

F. M. Finch
Mar 18, 68

Ithaca Moh 18-1868

Hon. S. Cornell.

Prof. Williams starts Monday for Albany & will bring you this line. S. S. Esty will come some day next week & Boardman starts Tuesday. I cannot come. I have trials to attend almost every day for two weeks. It is hard for Boardman to leave but I have insisted & he will come well posted. On my return I was in the train thrown from the track near Susquehanna. We were running forty miles an hour and struck a broken rail. The two rear cars were thrown from the track down an embankment & ours dragged down 80 rods in the ditch over the ties & against a wood pile & yet we escaped.

Some evil angels hang over my
visits to Albany. I have written
another leader for next week's
Journal which will be sent you.
The Bank is moving into its
new office this P.M. The Post Office
moves next week Saturday & we
right after April 1st.

In great haste

Yrs Truly

J. M. Smith

N.B. - The bill as finally fixed
by Dolger I think is right.
I have examined it
again carefully

Aurora 18th Mar. 1865

Dear Mr. Cornell

My dear Sir

I enclose letters that you may see what is intended. I am sure you will not let them run. I have done so — We have water a foot higher than ever known at Aurora

Every little pond here with most of my steam boat docks is gone & the garden walls broken up banks & bushes washed. The wind now blowing a gale from the W. & N. West — Mr. Boynton's place is much cut up — my own ~~place~~ stands as yet but we have no promise for an hour — boats can sail over Thompson's walls — what the people of Schaew are to do we know not

Truly

Samuel B. May

S. Judd
18 Buller St

Birmingham
March 18. 1865

Mr. Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

Some time
since I sent a draft of an
Act to Mr. Messersan, our Member
to incorporate the "Birmingham
Union Fire Association" I
do not discover that any action
has been had on the same.
I wish you would see Mr
Messersan and aid him if
necessary in having the act
presented -

There is a section making
individual stockholders
liable only for the amount
of stock held by them. Any
further liability would probably

operate injuriously to the Association
We wish to have the Act
passed as drawn up if possible
Please to examine it and see
if there will be any serious
objection to it.

I should like to hear from
you in reference to the same

Yours
Solomon Judd

37 Wall St New York
March 18th 1865

Hon. E. Cornell

Dear Sir:

I am not aware that Congress has taken any action in reference to providing a Soldiers Home. Indeed I am quite confident that it has taken none, especially looking to its establishment on Governor's Island or at any other point in this Harbor, for I know that military men are of the opinion that the lands belonging to the general government are insufficient for the proper defense of the Harbor. I had an interview with Gen^l Delafield in Washington last summer in reference to the appropriation of a portion of Bedloe's island to quarantine purposes & the proposition at once received from him a decided negative & he then said that the government needed more land than ~~then~~ it now has, instead of parting with any of it. Invalid soldiers would not do for harbor defense & there is not room for them on Governor's island in addition to the regular troops stationed there

Resply Yours
Henry M. Johnson

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Rhinebeck March 18. 1865

Hon Ezra Cornell

My dear Sir

In accordance with
promise made you, I yesterday morn-
ing went to the Rail Road to take
the train for Albany, in order to
be present at the meeting of the
Assembly Com. in the afternoon
when they took up the Cornell Uni-
versity Bill - On enquiry of
the telegraph operator I learned
that the Hudson River R R was
so covered by water and ice between
Stuyvesant and Albany as to be
impassable, and that it would be
quite impossible for me to reach
Albany until late in the evening.

I immediately telegraphed you
the reason of my not fulfilling
the engagement made with you,
and inquired whether you wished
me to be at Albany on any par-
ticular day next week. - On
hearing from you I shall endeavor
to meet your request.

