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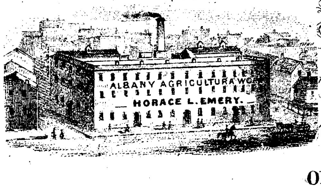

Lith. of Lewis & Goodwin, Albany, N.Y.

ALBANY, N.Y. Aug 11th 1865

Mr Ezra Cornell
Fall River Mass—

Dear Sir your esteemed favor came duly to hand containing Blank note in good time — I used it at the Mechanics & Farmers Bank as the City Bank did not quite like to pass it this month on account of having the New York Cen Rail Road Dividends to pay — Mr Martin the Cashier said after this month he would with pleasure accommodate me if I desired — I called on Mr Garfield and learned he had not forwarded the Draft I had made on Saturday for 300 $ so I paid it to him from the proceeds so it will not trouble you as I had written — I am nearly through with noting and computing the Stock account and will get all engrossed in Books in all next week — It is a vast job to take every thing so closely as we have done — I have in all cases made a close actual valuation of the articles and machines at what is their present cash value and which does not vary much from 1862 – 1861 & 1860 – I have Valued all the articles at what they are worth in this business at this time without regard to what they cost originally – or something near what they would Cost of like quality and Condition if to be obliged to replace them and wanted to purchase such –

Machinery I have ~~fa~~ apprised by having four of my best Machinists and one of the best Engine and Lathe builders in the city and Myself to estimate their value in their present Condition – allowing nothing for putting them up and setting them in operation – this agrigate of the five men with my own estimate were added togther from the marked cards on each machines value – and being divided by Six Made the Valuation adopted in these Stock accounts all the Stock on hand uncut and in process is put down at Cost at present values of Iron lumber and labor – Iron at less than one half of what I paid for a good deal of the same work — The finished goods I have put at the Selling Prices and Made a round deduction of 25 per ct on every thing – and this from the reduced prices of last Spring which reduction on many things is 5 to 20 per ct by this method of apprisal I think we have

I wrote you yesterday to Ithaca. and telegraphed you today to Easton here
New York = I will make a clean copy of the whole in a book of proper
inside of next week – it is a rough job – it fills nearly 100 pages of cap paper

obtained very nearly a correct valuation of the property — at all events there never has been taken half so good a valuation and account as I have now undertaken —

The aggregates thus far computed comprise

The Stock of Iron & Lumber at Works
The Stock in Process in Factory
The Stock of Completed Machines
The Machines in Blacksmith Shop
The Machines in Machine Shop
The Machines in Wood Work Shops on both floors

The aggregate figures of this stands a little over $41.000.00

and leaving yet to be computed
The Foundry or Furnace and tools &c
The Stock of Goods purchased from Farr & Vail yet on hand (considerable)
The Store Stock (nearly computed —) and its fixtures
The Stable and Contents Horse &c &c
The Office Fixtures at Factory
The Patterns old & new (alive and dead)
The Engravings, Stereotypes & Stationery at Factory

I have not included anything for Real Estate nor the Engines & Boiler now driving the Works nor Main Shafting — The Engine with its Condenser attachment and Boiler is valued as cheap at $5,000.00 by the best judges in the business of building Steam Engines here — The whole look is considerably better than I anticipated and only a decent business revival will carry all along Easily

I must close. I am truly Yours Horace L. Emery

Attica Aug 12 1865

Hon. E. Cornell

Dear Sir

I intended to have been at Rochester at your Board meeting of the Western Union Tel Co But soon after you was here my house was robbed & fired by incendiaries and nearly destroyed all the back part of the House was destroyed & the whole Crisped & blackened with Smoke my Whole time has been required to get the House in Condition to begin to Stay in it again and I have not been able to devote any time to any thing else. I am very desirous to have my Claim on the Tel Co adjusted and also to obtain the Dividends due on the Ohio, Ind and Ill Tel Co. Has any thing been done in regard to the Ohio Ind & Ill Tel co Stock. I would also like you to inform me when you expect to meet the Board of Directors of the W.U. Tel Co in Rochester again that I may be present to present my Claim

Yours Respectfully
Geo Curtis

Geo Curtis
Aug 12/65

Office of the American Expreſs Company
Nos 122 & 124 Broadway (corner of Cedar St)

New York August 12th 1865

To Ezra Cornell Esq

The Directors of this Company have declared a dividend of $25.00 per Share, payable on or after the 15th inst

The form of draft annexed will be paid on presentation, when filled up and signed by you, for $125 – the amount that will be due on the Stock standing in your name.

