Owego Tioga Co. N.Y.

March 15th/11

Hon. Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

Your telegram needs much objection. The depots is four long or more from the Village and if we have no office except in the depot the business will be very much reduced. I fully believe the company will do fifty per cent more business with an office down town than only at the depot. To day I saw a man who desired to send a dispatch to N.Y. but it was raining and he turned around saying he would not go to the depot but would send by mail.

The down town office is located in the front room of the Post Office where every body goes and where it is easy of access — in the heart of the Village. I know the company will make money to continue it there and the people will fully appreciate it.

Yours Truly

D. S. Lincoln

American Geographical
& Statistical Society
11 Pine St
New York March 15 1866

Honorable
Ezra Cornell
Sir
I take the
liberty, at the suggestion
of several gentlemen
whose names are affixed
to the accompanying Cir-
cular, to solicit your
patronage of the

enterprise to which it relates.

In addressing you on the subject I shall not disparage myself by informing you that I spent the best years of my life as a Medical Missionary in China & I often pray for the cause of Christianity at large in that empire. My health not permitting precisely that form of labor I hope to be useful in the way indicated, both to China & to my own Country.

Mr. Kelly who has known me from my youth up & the Secretaries of the American Board Commissioners, & the Dept. of State can be inquired of respecting me.

Very respectfully

D. J. Macgowan

N.Y. Tribune,
March 16, 1866.

Hon. Ezra Cornell—

Dear Sir: I have just answered your telegram, saying that Mr. John W. Osborne, the Patentee, would meet you and answer all inquiries. He will take with him some of the work which has been done, and will give you and any other person or persons you desire to hear absolute testimony of the value and importance of the discovery. I assure you, Mr. Cornell, that this is a rare opportunity of doing something which will entitle you to an honorable niche in the history of your country. I am sorry

that I cannot visit you in company with Mr. Osborne; but I have an old and good mother lying deathly sick 60 miles distant on Long Island, who has expressed a desire to see me again before she dies. If you knew how good a mother she has been to me, and how much I love her, you would say "Yes, go and see her, and let her die with her child's kisses on her lips."

Mr. Osborne is a truthful man, Theliene; because I have taken especial pains to trace him, and his footsteps have been clean and distinct. So that whatever he tells you you can believe without the least discount. He will not tell you wonderful stories about its adaptability to general book printing, but what he does tell you in regard to this branch, you can set down as underestimated largely. This part of the process I know more about than he does. In other words I know how to use his discovery for book printing better than he does himself, because I am a printer, and he is not.

Satisfy yourself in every way you wish; but, if you conclude favorably, as I think you must, give me the privilege of making the announcement to the world that you have not built and endowed an University, only, but that you also have inaugurated a new birth of "The Art preservative of the

arts."

No matter how you decide — for or against — believe me to be

Your friend and obedient servant,

Thomas N. Rocker.

Jan. 16, 66

Ithaca March 16th 1866

Hon E. Cornell. Dear Sir

Munsell is at work on my Book. Will you write that article on Ithaca, and its facilities as a manufacturing place, that you promised? Will you get a steel engraving yourself for the Book? Will you ask Senator White for that article on Cornell University? & want it immediately. The portraits of yourself in Harper & Leslie are to large and too coarse.

Yours Truly

S. Spencer

Ithaca and Towanda R. R. Co.

EZRA CORNELL, PRESIDENT.
WILLIAM ANDRUS, VICE-PRESIDENT.
L. L. TREMAN, SECRETARY.
ALONZO B. CORNELL, TREASURER.

Ithaca, N. Y., March 17th, 1866.

Hon. E. Cornell

Dear Sir

I left Yesterday afternoon and after the meeting the 15th at Waverly. I went down to Athens & spent the Evening & Morning with Col Mills had a long and free talk. and Came away fully satisfied that all is right at that End as to Connection. and the first Satisfying me that the Comm adopted by our Co. as to Directors. was right. and as to progress. You Will See the advantages in it. We are

– the line by Onyo & Auburn
and Little Indian – from
Athens. the Starting Point
Mr Mills is attending to than
Legislature in P.A. and
getting the rights for our
road to run in to P.A. Not
according Mills does
to Make a good Commission

Yours Truly
O. Lyman

doing all that is necessary
at present in Connection
with our road – Taking
the Lease in to account – As
soon as the roads get settled
we want to run some lines
and find out some facts
important – in Securing us
the rights of Way – I think
we can safely say that – we have
the rights of Way secured
from 1/2 Miles this side
of Waverly to within 9 Miles
of our place – I give Mr Mills
to understand that – our line
to the Lake at Sodus Bay
was 20 Miles shorter than

Office of
THE PHRENOLOGICAL JOURNAL,
AND LIFE ILLUSTRATED, MONTHLY, $2 A YEAR.
S. R. WELLS, Editor.
FOWLER & WELLS, Publishers.
389 BROADWAY, N. Y.

New York, March 17 1866.

Hon. Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir:—

We write to you, to inquire if you have recieved from us, through the express a package of Phrenological Journals sent you a few days ago; also if you would look after the Bill now before the Legislature relating to the Phrenological Society. We should have no concern about the matter were it backed by pecuniary advantage. But the matter must

Fowler & Wells
Mar 17. 66

stand or fall on its own merits; consequently Agents who will assist in ob=taining a Charter are solicited.

