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NEW YORK, February 12, 1866.

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Albany Feb 12. 1866.

John E Bell Esq
Minneapolis Minn Dear Sir.

Yr favor of the 7th ult came duly to hand,

I found that my son had not sent the land scrip as I requested him and today I have put up fifty $50 pcs to send by Express.

I hope you will select this land with great care for I am sending it to you on the faith I have in my friend Senator Bell, and against the advice of some experienced land operators, who assure me that my much of the Minnesota prairie land is very poor. and that much of the tolerable good land lays so far from furl as to render it valueless.

I desire lands that will sell within a few years at farthest at a net profit of two or three dollars per acre. It appears to me to be good policy to locate when you can, on good land adjoining homestead settlers or other settlers,

We must locate as far as we can to encourage rather than to discourage settlement, We shall be able to give buyers a long credit for land. they paying 7% Int and improve the land & pay taxes,

I shall try to get the law altered if necessary to allow colleges when they are the assignees of states to locate on $2.50 lands

You will please draw for the expense of locating fee as you find it necessary, draw on me at the 1st Nat Bk Ithaca NY

I will wait until I hear from you before sending other Scrip

Yours Respectfully
E Cornell

P.S. Scrip sent you numbers from 695 to 744 both inclusive
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State of New York.

(Senate Chamber.)

Albany, Feb 12th 1866

Hon J. M Edmonds,
Commissioner Genl Land Office

My Dear Sir

Enclosed I send you a copy of a bill, and a letter of explanation which I have addressed to Hon E. D. Morgan who is a trustee of our University & to Hon G. W. Hotchkiss of the House who is from my district, asking the aid of Congress in behalf of Education ~~the Cornell University~~, by exempting our colleges ~~their~~ lands from taxation,

Believing the institution we are establishing will result in the advancement of knowledge generally in all parts of our country, I submit the subject ~~the subject~~ to your enlightened consideration, hoping it will meet your approval,

Yours Respectfully
Ezra Cornell

State of New York.

((Senate Chamber.))

Feb 12.

Albany, ~~Feb 10~~ 1866.

Hon E. D. Morgan
U. S. Washington D.C.

Hon G. W. Hotchkiss

My Dear Sir.

I enclose the copy of a bill, exempting from taxation certain lands, held by states, colleges &c for Educational purposes.

I make this application to Congress, under the following circumstances, and for the following reasons,

Last winter the Legislature of New York passed, "An act to establish the Cornell University, and to appropriate to it the income of the ~~United States~~ sale of public Land Granted to this state by congress &c" a copy of which I herewith enclose,

The provisions of the act having been complied with on my part, after the failure of the Trustees of the Peoples College at Havana, to take the necessary actions to secure the benefits of the Land Grant for that Institution, the act has become operative, and the Trustees of the Cornell University, organized in September last, and are vigorously prosecuting the great work committed to them,

One of the first subjects presented for the consideration of the Trustees, was that of its

present financial condition, and its future endowment, which presents the following features,

The donation of $500.000. provided for in the act of incorporation, is securely invested at 7. per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, producing $35.000. yearly, which constitutes our only resource for the purposes of building, the Trustees having adopted the policy of preserving my donation intact, and using only the income produced by it.

I have, in addition to the above, donated a farm of 200. acres, and a building site for the University at Ithaca, valued at $50.000. and have purchased the Jewett Cabinet of Paleontology at a cost of $10.000.

In addition to this, we have the prospective income from the Land Grant Fund: to be devoted to the support of the Institution, when once fully established, which is as follows,

The Comptroller of the State of New York, has received Land scrip for 990.000. acres, which was the amount apportioned to this State under the law of Congress. He commenced to sell the scrip, by the authority of the Legislature at 80. Cents per acre, and sold about 90.000 acres, the proceeds of which, say $72.000. is invested in New York

State stocks, bearing 7. per cent interest. The market value of the scrip, having fallen below 70. cents per acre, the Comptrollr stoped selling, and the balance, say 900.000 acres was found in the possession of the State, when the Trustees of the University formed their organization.

