

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

Albany, March 1—1867

My Dear Sir

Your favor is at hand of Feb 24th—
referring to our application for the exemption
of lands entered for the Cornell University
from taxation while they are held for
the interest of said institution—

I know that the execution of my
plans will result in giving Wisconsin
a full and ample equivalent for the
loss of tax resulting from the exemption.

In fact it will give the State more
taxable property than it will withdraw
from taxation

I am already negotiating the sale
of 100,000. Acres of the land I have entered
conditioned upon its improvement to a
Company that will add a million of
dollars to the taxable property of Wisconsin
in less than five years.

These lands will at once be withdrawn from
the exemption provision if the bill passes.

Most of the lands that I have entered will thus be subject to taxation in third hands within two years, whether the exemption bill passes or not. That is not the question.

The point is this, Will the State of Wisconsin by a wise and liberal policy, make it for the interest of the Cornell University that I should enter more of our College Scrip in that State.

I should prefer to keep my entries as much concentrated as possible and your action will determine my policy.

There will be a million of acres of College lands entered in Wisconsin, it is for your Legislature to determine who shall enter it.

Speculators who will manage it for individual gain, or the founder of the Cornell University, who will also invest large sums in improvement to make the lands ~~available~~ valuable for that Institution. — The Gov — of your State favors the sale of the land at \$1. to \$1.25 — and such is the policy of your State in the sale of its College lands, I think this unwise policy for Wisconsin and for her Colleges. If the friends of education would invest their funds in a manner

that it would enhance the value of those lands to five dollars, per acre, both the State and the College would be better off.

This is what I propose to do. I do it for the interest of the Cornell University.

The State of Wisconsin is as much benefited by my improvements as if I made them directly for the benefit of that State.

In short Wisconsin will increase her taxable property, by this wise liberality, in exempting our College lands from taxation.

The difficulty in the case is to make your legislators believe that I am in earnest and will do as I agree, for evidence of this I can only refer to my past history and character.

Yours Respectfully
Erna Cornell

Hon H. B. Barron

Madison

Wis

New York March 1st 1867

Hon Ezra Cornell

Albany

My dear Sir

It was my
firm intention to come to Albany to see ^{you} ^{specifically}
but I am prevented from doing it & as I am
about making out my last will & can of death
& would like to make a disposition of my large
collection of minerals, the proceeds of which
I desire to bequeath after my death to ~~the~~ ^{several}
charitable institutions & I thought best
to address you on the subject before putting the
finishing stroke upon the instrument.

I beg to propose to you to supply your college
with a collection of minerals, fossils &c
not less than 10000 specimens for the
sum of \$10000 & I will state that I have
been offered for my small bureau containing
about 800 specimens, the sum of \$1500 & will arrange
the whole cabinet & pack it up labelled & ready
for setting up whenever the college is ready to
receive it. If you can communicate to me your
views on the subject I would like it much;
for I intend to send to leave my collection to the
city of New York, awaiting your reply

I remain Your old friend

John French Trauger M.D.

Athens March 1st 1867

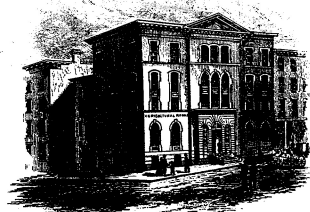
Hon. E. Cornell

Dear Sir

I have examined
the collection of shells
belonging to Mr Garrett,
I estimate that there are
about 3000 specimens.
They are in good order
and properly labelled and would
be an acquisition for
a cabinet, being mainly
Pacific Ocean Shells -

Mr. G. desires to sell them
and I presume for a reasonable
price - I am very Respectfully
Yours obt servant
James Hall

STATE OF NEW YORK.



(Agricultural Rooms.)

Albany, March 11th 1867

Hon Ezra Cornell.

My Dear Sir

I am truly thankful
for the contribution received from you
through Mr J. A. Sheldon. The testimonial from
the gentlemen united with you is most grateful
and will be remembered for all time to come -

The assurance of the cordial and hearty
response from those who have subscribed
is most gratifying and I have the assurance
that our association has ever been pleasant,
and I trust we have not labored in
vain in the good work in which we
have been engaged

I am most respectfully

Yours.

W. H. Johnson

Ithaca, March, 1867.

