

Confidential

Freemount N.Y.

May 21st 1866

Hon. Ezra Cornell

My Dear Sir

I have received a letter from Mr. Selkreg informing me that the men of Tompkins Co. will present your name to the Union Convention this fall for the office of Governor. - I write to you direct as the most suitable person to communicate with in view of our personal relations. - I have long looked to you as one of our future chief magistrates. - thinking you had the necessary qualifications and public position, and that your extensive knowledge of the affairs of this State made you especially available. - and I am glad your neighbors intend to bring you before the public.

These are, in short, my own views. - How much action it will be proper for

me to take in the selection of the Cause -
-states, will depend on circumstances
that are beyond my control - If the
Afford should be a candidate for the
Office he now holds, in connection with
the present Governor this County would
support him - The organization is
in the hands of his friends, and so is
the political influence, - and a feeling
is becoming strong here in favor of
putting our public men forward as
they show their capacity for filling
Office, and my personal relations to him
are such that I should feel bound to
do nothing against his success -

You are perhaps informed as to the
intention of the present Gov. & his
(I am not) as to being a candidate - If
they are not in the field, I should be
free to do my best for your success.
I have fully and freely stated my
situation in confidence to you, and

have only to add that if you
learn or know of any consideration
that will permit me to act with
your neighbors please inform me,
remembering that I should be well
pleased to see the time when I
could take an active part in your
support.

Yours Truly
Geo. Leary

Albany May 21st 1866

Dear Sir,

Last fall I purchased a collection consisting of Rocks, fossils, Birds, Plants and Fishes which had formed a large private museum.

I want only the fossils and would be glad to dispose of the other things at less than their cost. Among those that are good and very valuable is the skin of a Saw-fish entire ^{with} the saw. is fourteen feet long - I have not seen so good a one, nor any entire one in any of our museums.

There is one large sturgeon skin - several small sharks and many rare fishes of a

Character not readily obtained.

These are all preserved dry.

There are many shakes and
broken things, and even
them a skin of a Procerastor

seen in northern part of -

a smaller one of the same
^{or similar} species with very fine preserved
about the head, teeth etc -

There are some crab and
shells etc in all these -

There are many fine botany -

There are some corals

and other marine objects -

There are crab, bird

etc - some quartz are seen

in good condition -

There are some belemnites water

and among them a belemnite

consists of the diatoms

skins - The skin is preserved

and the skeleton as well -

There is a model of an ostrich

skull and one or two bones
of man - of these the
principle one is a man
or man - but the bones
but there is the scientific
fish.

The collection altogether
has cost me altogether about
\$1200 - and the disposal
of all the zoological part
for \$500 though it was
valued much higher by
its original owner.

Many of these things are such as
are not easily obtained and
would be very useful in the
museum of an institution
of science.

Will you buy them?

I am very respectfully

Yours obediently

Wm. E. Connel

to

James Wall

Wilcox & Porter, Architects,

NO. 302 MAIN STREET,

Buffalo, May 21 1866

Hon C Cornell

Dear Sir

~~Dear Sir~~

The bearer
Mr Green visits
your place to examine
the quarry &c with
reference to contracting
please show him around
and give him all
the facts you can
about lumber &c

H M Wilcox

J. L. JERNEGAN,
C. BAINBRIDGE SMITH,
E. J. BALDWIN.

LAW OFFICES OF
Jernegan, Smith & Baldwin,
No. 262 BROADWAY.

New York, May 22^d 1866

E Cornell Esq

Dr

I noticed your name on the Register of the Astor House, a few days since; but found on inquiring you had just left. Should have been glad to have met you, and to have had your views, as to the value of the stock of the Ill & Miss. Tel. Comp^y — relative to which you may recollect me had several interviews some years since. — Can you give me the real value of the stock; or what will you buy or sell at. — I expect to remain here for a few months — Should you again visit the City, I

A. 12th May 1844

Shall be much pleased
to see you at No 262
Broadway.