Hoping you may be able to give the matter some little attention, or at least, to enlist the services of others who have more leisure.

We are,

Very Truly Yours,

Fowler and Wells

J. Stoerton Gould
17 Mar 66

Hudson March 17th 1866

Hon E Cornell

Dear Sir

Since I wrote you this morning I have received your letter enquiring about the stone from Malone. It is the very finest building stone I know. Should you conclude to use your dark stone for the building this would contrast elegantly with it if used for sills eaves or window caps, its colour is a light grey. it splits in square blocks, can be obtained of any size and can be transported all the way from the quarries by Rail to Cayuga bridge. I do not know what it would cost. Mr James H Titus who resides in Westchester Co is a large land holder in Franklin Co and knows all about it. I Wm can give you his exact direction. I am only acquainted in Malone with H A Taylor District Attorney and J Gurley Sheriff, probably the former could give you all the information

about the Stone that you may require.
They both live in Chalcombe

We may need some legislation about the Rinderpest before the Session finally closes. I wrote to Coe Johnson to day requesting him to look into the provisions of the existing laws and see if they are adequate to the Emergency. I have been posting myself in relation to the disease within the last few days, and find that after the disease had actually entered Holland & France the disease was arrested by prompt measures. So that very few died and no cases have occurred the last three months. The means were very arbitrary, but this is better than the loss of half our herds.

When I learn whether your views correspond with mine in relation to the religious teaching at the University. I will write to you my ideas with regard to a few other fundamental matters connected with the plan of the University

Truly Yours

John Stanton Gould

My

Willsey Ville Tioga Co
March 18th
1866

Hon E Cornell

Sir please accept my thanks
for a Copy of the Evening
Journal Almanac
also one number of the
Phrenological Journal Containing
youre Excellent Portrate
which Constantly Reminds
me of oure Early associations
at Fall Creek and it Pains
me to mark the Contrast
while I Still Struggle on in
Obscurity & Poverty you have
obtained great wellth and
Popularity and are making
Rapid Strides to future
greatness and power
But I will not Repine for
youre Laurals are fairly
Earned and I hope you

E. L Stevens
Mar 18. 66

You may live long to
Enjoy them

Pleas Let me hear from
you often

While I Remain
Ever Yours friend
and well wisher. E. L Stevens

Ithaca March 19. 66

Hon E. Cornell.

Dr Sir

I understood Mr Finch to say, in a conversation I had with him, after the receipt of yours of the 16th inst, that he was disposed to let us have the Hall at $10 a day for our Sabbath meetings. He asked me if I had heard from you & I simply told him, you had said you could not interfere with the price charged for the Hall. He also wished us to occupy the Hall as we had done at $10 until he could hear from you, which he promised to do at once. If we could have the Hall at $10 & you saw fit to contribute $3. a week we shall remain, We shall remain any way at $10 ~~a week~~ a Sabbath, if we can pay our way. I feel sure you will think, this movement one to be encouraged. We have several

very earnest and sincere persons men & women, who wish by the establishment of a Liberal church to do good to our fellow men - And I am confident we shall succeed, Still it is of vital importance that we should not embarrap ourselves with debt at the commencement - And for one I shall oppose going beyond our means in every way I can - I am extremely reluctant to trouble You with these matters, for I know your position subjects you to too many applications of this kind -

Respectfully Yours
Alfred Mully

A. Mully
Mar 4 66

Fayetteville N.Y. Mch 19th

Honored Friend

I want some information and do not know where to apply for it so well as to yourself - Mrs Spencer has invested considerable (for her) in United States Telegraph Stock - We learn from the papers that this Co. has consolidated or sold out to the Union Company, and we hear too, unfavorable reports with regard to the United States Co. We can get no information in regard to the terms of consolidation. I hear that the President of the U S Co. is the President of the new Consolidated Co. You understand too of course that U S Co. have been calling in stock to build a line to the Pacific 60 percent of which has been paid - and now another call is made for 10 p.c. are they (the U S Co.) to finish the line? Had she

better pay any thing more upon that stock's. I have written to the Secretary of the U S Co. to know if they are going to issue a statement to the stockholders of their doings, but I get no reply. and did not much expect I should -

I dislike to trouble you with our private matters. but supposed you could tell us all about it. if you can spare the time from your many duties to write me on the subject you will much oblige us

Best regards
Yours

Porter Tremain

Mr. Tremain wishes to be remembered to Mr Cornell & yourself. We shall be happy to see you at our home in Fayetteville whenever you can make it convenient

P. T

Attica March 20th 1866

Hon. E Connell

Dear Sir

I have not yet succeeded in getting Mr. Butterfield to attend to the Settlement of my Claim on the Tel Co I have had promises after promises & times set when he would attend to it but as yet I cannot get him to fulfill them I shall continue my efforts & hope to get him to attend to it this Spring My Attorney urged my having it noticed for trial at the Feb. term of the Court at Rome but I did not want to trouble those I should have been obliged to have as Witnesses

