Topeka Kansas
Aug 6th 1866.

Hon. Ezra Cornell
Ithica
NY

Sir

A perfect Stranger I yet presume to write to you. Why I write you can easily find out by reading what follows. And if, I write find no favorable responce from you I yet trust that you will attribute to me none else than motives the most honorable.

I am a resident of Topeka Kansas am a young lawyer with a fair share of legal acquirements and no Clients, I have been here a few months am maried and have one Child. I am not dissatisfied with my profession on the Contrary I love it I am not dissatisfied with the Community because I am not favored with its (or at least as I thought it) patronage. I can readily understand why a man is unwilling to trust an important Case into the hands of a young inexperienced and untried attorney I am therefore willing to bide my time not by idly waiting but by such Careful study and application as will fit me to do justice to myself when the occasion shall arise as one day it surely will.

Had it not been for the recent rebellion I would have been well settled in business to day but when the war came upon us, I conceived it my duty to leave my studies my friends and my home and devote my humble effort in behalf of the nation. I was in the service nearly four years first as a private and afterwards an officer, I do not regret now that I gave those years the best of my life to the defence of the Flag I only refer to it as evidence ~~that~~ I am to day but just commencing the practice of law, I am four years behind in law but I am four years ahead in a knowledge of the world and the satisfaction of a duty well performed. Now this you know why I am writing to you I am poor in fact poverty stricken And I write you to extend to me a helping hand I want money I want it for a legitimate purpose. You may say to me work, but must I quit the profession must all my past toil must the money I have spent be for nought. If I quit now throw up the profession of my choice. I will wrong myself I can't do it. I am willing to work toil sweat but it must be if possible for the advancement of myself in the profession.

I dont want you send the money I ask from you upon my statement as to who I am, I ask you to write to leading men in Topeka as to how I conduct myself whether in the year I have been here I have forfeited the respect of a single honorable man. I ask you to write to Genl. L. F. Bradley ~~who~~ upon whose staff I was for a long time in the army and who lives in Chicago.

I ask you to write to Amos Dean of Albany N.Y. under whose instructions I studied in 1864 & 1865. I ask you to write to General Sheridan at New Orleans in whose division I served and also as a staff Officer for a number of months. I ask you to do this if you feel in any way inclined to accede to my request.

I will patiently wait until the inquiry is completed.

I ask of you a loan of five hundred dollars. What do I want it for. Simply this. to build me a place to live a house which poor as it may be will to some extent be my own. I have to rent now, have, to pay a big rent for a poor house. nor is this all, short of money I have been unable to promptly meet the rent due. My landlord protesting friendship for me one day served (through an Officer) a notice upon the next day me to quit in ten days. ere the ten days is up I will have the money but the future may be replete with such notices.

Sitting in my office a prey to thoughts not the brightest I have Concluded to write to you. Why do I write to you? because I know your history. It tells me that you was poor once yourself hence I am assured that you will at least appreciate my feelings & understand my situation. I would not ask for a rich man for aid if he always had been rich, he Could not have one feeling consonant with mine.

But you may be willing to respond favorably to this appeal and yet knowing nothing of me hesitate. I want the money to build a house, I will give you a mortgage on the property. and if you doubt my sincerity in the matter

Louis Hanback
Aug 6. 6c

to remove that doubt I propose that you place the money in the hands of some worthy citizen of Topeka, to be held by him for the purposes I ask it for and no other. I will give you a lein on the property, I have a lot, one of the best building lots in the City.

I hope Mr Connell that you will answer this at an early day, even if you cannot in duty to yourself Comply with my request, I will still be thankful to hear from you,

There are two propositions which doubtless will Come into your mind. One is if you give me the money that I may prove unworthy the trust. the other if I do not, but repay every farthing I still may not devote the benefits to a proper Channel. To both of these I can offer but this that I am bound by my duty to myself and family to properly devote the amount I ask of you.

To you the sum I ask is in reality a small amount to me it is everything. And I can only in closing say this that if You should grant my request and I in the years to Come should Come up to an honorable footing among men, living it would be your joy that finding a Stranger fainting by the way you had lifted him up and set him upon a firm foundation, and dying there would be one more who blessing your act in life, would cherish your memory in the inner recesses of a grateful heart.

Please answer this, one word is sufficient "yes" or "no"

Your Ob Servant

Louis Hanback

Box 226

Topeka

Kansas

Watkins Augmt 7th 1866

Hon Ezra Cornell

Dr Sir

The President of the Schuyler Co Agt Society Mr. M. D. Ives request me to Extend an invitation to you to deliver an address before the Society at their annual Fair to be held the 20 21 & 22 day of September next. the address to be made on the third or last day of the fair. we trust you will find it convenient to accept and will give us an Early reply.

Should any unknown Engagement prevent you accepting the invitation can you suggest the name of some other person in your acquaintance that would favor us with an address

Very Respectfully Yours
C. D. Tompkins
Secretary
Schuyler Co Agr Soc.

Chicago Ills.
Aug. 8th 1866.

Hon Ezra Cornell
Ithaca
N.Y.

D.r Sir.

