



Wisconsin Legislature
Assembly Chamber,

Madison, Feb 22, 1862.

My Dear Sir:

Yours of 11th inst. is at hand. I have several letters from Mr. Woodward on the same subject and the Governor has called my attention thereto and handed me correspondence thereon. Messrs. Sharpe of our State Senate and Delplaine of this city have also handed me letters from Mr. W. to them. I am disposed to render you such assistance as I can and think I see that your plans are to benefit our State. I shall urge the exemption from taxation but fear that, as was the case last Winter, it comes in too late. Will see what we can.

do. I have written Mr. Woodward fully.

Let me hear from you at any time you have suggestions.

Yours truly,

W. D. Barron.

Sam. Ezra Cornell,

State Senate,

Albany, New York.



Syracuse, N. Y. Feb. 22 1867

Dear Ezra Cornell
My Dear Sir

Can you tell me why the West^{ern} Union is dropping down daily? There must be some solid permanent cause, which those familiar with the company ought to know.

I have thought that probably it arose from its arrangement with the Reformer Tel. Extension.

What do you think of the stock now? Would you tell us their figures?
Truly E. W. Leavenworth.

Geneva Feb 22^d

Mr Ezra Cornell

1867.

My dear Sir,

I have now collected
all but one volume of the
subscriptions for Vol. 9. I should
be very glad to have
you forward me your check,
as I should like very much
to forward him the amount
at an ^{early} day as possible,
for I fear he is very much
in want of it.

We are having very cold
weather & soon snow.

The shipping is very good.

Very truly Yours
Amos A. Sheldon

Binghamton Iron Works.

Binghamton, N. Y., 186

Hon. E. Cornell

Sir:

Enclosed please
find a note for renewal, which
please endorse & forward -

There is a terrible squabble
over our Bridge Charter, here
again this winter. & since
the Legislature of a year
ago were so good as to Charter
another Toll Bridge on the
Susquehanna River, it will
be a great detriment to our Shop
& all the business in this part of
the town if the old Bridge is not
re-chartered, so as to keep it up.

P. A. Hopkins
Feb 22/67

Please push the present bill
for that purpose through, but
we should prefer to have the
time cut down to 10 or 15-
years instead of 20, for we
believe it should become
a free Bridge as soon as
possible & there will probably
never be any movement made
to make it so, unless by the
operation of a charter -

The petitions against the re-
chartering of the old Co. are
a fraud & mostly signed by
parties living at a distance -

yours Truly
P. A. Hopkins

Ulysses N.Y. Feb 22^d/67

To Hon. Ezra Cornell.

Dear Sir.

Your evening Journal
almanacs recd Feb 15th inst
for which I am very thankful.

Yours truly
C. S. H. Sullivan

Manassasburgh N.Y.

Feby 22^d 1847

Saml E. Cornell

Albany N.Y.

My Dear Sir

I Called at your house on
Tuesday last to ask you to have my Appointment
Recorded as Notary Public as it Expires on the
1st March Next. Not finding you in
I Called at Examiners Chamber and my
Appointment was made such.

It will however be necessary for some
Senator to have the ~~App~~ Confirmation of App't -
Without Referral as is usual.

If you will render me still further
indebted for favors by taking Charge of the
matter I will be very much obliged -

When I see you I will talk over the

Subject Matter of your last letter =

I want to see you very much about
the Union matter -

I am as ever faithfully

Henry D. Barto

H. D. Barto
22 Feb 67

Union College
Schuylkill Feb 23rd 1867
Senator Ezra Cornell
Albany
Dear Sir

I am informed that Mr
Burch of New York has presented a
bill that has been referred to the jud-
iciary Committee, in which provisions are
made that will utterly prevent ~~the~~ all
physiological investigations and studies
that require experiments upon living an-
imals.

I write to you my dear Sir to ask you
to use your influence to prevent the passage
of this bill. I know that one who has
shown his interest in the cause of education
and advancement of science, by giving his
hundreds of thousands, will feel the possibil-
ity which the passage of so foolish and
mischievous a bill may cause

Respectfully
Yours
Madame Perkins

Margaretville Feb. 23/67

My Dear Sir

Owing to the indisposition of Mrs. Allen I probably shall not be able to come to Albany this week and as the Session is wearing away rapidly I feel anxious about our railroad bill. If you will please see that it reported as early as possible & get it upon general order I shall be much obliged. I will try to be there before it is reached in Committee of the whole.