Respectfully &c

Alex Holland
Treasurer

Ithaca August 12th 1865

Ezra Cornell Esqr

Dear Sir

You May Think it Strange in My writing to you at this Time but I look at things Diferent from what you Seem To

If we are to put down a well this fall we Must begin now. Their is a good deal to Do before we want an Engine on Commense boaring their is 1/2 a Mild of old Road To Clean out trees fell in it &c. & their is Something like or over 1/2 a Mild of New road To build Then their is Wood To cut & be Seasoning To Run The Engine with we Cant Run with Green Wood.

Then again their is a Shanty to build to live in as their is no house within about 2 Miles & a Shanty to build to put the Engine in & a Derick to build all before we want an Engine now It Seems to Me that you Should of — provided funds to of Commenced with before you left I have not the funds to advance or I would Do it with all My heart I tale you I Depending Holly on you — under our Contract we Should have time to put Down a Well & Do all the other work which Must be Done if we wate till you git back. you Should Send back a check or otherwise of 4 or $500.00 that the work May be Going on Every Day as is worth two Days. later in the Fall or when it is Cold weather the above is — for your Concideration pleas Write Me on the Subject.

The News is Cheering from the (Oil) Region I you wanted Me to Keep you posted if 400 Miles is not Doing My Duty faithfully then I will wate Contented till you Return

I Am Dear Sir truly
yours

Philip Case

P.S.

your folks are all Well

P.C.

August 14th 65

Dear Cousin

yours of the 3rd ult came duly at hand for which I glad to hear that you ware all well and I hope these lines will find you all in good health as it is quite sickly here we are all well as common my wife continues about the same as when I last wrote

You wish to know how many children I have I have none nor never had but I expect an addition to my family in about two months of 3 my wifes mother & sister & child her father died since I last wrote you which leaves them without a home

D. R. Barnard
Aug 14. 65

and small means for support and my home appears the most suitable at present, the prospect looks rather dark as I am not in any business and not able to labor much at hard work, but I trust there will be some way provided

my Sister Elizabeth married James Cook, address Deposit Delaware Co N.Y.

my brother Nathaniel P says he would like a copy of your paper, I think it would suit him well as he is an Abolitionist G. Smith stamp address Pleasant Brook Otsego co N.Y.

I think some of going to DeRuyter in about two weeks if my family is so I can leave, farewell

Yours Respt D. R. Barnard

E. Cornell

Hebron Aug 14th 1865

Hon Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

Washington proposes to present the name of the Hon Alex Barkley to the State Convention this fall for the nomination as Canal Com.

Mr. Barkley is a thorough practical Canal man as he has been a Contractor and a Superintendent on the Canal for a number of years and he has the full Confidence of our County and we think that if he is elected that he will discharge the duties of the Office for the best interest of the State and with honor to himself.

We have never had a Com.

located in our County although we are largely interested in the Canal System of the State as the Champlain Canal runs through it and we think that we have a right to be considered

We trust that in view of the foregoing facts that your County will give Mr Barkley a Cordial Support and that you will do what you can for his nomination

Pleas to let me know what the prospect is in your locality of receiving support or what you think the Chances are for Mr Barkley

Respectfully Yours

S. E. Spoor

Eaton Town Monmouth Co
New Jersey August 14 1865

Mr Cornell

I hope you will not think I am asking of you any thing I am not Entitled to. In Sept 24th 1850. Newton & Nelson Received from me your account of Board at the Hotel $128 72 which had been long Standing you had left the house with your Bill behind was the Cause of my Leaving it. at this time I Know it is by Law a Void that has Knothing to do with it. I Kept you at $1.00 pr day I am Entitled to it if you Paid Newton & Nelson I will Look them. I am In an

hopes if you have Paid it you
will not feel towards me
Unjust or think I require
what is not my Due if not
wright dont Pay.

Mrs Flower is well
as Ever and wishes be Rem
embered to you

Mr Carnell it is
a long time Since we have been
acquainted do you think we ought
feel Gratefull that we have
been Spared So long I think
we had- we Live 5 Miles
this Side of Long Branch between
New york and Long Branch
30 miles from new york. we
would be very happy to See
you fine Country here

Yours Respectfully

A. Flower

Salem Aug 15. 75
Massachusetts.