From my connections with the firm of Jas. Hunter & Bro North Adams Mass. at the time they were building Field's spading machine I have knowledge of your interest or the interest you have hitherto held in steam cultivation and I have taken to ask your consideration of a plan by which I hope something can be accomplished for this object. I would propose the organization of a company under the general laws of Massachusetts or Illinois with a capital of $100.000 in shares of $10. I suggest small shares so that

farmers and business men in all sections of the country could be solicited to subscribe for at least one share. The Board of Directors should be selected from different sections of the country. The objects of the company should be primarily steam cultivation. To do this and the capital could be either used in the manufacture & sale of certain implements or securely invested and the income devoted to steam and rotary cultivation.

I will not trouble you further than to ask you if you would approve such a plan as I have thus briefly suggested or something similar and co-operate in an effort to raise such a company. I am a young man with limited means and would like to devote my time to the work of getting such an organization established and in successful operation. Of myself I can give you references at the end if desired.

Something can be done, I feel assured, if the men of the country interested in agriculture will in some such inexpensive way as I have suggested afford the means for the development of the matter. After the success of the Atlantic cable and the progress of such an enterprise as the Russo-American telegraph the agriculturists ought not to disdain of steam cultivation. I trust this will not meet your indifference. I have hardly made a suggestion. Please write me what you think of it

Address me
"Care Maynard Bros"
49 State Street
Chicago Ills."

Yours
very Respectfully
Chas. H. Williams

Eaton Aug 8th 1866

Mr. Cornell

I take this liberty of addressing you for the purpose of ascertaining whether you have a Buck of the Merino & Southdown Cross. about ½ of each. or near that, you can sell to me. also what the cost would be. The one I bought of you I have lost. He got me 30 lambs. but never done well grew poor and finally died.

Will you be kind enough to answer immediately and oblige yours &c

Anson Cooper

Direct Eaton Center
Steuben Co NY

Friend Cornell

Knowing you to be a benevolent man and rich to, I send you the inclosed, thinking that you would be pleased to help forword the health Institute Your friend, in great hast. Henry C. Crumb

Please excuse my scrawl my eyesight is so poor that I could not read this only as I knew what I wrote as I have not any specks with me

Henry C. Crumb
Sheds Corners, Madison Co.

Western Union Teleg Office
New York Aug. 10 1866

Hon E Cornell

Dr Sir

I this day credit your at for 276 shs of W.U. Teleg stock sold at 56½

You had hardly left me when our friend Sinclair came down on me for $5.000, and I concluded the easiest and best way was to pay it at once, and so I did.

Your acct stands now as follows

May 29. acct rendered showing to your Cr.		$4.872.80
Aug 2d Drft from O.S. Wood for your Cr		1.000.00
" 22d Sale of 276 shs W.U. stock @ 56½		15.594.00
		$21.466.80
May 31. Pd E Cornell's drft favor 4th Natl Bank	$5.000.	
Augt 7 " " for O.S. Wood	1.000.	
" 8 " Sinclair your drft for	5.000.	
" 10 Brokers Comn. $69.00 Govt Tax $2.76 Stamp 75 (on 276 shs)	72.51	11.072.51
Showing a balance on hand at present of		$10.394.29

There have been only a few sales of the Rus Ex in lots of 5 and 10 shs — the broker thinks he will get it off one of these days at 33

Western Union is a little off today and yesterday — 56 to 56¼ being about the range

Very Resp'y
John Horner

We have racer the same week your hotels will be crowded.

I hope you will not deny any fellow citizen the pleasure of seeing you. They appreciate your liberal & decided friendship for education, & are anxious to show it.

With high esteem & respect
Your friend & servant,

G. W. Clinton.

Hon. Ezra Cornell.

J. H. WADE, PRESIDENT.
H. SIBLEY,
WM. ORTON, } VICE-PRES'TS.
N. GREEN,
O. H. PALMER, SEC'Y & TREAS'R.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Western Union Telegraph Company,

145 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

Augt 13 1866

Hon E Cornell

Dr Sir Check was sent to Mr Schuyler for Div on Stock Standing in name of Cornell University Augt 10. 66 I hope it has been received ere this.

Your own share of Stock will be issued as soon as we can get our new Certificates and Seal Yours

Yours truly

O H Palmer

L. Swartsw
Aug 13. 66
Want South Down

Amherst (Mass) Aug 13th 1866

E. Cornell Esq.

Dear Sir,

You were so kind as to answer my inquiries last Nov. in relation to a So. Down Buck which Mr Hawthorn of Rahway N. J. had with his flock.

I hesitate about troubling you now, as the probabilities are so small of my purchasing a Buck at the price you must hold yours. I want one, but I am not in a region where men will pay anything but a moderate price for Downs, when I have any to spare.

However if you will name a price for one, I will consider what I will do in the matter.

Perhaps you may have one of rather advanced age, that would do for one or two years, not very high price— It is too expensive to have & pay transportation.
Please quote price of such a one & of a yearling, and about the weight.

And very much obliged

Truly Yours
L. Sweetser

Imported ram for $50,
Good Lamb $30,
A No 1 Lamb $50,

Office of the American Express Company

Nos 122 & 124 Broadway (corner of Cedar St.)

New York Aug. 13th 1866

To Ezra Cornell

The Directors of this Company have declared a dividend of $15- per share, payable on or after the 15th inst

The form of draft annexed will be paid on presentation, when filled up and signed by you, for $150 — the amount that will be due on the Stock standing in your name.