Truly Yours

Hon. E. Cornell O. M. Allen

Camden Feby 23rd 67
Hon Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

Thank you for
Recd yours of 16th inst. - I have
also Recd a letter from
B Cornell Belvidere N.J. I
suppose to be your brother
I whom you allude in yours,
making some inquiries
about the country.
Some good farming can
be had. Still this is not
exactly the country for
farming until we get a
Rail Road through. He
inquires particularly about
fruit. Now this has not
been tried sufficiently
so that I could speak

for certain about it.

you speak of Sec 16. 31. 6

This is Pine Land & not
suitable at present for a
farm. there are some good
hard wood Timber Lands

in Sec 25 & 26. 31. 7 Entail
by you below Bryant's Falls
that are good farming lands
still unless he likes a frontier
life & likes to rough it for
a time. I would not advise
him to come up here & go
& farming.

I shall hurry up the Bryant
Falls matter as fast as
possible of course. First
I had taken more of a job
than I thought for when
I proposed to buy that prop-
erty. still I am bringing it
to a focus. Mr. Whipple today

informed you of my saying
I am expecting my brother
E. G. here in March.

I returned yesterday from
a trip in the woods. Had
a pretty cold time.

The Lumbermen are doing
well this winter. a large
quantity of Logs will be
put in the River & Lumber
bids fair to open up with
a good price.

My family are tolerably
well now. we have had
considerable sickness through
this winter. our baby four
months old has been danger-
ously sick.

Most kindly regards
to yourself & wife.

Truly M. A. Putnam

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.

Feb. 23. 1867

Hon. Ezra Cornell
Albany,

Dear Sir,

I omitted inquiring while you were here about the bill granting special privileges for a telegraph to France. What is the prospect in the House? I have no idea of entering into competition with our Newfoundland friends, believing as I do that our interests will be promoted by cooperating with them - at least so long as they afford the public all needed facilities. Yet if the bill is going through, it is perhaps well that I should be inside.

Will you oblige me with your opinion as to the chances of success in the House.

Very truly yours,
Will. Orton.

Sanborn Primary
Feb 23. 67

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Vassar College,
Pikeville N.H.
Feb. 23, 1867.

Hon. E. Cornell,

Dear Sir:—

I replied to
your letter, directing to Al-
bany; but it has oc-
curred to me that per-
haps it will be well
to drop you a line at
Athaca.

The collection of minerals
is in the possession of
Hon. Chas. A. Tufts, of
Dover, New Hampshire.

Mr. Tufts is a good min-
eralogist and has been a
long time in making this

this collection, and the specimens have been selected with the greatest care, and with special reference to their perfection. It is one of the best collections, of its size, in the country. It contains almost every known species. It does not make so large a show as ^{many} less valuable collections, for Mr. Tufts has aimed to make it complete rather than large. I am sure that if you see it, you will not fail to secure it. It is proper to add ^{that} the collection is to be sold simply because Mr. Tufts is not able, pecuniarily, to keep it.

If you desire it, I

will go with you to examine
it, whenever I can get a
couple of days of leisure.
Or, you can see it at
any time when Mr.
Tufts is at home, just
as well as though I were
with you.

I sincerely hope you
will not fail to see
it, before you purchase
a collection.

Yrs truly,
Samborn Tenney

P.S. If your Professor
of Mineralogy could go &
see it too, I should be
glad. S. T.

St. Home, Feb. 24. 1867.
Hon. Ezra Cornell.

Dear Sir,

My friend, Robt
Mr. Stratton, has a matter to bring
before the Legislature, for which he wants
the assistance of honorable members
who do not inquire, when a bill is
presented, "how much will it pay?"
I have therefore referred him to you,
because I know how readily you will
see that the measure he has in hand
is one to supply a great public want,
and to that end will lend him your aid
as a Senator.

Fifteen years' acquaintance with Mr.
Stratton has assured me that he is a man
worthy of your friendship, as well as mine.

Respectfully &c.

Olson Robinson.

(per M. J.)

Office of the Erie Railway Company,

New York, February 25th 1887

Sir

Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to enclose you
a Pass over the Erie Railway. Please accept
with my compliments.

Yours very truly,

Edw. H. Rensselaer

President.

W. C. F.

Ithaca Oct. 25th / 867

My dear Mr. Cornell

My chance
for going West next Summer is
excellent, now that Gray Woodward
, or rather, Putnam, has done so
well. Are there any more claims
for me to send on?