SIR:

By the act approved March 21, 1867, you are required (on or before the 1st Monday of March) to make a list or return under oath, of the amount of your income, &c., for the year ending December 31, 1866. And also of all Carriages, Gold Watches, Billiard Tables, and Gold and Silver Plate, liable to tax. And also of your liability to pay a Special or License tax. You are therefore hereby notified to make such return forthwith at my office, corner of Tioga and Owego Streets. In case of neglect, I am required to add fifty per cent. to the amount of your assessment.

Observe.—Persons holding Licenses up to 1st day of May next, are required *to apply at once*, and take out new licenses for ten months,—that is from May 1st to March 1st next.

Blanks will be furnished and any assistance required in making returns.

OFFICE HOURS FROM 10, A. M. TO 4, P. M.

Resp'l'y Yours, &c.,

ALFRED WELLS,

Assistant Assessor,

1st Div., 26th Dist., N. Y.

A. Wells
Bremen

Recd Senate Chamber
Albany Apr 19. 67. and
Telegraphed Mr Cornell
at once to attend to this
E. Cornell

New York Jan 2nd 1867
Ezra Cornell Senator &c {
Est^d Friend {

Enclosed Please find
Solon Robinson's letter of introduction, which
refers to a bill, that myself and friends,
felt is a necessity for this City, it is
entitled "The American Dividend & Trust Co
to which I refer thee for details, and
any assistance thou can render, and
the assistance of friends to forward its
passage will be appreciated by myself
and friends, and for any information
thou can give me that is necessary
for me to know, what I can do to forward
the passage of the Bill, I will be
obliged by thy addressing me at
No 167 East 18th Street New York

very respectfully
R. M. Stratton

1703 Walnut St
Phil^a (March 2/67)

Dear Sir:

My sister Mr. Burke has been in hopes of visiting Ithaca with her son since they came from Scrabble, but Willie's studies keep him so close at Pennsylvania Arsenal that he only occasionally gets in for two or three hours in an evening to see us, & so this will be the case for some time, I now write to request you to have the papers for the land on the West Hill, which you are purchasing from me, sent on here as soon as possible, when they will be properly signed &c as you may direct. I should be very much obliged if you could let me have them the coming week.

Dr. Beebe is keeping house for
Willie at the Arsenal, & is very
happy to be with him again.

I know you will be glad to hear
that he has invented a new fuse
for large smooth bore projectiles,
which promises to bring him
some fame as well as something
more substantial in time.

A patent is secured in this country,
& we hope to get them in the
principal countries of Europe.

He is really an uncommonly
fine young man, & I think
may be proud of his young
satchel. -

Yours respectfully,
Elizabeth Cary

Hon. Ezra Cornell

Ithaca March 3/67
Mr Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir my men
~~men~~ want to know
when I am going to work
on the Cascadilla place I dont
know what to say to them
will you write me about it
yours truly
Sam Halliday

Ezra Cornell
Sennet Chamber
Albany

Dr J. S. Parker

4 March 1887 Ithaca N.Y.

March 4th 1887

Hon E Cornell Dear Sir,
While in Washington I had
occasion with Hon J. B. Grinnell
of Iowa to apply for minerals
& shells for Iowa College, at
my brother's request.

I noticed that the Geograph
Corps of the North Pacific have
sent valuable & rare birds & shells.

So I wrote to suggest that
you at once apply for a suit of
specimens, from the Smithsonian
of the shells, mollusks &
birds of the North Pacific.

You are doubtless aware that the
order went via Atlantic cable
stopping the Russian & American
cable & Telegraph line, & that
a messenger left last Friday
for the Amoor River to stop
that line last Friday. So that
if Cornell University fails to
get these specimens, they

probably cannot be soon had again.

In your letter object to my being a candidate before an army soldier. I fear that you never will appreciate me. Was I not in the army? Did I not drop over 4000 of our wounded from the Wilderness to the sieged Petersburg. A soldier had his pay & was exposed not often. I met the danger for weeks, & was fired on in duty. I came back sick & did nothing for eight months, & am yet not well by my army exposure. The soldier has his pay & bounty & pension. I recite of these, yet who did the most. I doubt not your judgment & good will - but your reason for it was simply cruelly unjust. Your candidate has had thousands in money. I never one cent for as great danger & duty. Cordially yours J. F. Parker

Albany Mar 4. 67

Hon J. C. Bond

I learn that you are applying for the charter for a booming co to locate a boom at Paint Creek

I write to inform you that an interest which I represent is interested alike with yourself in the proposed improvement, but we are not sufficiently acquainted with locations to judge of the proper location for such improvements, and believing that the same boom would be useful to all interests alike if properly located, — I would suggest whether you could not leave the location of the boom to be fixed upon by the directors of the company and not fix it in the charter.

