

Albany Nov 25/65

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 20th is at hand, and contently noted - I am not at present prepared to decide what our wants may be.

If we build a University at Ithaca, we shall want the best place of building that can be devised - How to secure that is an important question -

I hope to be able to see you before you sail -

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

C. A. Foy Esq

New York March 25 1865

My dear Senator

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

Yours very Resp^d
Alex^r. S. Stewart
by E.H.

Senator Cornell

D. S. Dickinson
25. Mar 65

Maryhampton

Mar 25 '65

My dear Jonathan

The enclosed

draft bill

has been trans-

mitted to me

to forward

to you, and
regard it as
in harmony
with the
spirit of your
last meeting.

If Mr. Mayor
is yet with

you please
show it to him.
I presume it
might be made
an amendment
to the free high
school if there
were haste
in it.

Regards to

Mr Cornell

ling N

D. S. Dickinson

Mr E. Cornell

Ithaca March 25th / 65

Hon E. Cornell

Dear Sir

The Boat went down the Lake today as far as Union Springs. We found considerable Ice there but worked in so as to make a Landing on a Schooner & Backed out. There is about four miles of Ice yet at Cayuga. We hope to get through to the Bridge the fore part of the week. There is no chance to make Landing on the Lake. all the docks are under water and much damage done to Store Houses. We must try to Land in Boats when not too rough weather. We are obliged to take

Boats at Capt Sizer's House about
half way down the avenue, to get
to the Steam Boats. Rocks washed
and Bridges gone so that Teams
cannot get down. The Channel
of the Inlet is lost by so much water
covering the Banks that we are obliged
to feel our way out. The pier
is entirely under water, and the
Light House only tells us where
the End is. There are two old Boats
sunk along the Pier, and the
water so high we cannot tell
how they lay. Cold Stumps & Trees
along the Banks, under water just
out of sight & dangerous to
navigation unless they can be
seen in time to avoid them.
I mention these things to show
how necessary it is to have day
light in order to get in and
out of the Inlet with safety.
You ask me to have the Boat

wait for the morning train
from Albany. I shall do so
first as soon as the water
falls enough to see danger
after dark, it will be
nearly impossible for a few
days to wait as you propose
as the Cars do not pass the Bridge
until too late to get to Ithaca
before dark. I hope however
to be able to wait before the
Legislature adjourns. If you
will telegraph the Capt at the
Bridge when you do come I
will be much obliged. He will
wait if possible. Please write
me if you have any suggestions
so that I may act accordingly.

Respectfully Yours,
J. B. McClellan

Western Union Telegraph Co.,

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y., March 25 1865

Hon E Cornell
Albany N.Y.
Syr

Please regard the enclosed

letter as strictly Confidential and return it
to me after you have read it

I am mortified that our republican
friends made the N.Y. C bill a party question
It is to my mind an alarming condition of
things that a question of that kind cannot be
examined dispassionately and legislatively without
drawing party lines and the use of party machinery

Yours truly
O H Palmer

Office of the Binghamton Iron Works.

Binghamton, N. Y. March 23- 1865.

F. C. Omer Esq
or Sir

Enclosed please find note for Renewal. I send oft for interest of the same directly to the Bank.

Mr Robbins I think will be able to pay his interest about the first of June, and not conveniently before.

If you see anything in the Senate in relation to making our Bridge here across the Chenango free, I hope you will be able to favor it. All our Bridges on that River are gone except the R.R. Bridge & the Bridge Companies do not make a move towards rebuilding. Business is yet good & we are now turning off a good deal of work.

Yours Truly

P. A. Hopkins

P.S.

The note for which this is given is not due until April 3^d

STATE OF NEW YORK

Treasurer's Office

ALBANY, March 25. 1865-

Abloomer Esq
Cork.

Dear Sir,

I enclose
my Son's note \$500. to secure
the one now in bank & clear
the last of this month.

Please charge debit to my
a/c.

