

Office of the American Express Company,

Nos. 122 & 124 BROADWAY, (corner of Cedar St.)

New York, June 1, 1866.

To Ezra Cornell

The undersigned, Trustee of the Assets, &c., of this Company prior to May 1, 1866, will pay an instalment thereon of \$75 per Share on or after June 4, inst.

The form of Draft annexed will be paid on presentation, when filled up and signed by you, for \$ 450 the amount hereby declared on the Stock in your name, as it stood on the 30th of April last.

Respectfully, &c.

ALEX. HOLLAND,
Trustee.

133 Front St New York

June 2^d 1866

Ezra Cornell Esq
Cornell University
Ithaca New York

Dear Sir

Will you advise me how you propose heating the building for which you ask proposals, and if you will entertain the idea of doing it by Steam (direct radiation) will you favor me with the ground plan size. Number of stories, and any other information which would enable me to get at general dimensions.

I would like to propose heating the building by steam, in a manner at once safe economical, and in the highest degree ornamental. The method has been thoroughly tested in many public institutions, and private dwellings. The past 3 years in New England, and is now offered throughout this State & the West, as among the first for supplying sufficiency of heat from

an economical expenditure of fuel. Proper testimonials will be furnished in case of our proposing for the work.)

In case you had not thought of steam as a means of heating, I will furnish you with compensation costs &c. The safety from fire, and the convenience of steam over the use of furnaces, together with the sanitary advantages, are of course all well understood at the present day.

Respy
Wm. L. Sampson
Box 2108

Wm. L. Sampson
2 June 66
Heating bills

Belvidere June 3^d '66

Dear Brother

We have been looking for you for several weeks, as you wrote in march last that you expected to come west this spring, but have concluded that business keeps you at home. - You wrote in answer to my letter in reference to buying this farm, that you thought it was not for my interest to buy or any other farm, and said you could show me a much better operation. I want to be making some arrangements for future operations as soon as possible but don't know what to do, - working land on shares or renting land is up hill business, and I want to get on a piece of land of my own if only on 40 acres.

And I have some thoughts of going farther south in this state and trying to get a home - My wound is giving me much trouble this summer. My eyes are very weak and getting worse (I think in consequence of the wound) and I fear I will be obliged to abandon work at my trade, James, Jane and Ade were here on a visit about the middle of May, James has sold out his farm near Athol (so you have probably heard) and was looking for one here. - They all like this country very much indeed except that it is too far from Athol, James wants to buy 3 or 400 acres and go to wood growing and should do so in this section I should like about 200 acres and go to raising stock & pigs and live near Athol. - I have not heard from him since they left.

Delia and the children are in worst poor health, I write you that we had a slight addition to our family but think you may not have received the letter. we have a pair of turkeys & pig & pig some ten weeks old and we think they are about as nice as can be produced this side of Athol. We had a very backward spring but with favorable weather from this time forward shall harvest a fair average crop. I saw some James planting corn yesterday, but most of the corn is up & some are working in it, spring wheat & oats both fair fair considering the late season, no winter wheat sown here. Rye looks well & is heading out but also looks well. If you are not too much above with business let me hear from

D. B. Cornell

~~Aug 3. 66~~
you soon and let me know
some thing about the operation
you proposed showing me
I should also be happy to have
an Ithaca paper occasionally.

Respectfully Yours

Hon C. Cornell }
Ithaca N.Y. }

D. B. Cornell

Dear Cousin Ezra Cornell

I have for a few months past been
receiving, the *Western Journal and Advertiser*,
through some unknown friend;
but from some circumstances &c I shall
lay it to you, the Paper I like very well
as it sometimes speaks of you and your
family &c and I think it has a good and
able Editor, whose political ideas are
good Republican, now I am much obliged
to you for this token of remembrance and
friendship, as to the rest of your Cousins
here they are all well, except Daniels Wife.
She has been unable to work for 2 or 3 years
with the spinal affection or something else
and what I don't know ————
it makes it pretty hard for Daniel in these
hard times.