But in all earnest, dear Mr.
Cornell, I do feel so anxious for
my brother-in-law to come home
that I cannot help writing to beg
you to help me to write. My sister
Mrs. Plinius, has been with us all
winter, but now intends sailing for
home the 16th of next month. It is
in vain for me to hope that Mrs.
Plinius will settle in Ithaca unless
you appoint him Professor in your
little University. My father keeps

very infirm and it is impossible
for me to leave him at all.
My youngest brother started for
New Mexico this morning, and there
Mrs. Stubbs leaves I once again
be left entirely alone with my
Parents. Mr. P. has promised to return
if he should receive the Professorship
otherwise he may make arrangements
to remain abroad several years.
I am afraid you will think me
a great trouble, but I do so much
want to hear from you whether you
think Mr. Atkinson will be appointed and
when? so that my sister can carry to
her husband the assurance that he will
be needed here, and they may make
their arrangements accordingly.
We have been up to the University and
see that they have made great progress
since last fall. The Library is already

a blessing. My Mother enjoys visiting it almost every day. and as soon as the weather becomes warmer and settled I hope my father will go there. My love to Mrs. Cornell. We hope soon to see you among us again.

With the kindest and most respectful regards

I am

your friend

Melina Wheelock

Menomonie Wisconsin
February 28th 1867

Hon. Ezra Cornell
Albany New York -

Dear Sir,

Your kind favor
of Feby. 11th, referring to lands located & being
located for the "Cornell University" and in reply
to my letter of Jan. 28th, is at hand - I have
written to several of the members of our Legislature,
referring to your munificent endowment - to the
Cornell University and the project of making it a national
institution & not stating that you was desirous, or that
the Trustees of said University were desirous of having the
lands located in this state for its benefit, exempt from
taxation. 1st, Because I did not know that a bill for
that purpose had been introduced, 2^d, because they
might have thought I was writing in the interest of the
University - and therefore prompted by other than
such motives as should actuate one having only
in view the Educational interests of the State,

There is considerable excitement, in this valley over local legislation. Bills have been introduced into the Legislature of this state for damming of the Chippewa River at the falls, above Eau Claire, and Boring & Piering the same at Beef Slough below Durand. The Lumbermen of this County are strongly opposed to the latter measure. Petitions have been circulated and Hon Mr. Wilson of the firm of Knapp & Co. of this place is now in motion endeavoring to defeat the latter bill. If as is alleged, it will if passed obstruct if not destroy navigation. I apprehend that the agricultural & other interests of this County would be damaged thereby.

~~Confidential~~ I was asked if I thought you were interested in passage of said bill. I had no means of knowing - and could only state some - and that you might or might not. A mass meeting was called at this place to procure an expression of people. Resolutions passed opposing obstruction of navigation. I received a Copy of Local Laws of this State, ^{for 1866} yesterday & see by referring to some that a Bill was passed last Session, granting the right to parties to pier & Broom

Beef Slough - the incorporators are, many of them,
the same men who now oppose the passage of
the present bill - I was informed that a Bill was
passed at the last session to improve the naviga-
tion of the Chippewa - but have no intimation of
this other bill - In my mind it places us under
our Resolutions & objections urged, in a peculiar dilem-
ma - As I own no lands here I only act as I deem
^{our business men have procured a similar franchise will have nothing more to}
the interests of the people demand - and since I have learned that
^{say in the premises for or against either of said bills}

Without any R. Road and with no great highway
but the Chippewa River, it behooves us to keep that
channel open at least until we get another.

I am satisfied that this country will develop
slowly unless we have a R. Road and I see no pros-
pect at present at least of there being one
constructed - though I think in a very brief time
with a R. Road there would be material wealth
enough to make it pay - Dallas County (lying north of
this) I consider one of the best if not the best in North West - a
fine soil with some pine timber & much maple & a portion
of lying out of R. Road limits could be located with
little difficulty. Mr. Winterbotham has adopted this plan
considers that it is destined to become populated more

of Mr. Hunt
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rapidly than this and other adjoining Counties.

I hope you will find it for your interest
and the interest of the Cornell University to aid
in securing to us a R. Road - Without better prospects
of one being constructed - I feel that I shall consent
my own interests to go to some other place for
the better of my profession -

Hoping and believing that God will bless
and prosper you in your humanitarian, Christian
endeavors -

I am very truly yours,

Wm. Ezra Cornell }
Albany N.Y. }

S. W. Hunt

Menomonie

Dear Sir

Wis.

P.S. Any information that you may need & which I can
give you, I shall be happy at all times to communicate -

S. W. Hunt

Ithaca Aug 25-1867

How D. Cornell

I wrote to-day
to A.B. to send me check
for \$300 on Library Treasury
to supply the Reading Rooms
that sum having been so
appropriated by the Trustees.

Don't let him forget to do it
promptly as I am followed
up about it from all quarters
& won't make the subscriptions
till I can pay in advance & so
reduce prices.

I write this in haste in
the middle of a lawsuit.

Yrs Truly

J. M. Church

New York Feby 25, 1867

Hon Ezra Cornell

Dr Sir,

In accordance with your request I send herewith a letter embodying the general facts in relation to Best Sugar, the plan by which it is proposed to inaugurate its manufacture and the request that you will assume the Presidency of the proposed company.