I have not been inactive in
bringing influences to bear on
members of the House in favor of
your Bill, and I trust it cannot
be defeated in that Body -

I have to ask of you the favor
to ask of the Governor the re appoint-
ment of Regis A. Wright of New
York City as Notary Public - I
presume you have only to make the
request in order to have the nomi-
nation made, certainly this will be

the case if the system that has
heretofore prevailed, of re-appointing
in all cases when the parties were
worthy and applied, still exists.

Mr Wright's present term expires
about 20 April as I am informed,
- He is the Atty for the N. Y. State
Agricultural College - is a ward of
mine or rather was a ward, and is
still a member of my family though
engaged in business as a lawyer in New
York - He is in all respects worthy.

If there should be any hesitation
on the part of the Governor, I wish
you would ask Senator White to
join you in the request.

With much respect

and great regards,

Yours obedt Serv

Wm Kelly

Pine River March 19th 1865.

Dear Brother, your favor of Jan 31st
came duly to hand. There is a
Company going to bore for oil and
salt at St Louis this present
season, if they should be suc-
cessful in finding them may
be those things underlaying
my farm, what say you to
letting me the necessary
capital to sink a well on
my farm next year

Wont you send me the N.Y. work
by Tribunes and com to bear plan
later advertised in the Country
Gentleman Ship to St. Johns
I could use one of the farms to
advantage, wages high, help
scarce, all well, also your
family Yours Respectfully
E. S. Cornell
E. S. Cornell



Chicago, March 29 '65.

The undersigned begs Mr. Sen.
Cornell will accept this Society's
thanks, for the favor of Legis-
lative publications State Doc-
uments of N. York, kindly for-
warded for their collections.

With warm personal regards of
Mr. Cornell's attentions -

Yours resp^{ly} &c,

Wm Barry Secy

Hon. Mr. Cornell,

Ezra Cornell's letter to Mr Woodward, dated March 20. 1865, offered and read in evidence and marked "D Ex. 224".

Albany Mar. 20. 1865

My dear Sir:

Your esteemed favor of the 11th came duly to hand with kind expressions of encouragement for the educational enterprise which at present occupies my attention, and which if the Legislature will, will receive my labors and fostering care through the balance of my life.

In reference to your expressed desire to become one of the trustees, I must say that nothing would give me more pleasure than to have you associated with us in that relation. There are vacancies yet for seven trustees, to be filled by election by the ten named in the bill. There are candidates for three times the number and circumstances which surround us will in a measure indicate who shall be successful.

We are met in the Assembly by a fierce and unscrupulous opposition, marshalled in the interest of Chas. Cook of Havana, and influenced, it is said, by pecuniary considerations, and hence the bill may be lost in the Assembly. While I am

quite willing to pay thousands for the cause of education, I will not pay one cent to influence a vote. The friends of education in many parts of the State are writing to the members of Assembly from their Counties, urging them to support the bill, and those letters are doing much good. I hope they will result in securing the passage of the bill.

If you should deem it proper, you could aid the enterprise by writing and asking friends to write to the members from Orange, Hon. A. B. Hulse and Hon. J. H. Cooper, also to any city members you may know.

Your quotation from God's reasoning with Job, is very appropriate. It is my success in doing what God knew Job could not do, that enables me thus to erect a telegraph which shall communicate with posterity. It is the telegraph which endows the University.

It is my desire to secure still further endowments so that the institution shall at no time be embarrassed by want of means, and shall at all times be able to command the best talent in America or in the world.

I have one or two hundred thousand dollars more in prospective, and shall

hope in a few years to gather around
the enterprise another million.