Yours

Geo Curtis

Utica March 20th 1866

Hon E. Cornell

Dear Sir

Mr N. S. B Gates who is now in the employ of the W. U. Tel Co in this City & has the charge of the up town office has just informed me that Mr. Gifford the Assistant Supt has notified him that his services for the Co will soon be dispensed with; I write you in his behalf to say that Mr. Gates has been in the employ of the Tel Co about 16 years has always been faithful to the interests of the Co; is trusty & temperate always respectful to all, & I have never heard any objections to him as an operator — except that which you named to me last fall when at Bagg's Hotel that you had heard he was a slow operator. As a sound operator this

to some extent may be true as he was one who learned to take and send messages through paper before any one telegraphed by sound and think of late years he has been employed keeping the books of the Co I put him at that when I had Charge of the Co but the objection of his being slow as a sound operator is not an objection to him in a place like this. Mr Gates is willing to work at the lowest Salary that is paid to any one as business is very dull here now and it is very important that he has employment to sustain his family and a Lunatic Son in the Asylum here for which he has to pay $5. per Week and has had this Son to thus sustain for a long time.

Mr Easton will corroborate all I say in regard to Mr Gates

My object in writing to you in regard to Mr Gates is to ask you to intercede with Mr Gifford to retain him in the employment of the Co here at least for the present. Gates Certainly has Claims that should not be disregarded; The support in the Asylum of his unfortunate Son together with the others I have mentioned should be taken in to account

The reason I did not write you with regard to my suspicions about the Safe Robery of the Co was I did not like to put them on paper nor to do injustice to any one should they prove to be unfounded I will give you the information when I see you

Respectfully
Geo Curtis

C. Esselstyn

20 March 66

GAUL & ESSELSTYN'S LAW OFFICE,
HUDSON, NEW YORK.

JOHN GAUL, JUNIOR,
CORNELIUS ESSELSTYN,
EDWARD L. GAUL.

March 20th 1866

Hon. Ezra Cornell
Dear Sir.

Permit me to return to you my thanks for your prompt and satisfactory answer to mine with reference to Western Union Telegraph Stock — As a new beginner in life I had partly on my own judgment & partly at the suggestion of friends invested of my Earnings in 50. Shares of the Stock, & naturally felt considerable anxiety as to its standing & prospects — Although advised to sell when the Stock reached 68. yet I have held on. Satisfied that no Stock in the markets offered a better investment than the Telegraph Stock at the Current price.

My object in writing You again is to ascertain what is the meaning

of the announcement in the money
articles of the New York papers that
the Books of the Company would be
closed from ~~fifteenth~~ (15th) of March
to first (1st) of April for dividend
and I also have seen Sales at the
Stock board "Ex. div."

Will the dividend be in Stock
or Cash or both? If not too
much trouble I would be happy
to receive an answer to this.

Also Your opinion of the prospects
of the Company & the effect of the
Consolidation upon the Stock

I take the more liberty with you
Knowing your Philanthropic disposition
& your desire to assist Young men
just Commencing in life —

An Early Reply will greatly Oblige

Yours Truly

William Edelman

J. H. Wade, President
Anson Stager, Gen'l Sup't
Cleveland, O.

Geo. H. Mumford Vice Pres't
O. H. Palmer Sec & Treas'r
Rochester N. Y.

Western Union Telegraph Company

Rochester, N. Y. Mch 20 1866

Hon E Cornell

Dr Sir. Yours of the 17th rec'd and I return herewith letter of Chester as requested. We are in correspondence with the Erie Railway Co but no definite conclusion has been arrived at as to what will be done

Not being a Director myself I do not feel at liberty to speak authoritatively but if called upon for an opinion I could not advise the payment of $100,000 by the W. U. Co for that line. I should feel that I was justly censurable by our own Stockholders were I to favor the payment of such a price

Yours truly
O H Palmer

Newton N. Jersey March 20.

Dear Sir — I have thought much of the noble plan in Pittsburg as Agricultural College — and feel sure that the first element of great success would be found in its practical character; of this work one part of the year must be associated with study. In Germany, Russia, and other European Countries this is considered eminently important. I predict that this practical education in connection with the Commercial College will be seen to have succeeded in developing powers that those whose education is so complete. With the permission

I wish to call your attention to time and
from such publications as I
may find necessary on these
subjects.

I have great anxiety concerning
the measures which may be
adopted by the State for
adequately providing for the
Indigent Insane. So many must be rejected
from this Asylum that
the members are accumulating
annually of chronic cases.

I see a Bill has been introduced
for establishing a Hospital
in Eastern N. York. This
should be settled as a question of Political
economy not less than a
measure of humanity.

Respectfully, D. L. Dix

Mrs Whittock Jr
24 Mar 66

Munich Bavaria
March 21st 1866

I avail myself of the kind permission which you gave me to write although I feel at the very outset my incompetency to express myself as I should like, words are inadequate. if you could but know how thankful I am for the favor which you have conferred upon me. it is now when I am among those glorious works of Antique Art that I fully appreciate your goodness. it has been a

motive power whose potence
urges me to renewed exertion.
I have been a Student in
Royal Universitity of Art here
for nearly three months, and
my progress has been entirely
satisfactory to the Professors
I am now drawing from
the Antique in order to
become familiar with these
beautiful forms. during the
Sommer I intend to copy
from the paintings of the
old Masters. Munich has a
very rich collection contained
in the two Galleries devoted
to the old and new school
of Art. in the old Gallery
there are paintings by allmost
all the old Masters.
This City has a population of
143.000 inhabitents, situated
on the left bank of the river
Isar 1700 ft. above the level
of the sea. to the South
about twenty miles distant

lies the Alps whose majestic peaks break the southern horizon. The scenery about here is most lovely.
The old Wall of the City is still standing but the place has grown so rapidly that now the walls only inclose a very small central potion. The public buildings here are very handsome. Munich can also proudly speak of its Monuments &c.