In the mean time should
be glad to hear from you
relative to the Sil stock

and oblige Truly Y^r

A. R. C.

Aurora May 22nd /66

Hon. Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

I received your
letter from Albany, & read
it with much attention
& with many thanks for
your kind suggestion, I was
still under the necessity
of differing with you in
your opinion regarding
the connection of a female
department to your Univer-
sity; in a few words

I will say that the
 object of this institution
 is to make one of higher
 standard than those
 referred to in your letter
 & prepare young ladies
 to be Wives & Mothers
 to educate the rising
 generation who are to
 take our places of influence
 & direct the destinies of
 a great nation, feeling
 and appreciating a Mother
 influence extending through
 a whole life, has induced

me to begin an institution
to promote a higher standard
of moral & intellectual
culture than has yet been
attained by the ordinary
collage & other institutions
to which you allude
this has been a dream
of my life, & only within
the past few years could
I see my way clear to
realize it, if my vision
are not visionary & imprac-
ticable I will then have
an institution that will
educate American youth
to fulfil the duties

H. Wells,
22. May. 66

I take the position that
a kind Providence has
assigned to the better half
of our race in this broad
land, & woman then
can fulfill her mission
without going to the polls
or entering the arena
of politics.

Now to business, I made
a contract with the man
who made book for your
library agreeably to your
suggestion, for my building
he stated to me he had
100 000 ~~ordinary~~ book on
hand, since then I have
learned that you had

5/22/1866

Purchased them all
if you do not wish to
use them. 25 or 30.000
would be very desirable
to me before my Spring stock
are made, as I wish to
line the basement story
with them, I shall hope
to see you here when
we get to the corner
store, & when I hope
to have some of my
friends at my house
& you among them
Truly yours Henry Wells.

Ithaca May 23. 1866

Dear Sir

If I understand the papers in relation to the stock in new Ex/ps Organiation I have ten shares and a fraction of $\frac{4}{5}$ of an other share,

If I am correct in my understanding of the question Please inform me how much it will cost me for a fraction of $\frac{1}{5}$ of a share. Also at what price I can sell the fraction of $\frac{4}{5}$ of a share

Yours Respectfully

E. Cornell

Alex Hallam Esq

Dear Sir

There are so many persons
situated just as you are - holding
 $4\frac{1}{5}\%$ & requiring only $\frac{1}{5}\%$ - that
the price for small fractions
is up to \$125. for each
 $\frac{1}{5}\%$ - Tho' the full stock
sells down to 115% -

- You can get $\frac{1}{5}\%$ for
\$125. - or could probably
sell your $4\frac{1}{5}\%$ for \$460. -
I will do either for you at
the best rate offering
with pleasure

Respectfully

Wm Cornell
Haver

Chas Holland
NY May 27/88

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Kc 8 (3)

State of New York



Comptroller's Office

Albany May 25th 1866.

For Ezra Cornell
President. Esq. -

Ithaca N. Y. - Dear Sir:

Since my interview with you on the subject of the disposal of the College Lands Scrip, I have carefully considered the provisions of the act, chapter 481 passed at the last session of the Legislature and have come to the following conclusions.

1st - That the direction to fix the price and sell, given in the act, is not mandatory, but allows the Comptroller to exercise discretionary powers.

2nd - That there is no power given to sell at any price, except to persons who will agree to account for and devote the avails, to the purposes of such Institution, (or Institutions as shall be created by the act chapter 585, laws of 1865.)

3rd - That if it was the intention of the Legislature that the net awails of the Scrip or any portion of it should be placed under the control and management of any person or corporate body, instead of in the Treasury of the State, the language of the act fails to express it.

4th - That as neither the State nor any person or body corporate is expressly made the custodian of the awails of the Scrip, the intention of the Legislature in respect to the care and custody of them can only be inferred.

5th - That the inference that it was intended the awails should be placed in the Treasury, arises naturally from a consideration of the provisions of the act of Congress, with which it may fairly be presumed, the legislation of this State is to harmonize.

