Canton, (Fulton Co. Ills.) Jan'y 1, 1866

Dear Sir,

I owe you an apology for not answering your favor of about a year since or more — at that time I thot I would answer it immediately, but delayed, hoping to refresh my mind for reminiscences that would be worthy to note — but soon was quite unwell for a short time — the habit of procrastination increasing, and being more or less interested and excited about our national struggle for existence, followed by the assassination of President Lincoln caused so many and foreboding calamities, I had no disposition to write but occupied myself chiefly in reading the daily news and attending to the ordinary cares of my family and the garden — then in August last received a severe injury to three fingers of my right hand, for two months being unable to use them effectually in writing — they are now apparently well one finger remaining however quite numb, last week only I attempted to write, & now as you perceive very indifferently — no need of more apologies, for that is good in making apologies is vain to be good for nothing else — Your letter being mislaid I cannot answer it in full — The few incidents of the early days of Ithaca in remembrance are so few that are hardly worthy of note which you not familiar with — Rev. Wm Wisner can give more facts and statistics of the early days of Ithaca than many others are able to do. to him I will refer. I remember when David Lugg established the first Store in Ithaca. I was then living in Owego with Col. Tinckham a few years after which before I settled in Ithaca my brother Jonathan Ingersoll established the first Newspaper: he soon failed the paper then went into the hands of Ebenezer Mack, subsequently you are familiar were I in Ithaca perhaps I might be reminded of many incidents and facts interesting to many at the time, but now not worthy to note

Not wishing to neglect to answer so friendly an epistle which did me so much good at the time I will now state the main moving cause of my addressing you at this time viz Benevolence.

I am very glad to hear of your continued liberality to various public and benevolent enterprises and thankful that a kind Providence has not only rendered you able but willing to use your wealth in this way and hope and pray you may be more abundantly prospered and continued thus to dispense your wealth as a faithful steward of the Lord during your life instead of leaving that duty and great pleasure to your Executors.

And this brings me to a point in which I feel deep interest in common with my immediate friends and associates.

I have been a Deacon in the Congregational Church here for some years, and in common with the Church have felt the pressure of the times upon us as a Church under the somewhat peculiar circumstances we have been placed in.

Some few years since under the necessity of a more commodious house of worship entered upon the enterprise of building a church edifice adapted to the then and probable future wants of the community of the Congregational and New School Presbyterian order, subsequently they succeeded in erecting a very fine and substantial Brick building at a cost of about $14,000 but of which they were only enabled to finish the Basement in a neat and comfortable manner leaving the main audience Room above Tower &c unfinished also leaving the incumbrance of quite a debt. Since then we have all felt that the demands of the War, Taxes, Sanitary, Freedmen, &c. &c. (towards which our people have contributed with a wonderful liberality) would render any effort to complete the Church unsuccessful. -- And now the increased cost of living requires a Salary to our Pastor of not much less than $1500 Dollars - this with other expenses requires an amount of annual expenditure

fully equal to the ability of the Church measured by the most liberal standard — the incumbrance of a debt has weighed upon the congregation. Nearly, but by a united effort the entire debt has been removed, some old arrearages paid off, and we start the new year free from all pecuniary claims. Could we finish our Church which will cost — over 4 to 5000 I feel that we could exert a great moral power here and with the blessing of God do much good, but we cannot. Our members and society have contributed liberally very liberally measured by a high standard — Now, after the many many calls upon your liberality and benevolence, and after the large demands required to carry out your contemplated Public Enterprises there should remain any sum left, and your judgment and discretion should point to our little struggling Church as one of the channels thro' which your stream of benevolence may flow, should we join exceedingly and I believe you would be instrumental in laying the foundations of permanent good in this growing Western Land.