I am greatly rejoiced to see that this part of Germany have invested largely in United States Bonds. you will see them displayed in allmost every bankers window. The people are very much interested in the political proceedings at Washington just now.
A Germein paper had an Article in its colums the other day, in which it stated that "Washington was destined to be "Modern Rome of the

World, from whence all Nations would receive their orders." I thought it was pretty strong language from a Kings subject.

The weather has been exceedingly mild through the winter. I hardly think that we have had three inches of snow altogether. In my next I will try and give you a more interesting letter. Hoping that you will excuse me for troubling you with the perusal of this note. I have the honor to be Your Most Grateful and Obedient Servant

Wm. Whittock Jr
Munich Bavaria

To The
Hon E. Cornell
Ithaca
New York

Ithaca March 22d 1866

Hon E. Cornell

Dear Sir

Please do not think me responsible for any of those miserable portraits of you which have been in the Illustrated Papers. I am entirely innocent with the exception of answering one letter addressed to me. I want nothing of that kind for my Book.

Yours Truly

S. Spencer

N.Y. 3 24 bbl

E Cornell Esqr

Dr Sir A friend writes to Buero & I can get him (1000) one thousand bbls of Rus. & Stock cheap Such lots not being very plenty I have been advised to ask you if you were disposed to sell any at about the present Market rate — 27 to 28 cts for 20 pack up —

The party might not buy, even were you inclined to sell, but still I must be mulled a present rates —

As your time is very much occupied I will not ask you to reply unless you feel enclined to sell — No reply will be understood to mean that you declined to sell — Very Resp. I Horner

N.Y. Tribune,
March 24, 1866.

My dear Mr. Cornell,

Osborne is uncertain what to do. He has promised to decide by Monday next. He feels that his interest has been cut down too much, and probably will make you a proposition. Till then I beg you to be patient with him, because he has the belief, whether right or wrong, that he is entitled to a larger interest than your proposition gives him.

Yours,
Thomas N. Rooker.

Rec'd & Compl.
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Department of the Interior,

GENERAL LAND OFFICE,

March 21st 1866.

Sir:

Your copy of a Bill relative to exemption of certain College lands from taxation and of a letter of explanation to Hon. Mr Hotchkiss, has been duly received, and has awaited such action as the Hon Gentleman to whom they were committed should give them. Having as yet seen no action taken by these Gentlemen in Congress, I conclude they are awaiting a favorable opportunity.

Very Respectfully.
Your Obdt Servant.

J. M. Edmunds
Commissioner.

Hon. Ezra Cornell.
Albany. NY.

Ithaca May 25. 1866

My Dear Sir,

Ymr favor of the 21st Inst. is at hand, and takes me a little by surprise, as I have not been consulted by my neighbors in regard to the movement of which you advise me,

I do not complain at being required to labor for the public and especially for my native State, I expect thus to appropriate, the balance of my life, and the labors which I have selected, ~~will frame~~ the building up of a first class University, will afford an abundant field,

If, however the loyal men of the State, should agniesce in the partiality of my neighbors, and

call upon me to discharge the
delicate and responsible duties
of Governor, I ~~should of course~~ may
feel bound to yield to their
wishes, and I shall do my best to dis-
charge the duties honestly and
conscienciously,

~~I fully appreciate the kind~~
~~assurances which you make in~~

I cannot but feel gratified
at the kind expression which you
make toward me, and fully appreciate
what you say in regard to the
situation of affairs in your own
County,

~~With many~~ I thanks for your
kind assurances, I am,

Yours Very Truly
E. C

its decesion whether for against them will be for the best interest of the University very truly yours

John Stanton Gould

Hudson March 30th 1866

1866

Hon E Cornell

Dear Sir

I was very glad to hear that you cordially approved the views that I presented to you on the religious question, although you did not think it was consistent with a wise policy to express them.

I do not wish to press my own views unduly, or to arrogate to myself any superior wisdom. all that I desire to do is to make the reasons for my opinion clearly understood; if then, they appear to be unwise I shall most cheerfully defer to the decision of the board.

My reasons for believing that these views ought to be distinctly embodied in the statutes of the university from the very first, are as follows.

The profits of agriculture are rapidly increasing; the occupation of the farmer is becoming more and more attractive commercially; more smart young men are entering into it than ever before; the agriculturalist is fast gaining in relative social rank over other occupations; The signs of the times seem to indicate that farmers as a class are about

to exercise a more dominant influence in the State than they have ever done before. It is possible that before the death of children now born the population of the State may mount up to twenty millions: from its position and other circumstances it must always exercise a powerful influence over the inhabitants of other States, the only avenue from the trans Alleghenean country to the sea board without crossing mountains is through New York. Now if the farmers of the State form its ruling class, if they are the arbiters of social standing, if they have it in their power to brand any line of conduct as low and unfashionable or noble and dignified according as it shall meet with their favour or disfavour. It is clear that they will exercise a mighty power for good or for evil, not only over the citizen of New York (which in itself will be a mighty power) but over the citizens of our whole country. I think the Cornell University is destined to mould the minds of the young farmers of New York. Thirty years from now the social and political life of New York will be dominated by principles of conduct that have been implanted by that University. It will take hold of the dominant profession when their minds are plastic, when they can be most easily moulded into forms which will be permanent, and which will be operative through their whole lives.