Nathaniel P. Barnard

Pleasant Brook

Otsego Co. N.Y.

June 3^d
1866

Honesfame
June 4/66
Hon E. Cornell
Dr Sir

Will
You please write me
in regards to that block
of marble, it lies at
the station ready to ship
& is somewhat in the
way. I spent considerable
time & some money in
getting it there and think
it will please you,
will load it & send
to Albany if you so
direct.

The contract
with the New York
parties in relation to the

Cam. is included, and
if you wish to buy
the property as you once
talked I will sell
it to you for what it
is worth, in order to
judge of that, it would
be necessary to come &
look at it. The Cam
is now in fine condition
for visitors.

Yours truly,

Lester Howe

Western Union Telegraph Co.,

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Rochester, N. Y.,

June 6 1866

Hon E. Cornell

Ithaca - N.Y.

Dear Sir

On May 22nd I sent to you by
Express \$57,000. of our 10 Gr Ads as per your request.
Did you receive them? I have rec'd no acknowldg-
ment -

Yours Truly

O. W. Palmer

per Rochester

State of New York,
((Senate Chamber.))

Albany, June 6 - 1866

How Giles, Mr. Hotchkiss

Ho. Rep Washington D.C.

My Dear Sir

Mr Horace, L. Envery of Albany N.Y.
is desirous of obtaining a renewal of the
patent on the Envery Horse Power, which
he understands must be done through
the interposition of Congress, the time
having expired, through a misunder-
standing as to the ^{proper} time for making the
application to the Commissioner of Pa-
tents. I understand that the expiration
of time occurred on the 22^d Feb last
and he now desired the proper res-
olution of Congress authorizing the
Commissioner of Patents to ^{hear and} ~~consider~~
~~determine~~ the question of renewal upon its
merits, the same as if the application
had been made within the time ~~for~~
limited ~~fixed~~ by law.

I regard this a proper case for

Venice Center June 7th 1866

Mr Ezra Cornell dear sir

The reasons for my visiting ^{Itica} of Lat was that I
saw that Itica and Auburn were about to commence
a railway from each place aiming to reach the
Coal fields of Pennsylvania and as Fairhaven
on Lake Ontario Auburn Itica and the Coal fields
were in line I imagined that the two might
be merged in one and have it built to accomo-
date both places for freight and passengers
and have not yet counted cost viewing
it of no use with out the people of Tompkins
would join those of Cayuga in the great expens
of crossing those three stupendous Cataracts at
Itica we should not think of laying out
so great amount of Money in Itica alone and
as your company was not in readiness to make
any offer we must wait. and we cannot
tell what time will bring forth our people
are to all appearance ripe to build a R.R
but where the majority of minds will drift
I cannot tell A Straight Line and Easy
^{grade} think will suit the people generally but
as it is. the line ~~that~~ it will be built on must yet
remain an open question Itica may connect
with other places by rail advantageously but
but never with Auburn on so ~~good~~ easy a
grade and so small an out lay I think as
under my proposition I will not trouble

More at this time hoping all things
for the best yours truly
Lyman Murdock

P.S. it is the minds of some to take
offers to run our track down One go creek
from some convenient point on our road.
L M

I shall Expect to hear from you at some
future time when it may interest your
self and the friends here

L. Murdock
June 27, 66

Keilsville Clarke Co Wis
Jan 7th 1866
Mr Cornell

Dr Sir

Yours
of 1st inst with fine college
script enclosed is satisfac-
tory received

Respectfully yours
H. Boardman

American Institute
New York June 8th 1866.

Dear Sir

I respectfully transmit you
herewith an official copy of the Act of our
late Legislature constituting a Board of Regents
of the American Institute and designating
you as one of those Regents. I am instructed
by the Trustees of the Institute to urge your
acceptance of the trust thus imposed, and to
request most earnestly your attendance at the
first meeting of the Board of Regents to convene
at the Rooms of the Institute, Cooper building,
on Wednesday the 20th inst at 10 A.M. Hoping
that you may be able to attend and to favor
us with suggestions as to the efficient fulfill-
ment of our trust,

I remain

Yours,
Hercal Exceley
President

To Ezra Cornell R. A. I.