If this meets your views, it would leave the improvement in a shape that we might be able to cooperate with you in its execution.

I have entered some pine lands and some farming lands, in the Counties of Clark, Eau Claire, Chippewaug, Dunn and Dallas, for the "Cornell University". I selected Wisconsin for these locations having been assured by influential Citizens of that State, who knew something of my plans for founding and endowing a strong Educational Institution, where the Industrial classes could secure the best facilities for obtaining a thorough practical Education. That my plans for improving and settling the lands in order to render them valuable for the University, would be of great value to the State of Wisconsin and would be regarded by her Legislature as an ample equivalent for the exemption of the lands from taxation while held by me for the University.

A Bill to that effect passed the Assembly last Winter and failed in the Senate only by an inadvertency, as I was informed by one of your State Officers,

Thus encouraged I was induced to make my entries in your State in preference to others. I now learn that opposition is indicated and I must suspend operations untill I can see the action of your Legislature before I proceed to make farther locations.

My plans contemplate the investment of large sums of money so as to enhance the value of the lands I have entered, and secure their early sale and settlement.

I don't propose to impoverish the country by cutting the timber and running the logs to market and then abandon the lands to the tax sales, but I propose to enrich the country by manufacturing the pine into boards and other wood into whatever they are best adapted for and thus build up an industrial community that will produce wealth from industry applied to the material resources of the country, and give stability to the settlements and to society.

If the natural resources of the valley of the Chippeway are wisely developed that valley will become one of the richest sections of the State, and the Falls of the Chippeway will become one of her largest and wealthiest manufacturing cities of the State. I engage in this enterprise wholly in behalf of education, I make not a dollar for myself. I have given bonds for a large amount to the State of New York, binding myself, my heirs executors and administrators, to pay over to the Cornell University every dollar that I may make from these lands.

It seems to me that it must be apparent to any man that such an enterprise cannot be prosecuted without largely benefiting the State and County in which it is located, and the taxable property resulting from the improvements will largely exceed the amount that would be assessable to the lands I ask to have exempted.

I hope you will understand this question so as to discover the interest of your County as well as State in dealing liberally with me in this matter.

Yours Respectfully

Ezra Cornell

New York: March 4th 1867

Hon. Ezra Cornell.

Sir:

Mr. Osburne was good enough to inform me that you expressed a wish to have one of our small binocular Telescopes sent you for the purpose of having it examined by the gentlemen of the Albany observatory, and we would do so at once only that the construction being new involves the necessity of a little practice to insure the skillful handling of its adjustments; and I would therefore like - if it be agreeable to you - to be present at the examination, as I do not feel sure that I could write such a description of the mode of managing the instrument as would obviate the necessity of some practice even by those already accomplished in the handling

of the single instrument.

If this arrangement meet with your approval, and you will let me know when it will be convenient for you to attend to the matter I will come to Albany.

The telescopes are two inches aperture and twenty seven inches focus and if it were convenient to compare them with one of like capacity the difference would be readily perceptible.

Respectfully
yours &c.

Chas B. Boyle.

The Western Union Telegraph Company.

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J. H. WADE, Pres't.

O. H. PALMER, Sec'y, Rochester, N. Y.

ANSON STAGER, Gen'l Sup't, Cleveland, O.

To *Am Cornell* No. *23* From *Milwaukee* Dated *4*
Rec'd *March 4 1868* 1868 A.M.

*C thinks he can get you
one to be sent tomorrow*

S. Robertson

Wm Supt. Telegraph

Albany Mar 4, 67

Hon Lem Hubbard

My Dear Sir

You are probably aware that I have founded at Ithaca an institution of learning upon a broad and liberal basis for the practical education of the industrial classes. The College land grant of Congress was the basis of this enterprise.

I proposed to the State of New York that I would donate to the establishment of a University at Ithaca, half a million of dollars if the State would donate to the same institution the proceeds of the sale of the College land scrip.

The Legislature accepted the proposition and chartered the "Cornell University". I gave to the Trustees \$500,000, and the board was organized. I then gave them a farm of 200 acres the De Witt farm East hill between Cuscadilla and Fall Creek, upon which the buildings are being erected, and I gave them also the Jewett cabinet for which I paid \$10,000.

Next came the question of land scrip, the proceeds of which the State was to give. This was selling at from fifty to sixty cents per acre, at which price it would produce less than half a million of dollars for the University.

