

JACKSONVILLE NURSERY.

J. M. MATTISON, PROPRIETOR.

Fruit and Ornamental Trees, Shrubs, Roses, Green-House Plants, Perennials, Bulbs, Roots, &c., &c.

Jacksonville, Tompkins Co., N. Y. Mar 19 1867

Wm E Cornell

Dear Sir

I have a bout three thousand dollars to raise this spring due the 1 of april can you so arange it so that I can have from you a part of it I have no source to raise only a part of it and that is in notes against different parties all over the country ~~if you~~ ~~so~~ I cannot make any dependence on the 10 part of it ~~before~~ to use this spring if you will pay me the half of what I owe it will greatly relieve me I have expended over two thousand dollars in cash on the vineyard in labor pd out this is one means of ~~my~~ my indebtedness Very Respectfully yours

James M Mattison

P.S. the vines have past through the winter unharmed by the cold

Albany March 19th 1867

Mr. Dwight Clinton Jones and
Mr. P. W. Ostrander of New York present their
compliments, and respectfully request the
pleasure of your company, to meet a select
party of gentlemen at 5 P. M. March 20th at
No. 100 State street for the purpose of viewing
a working model of the Elevated Railway
recommended by the Senate Commission,
hearing statements of facts concerning the
project, and to have explanations of the
mechanical features made by Mr. Henry, the
inventor, who will be present.

P.S. A special collation will be served at
6 P. M.

Wm Ezra Cornell }
State Senate }

M. B. Eldridge
Mar 14. 67

Birmingham
March 19th 1867

Hon. E. Corbett

Dear Sir

At
the request many prom-
inent citizens of this
place I write you to
protest against the
Birmingham City Charter

You will see by the
names on the remon-
strance that a large por-
tion of the prominent
business men are op-
posed to the measure

It is gotten up by a
clique of disappointed
politicians who wish to
increase their own im-
portance & subjects the

tax-payers to onerous
and unnecessary burdens

Besides it is a direct
violation of pledges
made to the country
towns last fall

From a careful con-
sideration of the matter
I have no doubt that
the passage of the bill
would do great injustice
to the wishes of your
constituents in this
County

Very Respectfully
Yours Wm. B. Eldred
Mich B. Eldred
Mem. Assembly 1866

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March 19/67

Hon E Cornell

My dear Sir -

Enclosed find
season pass for 17 -
With Compliments of

J. D. Wilson



New York Mar 19th 1864

Hon. O. Carnell
Senate Chamber
Albany N.Y.

Dear Sir

Being a resident of Brooklyn and interested in its improvements, I am with a large proportion of the tax payers desirous that Prospect Park should be extended Eastward to Brooklyn Avenue.

Hoping the committee having the matter in charge will be convinced that it should be extended Eastward, and of the great impropriety of selling off any portion of the present Park property as by some proposed.

I am Very Respectfully

Wm. H. Lyon

Manit Fortham N. H.

March 20, 1867.

Hon. E. Cornell:

Dear Sir:

Allow me to in-
-troduce you to my son
who wishes to get infor-
-mation and assistance in several
matters relating to our local
affairs. As you and I know,
Mr. Sutherland our Senator is
not to be depended upon
and our Assemblyman Mr.
Purdy is, altho' a very worthy
man, without much force.
I therefore call upon you to
assist Fortham and will ap-
preciate your doing so as another
of several favors you have
done me. Yours Truly,
L. G. Morris.

Binghamton

March 20 1867

Hon E. Cornell

I know of no reason
why the Binghamton
Savings Bank should
not be chartered by the
Legislature. I believe it
is the only one that will
be put in operation
and it should be chartered
Yours with respect

Saml A. Hall

New York, No. 13 Chambers St.

March 20, 1867

Wm. E. Cornell -

Dear Sir -

Mr. Charles T. Henry, a young man whom I have known intimately for several years and who has recently been admitted to the New York bar as attorney at law, desires the appointment of Commissioner of Deeds for the State of Missouri, and it is required that he should be indorsed by the Governor of our State as loyal and capable. I therefore request that you would do me the favor to obtain the Governor's signature to the inclosed certificate appended to Mr. Henry's application, and return the same to me.

(over)

J. C. Sanders
Mar 13th 64

You can safely inform the Governor that Mr. Henry is and ever has been truly loyal to the Government of the United States - even radically so - and that he is every way capable of discharging the duties of the office he holds.

Knowing of no one in our State government to whom I could more safely trust this little affair, I have taken the liberty of requesting you to do me the favor of presenting it.

I am

Yours Very Truly
J. C. Sanders

Brooklyn Mar 20 1867

Hon Eben Corbett

Senate

Dear Sir -

This will introduce
to you my friend G B Ellis and
Jr^d R Kennedy who go to Albany to
represent the interests of Brooklyn in
the matter of extending Prospect Park
Eastward as far as Brooklyn Avenue -

In the whole matter (of the Park, you
have doubtless already learned that there
is great conflict of interest and opinion
- The original plan ^{to be} of the Park was
established by Commissioners, who, acting
as they claim, upon conscientious views
of duty & public interests located fully
one third of its area outside the City
limits, (in Flatbush), & altogether away
from present population & its lines of
natural increase in the future. Making
it, in part of some 400 acres only,