Respectfully &c

Alex Holland

Treasurer

Sent $25. Oct 4 66
E.C.

Homeo Cam
Augt 13/66

Hon E. Cornell

Dr Sir

Yours of 30th ult is rec'd the Stone is at the Station ready to Load if You wish it. as to the price You Can do what You think right about it. the Block is of no use to me, & I got it out especially for You. the price for getting it out big $25= is as near as

I can figure the
cost, hoping to see
or hear from you
soon I am
Yours Truly
Lester Horner

A. E. Van Schaack
Books

Manlius 13 Aug - 1680

Dear Sir:

As administrator of the estate of Doctor Taylor some books have come to my hands which I think you ought to have in your University library - In fact no public library should be without them - I wrote Mr. Cornell about them some time ago but he then seemed to think he should perhaps be able to get them by donation through some member of Congress. But I assure you this is not at all probable - And as I propose to sell them at less than one third their value or cost I beg leave to call

your attention to the subject. Doctor Taylor was once offered $100 for 21 volumes of the State Papers alone.

If you should not want all the books, you may have such as you shall select at $1 a vol. I put the price this low to close the state. I send at foot a list of the books.

Yours Sincerely,

H. C. Van Schaack

Hon A. D. White.

The books are all in good condition.

Journals of Congress - 1775 to 1789 - 4 Vols octavo sheep.	4.00
House Journal 1787 to 1813 9 Vols - octavo sheep	7.00
Register of Debates in Congress, with an Appendix containing the most important State Papers & Public documents to which the session has given birth; to which are added the the Laws enacted during the Session - 27 Vols. large octavo - sheep.	27 —
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Vols	47 —
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Explorations of a Rail Road Route from the Mississippi to the Pacific Ocean - 13 vols. quarto (11 vols cloth - 2 leather)	13
Documentary History of New York 4 vols quarto cloth	4
The Livingston Code, folio - leather	1
Schoolcrafts Report on the Iroquois octavo - leather	1
Vols.	66

Such of above as you may order I will forward as you may direct - I wish you could see them - for I know you would make some of them. Can you not ride out & see them? Bring yr. wife along -

Belvidere Aug 14th 66

Dear Brother

As it is now very near time to commence work for the next season's crops I write again to know what arrangements you propose to make in regard to helping me to a farm.— you have been buying a large quantity of land in Wisconsin you say, which I suppose is all wild land and probably in the northern part of the state. I had much rather remain here or go farther south than go north. and if you are in circumstances so as to help me why not let me stay here,— If I have to rent a farm for next season I want to rent a good one and begin work on it inside of two weeks

If you can help me to buy a farm that is here for sale I have no doubt of being able to pay you again in a few years— The farm I want consists of about 150 acres — 30 acres of which is good timber + pasture land — the ballance is prairie — has a good 30 x 40 barn — a granary a hog house — a tool + wood house and a comfortable dwelling house — is well watered and is a splendid location the owner is an old man who cannot work and he wants to sell and live with his children I think it can be bought for $38. pr acre —

I have had bad luck in getting my harvest but am not alone! my wheat and flax have grown so bad in consequence of wet weather that I shall probably lose $ 175. or $ 200. in consequence and I fear I shall not be able to pay the rent of the place $100. when it is due. The 1st of Nov. — my corn looks well and if frost holds off well will be a fair crop. but I cannot market it to advantage until next summer. Austin my oldest boy ran away about 4 weeks ago I dont where he went but I think he is making his way to Union Springs N. Y. where his mothers folks live. The rest of us are well.

Respects to all

D. B. Connell

E Connell
Ithaca N Y

E. C. Chase
Aug 15. 66

Shawnee Kansas Aug 15th 66

Dear Uncle

Your kind favor of 29th July is at hand I have drawn at sight on the First National Bank Ithaca for two hundred and fifty eight dollars which I believe is the amount due $150. for hunting pc $100. office fees. $8. on excess land

Those lime stone ledges are mostly of gray lime stone altho some of it is white, it is just rate for cutting and building purposes and makes and excellent article for fencing

I saw on the cotton wood several houses, some were hewn stone others were put up of stone fresh from the quarry

This stone makes a very durable and lasting house

I understand that it is easy got out or quarried, that one hand can get them out as just as a good hand can lay them into a coarse stone wall This stone comes out in good shape, in blocks and squars and does not have to be much broken with a sledge You ask, will not valuable quarries be found? They are not considered of much value by the present settlers because they abound on every hand and on the edge of nearly every slough creek, ravine, there white heads sticks out That is on nearly all of the uplands in South an and western Kansas this stone crops out on the edge of Slough ravines and Bluffs

The land west of the 99th parilel I think will come in to market this fall or winter but do not know Certain about it I tried to ascertain at the land office but they did not know, I will keep posted and let you know as soon as I hear of it being open It would cost about four hundred dollars to put up a house say 16 ft x 16 ft and two floors

For braking up prairie

but are of great value in settling up and building up the country

The price out west is about four dollars an acre

It would cost about one dollar a rod to build a rail fence or 5-0c to build a three rail Shang fence 160 rod fence will fence ten acres 320 rod will fence forty acres 640 rod will fence one north section

To build a house 16×16 $400.
To fence in 10 acres 160.
To brake 10 acres 40
To dig and stone a well 40
$640.