I wish our Irish friends
of all parties could appre-
ciate the importance to Ireland
of the Council University. They
ought to send to the Legislature
without delay a dozen or score
of their best men to stay till

The Bill is passed the House.
The Senators & Members friendly
to the Bill are expressing their
Wonder that our people are
so little awake to the
necessity of having a strong
representation here. The
Senators & Members from Onan-
daga say that if the Union-
City was to be located at
Syracuse half of the City
would be here.

Have our Booksellers so
appreciation of its importance
to them? Where is McCham,
& Andrews? Tell them to
wake up. While ^{many} friends
of Education in other parts

of the State are here to help,
others are writing letters to
their Members pleading for the
passage of the Bill, our friend
in Ithaca seem to be indif-
ferent or asleep. It is a
shame - a burning reproach.

Do speak to Bradburn and
Fitch & Turner and some
of the Democrats, and have
them do something, for I tell
you the Bill is in danger.
And if lost, it will be attrib-
uted to our apathy and indif-
ference.

Yrs Truly
G. W. Schuyler

Walden N.H. 27th / 60

Hon Ezra Farnell
My Dear

I rec^d by mail
of but week a copy of the
Bill which passed the Sen-
-ate for your University
at Ithaca. The provis-
-ions of the Bill are liberal
and the gratuitous support
of education of a student from
each Assembly Dist^{ct} of the
State, and in the respect cor-
-dially meets my approbation.

I have by this mail written
to Mr. Chickering and presume
that he will give the Bill
his support in the Assembly.

Tho' there is no proverb
in as ample in its general
aspects and that embodied
in the plan papered by our
Asst Board a year ago last
winter, which repudiated
Mr. Lewis' foolish grasping &
impudent claim of the
tomb fund, yet I think
this may be not be hopelessly
cut off -

Many hope 'it
is my sincere hope that God
will spare you valuable
life to carry out the im-
mense provisions your
design for the youth of
our State Republic
Wm. H. Hanger

Albany Mar 27. 185

Dear Alonzo

Please find enclosed
Shapley, Hopkins, & Robbins
note to renew are falling
due he says 3^d Apl -

Phil^{ls} says business good
and they are turning out
a large amount of
work. They escaped all
injury by the flood, and
it must make much
work for them to do -

Nanto reached here this
morning, and will give
us some assistance -

Shepard is a puzzle to
me, I don't know how he
will vote on our bill but
I think he won't dare to let
it be lost for want of his
vote -

Yours Respectfully

ANC

E. Corvill

Verbank Valley
Living Co. N.Y.

March 27th 1865

Hon. Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

I was in Albany
(about three days) some weeks since
and called on Gov. Kenton and
while in the room he showed me
the paper first made out appointing
Mr Clinton and Mr Perth as
Loam Commissioners for Living Co. and
and I on my return here told these
men they were appointed but as
they have had no notice of any
such appointments and we have
heard nothing more of it - we
fear there is some delay or
mistake - Clinton & Perth are
the men that should be appointed
and it is probably all right but
some of our friends are a little nervous
as Truman is making a great

efforts to return his Brother in law
David Goodrich -

Goodrich has been
the Office several years and is
one of Truman's pets - and one
of for charging - Truman asked
to remove one & re-appoint one
which is unfair - He says if
any charge is made - treat both
alike - and have therefore asked
that two new men be appointed -
which one difference is done -

Will you please look to it and
advise me and say much obliged

Yours Truly
W. L. Lincoln

How is I depend on the Ministry
now

Broome Co.