Yours respectfully
E. Cornell

W. A. Woodward Esq

P. S. Please inform me what your age
is and the state of your health.

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Grearden Pitts County Mo¹²⁹ March 1865

Sir

You will no doubt be surprised to receive a communication of this character from this western country - but the privations and want produced by the desolating war that has so long wasted our borders must be my apology for thus addressing an entire stranger -

If I am not much mistaken the heart that deviseth liberally for the many - will not turn a deaf ear to the cry of the fatherless and widow - I well know that there must be many very many - calls on the generosity and benevolence of the Eastern people - but could they realize the numberless ways in which we - of the border states - have been made to suffer and endure - their ^{hearts} would swell with gratitude to the ^v great Giver of all good - but most of all would they thank Him for their pleasant homes - surrounded with every needed blessing - with "none to molest or make them afraid"

I will not weary your patience by enumerating the causes of my own destitution - will simply state that at the commencement of the war I had a competence with something to spare to the needy. For the past four years I have toiled early and late, and economized in every possible way, but I find myself now - with my little farm - bare of every comfort. My last years crop, all consumed, my available stock all gone, health and strength broken down - without means to buy bread ~~for hire~~ a hand to cultivate our land this coming season - besides this, our house needs recovering. The beating rains and driving snow, makes us feel sadly the need of a better shelter. Our family consists of an aged Mother, much afflicted and a source of great anxiety to me on that account - a little daughter of my own - and an orphan Nephew (aged ten) and little niece, aged four years - also a colored woman and child - She refuses to leave me - says she is willing to share ^{my} ~~her~~ whatever that may be

I have made a careful calculation and find it will take \$300 dollars to repair our house - hire a hand - and buy our bread (at present high prices) for the coming season - Will it be possible for you to aid us to that amount - I trust you will consider our case favorably - and that you may never have cause to regret your kindness to a stranger - Please excuse the great liberty I take in thus applying to you for aid

Will you be so kind as to favor me with a speedy answer - as I shall await a reply with much anxiety -

Very Respectfully

Mrs. Julia H. Park

My P. O. Address is

Dresden

Pettis County

Missouri

I shrink from thus making my wants and name known - but with a Gentleman both will be inviolate

My Julia K. Park
Mar 20. 65

Answered May 5. 65, that I found
applicants of whom I knew something
to absorb all the time & means I
found it convenient to bestow.

C. A. Joy Lowell

CHEMICAL LABORATORY,

Columbia College,

NEW YORK, March 20, 1865.

Ezra Cornell, Esq.,
Ithaca, N. Y.

Dear Sir,

It is my intention to sail on the 3rd of June next for Bremen, thence to visit the principal schools of Agriculture, Mines, & Technology and the Universities, in company with a party of young men, who are sent out under my direction. The journey is to be a scientific one & will extend as far South as Rome & include everything in

Germany & France, returning by
the way of England -
I want to procure the Catalogues,
Course of studies, plan of building
&c &c and to converse with the
Professors at the various
institutions in order to profit
by the experience of the old
country - As I have resided
five years on the Continent
and am familiar with the
Languages there spoken, I shall
enjoy peculiar facilities. -

I have heard from my father
(Mr Asad Joy, of Ovid) and have
seen in the papers that you have
the unimpeded intention of founding
a University in Athens - As my
grandfather was one of the pioneers
of Tompkins Co & was born

there, I feel unusual interest
in the proposed College & should
be glad to contribute in some way
towards its success - Can I
not, while I am gone, collect
material for you, or make notes
of the places where Models
& Specimens can be had, for
the future use of the University.

I want no pay for any
services, but if you wish expenditures
to be made for the published plan
& description of the European
Universities, it will be necessary
to advance whatever sum you
would like to have appropriated
for such objects. - I should think
that it wd be quite worth
while to have the experience of
the old world made available
to the officers who found a College
in the new country -

If you are in New York
at anytime before the 3rd of June,
I should be happy to call upon
you to talk for an hour about
the proposed University.

Very respectfully
Yours

Charles A. Joz

P.S. Senator White has been kind
enough to send me a copy of the
bill as reported to the Senate &
I have read it with much interest.

Henry Fowler
20 Mar 65

Rubenvil, March 20, 65
Cayuga Co, N.Y.