Not being willing to have it sold at such prices I bought the scrip at sixty cents per acre and gave bonds to the State that I would pay over to the University all profits arising from the location and sale of the lands.

I determined to locate the lands where I best could for the interest of the University, and where I could render them more valuable, by making such improvements as would lead

to their early settlement, and by selecting and forwarding good settlers to occupy them.

Being assured by influential gentlemen of Wisconsin that they would regard it for the interest of their State to exempt such lands from taxation while thus held for the University, thereby securing the contemplated improvements for their State.

A Bill was introduced in the Leg. of Wisconsin at the last Session to ~~this effect~~ ^{thus} exempt such lands. It passed the House and failed in the Senate. I was assured by State Officers at Madison that it would undoubtedly pass at this Session. I now learn there is a lively opposition to it.

I write thus fully to you hoping to make you understand my position fully and secure your aid in behalf of the passage of an act exempting our lands and thus aiding the cause of Education without any sacrifice to any interest in your own State.

If the Legislature deals liberally with us in this matter I shall send half a million dollars to Chippewa County the present Year to make such improvements in manufacturing as are most likely give value and induce settlement on those lands. This capital will be subject to taxation, and will soon develop other taxable property far greater than the amount to be exempt by the act in question.

I have still 600,000 acres of scrip to enter, but have suspended operations awaiting the action of the Legislature.

I cannot doubt for a moment that it is the interest of the state of Wisconsin to manifest such a degree of liberality towards us as will secure our future locations, and thereby secure the capital we shall invest to render them valuable.

This policy I am sure will enhance rather than diminish the taxable ~~property~~ valuation of the Counties in which we shall inaugurate improvements and induce settlements.

If you can aid me in this matter you will confer a favor that I shall take pleasure in reciprocating when an opportunity offers.

Yours Respectfully

Esra Cornell

Washington City, D.C.
March 5, 1867

Sir,

My attention was, the other day,
called to the fact of an Institution
Established under your Aus-
pices, called The "Cornell University".
Though I am not informed as to
its particular character, aims, or its
locality - I trust you would inform
me. I take the liberty, mean-
while, to enclose a Programme
of Lectures which I propose to
deliver on the important issues
of the day. Peradventure you
might wish them for the benefit
of the students of your University.

Very Respectfully

Yours Obediently

Wm. B. E. Bond

Henry Sherman

Metropolitan Hotel N.Y.

Mich. 5th 1867.

Hon. E. Cornell

Albany

Dear Sir

Yesterday

I mailed to you a pamphlet
containing The History of the
Tombaque Lake-St. Louis R.R. -

I called on D. A. Baldwin Esq
25 Pine St. the Contractor and
he expresses great confidence
in his being able to commence
work on the road in three
or four weeks & to build the
whole line in two years, all
of which he proposes to give
satisfactory evidence of within ten
days, if he fails in going on
with the work I will advise you

Yours truly John A. Knapp

Robt Howell
5 Mar 67

Nichols, Martha ^{to} 5/67

Dear Sir

I much obliged to
for your very kind letter & photo-
graph received last Dec. The busi-
ness I value much

Mr George Cooper of
Apalachicola request me to say to
you he would be glad to get a
copy of N.Y. Civil List. Cooper is
one of your best friends, a farmer
& lumberman & was till last year
an acting Justice of the Peace a steady
ly honest & temperance man a
man you or I would not be ashamed
of in any place

What little Spain money I have is
lent on a majority of it with only
hole, against different individuals,
but I am getting Sir ~~with~~ such
management I am already trouble

with one note & will have more
now what is the best way to
invest it U.S. Bonds and of what
denomination & how long is the pre-
sum now I have a few bonds in Co
Bonds but they will have to be in
two or three years let me hear from
you on the subject

If you should have a number
of vol of Civil War I would be glad

That 2 vol of Adjutant General
Report I have not got yet you sent
me vol 1 in Jan 1866 I think I will
send to the office

Respectfully Yours
Richard Howell

How E. Lowell

Director of N.Y. Arsenal

Albany N.Y.