A survey of the field of labor, which the Trustees had entered upon, and their appreciation of the liberal and comprehensive views of Congress in making the grant of lands, "to the several States and Territories, which may provide Colleges for the benefit of Agriculture, and the Mechanic Arts," satisfied them, that a much larger sum, would be required to successfully sustain an institution of the highest character and ability, than could be obtained from the sale of the Land scrip, at the low price, which it would command in the market.

This view of the case led to an examination of plans for purchasing the scrip and locating it for the University. To this there seemed to be only one practical difficulty, which was the lack of means, with which, to pay for the scrip, to pay the Expense of locating the lands, and to pay the taxes on the land, after being located, and before being sold. This

would require in the aggregate, (calling the scrip worth 50 cents per acre) about three quarters of a million of dollars.

Stimulated by a desire to build up an Institution, which shall be a credit to the State and Nation, and believing that Congress would do all in its power to foster and encourage such an enterprise, I have purchased from the Comptroller, 100.000 acres of the Land scrip, for $50.000. and given my bond that the Land shall be located for the benefit of the Cornell University. This scrip is now being located in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

This leaves 800.000. acres still in possession of the State, which His Excellency, Gov Fenton, in his annual messages to the Legislature "suggests the propriety of confering upon the Trustees of the Cornell University, authority to purchase at a nominal rate, with purpose of locating the same, at an early day for the benefit of the Institution".

I feel an entire confidence in the abilities of the Trustees, to provide the means of purchasing and locating the remaining scrip, if Congress will aid the enterprise by exempting the Land from taxation, while it remains unsold in the possession of the University.

I have therefore drawn the accompanying bill, making it general in its provisions, so as to cover all similar cases, and to include lands which may have been located by other States for the use of their colleges.

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

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Gentlemen

Trustees of the Cornell University.

It is not yet, one year since the passage of the act, authorising the institution which has been placed under your guardianship as Trustes, for you to organize, and build up to the full stature of Collegiate proportions, and capacity, contemplated by the Congress of the United States, who so liberally donated the public lands to the noble cause of education, and by the Legislature of our own State who so generously confided that munificent trust to your keeping, as the guardians of the children of the Empire State for all future time,

In this short period you have met, now for the third time, and this may properly be regarded as your first annual meeting, The minutes of the two former meetings which you have just heard read, and which stand approved by you, explain the objects for which those meetings were called, and, contains a true record of the proceedings thereof,

I now propose briefly to call your attention to what has transpired since your last meeting, held at Ithaca on the 5th of September 1865,

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The most important duty which claimed the attention of the Trustees at that meeting was to secure those requirements, upon the fulfilment of which, "The act to establish the Cornell University &c" Chapter 585 of the laws of 1865, took effect, which was assigned, to a committee, who made a report of which the following is a Copy=

"The committee appointed to confer with the Hon Ezra Cornell in relation to the fund which he proposed to donate to the University, Respectfully Report,

That they have so conferred with Mr Cornell and believe it will be agreable to him to give his bond to the trustees of the Cornell University for Five Hundred Thousand Dollars, bearing interest ~~interest~~ at the rate of Seven per cent per annum, payable Semi annually, Said bond to be secured by the capital Stock of the Western Union Telegraph Company to the amount of Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars, Said Stock to be transferred to the Trustees of the Cornell University, and to be held as collateral Security for the payment of the bond above mentioned, This mode of donating the Five Hundred Thousand Dollars referred to in the act of the Legislature of New York, Chapter 585 of the laws of 1865, will be satisfactory to your Committee and is recommended for the adoption of the Board

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All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. D. Morgan
William Kelly
George W. Schuyler

The above report was then accepted and adopted,

In persuance of the above action of the board, and within six months of the passage of said act Chapter 585 of the laws of 1865, the transaction therein referred to was consummated, as shown by the certificate of ~~the~~ your Treasurer ~~of the Cornell University~~ of which the following is a copy