My dear Sir:

It would afford me great pleasure to meet you at Concord on the occasion of the Fair to which I send you a Complimentary Ticket.

Should you be present, I shall be happy to show you any attention in my power.

Truly Yrs &c
Geo B. Loring
Prest. New Eng Agr Soc.

E. Cornell Esq
Ithaca
N. Y.

Lancaster Aug 16/65

Sir

On seeing the enclosed it called to mind what was said to me by an old acquaintance from England, who came here last year to establish Pottery and Porcelain works; which was, that of all places he saw Ithaca was on many accounts the most fitting place for the establishment of such works. Soft coal he preferred, that you now provide for,

All the materials he said were to be found in the U.S., Kaolin, and common Clays as convenient as in England, Once constituted in a locality, a great population as in England would gather around

The good of my adopted country impels me to write you,

Yours Resp Ch Beverly

Ezra Cornell Esq, Ch: Beverly

My friend has returned to England, to remain, 8/16/1865

P.S. I am tempted to add some of my friends remarks. He said that when the Porcelain Manufacture was first introduced in Europe, none but Crowned heads, felt able to undertake the supposed formidable business & even now Royal Potteries are there in operation in Prussia Saxony and France. but the English have many in the hands of private individuals who rival these Royal establishments and find them very profitable, Workmen from England or preferably from Germany & France, can easily be obtained, who understand all the processes - Glazing and forming, Chinese even, could be had to make the wonderful wares of their country, Staffordshire is the principal seat of both common Potteries, and the porcelain potteries of England their Kaolin comes from Cornwall, so does their feldspar & flints from the chalk formations, the whole business he said was very simple and very remuneration, that but for the American market they could not live; He thought it was a reflection on our civilization that the coarsest table furniture of our poorest people had to be imported,

Also that in South Carolina certainly, and probably in other places, the best _Kaolin_ known in the world was found; he had seen samples of the Carolina Kaolin, as free from grit as flour, much better than any found in Europe,

Some man can confer a great boon on his country by promoting this manufacture, and in his locality,

The matter of breakages, my friend said amounted to a protection, almost sufficient, saying nothing of freights,

B.

Answered

Rhinebeck Aug 26. 1865

Hon Ezra Cornell

My dear Sir

It is so inconvenient for me to go from here by the Erie Rail Road to attend your Board meeting at Ithaca, that I write to enquire whether I cannot go ~~down~~ up the Lake on Tuesday 5 Sep in time to attend the meeting - provided I leave Albany on Monday evening.

Please give me information as to the hours of departure of the boats from Cayuga & their arrival at Ithaca. So that I may fully understand - and govern my movements accordingly

Very truly Yours

Wm Kelly

Office of the Rural Home Journal

San Francisco, Aug 16/65

Hon Ezra Cornell.

Dear Sir,— I herewith send to your address, a file of my paper, the California Rural Home Journal, which I wish to present, through you, to the Library & reading Rooms which have been established in Ithaca by your munificent liberality. I shall continue sending the paper, so long as I am in charge of it, if it shall be deemed worthy of a place in that Library.

I take a deep interest in all that pertains to the old town where I spent so many of my youthful days — and especially do I feel interested in the success of the two grand enterprizes which owe their existence to your generous liberality, as you may have seen by the various notices I have made of them in the columns of my paper, from time to time.

In furtherance of this idea, allow me to suggest to you a scheme which I have been pondering upon, for some little time past. And that is this: That you establish a periodical publication on a plan something like that of the Rural Home Journal, devoted to Rural Affairs, Agricultural Chemistry, and the practical sciences connected with Agriculture in all its various branches — in fine, a complete rural family Newspaper. And if I should find it necessary, as I may, from various causes, to leave California ere long, I might, perhaps, be induced to go to Ithaca and aid in the getting up and conducting a Journal of the kind I have suggested. It might be published weekly, or it might take the more dignified form of a monthly Magazine of Rural Affairs. What do you think of the project which I have here merely sketched for your consideration? My Ithaca friends, among whom are Judge Walbridge, Mr. Andrus, &c. can give you all needed information as to my qualifications for such a position should you think it practicable to establish a periodical of the kind, under the patronage of your new Agricultural College. Such a publication, judiciously conducted, might aid in giving tone and notoriety to such an Institution, from the start.

