Owego April 13th/66

Hon. Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

I see by the papers that a bill is before the Legislature to appoint an "Resident Engineer" on the line of the Chemung Canal Extension which is as it should be but I hear that Mr Linnen is again in Albany seeking to control the appointment

Linnen has no business on hand and has been all winter at Albany solely for himself and himself alone

He cannot have claims to hand both the Rail Road and Canal and done all that has been done for the district which does no harm here but I have feared the Dryden men might get badly mixed up with him —

In reference to the appointment of a Resident Engineer when it is to be done we want a hand in it

Will you be good enough to let me know when the Bill decided and

W. J. Lincoln
April 13 66

give us notice in London that we may get a proper men before the board in due time &

We suppose Mr Yoe the proper location and will agree upon the men and be there with letter & papers to the Comm board &

I received yours in reference to the Agreement made in Albany and have touched with A. B. C. as to it &

I thank you for the proposal but have made such arrangements here as will preclude my accepting your proposition &

Yours Truly
W. S. Lincoln

We have a telegraph now through Newark Valley - and have made such arrangements with the Western Union Line as to be really one line and work as such &

Albany Apl 13th 1866

My dear Sir

Your favor of the 9th came duly to hand but the pressure of business incident to the close of the legislative session has caused this delay in the answer. — First to the business part of your letter. I do not learn by it whether you wish to obtain a press so as to make your own brick or to buy the brick ready made. = Philadelphia pressed brick in common terms, means bricks pressed in the Phil.a press, or a press made at Phil.a —

The brick bearing that name are made at Syracuse and various other places in our state, as well as in several localities in New Jersey and Penn. ——

In supplying brick for my library, I examined those made at Syracuse & some others and found either the quality or color unsatisfactory.

Comparing them with brick made at Ithaca I became satisfied that the quality of our common brick was better to stand the weather and hold paint than any I found elsewhere, and in color they they fully equalled the best Phila brick I ever saw.

I therefore sent to Phila and bought a press, and put it in use at Ithaca and made my Phila pressed brick at Ithaca and I made a success of it. I got a beautiful deep red brick which requires no paint to beautify or preserve it, and got the brick at $10.00 per thousand less price than I could have imported them at from Syracuse.

If you have a clay that will make such brick as you want, I presume you can hire the Ithaca press. (I forget the mans name who now owns it)

Or if you wish to buy the brick, I presume you can have them made at Ithaca to order by July, (they have none on hand) and save in price as much as I did,—I was informed a few days ago by an Architect here that you could not get the Philo press brick for less than $30.00 per thousand. I think you can get them at Ithaca for $15. if not less.—The front of the "Cornell Library" will shew you the quality, and a better brick than I should know where to look for,

Now as to your enterprise, It is a noble ambition that prompts you, provide for the education of our females, and you manifest a greater degree of wisdom than generally prevails, when you decide to build up the institution during your lifetime, and plan and superintend it yourself,

Your grounds at Aurora also afford a beautiful and healthy location, for such an institution, The plan successfully executed will erect a noble and worthy monument to your memory and embalm your name forever in the hearts of the fairest and best of our land,—I shall take great pleasure in doing anything I can to promote the worthy and noble enterprise,— Hoping that you know me well enough to beleive me incapable of entertaining any selfish views in a matter of this kind and that I have none but the best interests of your institution and those you desire to benefit, by the bestowal of an education at heart I shall venture a suggestion, -

State of New York.

((Senate Chamber.))

Albany, _____ 186_

It is this. That instead of building a Female Seminary at Aurora, which would be but one of an hundred like institutions scattered over our state, and which though it flourished while you lived, and it was fostered by your care and judgment, might soon dwindle and droop when your fostering hand was withdrawn by death, build at Ithaca, "The Wells female department of the Cornell Univer-sity" and thus aid us to engraft female education upon what I trust will become our highest educational institution in America, — This I consider to be a high claim, and I must to justify it, explain its foundation.

The richest of our Colleges, or Universities in this country Harvard has an income of something less than $100. 000. per annum, the president assured me last summer that they had not the means to enable them to furnish such educational facilities as students required, and that consequently some sixty students were leaving our Country yearly to go to Europe to seek the facilities which they could not find at home in our poorly endowed Colleges. — This is the story of the wealthiest institution we have in America, and one that has twice the wealth of any we have in this state.

Columbia in N.Y. has about $50.000. pr. an; — from that our colleges drop rapidly down to $20.000. $10.000. and $5.000. the income of the majority of them.

