

Thos. N. Rooker
Jan 1, 1867-

1867

N.Y. Tribune, Jan. 1, 1866.

Mr. Cornell I forgot to give you the enclosed. They are copies of a letter Osborne wrote at our suggestion at the commencement of our trying to get up the Company for the purpose of sending to friends in order to dispose of stock, and as ~~the~~ letter contains information about our process you may like to have some of them for friends of yours who may wish to know something about the process, and to whom you can not write or talk for want of time.

I forgot, also, to ask you what you think we should pay Davidson for his Field Address provided Osborne says he can do it nicely. Davidson was about

one month in doing the work,
and considers that it is worth
\$500. but he says that he
would take less.

If we print it we should
charge, I think, \$1 per copy.
If we can sell 1000 copies
at that price we can make
a good "spec" by issuing it. and
if ^{we} can dispose of 5000 ^{copies} we can
net, I think, \$3000 on the job.

Please answer by the
bearer, or drop a note, through
the post, to me before you
leave today.

Yours,
Thomas W. Rooker.

Did you take your New-
Year present with you, from
lower office when there, or did you for-
get it? I mean the Davidson present.

Groton Jan 1th 1867
Hon Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

I understand
that the term of office of the
Story Public of Groton has or
will soon expire. W^m Williams
now holds the office. I wish you
would do me the favor of using
your influence to have me
appointed for the next term.
I wish the office for the convenience
which it will afford me and being
the only lawyer in the town by
usual custom I am entitled
to it. Please do me this favor
and oblige

Yours Truly
W^m W. Ware

Baltimore Jan 1st 1867
C. C. Cornell Esq
Dear Sir

Your name was handed
to me by my Aunt the wife of Geo. W.
Skinner who was in your employ for a
number of years, and you owe some
money while in the Telegraph business
and we are in want of some money at
present and know that if you
new our Circumstances you would
help us I have taken the liberty of
writing you and ask for some
money You can use your own
Judgement and you will satisfy
ours Yours forever

Geo. W. Skinner, Jr
No 38 1/2 West Balto St
Baltimore
Md

Boston Jan'y 1. 1867.

Hon. Ezra Cornell,
Dear Sir:

I would be glad to learn whether you consider it probable that a Mfg Co. can be organized at Albany this winter, as has been proposed, for Manufacturing some of the leading Agl. Implements, either by itself or in connection with some other Establishment.

Any movements in that direction, it seems to me should be made soon. If it is thought desirable, I can come to Albany for a few days. I wrote to Mr. Emery but not hearing from him, conclude he has nothing further to say.

Please find enclosed a letter from Father in regard to the matter.

I would be pleased to hear
from you as soon as convenient
in relation to the matter which
I hope may be carried out
as proposed.

Very respectfully
Yours
F. J. Holbrook.

Tuesday N.Y.
May 2^d 1867

Mr E. Leavelle or
H. B. Leard Cushman

Gutten

J.

I send you enclosed the note for
\$2000. without date which please
fill in when convenient. L. B. Greene
is absent somewhere in the eastern
States & don't know when he will
return. If the bank wish another
enclosure, Mr Leavelle told me he
would do it if necessary. Will send
Mr Nixon a memorandum of what
we to make of a part of proceeds —
I want Mr Leavelle & Finch to pay up
the \$389. that came up to be & sent
sat. night yours.

J. W. Greene

Saml Thorne Jan²², 67

Windsor, Aug 3rd 1887.

Wm. E. Cornell.

Dear Sir,

I regret extremely that I have been so long delayed in replying to your late favor relative to the charge that you have made against myself & two other of the officers of the Ag. Soc.

I can see only one inference to be drawn from the statements you have made, & that has seriously disturbed me -

I say that "during the examination two goats passed into the ring & talked with the judges, with each other ^{again}, & quipped the cattle, talked ^{again} with the judges, then with one ^{again} with the judges & so on through the entire examination &c &c"

From this I can

Only infer that you would charge
me with influencing the judges
in their action through two other
parties. I would therefore be obliged
if you would state more clearly &
definitely the fault you would find
with my action, or the charge you
would make against me for my
supposed influence during the judging
of the Short Horns.