Watkins June 8th 1868

Dear Uncle

Enclose please
find five dollars twenty
five cents being interest
upon the amount I owe
to June first-

Regards to
yourself & family.

Respectfully
Edward Chan

Havana June 8. 1866.

My Dear Sir:

The Cornell University
is, as I suppose, a public institu-
tion. I am sorry indeed if a sug-
gestion which I meant to express
in kindness has been misappre-
hended. I know you are too
generous to purposely wound my
feelings. I wrote you as I did
because the report has been con-
stant^{been} at level & I then knew that
the University was a failure.

The decline of stocks, it has been
said, has so crippled your re-
sources that you could not re-

and perhaps to the State.
I know it to be otherwise. But
I know it ~~that~~ that you will
threw your vote to the report.
It has seemed long ago -

Principles, this of Howard College,
in a letter to me, commended the plan
of building the People's College as
in essence of any thing ~~without~~ the
original of Howard in the coun-
try. Now my dear Sir, you will
not forget that our entire educa-
tion on educational matters rests
just then I am thinking for a long
over the country in relation to you for
a century or so.

But surely of this kind may
you be given one of I suppose you

or any other man for the purpose
of another.

I am respectfully

Yours &c
Hiram Brown

How are you,

MS.
K 2 (9)

Albany June 9, 1866

Hon Thomas Hillhouse,

Cornell

Dear Sir

Ian reply to your favor of May 25th 1866 explaining the conclusion you had come to after a careful consideration of the act, Chapter 481 of the Laws of 1866, I most respectfully inform you that I differ with you in regard to the proper construction and intent of the Law, Appreciating however as I do most fully your motives for desiring to give the interest payable security and permanency to the funds which are in a great degree to constitute the endowment of the Cornell University, I shall most cheerfully assent to your views so far as to consent to place the entire profits to be derived from the sale of the lands to be located with the College Land Bank, in the Treasury of the State, if the State will receive the money as a separate fund from that which may be derived from the sale of the Bank, and will keep it permanently invested, and appropriate the proceeds, ^{from the income} annually to the Cornell University subject to the direction of the Trustees thereof for the general purposes of said institution, and not to hold it subject to the restrictions which the act of Congress places upon the fund derivable from

The sale of the College land 1 acre, or as a do-
nation from the Government of the United States,
but as a donation from Earl Cornwall to the
Cornell University.

Acting upon the above basis, I propose to purchase said land scrip, as fast as I can advantageously locate the same, paying therefor at the rate of thirty cents per acre in good brown green cent bonds and securities, and obligate myself to pay the profit (as specified in Chapter 481 of the laws of 1866) into the treasury of that State as follows, thirty cents per acre of said profit to be added to the College land scrip fund, and the balance of said profit to be placed in a separate fund to be known as the Cornell University fund, and to be purchased and invested for the benefit of said Institution, and the income derived therefrom to be paid over annually to the trustees of said University for the general purposes of said institution.

Of the above proposition is accepted by
the Court below, and the amount of profits
realized from the sale of the land, ~~shall~~
amount of ~~the~~ ^{with} ~~the~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ produce the
following seems as the Endowment
property of said University.