Chemungo Forks, March 27th/65

Hon D. B. Cornell,

Honored Sir, Excuse me for the trouble I make you in asking your attention to the business herein stated

Will you do me the favor of calling upon His Excellency, Governor Henton, and enquire of him whether he has received an application, from me asking his Excellency to appoint me a Notary Public for this County (Broome Co) and if he has received my application whether he has made the appointment or not - and if the appointment is delayed why it is so, and please inform me by return mail and I shall feel very much obliged to you and will reciprocate any favor for you which you may desire,

- permit me to state that I was appointed and held the office of a Notary Public in this Co. for three years by the pleasure of Gov H. Seymour and when Gov Seymour was elected, my term expired and my politics forbid my asking the Reappointment by him so I waited until Gov Henton was elected before I made application for Reappointment

I sent a written application to his Excellency some time since and have not heard from it, nor why it is delayed so long -

I wish you would do me the favor to see to it, & if the appointment is made or will not be made, write me the cause of it.

If any Recommendations are wanting I will furnish them to any amount required -

Respectfully yours -

Humble servant

John C. Farrell

My address Chemungo Forks
Broome Co

W. Lee March 28/65
To E. Cornell Esq
Sir

As this is the year for
taking the census, if you could
assist in procuring the appointment
for me for the town or Election Dist.
No. 3 in the Town of Gorton you
would confer a favor on me

I have always resided in
town and confidently believe the
appointment would be satisfactory
to my Countrymen and neighbors
and the labor in performing the
duties a pleasure as well as profit

I subscribe myself very

Respectfully yours

Republican fellow Citizen

Asa Crittenden

P.S. Thanks for your favor received

170 Broadway, New York
April 28, 1865

Dear Sir

Can you inform me whether
Senate Bill No. 20 introduced Jan'y
11, 1865, being "Amendment to Sec.
5, Art 1, title 2, Chap 13, Part 1st
of Revised Statutes in relation to
Assessment & Collection of taxes,"
was ever passed by both houses?

Allow me to congratulate
you, Ithaca, and the ~~cause~~
of Education on the final
passage of your University Bill.

Yours very respectfully
Eugene Schuyler

Hon. Ezra Cornell
Albany

CARVICK & CO.
MANUFACTURING CHEMISTS,

215 ~~Kulton St.~~
121 Liberty St.

New York, March 29th 1863-

Hon Ezra Cornell
Dear Sir;

I have recently learned through the press of your founding a library and reading room at Ithaca, and also of your munificent offer to the state. These acts impress me that you take an earnest interest in the progress and development of the farmer. So such a person I can write with the hope of securing for my letter a reading and kind consideration.

For some time past it has been a cherished dream of mine to purchase a small farm, if my efforts for making money

were successful, bring science and improved methods of culture to bear upon it and gradually enlarge operations until a basis firm enough, was established to allow me to take a few poor boys, and let them work part of the time and study the rest, enabling them to have the advantages of a school for the whole year and the benefit of active labor, with no expense to themselves and possibly a slight remuneration. This ^{would} form the nucleus around which I would gather more young men from year to year, thus accomplishing a vast deal of good, and probably laying the foundation of an institution whose influence would be felt, and ac-

knowledge and whose workings would be an example to others.

But I do not know when I shall be able to commence this enterprise. After quite an extended career as a teacher, I came to New York about twenty months ago, and losing a great amount of time and what little money I had in a couple of newspapers, a friend, in the manufacturing of chemicals on a small scale, took me in partnership; but we have failed to make any money and I have retired from it and now find myself with no prospects for the future and without capital.

If you could buy a farm and

give me the privilege of paying
for it in five or six years, I feel
I could so successfully manage
it as to come up to my agreement
in that ~~period~~, and you should
bind me to carry out the plan
I have given ~~when~~ I paid for
it.

I had even selected a locality
on Lower New York Bay, in the vicin-
ity of the water, so as to make fish-
ing an accessory-fishing by elec-
trical light, a mode that would
not fail to bring full nets and a
large income.

Gardeners grow rich in ^{the} neighbor-
hood of this city and the soil
where I contemplated to locate
is well adapted to gardening
purposes.

My tastes all lead me to
feel a disgust for the city and
its unprincipled business men (as
I have found them) and long for
the country.

My motives are not selfish,
for I want to secure also, the op-
portunities for the pursuit of my
studies.