It is a magnificent enterprise and with your aid its success is assured. The benefits that it would confer upon the country are incalculable. Practical, skilful and energetic business men ^{who} ~~are~~ have perfect faith in the Enterprise ^{and} are already and anxious to cooperate with you and would relieve you of care and labor in this cause to an extent that your acceptance of the Presidency would but slightly if at all interfere with your other responsibilities.

I shall do myself the honor to visit you at Albany early this week when I shall present some other facts for your consideration. Will you therefore please withhold your reply until I see you

Although I have no special permission

to any of the parties a list of whose names
 I annex yet they all believe in the feasibility
 of the enterprise and I have no doubt
 will confirm all that I have said to
 you.

Very Respectfully Yours

E. B. Grant.

R. L. A. Stuart	Sugar Refiners	N York
Francis Skiddy	" Merchant	"
W. H. Osborn	E. President Illinois C. R. R.	"
W. B. Ogden	Pres. Chicago & N. W.	"
J. M. Furley	Place & Furley Refiners	"
R. W. Bender	"	"
Prof J. G. Torrey	U. S. Army Office	"
Prof C. F. Chandler	Columbia College	"
Nashl. Thayer		Boston.
W. B. Stevens	Pres. Globe Bank	"
W. G. Wild of	W. F. Wild & Co	"
Elsha Atkins	Sugar Importer	"
Hon Jm. Shute		"
B. H. Bartol	Refiner	Phil a
Menick & Sons	Sugar Machinery	"

Sam E Cornell

Dear Sam

The one thousand
Dollar note falls due this
day and I have made a
new one which the Bank will
discount with your name
not as before — Sam —

Yours truly —

Horatio L. Emery

Albany N.Y. 26-

1867 —

I did not think to attend to it
yesterday —————

Mr Cornell

Dear Sir

I live in one of
your houses, near the water care, and
my husband, John Dillon worked
for you as a mason. I have never
failed to pay my rent, and to day
Mr Hooker tells me, that I must
be out of the house by the first of
May, or he will put me out.

My husband died this winter, and
I am now a widow with one child,
and I cannot believe that you will
compel me to leave the house as long as
I pay the rent. He says that he is
going to put George Snyder in.
Mrs Dillon.

26.2-67

Dear Sir

I send you a few
copies of the Wisconsin Map,
reduced small. That on the
map paper is the best &
will cost much less than
on the fine letter paper, should
you want a number.

I also send a few
Punches.

The P. & W. Railroad has
not yet been transferred to the
state to my satisfaction. I
will send a copy in a day
or two.

I ordered the power press
& hope to have the men here
erecting it, by the end of the
week.

Yours truly,
J. E. Cornell

Yours truly,
J. E. Cornell

First Nat. Bank
Attn. Feb. 27 1867

Howland

Sir

Your enclosing note
of Chapley Hopkins & Robbins for \$1000
enclosed by you is recd

I have sold but \$700 of those
Western Union Bonds. The sale seems
to be over for the present.

I think business will be fair
during the season so soon to
commence. I do not look for a
very large business however

Yours Resp

H. B. Lord Cashier

Private

Madison, Wisconsin
February 27th 1867.

My dear Sir:

I wrote you a few days ago in reply to yours of the 11th inst. Since then, and at the present time, the directors of the Tomah and Saint Louis Rail Road Company are convened here, and I have had conversation with them, individually in regard to your Wisconsin enterprises.

Now a word in regard to myself, and entirely in my own behalf. I feel that I can do you some good in the State, and that I would like, an Agency and Attorneyship from you. My

A. D. Barrow
Feb 27. 67

residence at Falls Saint Louis,
my acquaintance through the
State and with its public
men, are among the reasons
that lead to this. I would be
glad to receive a favorable
response at your convenience.

Yours Truly,

A. D. Barrow

Howe Ezra Cornell,
State Senate,
Albany N. Y.

Allion Feb 27 1867

Dear brother

I do want some new carpets this Spring so much and I cannot get them here. If you will buy me 100 yards of Brussels (I think you can get good enough for \$1.50 or two dollars per yard I do not want Extravagant ones) I will pay the bill over sixty dollars which is the amount which we advanced to pay the girls expenses at school last year above what we received as you will see by their bill.

I will send you the money or pay it here for them as you direct, do not do anything about it if it will trouble you

you much but - send me
the balance you owe us on
the girls account - and I will
go to Detroit and get them
I do not want you to think
I am begging for I am not.
It would be a great accomodation
to me to have the carpets purchased
in Albany or New-York as I think
they would be much less than
I would have to pay in Detroit
and I would save my expenses
to Detroit & back. Ella has been
sick with a cold and under
the doctors care I believe she
is better now. We think the
girls improve very much.