Hon. Ezra Cornell
Attorney (Private)
My dear Sir

I have a hold on
"Brookport Collegiate Institute"
in the form of a Sheriff's Certif-
icate of Sale. My claim
is \$430 including interest.
The allotted fifteen months
have expired and I can
have a deed of the property
at any time. The building
which is elegant & substan-
tial cost over \$30,000 & was
completed before the war.

The situation is fine
& the land is of consid-
erable value. There are
two mortgages on the
Institution \$8000. & \$2000-
several small judgments
which \$2,300 or thereabouts
will cover. My claim
is for money lent as a
personal favor to me of the
mechanics. He gave me the
note of the Institute on the
promise that it should
be paid in six months-
They have not paid because
they are Cap, & now it is
intimated that if I demand
the deed they will preclose

the mortgages.
I have thought it might be
of value to you, in your
educational plans, to have
the hold which I have on
Brookport. You check for
\$430. & receive this Sheriff's
Certificate. You can then, or
at any time, take possession
You can recede the property
at less than half its cost,
or you can get back, at
any time, your \$430. &
ten per cent interest,
as you elect, at your leisure.
The Institution is now
Baptist, & a feeder to the

University at Rochester -
The principal mortgage
is held by the University -
and the Institute has
been a valuable means
of building up the
University - I have said
enough to show you an ex-
cellent opportunity -

My references are J. Torrey
D.D. Thayer, ^{in actual} or any lady here
or Prof Dewey, my father in law,
at Rochester. I am partner
of Central Pres^{ch} here

allow me to express my
great interest in your munif-
icent plans of education.

My truly - your friend &
Wm Low Henry Fowler

Camp Platt Kanawha Valley Va
1865

Friend Cornell

I wish you to see to paying the interest on the mortgage that Miss Elizabeth Ferry holds against my wife's farm, the interest on the bonds that you invested will amount to \$31.50 thirty dollars and fifty cents leaving a balance of twenty one dollars, ~~that~~ short which I wish you to pay for my wife, if she does not get down by the first day of April, to pay it to you, I sent to her the 20th sixty five dollars by express, I sent it to Ithaca, and if you will stop to the office you will know if it has got there please attend to this and oblige a soldier,
L. Perkins

If it will not be to much trouble
I wish you to send me the
Ithaca Journal occasionally and
oblige. This regiment is in the
Kanawah Valley on the Kanawah
river, and we average forty
deserters per day from the rebel
array they come in, in all shapes
some almost start naked raped
in blankets please let me hear
from you. on the recd of this

Yours
L. Perkins
1st Regt, 4th S. Cavalry
Camp Pitt
Kanawah Valley
W. Va

L. Perkins
21 Nov-65

Albaca March 21. 1865
Hon E. Couell

Dear Sir

Messrs Allen, E. B.

Couell & myself have just finished looking over the plans in reference to laying the foundations of Cascadilla Place and we all unite in the belief that the size of the building can be materially diminished without injury to the symmetry of the edifice and without taking away from the amount of accommodation to be afforded. It is proposed to make the halls 10 to 12 ft wide instead of 16 ft and materially lessen the width of the inside rooms. We all unite in the wish that this may be done. Mr. Giles

and Mr. J. J. Williams also
concur in that view. We await
only your consent and the work
shall immediately be begun on
that basis. The halls will be
abundantly large for passage
room & for purposes of light
even at 10 ft wide. We hope
you will concur in our views
& that I may hear from you at
your earliest practicable convenience.

Will your theory of heating require
any attention in building the
basement walls? If it does you
had better give so much instruction
as will answer till you return
home. The supporting walls on
the edge of the ravines have stood
the test of this break up perfectly.
The excavation for foundation is
complete & work will commence
at a very early day.

Osby & Co's dam &c. have been
seriously injured by the freshet
which will delay their performance
of their contract but I trust they
will be able to furnish the
lumber and timber as fast as
we want it.

I should have started for Albany
last Monday had there been a
hope of getting there. But now
it is ~~so~~ near the first of April
& I have ~~so~~ many engagements
to fulfil on & before that date besides
my private business which is very
much concentrated at this season
of the year and can not be attended
to by any one but myself.

