

Albion Feb 5th /67

Dear Brother

I want to ask your advise
and information with regard to Rurion
Extension Telegraph stock M.R.Mood says there
is to be six more apprentices on the stock
before the line is completed and then is is
very doubtful about its success I do not
feel able to pay any more apprentices and
would like to dispose of it in some way
to the best advantage Shebe tells me the
stock was quoted at 96 per cent the forepart of
January If there is any market for it
I wish you would assist me in disposing
of it If the prospect is as doubtful as
the Telegrapher and M.A thinks I fear it
is not worth much But hope I can
realize what it has cost me if no
more

"Mary Feb 5. 67

The are of a quite an expense in keeping
the children at school and times is
hard and money scarce with us

The friends in addition are generally well
We are having splendid sleighing but very
much winter weather I see by the
papers you are having a great depth
of snow east

I would like to sell the extension
^{9 shares} stock and enough Master Union at a fair
price to bring a thousand dollars

Please let me hear from you soon if
convenient. Remember me kindly to
Morgan and the girls and excuse my
poor style dear Brother affectionately

Mary C Robertson

Rochester N.Y. 6/69

Franklin
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Franklin

Franklin

The new

telegraph people are
at work in earnest.

I consider their na-
tional charter not
worth a copper. But
I fear they may get
the rights of way over
Railroads by causes
of Directors; or that
they may get a state
charter conferring the
power Congress has
assumed to give.

Will you keep
a sharp lookout

for them?

I hear that Sesters
Coming has gone
in with them. Look
out for Central
Board.

Have you need
a tel. pass from
Mr. Sibley? Where
do the Ex. Com.
get authority to lynch
you & all the Board
but themselves in
the use of the lines?

Yours truly
James Butts.

Office of the Board for Licensing
Sailors' Boarding Houses in New York and Brooklyn,
42 BROADWAY,

New York, Feb. 6.

1867

Hon. Ezra Cornell,

Dear Sir,

I thank you for the
Evening Journal Almanac, which I wanted
but forgot to get in Albany.

Our Shipping Masters, generally a
most miserable set of men, are ~~raising~~ ^{turning} up
opposition to our bill which you intro-
duced.

I have in the hands of the printer
a report made by Mr. Morse our Con-
sul at ~~the~~ London, going into a very
full detail of the evils. They are just
such as I have stated to the Com. having
charge of the Bill. ~~The~~ Morse & Mr. Ham-
mond our late Consul at Dublin had
sent a copy of this bill to Mr. Morse.
In his answer he expressed his gratifi-
cation with our movement & referred

to his report in the State Department.

Mr. Hammond also sent a copy of our bill to Mr. Dudley our consul at Liverpool. He has replied to Mr. Hammond's letter approving the bill, but wishing it in some respects to be made more stringent. I do not think this necessary, & at present at any rate it is not advisable. If I am in present position in the Board, I am sure the law will be found effectual to remedy the evils. I have had this also printed. As soon as finished I will send you a sufficient number of copies to furnish all the Senators.

I feel that this is one of the most important & beneficent measures before the Legislature. May I not ask you to give your special attention to it, & to induce Senators to read & thoroughly consider this report & bill. & the bill itself.

I am specially desirous of that this Bill should pass at the present session.

I have studied & considered the matter so thoroughly, that I think, without much self conceit, that I can organize the system under the law better than any other man who will undertake it. In such a board there must be one mind devoted to the business, & to plan, arrange & carry into effect the objects of the law. I have given up, in a great measure, my professional business, in the hope of effecting this great reform. It is a good time to put the law in operation while our commerce is ⁱⁿ its present depressed condition, & to have a system thoroughly understood & in operation when our commerce revives.

Yours truly

E. W. Cheshire

I send the original of Mr. Morse report to Mr. Peirson

Mr. McClure will be happy to see

Kerr G. Cornell
on Wednesday Evening, February
6th, at 8 o'clock.

158 State Street.

F. B. Smith
Feb 7. 17

Albion Feb 7 1867
Hon E. Cornell

Dear Sir I
take the liberty to enclose
you a draft of a Bill
extending the jurisdiction of
Surrogate's Court so as to
reach surplus moneys
arising from the sale of real
estate of a deceased person
on insurance starting at time
of death & pay debts - Now it
is necessary to bring an action
in the Supreme Court in Equity
to reach such surplus money
& pay debts at great expense
You will see that the bill is of
general application and
provides for cases frequently
arising in all parts of the
State. I have letters from

Judge Brewster and Mr
Lewis Seymours recommend
its passage which I have
sent to our Member with
a draft the Bill I would be
glad if you will introduce
the Bill and personally
call the attention of the
Judiciary Committee to it
If not too much trouble
present it to Senator
Folger I think any Lawyer
will see the necessity of
such a law

Yours &
F.B. Smith

Tompkins County Clerk's Office,

T. J. McELHENY, Clerk,

Ithaca, N.Y., Feb 7 1867

Han E. Cornell.