If this is a correct view of the case, a tremendous responsibility rests upon the trustees both towards God and man, for their initial action on this matter. It is easier to start right than to get right after having taken its departure on a wrong track. If its principle of action is left as a matter of inference, if it is not clear and distinct from the beginning, some professors will take one view, others will take different ones. The minds of the pupils will be operated on by equal and opposite forces and therefore will make no progress in any direction. On the other if all the Professors apply their forces in one direction the University will be a power and will really subserve the cause of truth and righteousness

on the earth, and tend to establish the true Kingdom of God. If it is objected that an attempt to establish these principles at first will cause disputes and dissensions. I submit that it is better to have such Disputes openly met at the threshold than to have an underground Strife going on slyly and secretly in the class rooms It seems to me that nothing could be more degrading or more paralysing to all the objects which you have in view than the underground conflict which would surely be carried on in the absence of principles clearly laid down at the threshold. The Endowment of this University is a splendid bait which is sure in my judgment to attract sectarian cupidity, I am very confident that all sorts of cunning schemes will be devised to accomplish their objects, and I know of no way so certain to baffle them as the Enactment of a stringent declaration of principles in the Statutes of the University. I believe I have already expressed the opinion that all the principles which will govern the future action of the University should be embodied in the Statutes as well those relating to religion. If these views are sound they ought to be adopted if unsound they should be rejected. Having now given my reasons I feel that my duty has been done and leave the decision to the board not doubting that

Ithaca and Towanda R. R. Co.

EZRA CORNELL, PRESIDENT.
WILLIAM ANDRUS, VICE-PRESIDENT.
L. L. TREMAN, SECRETARY.
ALONZO B. CORNELL, TREASURER.

Ithaca, N. Y., March 26, 1866.

Hon E Cornell

Dear Sir

New York State Inebriate Asylum
Binghamton March 26
66

Hon
E Cornell

Dear Sir

Please
send me a copy of your
bill. Also write the con-
dition and ~~of~~ prospects
I hear that you are to build
your University the coming
summer. I suppose you
have made up your mind
to have the best ventilated
building in our country
If you want to secure the
best plan on ventilation
I know of no Gentlemen
living who understands
the subject of ventilation
so well as Doctor John Gray
of Newyork city Yours Respectfully
T Edward Turner

BRASS AND IRON
CASTINGS,
Agricultural Implements,
Machine Work, &c.

Office of the Ithaca Iron Works,

Ithaca, N. Y., Mar 27 1866

Hon E Cornell

Sir, We are circulating the petitions for the act allowing the Town to subscribe stock to the Rail Road Co and are getting a large No of Names

As you have anticipated us will it be of use to send them on to you

Yours &c

Leonard Treman

Sheffield Scientific School of Yale College,

New Haven, Connecticut, Tues. March 27, 66

Hon. E. Cornell.

Dear Sir,

I am anxious to obtain a copy of the "Communication from the State Engineer and Surveyor transmitting a Special Report on Coal. Albany 1865." a State document. Can you furnish me with one? If so I will be greatly obliged. If not, please tell me and I will try in other quarters.

Yours truly

Wm. H. Brewer

John Hoomer
27. March

Western Union Teleg Co
New York March 27. 1866

Hon E Cornell
Dr Sir

I have submitted your answer relative to 1.000 shs of Rus & to the party who made the Enquiry and shall most likely hear from them in a few days—

As it is for a pretty large amt they will want a little time to look it over and make Enquiries — they however expected to get it a little below, rather two per cent above the price small lots are selling at here, but I tell them it is worth more than you offer to take for it and that they had better

take it while they can —
Whatever their reply may be
I will transmit to you —
Western Union seems to drag
without any apparent cause,
there is not much offering & but
few orders to buy — it is not
unlikely, however, that the temporary
hitch between the W. U. Co &
the American Co. relative to
the & settlement of the part
of the United States lines on
the American Co territory
may have become exaggerated outside and may
be preventing parties from
buying till an understanding
is arrived at — we think this
will soon be adjusted (we know
it should be) and then on the
opening of the books April 2nd
we think the Stock may become
more active and advance

Yours &c J Hoffman

E. Cornell Esqr

Dr Sir The Sudden break down in W Union yesterday alarmed my Executrix man she has notified me today that she concludes not to purchase.