If my plan does not meet your favor, would you exert your influence to get me a position that would afford me time for study and a large enough salary for the purchase of books.

You, undoubtedly, come to New York frequently. Could I have an interview when I could satisfy you of my good character and the truth of the statements I make.

Should you think this worthy of an answer, address

W. D. Myers

Care of Carrick

121 Liberty St.

New York City

P.S. It would be proper to add the loss of a leg impairs me for very active pursuits.

Western Union Telegraph Co.,

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y., 29 March 1865

Ezra Cornell Esq.

Sir,

There will be a meeting of the
Board of Directors of this Company on the 5th
day of April, 1865, at 2 o'clock P.M. Your
attendance is respectfully requested.

O. K. Palmer.

Secy. & Treas.

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Albany Mar 29. 65

Dear Alworo

I have a letter from
Wm. J. Shepard dated Mar 22
saying he had not rec^d the
money I asked you to send
him. Did you send it, or
forget to do so? -

If it has not been sent
please send it at once
by reference to my letter
you will learn the amt^e
and address -

Truman addressed the Com-
mittee two hours yesterday
P.M. in favor of C. University
made a splendid argument
Court adjourned to 3 1/2 this P.M.
to hear Oposition - This delay of time
is outrageous - It may defeat us.

Yours Respectfully

A. B. Cornell Esq

E. Cornell

Owego March 29th

Hon. E. Cornell

Sir

The appointments
for Loan Commissioners are
made - all in right
The Commission has
been received -

Yours Truly

W. Lincoln

Sumner men defeated

Tompkins Co Bank

March 29 1865
Hon^{ble} E. Cornell
Dear Sir

Please
accept my thanks for
the note, and I regret
that I can not come
to Albany at this time
but regards for Your self and
Aunt.

Yours Truly

C. Smith

Binghamton March 30, 1865

Hon E. Cornell

Dear Sir

Enclosed you will find a petition for the Pardon of one of the citizens of our County ~~also~~ with other papers relating to the case which I desire you to present to the Governor for me, Silas P. Gray, in whose behalf the papers are to be presented was a ^{Client} ~~prisoner~~ of mine. He was convicted of Grand Larceny & sentenced to Auburn Prison for 2³/₄ and his term expires on the 11th day of

Dec 1863. He was a client of mine
and was convicted on circumstantial
evidence entirely and I have never
been satisfied with his conviction,
~~and~~ ^I then believed and still believe
that he was innocent. It was his first
offence and ^{he} was always an active citizen.
He had a wife and three children and
on their account as well as his own
I desire to obtain his pardon. His
punishment is already more than he
deserves and I ^{should} like to obtain his
pardon at once, but if the Gov should
not like to grant it, now, then I
should desire he might be restored to
his citizenship before the expiration of
his term of imprisonment.

You will therefore be pleased

to present ^{the} papers herewith Enclosed
to the Gov.

Yours Respy
Geo. Bartlett

Trumansburg
March 30th 1865.

Dear Sir

Yours Recd of 27
inst I have only to say
that I thank you for your
consideration of my favor
of 15th as much so as if
it were in your power to
comply with my wish as
to appt. of Notary & had
implied

Please remember
her me in future as
Yours Truly

J. DeMott Smith
I hope for passage of Act
extending to all the
counties - Doubtless you
are aware that Mr Clark
as well as Mr Barto from

me at once
JWS

Allyses are Bank
appointments & should be
in excess of those based
on the census provision

I think in this respect
there must be a mistake
at the Executive Dept -

because since Mr. Chas
Hawley left the County
he having the appt that
vacancy has not been
filled so far as Allyses
is concerned. I may be
mistaken as to the No.
for Tompkins as a whole

I am in hopes your
generous proposition
for the College Grant will
be successful. I learn from
Mr. Barto. how it stands now
If Mr Smith from Yates needs
I have any suggestions
made when please advise

Binghamton March 30th
Hon. E. Cornell.