"I George W. Schuyler Treasurer of the Cornell University situated at Ithaca in the County of Tompkins and State of New York, do certify and acknowledge that I have this day received from the Hon Ezra Cornell of Ithaca aforesaid his, said Cornells, undertaking, conditioned for the payment to said Cornell University of five hundred thousand dollars, within ten years from the date hereof with interest thereon payable semi annually on the first days of May and November in each year, and that the said Cornell at the same time assigned, transferred and delivered to said Cornell University. Seven Hundred Thousand dollars

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at its par value of the Capital Stock of the Western Union Telegraph Company to be held by said University as a collateral Security for the payment of said undertaking of said Ezra Cornell according to its terms and conditions, and that such undertaking and collateral Security have been accepted by me in pursuance of the resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Cornell University held at Ithaca aforesaid September 5th " 1865.

Dated October 21st " 1865

Scott. Schuyler
Treasurer "

5. Cent
U. S. Rev
Stamp

"Comptrollers Office
Albany Oct 26th " 1865

I certify that the within acknowledgment is to me satisfactory evidence that the Cornell University therein named possesses a fund of five hundred thousand dollars given by Hon Ezra Cornell in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 585 of the Laws of 1865.

L. Robinson
Comptroller

Filed October 26th " 1865 "

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The following, which is a copy of the original as filed in the Comptrollers Office, shows the fulfilment of the Conditions of Said Act as far as they ~~relate~~ refer to the "Genesee College, located at Lima in this State"

"The following is a true copy of a Resolution passed by the Board of Trustees of the Genesee College at a Special Session held in Lima October 17th 1865 as appears on the records of said College.

Viz,

Resolved, That this Board of Trustees, in behalf of the Genesee College located at Lima, declares its willingness and hereby offers to accept the sum of Twenty five Thousand dollars, ($25.000) in pursuance of Chapter 385 of the laws of New York passed April 27th 1865, and to apply the same for the uses and purposes named in said Law, and that the Treasurer of the College, A. D. Wilbor is hereby authorised to receive the money and receipt for the same, and affix to to the receipt the Corporate Seal of the College, and to do any other act or thing which this board could do, necessary to receive said money under and in accordance with said act of April 27th 1865.

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John Copeland Sec't
of Board of Trustees "

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"Know all men by these presents, That the Genesee College located at Lima in the State of New York, by these presents make known, ~~and~~ admit and declare, that said College at the day of the date of these presents has received of and from Ezra Cornell of Ithaca New York the sum of Twenty five Thousand Dollars, under and in pursuance of Chapter 385 of the Laws of New York of the year 1865, In trust to and for the following use and purpose, namely to invest and keep invested in good and safe interest bearing securities said sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars, and out of the interest and income thereof and therefrom to establish support and maintain so far forth as the same may suffice in the said Genesee College a professorship of Agricultural Chemistry, and for no other use or purpose whatsoever, Rochester October 25th 1865.

2. Cent U. S. Rev Stamp

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In witness Whereof the Genesee College has caused its Corporate Seal to be hereunto affixed by its Treasurer thereof duly authorized, and these presents to be Signed by the said Treasurer at the date above written

Albert. D. Wilbor
Treasurer Genesee College"

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"Comptrollers Office
Albany October 26. 1865

I certify that the foregoing admission and declaration is to me satisfactory evidence that Ezra Cornell of Ithaca has paid over to the Trustees of the Genesee College at Lima the sum of Twenty five thousand dollars for the purposes required by Chapter 585 of the Laws of 1865.

L. Robinson
Comptroller "

Filed October 26th " 1865 "

Thus, by the performance of all the conditions imposed by the act, Chapter 585 of the laws of 1865, ~~and~~ within the time specified in said act for the performance thereof on the part of ~~them~~ in behalf of the Cornell University, and by the failure of the Trustees of the Peoples College at Havana to perform any of the conditions specified in said act, upon the performance of which the the Peoples college would have been entitled to the benefits of said act, the Cornell University, has become ~~entitled~~ legally and equitably entitled to all the provisions, ~~and~~ benefits and appropriations of said act,

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In section six of said act it ~~is~~ provides that, "The income, proceeds and avails which shall be received from the investment of the proceeds of the sale of the lands, or of the scrip therefor or of any part thereof, granted to this State by the act of Congress entitled "An act donating public lands to the several States and territories which may provide colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the Mechanic arts, approved July 2nd 1862 are hereby appropriated to and shall, from time to time as the same shall be received, be paid over to the trustees of the corporation hereby created, for its use and behoof in the mode and for the purposes in said act of Congress defined".