I had a letter from Daniel
Cornell he writes with blue
letters. he is poor and in poor
health I wish I was able to give
him a home. he says he froze one
of his feet last winter

James Finch folks are very much
pleased with their new farm
and are all well. Hiram
folks are all well
off there any new developments
in W. U. stock I wish you
would post us we rec the Jan
Div. how are they succeeding
in retuning stock and what
effect will the Gov plan have
on our stock I see it still
continues to run down
Osborn is going to house purpony
in the spring. Roberts folks are
also intending to go away too
if R can find any thing to
do It seems very hard to get
any business that will support
a family they feel very poor.
are you & family going to Europe
next summer We do not expect
to go I suppose the Finch will be
disappointed not to see us at the

Phibe - Feb 21. 67

Great Exhibition. I suppose
you have all had a gay
happy winter in Albany.
I wish to be remembered
with much love to all
the family, and hope to
hear from you soon

Your Loving Sister
Phibe Good

Fort Casper. D.T.
Feby 27th 1867-

Mr Ezra Cornell-

Dear Sir-

I see in the New York Tribune that you have been founding the "Cornell University" in dear old Ithaca - The Lake Country & especially old Tompkins, is endeared to me by many ties & recollections - I was born at the "Head of Seneca" & was brought up and lived in Tompkins until I went to West Point as a Cadet in 1848 - My Mother's Father was Genl Judge Robert Croswort of Hector, deceased for many years - My Father, Doct Moses C Kellogg, lived, until about the time I went to West Point, in Newfield - and my Grand Father Kellogg is still living there; besides I have many relatives in the County - I was studying Law in Ithaca at the time I was appointed a Cadet - I shall never forget Ithaca, nor the beautiful Cayuga - It is my hope that when I am no longer fit for Service, I may be allowed to spend my last days on its banks - But all this is not exactly to the point, so please excuse it, though I deemed it in a measure somewhat necessary - The point is, that I have a son, now 11 years old, whom I desire to be well educated - I have thought of sending him to Germany - to Doroden - but reading your University, I determined to first write you, and respectfully request you to be so kind as to give me full information about it - Viz - Branches Taught - Board - Clothing - Age of

pupils record - Cost of Tuition, Board etc -

Harry - my Boy - is now at his Grand Father's in Ohio. His education has been somewhat neglected, owing to former delicate health. He is now however quite rugged & hearty - He is a fair writer & reader - and has a fair knowledge of Geography, Grammar, Arithmetic and Drawing - Should I send him to Ithaca, I should wish him to live in a quiet and respectable family in order that he might be surrounded by the Home influence of a virtuous family - Harry is now a very correct boy - Manly, Truthful and honorable - Of course, I wish him to remain such - I suppose some modern languages are taught - as French, German & Spanish - Please give me full information and very much oblige -

Most Sincerely Yours -

L. M. Kellogg -

Bot Major U. S. A. - +

Capt 18th U. S. Inf -

L. M. Kellogg
27. Feb. 17

Ithaca Feb 27/1869
Mr Cornell

Dear Sir

I write
to trouble you with a re-
quest which I hoped we
should not have to make so
soon. It is that you would
endorse another note for us of
sufficient amount to cover
those falling due in the Bank,
(one for three hundred dollars
on the 21st of March and one
for fifteen hundred on the 7th of
April next) and leave us
something over to work with.
This will require at least
twenty five hundred dollars.
~~Making~~ Two separate notes
of this amount - one for ten hundred
and one for fifteen hundred

would save us a month's interest
on the last named sum
if you think it proper to send
us the endorsed forms of
two such notes you will greatly
oblige us by doing so—
Mr Pitkin ^{for Christy} kindly offered
~~to~~ send us some money when
we should need it— but knowing
that he failed to receive a
considerable sum on whose
receipt he calculated we
do not like to ask him for it
just now— and so apply to
you. We are still working with
but two men besides ourselves
and the boy and of course
progressing but slowly; this
though according to your expressed
desire will make it the more
necessary that we bestir ourselves
immediately if you intend to
build any on the house this

Coming Summer. Mr
Pitkin is cutting caps and
some other work for the piazzas
to which I hope you will have
no objection. It is still too
early in the season to judge
of our prospects in regard to
general work. As our
imagination are yet free to paint
them in the most rosiest colors they
please. Hoping you may
find nothing unreasonable or
inconvenient in our request
I remain yours respectfully
J. Van Hook

Office of the Binghamton Iron Works.