I feel that my continuance in my present enterprise is somewhat precarious, as I do not find the climate here so congenial to my health as I had hoped, and besides, my business partner, on whom I depended to manage the financial part of our business, cannot, as he expected to do, dis-

disengage himself from other business connections, so as to enable him to give the necessary attention to the paper.

Please take this matter into consideration, and if you should deem the project practicable, please write me soon, as to your views thereon.

Very Respectfully Yours

T. Hart Hyatt

T. Hart Hyatt
Aug 16. 63.

Fairmount N.Y.
August 17th 65

Hon. Ezra Cornell

My Dear Sir

I have received a letter from H. W. Clarke, Engineer & Surveyor, requesting me to write you in regard to his having a place as assistant Engineer on the Rail Road that you are about constructing - Mr Clarke has acted as assistant to me in a number of cases - and he has some valuable qualities that I should desire to employ if I was constructing a Railroad - If his services should be wanted by you or if you should desire further information in regard to him, I will take pleasure in giving you a more full account of him - I am Yours Truly Geo. Geddes

P.S. I sent three Copies of the Annual Report of Prof. L. Agassiz Museum of Comparative Zoology on Saturday last

Nichols Aug the 18th. 1865

Dear Sir

I have your letter of the 7th inst and thank you much for the kindness expressed therein Inclosed I send what I suppose to be the amount for Postage for Civil List, if you have a report for me in pamphlet form pleas sent by mail & I will send the money back to you if a number of Reports sent to Owego by Express postage on unbound books is only about one third less of bound

I do not know but what you supposed my age much more than it is I shal be 50 the 4th of Sept

I rejoice to learn that your University is fixed fact Success to it if you have a pamphlet Edition of the Act in relation to it I wish you would send me a Copy also the proceedings of Ins

R. Howell
Aug. 1865

tees not much any thing in relation to it I shal lay up with Intrest, I have been appointed one of the judges at State fair I shal either go or send a man if I should go by Ithica I will make a visit to your library &c if not I will gladly come on purpose at some future day

I am in hopes the Atlantic Cable will be a success if they can make it work a month it will go, as you are interested in telagraph I will say the first in England was laid in glass tubes under ground according to Dr D Lardner lectures in N Y City in Dec 1841, and it rather looks as if Prof Morse did not make the discovery here, according to Smithsonian Institution Report for 1857 it appears as if Prof, J. Henry made the discovery first.

Very dry here now with some frost Sunday morning also Monday

Yours truly
Robt Howell

Hon E Cornell Ithica N Y

Agl Rooms
Aug 18 1865

Hon E Cornell

I have the Catalogue of Prof Tappans Library — Mostly agricultural —

It contains 728 vols — priced at $805.86 — There are many valuable books — especially of early date, which are difficult to be had — There are some duplicates which I would take if you did not want them for both of your libraries

B P Johnson

Belvidere Ill Aug 20th 65

Dear Brother

I have written to you twice since I came home in regard to buying a farm but not getting any answer I have concluded to write again thinking perhaps the letters have failed to reach you. It is now time to commence fall plowing and if I put in crops next spring I ought to be prepareing the ground soon— And if you can help me to purchace a farm in the fall and can let me have $500. to make the first payment I should like it by the 1st of Sept. or very soon after— That is as late as it will do to put off work that must be done this fall.

I should like a place that will cost about $5000.— I am anxious to hear from you and to know how much money you can let me have, I have bought me a pair of 3 year old colts for $225— & have been offered 265 for them. I have also bought me a new harness & an old waggon, and I have the handsomest devon cow (I think) in the county— I paid $42,50 for cow & calf. I have Just commenced to build a house for one of my neighbours am working for $3,00 pr day & am boarded—

I have work enough to last about 10 weeks at that
price. I have Just hired a hand to put up wild hay
for me at $1.25 per day. am going to put it up on shares can get what hay I want
in that way quite cheap. — Austin is now in
his 13th year is large of his age and can do about
half a mans work on a farm. — he was at schoo
last winter & will go to schooll next winter.
Ezra Monroe our youngest boy will be 7 years old
in October. he reads in 2d reader, can spell well
in words of two sylables & can write his name
has also quite an idea about figures & numbers.
we are all in usual health
I have not heard from michigan in a
long time —

Yours Respectfully
D. B. Cornell

Hon E. Cornell
Ithaca N.Y.