I removed with my family to this place in 1849. in '50 built a comfortable house with my small means, costing nearly 2000 dol not intending to follow my profession being over 60 years of age living near my children — I am now 82 being as well as most persons at my age enjoying myself quite well surrounded by my children. Remembering your many endeavors to promote useful and worthy objects while with you I remain most

respectfully your friend
and humble servant

Henry Ingersoll

Hon. Ezra Cornell
Senator N. York

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

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

Western Union Telegraph Company

Rochester, N.Y. Jany 1 1866

Hon E. Evans
or Gen

I have communicated your request to Col Stager and asked him to communicate with you at Albany and ~~the~~ said to him the Ex. Com. could appoint any arrangement agreed upon by you and him. I submitted the matter to the Ex Com. and they thought as the matter had been referred to a committee with power that committee should act and it seems to me this is the right way. The committee is entirely competent and they should be willing to take the responsibility if the interest of the Company requires it. Gen is so one here that knows enough about it to act understandingly I presume you will have heard from Col Stager before you get this. I received your letter and from him yesterday. It may not be policy to show it to Lincoln

Yours truly

O H Palmer

Athens Jany 3. 1866

Hon Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

Your letter from Rochester was duly Rcd I have endeavored to have C. D. Williams or William Andrus go and see Ferguson but I fear they will not do it. You had better write to them as a letter from you would have greater influence than any thing I could say. It is impossible for me to go as my presence in the Bank is indispensable every day.

I went over to see Eddy to-day. He is training up some firemen for a fire engine which he is expecting and

Arrive in fine health & Spirits.
I was very glad to hear to
day of Schuyler success.
It is very well deserved.
Tell A.P. the business in the
Bank is going on as smoothly
as he could expect in his
absence. Indeed I think
we are doing well and Keeping
business well up. Perhaps
he may differ with me
when he gets back
With Kindest regards to
all your family I am
Yours Cordially Chas
D Boardman

C. Boardman
Jan 26

Washington, Jany 3d 1866.

Hon. Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

Letters from the Editors of the Amer. Agriculturist N.Y. & from the Prest. of Columbia college N.Y. just received, give information of your present residence at Albany.

I would respectfully present myself as a candidate for the chair of Chemistry in the N.Y. State Agricultural college or the Cornell University, Ithica, N.Y.

Some time ago a package of testimonials together with my application & a strongly recommanding letter from my friend & countryman Prof. L. Agassiz) were sent by mistake by a friend in N. York to "Hon. And^w D. White, Pres. Cornell University Utica N.Y. I wrote to the Post. Mast. at that place to forward to Ithica N.Y.

I should be happy to learn from your some thing more particular as duties, opening, salary ect.

Prof^s Johnson & Brush were one pupils of mine & Messrs O. Judd & C. M. Weld Agriculturists were once connected with me at Yale College.

I should also refer to Hon. H. Raymond

Editor N. York Times & to Prof. Henry Smithsonian (who has however already recommended a gentleman, who just finished his studies in Germany) Prof. L. Agassiz Cambridge. Pres.t Barnard, Columbia College N.Y.

If desirable I shall forward to you the orig: testimonials as also some of my writings. I was for some 16. years Prof. in different institutions both North & South; for some 3 years past I occupied the position of Chief Chemist Dep.t of Agriculture.

I have the honor to be
your obt servt.
Henry Erni M.D.

P.O. Box 784.

Prof. Henry Erni
Jan 3. 1867

Ithaca Jan 4th 1860

Dear Father

I am happy to be able to inform you of my success in getting rid of the lice if you recolect when I was going away the day before I left home I told you if you wanted me to attend to getting rid of the lice I would attend to it as soon as I got home and so I did I tried greasing strings with anguintum & tieing them arround arround the cattles necks but it did no good,
Next I washed some of them with tobacco juce but found that it would not answer to use it in the winter
And so I took to anmother remidy that was sprinkling Sulpher along the back from the horns to the

root of tail which I think
is doing the work. John & I have
examined them since we used the
Sulpher & we cannot find a louse
A B C says he can see since he got
home that they have improved
Old Samsal droped a bul calf this
morning it is a very large one marked
very much like Birmingham —
Bright Eyes & Calf are doing finely
Yaba has got a very fine heifer calf &
it is doing well
We sold old Fan Curtis last week
for $12 90/100
The weather has been very severe
~~so far~~ here since you left and so
you may know I have got some
corn out yet which I think will
be for the one to harvest that
takes charge of the farm next
year, but I mean if the weather
will permit to get it in before my
time is out for I would like to
leave things as well as I found
them. I suppose you will give
A B C your interest out there ~~as~~
and then you will have nothing
to hinder your coming home
& seeing to things yourself, which
would suit Mother very much
It is now dinner time & I will close

Your Son

Frank

C Cornell

N. Y. Jan. 6. 1866.

Hon. E. Cornell,

Dear Sir,

I have not heard from you since I wrote you about our Telegraph line. I dare not say any thing to the U. S. Co or any body else till I hear from you. There are less than three months now to the termination of the lease, & cannot therefore but feel nervous about the matter. If I were as rich as some of my friends I could be as cool as a cucumber - But there is all the difference in the world -

A very happy new year to you & Mrs. C.