Binghamton, N. Y. Feb'y 27th 1867

Hon E Canell

Sir

Yours of the 25th is before me. I did not mean to be inconsistent. I wrote in reference to the present Bridge bill which has passed the House & took it for granted that it would pass the Senate in some form. It would be decidedly better for the interests of this place to let that old Charter expire, if you had not chartered another Bridge last session only a few rods above the old one. Now if the old one is not rechartered the new Co. will build their bridge & divert the business to the upper part of the place & the old Bridge will go down as it is very old & must be rebuilt by some body. And as the people are divided upon the question of a free Bridge owing to our present very heavy taxes. It would be next to impossible to carry such a project through, as long as there is a safe Bridge to crop upon. If the old Bridge is rechartered for a few years the new Co.

will not build & will thus forfeit their
Charter & then we can get a free
Bridge. The Charter granted last
winter, was obtained in view of these
Circumstances, & with the expectation
of preventing the renewal of the old
Charter & thus obtain possession of
a valuable franchise - For there
is no need of 3 Bridges across that
river. You recollect I wrote you
that the petitioners for that Charter
were asking it for speculative purposes
& nothing else - If that Charter could
be wiped out we would gladly petition
you & our body to let us alone & let the
old Charter expire.

Our business & every other interest of the place
would be greatly benefited by a free Bridge
if it could be had under existing Circum-
stances

Yours Truly
P. A. Hopkins

P. A. Hopkins
27 Feb 67

Wm V. Brown
28 Feb 67

Harmon Village Seneca Co NY
Feb 28/67

Hon E. Cornell

D. Sir.

I send you herewith
an article cut from the Chicago
Republican of the 21st inst - It will
speak for itself -

My object in writing you is to
suggest the peculiar importance and
necessity of teaching this branch of science
in your Agricultural College, and
the suggestions made by Mr. Almy to
the Chicago Legislature I would
fully endorse -

I feel an interest in the prosperity
and success of your Institution; if for
no better reason than that I am a
native of Ithaca and shall ever be
proud to see the place of my early
home flourish - Mr. Almy is a resident
of this place, and has devoted much

of his time for the past 25 years
in studying and tracing out the
instincts of the Insect race - He
has a large collection of specimens
and I consider his Cabinet of such
value; and I understand that he is
willing to dispose of the same for
the benefit of the Community, although
he has offers to sell to Institutions
located elsewhere - I know Mr.
Almy well, and really think that
he has a wonderful fund of information
which is of exceeding value, and
which should in some manner be
perpetuated for the benefit of
Mankind - I would like you to
see the man, and to see his Cabinet
and to secure his services if the thing
can be done.

Yours with respect,

Amos V. Brown

Dear Sir,

My friend Mr
Corning of whom I spoke to
you last eve is here, and I
wish to solicit the favor of an
interview not to exceed ten minutes
in length. I have been to
see Hon. Charles Corning and
desire to communicate the result
of that interview. I wish to
leave at 3.10 and if you can
give me a few moments in the
Sergeants room where I now am,
I should be much obliged.

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Very Respy Yours
E. B. Grant

Hon Ezra Cornell

THE BROOKLYN DAILY UNION,

No. 10 FRONT STREET.

Feb. 7 8 1864

My Dear Sir
I beg you
to excuse me for
not calling to thank
you for your kind aid
to my mission in
Albany, & my excuse
is that I left almost
immediately after the
close of my interview
with the Governor.

I find by consulting
the law that the Gov-
ernor was mistaken in
supposing the next
Com^{rs} will be appointed
two years from date;
if it one year, the Gov^{rnor}

E. Carry

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Being appointed Jan
1, 2, 3 & 4 you re-
spectively.

So we shall take
the Commr's advice
& be forewarned in being
forewarned.

Very Truly Yours
Edward Cary

New York Feby 28th 1867

Hon Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

Enclosed you will please find Circular in relation to Our Western Land Agency

I was very sorry when last in Albany I had not the time to spare to have awaited your leisure (Having promised my family to be at Home by Saturday night) as I had intended to have given you a complete description of the most available Lands for locating both in Agricultural and Pine Timbered throughout the Western States

I have duly appreciated your very Philanthropic Gifts for the Advancements of the Mechanic Arts and Agricultural Science in your State during the past and was desirous to add my mite so that your praise worthy efforts would have the greatest possible success, was gratified however to learn that you had located some but Pine Timbered lands. I certainly think that for a general location for the purposes you intended Pine Timbered lands judiciously selected will within a given time command much more in Market than any other selections you could have made in the public Lands