It thus appears that more money is required to increase our educationall facilities. We require concentration of efforts, rather than dispersion. I am seeking to carry this idea to its practical results, as I will explain, and I should be happy of your coöperation. — First I give the Cornell University a farm and building location at Ithaca worth $50.000. I give it the Jewett Cabinet of paleontology which I paid $10.000. in cash for I then give it $500.000. which is invested at 7. pr cent. in consideration of which the State gives it the income of the land grant of 990.000. acres of government land scrip. this the state must sell, as per law of Congress, and invest the proceeds. the fund will be $350.000. invested at 7 per cent per ann. I purchased last fall, 100.000. of the scrip at 50 cts per acre and am locating it for the University, and shall purchase the balance of it at 30. cents. pr acre for like purposes, thus buying the scrip, makes the above sum. when aded to the amount recd for the 90.000. previously sold, — The location of that 900.000. acres of land, I have ample evidence to shew will give us a net proffit by its sale, of $2.50. pr acre. this is the result of 20 years operation in a similar line and will give the Cornell University

$2,250.000. or making an agregate endowment of $3.100.000. We are thus laying the foundation at Ithaca of an institution that will have the means of supplying the deficiencies of existing institutions. and it is the policy of the trustees to perpetuate this grand endowment. We do not trench upon our capital Even for building purposes.- Our income which is at present over forty thousand per annum, and a year hence will reach $60.000. pr ann. is our recourses for building up our structures. and by the time they are erected. I trust our annual income will reach $200.000. per Annum.— These figures show the advantages you would secure, to the Wells female department. if you should unite with us in educational facilities. of lectures libraries Cabinets Museums apparattus and the perpetuity and support of the institution.— The institutions would live, after we shall die.—

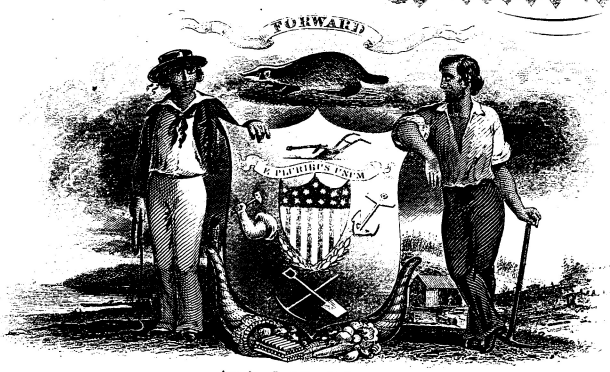
If on considering this subject you think better to go on as you have plaried please consider me still the friend of your enterprise. and command me in whatever I can aid you.

Respectfully

E. Cornell

Henry Wells Esq

State of Wisconsin



SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Madison April 14th 1866

Hon E. Cornell
Albany N.Y.
Dear Sir

I regret to inform you that in the haste of closing up the business of the Session, the bill exempting your lands from taxation failed to pass one house, by mere oversight. There was no opposition, and every one interested in it, supposed it was all right. I have no doubt the next Legislature will pass this bill, as we will follow up the matter more closely. I think you will be safe in locating your scrip, & that you need have no fear of Taxes,

Truly Yours
Edw. J. Allen
Secy. of State

Utica April 14 – 1866

Hon. E. Connell –

Dear Sir

When I last saw you I spoke of Dr Newcombs cabinet of shells – since then I have a letter from him which I take the liberty to send you altho it is private – you will observe that the Doctor would [part] with his cabinet & devote his life to the increase of it – & you would know in him and his wife two excellent & worthy citizens –

He is devoted to conchology & altho I have no hesitation in pronouncing it now the best in the Union he would add to it – being one of the best known conchologists in the world his facilities are very great to increase it –

I feel a great interest in your noble University & therefore hope you may see fit to secure the above collection

E. Jewett
Apl 14, 69

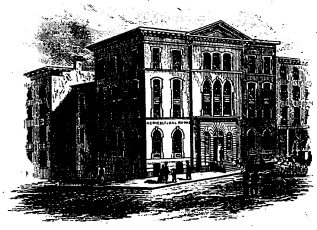
and I shall do all in my power while on my proposed voyage to collect all I can for it—

Dr Newcomb is in easy circumstances aside from his Cabinet—& you can depend that he will dispose of it at a liberal rate—

Dr Hildebrand who he names in the letter is his son in Law and eminent for his efforts in the Sandwich Islands as a promoter of agriculture—& is now in Asia to get various fruits &c. trees for the benefit of his adopted country—and was sent by the Government for that purpose— Please return the letter after perusal—

Respectfully your friend
E Jewett

STATE OF NEW YORK.



