74 West 35th St
New York, March 30th 66.

Dear Sir,

I perceive, in the morning papers, that the "Appropriation Bill" passed the Senate yesterday.

Will you be kind enough to inform me whether it contained the appropriation solicited for the New York Eye & Ear Infirmary?

By so doing you will greatly oblige your friend Mr. Royal Phelps, as well as

Yours respectfully
Chas. Inc. Allen M.D.

To
Hon. Ezra Cornell
Albany

Belvidere March 30' 66

Dear Brother

This state of Ill is increasing in population very fast.— a pair of new comers at our house last week. Boy & Girl. their mother is doing as well as could be expected. Children all well.—

in your last you spoke of coming out in spring. and said you could show me a better operation than any thing I wrote you about, what time shall we look for you— and where do you propose to operate— I ask. that I may know what kind of calculations to make about moveing.— Respects to all

E Cornell Esq. { Truly Yours D B Cornell

Albany Mar 30. 1866

Dear Sir

The 1st of April is upon us. as you have predicted and as I have feared without any arrangement as to the Telegraph on the Erie R.R.

The W.U. Co is busy with the unsettled matters of the W.U. Co. and cant be diverted to attend to this matter -

The Erie Co cannot restore the line in the condition required to by lease as 60 miles of the line is not in existence from Ny to Cold Spring on East side river is all gone -

If line can be sold as you indicated the 12th inst I will assent to it -

Yours Respectfully

E Correll

E N Chester Esq

Department of the Interior,
General Land Office,
Washington D.C. March 31st 1866.

Sir:

Your favor of the 28th inst. was received yesterday, and in reply I have to say, that it has not been my purpose to express any opinion upon the propriety of the measure to which you have alluded, and which you inform me has already been brought to the attention of the Congress of the United States. The policy of such a measure is not a question properly referrible to this Office, and therefore any remarks I may make in reply to your request will be but the frank expression of my personal views wholly independent of my official position. These may be and doubtless are somewhat influenced by my experience as a Western man, as such I view the question from a stand point wholly different from the one you occupy, and can hardly therefore be expected to reach the same conclusions.

In view of the unexampled liberality, and earnestness with which you have come to the aid of one of the most important educational enterprizes in your State, it is with great reluctance that I shall even express an opinion, which may seem to raise a doubt

in your mind, or an obstacle in your pathway,

It is not for want of liberality in behalf of Education in the National Congress, that your proposition will fail, if it does fail. Congress has already granted for Educational purposes about two hundred millions of acres of the public lands, one hundred and thirty millions of which has been allotted to the States under existing laws, as the Land System progresses, and the new infant communities rise into States qualified to accept and dispose of their respective shares of so magnificent a donation,

It is not then ..... want of friendship for your cause, or lack of admiration for the relations you bear to it personally, that you have to fear or contend with.

The contract with every land State upon her admission into the Union, is that she shall neither tax nor interfere with the primary disposal of the public domain, but there is no stipulation to waive the power of taxation whenever and after the government is divested of the title,

It is then a question whether the Congress could with justice grant the exemption you ask, Certainly it would be unfair to do so without the consent of the States in which the lands should be situated, The mere location of a million of acres in any State by any individual or corporation without proportionate improvements is a serious hindrance to settlement and a damage to

the States. Western men felt this and resisted the appropriation of this Scrip originally for that reason, but finally yielded upon the restriction to one million of acres in each State.

There is to be about eight millions of acres of this Scrip and if the policy prevails as to your Scrip it must be applied to that of the other States. It may reasonably be estimated that the taxes on each million of acres unimproved would be annually at least $30,000. or $240,000 for the whole 8,000,000. But suppose that only half of it should be located in behalf of the colleges the exemption would then amount to $120,000. per annum. A concession of this amount annually by the scattered and financially feeble communities of the land States, to the older more populous and wealthy States of the Union will not be borne without great dissatisfaction and cannot be borne with advantage to the new States.