Whilst conversing with you you incidentally made enquiries in relation to the most available Farming lands open for location in the Western States, and think I told you that the lands in Kansas and Nebraska with a portion of Southern Minnesota would be much the most profitable, I myself greatly prefer Kansas and Nebraska before any other portion of the West at present for a profitable location, the lands in those two States have a central location, a most excellent climate, with the very best of Soil Water and Timber in the Eastern and Southern portions, Farm produce will command higher prices for 12 years to come than they would from 300 to 400 miles further East on account of their proximity to the Gold bearing Territories, besides the great impetus given to improvements and a consequent rise in well selected Real Estate during the construction and completion of the Central and Southern Branch of the Pacific Railroad, An Early selection

I have nothing at Home this winter Address me either at Sugar Grove Warren County Pa or my Box 6000 New York City

in those two States this coming season could not fail in becoming soon a very
profitable investment, I should select none but the most choice Bottom
lands along Streams having the best soil for farming with all the good Timber
You are probably aware that the Timber is exclusively confined to the Streams
And that there are little if any Swamp lands in those two States, Some lands
with the best of Soil Timber and Water are worth Ten times the value of lands laying
back and without either, Having resided in those two States during five years
being engaged exclusively in examining the best portions of the Country as to prepare
Myself for this my business I can locate for Yourself or any of your Friends to the
greatest possible advantage, And as I told you I would select Center and pay
all expenses at Land Office and furnish a complete description of each Quarter
Section at Ten Cents per Acre, I will here say that an early selection of those
lands would be advisable as the Choicest will be taken from Government this season
Mr Cornell please allow me to give you some of the reasons why I desire you
to give me \$1 or 100000 Acres to locate this coming season, All business have
their difficulties more especially when Capital is lacking to carry it ^{on} successfully
I followed the mercantile business in Warren Pa for 12 years went West in 1849
and followed the same occupation there My Wife usually attending to the
business whilst I was examining and exploring the Country, whilst residing in
Southern Kansas during the war the guerrillas from Missouri on account of my
radical opinions during my absence burned my House with all the Stocks of
Goods I had thus leaving me almost penniless having some Eight thousand Dollars
which I intended to have used in this Agency, I have since occasionally given
lectures upon the West but having no Scientific education I had intended whilst
carrying on my business this winter to have studied ^{in New York City} Geology Mineralogy and
botany but for want of means I am unable as this would have enabled me to have
given much profitable lectures next winter I do considerable business with
those who desire to settle upon Homesteads but it has cost me considerable thus far
to start my business, do the best you can for me and you will oblige yours truly H. J. Allen

Rocky Hill, N.Y. 1867.
Hon. E. Cornell

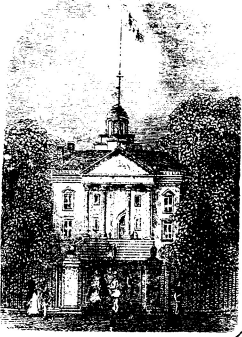
Dear Sir

Old. I am
the bearer, visit Albany in
the hope of getting through the
Legislature a Bill to give
the right of control in the
Park, Harlem Valley R. R. to
the holders of majority of the
Stock. Now it is otherwise.
But the principle cannot be
set for is so obviously just
that I trust you will
give the Bill your sup-
port, notwithstanding
your being rather to
the "Southern Tier" inter-
est! Our City has suf-
fered largely in the

Matter: & as our Taxes
vary from $5\frac{1}{2}$ to 8
per cent. I beg you
will understand what
little relief is asked
in this matter.

I write you a private
letter to Mr. about
the graphi matter.

Respectfully
Yours.



STATE OF NEW YORK.

Senate Chamber.

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Wm Ezra Cornell
Dear Sir.

Allow me to
introduce to your favorable acquaintance
J. C. Cary Esq of New York City I trust that
my own slight acquaintance with you will still
be sufficient ~~to justify~~ to justify this liberty

Respectfully Yours
A. M. Cowley

Feb 1867.

To the Trustees of the Cornell University
Gentlemen

Since our last meeting
The work on our building has gone
forward with unabated vigor.

The mason work on the exterior
walls continued until the severity
of winter rendered it impossible
to lay good and substantial work.

The south section of the building
has the exterior walls completed.
The roof on, the chimneys carried
up to the roof ready to be finished
as soon as the weather will per-
mit.

The Carpenter and joiners have been
able to work in the south section
of the building during the winter
and have made much progress with
their work. The windows are in,
the floors nearly all laid, and
many of the partitions between the
rooms are up. I see nothing to
prevent the completion of this sec-
tion during the month of April.

The Center section of the building
has the ~~exterior~~ walls nearly com-
pleted to the reception of the roof

The Cornell University

Library

Mr. Ezra Cornell

President of the Board of Trustees

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and the roof timbers were framed ready to be placed on the walls, our work more of warm weather at the beginning of winter would have been sufficient for the contractor to have placed the roof on the building.

This roof can be put on during the month of March, the Chimney erected, and this section be turned over to the joiner for completion.

