

Harvard April 26. 1865.

Dear Sir:

Mr Cook has advised that he has given his last-cent to the People's College. The term of study in the Institution, which began only some week or ten days ago, is, it is understood, to close to day, & the Professors are to be dispensed to seek their foreign elsewhere.

You will, as I ^{have} ~~probable~~ ^{an} open sea; I hope a prosperous voyage. My prayer is that Heaven will give you & all associated with you in the great work on your hands, wisdom equal to your duty. Mr Dow has confessed that the object hoped to be reached by ~~present~~ ^{presently} legislation this winter was what I have often surmised it to be in our conversations, to ~~the~~ keep the land ~~ground~~ & do no more than has

been one to one fulfilling the
provisions of the act of 1862

Thank you very much to Mr.
Cornell & Louis White

Very respectfully & truly yours
Almon Brown

Almon Brown Cornell

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ANSON STAGER, Gen'l Superintendent.

HIRAM SIBLEY, President.

To *E. Corneee* From *Ithaca* Dated *26*
Care - Horner Rec'd *Office* 1865 *Ch.*

Andrews at Metropolitan Hotel, New York at
fifth Ave. Probably Broadman went to
work on Monday do you particularly
desire me to go to Albany. I will
I will if it is especially important
Ans tonight
A. B. C.



STATE OF NEW YORK

Assembly Chamber.

ALBANY, Apr 27. 1865

Hon. S. Force
My Dear Sir,

The resolution in
regard to the A. J. Transactions
go to you for Concurrence —
at this late day. Had you
not better act unanimous Con-
sent for Concurrence without
laying over under the rule?

Very truly Yours,
J. B. Bushman

New York April 27, 1865

Ezra Cornell Esq or
181 Broadway
Dear Sir

I think it unnecessary
to apologize for drawing your attention
to our firm (Mohun & Co's) (your
love of books would alone be an excuse)
we have now on hand the most
extensive assortment of Standard Books
for sale than there is on this continent
the prices will be reduced for a
library which I understand you
are purchasing for. I am about
going to Europe on my Annual trip
to purchase and any arrangements
I can make to purchase for you
will be satisfactory

Yours sincerely
Allen Esq of the firm
Mohun & Co's

Wm. M. Flint Mich.
No. *Apr 27 65* W. D.

Reg'd

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United States Telegraph Company,

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JAMES McKAYE, President, N.Y.

S. C. HAY, Secretary, New York.

April 27 1865 Received..... M.

By ^{paid} ~~Telegram~~ from *Flint Mich.*

To *E. B. Cornell* *Utica N.Y.*

No. 1.

Dear Sir

Permit me to inform you of an unpaid debt against the N.Y. & Erie line of \$31. which was due me about 15 years ago for repairs while I was at Carbonade Pk. while you owned the line I think. It was ordered by your Superintendent at Nanonshug & acknowledged by him to be my due. I left soon after for this place, but never received any of it. I wrote you about it while you was in this state & you wrote me in answer that you would pay it soon. I think you forgot it. If you can see that it is right that I should have it I hope that your sense of justice will prompt you to forward it to me. I am in need of it & a friend today who has worked on

Aust Jan 3/85, That Mr. C. Rigg,
10. Wall St. N.Y. Recor- had found to
pay all debts against N.Y. & P.R.
Co

on your lines recently tells me that
he has no doubt but you would pay
it. Therefore I write you.
It was for two trips of repairing from
Carrondale to Montrose ordered by
the Dept. & was all cash paid out.
Hoping you will see it as I do & let
me hear from you soon. I remain
your obedient servant. Wm. W. Dine
I have operated on the U.S. lines
at this place ever since I came here
until about one year ago when they
arranged to connect the express & Tel.
offices here. Since July last I have
operated for the U.S. Co. who have
a line here & wish success to all
Telegraph cos.

Wm. W. Dine

Rochester
Apr 28. 85

Hon E Cornell
Albany My Dr Sir

The Seven (7) Reflectors
will be sent to Ithaca,
1st of the coming week.

Yours Truly

Kelly

The Annual Meeting of the "Barclay Coal Comp^y"

was held May 1st 1865.

The reports presented cover the year 1864 from January to December. They are too voluminous to print and are made up of two in any details to be generally read. I have drawn up the following synopsis from them.

Coal on hand January 1 st 1864	6335 Tons
Mined in 1864	60444 "
<u>Total</u>	<u>66779</u> "
Shipped + Sold in 1864	51590 "
Remaining on hand Jan'y 1 st 1865	15189 "

A portion of this surplus was at the mines and the remainder 12811 Tons at Toronto, Elmira and Havana & the cost of transportation paid.

Total amount received for Coal \$ 285.866.19

Profits after deducting Expenses	141.428.89
Interest due on Bonds in 1864 \$9170	
National + State Taxes	4839.68
<u>Nett Gain for 1864.</u>	<u>127.419.28</u>
Unappropriated profits of 1863	53.616.48
<u>Total</u>	<u>181.035.76</u>
Dividend in 1864 of 6 per cent to Stockholders	59.088.00
	<u>121.947.76</u>

In order to show the true position of the Company the outlays should be divided into two classes as follows.

First Class -	
For Bridges	8405.58
Steam Saw Mill	6504.69
Miners House	10074.06
Nine Waggons	1564.69
On a/c of New Basin	920.50
Wire rope for plane	2092.43
New Locomotive	13750.50
	<u>43.312.45</u>

Of this, \$ 78.635.31

The Comp^y has in Merchandise at the mines \$11900.22

Invested in New Boats 12,171.67 24,071.89

Leaving \$ 54,563.42 Which

was in unsold Coal and outstanding debts January 1st 1865.

It should be noticed that whilst the first class items amounting to \$ 43,312.45 is expended on the property and increases its value and the

Efficiency of the Company to do an increased business the coming years, the second item of \$24,071.89 and the last \$54,563.42 making together \$78,635 come back into the Treasury of the Company. The proceeds of the boats at cost and interest, and the money for the Coal at a profit.

Against this profit there must be charged in 1865 about \$15 m loss to the Company by the flood of 17th March 1865.

The Company have heretofore only carried coal of their own mining from their own Collieries. The present year they have contracted to carry coal over their railroad for two other Companies newly organized and to accommodate this new business the Company are enlarging their basin and works at Touanda and at the foot of the plain.

There will not be as much money earned in 1865 as 1864. but enough we hope to justify our large outlays for construction and to make 6 per cent clear of taxes beside. When the new Companies are under way, our Earnings will be very much increased.

June 1865

W. D. Davis

W. D. Davis
Barthley Coal
Co. Report

Hamilton College
Clinton N.Y. }

May 2^d 1865

Hon. Ezra Cornell,

Dear Sir,

Since you last heard from me, another term has jogged away, another vacation is over, and I am here again without much money.

When I was home I did not see you, and Mr Seymour, (of the firm of Seymour & Johnson,) was kind enough to lend me twenty five dollars. If it would not be too much trouble, you would be favoring me by leaving that amount with him, and sending me

what remains of another installment.