I think these are low figures the cost may be some above them I recond the lumber when it was at Junction City when I was there

Wm Whitlock Jr
Aug 15, 66

Antwerp Belgium
August 15th 1866

I have the honour of acknowledging the receipt of your kind letter dated June 27th it having been forwarded to me from Munich which place I left about one Month since, for I thought it useless for me to remain longer there it had ceased to be a quiet place for study. with the relentless Prussians threatening Bavaria it was not to be thought that the Students could remain unalarmed. consequently the Academy soon lost many of its best Students who went to fight under their country's flag. some to Prussia, some to Austria. and Italy.
I think that I am quite

fortunate in coming to Antwerp. although we have not the beautiful Alps with their cold snow capped peaks to feast our eyes on these warm days of August we have a glorious Academy of Painting as the Academy at Munich excells all others in drawing. so the Academy here excells all in the old world for colouring, almost all the best Painters on the continent have passed through here. (that is figure painters) nothing is taught here but figure painting. the Professor contends that if one can put the soul in animated nature he can also in inanimate, I think he speaks quite truly. I am very much pleased with the opertunities offered me here for study. they do not give us much time to be idle, the Academy opens at 6 O'C. in the morning and continues until 3 P.M. with an hour and a half for dinner.

I am living in a little French country Hotel just out of the city and about 1½ miles from the Academy. it is a very pleasant place and far enough from the city to give me good exercise

Antwerp does not seem to be much agitated on the war question as she feels herself quite secure (with England as her protector) from being devoured by either France or Prussia. Although there was a rumour a few days since that Napoleon wished the Rhinish provinces and the despatch at first was thought by many here to include Belgium. but there was no truth in the report. it was quite exciting for a short time.

To be permitted to contribute
the first Painting to the
"Cornell Gallery of Art"
is an honour which
an "Ithaca boy" will justly
feel proud of, and as there
can be but one first contribution
I hope to be the fortunate one.
with your permission.
I have a large Copy from
"Correggio" which I made in
Munich and the Professor
pronounced quite correct.
as I intend to return to
America in the Spring
after passing the Winter
Term in the Academy, I
will bring it with me.
Again thanking you for
your kindly interests for
my welfare I have the
Honour to be
Your most Obedient
Servant
William Whitlock Jr.

To The Hon E. Cornell
Ithaca
N.Y.

Albany Augt. 17. 1866.

Dear Sir.

Please find enclosed a detail bill of charges against the Trustees of your University. The time is given by month and is taken accurately from the books.

We have made however a reduction on the time, amounting to Two Hundred Dollars, being a liberal allowance, for what it would have cost us had we have made an ordinary competition set of drawings.

We trust that you and Mr White will explain the account to the Trustees, when they meet. which we trust they will even do. The loss incurred in expending the time last winter, rests on us very heavily.

Hoping that the account will be sufficiently plain, and that it will meet with your approval - as it should - being perfectly just and correct - for we would not have gone on, spending time and money on the plans if

we had not been tacitly given to understand that we should be paid for it; it would be throwing away a winters work - besides the bitter disappointment of finally losing the job

Yours Respty.

Nichols & Brown.

Architects.

Sparta Wis Aug 17. 1866

Dear Alonzo

We reached here last night at 11 P.M having left Albion about the same time the night previous arriving at Chicago at 6 and leaving at 9 A.M

At Kenosha Simmons got on cars and rode to Milwaukee with us He gave me a full account of the Wisconsin lines, and today I have a corroboration by Smith Robertson who stops here this morning - Simmons says the Co will be able to pay all its debts by 1st Jan'y next, and will be able to earn $100.000 next year above all expenses. lines all new & built so as to last 15 to 20 years all cedar bridges of large size & R.R. Co have to pay half expenses of repairs or maintainance of lines -

Stock issued about $270.000

Simmons wants to borrow about $35.000 for the following use and reasons—

The N.W Tel Co - bought of the W U. Tel Co the U. S lines which were in the Territory of N.W. Tel Co agreeing to pay for them in $90.000 W. U. Tel Co Stock at pay within one year. Simmons supposing the American consolidation would carry the W U up, ordered the purchase of the $90,000 of W U when it sold at 62 cts. paying $20.000. and getting the broker to advance the balance and letting him hold the Stock as colateral

The broker shows some signs of wanting his money, and Simmons wants some body to take the stock who can hold it & pay the broker untill the Co can pay the amt & tocke the stock & turn it over to pay the debt to W U co—

The stock will stand at about 40 cts as colateral for the $35.000

Simmons wants pay a bonus for the use of the money over 7 per cent.