The masonry of the North Section of the building is so far advanced that it can be finished in April which will be in time to secure the completion of the building by the time of the expiration of the contract which is on the 30th of June.

I am gratified to be able to report that in the main the work has been satisfactory, though constant watching has been necessary to prevent the masons from setting stones on their edge and thus exposing a slab side to the weather. I had occasion also to complain of the lack of suitable ties in the roof to give it requisite strength. Mr Thomas who has this contract assured me that the defect

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should be properly remedied, and I trust that it has been done. If not I will see that it is done.

The contract price for ~~building~~ erecting this building, and furnishing all the material, is \$58,425. It is likely that "extras" which the contractor will be entitled to receive pay for will carry the sum to an aggregate of \$60,000, as the entire cost of the building.

The contract was made with Mr J. N. Greene of Medina N.Y., and its fulfilment guaranteed by Mr Abram H. Greene a brother and Mr Swinett B. Greene a cousin living at Fordonia N.Y. Mr Finch who made enquiry as to the responsibility of these gentlemen was satisfied as to the result and they are believed to be responsible to make the contract good.

The contract provides that ten percent of the contract price shall be withheld until the building is completed and the contract closed. Mr Greene has recently informed me that he cannot conveniently go on with the work without the use of

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this margin to pay his men as the work progresses.

I have already taken steps to obtain the permission of his sureties that this margin of ten per cent may be paid to him, without invalidating their contract as bondsmen, and await your instructions as to what further shall be done.

The amount paid to Mr Greene, and for which we have in some way become responsible for ~~amount~~ is about \$44,728.42 leaving \$15,271.58 yet to be paid as the work progresses, and when the building is completed.

It appears to me that we have thus far paid fully as fast as the work has progressed, if not faster, in advance of the work.

It may be proper for the Trustees to consider the propriety of vesting the building Committee with adequate authority to proceed with the work of completing the building on the contingency of a failure of the contractor to complete his job.

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It is also proper for the Trustees to consider what shall be done with the farm during the current year and make provisions for its being worked.

It is also very desirable that arrangements be made for the erection of another building the present year, suited for a cabinet library and lecture rooms.

Our prospective resources for such building are as follows.

Our income from building fund to the 1st Nov 1867 will be \$70,000.

Cost of present building \$60,000

Architect and other expenses say 2,000 62,000

Leaving a balance of ——— \$8,000

The amount which it is hoped the State will restore to the Trustees for the sum required to be paid to the Jersey College = 25,000

The income from building

fund to May 1. 1868 —

17,500

Making the sum of

\$50,500

which it is believed is sufficient to pay for the proposed building —

There will be also a necessity for dwellings for the Professors, which

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~~also~~ must be provided at an early day.

I have nothing new to report in relation to the location of lands. I am gratified however by the frequent receipt of evidence of the value of the lands that we have already located. We have received information of the sale of four quarter section, all that we had in Township 31 - 8 at the price of \$5. per acre. This sale was made to a mill owner on the river below, and classes as second and third rate as compared with the bulk of our previous entries.

We are progressing satisfactorily with the purchase of the ~~low~~ lands around the locality which we have selected for a town site, and where we have already secured the best water power now unoccupied in the west, and we shall soon be prepared to present this enterprise to the consideration of capitalists and have confidence that they will recognise it as a favorable opportunity to make profitable investments.

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and that we shall very soon consummate the sale of 100,000 acres of our pine lands, at the sum of five dollars per acre,

For further information in relation to this enterprise I refer to the maps and prospectus which we have in preparation, to illustrate the subject, and which will be published as soon as our purchases are secure in Wisconsin -

The income of the college land fund, thus far amounts to \$9,000 appropriated at the last session of the Legislature to the Trustees of the University payable on the 1st of Oct last, but which has not yet been paid to the Treasurer ^{of the institution}. There will be in the Treasury of the State \$14,000 ~~and~~ of such income which will be appropriated by the present Legislature. This fund will be increased as the balance of the sale is drawn from the Comptroller for location -

Report of the
Executive Com-
mittee in Relation
to Second building--

Presented by
Mr. Andrus

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(On another copy
dated Sept. 26, 1867)

The Executive Committee to which was referred, with power to act, the question of the erection of another College Building have consulted informally and yet in such manner as to ascertain the respective views of the members and finding that the Treasurer was likely to have the funds necessary for that object

Resolved, that it was proper to proceed at once with the erection of a second building to be a duplicate of the first in size, external finish and appearance, with such modifications in the interior arrangement of the middle section as the probable wants of the Faculty will demand. Such erection to proceed under the direction and management of the Building Committee and in such manner as they may determine.

W. ANDRUS