the
March 5 67

Dear Cousin your photograph
and the sewing matter you sent reached
us in due time for which we were all much
pleased we are all usually well except
my Husband he is not as comfortable through
the unsettled weather in Spring as most of
time I hope if this reaches you it will
find you in good health I feel a little nervous
perhaps owing to the subject I am going to write
upon dear Cousin your kind letters and the
kind expression of your countenance has
induced me in a time difficulty to ask a favor
as I told you in your my last letter ^{our farm} ~~it~~ is not
quite paid for the man that held the
Mortgages died about a year ago for which reason
we have got to get them into some other hands
could I in due you to buy them they amount
to not far from twelve hundred and fifty
dollars including two years back interest
one thousand due this 1 Feb last Month
we went to see the man to years ago we

thought of selling the whole or enough
to pay for it and get out of debt he advised
not to sell saying we needed the whole farm
as our Children would soon be old enough to help
pay for it and he did not want the money and the
value of the farm would increase more than the
interest it is said by some to be the best hard
wood timbered lot between the Delaware and
Sagadahannah rivers still if we had an
opportunity I think we would sell as it would
take a great deal off of my husbands mind
he has always been a very steady hard working man
it is for him to be obliged to give up work and
all kind of business he has not been off the
farm but once since last Oct what we have
in the farm belongs to me I have a deed
subject to the Mortgage this is the first
farm we ever lived on before we came
on to this we had a nice little home out of debt
ten or eleven acres with good buildings
my husband is a black Smith by trade worked
at it as long as he could stand it

my Dear Mother lived with us 6 years
before she died died about twelve years ago
she gave me the land we put the buildings
on and then it seemed to be duty to come
here and take of his Father and Mother and
inherited Sister I would not refuse he was so
kind to Mother this is why I have a deed
I turned that place in her his Mother is
all that living she is ~~old~~ eighty four and
quite smart

I would not have thought of asking this help
if I did not think you would be safe in
so doing if you ~~feel~~ feel inclined there is
nothing against the place except these
I speak of they are in the hands of
J Alexander Cook Ctego Ctego Co
I suppose he is Administrator of the
Estate the man that had the Mortgage
I am however it would be some trouble to
you you are so far off and so much business
of more importance if you have doubt or fear
as I have stated as near as I can I will
refer you to A C Smith Deposit

Ann E. Cook
Mar 5. 67

he is personally acquainted with
us and our farm he is Justice in our
town

Cousin if you do not see it proper
to help us I do not want to lose your
respect as a friend and Cousin
from

Ann E Cook to

Ezra Cornell
with respect

please answer soon

if you see fit to notice this

N. V. ALLEN,
DEPUTY COLLECTOR OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS,
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Now *S. Haznes* Assembly Chamber ally
 JOHN H. PRENTICE, WATER COMMISSIONER, BROOKLYN.
 J. E. SOUTHWORTH, PRES. ATLANTIC BANK, NEW YORK.

George E. Bonville

Brooklyn March 5 1867

Dr Sir

Yours of 1th inst with inclosure was duly recd. You requested to send the Day Bill, so I have made out a new one by referring to your previous letter which I think is a duplicate of the one sent you. which I enclose Receipted. another month default of 1 p^{ct} should have been added, and \$1.71 as you will observe by terms on Bill the default commenced on & after the 20th of each month, but I induced them to receive it at 2 p^{ct}. & Receipt the Bill

Being aware that your property was formerly a part of the Kennedy property I saw Mr B. R. Kennedy in the Office after I had sent your Bill & showed him the Blochs & was on the Mara Map. & he said it was correct, as I had made ~~it~~ out the last previous bill.

Sent you on 19th Feb. Should you desire it I will enter your name on my private Register of non-resident owners & look after the Tax & assessments on your property and forward Bills at once & am all penitently &c on your giving me your P Office address.

Truly Yours
N. V. Allen

Caroline Center March 5. 1867

Hon E Cornell

My dear friend

In conversation with John Croop^{Esq} this day who owns and lives on the the old Boyer farm where Thomas M was reared. was saying to me he had not the pleasure of an intimate acquaintance with you, but if he had he would write you & ask you to send him a copy of the Transactions for 63. Will you please send him 63 & have Selkreg send him 64 when it comes out. Mr Croop is one of the best farmers in the Town & one of the best Union Men also. With much love to all your dear family I am your friend

I McGray Jr

Mr Croop address is }
Caroline Center }
N.Y }

Wawa March 6/67

J Cornell Sir

There is a payment of
One Hundred dollars & interest
on Seven Hundred for one year
due on a Contract given by
Mrs Julia Leonard for the Brick
Building on Oswego st to R
Brock & finally assigned to
you & as O K Curran says
he is not authorized & none of
no one that is to pay I am
an agent for M L under the
necessity as I cannot see you
of writing to you to ask payment
as the money is wanted & has
been due since the first of February

Yours with much Respect

George Whiton

National Mechanics & Farmers' Bank,

Albany, March 6 1867

The Hon
Ezra Cornell.
Dear Sir

Allow me to introduce
to your acquaintance & regards the
learned Mr Lewis Brown of New York
His business in the Rail Road
of that City & his statements may
be relied upon.