These circumstances have
reluctantly compelled me to
postpone going to Albany until
after the 1st. If I can be of any
service then you can command
me until the 10th of April.

D. Boardman

21, Nov 65

I will go before that time if
you say it is necessary beyond
the inconveniences to be suffered
I shall expect to hear from you
if you desire my presence.

Prof. Williams left this morning
& will be with you a day or two
Etc. promises to be there before
the close of the week.

Very Cordially Yours

D. Boardman

Birmingham

March 22^o

1865

My dear Senator

Allow me

to acquaint

you with my

friend Ross

J. P. Morgan - a
respectable man-
change of this
place who has
business before
the Legislature.

I commend
him to your
kindness

worthy of con-
fidence & regard

Yours

L. S. Dickinson

Her
Eyes Closed

Danby March 22nd / 65

Mr Connelle I rec^d a letter from
you a few days ago that was written the
9th of January it was directed to West Danby
and has been lying there all winter —
some help would be very timely at the
time it was written — I will not trouble
you with my wants now my husband has not
rec^d pay yet. I will see you when you return
about the interest and then I will know
how I am coming out for funds —
if you should have occasion to visit
me again Please direct to Danby only
Very Respectfully Yours

Mrs L Perkins

N. Crittenden
Mar 22. 65

Itaca Mar. 22 1865
Hon C. Corwell

Dear Sir,

We have had one of the most destructive floods ever known in our County. Itaca has escaped remarkably well. The Bridge at Williams Mill gone. also the one at Fall Creek and every bridge on Fall Creek except the old one at Alice Hollow and one near McLean and many of the dams - Dryden has suffered very much - Cooks dam swept clean - The bridges in the south part of the village both nearly ruined - The damage at the Inlet trifling - no lumber carried away of any amount - none of ours - Malveys dam stands, but the water cut up below the dam awfully. swept away sheds &c came very near undermining Stoddards Factory - and took away the whole of Hollisters sawery - The south - west and

North west part of the village is nearly inundated at the present time

The sun has almost wholly disappeared. weather for three days past warm and pleasant—

The destruction at Owego Elmira Corning etc is terrible. Our Rail Road to Owego badly damaged at least 4 bridges swept away - will take 4 or 6 weeks to make it passible. The boat has not yet started will start in a day or two—

The work on the Library is progressing as fast as possible. Bank is moved P. Office will move on Saturday next all the lower offices nearly ready to occupy - all well—

Yours Respectfully
C. C. C. C. C.

Pinghontown March 22/65

Hon E. Cornell

Dr Sir

You know
M. J. Morgan Esq of this
place will call on you
in regard to a Bridge
Bill, which is absolutely
necessary should go thro'
the Legislature at once

The recent freshet has effected
at most seriously, carrying
away both bridges in our
Village - Mr Morgan
will explain to you our
condition and any
statements he may make
in regard to the matter
can be implicitly relied
upon. He is one of our
largest dealers.

Yours Truly

Geo. Boutwell

Albany Mar 22. 65

My Dear Sir
Yours of the 14th inst, came
duly to hand,

Will you be so good
as to inform me what
rate of tax is imposed
on non-resident lands,
in Wisconsin =

Is any discrimination
made by the laws of the
State between resident
& non-resident owners
of lands =

How much per acre
could I reasonably be
expected to realize in five
years on lands located
on warrants - clear of

all expenses, of tax-
commission for location
care and sale of lands,
and interest on invest-
ment.

How much would you
charge me to locate-
and take the care of, and
sell when the proper time
comes - from 10,000 to
100,000 Acres of your
timber or other best
lands?