One thing more! Expenses have run up so high this year that I shall come out, some in debt, I thought perhaps you might aid me to get into some business during the long vacation, so that I can earn a little money.

The vacation commences the twentieth day of July, and continues eight weeks.

Thanking you for your past kindness, and praying for God's blessing upon you, and yours, I subscribe myself, your humble servant

M. J. Hollister,
Clinton.

To Ezra Cornell,

Ithaca.

J. H. Robinson
2 May 65

Dear Cousin Ezra I
some time since received a
letter from thee at Albany
but I could do but little on
account of thy making a mistake
in directing it; by not putting
in the middle letter in my name
it went over town & as there is
7 or 8 of the name that call for
letters at Office, after a week or 2
it came to hand opened & the
bill minus, so I could do but little
in the premises.

We are all well except myself. I
have not been well since I was
sick last summer, thee will remem-
ber I was not well when at
your house; I have a sort of kidney
complaint, just able to keep about
but attend to no business

There is a great rush to the oil
regions in Penn. & among others
My Cousin Mary Ann Chase
(that was) now Coleman is going to
start a boarding house; it is said
to be very good business \$12 a week.
They expect to go in about a month.
Saml. is as honest a man as in
Rockster & his wife a remarkable
smart go ahead person & I believe
will succeed if they can get started.
They lack means to start with &
I think they will succeed. Will.
send them a few hundred dollars
for a few months.

My love & respects to you all

Rockster May 2 1865

John H Robinson

H. D. Phillips Jr
2 May 65

Woodland May 2nd 1965

Mr Cornell;

Dear Sir;

Your favor dated Albany Feb 17th just came to hand yesterday. The detention was owing to its being misdirected, not hearing from you before & knowing I directed my letter right - I consoled myself with the idea perhaps you was not at home, you would receive it in due time & would answer at your earliest convenience. You stated you thought you would in this spring crop of calves just what I wanted both Bull & Heifer of different families

As you ~~would~~ rather
I would see the calves before
I purchased them, I think
very probable I will be at your
place ~~was~~ the last of June
or the first of July. at any
rate I want you to reserve for
me two of as good stock calves
as can be had. for color
I would like equally as much
red as white of a handsome
strawberry roan —

Believe me your
friend &c

Henry D. Phillips Jr

P.O. Address

Port-Murcr

Murcr Co

N. J. —

J. C. Sheldon
3 May 65

Mr Ezra Cornell

My dear Sir,

I wrote you some days
since directed to Albany, but
fearing that the hurry of the
closing sessions of the Legislature
may have caused my letter to
be overlooked I write you again
I see by the papers that you
have told your young son
to go to England, Now if I
can have time to get one or
two of my briefs written before
he leaves I should be very glad
to do so I am ready to send
him a receipt of dispatch
to forward him.

You mentioned being doing so
last winter but the cable being

made it impracticable.

Please advise me as soon as
you receive this very much

Obliged

Yours sincerely

James O. Sully

Liverpool May 3^d 1875,

Rev A. Brown
3 May 65

Arise May 2. 1865.

My Dear Sir:

Since I wrote you from
Harona the Trustees of the People's College,
the portion of them living near the
Institution, have had a meeting to
consider on matters pertaining to them.

They have resolved on keeping their
school in being for the present term,
which will cost some ten weeks yet;
though Mr. Cook refuses to take any
responsibility about it. They also re-
solved on ascertaining from the Regent
of the University ~~what~~ what amount of
money will be required to complete
their undertaking. - I came from Ha-
rona on Monday. The Rev informed
me that, though he knew Mr. Cook
but; on every faithful as to Mr. C. &
doing any thing more for the College,

or of their being able to do any thing to
purpose without him.

My judgment is that you have
best organized the Cornell University
to resolve your plans as soon as practi-
cable without reference to Moore -
I have no doubt - that if a College
is to be built in Western N.Y. to pro-
vide for the hardy graduates to be at
Ithaca. Every thing goes to demonstrate
that Mr. Cook is to be built.

I have written you as above has
come I suppose you would like
him to know the actual things at
Ith. - I purpose to remain here for
the present - & shall be glad to learn
at the proper time what you purpose
to do respecting the University.

I am, Dear Sir,

Very respectfully,

Yours &c

Amos Bronson.

Wm Ezra Cornell -

UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,
Secretary's Office,

ALBANY, *May 4* 1865

Hon. Ezra Cornell,

My dear Sir,

If I recollect
right, I handed you some weeks
since a paper containing the
description of a plan for a
new Capitol. I may be called
on at any time for it, and
will therefore thank you to
return it to me at your
convenience. The Agents
have not yet been called on
to fix the amount of the deposit
- it to be made by the Trustees
of the People's College. With
great respect, I am, very truly,
Yours &c., S. B. Woodward.

Albany May 4. 1865.
Hon. E. Cornell
Ithaca N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Alfred Farr
of this City is about buying some
property here and offers in part
payment your Bond for \$7000.00
Dated Nov. 4. 1864, and payable
within one year. My client
desires an assurance from you
that the bond is a valid security,
and that you will pay it at
maturity. By furnishing
information to that effect you
will much oblige

Yours truly
W. J. Kelley
W.

Lewistown May 4 1865
Hon E. Cornell
Dear Sir

I enclose of an
A. B. for amount fees for des-
patches for me. Please excuse
me for forgetting to replace it
sooner.

I have a few copies of Transac-
tions of Am. Institute & of the Agri-
cultural Society. which ought to be
distributed throughout the County.
If you can do this better than
I, they are at your service.
Yours truly
H. B. Lord

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

No. 1.]

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To Hon. E. Cornell

Ithaca 5th May 1865

Ithaca

By Telegraph from Rochester 5th 1865

I am informed that the
U. S. Co are negotiating for the Fortmanaburg and
Seneca Falls Line - If of any importance to us you
must see to it immediately - He must leave the
matter with you

O. H. Palmer

Seay

A True Copy.

"1. Resolved, That the time for raising the sum of \$25,000 (Twenty-Five thousand dollars) by the people of Albion and vicinity towards the Endowment Fund of Albion College, be extended to the 16th day of the present month, May 1865.

"2. Resolved, That a Committee of Three be appointed to decide upon the fulfillment of the conditions of said subscription to the Endowment Fund at the time above specified, and that, if said conditions be not then fulfilled, proper measures be immediately taken by said Committee to obtain bids from other villages or cities of this State ^{to secure} ~~for securing~~ the location of this College in their midst."

I hereby certify that the above is a true Copy of Resolutions passed by the Board of Trustees of Albion College on the Fourth day of May 1865, as recorded on page 53 of the Journal of said Board.