The fund, above referred to, the proceeds of which is appropriated to the ~~trustees of the~~ Cornell University will be made up of all sums of money received by the Comptroller, from the sale of ~~lands or~~ land scrip for 990.000 acres of lands donated to this State by the above recited act of Congress", the present condition of which is as follows,

The comptroller commenced selling the land scrip under the authority of Chapter 460 of the Laws of 1863, and in his report to the Legislature of 1865,

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he says, "the price was fixed at eighty five cents per acre, and the scrip advertised for sale. In the course of a few months sales were made to the extent of 475 pieces, equal to 76.000 acres, all at the rate of Eighty five cents per acre, except that upon the first parcel of fifty pieces, a rebate of two cents per acre was allowed, in consideration of certain advantages offered in the matter of advertising in the North Western States. The total amount received on all the sales made is $64.440,"

In the report for 1866. It appears that $64.000 of the above is invested in the "Comptroller's revenue bonds, 7 per ct", and the balance is in the treasury subject to 3 per cent interest,

There is in the treasury, accumulated interest belonging to this fund. Sept 30. 1865. $2.940.61

Add Interest on $64.000 at 7 per ct" from Sept 30 1866 - 4.480.00

Also interest on E. Connelly bond due May 24. 1866 1.850.00

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Interest on balance in treasury 171.60

makes Subject to appropriation this year = $9.442.21

The Comptroller also reports that "no sales were made during the year ending September 30. 1865"

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Finding that the Comptroller had stopped the Sale of land scrip, in consequence of the low price which it would sell for, and that there remained on-hand in his possession scrip for 913,920 acres of land, I directed my attention to ascertaining the best method of securing the full value of said land scrip, to the University,

After very extensive enquiry by correspondence and otherwise, I arrived at the conclusion, that we could realize a net sum of at least two dollars per acre for said scrip, by locating the same and selling the lands thus located, to Settlers, (For a detailed statement of a transaction of a similar character, I will refer to the valuable report, of Wm A. Woodward Esq of Orange County N.Y. addressed to Victor M Rice Sec'y of the Board of Trustees, in compliance with a resolution of the Board ~~meeting~~ passed at its meeting on the 28th April 1865,)

Becoming entirely satisfied that such a result could be obtained by locating the scrip, I resolved to inaugurate the experiment upon my own responsibility and at my own expense for the interest of the University, I therefore purchased of the Comptroller in

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November last 100.000 acres of the land Scrip for $50.000, giving the Comptroller a bond at the same time in which I obligated myself to pay over to the Trustes of the Cornell University, all the money and profits of all kinds that shall be realized from the location of said Scrip and the sale of the lands thereby secured, after deducting the price paid for ~~the~~ said Scrip, the expenses of locating, and selling ~~the~~ said lands inclusive of interest at Seven per cent for the capital thus employed.

I have proceeded with great caution thus far in the location of said Scrip, availing myself of the valuable experience of Mr Woodward, in the premises, and have located nearly half of the amount, and shall expect to get it all located by the first of May, next. Locations have been made in Wisconsin and Minnesota, and the accounts I get from agents thus employed, describing the lands, and their locations, in proximity to railroad improvements, and homestead settlements, I am led to believe that the University will realize at least two ~~dollars~~ hundred thousand dollars from this transaction within a

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army few years,

This leaves in the possession of the Comptroller 5.087 pieces of Scrip, amounting to 813.920 acres of land, to be disposed of = In his annual Message his Excellency the Governor, referring to this subject, says "In view of the delay in locating such land Scrip and the nominal value attached thereto, I suggest the propriety of conferring upon the Trustees of the Cornell University authority to purchase, at a nominal rate, with the purpose of locating the same, at an early day for the benefit of the Institution"-