First. The amount in the Treasury of,
the State realized from former sales ^{of land scrip} about \$114.000

The amt to be rec^d from the sale of }
800.000 Acres of scrip at 30 cts per acre } 240.000

The amt of profit equal to 30 cts }
per acre on 800.000 acres to bring the }
College land scrip funds up to par the value of } 240.000

The Scrip

And Total of College Land Scrip funds = \$394.000

Second = Amount to be realized from }
the balance of profit which are expen- }
ded to be ~~rec^d~~ made by the sale }
of land located with the 800.000 Acres }
of scrip, equal to \$2, per acre } \$1.600.000
Total amt in State Treasury } \$2,194.000

Third, The fund donated by E. Cornell
to meet the requirement of the act of
the Legislature Chap 585 of the laws
of 1865 500.000

The amount of profit expected to be
realized from the sale of 100.000 Acres
of land located with scrip purchased
of Comptroller Robinson in Dec^r 1871 \$250

per acre - 250.000
And Total in possession of Trustees - 750.000

Aggregate prospective Endowment, \$2,944.000
The above, if my expectations are realized
will be the amount of ~~equal~~ funds

E C to
Hillhouse
June 9. 1866

invested in production & securities -
for addition to the above I have donated
to the University a farm & building lots
of the value of \$75,000 upon which
its buildings are being erected, and
have donated \$10,000 in cash to
purchase the forest & district for
the institution -

With a few years continuance of
life and health, I have entire confi-
dence of realizing the above sums
for the University, and if my life
should not be spared the management
of this business would fall to the Trustees
and I should hope those sums would still
be realized.

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

25 South Salina Street, adjoining N. Y. C. R. R. Depot, Canal Collector's Office, and 399 North Salina Street.

No. 1.]

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To *Mr A. D. White*

From *Albany* Dated

Rec'd *June 9* 186*6* 7 50*A.M.*

*Please meet me at Cars Leaving
Albany at seven Am going west*

E. Cornell

120 H. Dructon

Syracuse Savings Institution.
E. W. LEAVENWORTH, President. H. GIFFORD, V. Pres. JOS. F. SABINE, Treasurer.

Syracuse, N. Y. June 11th 1866

Dear Ezra Cornell
My Dear Sir:

If it is within
the sphere of your duty
will you please advise
me when there will prob-
ably be another dividend
on the stock of the West. N. Y.

Will you also inform
me, what is the present
capital of the company
the amount of its debt
- present, or immediately
prospective liability

Yours Obedt Servt
E. W. Leavenworth

(Confidential)

No 117 Kapau St
M. June 11/66.

Hon Ezra Cornell.
Sir:

In respect to the loan made to Miss Blodford by the Hon J. B. Beers of \$7400 on the decree of Van Schaick ^{beside} and other lands of about one hundred acres of Blodford tract, Mr Beers has been paid his interest up to the 2nd of April and Miss Blodford has secured all but one or two shares in her hands.

Now it is intimated that some parties wish to get the assignment from Mr Beers to force the property into their hands, therefore I should like to deposit \$2000 with you and have you take an assignment of Mr Beers. This would give Miss B. an opportunity to sell the premises together or such portion as may pay the mortgage, which may be accomplished in a year and not exceeding two years, and would moreover, be one of those acts of philanthropy on your part, in which you so greatly delight. I will also advance the interest if necessary for one or two years.

Yr obed Servt,

E. B. Beers.

New York June 12. 1866

Hon. E. G. Cornell,
Ithaca.

Dear Sir,

Though I have not the honour of knowing you personally, I venture to address these lines to you, believing that it may be satisfactory to you to know of the movement to which this note refers.

You are no doubt aware of the eminent position occupied by Mr. Herbert Spencer as a leader of liberal thought, and an author whose system of philosophy (based upon his marvellously comprehensive yet minutely accurate acquaintance with Nature) is recognized as one of the most original and important works ever undertaken in the interest of philosophic advancement.

The publication of this great

work has lately been suspended
in consequence of Mr. Spencer
having already lost nearly the
whole of his slender private
means in the expenses of his
scientific research and the cost
of publishing his works up to
this time.