As applying to the policy of withholding large tracts of land from settlement by individuals or corporations, I respectfully request you to read a portion of my report forwarded to you yesterday, commencing on page 36. and closing on page 38. I have in pursuance of these opinions, and in view of the vast number of new landholders in the five Southern land States, advised that the remainder of the public lands in those States 57,000,000. of acres, be disposed of under the homestead law only, and the House of Representatives has sanctioned the measure by a very

large majority,

The Western land States having but a small population, and of course a corresponding representation in Congress get but little lands. For example Minnesota 120,000 acres, Kansas 90,000 and the Territories none until they become States unless the law shall be amended, and this they are obliged to locate within their own limits,

You will not fail to see the effect upon these new communities of such a concession as you propose, It seems to me that the question is simply this, whether New York and Pensylvania with a grant of nearly a million of acres each, and others of the old States with corresponding quantities and dense population, shall pay the tax upon these lands, or whether the tax shall be withheld from those who have less than a tenth of the population, and except the allotment for Senators, which is alike in all the States an amount of land correspondingly less,

Do not understand me as presenting an argument against your Bill, this is not my purpose. I have not discussed the question with any one either in or out of Congress, do not propose to unless an official call is made upon me by the Committee of Congress, which has not yet been done, I am simply presenting the matter as it ~~appears~~ to me in accordance with your request,

There is no doubt but the older States have ample power to secure the adoption of the measure,

States without lands and with Scrip, precisely as you are, have more than three fourths of the votes in Congress, and can control the question if they shall so determine, yet I cannot believe it would be either just or politic, to enforce such a demand upon the feeblest of the new States, for upon them it must fall if adopted,

Ohio, Indiana and Illinois have no more public lands, In Missouri and Iowa, the lands are so nearly exhausted as to offer little inducement to holders of Scrip, There are no strong or populous States where the Scrip can be located, I mention these facts that you may judge where such locations must fall.

With every desire to promote the success of the great enterprize in which you are engaged, and with sincere regret that in this instance I have been constrained to hold views not in accordance with your own, I am,

Very Truly,
Your Obdt Servant

J. W. Edmunds

Hon. Ezra Cornell.
Senate Chamber
Albany. N.Y.

MSS.
Kes (22)

Chippewa Falls Wisconsin
March 31st 1866

Hon Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

Yours 18th inst I have just received with other documents, which please receive my thanks, for the last four weeks I have been in the woods selecting Pine timber Lands,

There can be no doubt, but what a judicious selecting of Pine Land will net in five years $5 per acre and I think, from $8 to $10 per acre but the value of these Lands are in the amount of timber they will yield, And great care, & much hard labour is necessary to get good locations

The Lands which I have or has selected will yield 50 M to the acre, as timber is cut - now, at present, but when

timber becomes more scarce, & is cut as cheap as in other lumbering districts, it will yield near double that amount

In selecting Pine lands I find a large amount of good Hemlock & hard wood lands, I donot pretend to make an Estimate on the value of these lands, but believe they will be valuable

The Responsible work in which you are engaged should receive the assistance of every one, and if you should think it advisable to locate this hard wood & Hemlock land, I can furnish you with a large amount of good locations at any figures you may see fit to give there is some scattering Pine among these lands

There is a vast difference in selecting Scrare Farming Lands & Pine Lands One Scrare the Land Agent can take his Horse & ride in any direction, and in a few weeks select a large Amount, but here in the woods I have to take my Pack on my back camping where ever night ove take me for the last twenty days I have been almost constantly upon snow shoes snow about 2½ feet deep when with axe we had to dig a hole or scoop away this snow build a fire & fish the Night the best we could

I have now about fifty thousand acres of good Pine lands selected, will locate for ½ of the Land