The circulation of the organization of a new Teleg Co to be called the Atlantic & Pacific Teleg Co with a Capital of $5.000.000. with the names of some of our most prominent men as officers and directors — in printed form on the St. among Brokers yesterday made a panic in tele[graph] property & the W.U. Stock declined 5 per ct —

Whether they mean business or only a Speculation I dont yet know — but it frightened some timid holders — Yours Jas Horner

NY 3.28.66

Dr Baxter Madison Co NY
March 29th 1866

Hon Ezra Cornell
Senator
Albany NY

Sir

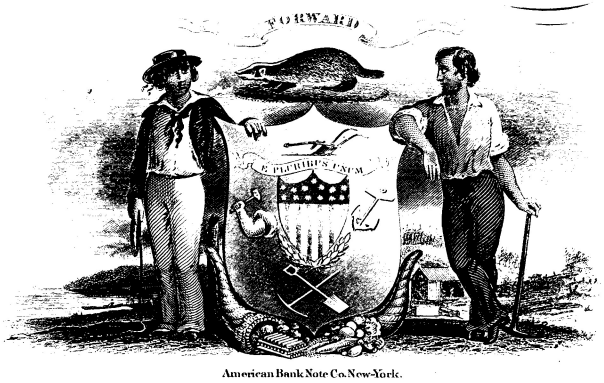
I have
a Complete Set on file
of the Tribune and Whig
Almanacs from their Commencement
in 1843 & the years between
and knowing you to be collecting
rare books for your University
Library I would say I
would sell if I can get
a good price for I am
too poor to keep them
I believe there is but a
very few complete sets in
the country and they are
invaluable to a large Library
Would you like to
purchase them
I can also furnish

I. N. Smith
28. May. 66
ad a law firm Some
Valuable files of newspapers
during the Rebellion also some
of Greeley's writings
Pardon my intrusion
upon your valuable time
and bon Voyage
Isaac N Smith

P. S.

I am Said Correspondent
of "Cozenin Republican" from
Dr Reyter and the other day
for the Credit of our town
I Corrected the Mistake "Harpers
Weekly" in reply to Guelph
I hope my Correction will meet
your approbation The latter
part of it Sentes your friends
in Dr Reyter I Send you
a Copy hereof
Yours in Haste
Isaac N Smith

State of Wisconsin



American Bank Note Co. New-York.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Madison Wis. Sept 18th 1866

E. Cornell Esq.

Dr Sir

Yours of the 19th with "Act of Legislature of N.Y. establishing "Cornell University" was duly received. Our Legislature has a bill under consideration exempting such lands from taxation as may be located by you, which will probably pass. I will send you a copy as soon as it comes into my possession.

Wishing you success in your grand undertaking

I have the honor to remain

Truly Yours

F. J. Allen

Sec'y of State.

To D. Huntington Jr.
Mr Walker

Utica March 6. 1866

My dear Sir.

Yours of 14th inst. is just rec'd. The portrait of Senator Cornell is ordered by a Comm. of the citizens of Ithaca who have subscribed the amount.

It is quite possible that he was not aware of the intended Compliment. I do not know how this is.

The Comm. referred the selection of the artist to me, and have approved of my selection.

This may account for Mr. Cornell's surprise.

You are however "sailing in China", and I have no doubt that Senator Cornell will be most happy to give you the necessary sittings.

If you think best, I will with pleasure write to Mr C. although it does not appear quite to be necessary.

Perhaps if you state the Contents of this note or send it to the Senator, it will relieve the matter of all embarrassment.

Our fishing galley has closed and has been quite a success. This is the fourth year, and I trust that the annual exhibition may be continued.

I was delighted this morning to hear the clear note of the robins upon the trees of my lawn, the first harbingers of Spring.

Very truly
Yours
J. R. Wadsworth

D. Huntington
Mar 28 66

Wm. E. Cornell

Dear Sir

The enclosed letter from Mr. Walker explains itself. — If you should have occasion to visit N York this Spring I will be so kind as to give me notice, I should like to make a beginning on the portrait. — We could then arrange for future sittings. — By securing a good sketch for the general arrangement of the portrait, and then five or six sittings of the Course of a fortnight, the main labor of the latter, could be done — after which I could finish the

picture at leisure.—

— I shall be pleased to hear from you on this subject.— ~~~

— I wrote as above some days ago & was interrupted by some extraordinary speculations which has caused delay.—

Very respectfully Yours

D. Huntington

48. E. 20th St New York

Mar 28. 1866

State of New York.

((Senate Chamber.))

Albany. Mar 28– 1866

Dear Sir

Your favor of 28th Feb came duly to hand, referring to the Antiquities of our State,

I owe you an apology for not before noticing it, I have been so pressed with ~~with~~ the multiplicity of matter which accumulate here, that I have not been able to find the time to give your letter the attention which the importance of the subject demands–

I heartily agree with you that it is our duty to collect and preserve every fact relative to the ancient history of our

sate, and of the races of Men who have inhabited it,

It is at the same time an unfavorable time to secure aid from the public treasury for such an object, The multiplicity of objects which will have ready advocate befor the Finance committee, will swell the appropriation bills to as large an aggregate sum, as can be passed into a law or spared from the treasury —

I hope the time may come befor it is to late to secure the object, when the means can be spared for this important survey —

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

T. A. Cherry Esq

P. S. You suggest that there is an Amount font near Tow. mansburg in Tompkins Co. How much would it cost to explore that region and determine the fact in the case? E C

Stanwix Hall Mar 29th 56

Dear Father

Mr Hart wished me to drop you a line asking you if you would please telegraph when that bill passes the senate no matter they strike out Tompkins or not by Telegraph to McLean

Your affe son

O. H. P. C.

American Land Company and Agency.