Prompted by the suggestion of his Excellency the Governor, Senator White has introduced a bill in the Senate, authorizing the sale of the Scrip to the University at not less than thirty cents per acre =

If this ~~bill passes~~ becomes a law, and its provisions are carried into effect, it will add $244.176 to the fund under the controll of the State, increasing it to the aggregate amount of $358.616, which at the present time could be invested in State bonds, drawing 7 per cent interest, and produce an anual income of $25.103.

The act of ~~Congress of July 2 1862, Section 4,~~ provides that this "Shall constitute a perpetual fund, the capital of which shall remain forever undiminished, (except so far as may be provided in Section five of this act)

~~With~~ Believing that Congress would encourage the effort of the trustees to make the most, of the munificent grant of lands, they had donated to New York for the cause of Education I ventured to hope, they would pass an act exempting said lands from taxation while held by or for the interest of the University.

I therefore addressed the following communication to Hon E. D. Morgan of the U. S. Senate, Hon G. W. Hotchkiss of the House of Representatives, and to the Hon. J. M Edmunds Comr of the Genl Land Office Washington -

" Albany Feb 12. 66

~~Hon E. D. Morgan~~

" United States Senate Washington

My Dear Sir

Enclosed I send you a draft of a bill for ~~Exempting~~ exempting, college lands from taxation, also an.

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Hon J. M. Edmunds

Comr Gen Land Office

Washington D C

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Yours Respectfully

E. Cornell

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An Act to encourage Education in Agriculture and the Mechanic arts, by exempting college lands from taxation -

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That all lands located by the several states and territories under the act donating public ~~public~~ lands to the several states and territories which may provide Colleges for the benefit of Agriculture and the Mechanic arts, approved July 2, 1862, And all lands located by colleges or Educational institutions, or by individuals for the benefit thereof, on scrip donated to the several states and territories by the above recited act, and sold to said Colleges, Educational institutions or to individuals for the benefit of said institutions, by said States, are declared to be exempt from taxation by or under State or municipal authority while thus held in the interest of education -

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We have been directing our attention to the same end, through the agency of Mr Woodward who has kindly volunteered to correspond with the authorities of the State of Wisconsin on the same subject, and who has forwarded to the ~~Legislature~~ Governor of that State the draft of a bill of which the following is a copy, which the Govr has transmitted to the Legislature for consideration.

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An Act, to ~~encourage~~ aid Education in Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, and to ~~facilitate~~ encourage Emigration to this State, and the settlement of the lands therein,

The People of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows,

Section 1, All lands located in this State on College land Scrip, donated to the State of New York, by the United States, under "an act donating public lands to the several States and Territories which may provide colleges for the benefit of Agriculture and the Mechanic arts" approved July 2d 1862, by or in behalf of the "Cornell University" of the State of New York, ~~which said lands, and located by said certificates~~ shall be exempt from taxation ~~not exceeding~~ ten years, from and after the passage of this act,

Section 2. In case any such lands shall be sold, contracted to be sold, leased or conveyed by said University, ~~by~~ or by any person or persons for said University, then such lands shall become subject to taxation immediately, and the exemption provided for by this act shall no longer apply to such sold, leased or conveyed lands -

Section 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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I have very encouraging information, ~~from~~ from Washington and from Madison, in relation to the above matter, and have great confidence that our efforts will be seconded by the liberal and enlightened action of Congress and the Legislature of Wisconsin.

The act of Congress of July 2. 1862 Section 4 provides that this "shall constitute a perpetual fund, the capital of which shall remain for ever undiminished, (except so far as may be provided in section five of this act)

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and the interest of which shall be inviolably appropriated by each State which may take and claim the benefit of this act, to the endowment, support, and maintenance of at least one college where the leading object shall be, without excluding other scientific and classical studies, and including Military tactics, to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts, in such manner as the legislatures of the States may respectively prescribe, in order to promote, the liberal and practical Education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions of life."