6th - That to allow the awails or any portion of them to pass into other hands, would be so clearly inconsistent with the provision of the act of Congress referred to, that if it was intended to make such a disposal of them, it should have been expressly stated in the act, and not left to be inferred.

7th - That aside from other considerations the safety and

Preservation of the avails of the scrip as a fund to be devoted to the cause of education, would be more fully secured for, by placing it in the Treasury of the State, the income to be drawn therefrom only on appropriations made by law, than by passing it over to a body capricious where from the changes occurring from deaths, resignations or otherwise, there could be no assurance of a fixed and definite policy in regard to its use, and when forced contrary to the objects and purposes contemplated in the acts of Congress and of the Legislature of this State the remedy would to say the least be uncertain and incomplete.

It is perhaps unnecessary to add that in arriving at these conclusions, and proferring as I do to make them the basis of my action under the law, I am governed by no other consideration than a desire to aid in the accomplishment of the great work which you have undertaken. In my opinion it is of vital importance that the fund which is to form the main endowment of the University should be realized as soon as practicable by a location of the scrip and a sale of the lands. So

far I am confident you will agree with me. The only question where there can be any difference is as to the custody of the avails thereafter. So far as the Income is concerned it can be of no practical influence to the friends of the University whether it be derived from investments under the control of the State or of the Trustees. In either case it must go to the support of the Institution. Now can the question of the custody and control of the Principal be of any more practical influence except on the suggestion that if turned over to the Trustees under the act of the last session, it might perhaps be used for purposes not contemplated in the grant by Congress.

On this view of the question, I am hopeful that as you have a greater interest in the formation of a permanent and ample endowment for the Institution than any other individual, we may

agree on some plan under which you can become
the purchaser of the scrip held by the State, with
such provision as to the disposal of the proceeds as
will conform with what I conceive to be the require-
ments of law.

Very respectfully yours,
Wm H. H. H. H.
Comptroller.

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Fall River Nov 24 1866

My dear Nephew
E Cornell

It has been a long time
since we heard from any of you
I thought by writing we might
get an answer from some one
of the family, We are all in
usual health at this time but
feeble, Mary is quite so she is
up about house some part of
the time, some days she is
a little smarter than we feel
in hopes that she is mending
then she will have a poor day
or two that will take her all back
I think for a few days past has
been a little ~~if~~ ^{better} ~~continue~~ ^{hope}
hope it may be lasting, but she
has so many sudden attacks
that we are all the time expecting

It, I am ~~able~~ for the most
part, I am able to pick down
about a half every day and
take care of my goodings that I
use them money do at my
age I am now over eighty ^{by ten}
last 2^d month, My wife I think
hates her own very well she
I estimate them I am, I think
I am pleased in that a count
for she takes good care of me
in my old hours, May I the
best of caretakers of me when
I am sick, if she should be
deprived of that I would be a
great misfortune to me in time of
sickness, Agnes and her husband,
we at Providence I at work
there at Southampton they board
at Thomas Chauncy, Herbert
family we in good health except
their youngest child has been

with a sore eye ~~eye~~ quite well
other ways for a long time they
had the cough but in a dark room
but she has got better she is
the day with us, We are having
a very late backward spring
so for the day it is as late as winter
would not think of going out
without a great coat, Since we
very high here with snowdrifts
ing these large footways are going
up this is a sign one of the footways
belong to the young people that
own with you in these places
Maybe he is now in service has been
for a year past with his mother
his mother is now visiting the
Haley ranch without her I am
I think I must leave to a class
for this time my wife and
Mary wishes to travel to the and their
affluently they will then show
H. & Cornwell

Little Emma says she wants
~~Emilie~~ Emile to send her some of those
white turkey feathers to trim
her hat this summer, We should
like to have you to make us
a visit this season It will
give the a little rest from
thy multiplicity of cares which
the must have M. Chere

M. M. Chere
May 24. 66

Western Union Teleg Office
New York May 25 1866

E. Cornell Esq

D- Sir Yours 24th recd- I
shall endeavor to make a sale of the Rus &
at one per cent lower if I can do so - I have
been trying hard to get 28 1/2 for the balance, but
the financial pressure prevents buyers going into
so very fancy stock as Rus & -

Western Union seems to be advancing
slowly and may reach your limit 65- if so I
will sell the W. Union unless countermanded.

