

Albion Feb 5th /67

Dear Brother

I want to ask your advise  
and information with regard to Purion  
Extension Telegraph stock. W.R. Wood says there  
is to be six more assessments on the stock  
before the line is completed and then it is  
very doubtful about its success. I do not  
feel able to pay any more assessments and  
would like to dispose of it in some way  
to the best advantage. Pebe 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 W.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

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

The friends in At/bion 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  
stock, <sup>9 shares</sup> and enough Western Union at a fair  
price to bring a thousand dollars

Please let me hear from you soon if  
convenient. Remember me kindly to  
Morg Ann and the Girls and excuse my  
poor style Dear Brother, affectionately

Mary R. Robertson



Perkins N.Y. 6/67

Wm. L. Connel

Dear Sir

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 right of way over  
R.R. tracks by consent  
of Directors; or that  
they may get a State  
Law conferring the  
power Congress has  
assumed to give.

Will you keep  
a sharp lookout

for them?

I hear that Easters coming has gone in with them, look out for Central Board.

Have you used a tel. pass from Mr Sibly? Where do the Ex. Comm. get authority to lunch you & all the Board but themselves in the use of the lines?

Yours truly  
Drew Bates.

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 <sup>stirring</sup> ~~stirring~~ 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 ~~San~~ 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. ~~Mr. 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 & expressed

to his report in the State Department.

Mr. Hammond also sent a copy of our bill to ~~the~~ Mr. Dudley our consul at Liverpool. He has replied to Mr. Hammond's letter approving the bill, but wishing it in some respects <sup>to be</sup> 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~~ <sup>am having</sup> 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~~ 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 & letter & 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 <sup>in</sup> ~~at~~ its present depressed condition, & to have a system thoroughly understood & in operation when our commerce revives.

Yours truly

E. W. C. Heston

I send the original of Mr. Morse's report to Mr. Pinson

Mr. McClure will be happy to see

Her G. Cornell

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

158 State Street.

F. B. Smith  
Feb 7, 67

Union 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 incumbrance existing at time  
of death to pay debts. Now it  
is necessary to bring an action  
in the Supreme Court in Equity  
to reach such surplus moneys  
to 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 Griswold and Mr  
Lewis Seymour 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 &c  
F. B. Smith

Tompkins County Clerk's Office,

T. J. McELHENY, Clerk,

Ithaca, N. Y., Feb 7 1867

Hon. E. Cornell.

Dear Sir - Permit me  
to call your attention to Rev Sears annual  
donation visit advertised for next Wednesday  
Eve (the 13<sup>th</sup> inst) -

His political enemies will not only  
withhold 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 consistently help us  
please do so & add to number of our  
obligations to you -

Your Aft Servt  
T J McElhenny  
for Committee -



United States Senate Chamber.

Washington

Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> 1867

Wm. C. Cornell  
Albany

New York

Dear Sir:

Senator Morgan  
desires me to acknowledge  
the receipt of your favor  
of the 7<sup>th</sup> inst. requesting  
him to be present at a  
meeting of the Trustees of  
the Cornell University  
the 12<sup>th</sup> 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. Colgate  
Secy.

Buffalo July 7. 1867

Hon Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir.

Enclosed you find Statute of The Niagara St R Road of our City. They have had a hard time of it for the past 14 years. as you see. and are now making an effort to have the Legislature of our State afford them some relief. Their claims 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. Shurwood

This is the letter referred to  
in my note this morning, paid  
to you by Messrs. Clark & Co.



Albany City Natl M  
July 8, 1867

My dear Mr Cornell

I beg your ~~personal~~ 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

C. L. Garfield

Ithaca Feb'y 9-67  
Hon. S. Cornell

Dear Sir:

I send your  
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

J. M. Finch

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

Shenectady N.Y.

Feb 9. 1887

Washington D.C.  
Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> 1867.  
Hon. Ezra Cornell,  
Dear Sir,

I have  
urged the passage  
of the Emory bill  
in very strong terms  
& was in the State  
pushing it at  
the time you  
of the 29<sup>th</sup> ult was  
received - I have  
a positive promise  
of early action,

Very yours  
Giles W. Hitchcock



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 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 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  
Feb 9. 67.

Belvidere Ill Feb 9th 67

Dear Brother

Yours of 3<sup>rd</sup> inst. is at  
hand and I have just written to H. C.  
putnam Esq. Claire Wis 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  
gain 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 17<sup>th</sup> Army  
Corps, in April 1864. It is a very  
pretty thing consisting of a shield

encircled by a crest and surmounted  
with a wreath with a pendant attached  
consisting of a 5 pointed star shielded below  
the inscription "Vicksburg July 4<sup>th</sup>  
1863" & star contains the no "11"

our corps numbers 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 constance and health  
& would pay some boat, which I  
could well afford out of my \$6.00  
month pension. - Military fame  
& 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 }  
Albany N.Y. }

O B Cornell

Candor Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 1867

Hon E. Cornell

Dear Sir

When I was in Ithaca in Sept. last I called on you with our Preacher Rev E. C. Floyd 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 C. B. Hubbard H. G. Smith C. P. Ward M. Hummiston Sylvester Woodford J. A. Lewis Wm. 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 J. H. Smith

Candor

Tioga Co  
N.Y.