It is further provided in Section five that "no portion of said fund, nor the interest thereon, shall be applied, directly or indirectly, under any pretence whatever, to the purchase, erection, preservation, or repair of any building or buildings" =

Such is the prospective amount, character and restrictions of so much of our Endowment as is derived, or derivable from the sale of the College land Scrip.

Whatever sums may be realized from the profits on the sales of lands located with the land Scrip, will go into the Treasury of the University unhampered

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with any restrictions whatever, as has the fund of $500,000 which is already in the possession of the trustees,

I ~~would~~ do however most earnestly recommend that the trustees preserve both of those funds inviolably, and invest the same as a perpetual capital, the interest of which shall be applicable to any of the purposes of the institution, in the discretion of the trustees,

This policy, with the present funds in the possession of the State, and the University, will place $35.000 per an at the disposal of the trustees for building or general purposes, and about $8.000 per an from the Congressional land fund to pay the expenses of running the institution,

With such resources, present and prospective, ~~You~~ you Gentlemen are about to begin in earnest the labours of building up a great and important educational institution, one which will ~~place~~ I trust place at the disposal of all classes of our citizens, at such reasonable rates of charges, that the most humble can avail himself of them, the facilities for acquiring a thorough liberal and practical Education, ~~and at this point I feel myself qualified to make suggestions which may~~

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and which I hope will on all future
time reflect credit upon its first Board
of Trustees, for the wisdom, judgment,
and zeal with which they enter
upon the discharge of the high and
responsible trust, which has been
committed to them.

I feel less qualified to make sug-
gestions which may be useful to
you in shaping and giving form
and character to the University, than
I have in the preliminary steps
of providing the ways and means,
which are to vitalize and sustain
the Enterprise, I therefore earnestly
solicit the cordial co-operation
of the trustees in carrying forward
the great work, and desire that
each should feel the full weight
of responsibility which this impor-
tant trust imposes upon him,
and act ~~in~~ on all questions of bu-
siness with that degree of ~~a~~ prudence and
prudence, which is fostered, by
sound judgement, and upright
intentions, and I pledge my own
efforts to the extent of my ability
to the Board, to a like Co-operation

E. Cornell
Pres't Board
Trustees

An Act to incourage Education in Agriculture and the Mechanic arts, by exempting ~~colleges~~ college lands from taxation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all lands located by the several states, and Territories, under the act donating public lands to the several states and Territories which may provide colleges for the benefit of Agriculture and the Mechanic arts, approved July 2d 1862" and all lands located by colleges or educational institutions, or by individuals for the benefit of such colleges or educational institutions, or lands donated to the several states and Territories by the aforesaid act, and sold to said Colleges, Educational institutions, or to individuals for the benefit of said institutions by said states, are declared to be exempt from taxation by or under state or municipal authority, while thus held in the interest of Education

Genl Batchelder accepts
with pleasure Senator E. Cornell's
kind invitation for this evening.

Feb. 17. 1866.

F. M. Finch
Feb 14. 66

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Hon. E. Cornell.

May I trouble you to get the Secretary of State's official certificate to the acknowledgement of the Deed enclosed. Our law requires his certificate that the Com'r in Pa. taking the acknowledgment was such. Please pay the office fees & I will remit them. I do not know what they are or I would send them.

You do not tell me when the University meeting is to be. It is very doubtful whether I can get away.

I have had a hearty laugh over "P. Case's" letter to "your Honor." The first time I

see him I will try to spike his artillery. I think it may be done without the bother of a lawsuit. At all events I will try to satisfy him that his powder won't burn.

I have told Miss Guile she can have the hall. I hesitated because I had no business to vary from the established price & while I thought well of her & of her efforts I disliked the precedent. I made the DeWitt Guards pay their $25 though they begged piteously. I made them also do their own upholstering & it cost them $115. They have fitted up the armory beautifully.

I just received from Dilkey petition for ship canal & have sent it out for signatures.

Yrs truly F. W. Pinch