Truly Yours

E. W. Chester

Ithaca New York
Jan 7th 1866

Dear Father

Ditch which he calls the pipe
Ditch which is 32 rods in
length which J H calls 6/- per
rod & the Irishman calls 9/- per
rod

John says that he gave him.
Credit for an extra days & long
measure on the pipe ditch
that is he credited him one

Thermometer 4° below zero this morn
All well. She is much Obliged
for her present
E Cornell Yours &C F C Cornell

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Western Union Telegraph Company

Rochester, N.Y. Jany 8 1866

Hon E Comell

Albany N.Y.

Dr Sir Yours of the 5th Inst

You say you cannot "vote if guaranteed 8 per cent Stock is to be used to raise money & pay bonds and construction they (Stockholders) should not have the privilege of taking at least an amount equal to each Earnings which would otherwise have been divided"

Nor do I nor does any body. Such, as I understand, was the policy. But the "if" is an important word. The guaranteed Stock was offered but not taken You would not advise the making of a dividend on the offer would you without funds to pay. I would rather take the "crudes" than be guilty of such a folly No more outside of a lunatic asylum, it seems to me, could advise a dividend until the Bonds were cancelled & the construction account funded by the taking of the guaranteed Stock

I must have the call on Executive to at once & England on the 13th or the embarrassment can be made & our cable will suffer

Yours truly

O. H. Palmer

Ithaca Jan. 9. 1866.

My Dear Sir:

I received your letter in answer to mine of the 2d. yesterday & read it with great delight. It has the ring of the genuine metal. You be praised that you have come to the throne for such a time as this. The important work now to be done to preserve what has been committed to our Church & State, is to provide appropriate facilities of education. I trust the Cornell University will be so established as to become a mighty engine for good.

That you pay about-considerably your efforts has my hearty approval. The University is objective enough for you, & it is by means of it that you are to be honored & known in all the coming generations of men. I wrote from mistake. I had been told that you were interested in multiplying your objects of benevolence. I am glad it is not true -

stick alone to the University.

If I know my heart, it was from conviction of the justness of the thing, & not from selfish consideration, that I exerted myself so greatly, in your post, to keep the Land Grant entire; & it gives me sincere pleasure that you now say I was right: the same will be seen by the universal persuasion.

If indeed you shall realize your expectations as to the income to be derived from those lands, & that such proportion the University will grow! — Can I not say, then, if connecting it with the dozen or twenty other institutions, already in being, or to come into being by congruence of the Legislatures of Congress, I comfort myself in the premises, that such Legislatures was induced as Gov. Fenton, Judge Allen & many others, then members of Congress, are pleased to testify, by means of the information imparted, & arguments used by me? You will, I believe, say, Sir, that it was in every respect at a sad loss to myself that I engaged in such labor. — This, however, may not be pleasure to you. I understand, therefore, me to say that you wish me to be soon called together. Let me respectfully urge you to consider & settle my case at this meeting, as I shall write to you in a few days. If you & your associates shall on deliberation decide, that I deserve nothing for my pains, I shall not continue with you, but, on the contrary, will continue to rejoice in your prosperity.

I am, Dear Sir,

Very truly your &

Chas Brown.

Hon. Ezra Cornell

Albany

Confidential. Office of The Tribune,

New York, Jan. 9 1866.

Dear Sir:

The construction of a new Telegraph from this City to New Orleans is contemplated: the Companies are being chartered with business, so that legal impediments (now existing) have actually been removed. A new instrument has been invented, doing away with the use of Wires, but costing only $40.

Are you at liberty and are you disposed to embark in the enterprise of constructing this new National Line of Telegraph, provided

the inducements I could have enable? And if not, will you recommend me to someone who would consider the matter? Yours,

Horace Greeley

Hon. Ezra Cornell,
Ithaca,
N.Y.