If the Bank has the money laying idle in Ay it appears to me it would be a good operation to pay this for the Co and hold the stock as colateral =

Simmons says the net earnings of the Co - was as follows

May 1866 -	$7.300 -
June "	6.700 -
July	5.600 -
Aug -	6.000 estimate
Sept, Oct, Nov, Decr	30.000 estimate

He will write you and probably give you a fuller acct of the business —

We shall leave here
at 11 this eve to go to Eau Claire
via La Crosse and the River
I have enquired about my lands
in this Co. got by paying taxes for
Webb &c, find some good
and some not of much
value, I cannot learn enough
without examination to judge
how good a Speculation it will
prove to be —

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

A. B. Cornell Esq

Glenveld August 13

Dear Sir

I receive your letter yesterday. When I wrote you I thought I should be through with the harvest. but we have had the worst harvest weather that we have had for years rain rain so that I am very much behind time. am very busy now with oats. so I will not be able to come and see you selves. From your letter I think the colt will suit me so I thought it best to write you a line at once that I would take him so that you could get him in good shape to ship Next week I will go to Amsterdam and get

draft and send you for the calf. It is Negroiette calf that I want. I thought it best to write you at once for fear some one else might want the calf and then I would not get him. If I can come up I will if not I will send the draft by mail as soon as I can get one.

Yours

P. G. Vanderveer.

Assistant Assessor's Office,

INTERNAL REVENUE,

South Brookfield, N.Y. August 20th. 1866.

Ezra Cornell. Esq

Dear sir I wrote you some time since Relative to the Interest of your subscription for the Endowment Fund for Dekyter Institute will you send me the 42 Dollars that being the amount Feelling under vary Many obligations for your Liberality I would like to here from you Before the state convention

I Remain your Respectfully

H. A. Hull

Oct 4, 66 - Sent my check for $42, for the E Cornell

Seventh day Baptist School at Dr Breyter Village -

Express Office
Nov. Aug. 2d 66

Dear Sir

Your well endos-
me rec'd to-day.

I congratulate
you upon the con-
tract & the public upon
the good beginning made
Such a hundred mile
at least make a good
start.

Hoping that you
may live long after
the public are in the
enjoyment of your gifts
for their benefit I am

Very truly yrs
Hon Ezra Cornell Charles Brooks

Dekayter Aug 22/866

My Dear Sir.

We received your kind and welcome letter and I assure you was well pleased on hearing from you; nothing gives us more pleasure than to hear from friends of our youth. we recd your Photograph for which we feel very grateful do think it resembles you as you looked 8 or 9 years ago. Mr Burdick and myself will send ours as soon as my health will admit to have it taken. Since I wrote you last Sickness has again visited our abode I have been very ill, but am in hopes of recovering. My head troubles me very badly, my husbands health is also very poor this Spring and my only daughter was obliged to leave her

School on account of Eryesipelas. but she has somewhat recovered, enough so she is able to write for me. You spoke of my writing No it was not mine my health is such that I have not written a letter for years but with my dictating she does all of my writing.

My Parents both of them were long ago numbered with those who sleep beneathe the Tomb, my eldest brother Asa is married and lives only a few miles distant he has five children 3 sons and 2 daughters and 2 Grand Children, 2 sons of whom are married, his children are all living near him with the exception of one son who resides in Wis. Brother Erastus is living with his second wife. he has 3 children 3 daughters and one son, and one Grand dass he resides about one half mile from us. Sister Diana married a Stillman and lives near us. she has only one Son, My Youngest brother Estus resides in the far West, he has only one son who is married and has one sons. I believe I have related to you a Biographical sketch of our family. John Dish married my husband's sister Esther Burdick and they now live in Michigan. they have only two children one son and daughter their daughter is married has one little girl; I have never heard the whereabouts of Marena Hoag if you know aught of her History, please inform me. Please give me a sketch of your sister Lucretia's life and family, Lest I weary your patience with my poor scrawlings I will bring this to a close may I not solicit the favor of another letter from you; please excuse poor composing and write again soon;

Yours, Respectively,

Clarissa. Burdick.

Mr. Ezra Cornell.
New York, Ithica

Taunton Aug 24th 1866

E. Cornell. Esq

I wish to inform you that I was at Ithaca July 23 in the morning you started the same Morning for Rochester I went at your house & found you had gone to R & that you would not be at home till Saturday so of course we made our way back to N. York the same morning Mr Lane & my self took a look over the place & came to the Conclusion that Ithaca would be a good place to start the Brittannia business and as you was gone we had no one to go around we started from N York Sunday night arrived at Oswego about six Oclock soon took the Cars for Ithaca had a fine view

of the land as we past along
we liked the strip verry much but
would have liked it much better if
you had been at home I saw your
Daughter & two sons one operet
of the Library in the village, I
received a letter the other day from
Uncle Miller Chace of Fall River
there health was not verry good
Marys health some improved Lydia
was at her farthers a few weeks she
whilest at home was confined has
a fine little Daughter the weight
was 4 lbs doing well in a weak or
so she will Return to her home
in Proverdance I should like
to have you to come to Taunton
as it being so expensive to travel
have not money enough to go often
I should like see Ithaca again & make tea
ware there the same as hear in Taunton

if you could come & see the Shop
of Reed & Bartons you would be well paid
for coming Please answer this
when Conveinant

Yours Respectfully
Theophilus Chace
Brittannia Vill Taunton Mass
I Ezra Cornell
Ithaca N York

we are all well
Our best Respects to you
and family

Excuse all bad
spelling and mistakes

Hubbell

Ezra Cornell

Ithaca 7

Dear Sir

I have been trying to make up some abstract of title to my land in Ithaca - In examining such deeds as I find, it seems to me there has been a mistake in the Dr Will deed, which I have endeavored to explain in the enclosed papers - Please let me know how this is - and furnish me, if you can some memorandum & any map, showing the different sales previously to the final sale in Dec. 1854 & thus enable me to define the boundary & area of what we sold together

Fred Phillips
25. Aug. 66
undivided.