Dear Sir - Permit me
to call your attention to Rev Sears annual
subscription which advertised for next wednesday
even (the 13th inst) -

His political enemies will not only
with hold giving, but will prevent all they
can from doing so, and if possible make
it a failure -

We think in view of his services, over
the entire County, as well as in our town,
that we have a right to call on his
political friends to "Come over to Macedonia
and help us"

He has labored zealously in the
"Good Cause" and we would be pleased to see
him made glad at this visit -

If you can consistantly help us
please do so & add to number of our
obligations to you - Your aff Servt

J. M'Elheny
for Committee

United States Senate Chamber.

Washington. Feby 7th 1807

Hon. E. Cornell

Albany

N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Senator Morgan

desires me to acknowledge
the receipt of your favor
of the 7th inst. requesting
him to be present at a
meeting of the Trustees of
the Cornell University
the 12th inst.

The Senator
regrets that his duties
in Congress will prevent

an acceptance of your
appreciated invitation.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
W. P. Delegat
Secy

Buffalo Feb 7. 1867

Dear Ezra Cornell

Dear sir.

Enclosed you
find statement of the Magara & R Road Co.
our city. They have had a hard time
of it for the past 4 years. as you see. and
are now making an effort to have the
Legislature of our State afford them some
relief. Their claim I know to be well
founded. Several of my friends here holding
stock, assure me that they have never had
a dividend since the road was built,
and that unless they get relief, they will be
obliged to abandon the road. If you
will lend your influence to get the
bill through which will be presented
by Mr W P Bush of our city. You
will help sustain a very much needed
accommodation of the public & also to
make it reasonably remunerative to the
enterprising builders owners of the road.

With kind regards to yourself & family
I remain

Yours truly

S P Sherwood

This is the letter addressed to
me by my uncle the forewarning his
to send paper & chemicals I find



Albany City Nat^l M
July 8th 1867

My dear Mr. Cornell

I beg your perusal of
the enclosed letter, which has
been submitted to me, & such
answer as you deem judicious,
please enable me to respond,
(at your convenience) Yours truly

Chas L. Garfield

Ithaca Feby 9-67

Hon. D. Cornell

Dear Sir.

I send you
minutes of last meeting by
mail - lest in any way they
fail to go. Andrus & Williams
have promised to go & I shall
if possible - but I am so driven
and overwhelmed with work
that I can't tell till the last
minute.

When I can get a moment
of leisure I will write about
several things I want to mention.

Yrs in haste

H.W. French

Hon Ezra Cornell

My dear Sir

I have received your letter
and hope to attend the meeting of
the Board at the time named.

Very respectfully

William Kelly

Rhinebeck N.Y.

Feb 9-1867

Washington D.C.
Feb^r 1867
Hon. Ezra Cornell,
Dear Sir, I have
waged the passage
of the Emancipation Bill
in very strong terms
& so far in the Senate
pushing it at
the time you were
of the 29th ult may
Proceed - I have
a positive promise
of early action,
Yours truly
Ezra Cornell,

BARBOUR & JACOBS,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW.

Indianapolis, Feb. 9, 1867

Hon. E. Cornell
Albany N.Y.

Dear Sir

I have received from you the Evening Journal Almanac, which contains an immense amount of valuable statistics, for which I am very much obliged to you. I often see your name mentioned in the agricultural papers as the owner and exhibitor of good stock. And in all the papers as the patron of the Ag'l College. I am glad that you are not only inclined, but able to do so much good. I am again able to practice law a little. I have been suffering with the rheumatism for a few years back. and for almost two years I have not been able to do much. A year ago this season I was confined to my room about four months. and was entirely out of the office about one year. My health now is pretty good

L. Barbour

9. Feb. 67

but I am very much of a cripple
and walk with difficulty. but
not so lame as I have been for
more than two years.