Your statement is quite indefinite
& I may be entirely mistaken in
my judgement of the meaning
you want convey & sincerely
trust I am -

Please let me hear from you at
your earliest convenience &
believe me Yours &c

Wm. H. Stone



Office of Grand Worthy Patriarch, SONS OF TEMPERANCE,

STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

San Francisco, Jan 3^d 1866.

The Grand Division, at its regular annual session held at Santa Cruz, Oct. 23d and 24th, ordered a circular prepared and forwarded to each Division in this jurisdiction, informing them of the changes made by the National Division, at its session in June last, at Montreal. (C. E.) in the Constitution and Code of Laws governing the Order. In compliance with that order I have had this prepared, and now forward it for your information and guidance.

Constitution National Division, Part VIII.—In second line strike out “two” and insert “three;” thereby changing the *per capita* tax from the Grand Division to the National Division from two cents, to three cents per year for each member.

Constitution Subordinate Division, Art. III, Sec. 1.—Strike out the word “male,” and add to the section the words, “Provided that females shall not be admitted to membership within the jurisdiction of any Grand Division, unless permission be first granted by a two third vote of the Grand Division; nor in any Subordinate Division, unless the Division shall so decide by a two-third vote after two weeks notice.”

Art. X.—Add, “All decisions of the acting body shall, however, remain in force until reversed by the superior body in the case.”

Code of Laws, Chap. V, Sec. 2.—In first line strike out “eleven,” and insert “six.”

Chap. VI, Sec. 7.—In first line, after “sustained,” add, “the Division adopt the report.”

At the session of the Grand Division of California, held Oct. 23d, 1866, the following resolution in reference to female members was unanimously adopted :—

Resolved, That the Grand Division grant permission to all Subordinate Divisions in this jurisdiction to admit females to full membership; and that we earnestly recommend them to adopt the provisions in relation thereto, authorized by the National Division of our Order.

You will see by the above that the Grand Division has authorized the Subordinate Divisions, by a two-third vote, after two weeks notice, to strike out the word male from Art. III, Sec. 1, of the Constitution; the effect of which will be to allow the initiation of females as members with equal rights and privileges as males.

This will entirely alter the status of ladies in the Order. and while those who choose may remain, lady visitors, all who desire to become members will have to be initiated anew, or at least to be obligated anew as members, not sisters of the Order, when they will be entitled to all the honors and other privileges of our beloved fraternity.

Probably you do not need to be told that the Order to which we belong, is greatly reduced in numbers and efficiency in the Golden State, and that many of its oldest and most active members have resigned, and attached themselves to other organizations. Without saying a word to the disparagement of our brethren who choose to fight the common foe under another banner, I trust to be allowed to say that the Sons of Temperance, the oldest of the societies engaged in the contest against intemperance, has lost none of its means of effective warfare, and claim their place in the front of the fight. In every portion of the Atlantic States, from the snowy mountains of Maine to the sunny shores of the Gulf of Mexico—from the billows of the Atlantic to the peaks of the Rocky Mountains, efforts are being made, successfully, to give new strength and vigor to our organization, and to revive and surpass the former glories of the Order.

Let us on the shores of the Pacific remember that we occupy a position of vast responsibility in shaping the destinies of the myriads who people the slopes surrounding that mightiest of oceans. Let us not be lacking in doing our part to elevate the standard of temperance and humanity, so that it shall be a warning to all who are struggling in the meshes of intemperance, and a token of safety to all who come under its folds and embrace the principles it indicates.