D. B. Cornell
20 Aug 65

Springfield, Otsego Co
Aug 21. 1865

My Dear Senator:

I owe you an apology for my apparent neglect in replying to your very kind letter of May last. I hope now very soon to see you, as I expect to reach Ithaca by the Boat on Monday evg the 4th Sept.

I am very glad to see that all material difficulties in the way of your magnificent enterprise are removed, and I cannot doubt that its ultimate success will quite equal your fondest expectations.

Faithfully Yours
Geo. H. Andrews

Hon E. Cornell.

Wm H Bogart
Aug 20. 65

Aurora Cayuga Lake
21 August 1865

My dear Mr Cornell,

You requested me some weeks since to ascertain the Indian name of Crowbar Point - My researches show that it was designated Gon yardo. -

Of course we are all very desirous to know the progress of the University. I should like the facts as they occur that I might lay them before the public - as there is among educated men, a great anxiety to know the initiation of this ~~gr~~ event of the Age. When it comes to the buildings, I hope you will use, only stone and brick, massive—not so much of costly, principal dressing, as in plain magnitude—and not for any one great building, but for a variety of separate edifices—each for its department, that it shall be what Oxford and Cambridge are, a cluster of colleges, forming, together, one University.

All our Lake Country is ready to see its progress as the occurrence of the event which is most to honor this beautiful section of our State—

Very truly as ever Yours

William H Bogart.

Answered
declining

Fayetteville N.Y.
Augt 21st 1865

Hon Ezra Cornell
Dear Sir –

The Manlius & Pompey Agricultural & Mechanical Association, hold their Seventh Annual Fair at Manlius, Sept 28th & 29th – And its executive board have empowered me to engage a speaker for the occasion –

Knowing your great interest in all that pertains to improvement in Agriculture, and by & with the advice, and recommendations of Mr & Mrs Porter Tremain, (who are family friends mine) I take the liberty to invite you to deliver the address – which is advertised for the second day of the Fair – Trusting for a response favorable to my request, and that at an early day, I remain very Respectfully
Your humble Servant
Samuel J Wells Presit

Our village, Fayetteville, is in the town of Manlius – Mr & Mrs Tremain send an earnest request that you make it convenient to accept of my invitation – and they will expect a visit from yourself & Mrs Cornell at that time

165.

Batavia Aug 22

Frank, C, Cornell

Sir, Enclosed
I here with hand you a
Draft on New York for
two hundred dollars.
Please ship at your earliest
Convenience, also drop me
a line when you intend
to Ship them. and
Confer a favor on your
friend

Walter Cole

Batavia
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CHASE & CO., OPPOSITE ST. NICHOLAS HOTEL. **NEW YORK.**

New-York, August 24 1865

Mr E. Cornell
Ithica N.Y.
Dr Sir

We enclose a memorandum from the foreman at the works requesting a couple of measures - please fix the Space and return it to us and oblige

Yours very truly
Chase & Co

Ellicottville Aug. 24. 1865

Dear Sir

Genl. P. H. Jones of this place will be a candidate before the Rep. State Convention for Clerk of the Court of appeals, and I am anxious that he should be nominated. He is a good lawyer, a gallant soldier, and sound on all political questions.

Four years ago he left a good business and entered the service as a 2d Lieut; Constantly at the Front he won the star of a Brigd Genl. which he resigned at the close of the war — If you will mention him commendingly to the Delegates from your County, and if in the Convention yourself lend him your aid, I shall be under many obligations to you & Genl. Jones will not fail to remember and requite the service

Very respectfully

Your obt. servt

A. G. Rice

New York Aug 25th/75

Hon E Cornell

In consequence of so many agents coming to your section of the Country Foster Perry Johnson and Hall being in the neighborhood of Ithaca and it would not pay expenses for me to come also I intended to have seen you again before you left N. Y. I have collected $402.00 including your subscription. your subscription for Education & the Industrial School is $30.00

If agreeable you will please forward to Stephen Myers Albany N. Y. at No 10 Lark St. I shall meet the committee on Thursday the 31st inst for settlement I Remain Yours &c

N Y S. L. League

Stephen Myers

Leonardsville Madison Co
N.Y. Aug 26th 1865

Hon Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

I learn from my esteemed friend, H. A. Hull Esq that he contemplates appealing to you, to assist in Endowing the DeRuyter Institute. Any amount, that in the plenitude of your Kindness, you should feel disposed to give, would be faithfully applied, and thus aid the cause, to which you have already devoted so much of your ample fortune.