Saint Peter. Minnesota.
January 9th 1866.

Hon. E. Cornell.
Ithaca N.Y. Sir:

Mr. Brunker has informed me that you wished to locate from 100.000 to 200.000 acres College Scrip. and wished to employ an agent to attend to it. At the request of Mr. B. I give you prices &c of locating.

In the first place the Land Office fees are $4.00/100 for every 160 acres. My fee would depend upon circumstances. If required to examine the lands personally, I should want a fixed salary.

If I selected the land by examining the plats & field notes in the Land Office, it would be worth $1.00 for each 160 acres. If required to visit different Offices I should charge actual transportation. I have travelled over a large portion

of Minnesota, Wisconsin Missouri & Dacotah and possess maps, field notes &c which would help me very much. In selecting lands by plats & field notes, it is necessary to select land which appears good upon the plats, then refer to the field notes & see what is the quality &c. The plats show by "signs" the topography of the land, whether prairie or timber, hilly or level, marshy or dry; show the lakes, streams, ledges of rocks &c &c so far as the surveyor can tell by running the Section lines. He takes notes of distances to timber, marshes &c and the course they bear each way, so far as he can see into the interior of the Section, making sketches of the same as he goes along. His field notes show what the soil is whether 1st, 2d, 3d, or 4th quality - & what kind of timber. - I am a practical Surveyor & possess facilities for locating lands unequalled by any.

You of course would require the locations made with a view to their rising in value as soon as possible. I could locate lands for you at a cheaper rate, if you did not require the examination of field notes. - I have put the price of location lower than I should, only that I wish to do all your business in the west, and attend to the sale of them afterwards. I can give you as good references as there are in this state, and will enclose a list of some of them. I would also refer you to Hon. Seth K. Crittenden and his son Geo. K. of Waterloo. Iowa. - I believe they have relatives in Ithaca.

Respectfully
Your Obedient Servt.
T. G. Carter

For Reference I can give you, Ex. Gov. H. A. Swift Regist'r of U.S. Land Office at this place; Edgerton & Donohower, Bankers; Horace Austin Judge Sup. Court, all of Saint Peter; Judge A.G. Chatfield, Belle Plaine; Ex. Gov. Stephen Miller; E.S. Edgerton Cash. 2 National Bk; Chas. M. Heath State Auditor, Gov. Wm R. Marshall all of St. Paul; H. M. Kitchum Wholesale Dealer in Crockery Chicago Ill.; A.W. Miner Pres't Nat'l Bk Friendship N.Y.; Prof. J.W. Earle Principal Ocean Academy Ocean Cott. Co. N.Y. Rev. J.T. Arnold, Pastor M.E. Church Lima. Livingston Co. N.Y.; W. & L.E. Gurley, Manufacturers of Math'l Instruments Troy N.Y. and Erastus Gaylord & Son. Bankers St Louis Mo.

Respectfully Yours

J. G. Carter

Minneapolis Land District

Wy. Col. Scrip can
be Located on good prairie
Land in Renville or
Kandiyohi Counties in
this Land District
Would like to locate
for 1/4 Sec & pay all
Charges

E. B Coxall
18 Jan 1866

Ithaca Jan 10/66

Dear Brother

I should like to know how early in the Spring you anticipate starting work on the University buildings and whether there is any other work you will be likely to want done before that work commences, for in order to keep the help we have had this last season it will be necessary to give them work as early as work can be done in the Spring. If they get to work on other jobs which are in contemplation we shall not be able to get them
I have had applications to take some work and perhaps

I had better do so in order to secure the help

When is there a prospect of our geting another Globe in place of the one that was broken in the Hall

Betsey Ann wishes me to say to Mary Ann that unless she has already made the arrangements by which she was agoing to let her have the furs they were a Talking about, she thinks she had better not have them as it is geting so late and we are taking of going away to be gone for a portion of the winter and she will not need them

Please let me hear from you at your Earliest convenience

Respectfully yours &c

E. B. Cornell

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E. M. Packard
Jan 11. 66

104 Dean Street Brooklyn
January 11. 1866.

Hon. Ezra Cornell

My Dear Sir: Your favor of the 5th inst was duly rec'd. Your Statement about my Claim is entirely Satisfactory & shows that I have no demand upon you for it.