Let me, dear brothers and sisters, invoke you by all you hold dear, to use all your exertions to strengthen our Order by bringing in all within your influence, and to remember that for the use of that influence you must account hereafter to a tribunal from which there is no appeal. With all due regard, I am

Ever yours, in L. P. & F.,

G. W. P.

F. W. PINKHAM, G. Scribe,
Office 1314 DUPONT STREET,
Room 34, up stairs.
or, Box 1540 Post Office.

Office s. w. cor. Broadway and Front St.

B. Halsey
Jan 3. 1907

168 B. May N.Y.
Jan 3-67

J. A. Selkregg
My dear Sir -
Your
very welcome letter of
26 ult. came to hand.
I find that our Board
of Health will probably
move for early Legislative
action to promote their
usefulness as well as
largely increase their
efficiency, & in this
connection I will only
intrude on you a very
short note, to say -
that - Having the pleasure
of knowing the Prest of

the Board, Mr Schultze
well - I have no
hesitation in saying
that I regard him as the
very best man for the
place that we have in
this City - & we want him
retained - he would
like much to give up
the place - but I hope
you & others will unite
with the Govt & not let
him off - he has had
a year of valuable experience,
is a very thorough, efficient
& practical business man,
of impeccable character
& scrupulous integrity -
a man of large wealth,
& a still larger & truly
noble heart - in
short he is the right

"man in the right
place"—Keep him there—
His ~~long~~ experience
the past year—being a
sound & practical man
in all his conceptions
of things—fit him well
to suggest such enact-
ments by legislation as
may be useful, & you
need have no fears
of his asking any ~~that~~
from factious or any other
unworthy motive—his
"whole soul" is wrapped
up in it—& I hope you
will let him have
such legislation as he
wants—& then if Provi-
dence favors him as
the Legislature does—the
Cholera will have a poor
show here.—Very truly
yrs

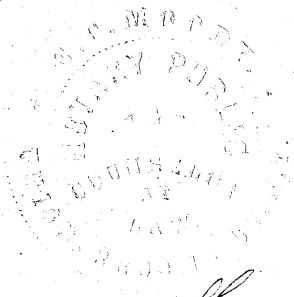
Robt. Halsey

1/3/1867

N.D. - I wish You
would give my
Compts to Mr Cornell
if you please, show
him this note - as
I have not time to
write him just
now - on the subject
I presume Mr Schuyler
would pull my
ears, if he knew I
was writing to friends
to have him retained.
Senators White (Senate)
& Mr Pitt (Speaker)
also read it - if you
choose, & give them my
Compts also - & you
can assure them ^{all} that
I have no "axe to

gird" - in the matter
in any manner or
shape - am anxious
to have him "retained"
with ample powers
solely because I believe
him to be the very best
man we have for it -
so competent to
judge of what legislation
is wanted -

AJ



Winn Ferry 4.1867

Hon Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir:

I was appointed Notary Public in March 1865 and I believe my office expires in March of this year and as I am dependent upon you for re-appointment I take this liberty of addressing you.

I have been to the expense of procuring a seal and there is no other in this vicinity and I believe my services are required for the benefit of the surrounding community.

As to my political sentiments and position, if you are not already acquainted with them

3.0. 1877
JAN 21
I would refer you to Mr
Van Hellkenbury our
present Member of Assembly
or any other true Union
man in our County

If you will oblige me by attending
to this matter and having me
re-appointed you will confer a
favour on me and I will endeavour
to reciprocate. Let me hear from you.

Respectfully Yours
Edwin C. Moody

Cortland N.Y Jan'y 4 1867

Abol. E Cornell

Dear Sir

I have this day sent
(by mail) to your address, a small
package, (By request of my son H C Putnam
of Eau Claire Wis) enclosing a specimen
of "Pipe Stone" (in form of an Indian pipe)
which he claims was made from
a stone taken from a "quarry" on
land which he has recently entered
for you. This "pipe" I understand
was obtained, by him of an Indian
in northern Minnesota during his residence
there some ten years since,

Yours Respectly

Hamilton Putnam

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—:O:—
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The Western Union Telegraph Company,

FREE MESSAGE AND CHECK AUDITING DEPARTMENT.