Witness my hand, and the Seal of Albion College this 5th day of May 1865

By order of the Board, Geo. B. Jocelyn Secy
Board of Trustees Albion College

Mon E. Cornell

Painesville May 5. 1865

J^{fr}

The Suit at Corkstown still hangs on
Judge Campbell, Doubrys atty, said to me this winter
he despaired of making the title perfect to the 40 acres -
At all times previous he had deemed confident he could
get & even had good title - Now therefore there is possibility
of effecting some arrangement by compromise - Unless
we do this Doubrys can do nothing, and we can get
no title except possession under the Contract - In law
we can claim to have the money we have paid
refunded, and sell the lands to pay it but shall
be required to account for rents and profits - Always
difficult to get at and doubly so here -

Dr McConaughy went off and abandoned his works -
In law he forfeited all claim to them I suppose - & yet
lawyers are not quite agreed on it - Last Summer M. C.
Johnson & Co attached the works on a claim against M. C.
& Co. & it was only when their Court was in session at
the term they could take judgement I found it out - I
notified Johnsons & they have not returned yet to sell
Now what shall we do? I do not care to hold

an interest in a property not having good title, and
It is quite doubtful it is true if a Claimant soon appears
for the 40 acres - It is nearly certain now well, unless at
some day the land has more value as coal land but we
^{sell to advantage} can now. Last fall & winter nearly all the oil works were
broken up - & the iron sold for old iron - Two parties
however have been operating at two of them - They come
from Boston map: & St. Bedford and use the oil for some
purpose and in some way they do not disclose -

One of them proposed to buy the McConaghy works
if we would give him a right to take coal for 10 years
at a low figure - say highest named 10 cents ft. ton - They
do not like his proposition because he refused to be bound
to take out daily any given quantity - & we do not like
to tie it all up for 10 years - He has now gone to
Pittsburgh to examine some other property - Unless he likes
that at Pitts: better he offers \$2000. for Doherty farm including
works - we asked him - 5000 - The works are worth
or rather he would pay say \$400 for them - That some
will not pay present attachments on them against Mc,
& Co. & but due us on book - To get out of it without
loss therefore we should have to discount on balance
due Doherty say \$1000 to \$1800 and I do not know what
can be done with the obstinate old copper head -

If we all agree however that it is better to have

a ~~to~~ compromise - and sell - I think this Boston man is
our chap and that we can save ourselves better than
in any other way - in which Whitley concurs - Now what
do you say? - Our talk about selling with all parties has
been to except the 40 acres from covenants of warranty &
seizin - Mr. Thirk the Boston man is a close, tedious
slow Yankee - but I believe he wants and means to have
this property if he can get it at what he considers fair -
He would prefer to buy only north half or some less -

We arranged with him to write you - If you
agreed with us, one of us would go to Cohasset & try
to sell all up & sell. unless we heard from Thirk that
he declined - Please therefore answer as early as practi-
cable - If you think with us, it will save time if you
simply telegraph us so - or otherwise ^{if you disagree say so -} and write at your
leisure - All the hurry is Thirk is now inclined this way
& it is better to do what we do before some other property
is offered him -

Yours truly

U. W. Oxborn

U. S. Assay Office

New York May 6, 1865.

Dear Sir,

I have your letter of the 4th inst., and am glad to learn that you & Col. Johnson can be here on Wednesday the 10th inst.

I will notify a meeting of the Ex. Committee of the Mining Commission for that day, at 12½ P.M. at my Office, Treasury Building Cor. Wall & Nassau Sts.

I write by this mail to Col. Johnson.

Very respectfully

Geo. F. Dunning
Sec.

Hon. E. Cornell,
Ithaca,
N. Y.

P.E. Saturday
— 3 P.M.

Mr Armstrong
after consulting
with his Brother
Dr Agmatrony
has concluded
to take the Bull
at Greenpeace.
I will drop for him
early in the week
— He telegraphs to you
now to that effect
H.P.

J. A. King,
May 6th 1865

The Honble

Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

Samaria L. I.
May 6th 1865

As you are now probably quietly at home, after a service in the Senate of the State, always honorable to yourself, and now, in an especial manner distinguished by your munificent endowment of the University which bears your name; you will I trust, allow me to express to you, my high sense of the nobility of the gift, and the great and beneficent results which must ever flow from its acceptance and administration. I shall watch with great interest the establishment and progress of the Cornell University, as the great peaceful event, which marks the closing scenes of the

of the rebellion among us. An
event, which must ever be honored
by the people of this State, and
cherished in the memory of your family
and friends, among whom, I desire to be
considered. With kind regards to Mrs.
Cornell, who shares in your honors,

I remain

Very truly yours

John A. King

Gro J Pumpelly
May 6. 65
Bull

1865.

Progs May 6
Hon. C. Cornell

Dear Sir

Mr Armstrong

My Son - went
to New York yesterday
to rent a Bull from
your Son - but finds
to his great disappointment
that you have given up
the System -

The Bull your

John agreed to sell
to him for \$400. - please
him exceedingly - but
goes beyond his means.
Unless he can get his
neighbors in your
County, (Caroline) to join
him - I write now
to ask for him the favor
of a few days - say next
week. or untill Thursday
or Friday - to make up
his party -

As I presumed
that you would like

to have ^{the Bull} Stationed near
you & still to be owned
partly in your County
I encouraged Mr. Armstrong
to feel pretty sure. that
you would give him
the time & opportunity
he asks for -

I need hardly say
to you. that had not
all my stock raising
here. been broken up.
- I should have not
hesitated a moment.

to purchase. So valuable
an Animal as yours.
at so convenient a point
and at so reasonable
a price —

You will please
write me in answer
Yours (Warwick)
Wm. Hempel.

P.S. I believe your son gave
a promissory until Monday
and if he cannot give beyond
that day. please tell me
Yours

Office American Compound Co.

New-York May 6. 1865.

Hon. Ezra Cornell
Ithaca.

Dear Sir.

C. B. Keller Esq. of Danby
in your County, has desired us to call your attention to an
Agricultural subject of World-Wide importance, as well
as one of great National interest.

I ^{do not} write a word here on the subject of
the "Potato Blight & Rot", explanations are briefly made
in the Certificates attached to the inclosed Circular.

I have made the matter one of Special invest-
-igation and experiment for thirteen years.

^{Amind} There is no language can convey to the
what is revealed by the vision, unfolded by the
Microscope. The inclosed Card will direct you
where you can witness the destructive work of these
myriads numbers of Insects. - also the the tiny eggs and
the embryo stages of development, scattered in perforations
and secured on the Potatoes by a kind of slime or
mucoliginous substance.

The Compound to destroy ~~the~~ these enemies of the Crops
is worth \$1.00 - per Tun. About 800th for an acre - or \$4.50 Per. Bbl.

We send you to-day two envelopes with Circulars
&c. giving a few particulars of the beginning of our Compound.

Yours Very Respectfully
Lyman Reed Vice President

This \$2000. to be paid
over to Nehemiah Merrill
or his son Jacob Merrill
on delivery of Warranty
Deed of House & Lot in
DeRuyter village. which
I purchased of S. Merrill
and evidence from clerk
of the County that the
title is free from in-
cumbence -

E. Correll

Syracuse May 8, 65

\$1300. Mortgage appears on abstract to
be unsatisfied

Junksville May 3th
Mr Cornell

Please send
St Valentine down here
by ^{my} man and i would
like to know how you
have been in the habit
of feeding him, please
send me a bill of sale
also yours respectfully

Wm H Armstrong

Nails Gate Orange County New York
May 8th 1865.