Please give me all
information bearing
upon this subject, so I
may decide whether it
is best to send out some
land warrants to locate -

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

J. Miller Esq

Wails Gate March 22. 1865
Hon E. Cornell
Indenate
Albany NY
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I have your favor
of 20th Inst. but before replying thereto
have addressed our Members of Assembly
urging them in behalf of the Farmers
& inhabitants of the County of Orange
to sustain this measure. I shall take
care that other letters are written
on the same subject — This is a
point in which as a business man, I
feel quite at home. I am very
much surprised to learn that any
serious opposition should appear to
this bill. but it must be met with
vigor. Will you please inform me
how many days we have to work
in before adjournment. & on what day the
House are expected to take up this bill

You ask about myself. I have the pleasure to say that my health is good, although I have advanced beyond the age of 60. After I left Ithaca I resided in New York in 1841. I spent fifteen years in active, laborious business, often working eighteen hours out of the twenty four.

I labored seven long & weary years before I could discharge the amount of indebtedness & interest which had accumulated on me in consequence of the bad faith of parties at Ithaca who called themselves my friends & who made money by forcing me into insolvency. — they are now dead & gone & are forgiven. In 1848 I owed no man. In 1856 I had accumulated a second fifty thousand dollars, which contented my ambition with it. I retired to the Country, where I still keep constantly occupied & enjoy life perhaps as agreeably as a mortal can expect to,

I am quite familiar with the Wild Lands of the U.S. Government, which have been appropriated for the establishment of Agricultural Colleges. The lands given to this State I believe amount to 800,000 acres upwards, and ought with good management to yield four millions of Dollars. I do not know that the warrants for these lands have been located, if not, they should not be neglected another day, & proper care should be taken to select good, saleable lands.

My difficulties at Ithaca (I have long since ceased to call them misfortunes) arose in part from hold^{ing} land that was mortgaged, My friends would not allow me to sell, when I could have easily done so, to pay off this indebtedness, and I earned a profitable lesson. afterwards when I had earned & had in hand \$100, which I wished to invest, I was unwilling to buy N.Y. City property (which advanced

from 4 to 20 times, because with that sum I could buy nothing, without incurring a large additional debt. & I determined not to speculate. On re-examination I found that with about \$100. I could buy & pay for 80 acres of Government Land, & did so, & some of this Land increased greatly in value on my hands & for several years when I sold one lot. I bought two others, & still adhere to my rule to keep out of debt, I have taught this to my children & have the pleasure to see them successful.

If the Cornell University have the management, the location & sale of these Government Lands. My experience is at their service & I believe would be of value. It is a question of several Millions of dollars to the Institution whether they are well or ill administered. If they are located, then they should be sold in parcels to settlers without delay, but of this more anon, if desired

Yours truly

W. A. Woodward

New York March 23^d 1865

My dear Senator

Will you do me
the kindness to present the accom-
panying additional remonstrances
against the Broadway Railroad
scheme and oblige

Yours very Respectfully
Alex. S. Stewart.
by E. J. C.

Senator Cornell.

Newburgh March 23/65

Hon E. Cornell

In Senate

Albany

Dear Sir I left home
this morning to circulate the
enclosed petition I have obtained
60 or more names thereto
will you please hand it to
some member of Assembly
who will have it presented
urge that body to act promptly.

The names are not all
but some of the best in the
County. Other petitions are
in circulation. I will be forward
ed arrangements are made
for several letters to members

I write this with a worn-out
steel pen

Yours truly

W. A. Woodward

Ithaca March 23/15
Hon E. Cornell

Dear Sir

Yours

of 21st is at hand. The Boat
is ready to run just as
soon as circumstances will
allow. The Water is so very
high here & runs so swift
~~it~~ has been impossible to leave
the docks, which are three feet
under water. The clocks all
along the Lake are under water
& most of them washed away.
The Ice still remains fast
at Cayuga Bridge, and
The Cars do not run
on the Central Road at
Cayuga (So Telegraph says to
Mr Humphrey) But just
as soon as the cars run

on the Ice moving so that the
Boat can make a Landing
I shall start her I
hope to be able to do so
in a day or two. and am only
waiting Opportunity