Hoping that you are in the Enjoyment of good health I remain, Senator

Very truly Your friend
Wm H Brand

J.W Cornell
Aug 17/65

Beaufort N Carolina
Aug 27/65

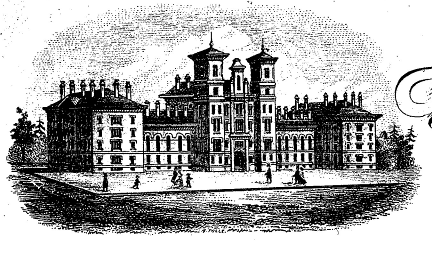
Uncle Ezra

I agane seat my self to pen you a few linds hoping thay may find you all well ouer famley are all sick Paul has bin confined to his bed more then a month I am just up out of a spel of billious fevor I left Portsmouth last weak where ouer famley are staying we havnot moov back to Washington yeat evry thing is dul here I am to work here in this place —

We hav ritting sevrl letters to you and hav not receivd aney answer I hope this will reach you and soon here from you all. ouer famley joins me in love to you all now in closen this short episol. I agane thank you for your kindnes and good advice and I hav often wish that I had stade at Ithaca and work instet of roven about from place to place I shoud hav don much better

yours with ever
Respect
J. W. Cornell

Hon Ezra Cornell



STATE OF NEW YORK
Agricultural College.

Ovid, Augt. 28. 1865

Arad Joy
28. Aug 65

Hon E. Cornell

My dear Sir

I had supposed the Trustees of our college under the present circumstances, would not allow the farm covered with winter wheat but would direct Mr Beaver not to put in any. I may be mistaken, but if I have judged above correctly, it will require your directions to Mr Beaver soon, say by tomorrows mail, as I think he is calculating to make a great rush to put in winter wheat. If I see him I shall give ~~him~~ my opinion about it, as above expressed, but it will require your instructions and probably your directions

He has plowed up a large lot, that was into clover, whether he has seeded 50 acres where he cut winter wheat, is more than I can say, I fear not, as seed last spring was $15. per bushel - Beaver took charge of the woods pasture lot, for it I was offered $40. what Beaver expects to pay I dont know, you can charge him $40. Please write to him tomorrow

Yours Very truly
Arad Joy

Ag Rooms
August 28th 1865

Hon E Cornell,

I have the Lithograph of 3d Lord of Oxford — but no pedigree Can you give me the pedigree — if so I can have it go in the vol for 64 — Which is now printed & the Cuts are being struck off — If immediate attention is given to this I may get it in —

What do you say to Prof. Tappans Ag Library.

Yrs
B. P. Johnson

STATE OF WISCONSIN

State Agricultural Rooms,

Madison, Aug. 29, 1865

Hon. E. Cornell
Ithaca N.Y.

My dear Sir,

Absence from the country first, then sickness, and specially a press of work connected with our approaching State Fair, have prevented an earlier response to your favor of July 1. The last Vol. of Trans. of W. S. A. S. hitherto issued was published in 1860; of ~~this~~ you have a copy. The vols. for 1853-4-5-6-7, necessary to complete the set for your private library, I will forward by to-morrow's Ex.— also a full set Cousins Vol. 1, of which we have no duplicates) for the "Cornell Library."

I appreciate the noble efforts you are making for the progress of American Industry, and shall always be pleased to render you any service in my power.

I would be pleased to see you at our 12th An. Ex. The enclosed Card of Admission will secure to you all the privileges of the Fair, and the officers of the Soc. will all extend to you a most cordial welcome.

With assurances of my professional respect, I am, my dear Sir Very truly yours,

J. W. Hoyt

J. W. Hoyt
29. Aug. 65

Syracuse Aug. /65

Mr. Cornell

Sir

Pardon the liberty of a stranger in thus presuming to addreſs you & by taxing both your patience & generosity but the only excuse I have to offer is my real necessity & your reputation for liberality & benevolence but to explain just my circumstances so that you will be able to judge if I am worthy the favor I am taking the liberty of asking of you an entire stranger to me in all but name; but to the subject - I am at present a student at Ames Busineſs College Syracuse