Hon Victor M Rice
Secy Board Trustees
of the Cornell University
Albany New York

Dear Sir

In compliance with the Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Cornell University requesting me to report what in my opinion would be "the best method of managing and disposing of the Land Script" which the Board propose to purchase of the Comptroller of the State of New York, I beg leave to reply. That in my opinion, the largest sum of money can be realised to the Institution by locating the Warrants upon the Vacant Lands of the United States, and holding those Lands for sale at a future day at ^{such} an advanced price, as the demand for them will be sure to warrant, at the same time it may be advisable to dispose of some of them by other methods in order to realise money for immediate use and for the payment of current expenses.

My statements are based upon a successful prosecution of the Land business for a period of seventeen years, and although I cheerfully furnish the results of my experience, to enable your Board to form a correct judgment with the actual facts before them, I may be excused for asking that this communication of my private business be considered confidential. . . Before the conclusion of the Mexican War, I had control of a large number of Soldiers Land Warrants, and had advised my correspondents that extensive sales of them could

be made in the City of New York at rates averaging about eighty Cents per acre. In the Spring & Summer of 1848, on a falling market, great numbers of them were remitted to me for sale, and drafts drawn against them for the amount. It therefore became my duty to save my correspondents and myself, if possible, from loss. Accordingly I made a journey to the West, and spent three months investigating the subject which now engages the attention of your Board. viz "the best method of managing and disposing of the Land scrip" or Land Warrants as they are generally called. This resulted in the following action. First I sold as many of them as I could for cash at eighty ~~cents~~ seven and a half Cents.
an acre, ~~and~~ while the price was eighty Cents and under in New York, and before they declined at the West. I then commenced Secondly Locating for Settlers. These are the pioneers of the frontier, of the Daniel Boone class, who find themselves crowded when the real settlers come near enough to negotiate for & buy out their improvements. These men preempt Lands under act of Congress and hold possession without payment for one year, at the expiration of this time, they have no money, and make the best bargain they can with some ^{one} able to buy the land, with their consent, and who will, on taking title, give them a "Bond for a deed" which they can sell and transfer. For this they will agree to pay Government price for the Land and Interest, with sometimes a bonus to cover expenses. These contracts are usually made payable in one and two years, and are fulfilled with great promptitude, as the time allows an industrious man

full time to pay for the land with the crops raised thereon. If from any cause the settler abandons his contract, the land can always be sold shortly after at a considerable advance as such selections are invariably good ones, the frontiersman having the first choice, though he is not always governed by influences which yield the largest profit. I have found third-rate and rejected lands, not being suited for the plow, desirable for profit, when near town sites or mill privileges or containing natural meadows (marshes) stone quarries &c. The first settler is followed by the small farmer with moderate means who begins the improvements of the country, it is he who works the roads, builds school houses and fences his own lands, During his advent the lands are all taken from the Government and increase in price to five and even ten dollars an acre which brings me to Thirdly, locating land to be held for future sale. After the public lands are all taken up "on speculation" as it is termed. The old inhabitants are anxious to buy and with that view endeavor to keep the price down, but never succeed for any period.

By reference to the statement hereto annexed marked A. containing the actual results of the location of my first twenty five warrants not selected, but taken in their order, and presenting a fair average of my transactions, embracing nearly ~~every~~ all the variety of cases that occur in the land business, it will be seen that the business produces a very

considerable profit after paying all outlay, taxes and interest. The profitable sales are made after holding the land about six or eight years, though sales are often made before at less prices. The two cases of lands unsold No 8. and No 21 are each now in a thriving well settled farming country with stores, mills, churches, schools and even Rail-Roads not far distant. No 8 is under cultivation partly fenced and has a house upon it. The occupant has the right to buy it at \$2400. These twenty five tracts yielded all the money needed to pay expenses of location and taxes within one year.

X Faith and Patience are necessary to the success of any great undertaking. There are periods of depression in the land business when the timid become discouraged and the bold hesitate to make new investments. One of these occurred in 1857 during the California gold excitement and emigration when much cultivated Western land could be bought at government price. Another (produced by the late Rebellion and the withdrawal of a large number of the Western pioneers from land hunting into the service of government) is just subsiding, to be followed by another "rush for land" all along our frontier. Millions of dollars have been laid up by our Soldiers to be invested in land on their return from the War. I could wish therefore that your Land Script was already located, and recommend that no time be lost in beginning the work, as soon as it may be legally done, for with reasonable industry it will take several years to make judicious selections for the large number of Warrants held by the Comptroller, and

the expenses will be increased with the farther distance from the seaboard^x. Referring to my statement A. it will be seen that I have made a full allowance for the cost of warrants, appraising the price at eighty cents per acre, and a corresponding estimate for expenses in 1848 intended also to cover travelling expenses but no charge for my own time and services. but this difference is made up in the lower cost of your script, estimated at fifty cents an acre. I am prepared to say that the whole expense now of selection, location, description, plain maps, registers fees, Agents fees, travelling expenses, transcripts, arrangement and entries in proper books and Superintendents services, can all be done in a faithful manner for thirty cents an acre, thus making your land cost not exceeding eighty cents an acre, this however will not include Books, blanks & stationery, Office rent or Clerk hire. I have also stated the sums actually paid out by me for taxes, with the interest thereon, as well as the interest upon the Cost of Warrant at 80 Cents, and upon the expenses, as these expenses were paid out when the warrants were located,

In the case of "location for settlers" the interest received was greatly in excess, estimated upon the amount of the sale, above that upon the cost.

The expenses of location now will be increased somewhat by higher travelling and Hotel expenses and by the advance in wages, skilled men too having learned the value of their services expect larger pay, and a greater distance must be travelled to find choice lands. With these facts before them your Board can judge whether the location of the Land
script

can be made advantageous to your Institution

My opinion is that ^{by} the purchase of the State land script and a judicious location upon the public lands a fund will ultimately be furnished for all your wants, to erect your buildings, make improvements, and produce a permanent fund, the income of which will carry on the University to all future time, even if you are unable to receive the benefit of the act of Congress of July 2^d 1862. It will require a little more time to begin the improvements, but it is only a question of time and good management, the first provides for its own lapse, and the second lies entirely with yourselves.

The undertaking is a large one, but its organization is simple and as easily understood as the management of a Bank. Maps, descriptions, Records of transactions and Books of entry with full details should be prepared and kept, such as any intelligent business man can comprehend on examination. Your Board need not therefore hesitate to undertake the enterprise on account of its magnitude.

I have said but little about Taxes. they will be increased somewhat above former rates. The land-dealer should pay these cheerfully as the Merchant pays his Store rent, without them, the Land will not increase in value. Invite the working of Roads and building of schoolhouses. An additional tax for such purposes of twenty Cents an acre, adds one dollar to the saleable value of the land. Taxes in a new Country are evidences of thrift and advancement and as they increase, lands rise.

With the proffer of further information on
this subject and with my fervent wishes for
the prosperity of the Cornell University
I am Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt.