Respectfully Yours
J. D. Wiley

J. D. Wiley
23. Nov 65

Ithaca, N.Y.
March 23. 65

Dear Sir:

The water is so high
in Cayuga Lake that
the track at Cayuga
is 14 inches under
water, & there is not
a single dock on the
lake where landing
can be made. A
team of horses even
cannot get to the steam-
boat landing. I wish
those who think the
canal embankment is
no obstruction could
be here & see what
the State has done for
us. The track at

Port Byron, some
feet lower than at
Cayuga is out of
water. At Cayuga
14 inches under

There is no use of
steambot starting for
it could not land
& passengers could
not get to or from it if
kept by boats. The water
is three feet deep on the
steambot dock here

Yours &c

J. H. Kelley

NORTHERN AND CENTRAL COUNTIES.

JEFFERSON COUNTY.

L. J. Bigelow, Esq., of the *Watertown Reformer*, who is engaged to lecture at Clinton on the 24th, lectured in Albany, Thursday night, on the "Bench and Bar." His effort is warmly commended by the Albany papers, the *Journal* pronouncing it one of the best of the season, while in the *Express* we find the following appreciative notice, probably written by Amos Dean, Esq. "The lecture Thursday evening before the Young Men's Association, on 'The Bench and the Bar,' by this young gentleman of Watertown, was decidedly one of the most successful of the course. The friends of the late Nicholas Hill must have been delighted with the tribute paid to him as the Great Lawyer. While the ludicrous phases of professional life were exhibited with the keenest satire, convulsing the audience with laughter, he would pass from them into high wrought descriptions, in which the real depth of pathos was finely exhibited, and the audience hung in almost breathless suspense upon his deep and fervid utterances. With great power of modulation of voice, a faculty of imitation rarely equalled, and a delivery at once dignified and graceful, we predict for this young and accomplished lecturer a course at once brilliant and lasting."

JEFFERSON COUNTY.

Reformer Office

Watertown Meek 23/65

Senator Cornell

Dear Sir

I recd your copy Bill incorporating Cornell University with Report on Peoples College at Havana, & send you herewith another article on same subject. If you will not deem it impertinent, I would like to make, in the strictest confidence, a suggestion ~~which~~ to you, which I hope will, at least, not forfeit my right to be considered one of the well-wishers of the University & an admirer of its philanthropic founder - It is this - if you enlarge the number of trustees considerably, I would be very proud to be one of the number to represent Northern New York - I am yet a young man & you can find those of more note & prestige in this section but

man who takes a lively interest
in the cause of education, &
I am now trustee in three
Academies, Jefferson County Institute
Hangerford Collegiate Institute, &
The St. Lawrence University - As I am
a stranger to you, I will say
further, I am Dist. Atty of our
County, one of the editors of Daily
& Weekly Reformer (circulation 6000)
& last fall spoke during the
campaign for the Union cause
in Jefferson & Herkimer Counties &
in the city of Brooklyn -
As to my character ask Senator
Bell or any of our members
but do not, I beg of you,
mention the contents of this
letter to them - Remember, Senator,
I only suggest this in case you
have a large body of trustees
& scatter them through the State -

Yours Respy

L. J. Bigelow

P.S. Please answer at your
convenience

Attaca March 24th 1865-

Hon E. Cornell

Dear Sir

Would you be willing to let me have the money to purchase the Dicknor Mill at Fair hollow, they ask Six thousand dollars for her. I would like to get five thousand dollars, as I would have to put on her in repairs this summer from one to two thousand dollars, I would get her insured and sign over the policy, and give a Bond and Mortgage for security, or if you would prefer to keep a part of her your self and have me see to the running of the mill &c it would suit me a great deal better, please answer as soon as convenient as I promised to give an answer by the first of April, would not need the money before the first of May

Respectfully yours
George Howles