Agricultural Rooms.

Albany April 19 1866

Wm E Cornell
Dear Sir.

John Gebhard Jr Esq
Schoharie, has a fine collection
of Minerals which he will dispose
of very reasonable — If you should
need any for the University I think
you could buy them at $2 000 which
is very much below their value —
Also he would give you a
Catalogue of his Collection

I enclose to him the passes
document relating to national
collections, which should be presented

Yours W. W. Johnson

Western Union Tele Office
New York Apl 23 18[illegible]

Hon E. Cornell

Dr Sir. Yours containing 300 three hundred Shares Western Union rec'd this morng

The market reached 59 last Friday noon, but declined again to 56 1/2 in the afternoon — it was from 56 1/2 to 57 on Saturday and opened at the same this Monday.

I have given Potter an order to sell 300 three hundred Shs or any part of it at not less than 58c and I communicate this immediately so you can telegraph me to cause limit 1 or 2 per ct — if you think I had better do so — I think however it will go back a little more as rec'd Want to sell when they see it falling and buy on a rising Market — as it reached 59 & has gone back to 57 I think there may be more sellers than buyers for a few days — I may be mistaken however for I never did see anything go so contrary to all judgement as W.U. Telegraph stock

There is scarcely any demand for Rus E — I will try get an offer & submit to you

Very Resp'y Jno Hoyer

A. D. White
Apl 24. 44

Syracuse
April 24th
1844

Hon. E. Cornell

Dear Sir

I have just received a letter from Wilcox stating that he has forwarded his plans to you at Albany.

They will doubtless be sent to you at Ithaca and if you will notify me when you are to be there I will try to see

down and get a book
of them as well as
talk over the matter
of a site with yourself
& the other trustees there

Please let me
know when you
can be there &
oblige

Yours truly

A. D. Wolfe

John Bowen
Apl 24. 66

Sacto Apl 24/66

Hon E Conell—

Dr Sir— I wrote you yesterday that I had placed the Forths in a brokers hands to sell at not less than 58 and to telg me if I should raise the limit— I have just recd a notice from the broker that he sold

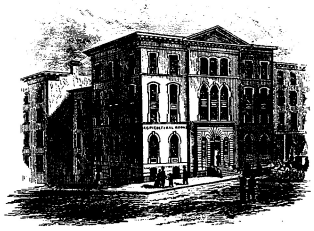
100 lbs @ 58— but that
the market had declin^d
again to 57½— and he
probably would not get
off any more today—
I telegd you at 2 o'clk
that I had worked off one
third of it as per
letter of yesterday— I
wish telegs blind so that
no one would know
What it meant but your-
self— I wanted you to
know as soon as pos-
-sible how much I had
sold and the price
so that you might stop
me if you satisfaction
before too much mis-
-chief was done— If I
do not hear from you
by opening of board

tomorrow A.M. I will let
the order for the other
200 lbs Hand to be
sold at not less than
58—

Very Respt
J. M. Turner

As soon as better
settled I will send you
Acct so you can draw the
Amt to your Cr to draw
against whenever it suits
your convenience

STATE OF NEW YORK.



Agricultural Rooms.

Albany April 24th 1866

My Dear Sir. I wrote to Prof. Voelcker London, for information in relation to the Cattle Plague. I received his answer last evening. He says, that the Plague is Stamped out when they adopted the Government Measures Isolating the Cattle & Killing — which I have ever advocated with the Pneumonia & the Rinderpest. The law I've got passed gives the power and our Commissioners should the disease appear will apply the remedy —

I also wrote to Prof Voelcker requesting him to secure the regulations of the Cirencester Agl College — He sent me all their regulations, course of Studies, &c and I forward them to Mr Gould, who will prepare you a full Course of Studies, field & Laboratory exercises which will be of great use to you Boards in Making up their Courses in the University —

I think you had better secure
Prof. Doolittle for your Institution—
He stands very high in England, and
I am of opinion, that he might be
secured—at any rate a correspondence
might elicit something from him, which
may prove satisfactory—I do not
wish to interfere with the duties of
your Board, who are far better
prepared to carry forward their
great work, but suggestions may
possibly be made to aid them
in their investigations.