Our 3 original purchases were

	amn
1/2 Burke	160.–
less as excepted in the Deed – which I understand – also what is shown on Map of Sale in Dec. /53	
1/2 De Will	123.14/100
1/2 Cradit	105.–
amn	488.14

Garrison
Augt 25./66 Yours truly
Fred. Phillips

Beebe
to
Blunt & Philipse

1 Oct/35 — Recorded Nov 25/35
Book CC Deeds p. 89.

Conveys ½ of part of Lot No 94. — Begins at N.W. corner of Sd Lot at Buttonwood marked No 94. — thence S. on West line of Sd Lot to the S. side of a ditch in a line between Sd Premises & land of late Simeon Dewitt then E. with Dewitts land 40 chains to the East line of Sd Lot No 94 — then North in East line of Sd Lot No 94. 40 chs to the N. E. corner of Sd Lot No 94 — thence West in the North line of Sd Lot No 94 to Beginning — containing 160 acres — more or less — Excepting &c &c &c

Dewitt Exec^r &c
to
Blunt & Philipse

29 Dec/35 — Recorded Mch 9 1836.
Book CC Deeds p. 510

Conveys ½ ×× of land, being part of military Lot No 92. & Begins in West line of Sd Lot No 92. at the distance of 5 chains North of the South East corner of land now or late of I.S. Beebe & runs thence along Sd line as the same is run & marked N. 33 ch. 96 links to N.W. corner of Sd Lot No. 92 — thence along North line of Sd Lot No 92. Easterly 32 ch. 79 l. to lands now or late of . . . . Cradit — thence along same Southerly about 26 chains to middle of Fall creek — thence up along same as it winds & turns to a point in Sd creek at the termination of a line to be drawn East & West from said place of beginning and parallel with the North bounds above described — containing 123 acres & 14/100 of an acre more or less. —

× probably Dewitt Deed to Beebe further
×× other ½ is by same Boundaries

(over)

De Witt Exec^t &c
to
Blunt & Philipse

Deed 6 August 1836
Recorded 6 Augt. /36 – in
Book E.E. Deeds p. 334

Conveys 1/2 part of Fall Creek,
"which now belongs to the Estate of the said Simeon
"De Witt deceased, lying between the East & West
"bounds of the land conveyed on the 29 Dec 1835
"by the party of the first part to said I. Blunt &
"Fr. Philipse & I.S. Beebe – the land hereby
"conveyed being by mistake left out of that
"Deed". –

From the above (which are the only De Witt Deeds applicable to our De Witt purchase) it would seem that the South side of our De Witt purchase lies 5 chains North of the South side of our Beebe purchase – and thence the East Extends or runs up North 33 ch. 96. l. to N.W. corner of our Beebe purchase –

On the other hand by a Map which I find among Blunts Ithaca papers, a Portion of Lot No 92. bounded on its North side by a line parallel with the North side of Lot No 94 (& I think also of the correct N line of No 92.) but 5 ch. 95 l. distant from it – or South of it – and Extending down to the North Bank of Fall Creek, containing 49.38/100 acres is marked as "Sold Sept 3. 1847, to Ezra Cornell @ $40. p. acre" – and in the printed advertisement for the sale that took place in Dec /53 – the piece bounded by this 5 ch. 95. links & ~~lying~~ joining the North side of this 49.38 acres is called "Mannings 20 acre lot –"

~~again this same map represents~~

49.38 again – the same map represents the

49.38
20.00
15.62
[illegible]
12.3.14
38.14

Again – the same map represents the South side as Extending some distance to the South of the Dryden Road – and containing a piece of 15. 62/100 between the Dryden Road & the S. side of No 92. or Dewitt line

– If our Dewitt Deed starts & was intended to start 5 chains North of S. E. corner of Lot No 94 it would according to this map cut off this 15. 62 acres & some land also on North side of said Road – & which in such case it not covered by our Title – but on the other hand it would include the manning 20 acre lot. – I think there has been a mistake in the Dewitt Deed – that instead of starting 5 chains North of South side of No 94 & running up 33 ch. 96. to North W. corner of No 94 – the Deed should have started even with the S. E. corner of No 94. & run up 33.96 – which would about strike the N. W corner of your 47. 38/100 purchase & leave a strip 6.04 links wide – or as marked on the map 5 ch. 95 l. wide for the manning 20 acre lot – so as not to include the same. –

I left the sale of the Ithaca purchases very much to Mr Blunt, when we held together – so that I do not know now to whom this 15. 62/100 acres – also 7. 32/100 (off the Cradit farm) East of it, & S. of the Dryden Road, now belong nor whether the manning 20 acre lot belonged to our purchase. – nor in fact what are the Boundaries of the undivided land now held between us – It must be important to some one to have this mistake (if such) corrected at once. –

Aug. 24/66 F. P.