My Father Daniel Cornell resides in Orange County N.Y. near Cornwall, belongs to the Society of Friends. My Grandfather name was also Daniel, & this Twin Brother Josiah they moved from Scituate, to Orange When Father was quite a boy, they where also Friends = My Mother maiden name was Sarah Johnson and Grandmother Sarah Anthony

Yours Truly W. J. Cornell

Dryden April 2d 1864

Hon Ezra Cornell
State Chamber
Albany

My Dr Sir

For your Telegram
to give information of our Bill having
been ordered to a third reading
I am much obliged And I am
glad to feel that we can now depend
on its early passage with your
assistance. The question of Bonding Town
should in my judgment be left to the
people themselves As our Town is situated
the road is built only passing across a corner
I am not myself in favor of bonding Nor is
it necessary to Bond it. So whenever the
Excitement of the day shall have
passed as it soon will I am sure

over

that it will be seen that the
opposition though perhaps under
the circumstances natural enough
was after all not necessary There are
along the line of our proposed Road
many towns that are so situated that
they will never be as much benefited
and would not do it if they were
While many others are nearly if
not unanimously in favor of it and
as they will much also do it
Why not then give them the opportu-
tunity and do the same way
as is usual Every particle of opposi-
tion to our Bill from Cortland
& Cuyler from Cortland Village
which has not & cannot have any
criterion in the Subject Except to defeat
all of the builders the Road Horford
the only Town in which & through which the
Road passes are more than 10 to 1 in favor
of the passage of the Bill Not with standing
Cortland Such is the feeling among to created dis-
affection Truly Yours. D. W. Dwight

MSS.
KCC

Chippewa Falls Wisconsin
April 2d 1866

Hon Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

I hand you a Map of Wisconsin. = Inside of the line drawn is the old survey Out side the new You will perceive the Chippewa has numerous tributaries. These tributaries are (most of them) large enough to drive logs, and the expense of getting the logs to the mills is but trifling The Amount of Lumber Manufactured and sent to market from the Chippewa last year was about One Hundred & twenty Millions, of this amount about 80 Millions was cut above this place (logs Cut above but Lumber Manufactured here & below)

It Costs to deliver Lumber in St Louis about $4,00 per M. Some Rafts are run as far as Memphis. = the average Cost from the Mills to the principal Markets on the Mississippi is $2,50 per M = You will perceive by the Map I send you, that the Chippewa is not a long & tortuous River,

It is quite likely a large proportion of these Lands will be withdrawn from market sometime

this comes, I presume, the State legislature
has the different Rail Road interests fought it
or agreed upon a compromise, And the land
grant Road is now to run from Ripon to Stevens-
Point & to Bay field, when the Road is located
it will take a large proportion of these Lands from
market,
As yet but a little of the Land has been located
upon the new survey, Our mile owners with the
exception of two or three own no Land, they could
get a supply of Logs without buying Land, & have con-
cluded it would always be so, but if I can find
parties to locate, it will soon make a vast difference
with them, Lumber in the tree or Stumpage as we call
it should be worth $2 to $3 a thousand feet, & will be as
soon as the Government-lands are exausted
The advantages to locate now are very great, Many of
the Streams have not had a foot of Land located upon them
yet, & the first party if he has the means can secure all
the Pine, & thus prevent it from trespass from other
parties = The Pine grows in groves, in some places there
can be got, two or three thousand acres, & then it will
be for many miles there will be no Pine worth entering
It requires a great deal of hard work to locate
Pine Land, in the same season I go up in Birch Bark Can-
noes = I have had some pretty hard adventures, last fall
I went up the Rives & hired an Indian, to go with me
after I had been with him near a week he found out

I had money with me and attempted one night to take my life but failed. I learned afterwards he belonged to a gang that had committed several murders,

I would send you a new map if I could get one but cannot. I live out of Milwaukee

Yours Truly

W. J. Connell

H. Burgh Apl 2. 66

71 West 36th St New York
April 2d 1866

Hon: Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

Amid the roar of Railroad, and other 'mercinary propets before the Legislature, it seems almost impossible to get a hearing for the poor dumb beast, in the Assembly.

