. Sheeh

New-York, Oct. 22, 1864.

Dear Sir,

I have an opportunity of disposing of the two Long Avenue parcels together to one party, if you should not wish to take them. I would like therefore if you could let me know, in a day or two, whether you have concluded to take them.

Yours very truly
John R. Kennedy.

197 East 19th Street
New York Oct 22 1864

Hon E Cornell
Sir

I should be
glad to make an arrangement
for you to introduce the ~~State~~
Clover into the State of N York
under management of Justice
of your own choice I will sell
an apparatus upon good terms

If you do not wish to do this are you
willing that I should control the
Clover procured by you of the State
of N Y?
(over)

Yours Truly
N L E

H. Lee
Oct 22 1864

My dear mother
I have not as yet received
any correspondence from you since
the 1st of June