There is a great deal of the
W Union being sold now daily and
yet the price keeps advancing and it
looks as if it taken a permanent
footing among our Stocks.

I will attend to the drafts you speak
when they come and hope I will have
made another sale by the time the
\$5.000 one comes along.

The great Summaries of telegraphing
are in town and Sumner is busy consolidating
everything and everybody - I don't know that
they have yet done anything - Made Palmer
Butts & Stager are here for W. L. & Kendall. Main here
& all the resident telegraphers of Mass. C. Very Res^{ly} J. W. Horner

E Cornell Esqr

Dr Sir -

On the receipt of yours notifying me to sell 100 W.U. at 61 or 62 to be prepared to pay certain debts, you mention that you have or will make I immediately notified broker who was holding it at 65 to sell 100 Shs. at the best rate he could and I have just recd his return of sale at $63\frac{1}{8}$ - This will be paid for Monday with the balance I now have will be enough to meet the debts you mention.

From your letter I understand that you will not at present sell any more Western Union, but that the Rensselaer in my hands is still for sale if $27\frac{1}{2}$ to $28\frac{1}{2}$ can be had for it.

As soon as the debts are paid I will make out a bill and send you & will send you the Stock (W.U.) in my hands if you so direct.

May 26/66

Yours &c J. W. Horner

Wm O. Cornell
Thaca ny.

Comptroller's Office,
Albany, *May 20,* 1866 }

SIR:

From the enclosed receipt you will learn the
application of the amount of the *draft of \$1,750* received
with your favor of the *2nd inst* to the payment
of the same *on account of interest on*
your Bond for ap College Bond
Scip Fund
Yours Respectfully
Philip H. Post Dep Compt

Deftter May 26. '66
Dear Senator

Yours of the 23^d

inst is received

Had we not other engage-
ments that we can't post-
pone we ^{would} delay our depar-
ture to the West till the
second week in June

Hope you will go direct-
ly to Minneapolis and
stop with my nephew J.
Edson Bell of that place.
He will be glad to entertain
you. We can make our
prospecting trips from ^{that}
place.

Please make my regards to
you & son. We will expect
to meet you & Mrs C. as above.

Yours truly James A. Bell

Illinois & Mississippi Telegraph Company,
SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Ottawa, Ill., May 26 1866

Hon E Cornell

Ithaca N-Y

Dear Sir

Your of the
22nd is received. Enclosed
I send you a statement
for ^{you} info. The net earnings
for 6 mos Oct Nov Dec Jan
Feb & March were only a little
more than 28000. Dollars &
although a dividend of perhaps
2 per cent could safely have been
made it was thought best to make
none this spring. Perhaps one may
be made during the summer but
probably not till fall. Business is
improving now

Yours truly
Wm A Catlin

Dauntton May 27, 1866
Dear Cousin

Yours of 20 is at hand
we are coming to Thaca as soon as
you return from the west to see
what we can do towards starting
the Britannia Works we feel
anxious to see the place Mrs
Reed & Baston is every day hurried
to get of Orders June & July will
not be so much hurried as soon
as you return from the west
please write to Mr Lane & my
-self will be at your place in
an two days when I last heard
from Uncle Millers family they
was well We are all well
my respects to you kind family
please write when convenient

Yours Truly
L. E. Cornell Esq. Sheepshanks Place
Thaca & York Dauntton Press

Hon E Cornell

Dr Sir Both drafts referred to in your letter, having been presented and paid, I now send you copy of acct showing \$4,872.⁸⁰ to your credit to be popped away at whenever you desire to.