Superintendent's Office, 145 BROADWAY, New York, *January 4th 1867.*

E. Cornell Esq.

Dear Sir:

Having been led to regard you as a friend to young men, I take the liberty to address you. I am a young man having a wife and child to support and am and have been employed by the Western Union Teleg. Co. for nearly two years, but owing to ill health I fear I shall be obliged to give up my position and seek something to do in the country.

Last November I went to Ithaca and took with me letters of introduction from Mr. J. D. Reid and the Supt. of my Dept; but found on my arrival there that you had started for this city.

My health has been impaired by a severe wound through my left lung, received while serving in Col. O. H. Palmer's Regt; at the Battle in the Wilderness. Before entering the Army I was able to sup-

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port my self at any trade (Printing) but am disabled
for that occupation now. I find clerical duty too
confining and not sufficiently remunerative, and
my Physicians say I must engage in some other
employment. — out door business — if possible.

Now Dear Sir, my design in addressing
you is to ascertain if you will lend your influence in
securing me some position in Ithaca or any other
small place where I could gain a livelihood for myself
and family. I can bring any number of recom-
mendations and would respectfully refer you to
any of the Officers of our Co. as to character and
respectability. Hoping you will pardon the liberty
I take in addressing you and that you will
kindly extend your influence in my behalf.

I remain, Very Respectfully,

Henry O. Nightingale

Providence City Jan. 6th 1867

Dear Sir

Yours of December 3rd came
to hand rather late owing to my absence
from town. - If you wish kindly pardon
the presumption, I will take liberty
to furnish you with some information
respecting the Warwick Palace of Warren
Hendon in the vicinity, where there are
several which were entered by you
for the benefit of the General University.
You will find enclosed enclosed a Map
of the offered lands in Warren, which
the enclosed is offered by Mr. Shaw of
Lawrence of Boston. - If you will peruse
said pamphlet you will find on page 4th
under the head of Dickinson County
a description of land together with price
of same, which said land immediately
adjoining your own. - Mr. Lawrence lands
have the advantage of an earlier selection
and are more favorably located, yet even
those lands are very rarely called for even
at the figure of \$4.50 per acre. -
I lately succeeded in selling for Mr. Lawrence
the 18th of Sept 13. 276 A. and more
a relief of the purchaser devised ~~the~~
to purchase the adjoining Warwick section
viz the N. W. 1/4 of lot 18, 276 A. 3, which was

entered by you for the Council Minutes, & thought of addressing you with a view to further the interest of an honest farmer, which decided to settle in the neighborhood of his friends. —

The Emigrant coming to the Anti-Slavery of Legislation leads his old home with a view to find a homestead under the Homestead act and being satisfied provided with money to purchase land for cash, the door of prospect and Legislation would be closed and their question of no kind of inducements are held out for settlement. —

The aforementioned piece of land viz. the North West Quarter of Section 18, Town 16 South of Range 3 East of 6th Principal Meridian is wanted by Mr. Deanehard Sherr and if you will sell the same at the same rate as shown of Lawrence when his adjoining lands were purchased please forward the deed to the United States Land Office at their place and receive receipt in return. —

Being to purchase in the 1/4 Sect. the above land contains only \$144.00 of Acres. —

Please inform me of your intention of return mail and return the enclosed Catalogue, thereby

obliging Yours
Most Respectfully
Dr. Munroville

A. S. Robinson

6 Jan^{ry} 68

Waley Janey 6167

Esq^r Cornell Esq^r

Dear Sir

I recd
your letter of 20th Nov
since have seen some of
our Ogilwibright & Standam
Copatolists from whom
I expected subscriptions
as yet without positive success
although with some assurance
of success. Undoubtedly

you have solicited subscriptions
from parties who you ^{knew} were
perfectly able to subscribe
yet held back about doing
so.

If you can spare
me three or four copies
of the prospectus of the Co.
I wish you could send
them.