I have the honor to
be Dear Sir

Yours
Thomas W Olcott

Phaca March 7th 1857
Mr Cornell

Dear Sir

We return
you the notes signed
according to your directions.
Four of the men who were
cutting the steps and
chimneys of the College
building having finished
that job asked us for
work, and, believing they will
be needed here this summer
we started them with us
today

Yours Respectfully

Francis O'Connor

Fairmount N.Y. March 7. 1867
Hon. Ezra Cornell

My Dear Sir

I take pleasure
in introducing to you the bearer herof.
Mr. Lewis B. Brown of the City of New York.
Some years since I formed Mr. Brown's acqu-
-aintance through our mutual friend, the
late Edward G. Faile - and I have every
reason to believe that Mr. Brown enjoyed
the friendship and entire confidence of
our deceased friend -

Mr. Brown has some business with the
Legislature, which he desires to present
for your consideration - I am confident
you may depend, with entire safety, on any
statement he may make to you, and that
you will find him an agreeable acqu-
-aintance, personally and politically -

Respectfully
and Truly Your Friend
Geo. Geddes

New York Feb 7th / 67

The Hon

Ezra Cornell

My dear Senator,

Permit me
to introduce to your
most favorable consideration
Mr. Strong of this City
who desires to direct your
attention to one of the
most recent movements
to injure the credit of
our Savings Institutions
in this City.

It may be that
Mr. Strong may be deterred
by his professional

and engagements, from
coming to Albany this
week, in which case
Mr. Hughes, Secy of
the Seaman's Bank, will
present this letter

The attention you
may be able to give to
either of these gentlemen
will be regarded as if
specially given to.

Yrs. ob. Servt

C. D. Long

Albion March 7 1864

Dear Brother

My Rooms are
15 feet square Carpet which will
cut in pieces 5 yards long
will do. I thought it would
be economy to get enough for
my room and hall alike and
then as the ones most in use
given out I could keep them
good by mending from the
other. and it will take 100
yards. I do not like straw or
stone colles in the ground
we like rather dark carpets
black & Green and bright colors
are my fancy but I am willing
to abide by your taste
I do not feel able to have carpets
over two dollar and would
be satisfied with them less than that

I want common Brussels
any thing nice would not
correspond with my other
things. Please forward me a
bill. when you make the
purchase and direct when
I shall send the money
and if you wish me to
pay it in here for the girls
I will do so they must be
owing quite a doctor bill Ella
has been unable to attend school
four weeks and Alice is sick
now under the doctor I am
going to see her today they
both are sick from colds
Is it true that the Russo-
American line is abandoned?
That will make Sister Mary
sick she did not get her stock
transferred to bonds.

Osborn bought a very good
carpet last fall here for his room
for \$1.92 $\frac{1}{2}$ per yard I could not
get enough alike or I would
have bought here.

With much love to all
Especially Mary Ann I will close
Your Sister Phoebe Wood

Milwaukee Mich 8th 67

Hon E. Conell

Dr Sir

Immediately on rec^d of your request to send you another map. uncolored, I saw Mr Chapman who promised to do his best to furnish one, but on search could not find even one, and was compelled to send to Chicago for paper, and even there could not procure such paper as he desired.

Today he succeeded in getting out 2 which I have sent by express. Mr C's paper is on the way from N.Y. and if you desire one on finer paper I shall be glad to find it as soon as he makes off a lot. He only charged \$1.75^{1.00} for the 2

If Sen Thorp called on you, it will not be necessary for me to explain my mesg, asking if you could be seen at A on certain days.

Sen. Sholes was very desirous to have Sen Thorp meet you. With kind regards for yourself and family.

Truly Yours
S. Robertson

No 167 East 18th Street
New York 3rd Mo 8th 1867 P.M.