Of course I shall write a much fairer hand after I am finished at this establishment than I now do;

and since coming here I have learned that in order for a person to get a situation as book-keeper or writer in some office it is essential to have influential friends & knowing you by reputation to be one that had the most influence as well as acquaintance I have been thinking as the subject was of such importance to me perhaps twas worth while to risk your censure to try & gain your assistance in ~~your~~ my favor I have been here three weeks & it usually takes a student two months or thereabouts to graduate in the business department then I would like O so much to get a situation so as to go into business before winter it costs a good deal to obtain my education & then I want the help or remuneration beside as I have myself to care for. I have in time past kept house for my brother who is a lumberman so that my work has been hard & my money well earned. now my brother has a wife & does not need me & as I have to provide for myself I am anxious to get some way eligible as well as profitable Many ladies now take telegraphing which gives situations without much trouble but as a telegrapher has an office I have thought the situation not as agreeable as writer or book-keeper as is also the advice of Prof. Holmes of this college.

And now Sir knowing my circumstances & need will you be so kind as to consider the matter & see if you have any place within your knowledge that I am qualified to fill when my term expires here I write thus early so if your sympathies are to be enlisted for me it may be before the vacancies are all filled of course I must not be particular about the distance from home (as I should have told you I belong) near Ovid to which place you can apply for the report of myself in times & for my business qualifications as I attended school under Amos Brown & Boarded in the family of Judge Seeley &c.

Very respectfully Yours &c

(Hon Ezra Cornell) Miss M. W. Tharp

New York, Sept. 1. 1865

Dear Sir:

Is it certain that the Board of Trustees will meet at Ithaca on the 5th inst. Please write by returning mail or telegraph & oblige

Yours very truly

Erastus Brooks

Hon Ezra Cornell

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My Dr Sir,

An invitation this moment — 9 Am — recd from Buffalo to visit that City & before making our decision, renders it uncertain, on what day, we will fix for a final decision. But we will advise you in due time.

It will, no doubt, be some day in all next week.

Yours Respy

E W Leavenworth

Syracuse Sept 2d 1865.

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STATE OF NEW-YORK,
Department of Public Instruction,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

Albany, Sept. 2nd 1865.

Hon. Ezra Cornell,
Ithaca, Tompkins Co. N.Y.

Inclosed you will find the minutes of the Meeting of Board of Trustees of the Cornell University, held in the State Geological Hall in this City on the 28th day of April last.

Judge Folger, in answer to the communication notifying him of his election, as trustee of the Cornell University, did not accept, but asked for time to consider the propriety of doing so. I took the responsibility of writing to him that I did not believe it was of great importance whether he indicated his acceptance immediately or not. My impression is that Senator Andrews answered that he would accept, but his letter has been mislaid, and he must be again notified.

Inclosed are the letters of acceptance of the other gentlemen Elected:- also the report made up by Mr. Woodward.

May I not be pardoned for suggesting the want of meaning in the title of Chapter 585 of the laws of 1865. The act of Congress did not donate one foot of land to this State. It makes provision only for a grant of land scrip to this State, and it is the income from the proceeds of the sale of this scrip which is appropriated to the support of the University. Why not, in making laws and passing resolutions, use terms indicating that the law of Congress has been read?

I have corresponded with the Rev. M. P. Jewett in regard to the proper buildings. He has devoted some time and attention to the subject, and is confident in the opinion that the plan should be matured with great care, and that the necessary details should be prescribed by men who have a practical knowledge of the wants of each department.

You have seen Mr. Jewett. His post-office address is now "Plymouth, New Hampshire". Allow me to suggest the value of his large experience.

I sincerely regret that I can not be present at the meeting to be held on the 5th instant.

Your Obedient Servant,
V. M. Rice.
~~Supt. of Public Instruction~~.

Office of the
Michigan State Board
of Agriculture,
Lansing, Sept. 2. 1865.

Hon. E. Cornell.
Dear Sir:

I am much pleased to learn that the Congressional Land-grant for the State of New York is to be secured to the Institution so munificently & magnificently endowed by yourself. The result, I have no doubt, will be ~~that~~ the Empire State will enjoy the advantages of the best school for the advancement of Agriculture & the Arts therewith connected, that this Continent will afford.

I congratulate you most heartily, that the object to which you have devoted so large a share of your thoughts is in so fair a way to be realised. Trusting that your State & our country will duly appreciate your patriotism & benevolence, & that you may be spared to witness for a long time, the happy results of your labors, I am

Yours truly,

Sanford Howard

P.S. By the mail which takes this letter, I send you a copy of my Report as Secretary of the Michigan State Board of Agriculture for 1864 (by mistake labelled 1865), the reception of which please acknowledge. I am collecting materials for another volume.