W. A. Woodward

Schedule A.

Statement of the location and sale of Land
Warrants, with Cost, expenses, Interest and Taxes,
Amount sold for, and profit on each, with dates
of Entry and Sale, by W. A. Woodward

No.	date of entry & sale	Amount.			
1	January 11/48.				
	Sold February 27/56 for	1000 00			
	Interest thereon	<u>177 66</u>			
		1177 66			
	Cost. Warrant	128 00			
	locating & agents	25 00			
	Taxes	67 11			
	Interest	<u>141 24</u>			
	profit.	\$ 816 31			
2	Entered January 11/48				
	Sold August 5/56.	1000 00			
	Cost as above	220 11			
	Interest.	<u>148 44</u>			
	profit.	\$ 631 45			
3	Entered January 11/48				
	Sold $\frac{1}{2}$ July 2/56	500 00			
	$\frac{1}{2}$ July 12/56	500 00			
	Interest	<u>111 20</u>			
		1111.20			
	Cost as above	220 11			
	Interest	<u>140 96</u>			
	profit	\$ 750.13			
4	January 11/48 sold July 2/56	1000 00			
	Cost & Interest	<u>366.07</u>			
	profit	\$ 638 93			
5	Entd Jan'y 11/48. sold Dec 19/55	800 00			
	Cost	220 11			
	Interest	<u>106 52</u>			
	profit.	\$ 473 37			

6 Aug²⁴/48
located for Settler 250 00
he paid Agts fees &c
Cost of Warrant 128 00
profit. \$ 122 00

7 August 8/48. Settler 212 15
Cost Warrant 128 00
profit \$ 84 15

8 Entered Aug⁸/48. Unsold
Value May 1/65 2400 00
Cost W^t & location 153 00
Taxes 128 97
Interest 262 31 546 28
profit. \$ 1855 72

9 August 5/48 Settler 250 00
Cost 128 00
profit \$ 122 00

10 August 3/48 Settler 250 00
Cost 128 00
profit \$ 122 00

11 Ent'd July 27/48
Sold Oct 15/58 } 2084 03
includes Interest }
Cost Warrant 128 00
Expense locating 25 00
Taxes 99 91
Interest 181 45 234 36
\$ 1649 67

12 March 18/48
Sold Feb 4 6/49 250 00
Cost W^t & Exp 153 00
Interest (notary) 9 81 162 81
profit \$ 87 19

13 March 23/48
Sold July 21/51. 272 00
Cost 153 00
profit. \$ 119 00

14 April 1/48. sold Apr 21/48 230 00
Cost 128 00
profit \$ 102 00

15 April 1/48 sold 280 00
Cost 128 00
profit \$ 152 00

16 April /48. sold 222 60
Cost. 128 00
profit. 94 60

17 June 27/48. Settler 326 40
He forfeited Contract & went to
California in 1851. the Land
remained on my hands. I paid
up arrears to Taxes & in 1855
sold 1/4 April 10/55 for 200 00
1/4 June 12/56. 245 00
1/2 Sept 22/57 468 90
Cost warrant & costs 153. 913 90
Taxes 71²⁶ Interest 125. 196 40 349 40
profit. \$ 564.50

18 Entered July 21/48. $\frac{1}{2}$ for Settler 60 00
 payable in two years with int
 he failed to comply & abandoned
 in 1851. I sold this $\frac{1}{2}$ Nov 17/54 for 240 00
 & the $\frac{1}{2}$ June 24/50. for 315 00
 555 00
 Cost warrant tax & interest 212 00
 profit. \$ 343 00

19 July 25/48. Settler 230 00
 warrant 128 00
 profit. \$ 102 00

20 July 25/48. Settler 230 00
 warrant 128 00
 profit. \$ 102 00

21 July 29/48. unsold Value 1600 00
 Cost wt & locating 153.00
 Taxes 214 32
 Interest 309 40 676 72
 profits \$ 923 28

22 July 29/48. Settler
 $\frac{1}{2}$ 121 95
 $\frac{1}{2}$ 160 30
 282 25
 Cost warrant 128 00
 profits \$ 154 25

23 July 31/48. Settler 234 00
 warrant 128 00
 profit. 106 00

24 July 31/48 Settler 240 00
 warrant 128 00
 profit \$ 112 00

25 July 31/48. sold June 21/54 1600 00
 Warrant & loc & tax 218 78
 Interest 77 04 295 82
 profit. \$ 1304 18

Recapitulation

1	361.35	1177 66
2	368.55	1000.00
3	361.07	1111 20
4	361.07	1000.00
5	326 63	800 00
6	128.00	250 00
7	128.00	212 15
8	unsold	544.28 2400 00
9	128.00	250 00
10	128.00	250 00
11	434.36	2084 03
12	162.81	250 00
13	153.00	272 00
14	128.00	230 00
15	128.00	280 00
16	128.00	222 00
17	349.40	913 90
18	212.00	555 00
19+20.	256.00	460 00
21	unsold	676.72 1600 00
22.23. & 24.	384.00	756 25
25	295 82	1600 00

17674.19
 6145 06
 profits on 25 Wth 1600 acy \$ 11531.13
 each.

Dated Nails Gate May 8th 1865
 W. A. Woodruff

How Eyr a Comer

My dear Sir.

I have yours of the 5th
inst. and will send you two
or three hifus in a day or two
by the Boat in Bay uga lake.
One of these hifus has been
send over. and may hold
the eldest one I have failed
to get in calf than thought
I would try a change of hifus
she is from Duchep 71st by
3^d Duke of Thundale

The white faced hifus is an
Oxford. the other 4th
Duchep. by Grand Duke of
Oxford from 1st Duke of
Geneva.

I am very happy to hear of the

sale of 3rd Lord of Exford.

Every thing that has gone from
this country so far has given
us great credit. The Duke
of Geneva has done famously
to have two or three of the
Bulls bred by Moore - and
hope your Bull will do as
well -

I was of course aware of
the amendment giving the
People College the 90 days but
I have no fear of their doing
any thing to secure the land
grant fund - I think you
have now the matter as you
want it -

The Commission to locate the
Indian Reservation got Ord on
Tuesday morning. I am
wishing Mr Joy to do as he

could to have the building in
good order & I hope there will
be no hesitation on their part
in selecting this ~~site~~ site.

So you return the sheep
thus at Canaan daigned on
the 10th & 11th

Sincerely Yours

James O. Sweeney

Geneva May 8th 1865,

Delaware House

Albany May 9, 65

My Dear Mary Ann

I reached here
this AM at 6 and leave
for NY at 7 PM per
St John.

Congress Hall is too much
of an uphill for one
day and hence I stop at
the old camp -

At Breakfast I met Sen
Sainbur, Lieut Gov Alvord-
busbury, Stewart of NY
& Wood of Syracuse. Frowl-
gar, making a pleasant
reunion.

Mr & Mrs. Olcott was my
company at dinner, Mrs
O looks better than I ever
before saw her, and

she sends lots of love
to you.