Ezra Cornell

Esteemed Friend

Thine of the 7th is received, when I wrote thee I supposed my friend Lemuel Baugs would have sent the Bill by some friend of his who would have explained the same to thee, but I learned yesterday that he had sent the Bill and letter direct to thee which may explain why I did not enter into an explanation of its merits, There is in this City daily many thousands and sometimes tens of thousands of Stocks transferred by foreign corporations, (I do not mean European, but California, Colorado, Pennsylvania New Jersey &c) that have no offices here and if they desire to put their Stocks on this market it is actually necessary to have some reliable party to transfer it hence these resort to Bankers, firms & Companies to act for them & these are frequently at considerable distances from each other which makes it very inconvenient for the Brokers who make their

^{The fear of breaking the first bond meeting of 2}
Transfer between half past 12 & 2 P.M.,
as well as pay for all stocks so bought or sold
the day before which gives them very little
time to go great distances, and it is thought that
it would greatly facilitate their business, and
in proper hands, add much to the security
of foreign companies to have one office at which
all transfers could be made at one place and
at one time that might daily occur, and after
consulting with some of my friends they advised
me to get up such a company hence my friend
Lemuel Bangs and myself concluded to make
the effort but as we were both poor and had
no money to pay to get such a bill through
however full of merit it might be, in a
conversation with our mutual friend Solon
Robinson who thought well of the enterprise
volunteered his letter to thee, The word dividend
in the title and in the Bill is intended to give
an opportunity to companies to deposit their
money with a list of stock holders to whom
dividends are to be paid and direct them
so to be paid from this office, of course

if the Bill should pass and the company
be formed it would be necessary to obtain
convenient rooms near the Prothonotary
to be convenient to them by which means
we should be able to obtain their cooperation

I see by this Evening's Post the Bill has
been reported favourably and if thou wilt
oblige me by letting me know what
we are to do further I will esteem
it a very great favour

very respectfully thy friend

T. M. Stratton
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Albion March 8th/67

Dear Brother

I have received your letter of the 4th not wishing to know my excuse for not exchanging my stock for bonds I did not know anything about doing so and besides you once told me not to dispose of my telegraph stock without letting you know I am sorry if the opportunity has passed for realizing what it has cost - as if no more

I have 34 shares of Western Union have received the Jan dividend

I am very sorry to trouble you in this way

Affectionately

Mary C. Roberts

Homdale, Washington Hollow, N.Y.
Mar 5th 1887.

Mr. E. Cornell

Dear Sir.

We had hoped during the coming season to have built a R.R. running through this Comty from Dickkile or the Hudson to Bains Station on the Harlem R.R. But find that according to the Law under which we organized ~~that~~ we cannot commence work until our full amt of Capital Stock is subscribed. We had expected to raise the sum necessary along the line, but found when we commenced to solicit subscriptions that the upper end of the road for 18 miles runs through the old Anti-Rent region & the money asked comes slowly. The balance of the line 40 miles commencing

at Fishkill had responded fully
to the call & we have now an
act before the Assembly to enable
us to commence work upon
that portion of the line that is
ready & allow the other end
to wait, or giving us permission
to change our terminus at
that end should the people
not give us the land required.
We are very anxious to commence
work this spring & don't be
greatly obliged if you would give
us such assistance as you may
be able in getting the Bill through
or otherwise we shall be delayed
at least another year. The project
is purely a local one gotten
up for our own accommodation
on which no one I think can
object to. The time for work
is now or near spent that I
greatly fear the Legislature will
let us go by this time unless

we can get some of the most prominent members to
interest themselves somewhat in our behalf. I am
well aware your time is fully occupied & that
I have no business to trespass upon it & I would
only request that you shall speak favorably of
our project, & do as much good as you can without
in any way incommoding yourself.

Yours Truly

Wm. L. Stone

P.S. Have you found a Bull to suit you yet? I have two
Duke Bulls now on sale - 6th & 12th Dukes -

Grinnell Iowa March 8/67
Dear Uncle

I received a letter from you to day which I do not understand. It contained a draft on the First National Bank Albany for twenty five dollars payable to my order.

The additional twenty five dollars I asked for I received from you in the form of a check on the First National Bank Albany and I wrote and acknowledge the receipt of the check. I thought perhaps you had forgotten sending the check and sent the draft for the amount asked for. What shall I do with draft. I will hold it until I hear from you.

affly your nephew
To Hon. E. Grinnell, Shoe Chace
Albany N.Y.

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Bloomfield N.J. March/67
My dear Sir

I send you today a few copies of a Charter which is about to be granted by the Legislature of this State it having been ordered on a third reading day before yesterday by a large ~~majority~~ majority and will pass next week

It is proposed to extend the contemplated work to a suitable point near Hales Eddy or Port Deposit N.Y. and thence by inclined ^{planes} across the ridge to the Susquehanna valley and thence by Canal

to Ithaca with an inclined plane to connect it with Cayuga Lake

Such inclined planes are in successful use in this vicinity on the Morris Canal and have stood the test of the experience of an entire generation.