Unless you
have had better success

Have kept for the Oo Crew
hardly been kept up to a point
to justify Expectations for active
operations the coming season
If however you have met
with considerable success
in getting additional
subscriptions I will know
my efforts in seeing what
can be done here
Very truly yours
A. J. Johnson



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MANUFACTURERS OF

Kirby's Harvester

Auburn, N.Y. January 8th 1867

Hon. Ezra Cornell

Ithaca N.Y.

Dear Sir -

We sold to B F Cornell last summer a Mower and Reaper and have been referred by him to you for settlement of the bill.

The items are:

<i>July 9th 1866</i>	<i>1 Mower and Reaper</i>	<i>140.</i>
<i>" 9. "</i>	<i>1 Automatic Rake</i>	<i>25.</i>
<i>Aug 22 "</i>	<i>Repairs as per order</i>	<i>3.05</i>
		<i>\$168.05</i>

Very truly yours
D M Osborne & Co

CHARLES PERRIGO, President.
D. H. MARSH, Cashier.

CAPITAL,
\$100,000.

First National Bank of Groton.

Groton, N. Y. Jan 9th 1867

Mr E Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

The Citizens of Groton
and your constituents would
ask as a personal favor that
you use your personal influence
to have Mr Wm W Ware a citizen
of this place appointed as Notary
public for the the next term
as we think that his place of
business for convenience &c will
better accommodate the public & he
is well qualified to fill the office

Respectfully yours
C. Jacobs

Chas Perrigo

D H Marsh

Wm W Dunham

Anton Bowker

George Hathaway



Grand Division Sons of Temperance of California,

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SCRIBE, 13/4 Dupont Street

San Francisco, Jan 9th 1867

Hon E. Cornell

Dear Friend

I suppose when you last
saw me you, had no idea that you
would ever see my name attached to
a document like this. Please write.

I remain Yours

Sincerely

Wm L. P. and, Jr

F. W. Pin Rhann

G Scribe

S of T

Columbia College,

PRESIDENT'S ROOM.

New York Jan 10. 1867.

Hon. Ezra Cornell,
Dear Sir,

I learn that
Mr. Henri Ermi is a can-
didate for the Chair of Chem-
istry in the University, which
you are about to establish at
Ithaca. Mr. Ermi is an ac-
complished man of Science;
and would, I am sure, prove
a valuable accession to any
Faculty with which he may
be connected. It would afford
me sincere gratification to hear
of his election to the position
to which he aspires.

I have the honor to be,

Dear Sir

Yours obd servt
F. A. P. Barnard, Pres. Col. Col.

Senator Hon. C. Bonnell.

Dear Sir,

The enclosed circular
just received at the Library
may interest you. I have
no further knowledge of
the Library than what is
contained in the circular.

Respectfully yours

Wm. A. Holmes.

Jan 10. 64
Albany.

OFFICE OF BINGHAMTON IRON WORKS.

Binghamton, N. Y. Jan'y 10th 1867

Mr H. O. Cornell

Order

Your favor of the 5th is recd
& contents noted -

All I can learn of the matter of which you speak is, that a Mr John Mack of N.Y City bid it off about 2 years ago when the state sold it for a claim they had on it. Mr Mack has recently sold it, or at least during the last fall to a Mr Jas H Place also of N.Y. City. The latter sent offers to sell it to the state at a fair valuation by appraisers - I can not learn these were addresses any nearer than I have given. We all trust that you will do all you can to carry out the recommendation of the Governor touching this Blind Institute. We were fairly sold out on the Normal School question & feel sore enough. The board of trustees for the (Blind) meet in Albany next week, when I trust you will see Dr Otton from our plan, who is thoroughly posted in the matter - Yours Truly P. A. Hopkins

Robbins is confined at home with Rheumatism again. He is quite disheartened - The rest all well -

Marietta Coll.
Jan'y 10th 1867.