Were I a legislator, I should regard such a bill as the one asking for the incorporation of a Society, to protect the poor old horse and other Animals from Cruelty — as of far more consequence

both to man and beast, than all the Railroads in the State.

When I was last in Albany, there were but about 20 bills before it, and was assured that it would be reached in about a week. Since that time more than 50 have been disposed of, and yet the one asking for simple justice to our dumb chattels - receives the go by!

There is a God in Heaven, and there is a principle of justice on earth - ignore it as we please - which sooner or later will manifest itself.

I have done all I am able – if oyster beds and Railroads are to supercede the laws of moral justice – so be it.

Your own Kindness of heart has made itself heard through the Bills introduced by you; and I have deferred to your judgement in not presenting another – although opposed by able men here who think otherwise.

Will you please renew your influential efforts in getting the Bills through, which I have so long occupied myself with, as well as your own?

I have the honor to be
Your obedient Sty
Henry Bergh

Cincinnati April 2nd 66

Ezra Cornell Esqr

Dear Sir – I will send you next week by express to Ithaca a few bound volumes edited by S. F. Cary (my Bro) on the various subjects of Agriculture Horticulture &c. He is the most practical man of science I ever knew, thoroughly posted indomitable untiring energy, a splendid Instructor. In short he is the best man in the U. S. to help on your great enterprize. I think Gov Fenton will endorse all I say in the premises. Wishing you success and taking a great interest in your College I remain Yours

S. F. Cary

P. S. Kind regards to family
on the 12th & 13 I lecture
in Lockport N. Y.

R. Balcom
5. Apl 66

Hathaway House
Elmira Apl 5, 1866.
Hon. Ezra Cornell
Dear Sir: Have the directors of the Western Union Telegraph Company declared a dividend of 80 when & where is it payable & how much is the dividend?

Is the Stock of this Co to be consolidated with the Stock of the United States Telegraph Company; or what is the arrangement with the latter Company?

I own 100 shs of Stock in the Western Union which cost

me 70 cts I feel uneasy about it the price having fallen to 53½ cts—

Any information you can give me I shall be obliged to you for—

I regret to trouble you but I desire information so I can determine whether to sell or hold my Stock—

Direct to me at the Hathaway House Elmira—

Very Respectfully Yours
Ransom Balcom

Ithaca and Towanda R. R. Co.

EZRA CORNELL, President.
WILLIAM ANDRUS, Vice-President.
L. L. TREMAN, Secretary.
ALONZO B. CORNELL, Treasurer.

Ithaca, N. Y., April 5th, 1866.

Hon E Cornell

Dear Sir

Yours of the 2d Inst and Contents noted

In my humble judgment - If We wish to secure the Building of the Ithaca and Towanda Rail Road - We better Road not agitate any New routes We have a fair start - and Certain Charter - If Ithaca can get the $300,000 for our Town to subscribe to the Stock for 200 Thousand dollars With the other subscriptions

As soon as we can get the Rails
secure our Road beyond
doubt

Our People are anxious
now for our Road

And
we need Cotton Rags on
the Track

As soon as the
Math. Mile permits we
propose to run a Preliminary
Line from Hanley to Shreveport
by Orthoville

Yours Truly

C. L. Lewis

48. E. 20th St. New York
April 5. 1866.

Hon. E. Cornell
Dear Sir.

I generally require
10 or 12 Sittings of
about 2 hours each
and it is better not
to have more than 3
a week to allow time
for drying. — The best
hour is 10 in the morning
(or earlier) in order to be
fresh for the work. — This
is supposing the Sitter can
conveniently give such frequent
Sittings. — Sometimes I use
Stronger dryers and take

sittings every day. ~~But~~ more frequently when the sitter resides in town take a sitting only once or twice a week.