JOHN A. ANDREW, Pres't.
Wm. L. BURT, Secretary.

FRANK E. HOWE,
GENERAL OFFICE,
57 Broadway, New York.

WILLIAM S. KING,
New England Office,
96 Washington Street, Boston.

Boston, March 29th 1866.

Hon: Ezra Cornell.
Albany, N.Y.

My dear Sir.

Excuse my calling your attention to a matter, in which you probably feel as deep an interest, probably deeper than I do, though in fact, my personal interest is comparatively slight. I refer to the Railroad Connections and accomodations at Ithaca. I have had for some years, a very clear perception in my own mind, of what was wanted there, and in the present movements, regarding you as I do, as the main spring and reliable man of the whole, I would respectfully ask your attention to some suggestions.

First.- I admit the general

proposition, that if a Coal Road were
constructed into Ithaca to day, and
operating, it would of itself, become
no railroad Connection South, and
would render a road from Auburn
to Owego impossible. But we have
not such a road, and before we
could build it, the Auburn road
through Dryden to Owego, will be
settled independent of us.

Now, we can furnish
a communication from Ithaca to
Waverly, by running from Waverly to
Spencer, and from Spencer on to the
present road, two miles South of
Wilseyville, and that road can
be built, and running the present
Summer, which will give a water
Communication, at once, to Ithaca,
on the present road.

We must bear in mind,
that in going from Ithaca to Spencer,
by way of the Inlet-Valley, we have
to overcome a higher Summit, and

we pass through a County much more
difficult for constructing a road
than to go by the way of Pinckney,
and Wilsonville, to say nothing of
the fact, that you have got to con-
struct double the number of miles
of new road. Another difficulty
follows the construction of the road
into Ithaca, by the Inlet route.
It brings all the freight down on-
to the Flats, and it would be
impossible to get a road out
of town Southward, except between
the Lakes towards Geneseo (and
in that direction all the Coal
would go by water through the
Seneca Lake), or down the East
side of Cayuga Lake (and nothing
could be done that way, with Coal,
with an Auburn road through
Dryden)-

Now, if we build from
Waverly, by way of Wilsonville,
and then come down to the summit

at Quigley's, and Construct the road just South the Auburn road, now commenced to be constructed for the first four miles, rising there gradually, and crossing over to the East side of 6 mile Creek, we can bring the road down the upon the East hill, into Ithaca, near or just above the Stone quary, and from there we can run up again, crossing Cascadilla Creek, and running to the grade of the water at the Beebe Dam, on Fall Creek. From this dam there is no difficulty in securing any grades you desire running along Fall Creek, through Varna, Etna, Dryden, McLean, to the "Syracuse and Binghampton" road at Cortland - a distance of not over 19 miles by proposed route, from the East Hill in Ithaca to that road, if as far. This plan pushed vigorously to day, would bring the Auburn road over its old

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line, from Auburn as surveyed & partially built, and thence damages paid to Ithaca, and thence on our proposed road through Spencer to Waverly - a line much shorter from Auburn to Waverly, than "via" Owego.

Syracuse is much the better point for us to come to Ithaca to secure a connection from Ithaca, as we can get it, by building half the summit of road, and Syracuse is a central point for all business purposes, and there we can reach all the Express trains of the Central Road.

A further advantage prospectively, is the ultimate advantage of a

connection through to Utica, as I understand the Utica people are already moving strongly for a road through Oriskany Falls to De Ruyter to Cortland.

A road from Syracuse or Utica, or both, running through Ithaca, to the Coal regions, & the South (eventually running to Elmira from Syracuse), would give us a position there, which no scheme or plan I have heard of, would equal. Twenty miles of Railroad from Ithaca to Cortland. Sixteen from Waverly to our present road, and 5 or 6 from the Summit down, a good part of which is already built, is all that is necessary to give Ithaca, the best railroad com-

= sections in the State, and in my opinion simply building this Spring, from Ithaca to the road, and organizing immediately a Company to build from Ithaca to Cortland, will decide the whole matter of the Auburn road, and its location. If we can show the Auburn people, that they can have a better road to Ithaca through Ithaca, by building only half as much road themselves, that is only half the distance, and with equally good grades, can we not control them? And further cannot we satisfy the people in Dryden, and along Fall Creek, with a shorter, cheaper and better road, from Ithaca to Syracuse, than the

proposed road to Auburn.

I should like for one, properly sustained, by myself, and the interests in Ithaca, & the present Railroad, to make one Effort, to secure these Connections, and thro the Auburn road, if it should ~~have~~ be built through our Village. Can it not be done? Is it not best to try?-

You will see in all this, I have not gone into the matter of how we shall bring the Coal down into the Inlet, and on to our Lake, for that is unnecessary; that we can accomplish ~~in~~, and of ourselves. and it does not effect, or influence our connections with the proposed other Roads. With a track coming

on the East hill, in the neighborhood of the Stone quarry - we shall get down without difficulty to the Lake, or the Inlet, and the present road would be glad to join in the construction and use of such a road, and when constructed would relieve them from maintaining, and running on 13 miles of track, to reach a distance of 16 miles, as they now do. I think it can be made great to the interest of the present road, of the Ithaca and Owanda road, of the Auburn road, and the Syracuse and Binghampton road. to at once join, and secure the construction of such Connections. Our present road might

not be positively in favor of it, but they would be relatively. That is, if any road is to be built, it is better that one should be built to use their road, and pay tributary to them as far as possible.