S. H.

Gorham 2d Sept 1868

Dear Sir

Yours of the 21st came today - I will send your letter to Mr Smith -

I have never before been so unwell as I have for the past six months. The passage of gravel stones from the kidney to the bladder is a terribly severe operation - I think the medicine Dr Ellis gave me is working a cure; but if so, it is slowly, and much of the time I am so depressed in spirits that I care but little for the future. When I get better, I feel as ambitious as ever, but I am so tied up and fettered hand and foot, that I have slight hopes of emancipation - But we know not what a day may bring forth - Four years ago no body would have believed that the curse of Slavery would be removed, and four millions of chattles made into freemen - But God moves in a mysterious way, and we can only bow in obedience to his decrees. I have been for years, and am still, so completely under the control of Mr S. and have to submit to so much that is mortifying and vexatious. that I have sometimes thought that I would make a desperate effort and break my bonds, even if I did jump out of the frying pan into the fire - But on second sober thought, I have concluded to "bear the ills I have" - for if I try to fly from them, and I had friends who would aid me, I can do nothing in my own name, and I dislike to sail under false colors & if I can once get rid of my present false position I will do nothing, or do what I can on my own account, and without the cover of any mans name -

When I wrote you in July. I was anxious to go into an operation in N York, which I thought would pay largely. I think so still. But my youngest son. Frederic, who has been through the whole war, from the first Bull Run fight up to the end. He has been in many battles, but never has been wounded, nor sick a day for over four years. I am expecting him home daily, and will propose to him to take the chance in N York, which I wanted for myself. If he makes money he will aid his sisters & mother, and it will be quite as well as if I made it myself. and avoid all trouble to the parties furnishing the funds from attachments &c for my old liabilities.

My friend S. is so exceedingly unpopular at Portland, and has so many influential & bitter enemies, that he cannot accomplish in his own name, what may possibly be done in some other name. I may, as President of the Presumpscot Land & Water power Company, do for him, what he cannot do for himself. There is some little chance of supplying the City of Portland with water & if we can accomplish that. *I ought* to make some money out of it. But you know of one trade that I negociated. amounting to three hundred thousand dollars, for which I received *a loan* of five thousand dollars, by giving a mortgage on my wifes property at Detroit, with *ten per cent interest*. Which I repaid out of the profits I made in the Telegraph. Whether *my share* of the profits, if we should make a bargain with the City for water, would be as liberal as it was in the N York trade, I do not know - but I do know, and so do you, that just so long as I am completely under Mr Smith's control, and all I make in his hands, I will not be likely to get much, if any more than will barely suffice to keep soul & body on the same war path -

If I could arrange your judgement, and pay Geo Steel of Jersey City, about $500 - with Int ~~four~~ five, or Six years - and settle with Mann & Rodman & Pierson - I have no other debts which would trouble me. Mr Horner, Mr Pumpelly, & other creditors would never sue me, or interfere with any property which might be placed in my hands by my friends - I think I could induce Geo Pumpelly to pay half of your judgement, and pay Steel - Rodman & Pierson, if by doing so, I could be released, and go into something which he had confidence would pay well, if properly managed - The only way I can settle up with Mr S, will be to let him have all he can get, and leave his farm, and commence somewhere on my own account - As long as I stay here I will get a living & nothing more - I am useful enough to Mr S. to induce him to let me remain on the farm, and let me have five dollars at a time, by asking for it, two or three times, and telling him what I want to do with it -

If I was at liberty, I would make an effort to raise the needful funds to build a Telegraph on Shaffner's route, from Labrador to Greenland, Iceland, the Faroe Isle, and North Shore of Scotland. The English scheme under the guidance of Field *is dead*, and will never come to life again. nothing less than the power that breathed life into the dead Lazarus, can bring to life the dead cable. It is perhaps well that it died in childbirth. It never could have arrived at manhood. Had it been successfully laid, it would have been a failure. I would like to do something useful before I die, but I fear that I will have to do as our friend O R does does. live on the glory of the past.

Yesterday I was in bed. today I feel pretty well, and having nothing else to do, have bored you with a long letter not worth the postage.

If I can raise the funds to pay expenses, I want to go to New York to see Shaffner, and will see you, if possible, when I go there.

I write to you confidentially, and wish you so to consider my letters.

Yours very respectfully
J J Speed

Mr E W Chester
N York