Respectfully Yours

D. Huntington

Montreal Telegraph Company

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

Duncan & Co's Lith.

Montreal, A/d 5th 1866

My Dear Sir

I have lately learned that a friend of mine has 100 shares Ill & Mississippi Telegraph Stock. Since he has held it (some 8 or ten years) he has had no dividends from it nor paid any Calls upon it.

Can you tell me whether it is worth anything now, if so how much, or has it been forfeited by some of Gates' Cards? I am anxious to get the information for the owner as it Cost him for —

I have heard nothing from my Lawsuit but my

ankle is a good deal subject to rheumatic pains.

On reaching home I found all well except Julia she has one of her periodical obstinate colds - I also found shady with weather and good sleighing - for the last day or two the snow has been disappearing rapidly

The Farmer's Store has mostly subsided -

You told me when I became a life member of the State Agricultural Society that I would be entitled to a copy of the "Transactions" As I am to be a farmer again I would like to get them.

If it is not too much trouble will you if they can be obtained conveniently send them to me at Burlington Vermont by Express -

I hope that mother is well again & enjoying her visit - Give love to her and to all of you

Very Sincerely Yours

O. S. Woodward

Hon E. Conwell

Washington April 6 1866

Hon Ezra Cornell
Dear Sir

I write to say that I am advised the Maltby Lough & Whitehall R.R. Bill has passed the Assembly by a handsome vote. I now desire to say I have not a dime of personal interest in, or to be benefitted by the construction of that Road but I do feel a great interest in the passage of the bill & the construction of the Road — as a great public benefit — If you can consistently & conscientiously — give it your support & vote — your social, political and geographical position is such that your influence will be very

C. T. Hulburd
6 Apl 66

great if not decisive in
determining its fate in your
body — and I scarcely need add
that on the same terms you
can at any & at all times
command me in the same
manner while I am in
public life —

I believe the State as proprie-
tor of lands to be brought into
market by the construction of the
Road — and by the increase of
property subject to assessment
in consequence of its construc-
tion — will really but advance
all the bill asks from it —
But I need not enlarge
will not further trespass
upon your time but to assure
that I am Very Respectfully
Yours C. T. Hulburd

Lachute 6th April 1866

Hon. Ezra Cornell
Ithica

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge with many thanks, the receipt of "Evening Journal Almanac" sent by you — My wife says, to tell you (as she claims you as a kind of relation) that we contemplate moving into Uncle Sams dominions within the year and

if

Chas. S. Burroughs
Atlanta
if we do, shall notify you of
our whereabouts

Yours with respect
Chs. S. Burroughs

Buffalo, April 7. 1866.

Hon. E. Cornell.

Dear Sir.

Mr Wilcox Archt requests me to write you and say the designs for the new University Buildings, are nearly all lined out, but in order to make them more Comprehensible they will have to be Colored to show the different materials. In order to do this it will take ten or twelve more working days to complete them which will be beyond the time allowed. If you would rather have them sooner we can send them without Coloring. If you can wait that time we will get them up in enough better shape to pay you for waiting. Please answer this as soon as Convenient.

Respectfully Yours &c

J. R. Thomas Del

for H. M. Wilcox Archt

302 Main St

Dryden Springs April 8. 1866

Mr. Connell Dear Sir.

I took the model I showed you, for drying & ventilation of rooms — to Munn & Co. in New York. They thought my claims on the work both new & valuable. but advised a preliminary examination at the mode at the Patent Office. I have not yet heard the result.

When you return to Akron if you will let me know & you so wish can remain, when I can see

I will come down & attend to my business with you. & also would like to discuss with you further, matters relating to the interests of "Coxcodilla Place".
Remember that through all these dark days of trial & apparent discouragement I look to you, & you alone as the one that must sooner or later deliver my cause & the objects which I represent, from the petty thralldom & misrule of those who now consider themselves in authority. — I pray you not to forsake the interests—

the best & most successful interests of the work started on "Coxcodilla Place". Help me when & as you can, to help the work forward.
My business opens fairly in Dryden this Spring, only my financial struggles have been severe. Improvements cannot be made without money & to get it, costs almost more than it comes to.
Can't you come up & see how we are getting on, when you get home?
Yours most truly
S. D. Nicholson

State of New York.