Hannibal Mo. Aug. 25th 1860

Hon. E. Cornell

Your favor of Aug. 8th came to hand when I was absent & where a letter could not well be forwarded to me.

I will personally examine the land & locate your Ag. Col. Scrip, & pay all expenses for $25.00 per peice of 160 Acres, — locate it in Kansas Nebraska Iowa or Mo. This may seem high to you. If you prefer I will locate for you (using my own horse & outfit) for $5.00 per day & Expenses — & furnish you a full journal.

If I had Land Warrants or Scrip of my own I would locate them in Kansas mainly.

Yours &c.

J. C. Sours

Box 357

Hannibal Mo.

Eau Claire Aug 28. 1866

Hon Ezra Cornell.

Dear Sir.

There is a point that would be a fine place for your brother that when you were here entirely slipped my mind in the multiplicity of things & think of, It is the Dells of Bridge Creek in the Eastern part of this County, & a point I should have taken you to if we had gone out as I intended we should. It is 3 or 4 miles NW from Augusta on Bridge Creek, decidedly the best point for a nice place in this County. There is plenty of water power for all purposes W. T. Weber formerly of this Town is now building a Flouring mill to cost $12000. has the dam built, Building up, & Machinery on the way 4 or 5 Run of Stone.

He has 15 feet head of water, he paid $1000. for the power unimproved & in a state of nature he has a Strip of Land 36 Rods wide through

40 acres of Land which covers his Water Power, just below him on same Stream is another Power Equally as good which is 36 Rods wide & Runs through an 80 acre Lot & of course 160 Rods Long. that can be bought for $1000.
There is from 15 to 20 feet fall in the half mile a Splendid place for a dam.
My idea would be to put in a Saw Mill on this power & as the wants of the country demanded a woolen factory & other Machinery. There is plenty of Pine from one to Five miles from the Mill. & it would be only 2 miles from where the Creek enters the Eau claire River & Logs can be floated & hauled to the Mill from the River, which would of course make the Supply inexhaustable I would have your Brother own & improve the water Power. I would have you buy some Land adjoining & Lay out the Town. & when the Road is built from Tomah to Hudson they must pass within ½ mile either north or South of this Point. indeed the Line is Located within 80 Rods of it now. & here

is their plan for a Depot. It is 22 miles East of Eau Claire on Sec 18. T 26. R 6. (See on your State map) The Land that we would want is a part of 120 acres that lies on Sec 19. 26. 6. & is an unbroken farm. 32 acres broke & fenced & can be bought for about $15. pr acre. There are other Lands that we can buy for about $5 pr acre. adjoining. We can Lay out the Town this fall & commence selling Lots, Weber will have his Mill Running this fall also a Store, other parties are trying to secure this water Power. but - Have got the refusal of it - for 30 days. It is true they have a Small Town started at Augusta, but - this would Soon wipe that out by their all moving down to the Dells, first because here is ample power for all purposes of a Manufacturing Town. It is on the Main Road to Eau Claire River also on a Main Road from Chippewa Falls to Sparta all Roads from the Pine Hard wood Country North of the Eau Claire River center here at the Dells. Being only 2 miles from the

Ean Claire River will always give Timber enough & Saw by hauling from the River to the Mill, or improving the Creek by a Small dam at the mouth & Slackwater the Logs from the River up to the Mill. the Country arround is well improved fine farms in every direction & no other point within a Circuit of 20 miles to interfere & if the Rail Road is built or not this will be a fine Town. & if it is built we will decide the question of Location of a Depot by offering the Rail Road Company a 1/4 interest or Something to that effect, if they will give us a Depot. The Cornell University has several quarter Sections of Land within 5 or 6 miles that would be benefited by it. They are bound to have a Town there. This Large flowing mill now building & the Stone will form the Nucleus — The Saw mill on the other water Power can sell Lumber as fast as a Muley & one Circular Saw can make it now.

I will send you a Plat showing the Dells & Surroundings. This is a point I have been watching for some years. & have all the time been satisfied that it was a first rate place.

8/28/1866

This Matter had better be Looked after Soon because it will make a Splendid place for your Brother & in a few years with this Mill can make himself independant & so far as understanding the business My Neighbor Mr Brown owns a farm near the Dalles. & would be very glad to go in as a Partner. he is an old Maine Lumbermen & has Rice Lands. & is the very man I would select for honesty & probity for a Partner.

Our Brunettes Falls Matter I am Looking after. They are even now Looking up the River towards Brunettes Falls as the next Point for a mill.

I have been quite unwell for three days but have been obliged to be at the office. getting wet up at Chetak Lake I suppose. I am better now. however.

I hope you had a pleasant trip to St Paul & arrived home with your excellent Lady safe & well. Wife sends Kindest regards to her as

well as yourself & says she hopes we shall see you both out here again this fall or next Spring. I think you had better make arrangements & spend a month or so up in this country in the summer. We will always keep you a place in our house.

This letter has been written in the office with people running in every five minutes & I dont know as you can make anything of it.

With kind Regards for your wife I am,

Yours Truly

H. C. Putnam

Answered

West Troy N.Y. Aug 29th 1866

Ezra Cornell or A.B. Cornell Esq -

Cornell University - Ithica. N.Y.