Will you be kind enough to make any objections that may present themselves to your mind, and let me hear from you, if convenient, at an early day, and oblige

Your Obt Servant.

Wm L. Burt

Newyork 29th Mch 1866.

Dear Sir:—

In the Telegraphic profession there has been, heretofore, no organized effort to unite the minds of the employer and employee. It is no doubt often suggested to the minds of leading telegraph men that the lack of unity of action greatly retards proper performance of duty, while the lamentable fact must have been apparent that over that gulf between a full comprehension of the science, and the operators position there is no complete roadway.

At an informal meeting of a number of gentlemen connected with the different Telegraph Companies in this city for the purpose of taking into consideration the expediency of establishing a Telegraphic Association, the object of which should be the elevation of telegraphing as a science by introducing courses of lectures, the formation of a library, reading room, Cabinet &C, the following resolution was passed:—

Resolved that a committee of five be appointed to make enquiries as to the prospect of securing appropriate rooms, and as to the opinions of officers and leading telegraph people on the subject.

The committee shall draft appropriate resolutions and have power to call a meeting at some future day to present such resolutions and report the substance of their enquiries."

We, the Committee appointed in accordance with this resolution address you, knowing that you take a lively interest in telegraphing or its kindred subject - electricity - for advice as to the best course to pursue, so that in forming the association we may establish it upon such a basis, as shall secure permanency, and that its character shall be such as to, not only benefit the practical operator but that those in positions such as yours, shall be intellectually rewarded.

It is apparent that the membership should consist, not of employees only, but of all who are interested in the science

and we would be glad of your
Co operation and assistance.

By giving us your views upon
the subject. you will oblige

Yours very Respectfully

W. O Lewis

Wm N. Hess

H. H. Ward

A. D. Brown

W. W. B. Finch.

To

Ezra Cornell Esq.

Newport Mar 29 86

Dear Uncle

A year ago I wrote to you to see if you would accomodate me with a little money to get into business with, at that time you said you would, if my father thought it advisable. I talked the matter over with him, he gave me little encouragement, on account of the state of things, so I gave it up, & came here to work for the B N & N Y. Steamboat Co. have worked for them while they were fixing up their boats they were finished, I was thrown out of employment, and forced into Insurance for my self rather than leave Newport my wife being unwilling

to go, I have a place on the Main St. as good a location as in the place any where; With what little money I saved, I fitted it up for a furniture ware room and have bought considerable beyond my means I have got to raise the money inside of Thirty days, to pay for these goods, I think I can get my note backed for three months by a friend, but that would be hardly time to turn my stock for my business will not fairly commence until the Summer residents begin to come, to fit their mansions up then I can turn it readily enough,

I wrote to Patten a bout asking you for a loan & he rather encouraged my undertaking it, —

If you can loan me three or four hundred on my note, with interest semiannually, ~~two tables~~ & perhaps I could pay part of the principal with the interest you would oblige me much

Yours Respectfully

Albert H. Chase

N.Y. Tribune,
March 29, 1866.

Hon. Ezra Cornell—

My dear Sir: We have been unable to come to any agreement with Mr. Osborne, although we have presented various plans. As a last resort we have said to Mr. Osborne "draw up a plan which shall satisfy you, going as far down into our interest as you may wish, to accomplish your purpose, and then ask Mr. Cornell to accept of it. Or, refund unto us the money we have expended, and then ask Mr. Cornell to join you on such a basis as you two can agree upon." If more can be asked of us, then we will listen and consider that

proposition.

Believing as we do that the process is important as well as valuable to the world, we are more anxious that it shall be put at work than to make money. Mr. Osborne knows from epperience its value and importance, and consequently is very tenacious about his interests. He thinks and believes that his interest should equal capital, come from what source it may.

Now if you can untie this knot, I beg you to do so, and give me the pleasure of seeing my predictions fulfilled.

Mr. Osborne will write you. At least he told me this morning that he would go home and try to find some ground upon which we, or you and him, could stand equally upon.

Your friend,
Thomas N. Rooker.

Copy

Albany Mar 28. 1866

My Dear Sir, Your favor of the 24th inst came duly to hand, acknowledging the rec't of a bill and copy of letter to Messrs. Morgan & Hotchkiss and refering to the non-action of the "Gentlemen in Congress"-

Senator Morgan wrote me that he had introduced the bill in the Senate and it was referred to the Standing Com'tee on finance,

Very Strangely, I have no reply from Mr Hotchkiss, I learn however through other sources that he introduced the bill in the House and it was refered to the Com't on Agriculture, and that he had assurances of a favorable report.

I had hoped for some expression of views on the subject from you which would Enable me to judge of the propriety of the measure, and determine whether or not it would be proper to press the subject more vigorously upon the attention of Congress

I should repose great confidence in any views you may express on the subject, and if I should form know of the slightest impropriety or injustice in the measure of exempting the lands from taxation, I should drop the matter and direct my efforts in other channels in aid of the great and important object I have in view -

Yours Respectfully
Ezra Cornell

Hon J. M Edmunds