Very Truly
Yours
D P Johnson

Hon E Cornell—

Mr Gould Sheldon & myself expect
to be at Auburn next Wednesday to
look over the grounds for trial. If
this should reach you so you could come
down that day we should be glad to meet
you

Office of J. L. Brownell,
Banker and Broker,
30 Broad Street.

New York, Apl 25 1866

Hon E Cornell

Dear Sir. Your fav of the 8th was rec'd, but absence from town has delayed a reply.

The map cost me $1.60/100. but you need not send the money if you wish the map. I can easily replace it, I only ask the favor of you, not to suggest to any one the locality designated on the map for locations, as it is one I have examined with more care than any other in Nebraska, & would not like to have it preempted.

I hope you have succeeded in your legislative action, Yours &c

Horace Brownell

Rochester April 26. 1866.

Hon. E. Cornell

Dear Sir.

I rec'd. your telegram yesterday while at the meeting - but was too much unwell last Evening to write — The important business done yesterday was the approval of a contract by which the West: Union Co. take from the W. S. Pacific Co. all their materials and structures, used in the construction of the Pacific line from Chicago to St. Louis - take poles & wires obtained for that purpose - and the W. Union assumes the completion of the lines thus releasing the W. S. line from

the obligation contained in the contract with our Co. to guarantee the construction of that line — We give the U.S. Pacific Co. for their lines & materials in their present condition — and in the condition which parts of the line are to be placed by them, (which I cannot now specify from memory) a portion less than 2.500.000 of our Stock — The details of the agreement have been carefully attended to by Mr. Orton & Mr. Wade — and as a whole the arrangement is thought to be quite advantageous to us —

Mr. McAlpine tendered his resignation as a Director, but we concluded not to accept it — and I am entirely satisfied that he has not been doing any thing adverse to our interests — I am inclined to think that the bear movement in regard to our Stock has been confined to Wilder alone. so far as the Directors are concerned — Even if any of the Directors have been in it — of which I do not feel sure — although strongly inclined to suspect it to that extent — There has been a good deal of Excitement here on the subject — but it is passing away — and I think we will go on smoothly —

The business now promises well — that of all roads is nearly equal to the 2 previous months and the impression is that we shall be able to make a dividend of 3 per cent in

July - but to accomplish it, it is probable the large stockholders will be unwilling the necessity of taking their dividends in the bonds at par cts — It depends on the question how the bonds go off - between now & July - $15.000 - were counted yesterday, or by letter rec'd yesterday from some bond holder - they are going off slowly in small sums - and it is doubted whether much can be done to hasten the matter. W. Burrows however was appointed a committee & Mr Orton is to be associated with him to see what can be done in N.Y. on the subject —

We shall lack of available means on the 1st prox. about $50.000 to meet all the bonds due at that time

but Mr. Burroughs agrees to advance us that sum - and if $50,000. more shall be needed to get his consent for a bank in N.Y. to advance that sum -

Mr. Orton says it will not do wholly to pass another div.d but if 2. per cent can be divided in July - with a firm position of 3 or 4 in Jan.y - it will meet fully the expectations of our stockholders in N.Y. — but Mr. Burroughs says he will not talk of less than 3. per cent in July -

I intend to draw off & send you the report (or its substance) of the testimony from time to time - but

had not time to draw it off yesterday & to day it is snowing & I dare not venture out — I will try to send it to you to morrow —

Preparations are making to head off the movement in Congress to incorporate a company adverse to us there — It is thought the movement can be opposed successfully —

The <u>brave</u> in our board, if we had any, have been warned by the flare up which we have had, and I think will keep quiet hereafter — If they do not pull time —

Yours Respy
H. R. Selden

Western Union Teleg Office
New York Apl 27. 1866

E Connell Esqr

Dr Sir

The 100 shs I reported sold Apl 24th, was sold, in Brokers parlance Buyer 3 — which means that the purchaser can call for it any time within 3 days, but at the expiration of the 3 days he must take it, and must say whether he wants it or not — If the Stock had advanced above the price paid, he would have called for it before this, but as it has not been up to that figure he has put off calling for it till the time was up — My broker therefore delivered it today and I received the money for it as per enclosed acct.

I make this long explanation as I promised to write you what funds I held to your credit as soon as the Stock was paid for you may have thought I had forgotten the business

I hold subject to your order $5.769.75 being the total proceeds of the 100 shs sold

Very Truly Jno. Horner.