Gents -

Mr. Emery of Albany gave me your address requesting me to correspond with you, saying should you require a person of my profession in your employ you would let me know at once - I therefore take the liberty of making known to you my profession, viz - A stone-Cutter and general builder. capable of executing from design and scale any piece of work specified, appertaining to my profession - Should you require such a

John Higgins
29 Aug 66

person and address me at West Troy P.O. I would procure you any reference you might require as to Sobriety, industry and Capability and I am at your service at a moderate Salary - Also should you require other mechanics I can procure you several of the best.

I am Dear Sirs Yours &c

John Higgins
West Troy N.Y.

Answered

Buffalo, Aug. 11, 1866.

My dear Sir:

Our Local Committee of The American Association for The Advancement of Science, have just directed its Secretary to extend to you, on its behalf, a Special invitation to attend the meeting of that Association which commences on Wednesday next. My friend The Hon. Nathan K. Hall, desires me to request you to be his guest. On your arrival here you will please direct your hackdriver to drive you, at once, to the Judge's residence on Delaware Street. He will be much gratified by the acceptance of this invitation

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J. H. SELKREG, President.

ITHACA, Aug 30 1864

By Telegraph from Albany

to E Cornell

Ithaca

Your telegram is received H L Emery leaves New York to-night for Ithaca on important business

H Herbert Emery

Walton on the Hill,
Liverpool, 31 Aug 1866

C. M. Harvey
31. Aug 66

My dear Sir.

I have the greatest pleasure – in which I am certain of your joining most heartily – in announcing the arrival of three calves to Third Lord Oxford viz a rich roan heifer from Lally 3 – a bull of the same colour from Wild Eyes 24 – & a dark red heifer from Kirklivington 10 – they are all very fine in size, with an abundance of hair, & with the grandest looks & points I ever saw – their width, unusually level length, extraordinary depth especially in the flanks, & their deep thighs, & wonderfully deep & prominent fore quarters stamp them, – as I firmly believe, as the very best I ever bred – Lally 2 is due 24 prox.° –

Third Lord himself is extremely well & looking so also – indeed too bulky for my choice in consequence of having my last years heifers to serve – my fear being that he will be over heavy for some of them – I dare not

however reduce him any lower — he has not tasted Manger meat, i.e. Cake or flour of any description this year — a moderate feed of hay & mangolds whilst they lasted, & since April Italian Rye Grass alone A.M. & P.M. & only about two thirds the quantity he could eat. Yet his condition astonishes all who see him — beyond those I have named I have only one additional heifer in Calf to him, Kirk^n 15 — W. Drydale sent Fidget 6 to him, & she likewise is safe — this is a heifer from Fidget 4 by 7 Duke of York, & very similar in appearance & character to Jour 5th —

I have also one here Cap. Gunters Duchess 77 who has been served & I feel certain is holding, her last Calf was a heifer, by 2 Duke of Wharfdale, who is since dead — this was the bull when a Calf offered to Jon when last at Wetherby — as Jon take Bells Messenger Jon will, previously to receiving this, have read therein patrons of what I have now communicated, & also of ~~Cap. Gunters~~ Col. Kinnpoetis 500 Gn purchase from Cap. Gunter of Third Duke of Clarence, whom Jon will observe has the cross of "Usurer" through Duchess 67 — quite fatal to my notions —

I received also on 24 Inst from
Mr. Taylor your subscription of 1 $
to the Bates Monuments - very
acceptable I assure you, as we
have not money enough to meet
expenses. You will have read
all particulars in Missionaries.

8/31/1866

I thank you very much
for your continued kindness
in sending me such
valuable information as is
contained in the various
periodicals which I receive
from time to time. The
agriculturist cont.y the Heads
of Mr. Thomas Barn of Oxford
& the Duchess of Thorndale Mister P. M.

E Carroll

Eau Claire Wis. Aug 24. 66

My Dear Sir

I have just returned from a trip of three days in the pinries of the Chippewa sleeping two night in such rude camp as we could construct of pine bows by the application of half an hours labor, Yesterday morning we were aroused from our slumbers by the howling of a pack of Wolves of a dozen or more counting by the noise and varying voices. They remained with us an hour and then moved slowly on until their howl was lost in the distance,

I have seen some of the pines located of the University, Estimated here to be worth from $5. to $10. per

per acre. Such lands is situated in our county 12 miles from water would be worth $100. per acre. Now the logs can be put in floating water with an average haul of 1½ miles. We have now about 150. acres of pine entered, which I have satisfactory evidence to its being as good on the average as that which I have sold, and have done it so quietly that no one here suspects that I have done any thing or that I desire to, And we must continue to operate quietly until we see what we can do with this Legislature next winter in getting our lands exempt from taxation until sold.

You will therefore treat this as confidential.

I commenced writing to inform you that it would be impossible for me to return in season to meet with the Senate for the trial of Judge Smith, and to ask you to get some Senator to move a leave of absence if it is necessary —

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

Hon T. G. Alvord
Albany N.Y.

P. S. I have not time to write to Senator White. Please show this to him, and say that this land Operation is going to be a success. It requires skill, hard work and capital, but all those it shall have, and the present and future youths of our State shall enjoy the blessings that shall flow from a richly endowed Institution of learning.

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