Dear Sir,

I see
there is a bill to
repeal the Court
of Conciliation
in the 6th Dist.

I think perhaps
it will be as well
to allow the Court
to remain as it
is as there are
some actions
in it undetermin-
ed, and you
will see by the
law that it
expires Jan. 1. 1866,

unless the Court
is renewed by
Statute.

You can there-
fore see that it is
not important to
Repeal the law
at present.

Besides, the Court
is a good thing if
properly conducted.

Gov. Fenton will
have the appoint-
ment of the next
Judge, provided
the Court was
renewed by Statute.

This probably will
not be done how-
ever. So that the
thing dies of itself
unless there is
some legislative
action.

Yours truly,
B. R. Johnson

Office of the Warren Roofing Company,

112 John Street, New York, March 30 1865

Mrs Cornell Esq

Ithaca N.Y.

Dear Sir

I would most respectfully invite your attention to a consideration of the merits of Warren Roofing, as a durable, fire-proof and economical material for covering roofs of all classes of buildings where the pitch of the roof is not too great to properly apply the roofing =

I have particular reference at this time to the covering of the University Buildings, and can give abundant evidence that our Pett, Cement and Gravel roofing can be applied to roofs not over 3 inches pitch to the foot and be the most Satisfactory roofing that you can adopt, and the most economical, = ^{in the end!} We are covering roofs of such stores as J.C. Howe & Co. North. Cor. of Church St; and other Splendid stores in that vicinity; The Manhattan Life Insurance Co's, new Marble front Store on Broadway near Maiden Lane, and many others equally as good, thus results

is reached after ten years trial of
the roofs on buildings in and near
this city and at other places.

I would be pleased to have a
talk with you in reference to Roofing
in general even if you have made
your plans for the University.

Yours truly
Nathl Morton Trear

Nathl Morton
Warren Roofing
Allen 30-68

Rhinebeck NY

March 31. 1865

Hon^{ble} Ezra Cornell.

My dear Mr

When last in Albany
your time as well as my own were
so occupied that I did not have
the opportunity I desired to
speak with you on two or three matters.
- First to enquire whether you had
received my letter asking your good
offices to secure the re-appointment of
my friend Reginald Wight as a Notary
Public for the City and County of New York.
- If you have any reason to think there
is doubt as to the action of the Governor,
please inform me that I may obtain
influence in addition to your own

but I can hardly think the Governor will hesitate.

Early in the session something was said between us as to the policy of trying to get the usual appropriation of \$2500 to pay interest on the Bond and Mortgage on College farm, and we both thought it was inexpedient to make such effort - So you remain in the mind. There are reasons why it may be desirable to have the mortgage foreclosed, and if there is a default in the payment of interest, there will be little hesitation on the part of the Insurance Co in ordering a foreclosure, but, if you think it best to apply, please write me.

I regretted not to be able to attend the meeting of the Assembly Committee on Wednesday afternoon; especially as I hear that Senator White administered

a sound rebuke to the Insurance professor. I shall look with some expectation to see the Bill reported to the House.

I enclose a pass for the season on the Peoples Line for yourself and family, which please accept with the assurance of my cordial regards.

Yours friend & servant
W^m Kelly

Jan. 31. 1865
Please Read This
over before you say I ask

Winona County 31 March, 1865
Mr. Ezra Cornell } State of Minnesota
Athaca New York Dear Sir

You will
I hope Pardon me for Presuming
to Write you the following few Lines
being Entire Strangers to Each
other yet I know you from
Reputation of being a generous
and benevolent man Especially
to the poor. And now my Dear
Sir. Could I induce you to help
me. Some in my Declining years
Let me inform you that I have had
better days I came to Minnesota
in May 1855 and procured the
Farm I now live on I had a few
Hundred Dollars but the high
Price of Provisions & Labor my means
was soon exhausted and I had
to borrow some money at those times