I know nothing about the business relations of the N.Y. & Erie Telegraph Co., and you will pardon me for calling upon you in relation to my Claim.

I was a boy when it accrued.

Pursuant to the Suggestion in your letter, I called upon Mr. M. C. Grigg of 10 Wall St, the Receiver of the N.Y. & Erie Telegraph Company. He advised that I call the funds that came

into his hands, were Ehausted in the payment of the Debts of the Company. I must have been in the West during the time when the Line was Sold and the indebted-=ness Settled up.

Although I Come in rather unceremoniously and ungratiously, I had by no means lost my personal regard and respect for you,

On the Entrapy in 1863. While I was stumping it through the Southern Tier for the Union State Committee, I made an arrangement with Senator Truman of Owego to go up to Ithaca. Our main object was to see & pay our respects to you. We were only prevented by appointments made for me.

I do not think I should have been betrayed into the blunder I made, if I had not been desirous of aiding in rebuilding the the Academy in Nowda, which had been destroyed by fire.

Although I do not need reside there, I felt a good deal of interest in the enterprise, and was very anxious to do something towards it, but could not well spare the Money.

The Suggestion of Mr. Bakey seemed to point out a way by which I might possibly get it without distressing me.

As you requested I give the result of my interview with Dr. G.

Command me whenever I can serve you.

Congratulating you upon your good fortune in business, allow me to add my acknowledgments for your intelligent

liberality, and Commend-
-able public Spirit.
I am happy in
subscribing myself
Sincerely your friend,
E. W. Packard

Wood Lawn Jan 11 1864

Dear Father

Have you had time to look those papers over yet if so will you lend me any assistance

I was talking the matter over with Clonzo and he thought I had better try and gett you to endorse for me and borrow the money and then pay it up by regular installments as fast as it was possible ~~for me to~~

He said that most likely I could get the money at the bank for a time until it could be got somewhere else

I dont want any assistance only what I can pay back it may be little at a time but it shall be paid

It would require about $2000,00 as I did not get my taxes in I have paid them though they were $1/46,00 they will most of all of them

have to be paid this month
& I have good luck I think I can with
out much doubt ~~play them~~ it all up in
two years,
Give my love to all the folks
Your aff Son
O. H. P. Cornell

Dexter Jeff. Co. N.Y.
Jany 11. 1866

Dear Senator

I take the liberty to say, in behalf of my Nephew, John E Bell of Minneapolis Minnesota, to whom I refer you as a suitable person to locate your University lands. that he is long resident in that State, and his accurate personal knowledge of the various portions of the State, added to acquaintance at the different Land Offices, give him facilities proposed by few to obtain for you the best locations

I will also guarantee his fidelity and prompt and satisfactory execution of

any trust you may be
pleased to commit to him.
His terms will be liberal.
I had hoped
to be able to congratulate you
as Chairman of the Committee
on Finance - However Senator
Sherman is an able man
and will relieve you of much
hard labor now that Committee
With kind regards to yourself
and family
I remain
Your Obedient Servt
James A. Bell

Office of The Tribune,

New York, Jan. 12 1866.

Dear Sir:

I shall try to be at the trustees' Meeting of the Cornell Univ. sity if I have reasonable notice. Give me at least a week if possible.

I rejoice to hear such good news of the prospective college.

As to the Cornell Telegraph line, I am one of the Associated. I don't think it will cost us over twice what it does us now. But we will talk of that.

Yours,

Horace Greeley.

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

Oil City Pa
Jan. 12 1866

Uncle

I have heard by way of Lena that father declines undertaking the locating of land for you and in view of the fact that I may desire such a job I take the liberty to address you on that subject—

I shall in all probability be able to begin the job as soon as you desire: should you conclude to engage me— I have a good faithful colored man and all of the requisite equipage for a campaign and [illegible] three years experience in the field I feel confident that I could do the job in a businesslike manner— I am writing under the conviction that you desire to have each lot located, thoroughly examined and described to you in a weekly or tri-weekly report. This will be attended with considerable labor & expense whereas one could locate with very little expense if it was done simply by getting the

description of the lots. Of course I know nothing of your intention in the matter but simply infer from my knowledge of your manner of doing business that as you are largely interested in these lands you intend to have the very choicest selections made.