((Senate Chamber.))

Albany, Apl 8— 1864

Dear Sir

Your favor of 4th March came duly to hand, and has laid on my desk ever since waiting an opportunity to attend to it, but the great pressure of business at the close of a session of the Legislature, has prevented me from giving it any attention.

I trust we shall soon adjourn, when I hope to get more time.

Yours Respectfully

E Cornell

Isaac Mullen Esq

J. H. Wade, President
Anson Stager, Gen'l Supt. } Cleveland, O.

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

Western Union Telegraph Company

Rochester, N.Y. April 10 1866

Hon Elgin
Dear Sir

It is too soon to form any opinion as to the effect of Consolidation! the Bank Statement will afford some indications

I enclose you Daily & Weekly Statements the Cattle cattle alive.

The indications of an increase of business are favorable but I anticipate a panicky season. The financial condition of Country in connection with the threat of pestilence & short famines do not encourage any thing but encouraging to business prospects for the coming year

Yours truly
O H Palmer

New York April 10th 1866

Dear Sir.

I have read your letter to Mr Rooker, and improve the occasion to address you under cover of his reply.

The proposition I transmitted to the Co. and which was forwarded to you, was framed to meet and adjust all the points of difference which existed between Mr Osborne, the Trustees, and yourself.

It was clearly understood here, that whilst the relations between Capital on one side and Patents and services on the other, should be based upon your figures, the relation between Mr Osborne and the four Trustees should be in the proportion of 204 against four times 21, or 84.

The four Trustees were and are satisfied with this arrangement, because it is one which will put the machinery into

Hon. E. Cornell.

operation without delay, and the little deduction made from our interest is better to be endured, than the appropriation of longer time to the negotiations and executive action requisite to bring the proofs of Mr Osborne before the public in season for the autumn trade.

Refering to the remarks in your letter relative to selling some stocks, in order to subscribe for 260 shares of our stock instead of 200 as first contemplated, perhaps your views can be made consonant with those proposed by Mr Rooker, by arranging to meet the payments in some such manner as the following.

May 1st.	5.000 dollars	(Five thousand dollars);
June 1st	5.000	" "
July 1st	3.000	Three "
Aug 1st	2.000	" "
Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec 1.	2500	each month
Total	26.000	

I have had a conversation with Mr Osborne on this subject, and he gives me these figures and dates, with the assurance that the work can be carried on under such system, five thousand dollars more in cash coming from other subscribers during May.

When we shall either of us have the pleasure of seeing you, we shall no doubt be able to satisfy your mind as to the just cause why the reserve question was treated, as expressed in my proposition.

We need to secure a place before the 1st of May, and we should also take early steps with regard to building a suitable Camera & other apparatus, so as to be ready in July and August to deal with the publishers and have out some books for autumn, containing pen & ink sketches reproduced by this process.

I am, with regards

Very truly Yours

G. H. Pollock.

Hon E. Cornell San Francisco April 10th 1866

Dear Friend

I have just returned from a visit to my family in Santa Cruz. and found on calling at the Post Office the Phrenological Journal sent as I suppose by You. altho no name attached. on opening it I saw a very striking likness of Your honored (Physog) also in Feb the Evening Journal Almanac. both of which I thank You kindly for while in Santa Cruz I built a kitchen on the House my family lives in and made a good large garden for them. Ruth and Anna were quite smart. Phebe was well with five Children around her. in consequence of John getting a Divorce from his wife, and maring again to a girl only 19 Years of age and he being 41 Ruth and Anna could not stay with them so I moved them to Santa Cruz. Should You write to me again. which (I hope You will) please not mention what I have written about John for Ruth cant bear to have the disgraceful truth Known, but thinking You might think strange our leaving John. I have related the facts. Chester is Married and Keeping House about 300 Miles from here. working his Father in Laws farm