I write particularly
to have Frank reminded
to have the Plumbers
soft soaped. Thoroughly
I forgot to mention
it to him - It should
be done at once and
he should hire a man
who can work in the
garden & orchard all
the time for the next
3 months -

All well at Dr Bayte
and they all want
to see you very much.
I promised a visit in
July or August -

Ermy says they are
at Congress Hall, have
got lumber room, but
cant say long at \$40. per

week. This deduction
shows difference between
winter & summer prices -

The drawing for house
will be sent up in
a few days, will be
finished this week -

Atis said Mother
was going up with
him to make you
a visit -

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

Mary Ann

Temple Grove Inst.
May 9th 1865.

My dear sir,

I have deferred writing you, because I expected to see you & Mrs C. at the time of the funeral of the President, but failed to do so.

I have been successful in finding a place for Miss Davis's School, in the room just vacated by the removal of the boys academy, to another part of the town. Rev. Mr Broudfit is the owner, and gives it to her, on reasonable terms. I hope she will do well.

My experiment in taking the Emory boys, has satisfied me, that no boys, can ever be made to harmonize perfectly in a girls school, and my only motive was, the absolute necessity of adding to my means, in

order to meet the heavy debts
which must be paid this spring
of which Judge Cory spoke to you
and for your response to which
in the form of \$100 check, I am
deeply indebted.

My bills for this term are all
made out except some small
things, yet needed, which can
be paid for as they are received
if agreeable. I would like a check
for the amount as my drafts
are more than usually many.

Please say to Mrs Cornell, that
we have accomplished her wishes
in effecting, to a very large
extent, a separation between
little Ramsey, and her girls.

We are hoping to report the
girls as well, and doing well
in all respects.

Yours very sincerely
Arthur L. Beecher.

Temple Grove Institute

May 9th 1865

Hon Ezra Cornell

To Arthur L. Beecher Dr

To board and English tuition of daughters for Term ending June 27 th	240.00
To tuition in French two quarters.	20.00
To " " Oil Painting	40.00
" " " Music Emma	25.00
" Mrs of Piano for practice	6.00
" Extra for fire in room	12.00
" Heat in church	3.00
" Cash advanced to the girls	2.90
	\$ 348.90
Or by cash in advance	200.00
	148.90

Onondaga Valley May 10/65
Ira Gage Barnes Esq
Dear Sir

Henry informs me
that Mr. Cornell has left with
you \$2000. in dfts to my order
to be given to me upon my
delivering to you a satisfactory
explanation of the different
items of search & certificate of
the Clerk of Madison Co con-
-cerning the premises sold to
him in De Ruyter. I wrote
an explanation of them to Father
folks, but the letter was mislaid
and could not be referred to when
he was there, and it was agreed
to make you the medium of
transfer to accommodate Mr
Cornell who would be passing
through Syracuse. N^o 3

(~~the first incumbrance~~) ~~does not~~
~~affect~~ refers to the Elisha Parker
lot first deeded to Artemas
A. Reed which you may recollect
and does not affect N^o 1.

N^o 4th (the first incumbrance
mentioned) you will perceive
refers to the Tannery property
and some other but does not
cross the road to the premises
in question. N^o 6 & 7 refer to
the old furnace property
wholly on the south side
of the road running East
out of the Village.

If it is not burdening
you too much, please state
to him your knowledge of
of these locations and bounda-
ries, and deliver the search
and deed to him if he was
to call for them - if not

and he left it with you
to mail them to him please
do so enclosing this sheet
with your opinion of the mat-
ter added to it and we
will of course make all
right with you besides being
much obliged.

Yours truly
J. Merritt.

Syracuse N.Y. May 15. 1865

To E. Cornell Esqr

Ithaca N.Y.

Otis E. Wood junr

the enclosed paper (signed "E Cornell")
into my hands - with ~~deed~~ and
Drafts of \$2000.00 to deliver
to Jacob Merritt on receiving
a Deed and proper abstract of
Title of the premises in DeRuyter
which you lately purchased of
said Jacob Merritt & others - his Mother
and sisters &c. &c. over

The "Abstract of title" which Jacob Merritt says was shown to you lately in De Ruyter was defective in containing no description of certain premises once encumbered by a \$1300. # Mortgage from said Jacob Merritt to Benjamin Arnold — and no description of premises Deeded by "Elijah Ann Sutton to Artemus Reed" — See N^o 3 - Abstract of title.

That "Search" was returned to Clerk of Madison County, and the one herewith accompanying the Deed was furnished in lieu thereof.

This "Abstract of title" being full and sufficient in my judgment, to show an unincumbered title in the Merritts to the premises in question — I received the Deed, and handed over the \$2000. # as instructed. Hoping it will be satisfactory to you.

I am Very Truly, &c
Jas Gage Barnes

Hon E Cornell

Sir.

I hand you herewith a copy of a letter from Mr Steele Just of Monroe Co Wis., who understands the situation re of the lands in Monroe Co Wisconsin.

In remitting last year it seems that some deeds of mine which Mr Root held and had recorded and still has, were omitted to be redeemed last year and that it still can be done.

These recorded deeds are of three different dates and times, two of them to me and one of yourself -

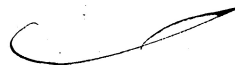
Many persons former owners have been redeeming from time to time these lands leaving only a portion for us to take care of.

I should be pleased if you would have Mr Steele consulted as to the lots still unredeemed so as to make the title good at this date and remit for the same. Mr Root is conversant with the whole matter. He has a charge for recording my deeds. If he were paid this he would turn in and straighten the whole thing

I am Sir,

Yours obedt Servt;

10229 Broadway
New York May 10/86.



Sparta Wis. July 23 1864

A Beebe Esq. Dear Sir. Mr G. H. Root handed
me your letter to answer. Much of your land
is deedable from the fact that we sent you in
1863 the amount of taxes on your lands
mentioned in deeds held by G. H. Root at the
time and no understanding about your
other deeds already on record. If you desire to
send the money to redeem all of your lands
that now stand liable to deed, you can do
so and we will send certificates of redemp-
tion. You have a large tract in this Co and
must expect to meet a large amount of taxes
while you let them run three or four years
at 25 ¢ per Anno inst. If you redeem at
the time of the first sale, you can pay two
years for the same amount that you now
pay for one

Yours truly;

J. D. Steele

Collector Mon. Co

A. Beebe
May 10. 65

Hon. E Cornell

Dear Sir

I submit for your consideration particulars of some inventions made within about two years past some of which are likely to prove highly important and some of which have been published in the papers.

First the manufacture of paper and pulps by the use of comleaves, cornhusks, silk of corn cat-tails and the milk-weed ball or any of them.

Second. the use of Petroleum, residuums and their distillations including Paraphines, for making soaps and coloring the same to be used for different purposes and for cleansing all kinds of woollens, and all staples and goods and the bleaching and cleansing of the same by adding Benzine in the soap or the water. Also for Fuller's use.

Third. The use of Petroleum &c in the manufacture of all kinds of paints of various colors ^{will cost about 8 cents} to be packed in kegs or barrels. and thus put up.