Hon Ezra Cornell.
Sir

I am a citizen of N.Y. as you will see by the accompanying catalogue, and am in the Sophomore class here; seeing the article in the paper, I said you, I was constrained to write to you, who are so free in bestowing to noble and large objects, to see if you might be willing to do a similar act, on a smaller scale, which although it may not win for you equal fame, I assure you will be as much appreciated.

I can assure you I feel
much obliged and gratified
in writing this, because I am
a total stranger to you, but
I must make a friend to my
college course, & I am not idle.

My father, also, was a
resident of New York but re-
mained here, and at the break-
ing out of the war, entering the
39th Ohio, and died in hospital
April 1st 1863. Our family there-
upon returned to our former place
of residence, Macedon New York.
My mother died Dec
following.

I have been enabled to procure
my course thus far through
a small patrimony left by my
father.

It you desire my assistance
as to my character & I should

refer to Elder Dand. or H.C.
Phipps Macedon. New York N.Y.
or to Bro. J. W. Andrews or
Rev. S. Knowles or Rev. S. Dean -
men in Marquette,

Again assuring you of the
obliged I feel in writing to
you, under the circumstances;
I will close trusting to hear
from you concerning the ac-
ception of this request; and if it
is not received favorably, you will
still hold as high a place in my
estimation, as a philanthropist,
as ever.

Yours truly
J. A. McManis

Marquette O. Dec. 20 63

J. W. Dean, Esq. Cornell
Albany, N.Y.

Not and^d &c

Jan^y 10th 1867.

E. Cornell Esq.

Sir: Having been
referred to you for assistance I venture
hoping you will have the kindness to
peruse this through, and allow a brief
reply as I would have counselled if
nothing more from any one capable of
bestowing it. Misfortune alone prompts
me to ask assistance of an entire

stranger - but not without a wish to
comply repay you at some future day -
Misfortune has compelled me to leave
school & give up my studies. I had
hoped to finish in about two years - I
have no doubt but that I could in
time return satisfied to any one
that would have the kindness to
assist me to complete my term at
school. I can give reference that
will be satisfactory or I will if I can
obtain the means go to Ithaca and
answer any questions you may deem
necessary to enquire you this an
imposition - I have no doubt but
that I could return all allowed me if
I finish my education & in case of my
death I could insure with a life policy

Please allow the briefest Reply -

Respectfully -

Elvie A. Cavilla

Augusta -

Maine

Brighton 10th Jan'y 1867
Hon Ezra Cornell

Sir:

I write you
in relation to the app^t of
Superintendent of Canal
Repairs on the Chenango Canal.

You doubtless are aware
that the canal is used
mainly by the people of
this county and that they
have more interest in
having it kept in good
repair than are all the
State besides them. It
is therefore of great
importance to us that
we have the Supt. from
here; one whose interests
will be centered with

and action we can
never make an honest
effort to keep the canal in
good condition. - We cannot
nothing with a Superintendent
from abroad; the contractors
get duty of him & therefore
and he morally holds the
canal to the devil. He
can make money by letting
the contractors out can
make money every day
any.

Chairman has told the
effect for a number of years
much to our detriment,
and we think it only fair
that we should have the
opportunity to discuss

The State, the

Shipyard, the workmen tell
us he is in the hands
of the canal committee,
remarking that we have
the opportunity.

At all times
we should a man of
experience; who will be
able to advise acceptably
of all interests here.

All the talk through our
members will come with
you in discussing the report of
the committee, but this should
may be by the D. that we can
and you will be given
thought & respectfully
to say much

My Jan 10/67

Charles Esq;
Dear Sir;

I have been able to get off the British Post to day - though I telegraphed you that they would go up on Monday.

I have just received what I think a very desirable book for your library - viz the "Encyclopaedia Britannica or Dictionary of Arts Sciences and General Literature."

It is the best Encyclopaedia beyond exception and I have an opportunity of selling it now at a price much lower than it usually commands.