To overcome these obstacles
Mr. John Stuart Mill (believing
as he says, that the non-completion
of Mr. Spencer's work would be
an intellectual calamity to the
world) together with the friends
of philosophy and progress, in
England, are exerting themselves
to raise funds in that country.
At the same time, a number
of gentlemen here, believing
that Mr. Spencer does not belong
so much to England as he
does to the whole human race
(and especially to his sympathies
to the American people) have
united in a subscription, the
object of which is to replace
to nearly as far as the ^{amount}

amount of money (about \$8,000)
which he has lost in the
production and publication of
his philosophical series. All
is confidently believed that
such a testimonial of admira-
-tion and gratitude from this
country, with the means on
foot in England, will suffice
to place Mr. Spencer in funds
and in spirits to bring the
great task to a successful
completion.

It has been suggested to me
that you might wish to unite
in the movement, and I have
therefore taken the liberty of thus
bringing it to your notice. I
entirely share the subscription but I
do not (for which I am sorry
as I never) wish to place
returns to me in the enclosed
direct's envelope.

I am,
Yours very respectfully,
Wm. B. Brewster.

Ithaca June 12, 1866
Hon Horace Greeley
Post An Int. NY.

My Dear Sir

Your favor of the 8th inst
enclosing an "act to amend and
enlarge the powers of the American
Institute of the City of New York"
was rec^d this morning, urging
my acceptance of the trust
imposed by said act.

While the act was on its
passage through the Senate
I urged the friends of the
bill to amend it by sub-
stituting some other name
in the place of mine in the
first section of the bill, which
they declined to do on the plea
that it was within a day or
two of the end of the session.

and if amendments were proposed
it might result in the loss of the
bill.

I can see the above suggestion
grow out of feeling of hostility
to the American Society,
but from a conviction that
any time was likely to be so
fully occupied with the
labors of building up the
University that I should
do injustice to the Amer-
ican Society by accept-
ing the hint.

~~I have just recd. from~~
~~the Secretary of the Association~~

It still appears to me that
I shall not be able to give
time enough to the duties
of my post. He makes me
unprofitable to the Institution.
If you think best to
accept me with this

uncertainty as to my
usefulness, I shall not
interpose further objection.
It may not be possible
for me to attend your
proposed meeting on the
20th that being the day
fixed for closing up our
receipt of proposals for
the first dormitory for the
University.

Yours Respectfully,
E. Cornell

A. S. Graham.
Teacher of Phonography
544 Broadway 6/13/86

Hon. Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

I send you some documents relating to Phonography - to call your attention to the Art so that you ^{may} make provision for it as a regular branch of instruction in the institution which is to bear your name.

In many institutions it is regarded as the equal of the Art to which you have devoted your energies. Modern institutions ought to give encouragement to modern sciences, and not perpetuate the former devotion to the Classics to the exclusion or depreciation of modern developments of Art and Science.

Yours Respectfully
Andrew S. Graham

Glenville June 15/56
Hon Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

I write you inquiring if
you have any Short Horn Bull calves
on sale got by 3d. Lord Oxford.
If you have a yearling also - please
write me color pedigree and price
of calves and yearling. A friend of mine
wants to get a yearling. The calf
Monitor that I got from your
herd in 52. I sold last fall.
Monitor did not fully meet my
expectation. that he promise when
a calf. The round bone was too
low giving a Herford quarter. At
the State fair at Utica in 53 your
son Alonzo told me if I should
want another calf to write you
I told him that I had a neighbor
who was breeding Boston Cream

photo. He told me if I would
 get a short Horn Bull he would
 cross his rather with the short Horn
 he corn as Montrose was ready for
 me he asked me what my farm
 was I then him three stalks for
 corn. Then he goes and gets another
 Bull of cream but blood and gives
 me operation he charging One dollar
 and as a natural consequence I go two
 cows on trial, according he has
 cowherd in my opinion. Further and
 Bull, If you have a calf of first
 quality one that his owner need not
 be ashamed of please write me
 Montrose I was in common cow
 as much I trust, yet I hope at no
 distant day to have some short Horn
 His getting are an improvement over
 the country stock. Yours

D. W. Henderson
 Hemlock, W. Va.

June 18. 66
 Official Record
 bill call from the
 and by 32 Lord of the
 for \$1000
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