I dont find vouchers for all the sales, nor for the interest I paid Palmer having handed them to you when you were here — however the expenses on selling 100 Shs of stock including Com. Port tax and Stamp is \$30²⁵ so that their absence is no material difference.

I put the balance of the W Union after taking out the 100 Shs sold last Saturday, in your name, as your letter said you would sell no more at present and therefore if you should now change your mind it would be necessary to send me a Blank Power atty to transfer just so much as you should direct sold

of the Pur. F. I dont find any buyers — there has been no sale reported for 10 days — I am watching the market and when any is wanted at a respectable price I will supply it.

Very Truly John Horner

Harvard May 29 1866.

My dear Sir:

I have no right to advise you but I have a deep interest in the prosperity of the University. Pray excuse me, if I suggest that it seems to me you are too tardy in your movements, & are likely to lose by it. Public expectation has been much raised in regard to the enterprise & it should not, or I think, be disappointed. I still believe, as I wrote you, a year ago. It is best to be prudent & economy, caution, but it is best to go to sea with your sails spread for the breeze. It is best to take a commanding position at once. Mr. Lillon, Colverton & Crozier General-Sec

his face & at home. He laughs, & laughs & is
our own his chosen line.

I fear whether things - even now for
referring to it - that you are getting into
the middle of thinking. it will be time
enough to collect a quantity for the fu-
ture when you have got it in - ready
for it - to spend in. If you are
I say more it will not - I am sure, be a
review. The University is a great in-
teresting & important matter, and to be
practically & thoroughly dealt with by com-
petent minds. It is your country, or
your countrymen, your countrymen to spend money.
Whether it is worth doing at all is worth
doing now.

I hope the voice will be considered
effective. I am sincerely desirous that the
University should be a success, & I write

in the spirit of sincere friendship. I should
be glad to see you & to hear of you.

Yours truly,
John Lubbock

Very truly,
John Lubbock

John Lubbock

John Lubbock

Proposals for the erection of the first
Seminary of the Cornell University ^{will be}
received until the 30th day of June ~~for~~ ^{for} 1866
unless ~~from the date of this advertisement.~~

The plans & specifications may be seen on
and after the 9th day of June at the
office of the Architects, Nicols & Porter, in
the City of Buffalo and at the office of the
University in the Cornell Library Building
at Ithaca. Contractors will be required
to complete the work by the 1st day of June
1867 and to give ~~an~~ ^{an} approved bond
in the sum of \$10,000 for the faithful
performance of their contracts. The notice of
the University reserve the right to accept
or reject any proposal as the interests of the
Institution may require. Proposals should
be addressed to the President of the Board
at Ithaca N.Y.

E. Cornell Pres.

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and a guaranty for the execution of such bonds
and of a contract in accordance with such
proposals must accompany the latter

by which
it is provided that excavations be immediately
commenced for the building to be erected, &
the quarrying of stone, ^{& drawing of material} on the premises already
begun be continued until such time as the
contractor for such building shall be prepared
to take the same upon himself -

in return for a week

Hugh Greig 127 Liberty St - New York
May, 66

Hon Sir

I am addressed
by Mr M Heedham to whom I
was introduced by Mr Herbert
Beech of this City to apply to
you as an influential gentleman
in the Agricultural interest for
advice or assistance —

Having just come from En-
gland where I was very succe-
ssful as a Cheddar Cheesemaker
acting on the advice of Mr Heedham
I have written to Capt E Buckbee
Utica Tomkins Co —

I have good references from Mr
Robert McAdam of Gosly Hill
Crewe Cheshire England whose
name was several times men-
tioned by Mr W. J. Powell in his
speech before the Utica cheese-
makers convention held this year

Mr Powell visited England in
the Autumn of 1865 and was
highly pleased with the Cheddar
system of cheesemaking practised
there. my communication sent
to me by you sir will be most
thankfully received by us
Yours Obedt Servt

Hugh Greig