Viz \$137.50 off ~~\$130.00~~ \$128.00
22 vols 4th Edition.

Little of them. Price is \$160.00 about - and they give only a trifling discount

Yours truly
Jos. Smith
J.S. over

Jo^r. Sabine
Jan^y 11. 68

I received a letter from Messrs
J. B. Leppincott & Co enquiring
further particulars about your
process, to which I had
directed their attention -
I have communicated with Mr. Rother

J. R. Strubing
11 Jan^y 67

East Lansing Jan 11th 1868

Dear Sir

Your favor in reply to my note
of the 19th Jan^y is before me

I very much appreciate the kindly sentiment
you express in regard to me and were it not
for the fact of your misapprehending the import. of
my communication I should not deem it necessa-
ry to reply.

You will pardon me if in addressing you
the language I used admitted in the least the
construction you gave it. It was farthest from
my intention to be so understood as I think will
appear from a careful reading of my letter.

I have retained no copy of that letter but think
I can recall the ideas expressed therein

First I frankly stated to you my circumstances not
to show you that I was a beggar but the opposite
that I had means and 2nd with those means I
wished to obtain funds by which to meet the
expenses of my son at the Asylum

and third I stated to you my own and my family's
objections to our son becoming a charge upon the family
and if I asked to be informed when I could meet
you at Ottawa to arrange the necessary preliminaries.
And now from the above I think it would
hardly appear that I should ask you for private
clarifying in behalf of my son who is in no way
related to you by relationship or even acquaintance.
You say since you rec^d my letter you have seen
Dr Grey who speaks very encouragingly of my
son's recovery. I saw Dr Grey on the 15th of
~~May~~ last and at that time he seemed to be
in great doubt. It depended on certain contingences
-mies. One of which was that the son was con-
vulsed again. That the patients might be cut off
down to work in the gardens & fields. The
weather, having been unpropitious for field
work for some length of time.

I think Dr Grey did not fully appreciate my
son's condition. He differed with Dr Shantz of
Cherbourg who thought my son should not
labor while the Grey thought he should
inasmuch as the success of the ~~institute~~

depends on the labor of the patients & my
son was a very good laborer. I will here
add that my son's loss of health was occasioned
by exposure to labor both physically & mentally.

This work at Ottawa was of the most fatiguing
kind it being to work with a garden hoe or
rake or ridding garden beds. We could not
endure a great while to work in a stooping
position. It would kill him. Dr Grey
would give me no pledge that he should
not work. My son was visited a year ago last
December by his brother who found him greatly
emaciated with a heavy cold and dressed in thin
summer pants not lined while I paid of heavy
pants were lying in his trunk. He brought him
home to be nursed and in 4 weeks he gained 10
pounds. He was then returned. When visited by
his mother in July last she entreated Dr Grey
not to require him to labor but he insisted on
the necessity saying he could not breathe
fresh air without it and added that he made
a perfect duce of himself not to want to work
and all the boys hated him there and he

Dr. G. would have no one outside of that Asylum
to interfere with the labor of the patients
and if a patient would not labor he would
compel ^{him} to labor. We have not told my son of
this. who always speaks with affection of
of Dr Shantz and Cleveland and desires to be
placed under their care again and I will do
so if you will obtain a good place for him
there with the assurance that he shall not
be required to labor and be attended by Shantz
or Cleveland. I will support him there as a
private patient. He is steadily improving but
the expense is greater than I anticipated.
I can prove by persons that my son was gentlemanly
in his deportment at Utica and pleasing to his
associates. There is much complaint against Dr Gray.
A baptist minister was taken to Utica 2 years ago
and afflicted with acute mania and died in 3 days and
of those 3 he worked in the garden. Mr Grover
also complains in the case of Snyder refused
out of personal animosity was brought home
and died soon for want of proper medical
treatment. This is in confidence. We
think there are many physicians in this
State who would be more acceptable than Dr
Gray. He has been there so long he has
grown hard-hearted. Snyder had a wife and
children. Hall No 2 the patients do not labor my
son was there the last 10 days.