Yours respectfully
Lucian Barbour

D. B. Cornell

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Belvidere Ill Feb 9th 67

Dear Brother

You of 3^d inst. at
hand and I have just written to H. C.
Putnam the Claire Miss in regard
to those lands. I desire now to know
the price per acre, terms of payment
and rate of interest, and if the
lands come within the limit of my
means. I have no doubt I shall go
there soon; I am discouraged of
doing any thing here, as a man with
poor health & no capital cannot
go much by renting lands.
I have been meditating going into
a wagon shop with a practical
workman in Belvidere, and I am as
yet unable to decide whether it would
be best or not. I received a few days
since the Gold Medal awarded me
by the Board of Honor of the 17th Army
Corps in April 1864. It is a very
pretty thing consisting of a shield

encircled by a crest an armoured
with a wreath with a pendant attached
consisting of a pointed star shield bears
the inscription "Vicksburg July 1st
1863" & star contains the no "11"
our corps number. Some would
be proud of such a testimonial, but
I would be happy to swap the glory
Honor and medal Boots & breeches
for a whole concilience and health
& would pay some boat which I
could well afford out of my \$6, per
month pension. — Military fami
Glory is a fine thing for a
well clad back & a full belly but is
of less account to a hungry man
than a lb of pork or a peck of beans
we are in usual health.

Respectfully
Hon E Cornell } D. Cornell
Albany N.Y. }

Candor Feb 9th 1861

Hon E. Cornell

Dr Sir

When I was in Ithaca
in Septth last I called on you with our
Preacher Rev G. O. Lloyd to solicit a subscription
for our new Church, you told me if I
would send you some names you would
send some public documents I will
send you a few J. B. Hubbard H. G. Smith
C. P. Ward M. Remmington Sylvester Woodford
J. A. Lewis W^m Hubbard,

By the by we dedicate our new Church on
the 27 of Feb and a lift from you would
come very good as we are in debt 3,000
we want to raise the amount if possible
we invite all our good friends to assist in this
good work.

Truly Yours G. G. Smith

Candor

Tioga Co
N.Y.



State of New York

Executive Department

Albany Feb 11. 1867

Hon Ezra Cornell
Senator

Dear Sir:

To introduce Mr
Stocking Esq Executive Clerk
and to command him to your
friendly regard.

Respectfully

Geo S. Waring

Senator O'Dome introduced a bill providing for the appointment by the Governor of four citizens of this State, who, with the State Engineer and Surveyor, shall constitute a Board to be known as "The Board of Railroad Commissioners of the State of New-York." Said Commissioners to hold office respectively for one, two, three, and four years. It shall be the duty of each of the Commissioners to examine the condition of every railroad in the State, and report on the structure, graduation, track, crossings, cattle guards and condition of all things connected with the roads, at least once every six months. The bill is the same almost in every respect as that in the Assembly last year, with an additional clause providing that whenever any railroad company shall construct and complete a railroad where a parallel road is not already built within 20 miles, shall receive from the State the sum of \$5,000 per mile.

New York Feb. 11. '67.

Hon. G. Cornell.

My Friend.

If the bill

mentioned in the above extract, becomes a law, I should like to be one of the "four citizens". Will you endorse me to that effect, to Gov. Fenton.

I think that I could do the state some service, as a sort of agricultural missionary, while I did good service to the railroad interest.

As I have quit work on the Tribune, on account of my health, which improves by travelling, such a mission would suit me, and perhaps benefit agricultural improvement. This is the first office I ever asked for - all others have come to me.

Respectfully yours &c.

Solon Robinson.

I intend to start next week
for Florida, so I shall not be
at the Annual meeting of the
State Society. Shall return
about April first.

S.R.

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Ithaca Feb 11/67

Dear Brother

Yours of Jan 28 was
not recd until after I had written
to you the second letter. My
necessity is the only excuse for
my impatience and I herein
acknowledge the receipt of \$1000.
which has very much relieved
my embarrassment

You said you should try and
make arrangements to commence
another College building in the
Spring. Will it be let by contract,
and if so how early in the Spring,
I would like to know whether I
can have any sight for work
on those buildings or on your
house Early in the Spring, for
there is several other jobs that
will be let in the Spring and

I want to get a hold of something
that commences early so as
to get the first choice of help.
I would like to engage help now
if I could be sure of work
as it makes a vast difference
whether you get the first
chance or have to take up with
the leavings, or have to go abroad
for help.

Mr Thomas has got the floors
laid in the South section of the
new building, and partitions pretty
well up and the lathing is
going on, but the lath and
studs are so green that it
looks like a pretty green job.
The floors are a good job the
best job in fact about the
building. If you do put up
another College building this next
summer I think it would be quite

an object to get at it as early
in the spring as possible so
as to get it enclosed before
cold weather. Quarrying should be
commenced as soon as the frost
will permit on account of getting
a variety of stone on hand by the
time the Mason works commences.