Please write me at your earliest convenience

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
R. R. Robinson

Address Box 359
Oil City
Penn.

R. R. Robinson
June 12. 66

U.S. Land Office St. Peter Minn,
January 13, 1860.

Hon Ezra Cornell
Ithaca N.Y.

Dear Sir;

Capt. T.G. Carter of this place having requested permission to refer him to me for information in regard to his capacity, qualifications and facilities for locating lands in this land district and other Western land Districts. I take great pleasure in saying that I have been acquainted with him for about eight years, that he is a practical surveyor, perfectly trustworthy, and from his knowledge of the country and familiarity with the business I am confident you could find no better man with whom to entrust business of that kind.

I am very respectfully
Your obt servant
Henry A. Swift
Register

We fully concur in the above statements of Mr Swift
Edgerton & Donaldson

Saint Peter. Minn.

January 13th 1866.

Hon. Ezra Cornell

Ithaca N.Y. Dear Sir:

On a letter I addressed to you through Mr. Bunker several days ago concerning the location of Scrip, I gave for reference among others Ex. Gov. H. A. Swift & Edgerton & Donohower, Bankers, of this place.

I told Mr. Bunker I would send you a letter from those parties, and I enclose the same. I have done a great deal of business for E & D, and with the Land Office, and you can depend upon your instructions being carried out faithfully, if you should give me your business.

Respectfully Yours

T. G. Carter

New York Jan 13 1866.

Hon. Ezra Cornell

Sir!

A man of rare generosity dating half a million for the object of educating men in the highest branches of science, may probably feel a great interest in the following, certainly a greater one than the multitude of common rich men.

I made a discovery of the highest importance to scientific men and for the intellectual progress of mankind in general. To show the truth of that discovery in the most convincible manner I invented a Planetarium representing my discovery.

This Planetarium shows the true course of the Sun and the earth and thereby explains minutely even the finest motions of the heavenly bodies, showing all observed irregularities in the course of the sun, the moon and the earth or planets to be either the direct or

indirect cause of these motions.
Thus a pointer moving on two pins
one of which is attached to a globe repre-
senting the Sun the other to that repre-
senting the earth and pointing towards
an outre circle representing the ecliptic,
shows - when compared with the motion
of another pointer fastened to the globe
representing the Sun - inequalities of
motion representing exactly the differ-
ence between Sun- & Star time.
The Planetarium will be constructed
to show also the effect of one hundred
or more revolutions in one revolution.
Thus after a number of revolutions the
pointer will show on the ecliptic.
the Precession of the Perihelion and
of the Equinoxes and the decrease
of the Obliquity of the ecliptic and
of the Excentricity.
After some more of such revolutions
representing together several thousand
the pointer will show the process of
the Recession of the Perihelion, the
increase of the Obliquity of the ecliptic
and of the Excentricity.

I should like to have one of these Planeta
riums at the industrial Exposition
of 1867. I should even like to take out
a patent for it. But want of means
hinders me for the present. I have to
go on to knock at the door of the two
intelligent and generous rich of this
country so far their fame reaches my
ear, and have to do so until I find
the right man. I have to do, I can
not help it.

At least Jan will pardon me

Most respectfully

Your humble servant

Wm. Wettling

Nr 126 Norfolk St.

Rear house.

MSS.
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e New London Waupaca Co, Wis, Jany, the 14th 1866
Friend Connell

Yours of 18 Ult was duley received You wished to know what chance there is in locating Scrip on government lands in Wis, I have jest been the land office at Menasha and learned that there has been about a million of acres come into market and about five hundred thousand more will has been Surveyed the past Summer and will be in market this year on which I think there might be found a good selection of timber and farming land It lays principaley on the Oconto and Menominey rivers which empyes into Green Bay

I saw a man who was with one company of Surveyors and he says that there is large quantities of the best farming lands that he ever saw besides large quantities of good pine on those newley Surveyed lands

I know of Som excelent farming lands in Minisota with a Sprinkling of prerie timber and Openings which is government land

I have don consible Surveying for the State of Wisconsin the last Season for which I receive five dollars per day and found I have located a number of land warrents the past summer at five dollars per forty acres

I will work for you for a salery of one thousand dollars per year and nessary expences paid by you while doing your business or after that rate for what time I spend in your business provided that I am imployed over three months in a year and for any less then three months I should want five dollars per day and expences I should expect to make a personal inspection of

every peas of land which I locate with map and notes describing what kind it was whether watered &c, I should be willing to take land at goverment price for my work

My Hops don well last Summer I receivd thirteen hundred dollars for what grew on two acres We have had no sleying until day before yesterday Snow is now a foot deep

Yours with respect

Ira Millard

Ira Millard
Lusk Wyo.