They are much cheaper than locks and a Boat or Vessel can ^{and does} pass up or down a long incline faster than they pass through the water on a level. It is demonstrated here every day within sight and sound of my residence that a Canal Boat will pass over an inclined plane with an hundred feet of lift.

quicker than a Boat can pass through a Lock with ten feet lift.

I have caused to be printed some Copies in shape to be used in the introduction of a bill in New York (and proper parties have arranged to secure the necessary legislation in Pennsylvania) so that it might form the basis of an act to be introduced at once in New York and placed on the general orders.

The matter which relates particularly to New Jersey in the printed Copy sent you had better be stricken out and amendments made to fit it to meet the case.

of that portion of the Delaware River above this State and of the intermediate Country between the Delaware and Cayuga Lake

It is my desire however as soon as the Charter is finally acted upon here to amend the Bill (as it shall have been arranged for your temporary use so as to secure a place on general orders) by substituting a new Bill which shall contain such a preamble as those used in Concurrent Charters by Pa. & N.Y. (Concerning Bridges etc) ~~and~~ followed by an exact copy of the Act as finally passed here, ~~and~~ and at its close one or two sections incorporating the same Company as a

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Corporation of New York
with authority to the Gov-
-nor to appoint the Com-
-missioners in behalf of
that State in the joint board
of Commissioners and with
privileges to the Company
to extend the works as
indicated, if it seems
expedient to get the
authority for the whole
line now or if not, then
at any rate to extend it
to Deposit on the
Delaware. My idea is
as you will perceive
to make this a Corporation
existing by virtue of
Concurrent acts of each
State; which is necessary
on account of the joint

jurisdiction of the three
States over the parts of the
River opposite their respec-
tive territory

I do not think it advi-
sable at present to try to
include the Cayuga &
Ontario Scheme in this,
but you can readily
see that if we get these
grants it will certainly
bring that about as an
inevitable result of these
works. The immense
Mineral resources near
the Delaware river in
Pennsylvania and in this
State will furnish a
very large business to
this improvement and the
fact that it intersects
or connects with the

Delaware & Hudson
Canal, the Lehigh Canal
the Delaware Division (Pa)
Canal the Morris Canal
and the Delaware & Raritan
Canal allowing Boats to
pass freely from one to the
other along the Delaware
improvements and the fact
that it gives opportunity
to discharge freight into
Propellers and other coasting
crafts from the Erie
Railway, the Penn Coal
Co's Railway, from the
Midland (proposed) Railway,
the Delaware Lackawanna
& Western R.R. the Lehigh
Valley R.R. the Morris &
Essex R.R. the New Jersey
Central R.R. the Belvidere
Delaware R.R. and the Camden

* Amboy R.R. will afford you some idea of the prospective value of this improvement, as a means of gathering, ~~and~~ transmitting ~~freights~~ and distributing freights. As to the cost of the work I can say that the works of the Delaware & Raritan Canal Co. from Trenton to Bordentown furnish all the locks required to get us up to a point ~~2 miles~~ from 20 miles from Trenton and their feeder will require ~~only~~ very little expense to enlarge it, being already deep enough and about half the width required. From there ^{30 miles} to Easton, there is about 100 ft of elevation to

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Surmount partly by dams
and slackwaters, and
partly by Canals. The
shortest route 70 miles (to
Port Jervis) is very favorable,
so much so that it was
seriously talked of for
a long time to run a
Steamboat over it.
Above that point the
work is more difficu-
-lt, but not impracticable.

I will now close
this, too long letter by
saying that I would like
to have you ask Senators
J. K. Williams and H. R.
Low to aid you in
this matter as I have
already had some conver-
-sation with them as to
some of the points embraced

in this letter, and I
feel assured that they
are friendly disposed

It may perhaps be
judged advisable by you
and them to introduce the
bill in the assembly, of
that you ~~can~~ and they can
better judge than I can

I have sent them
copies of the bill as well
to yourself

If you should
be coming to New York
soon, please let me know

I am at Trenton House
Trenton from Monday night
till Friday ^{morning} ~~night~~ each week
and at home the rest of the
time.

I shall try and come
to Albany by and by to

assist in this matter

Yours very truly
Henry C. Galding