Rates of Interest which soon compelled
me to give up my Farm which
I have rented ever since and
since this war has existed Labor
is so high that a Turkey Rent
& Labor paid I have nothing left
for myself & Family that we are
now almost reduced to want
and now would you be willing to
loan or purchase the Farm I now
live on containing 22 1/2 Acres of
Land with a good Frame Dwelling
house 32 1/2 ft with Log Kitchen 14 x 16
with good Log Stable & 75 Acres
in our Cultivation the Land
lies twelve miles West of Hiram
and 2 1/2 miles from a Rail Road
Depot. The Farm would be for you
a good investment. And I sincerely
hope you may see the way clear
to buy it for me. And let me live
on it at a moderate Rent or

as an Act of Charity what time I
may live which in the course
of Nature cannot be very long
as I am now 65 1/2 years old & my
Wife 57. I have no family but
myself Wife & one Daughter 13 years
old. I am ready in want of
means of the Necessaries of Life and
I have to Labor Every Day to
make the small ^{the} pittance I get
devote to show you that I am
no impostor. I was Appointed
and held the office of Collector
of Customs ^{in my office} during the few
years of that Middle President
Millard Fillmore of your
State and served two years
in the Legislature of the State
of Massachusetts and was a ruling
Elder in the Presbyterian
Church in Vicksburg for 18 years
I would refer you to Rev. S. L. Lunt

Washington City also to Messrs
Webster & Lake Bankers Boston
or Messrs Luckett & Melvin Boston
Should you not feel disposed
to make so large an investment
Would you or could you not
after satisfying your self of my
Character & Standing give me as
a charity a small amount
to procure me some necessary
Clothing for my self & Family
and I feel well assured by helping
as poor a man as I am you
will abundantly bless you both
in your basket & in your stores
I most sincerely hope that after
you give this a careful reading
you will help me soon and
myself & Family will be under many
obligations to you and may God bless
you abundantly is the prayer of
your

Yours
James G. Winne

D. P. Holtom
Mar 65

Senator Cornell,

On the 288th page of the
1. Reports of the American Institute in
the vol. 1861-2 and on several
other pages reporting the doing of the
Farmers Club at the Cooper Institute
We are set forth the purposes of the
Institute of Reward for regard to
Agricultural College, Experiment-
al Farms and special provisions
for the Orphan of those dying
in the service of our Country,
prior to the passage of the Congres-
sional grant.

2. By Circulars, by public prints
and by personal interviews with
Legislators at Washington these
three objects were associated.

3. After laboring for the grant,
& never omitting this, love, or patriotic
element while a voluntary association,

the Institute retained specifically
the three in the article of
Incorporation, found on the 4th
page of the Journal, I had the
honor to hand you last evening,

3. There is great propriety,
therefore, in the making the
President of the "Institute of Research
for Orphans of Patriots" one of
the Trustees of the
"Cornell University"

[See Senate Bill No. 145]

4. Dear Sir, I had a hope
when I saw in the hands of the
Chairman of Your Committee
the interlined penciling, that
the same might be reported
favorably this morning—

Since you informed me that it
is not so reported, I have felt more
fully than before the logical
propriety of that amendment.

I took passage in the cars as

I had expected to; but Sir,
just before they started last
night I returned to my
Hotel in Albany, and on
review of the whole facts, I
am sure that if your Committee
knew the series of labors, purport,
and results of the I. R. O. P., you
would strongly recommend a
reconsideration in Committee.

5. Even now, I do very strongly
pled that you will advise
Senator White (Chairman) to
call a meeting to consider this
one point.

It will not detain them
many minutes at the Capitol
before the hour of the appointed
Session of the Senate.

I have the honor to be

Dear Sir,

Yours truly

David A. Holt.

J.S.

The proposed Amendment will,
be very gratifying to the
Institute and its Venerable
President

Dr. Valentine Mott
who will be glad to attend
the meetings of the Trustees.

I will be in the Senate Chamber
this morning subject to the call of
the Committee.

Very respectfully

D. Mott