Emma Barnard
Jan 15 66

DeRuyter Jan 15/66

Dear Cousin

I have been thinking about writing to you sometime but have neglected it until now I thought perhaps you would like to know how we are getting along, we are all enjoying a comfortable degree of health father is not so that he goes out much since cold weather

he enjoyed visiting
me very much through
the summer and fall
and as for me I am very
happy living here in your
house, perhaps you would
like to know how I
manage affairs here
you recollect I rented
a part of the house for
fifty dollars and the
land for thirty I asked
H Dedamater what ought
to be done to the land
and he told me so I had
it seeded down all but
a quarter of an acre
I dont mean the pasture
only that over by the
road and had a
top dressing put on
to it so I guess next year
it will have more hay
on it, I have paid $34,70
for taxes, road, corporation
school, and the other tax
and $7,25 for necessary
repairs round the house
and in the spring I
presume there will have
to be some other repairs
as the house leaks quite
badly in some places
and now I want to ask
you what is to be done
about the fences you
know they were very
poor when you were

here in the Spring and this winter the wind has blown the garden fence nearly all down, by the way I had a very good garden worked in it myself a good deal we were disappointed that you did not visit us in the fall hope you will do so before long I see by the paper that you are in Albany and will direct this letter there, please write as soon as you get this my love to M A and yourself also

Yours Emma Bond

P S I think ~~that~~ Mrs Addison Photographs would be for the books of the house E B

Ithaca Jan 14th 66.

Hon E. Cornell.

Sir. I shall consider it a great favor if you will inform me, whether, in your opinion, the Telegraph business will be good enough for the next five years to warrant me in learning Telegraphy at Wood and Dunham's Institute. Mr M. A Squires of this place referred me to you as the one best qualified to judge.

Hon. E. Cornell

Respectfully, &c
Mrs S. Voorhees

Portsmouth North Carolina
January 16th 1866

Uncle Ezra

With pleasure I seat my self to rite you a few lines hoping this ma find you and family all we are all in our usual helth except Paul he has not recovard his helth yeat but is so that he can be out in good wether he is quite lame to night last night he has taken cold and has settled on his bowels

The wether has bin very cold with us on Sunday night 7th of this month a Schooner went on shor in the Orabers on Hattaras Sholes and sunk the crew got up in the riggen and ware there tel April 12th when a boat got near a nuf to get all of but the Captain and

the Cook the ware dead the Capt ware and is yeat Hash in the main rigan and a bag of money is Hash by him the cook was in the fore crose trees with the rest the was the first one that frose to death the mate and rest of the Crue Subsisted on his blood and flesh till the ware taken of the sea was two rough to get to the rock the had to the Lines and drag them to the boat the Schooner name I doe not Learn the captains name is Smith from Long Island

I have never received the paper you promast to send me weather hear I Heard from you since you ware in Boston last Summer you will pleas hav it sent to this place Paul as he has written sevel times to you and hav never received any answers he wold be pleas to heare from you — Uncle I have invented a Washingmeshean to go by Wind or to turn with a crank with a good strong brass I can wash all the Clothes that family Raises those clothes mesheans I can do it in half the time I have made one to try the experiment and it works well I would like for you to assist me with it I should like to get it patented the meshean can be got up for fifteen dollars I shode it to Israel old Friend here Dr Bradley he sees it is a good and usefull invention pleas let

me know if you are willing
to have it patented and give
it a start—

hoping to here from you
soon I will com to a close
the family joines me in
love to you and family

yours Respectfully
J W Cornell

Hon E. Cornell

Ithaca Jan 16/66

Hon E Cornell
Albany. NY.