Please let me hear from you
on the subject at your earliest
convenience and oblige yours &c

E.B. Cornell

To E Cornell Jr

Anna 11. Feb. 1867

Gen. C. Cornell

My dear Sir

I returned from
Newark last evening passing through
Albany & find on my return of our
part of the year admiring of the
meeting of Curtis Cornell & myself on
the 12th inst - tomorrow

Had I no notice while
in Newark I would have always
my affairs so as to have stepped out
very up - with great pleasure, and
I regret to say I cannot be with you

In much haste

Very truly yours

Edwin B. Morgan

S. J. Parker
12 Feb 1867

Washington D. C.

Feb 12th 1867

Hon. E. Cornell: Dear Sir!

I write this on the floor of the House of Representatives, where I am credibly informed that the confirmation of our 3d class Post Master will ~~not~~ take place, if thought best; & that no name properly exhibited has yet been presented.

If you think best on consultation with Ex. D. Mr. Delaney, I would request that you ~~not~~ be ~~too~~ ^{too} hasty in taking the necessary measures to offer my name for that office.

My main argument is my poverty, and my ~~ever~~ ^{long} ~~loyal~~ steadfastness.

As I cannot return

to Ithaca in time, and
am ignorant how to forward
the documents I shall
leave all to your & his
discretion.

I shall be here four or
five days, at Philadelphia
two days and at New York
a week, which will bring
me to near March 1st.

Do not think this as
presumption. I am no politi-
cian, or used to the arts of those
who are, nor to the common
forms requisite, therefore
I request what I have.

~~My best regards,~~
Wilcox the Cornell University
architect came here with me
from Ithaca. He has filed
his drawings &c for the
new war building.

With Kindest regards
J. F. Parker ch.s.

PORTER, HARRISON & FISHBACK,

ATTORNEYS AT LAW,

ALBERT G. PORTER.
BENJAMIN HARRISON.
WM. P. FISHBACK.

Office, N. E Cor. Washington and Meridian Streets,

Indianapolis, Ind., Feby 12, 1867.

Hon. Ezra Cornell,
Albany, N.Y.

Dear Sir,

Please to accept
my thanks for the copy of the "Evening
Journal Almanac" which I have had
the honor to receive from you. Its sta-
tistics are to me very interesting.

I am glad to see that you
are not only disposed to do good by
your noble charities, but by serving
the people in places where sensible
and pure men are so much needed.

Yours sincerely,
A.G. Porter.

Daily and Weekly Republican Office,

Corner Court and Exchange Streets.

Binghamton, N.Y., Feb. 12th 1867

Hon. E. Cornell,

Dear Sir:

It would be very gratifying to the people of this county, and especially so to the members of the County Agricultural Society, if Mr. Wm. M. Ely of this place, could be selected as one of the Vice Presidents of the State Agricultural Society for this district. He held that position two years since, and will be a creditable selection.

Anything you can do to further his interest, if you should be so inclined, will be fully appreciated by us.

Yours truly

J. W. Taylor

New York Feb'y 1st 1867
Hon Ezra Cornell
Senate Chamber
Albany
Dear Sir

Will you have
the kindness to send me a
copy of the Bill to amend
and extend "the Act for the
better protection of Seamen
in the port and Harbor of
New York &c" together with a
copy of a paper which Mr
E. W. Chesnut has laid before
the Legislature - and you
will greatly oblige me

Yours most truly

P. M. Clark

151 South St

Binghamton Feb. 12, 1867.
Hon. E. Cornell;
Dear Sir,

I herewith
send you Remonstrance
against the City Charter of
Binghamton, and
also Petitions that
if said Charter pass
it shall contain
a clause that it
shall not be opera-
tive till it be suc-
tioned by a majority
of the taxable voters
of the village.

I do not oppose
a City Charter provided
it is ~~not~~ such
a charter as the mass-

or even a majority
of the tax payers will
approve, but I
do most emphatically
oppose smuggling
~~through~~ any Charter
for this town till the
people have a chance
to examine it.

If it is forced through
the Assembly please
keep it back in the
Senate till it
can be examined
by the people inter-
ested.

Yours truly
B. R. Johnson

P.S.

You will find,
on examination, that
there has been a
very formidable
Remonstrance sent
to the Assembly.-

N. V. ALLEN,
DEPUTY COLLECTOR OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS,
NOTARY PUBLIC,
COMMISSIONER OF DEEDS & SEARCHER FOR TAXES & ASSESSMENTS,
ROOM 8, CITY HALL, BROOKLYN, N. Y.