Fourth. the manufacture of fuel and intense heat for locomotives, smelting, steam &c by the use of the residuums of Petroleum and fine coal dust, sawdust &c pressed in the shape of brick.

I have lately made arrangements with a large house here to advance me five cents per pound on soaps which will cost about four cents, and to sell them on my account as Commission Merchants, they being manufactured of residuum &c.

I fear they will take advantage of me if I
do not have my patents. the first advance
required to patent will be \$20 per patent.
I should like to file for five immediately
and assign you the patents as security for
advances made and already to be made.

If you have a friend ready, you could place
him with me on shares of profits for five years.

Very Respectfully,

your obed^t Serv^t;

10229 Broadway
New York May 10 1865

ABM

A. Barber
May 10. 65
not answered
etc.

544 Broadway N.Y.
May 10/65

Dear Sir:

Has the matter of
calling for Plans &c. for the new
University been decided - I addressed
you some time ago & received your
answer that the competition would
meet with your consideration -

Lawrence O'Walk
Architect -

Hon Ezra Cornell

May 10 1865

Cousin Ezra

I have written you three letters and this is the fourth informing you that I have never received that Draft that you informed me you directed your Son to forward to me and have not heard a word from you with reference to it. now I should like to know why it does not come I am very much in need of it. I shall have 50 Acres of grain growing in a few days one half of which ~~is mine~~ but it is no help to us until after Harvest. Consequently we need the money more now than we shall then. If it is not coming I would like to be informed and I will try to make different arrangements we are all well

Your Truly Wm J Shephard

P. Macy
10 May 65

'85

Rochester May 10th
E. Cornell
Dear Sir

Yours of the
5th. came to hand in
due time, but I was in
Mich. at the time and
consequently did not get
it till I returned, which
was yesterday morning.

You wish to know why
I sold the place, because
I thought I could sell it
at good advantage, and
avoid necessary expense
in the way of repairs,
which were very much
needed, Mr. Kingsley
the Purchaser, gave me
Eight Hundred dollars, (\$800)

worth of stock in the
Titus Oil Company, which
have been paying a div-
idend of two percent a
month for over a year,
and is considered here
by Oil Men as good stock,
They have two flowing wells
on the Story Farm, on Oil
Creek, which average
about three hundred
barrels per day,

He also assumes the
Mortgage you hold
on the place, and
says he would like to
take it up this summer
if you do not object,
I am very much
Obliged to you for the kind-
ness shown me in lending
the money, and I felt

that by making the change
it would be paid up
sooner, perhaps, than I
could do it,

I hope you will find
the letter which contained
the money,

I have been
under treatment with
Dr White of Buffalo,
about three months
and I am pleased to
say that my health
has been better this
spring than before in
a long time, he advises
a change of business, and
more open air exercise,
I have been on the watch
for some new occupation,
but have not been
successful so far,

I have been to the Peru
Oil Springs, and to
Michigan, and now I
am at home hoping
something may turn up
to suit my inclination.

I would like some
light employment which
would be reasonably re-
munerative, till the
first of Oct next when
I shall again resume my
regular business,

I should be pleased to hear
from you when convenient,
If you are in Rock any time
please call on us if it
suits you ~~convenience~~ ^{convenience} to do so,

With much respect

I Am, Yours

Philander Macy

E Cornell Esqr

4 2780 - Sir D. 9/11382,
L. L. Series 13737 - Lydia L by D. 9/11382 Saviour by D. O. Cornell (3557)
Lily by Brutus (1752) Violet by Fitzgerald (1060) Festrus by Cat
(1794) Verbena by son of Wellington (679) from the
hand of Mr Robertson of Sady Hill

Barron. of. G. 3560

Glathurst May, 10/65,

Mr. Cornell.

Sir

I heard to day that
you have a choice breed of cattle. If
you have a Bull, about a year old or older,
for sale, please write and state price and
age.

Yours &c.

Joseph S. Story.

Address

Joseph S. Story,
Atlantic Dock Co.,
New York City.

offered 1 year old bull
from Lily Langrish for \$200.

Saint Louis May 11th 1865.

Mr Barnall

Sir

Observing in the paper a notice of the immense sums expended by You in benevolent donations; I can not but hope that Your heart will ~~not~~ be accessible to the claims of individual adversity, and misfortune. The necessities of My Children must prove My apology for intrusion - I have never been robust but the arduous exertions I have been compelled to make from unfortunate & peculiar domestic circumstances, have induced aneurism & neuralgia of the heart - which at times is so violent as to render me almost helpless - but the claims of My darling Children are

are so imperative - that I have
conquered pride - I had almost said
delicacy in thus asking aid -
My daughter teaches in a daily School
- ~~also~~ Music - but yet - with our
most strenuous endeavours we cannot
keep want from the door - He who
should be our support, alas - talented
intellectual though he is - has yielded
to the tempting glass - and therefore my
efforts to procure him employment
have proved ineffectual - and his
Year (being 60) leaves little hope of re-
form - Had I only limited means - that
I could procure some agreeable arti-
cles I might obtain a more eligible house
and by taking boarders - at least fur-
nish food & clothing for the precious
ones dependent upon me - Will You
not listen to my appeal and render
me the help I implore - The world
will not hear of the loan demanded

but the comfort it will give
to those so greatly in need of it -
with the gratitude they will ever
cherish - & the approval of Your ~~own~~
heart surely will be some slight
reward. Should I become more pros-
perous - gratitude will impel me to repay
that which I shall only regard as a
loan - May kind Heaven incline
You to afford the help - urgent need
alone - induces me to solicit -

Very respectfully
Mrs C. M. G.

Mariah Booth
May 11, 55

{ Nevada City Gilpin County
Colo^{do} Territory May 11 1865

Hon. E. Cornell

Dear Cousin

Before leaving Wis. in the Spring of 1862 we rec^d a letter from you in which you solicited us to write you after reaching our destination which we then thought would be California

Wishing to acknowledge the continued receipt of the Ottawa Journal & to thank you for the favor I will write from here

We may not go any farther west but return after a season to Wis. which I would much prefer At present the health of our family is good & we find our stay here passably comfortable You may remember we have three daughters the eldest Mrs ^{who} Perry of Lancaster Wis. still remains there

Our second—Sarah whom we left
in 1862 with Mrs Noy & the youngest
Lillian who accompanied me to Col.

Since we came here Lillian has married
a Mr J. Tielland of Jackson Minn. &
gone there to reside & Sarah has joined
us here.

My parents were well at last dates
(April 14th) & other friends with the ex-
ception of one sister.

We often see your name in the "Journal"
& of late in connection with a noble
enterprise. I likewise saw your name
in this connection last winter in the N.Y.
Tribune. That any nearly or remotely con-
nected with us should employ so worth-
— by the gifts of fortune is cause of just
pride & congratulation.

While few could emulate the example
many might appreciate the generous
impulses which prompt to such a noble
course. While the consciousness of having
conferred large benefits upon our race &

Country will cheer the winter of age
it will awaken gratitude to the Bestower
of all good.