My Dear Sir — I notice with Pleasure the bill of Sen Andrews in relation to RR freights

Emboldened by the non-action of previous Legislatures the Companies have grown exacting & rapacious —

I am credibly informed that 4th Class freights are $800 per ton between Buffalo & New York — While I am compelled to pay $12.00 for about half way —

Such discrimination against the industry and manufacturing interests of our State is absolutely oppressive and ought not to be tolerated —

Another thing — The Canal boards rates hides in the highest classification of tolls — I have never heard

E. S. Esty
16. Jan 1866

Any reason why this should be so — Unmanufactured products are generally rated at the lowest tolls —

If you will bear this in mind when the board revises tolls for this Year and urge them to give hides a proper classification as raw or unmanufactured material You will greatly oblidge our interests —

I trust also You will help Sen Ames on the freight question — and that it may not turn out this winter as heretofore "A Fizzle"

Please accept my best Regards for Yourself Lady and believe me to be

Very Truly Yours
E. S. Esty

Ithaca January 16th 1866

Hon Ezra Cornell
Albany N.Y.

Dear Sir— Enclosed
I hand you Petition to the
Legislature — which will explain
itself — On consultation with
Mr Humphrey and others — concluded
not advisable to mention in Petition
the sum desired —
We think $1000.00 would give
us great relief — and perhaps answer the purpose —
and if more could
be procured — would by no means object —
Any assistance you can render us
in procuring an appropriation — will
be most thankfully appreciated —
Am most Respectfully Yours
Wm H Esty

F. R. Bunker
Feb 12, 66

Lexington Le Sueur Co
Jan 16th 66

Dear Brother

I Spent nearly a week in St Peter during the weather

I done some canvasing on my way up there made a few sales. but think on the whole the prospect is not very good as the snow is so deep & teams selling bad I have abandoned the idea of making a delivery in this section I am now on my return trip via Faribault

I did not sell my land but think I can do so in case of another sum

I was directed to Capt Carter for information in regard to Locating Land

He proved to be an old resident of Ithaca and acquainted with the Cornells by reputation

After finding out who wanted to locate the land you see he has pitched in for the job

I will leave his statements to you and you can use them as you see fit

Please write me at Patagonia occasionly

Dont know whether I shall go direct home or strike off in some other direction

Simeon

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To Comell

From NYork Dated

Rec'd Jany 16 1866 12 30 M.

Will see what I can do
And notify you when
Receipts requires it

O H Palmer

D H

N. Y. Jan. 17. 1866.

Hon. E. Cornell,

Dear Sir,

Yours of 13 is but just rec'd.

I think we ought to get $100 a share for our Tel. Stock in the N. Y. & W. Un Tel Co. You always estimated that the Stock of the Co. would be worth 100.000 at the termination of the lease if we could hold the present R. R. Co answerable to us on our contract. I think the W. U. Co. would be glad to have it at that price. The value of Tel. Stock has increased above expectation since your estimate. We have the Rail W. Co. now fully & absolutely bound as fully as was the old Co. Is there any reason, in your opinion, for our taking less than this?

I see that two or three bills

are now before the Legislature in regard to the Ches. Ken. Rail Road — one by yourself to authorize the issue of bonds to amount of a million & half.

I think it will be a good time to bargain with them. If you can get more than the sum I have named I am the last man to complain — it would be some compensation for many months of my efforts & anxieties for years past in relation to our Rail Road — would help to a feeling that I had some provision made for old age, when my days for laying up are so rapidly passing away. I have relied much on your kind consideration in this regard.

The papers have stated that T. C. J. S. had been refused a new trial in the indictment against him in Boston. Spend, (I suppose,) has sent me a Portland paper with a somewhat long & not very distinct article of Smith in it, denying that there has been any final decision, & expressing a confidence that he will yet get a new trial, which I infer he hopes for on the ground of new discovered evidence. The article has more of wind in it than distinct statement of the condition of the case. Bad as he is I could not help feeling for him if he should finally be convicted.

Kind regards to Mrs. C.

Truly Yours

E. W. Chester.

I expected to be at the Court of Appeals this week, but this morning's papers announce that the calendar will be called no further, leaving the first of quite a list of cases that I have in the court not quite reached.