Western Union Tele Office
New York Apl 28 1866

Hon E. Cornell

My dear Sir

Just at 3 P.M. the broker has handed me a notice of sale of the other 200 shs at 58c Buyer 60 — so that you may calculate that by tuesday or Wednesday at the farthest there will be just three times as much to your credit in my hands as I reported in my last letter —

I dont get any letter at all for the Russian Extension — I notice occasionally small sales at the board at 27

If you conclude to sell a few more hundred shs of Western Union, please send them to me and I will do the best I can with them

Yours Truly
J. Horner

5.8.60
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17,250

Ithaca Apl 28. 1866

Dear Sir

I enclose you Extention Stock as follows Certificate No 267 for 2.500 Shares, and No 419 for 500 Shares, I wish you to Sell one thousand shares of this for the best price you can get, Sell in smaller parcels if you can do better by so doing

I owe the company the last installment, on this stock which I want to pay out of the money rec'd from the sale of the stock, Palmer will be in New York next week, and you can settel it with him- paying over to him the amount due on the last installment and letting him indorse it

on the bonds —

I hope to be in New York during the week — and will see you —

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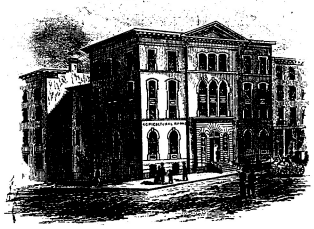

Agricultural Rooms,

Albany, April 28th 1866

My Dear Sir I am rejoiced at your good fortune with your Lambs and Short Horns — I doubt whether there is another bull in this County can show as good a record as 3d Lord — Oxford —

Glad to hear the Ag prospects so encouraging — I trust you work commenced, will go on as rapidly as may be consistent with security — and that we may ere long rejoice at the Completion of Cornell University

Yours Truly
as Ever
R. J. Johnston

Hon E Cornell

Sauk Center. Minn Apr 29/66

J. E. Bell (or D.C.)

Minneapolis Minn

Muy D. Sir. I am not disappointed in my expectation of the prospect here. There is plenty of good chances, and at last other people are beginning to find out about this country, what I learned 6 yrs ago and am coming in Swarms. This season is going to use up all the good lands here, unless I am much mistaken in my estimate. I shall work as busy as possible and send you notes as fast as I can. Or rather I will send you the Numbers, as I shall have no time for notes till I get back. Please write me — For next 10 days my P.O. will be Chippewa Station Douglass Co. — You should have your scrip on hand at once If you would secure the best locations.

In Haste — Yours

Geo B. Wright

Geo Clapp
30 April 66

N.Y.

Yonkers April 30/66

E. Cornell Esq

Dr Sir

I want to
ask a favour of you
if you will be so kind
as to give me your
opinion or advice in
regard to W. U. Telegra
ph Stock as you are
well posted in its affairs
& if it is agood in to buy
dibidends again as I am
a holder of some of the
stock & thought of purc
hasing more if I could
be satisfied of it's been
a good investment

as I Know you are a large holder of the Stock & would give me advice so I should know whether to purchase any more — I can get it not at 54 to 55 — Mr J. Stone the manager of the office at Syracuse advised me to get your advice as I am late of Auburn I was a holder of U.S. also unluckily more Sir if you will be so kind as to give me your opinion whether to purchase or not & if they can pay Div on so large a capital is the main question & if they cant then the Stock will not advance much otherwise I think it will I know they are pursuing a good & judicious course in extending & expanding if they have business enough to be able to resume paying Div more Sir if you will be so kind as to give me advice whether to purchase or not as it shall be confidential & will confer a great favour

Truly yours

Geo Clapp

P S If you think they will resume paying Div this season in your opinion

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

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

My Dear Sir

Can you tell me what has caused this sudden & rapid fall in Western Union Telegraph Stock? Is there any good reason for it? I have held my stock during this apparent panic & notwithstanding I might have sold it for 69. It don't seem to me possible that it can be worth less than any other reliable 6 per cent. stock. I understand that an opposition Company is organized & I saw it suggested in the Tribune some days ago, that this was the reason of the decline. But it seems to me that a mere opposition, could not depress the Stock to such an extent. Will you be kind enough to inform me by return if possible what is the cause

C. Esselstyn Apl 46

of the sale. & whether it would not be a good investment to buy more stock at the present low price — I have not had much Experience in matters of this Kind. and make free to write you and ask advice in regard to the matter. knowing that you will advise me Conscientiously in the matter. Please give me such information & advice in the matter as you may have and shall Esteem to you for my intent.

Yours very Truly

C. Miss Esselstyn

P.S. When will be receive the Extra Dividend recently made?