HAVING been connected with the COLLECTOR'S OFFICE since 1854, is enabled to make accurate Searches and Diagrams, or give any other information in relation to Property in Brooklyn. Will also take in charge the Property of Non-resident Owners, and advise them of all Taxes and Assessments, and effect a Sale of their Property, if desired.

YOUR PATRONAGE IS RESPECTFULLY SOLICITED.

REFERS TO

Hon. A. M. WOOD, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BROOKLYN.
E. BRIGGS, COLLECTOR OF TAXES, &c., BROOKLYN.

JOHN H. PRENTICE, WATER COMMISSIONER, BROOKLYN.
J. E. SOUTHWORTH, PRES. ATLANTIC BANK, NEW YORK.

Henry C. Lomond

Dfip

(Brooklyn Feby 12 1867)

The Collector has forwarded me your requisition for Tax Bill on property in 9th Ward. I am much quite sure that I have made the Bill right so I have made a rough diagram on Back of Bill of the property ^{as I found it on map and rough} embraced in Bill so that you can examine whether correct. If you have paid Taxes heretofore please compare Block & Ward No. with old Bill, if they do not correspond send a copy of the Blocks and numbers of the old Bill for a quick

Very Respectfully
Yours &c
N. V. Allen



Baltimore Feb 13rd / 867
Mr Cornell

Dear Sir

Yours of the 11th
came duly to hand Contence noted.
in relation to my poor Father's
death & he died in 1868 Jan 14 with
the consumption & Asthma after an
illness of 8 months. poor man he
died so hard Mother & Sister Mary
died with the ~~same~~ disease of the
heart. The reason I came to Balto
was I had two Cousins but when
I found them they could not help
me at all, if I only had some
friend to give me a start I have
had 5 years experience in the retail
Grocery business and know I could
make money if I am economical and
sober industrious & persevering as
every body says I am. I have a

little money but I have not enough to start a store. You said something about working for 8 dollars per month your board was given in with the 8 dollars and another thing is this you can me well and I will rest assured buy more at that time for \$1.00 than you can now for \$0.00, And you did not have a wife & child to support house rent jewel &c to buy after all that is taken out of \$2.00 per week I do not think I could buy any clothes or any other little necessaries of life. poor Father if he had lived I would of never had to asked any one to help me but per haps all is for the best God knows all thing and I have trusted in him (he says, He that searches diligently shall surely be rewarded and I am trying to be honest attend to my own business and let other people alone write soon I hope you will

consider over my request and write to Smith Bro & Co J.S. George & Sons Price Elliott & Co of Baltimore and you will find out whether or not I need help these gentlemen know for me, if you feel it in your power to help me in the grocery business or any thing else I will be very great ful and God will smile on you for helping a poor offis Boy I am willing to live anywhere just so I can support my wife & Child please write soon and let me hear from you

And you will oblige
Your humble servant
Geo. W. Skinner Jr
No 38½ West Balto St
Baltimore
Md

Tompkins County Clerk's Office,

T. J. McELHENY, Clerk,

Ithaca, N. Y., Feby 13 1807

Hon E. Cornell.

Dear Sir: Your favor of the 11th is recd.
Let me say, that when I wrote you in relation to the
proposed donation for Rev Sears, I felt as if an apology
were due to you for even calling your attention to the
matter. We all try to appreciate your noble endea-
vors for the public good, and feel that it is almost
unkind to call your attention to objects that you
do not yourself originate -

It was entirely on political grounds that I presumed
to approach his friends in Albany. His services
in that direction have been valuable to us, as they
have been, in a pecuniary sense, detrimental to him,
and we as politicians, prepared to sustain him -

But more especially I desire to tell you that
your subscription to the church has been reduced
from \$2000. (which you say in yours of the 11th you
have subscribed) to \$1000. and with that sum we
find the church debt entirely provided for, not
one dollar of which comes from Alex King -

The church will hold in grateful

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Tompkins County Clerk's Office,

T. J. McELHENY, Clerk,

Ithaca, N. Y.,

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remembrance the long list of names of the generous men who have contributed to the enterprise -

Even now the community are reaping their reward. Meetings have been held nearly every evening for over two months, and over one hundred have been converted - and the best of all is, that some of the hardest cases in Ithaca, young men of talents, but given over to bad habits, have been converted, and give promise of future usefulness. The work is still progressing & we look for continued success in the Good Cause.

You shall have our prayers that your years shall be in proportion to your usefulness, and if our prayers are answered you will out live your generation.

Very Truly,
Your Oft Servt
T. J. McElheny