Having written thus much more
than I anticipated I sign myself
Yours Respectfully P P Stunborg

Wm C Cornell

Gretna City Jan 12/67

Sir

I suppose there will
be vacancies arising in this
C^y in the office of Notary
public before the termination
of the present term. I should
be much pleased to get the
appointment for this place if
convenient. The Citizens of this
section deem as a matter
of right that there should
be one appointed about these
parts, as they have to avoid
the inconvenience of going a distance
of 5 miles to do business pertaining
to that office. Your influence
in that direction will be
highly appreciated. Yours Respectfully
Wm. E. Ferguson L. F. Clark

Ithaca Jan 12/66
Hon E. Cornell
Dear Sir

My time as Notary
runs out in the Spring.

If the Democrats are again to share
in these offices then I should like a
re appointment - otherwise I have
nothing to say.

You will be pleased to learn
that the library is doing well in
donations - I think it will be
very much used

Yours truly

Wm. L. Harris

Windsor, Washington Hollow, N.Y.
July 12th 1857.

Mr. E. Cornell.

Dear Sir. Your favor of the 9th inst is just recd. I agree with you most cordially in trusting that the pleasant relations which have always existed between all the active members of our Society may never be interfered with, & I should regret extremely to be in any way the means of disturbing them. I feel however that the insinuation that you made at the end of your protest was entirely unjust, & as I am a party implicated, feel that either that portion of the complaint should be withdrawn, or the charge should be made more explicit, & a Committee appointed by the Board to investigate it.

With regard to the manner of

judging the Cattle I have nothing
to say - If the Society passes a
resolution requiring the judges
to be governed by certain rules
they should of course try & con-
form to them -

I hope to be in Albany on Tuesday
evening next & shall try & see
you that evening, & sincerely hope
we may be able to see the
affairs in the same light, as I
prize too highly the kind of friendly
feeling that has existed between
us to have it broken -

Yours truly
J. M. Thomas

East Lansing Jan- 12-07-
Mrs Cornell

For you will pardon
this intrusion when you learn it to be
the yearning of a fond parent for a
stricken son. Though^{not} familiarly
acquainted with yet knowing your
sympathy for and ability to relieve the
afflicted I presume to address you in
this my urgent necessity.

I believe you ~~are~~ are apprised that
my son has been and now is under
treatment for insanity. He has been
at the Utica Asylum 15 Months after
which time I removed him for good
and sufficient reasons on the recom-
mendation of Medical and other intelligent
friends & placed him in a private institution
at Canandaigua where he now is

During his stay at Utica I supplied him as a private patient at \$5.00 per week to extra. At Cambridge I pay for his board & treatment one dollar per day and extra added.

However much I desire the reputation of my son to save him the inevitable of becoming a County charge I find myself with the limited means at my command inadequate to the task.

The physician speaks of his case as hopeless. I think he will ultimately recover. I am advised to leave him at the asylum I have no other alternative. I cannot take care of him at home to the provision of medical attendance which he can have only at an Asylum & to continue him there is the great question.

May I not ask your aid in the matter of supplying humanity to assist me in reaching from a life of misery from a life across the

death and to restore him to health relatives to provide a covered room & to assist in the work a useful citizen. I therefore stated my means are limited, I own no land worth about

\$75. per acre. Remaining unpaid on it \$100. Debt contracted since my son was taken sick \$200. Mortgage on farm has four years to run yet.

I am under the necessity of ~~living~~ ~~my~~ my farm work done having lost my right hand some years since. I dare not encumber my farm

more at my present ~~the~~ of life as it is our only dependence for a home in our old age.

Were it not for this debt upon my resources I shall soon pay the debt on my farm and then I could refund the obligations incurred for my son.

Please let me hear from you on this subject at your earliest convenience or inform me when you will be at Utica that I may see & converse with you on this subject. Yours & Son's H. & Bonnell