About two weeks since I sent
a box of "specimens" by a gentleman who
resides in Providence R.I. He will take
~~them~~ there & forward them to you from
that city. It would have been great-
— if I could forward a larger & better selected
assortment & thus make them more worthy
of your acceptance. Our limited means
prevented the addition of some fine nuggets
which we very much desired to purchase.

My husband belongs to that numerous
class—unsuccessful men. Though steady
& applying himself closely yet unable
to contemplate approaching age with feelings
of serenity. Yet we have much to
awaken gratitude in the affection of our
dear children & trust as we decline the
vale of years a kind Providence will
supply all our need.

Events of public importance have so

crowded the past few months
as almost to overwhelm. The

Fall of Charleston & Richmond was com-
municated by telegraph to this remote region
but a few hours after the events trans-
pired & ~~celebrated~~ celebrated with such
demonstrations as were at hand.

Ringings of church bells & shriek-
ing of fifty steam whistles in concert.

But joy was soon changed to grief
& the city & country which but a
short time since presented such an
illuminated aspect was draped in
mourning & all business suspended.

Yet may we not hope that
this sad event may be overruled
for good by the Great Ruler of the
world & human progress & liberty
suffer no detention thereby.

After a night of years there
are signs of morning - may the
perfect day soon beam upon our
land & even on our southwest.

border where looms up now
a cloud of war may all soon
be peace. Our beloved country
may then consistently ask the
blessing of Heaven & hope for it
being cleansed from that foul
blot slavery on whose altar so
many victims have been sacrific-
ed

I intended to attempt some
description of Col. so far as my ob-
servation extends but will only
detain you a few moments.

We are about forty miles N. W.
of Denver in this Territory & one or two
miles west of Central City the county
seat of Gilpin County & in altitude
about 8000 feet above the level of the
sea. Denver is at the base of the moun-
tains & is a place of considerable trade.

In the valleys of streams & at
the base of the mountains are
many farms but all depend upon

upon irrigation The soil produces produces bountifully where it has been tested all varieties of grain & roots A very nutritious grass is found very generally here furnishing food for stock when not covered by snow & more desirable than hay through the winter.

Some attention is being paid to sheep & the raising of fruit but these branches of husbandry are not yet tested sufficiently to base an opinion upon.

In the mountains obtaining & separating gold from other substances by various processes is the chief business At present owing to various causes business has declined & many companies have temporarily suspended business Many quartz mills are in process of erection & any amount of machinery is enroute for the mines & the coming season

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is expected to be a busy one Improved methods of working the mines & of saving gold result satisfactorily & a rich return is expected from expenditures now being made These mountains are rich with precious metals all intelligent observers unite in this opinion.

Among our acquaintances are some upon whom fortune frowned as darkly as upon us at an earlier period but who now have become millionaires by the sale of claims in eastern cities.

Some fraudulent proceedings have brought mining property into disrepute in the east & together with the oil mania produced a decline in sales but after a season it is expected to become more active.

The resources of Col. Ter. are yet undeveloped when the Pacific R. Road is completed or completed as far as

here a new era will dawn
upon the country I have no
doubt With this I send a copy of
the "Daily Register" & should be glad
to send others but for the law
which makes the sending so expen-
sive I have not heard very re-
cently from uncles Miller & Robert
Chace Uncle John Earle of Swanzeny
Mass. died about one year since
as I doubt not you are informed
Cousin Benj. C. Earle is now in Sav-
enport Iowa

I send a few botanical
specimens ^{which} although imperfect may
interest your daughter somewhat
My husband reads the Journal
with interest & admires the loyal spirit
breathed from its columns

Yours please accept our thanks
for your kindness with our united
good wishes for yourself & wife &
children

Very Truly Yours

Marier Booth

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2, Ansdell St. Wapping,

Liverpool, 5. 12 1865.

Friday M.

My dear Sir:

I happened to meet Mr. McAllister, the manager of the National Steam Ship Comp. this morning at the Station. I took the opportunity of enquiring about getting the Bull over from New York in one of their boats. He said that it can be done provided some one is sent with it to take care of it - as I did not know what your views were on that point I could not say more about it. He promised that when you are ready he will write to the agents in New York and have the matter arranged there, so

let me know when you are ready to run.

We got home comfortably this morning. although it was rather crowded and the ladies had to dispose of their crinolines in rather an unusual fashion - We had a very pleasant evening -

Yours very sincerely

Wm. Musgrave

Bank of Auburn
12 May, 1865

Dear Sir

The State having failed
to perfect the proposed arrangement
by Gov Wright for the purchase of
the Fort Myron Water power - We now
feel at liberty to negotiate with other
parties for its sale. We have applied
for the purchase of the property, but not at
a figure ^{to satisfaction} that would ^{be satisfactory}. Respectfully Yours

J. J. Saunders
Jr.

How Ezra Cornell

Lebanon N.H.

May 12th 65

Esq. Cornell Esq.

Dear Sir:

I wish to say a few words to you on a delicate subject, which if too important I beg you will pardon me. To be brief I am a poor boy and almost friendless. I wish to obtain a good education to fit me for the stern duties of life. ~~For~~ to obtain that I want money. I ask you will you help me in that way.

You have been pleased to bestow upon you a goodly portion of this world's goods. Surely then you would never mind by helping one like myself. Will you do so?

Yours Respectfully

R. E. Collins

Lebanon N.H.

Wheeling West Va
May 10th 1863

How Ezra Cornell

My Dear Sir

Having read in
the National-Intelligencer, of your great kindness
to the poor and needy - I thought that I
would intrude myself on your notice
hoping that one with so kind a heart will
extend their sympathy to a lone orphaned
Girl. I have always longed for an
education, but alas, was never to obtain it,
my Dear Parents died while I was quite
young, my Father was a poor country
farmer - not able to send me to school
since I have gotten along the best way

I could through the kindness of friends
now I feel that I would like to make a
respectable living for myself and not
impose on good nature any longer.
I am constitutionally very delicate yet for
no hard labour; and I have thought
if kind providence would only provide
me with the means, that I would
study music of which I have some
little knowledge - and a great passion
for, so that I could teach it afterwards.
Now my Dear Sir please to pardon
me for intruding myself on your
notice - but may your heart be awakened
to my interest, and in giving so much
to the poor do please bestow something on
one who truly needs it - and will forever &
ever bless you. do not I beg you throw this
letter aside and think no more about
it. Oh no, please read it and decide in
my favor; do not my good Mr Corbelle think
me an impostor. You are the first one

I ever asked for a suppliant; for I thought
after reading the Paper, such a noble heart
was worth appealing too, and one of your
immense wealth would never miss it
and O how it would gladden my orphaned
heart, there is no one for me to turn to
I have no father or brothers.

When you read
this poor little letter, will you please
answer it? so that I may know that
you received it any way. It seems like
presumption on my part - to address a
strange gentleman of your standing -
but I feel that you will be a friend
to the fatherless, so sincerely hoping to
hear from you soon, I remain

very respectfully your humble
Reader Ethelie Pugh