F. W. Pratt Esq
April 10, 1866

Now my Dear Friend, I wish to write a few lines about my present and future prospects. in the first place I am getting old but that of Course You Know, in the next place I am poor with no House of my own, but in possession of a good building lot in this City. with no House on it, but in a few Years will be very valuable. I do not wish to beg of You for I Consider I have no earthly Claims on Your benevolence. Therfore I respectfully Claim Your attention to the following proposition, that is for a little assitance in order to get a home for Ruth and myself, in our declining Years. if You would loan me money Enough to build a small Comfortable House on my Lot. I will give You a Mortgage on the same for security. when the House is finished, or before if You wish. I will get the Mortgage recorded in San Francisco and send it on to You by Express or any other conveyance You Chuse, on or before the money arrives, if You will write to me and express Your willingness to assist me in the above proposition. please answer by return mail direct as usual. Enclosed is Annas Photographs I will also send the San Francisco papers. please give my best respects to Your Wife and Children and Except this from Your old Friend J. W. Pinkham

4 or 500 dollas will be Enough

J. H. Wade, President
Anson Stager, Gen'l Supt } Cleveland, O.

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

Western Union Telegraph Company

Rochester, N. Y. April 11 1866

Hon. E. Cornell

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, April 11th 1866.

Hon: Ezra Cornell
Albany. N. Y.

My dear Sir.

I have received yours in reply to mine, in reference to Railroad Connections at Ithaca. I have delayed making any reply, as I was reading a map of the County, and the proposed routes England, to show more plainly my ideas. I suppose I saw in my paper, the defeat of the bill, authorizing subscriptions to the Stock of the Owanda and Ithaca Railroad. I think now as I have always thought that we must secure the things by beginning something, and that something was reasonably within our means. Our sentiments ought also to be directed, so as to

control other investments. We are not large Enough in Ithaca at present to directly manipulate or control any body. We must become an influence by degrees, and against the rivalry of other roads, and other localities. I believe it is possible for us on our accord, and within ourselves, to become the construction of or Railroad the present summer, from Waverly to Candor, and from Cortland to Ithaca. If these roads were Commenced and graded. Either or both of them, the results would take care of themselves. I am afraid it is not possible to raise money Enough now, to construct the Road out on Entirely route through Newfield to Ithaca, through Spencer to Waverly. I know there are interests to be served by having a road go that way, but they are not the greater or controlling ones, although the public may not be aware of it. It cannot be possible that we cannot combine

influence sufficient, to secure the construction of the pieces of road, or at least sufficient to grade them, when their construction is begun.

I should be very glad to render any practical assistance in my power if it could be managed reasonably for the public good. and favoring individuals as far as they ought to be favored, but not to the extent of defeating or rendering impossible, advantageous connections with existing and projected roads. Within such limits I would be willing to take hold and try for a road in the water proposed. I will send you copies of the maps when ready. Then you can in any way in your legislative business — but then you will be strange when I would like to take sufficient

If your time & opportunities Things I am yours truly

Wm L Bird

MSS
Kc8 (24)

Albany Apl 11—1866

My Dear Sir

Your favors of 31st. March and 2nd. of Apl is just at hand. I shall be glad to enter all the pine lands of your region, say one or two hundred thousand acres, for the Cornell University if I can get reliable information respecting the quality of the land, and make a suitable arrangement with a reliable man to look after the land, prevent the plunder of the timber, make sales of the land &c. I shall be very busy a few weeks, with the closing busines of our legislature, after which I shall be able to attend to this business.

I have already located fifty thousand acres at the Eaqe Clair office. Mostly farming lands.

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

W. F. Cornell Esq