Utica May 1 - 1866

Hon E. Cornell

Dear Sir

I have spoken to you about a collection of minerals which I have - and last week I spent the whole time in looking them over - some I have not seen in twenty five years - and find far more than I expected - There is over a ton of them & many are the best I ever saw - I offered them you for three thousand dollars - cost sooner them have them go to any other institution for double the money I wanted you to be with the Torch which I sold you - I hope you will have them examined before you make a purchase - I am quite sure there are more & better than those offered by Prof - Hall for $10,000 -

I start for my voyage on the 12th
from Newyork - solely to collect
specimens of Natural History - hope
to add both to the Fossils & Minerals
with a view to make both of
the Collections more perfect -
As to a collection of Shells I am very
glad you think of having the Newcastle
cabinet as there can be no doubt
he has the most perfect one in
the country - still he is hard at
work to perfect it -

I am Dear Sir truly your
obliged friend
E Jewett

Illinois & Mississippi Telegraph Company.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Ottawa, Ill May 2 1866

E Cornell Esq
Ithaca N. York
Dear Sir

Yours of Apl 27th is received. Enclosed find statement for March. If you will inform me what statements you have not got I will send them to you. Business has been light during the winter. but it was better in April & hope to show fair Earnings for that month. April Returns are just coming in from the Offices. There was no Dividend made this Spring. there probably will be none till fall

Yours Respectfully
Thos D. Caitlin
Secy

Ithaca May 3d 1864

To Mr E. Cornell,

Dear Sir, I was greatly surprised this morning to hear that my husband's sister had applied to you for money to purchase a piano. However, I have nothing to say about that; as I suppose the letter she wrote and your reply are "none of my business". My whole object in addressing you, is to beg you will not mention the matter to my husband, as I know he will be deeply mortified if he knows of it. He has suffered heretofore so much from like causes that I am anxious to save him pain further chagrin. Forgive me for intruding upon your time and attention, and please let my motive be my excuse.

Respectfully Mrs W. B. Humphrey.

B.F.Corlies & Macy, Stationers, 33 Nassau St. N.Y.

Sam'l V. Erwin,
President.

G. W. Davis,
Cashier.

National Exchange Bank

Albion, Mich. May 4th 1866

Dear Ezra

Yours of 27th ult is rec and the check laid aside for the present untill I shall use up the note of H. D. R. in settleing up the bills the girls have made. The note & interest from date to March 27th 1862 amounted to $315,75cts Then Hirams bill was deducted $103,01cts ballance due $212,74cts Interest for four years & one month 60.80 amount which he now pays. $273,54cts

I am settleing the bills as fast as I can out of this amount, I fear you will think some of these bills rather extravigant, but I cant see any way to check them without having war in the camp at once.

You shall have a full statement of affairs at the end of this quarter, or term I think there will be funds enough to carry them through, The weather is cold and no fruit blossoms yet. Wheat looks bad & clover ditto, all well as usual.

Truly Yours
M. B. Wood

E Cornell Esq

Rhinebeck May 6. 1866

Hon Ezra Cornell

My dear Sir

It is a cause of much regret to me that I am unexpectedly prevented from attending the meeting at Ithaca of your building Committee; not that I suppose my presence is a matter of importance to the interprise, but because I desire on every such occasion to manifest the interest I feel in the great undertaking you have so nobly inaugurated —

I have conferred with you and with Senator White so freely in regard to the proposed buildings, that I am sure you know my general views as well as though I were with you to

present them.

The telegram from Hon A.M. Palmer of Ameria to the effect that a disease resembling Rinderpest had appeared in that neighborhood — seemed to me to demand my prompt attention and I consequently felt compelled to forego my visit to Ithaca —

I cannot believe that these cases of Ameria are the true Rinderpest, there being no cases on record where the disease was generated spontaneously, but in every case the infection can be traced. — I have taken thorough measures however to examine this case — Dr More of Poughkeepsie Veterinary Surgeon — drives over to day, and will visit the case the disease is one he does not know of if it be a well known contagious disease, to insist on the separation of the sick animal from the well, and the isolation of the whole herd — He will remain until Col Johnson and the writer with a medical man from Albany (if we can procure one) shall reach Ameria which we expect to do to morrow about 12 o'clock, leaving Albany at 10 A.M. —

You shall have early notice of the results of the examination, if really alarming I will telegraph you

Faithfully yours

Wm Kelly

P.S. I leave for Albany to night — the only train running on Sundays