State of New York

Executive Department

Albany Feb 11. 1867

Hon Ezra Cornell  
Senator

Dear Sir:

To introduce S & C  
Stocking Esq Executive Clerk  
and to commend him to your  
friendly regard.

Respectfully

Geo S. Wadsworth

Senator O'Donnell 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. E. 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 Trib. une, 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.

Colon 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.

S. Robinson  
Apr 11. 67



Ithaca Feb 11/67

Dear Brother

Yours of Jan 28 was not recd untill 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 Collage 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 Chaise of help I would like to Engage help now if I could be shure 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, Lathing 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 Esq

Corra 11. Feb. 1867  
Hon. E. Cornell  
My dear Sir

I returned from  
New York last evening passing through  
Albany - & find on my return of our  
Journ of the 7<sup>th</sup> inst. advising of the  
meeting of Trustees Cornell University, on  
the 12<sup>th</sup> inst. tomorrow

Had I not the notice which  
in New York I could have arranged  
my affairs so as to have stayed on my  
way up - with great pleasure, but  
I regret to say I cannot be with you  
In much haste

Very truly Yours  
Cammis B. Briggs

S. J. Parker  
12 Feb 67

Washington D.C.  
Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 1867

Hon. E. Cornell; Dear Sir,  
I write this on the floor of the  
House of Representatives, where  
I am creditably informed that  
the confirmation of our illustrious  
Post Master will <sup>not</sup> take  
place, if thought best; &  
that no name properly ac-  
credited has yet been pre-  
sented.

If you think best in con-  
sultation with Ex. Sec. S. M.  
Belknap, I would request  
that you <sup>be</sup> ~~be~~ <sup>kind to take the</sup> necessary measures to offer  
my name for that office.

My main argument is  
my fervency, and my ever  
loyal steadfastness.

As I cannot return

to Ithaca in time, and  
am ignorant how to perform  
the credentials I shall  
leave all to yours & 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 versed to the arts of those  
who are, nor to the common  
forms requisite, therefore  
I request what I have.

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

With kindest regards  
J. J. Parker ch. B.

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

PORTER, HARRISON & FISHBACK,  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW,

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

Indianapolis, Ind. Feb'y 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. 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12/67  
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 Steamers  
in the port and Harbor of  
New York &c" together with a  
copy of a paper which Mr  
E. W. Chester has laid before  
the Legislature - and you  
will greatly oblige me  
Yours most truly

J M Slack

151 South St



Birmingham Feb. 12, 1867.  
Hon. E. Cornell;

Dear Sir,

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

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

or even a majority  
of the taxpayers 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 E. Leavelle

Esq.

Brooklyn Feb 12 1867

The collector has handed me your requisition for Tax Bill on property in 9<sup>th</sup> Ward. I am not quite sure that I have made the Bill right so have made a rough diagram on Back of Bill of the property <sup>as I find in an</sup> embraced in Bill so that you can examine whether correct. If you have paid Taxes heretofore, please compare Block & Ward No. with old Bills, if they do not correspond. Send a copy of the Blocks and numbers of the old Bills for a quiet

Very Respectfully  
Yours &c  
N. V. Allen

Baltimore Feb 15<sup>th</sup> / 867  
Mr Cornell

Dear Sir

Yours of The 11<sup>th</sup>  
came duly to hand Contence noted.  
in relation to my poor Father's  
death & he died in / 68 Jan 14 with  
the Consumption & Astma after an  
illness of 8 months. poor man he  
died so hard Mother & Sister Mary  
died with the ~~heart~~ 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 buisness 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 card  
was given in with the 8 dollars  
and another thing is this, you can  
buy more at that time for \$1.00  
than you can now for \$3.00, and  
you did not have a wife & child  
to support house rent fuel &c to  
buy after all that is taken out of \$5.00  
per week I do not think I could buy  
any clothes or any other little necessities  
of life. poor Father if he had  
of lived I would of never had to  
asked any one to help me but per-  
haps all is for the best God knows  
all things 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 Bros & Co J. S. George & Sons  
Price Elliott & Co of Baltimore and  
you will find out whether or not  
I need help these gentlemen know  
me well and I will rest assured  
that they will speak a good word  
for me, if you feel it in your  
power to help me in the grocery  
business or any thing else I will  
be very grateful and God will  
bless you for helping a poor  
offspring Boy I am willing to live any  
where 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 38 1/2 West Balto St  
Baltimore

Wm S

Tompkins County Clerk's Office,

T. J. McELHENY, Clerk,

Ithaca, N. Y., Feb'y 13 1867

Hon E. Cornell.

Dear Sir: Your favor of the 11<sup>th</sup> is rec'd. 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 endeavors 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, propose 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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., ..... 186.....

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 talent, 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,

Yours Aft Servt

T. J. McElhenny