- However well they may have been adapted
to the public mind at that time, there is
a strong feeling prevalent that it is not
Enough for our wants now - and that
in the future which is immediately
before us, a new regard for the Public
interests in the ^{interest} ~~subject~~ calls for the
construction of a Park very much larger
in area than the present one - and
extending in the direction of avenues of
travel now open, ~~which are to be the~~
And upon the lines
of the well known tendencies of Population
- The promotion of this idea there has been
prepared a bill (wholly in the interest of a
very few parties whose vacant lots are to
be benefited, to extend the Park to Franklin
St - which would mean it area possibly
120 acres - This is well enough as far as
it goes, and the petition for it was
signed by many prominent men in the
ward & elsewhere under the belief that with
so much extension this year, we could get
more next - & finally, all is mud -
after a full discussion of the matter by the

large number of prominent men are
conclude to go before the Legislature and
ask at once for the Extension from the
present line of the Park on Douglass Street
Eastward to Brooklyn Av. - thence on the
line of Brooklyn Av to the City line -
thence to the South Eastern point of the
present Park - This will give a Park
900 to 1000 acres in area - & that added
will be remarkably well adapted for the
purpose - & at a cost which will probably
not exceed \$1250 M - Of course this will
be combated by all who have other interests
to serve - or established ideas about other plans
& purposes - and prominent among the objections
will be their great tenderness for taxpayers
& honor of issuing Bonds - - But I believe that
the result of all such improvement - (wisely made)
has been increase of taxable property quite
sufficient to pay the whole cost - and when
we look but a few years ahead - (30 at most)
to the time when Brooklyn must have at
least 2 Millions of Population I think it a
very narrow Economy which hesitates to
provide now, at least 1000 acres of area

for its adornment - & for the pleasure & Exultation
of its future vast Population - This is really
a great public question - but so beset by
private & conflicting interests that it needs to
be settled by those who - without private interest
to blind them, can see its true merits, and
decide it upon sound views of Public interests -
- Maps & details will be presented to you, and
if you see merit enough in the project
to warrant its advocacy I can assure you
that any thing you may do in that
direction will meet the warm approbation
of many thousands of people - Please inform
me if you can help us - and if so - if you can
give it any other influence than your own -
- I write to Low - & to Selkirk - Ballou
& Littlejohns - without knowing what to rely
on from them - If any or any of them favor
it, you can show them the letter of your
thanks proper - The entire Brooklyn
Delegation (I think) are committed to the
original plan -

Yours truly
H. M. Sage

H. M. Sage, Mar 26/67

Hesker, Iowa, Mar. 21-67.

Hon. E. Cornell, }
Ithaca, N. Y. }

Dear Sir, I am
desirous to ascertain what I could
get 20,000 ac or perhaps 16,000 ac,
of your Agricultural College
Scirp at per ac. I am
informed by the Private Secy.
of the Gov. that the State has transferred
the Scirp to Cornell University,
and that you could tell me
what it could be purchased
at. Will you, Sir, do me the
kindness to inform me at
your earliest convenience.

Very Respectfully
John P. Crothey.

Andington Vt
March 21st 1877

My dear Sir

We are breaking
up here somewhat earlier
than we intended when I last
saw you

We are now packing
up and I hope to send
Julia and the Children
off next week,

If you and Mary Ann
will postpone your visit till
after the session closes and
come and see us early in
the season at Milwaukie
I think that we will be
in a better position to entertain
you than if you should
drop in upon us here

We expect to spend

C. J. Wood
Mar-21.67

two or three weeks in
March before going
West.

I have \$5000 W. U. Ry
Bonds of 1875 which I would
like to convert into Regatta
Stock. If you know of any
market - for the Bonds I wish
you would let me know
where it is and the value.
We are all quite well.
Give our love to Mary Ann.
Tell her we will expect
that she will be one of
our first Western visitors.

I hear that our business
in the West has been
very light - this winter.

Yours Very Truly

C. J. Wood

For E. Conell

Office of the Tribune.

New York 21 March 1867

Hon. Ezra Cornell,
Dear Sir:

At Mr. Rooker's request
I send check for \$1,000. to
repay the sum borrowed
the other day.

I am in treaty for
eight shares of the stock
and if I buy it I shall be
obliged to borrow quite heav-
ily. Could I induce you to
lend me \$40,000 or \$44,000
on eight shares? I shall
pay \$8,000. I would not
wish to make any pay-
ment on the loan till
January next & after that

every three months. Our
real estate is worth \$300,000.
and is unincumbered for
preference, another \$100,000,
saying nothing of the value
of the income. If you
can aid me in this it
would be a very great
favor and I do not think
you would ever regret
it.

Very Resly

Sam Sinclair

Sam Sinclair
Mar 28-67

J. L. Hardy
21. May 67

New York Mar. 21st 1867
117 East 21st St.
Gramercy Park

Dear Mr. Conwell

It seems my destiny always
to be connected with some charitable
object or other, and if it is any dis-
tinction to be, of course it is yours
to be loved, therefore I hope you
accept your fate cheerfully.

I have been very much interested
in the accounts I have received of
the "Patriot Prophan Home" (not
the one that held the lottery) from
my Aunt Mrs. B^{ess} Walker, one
of the managers, and I share with
her the hope that they will ob-
tain from the Legislature, the
assistance they so much need to
carry out their not only benevolent
but patriotic plans. (The latter, you

are aware touches any weak point)
Therefore, when Mrs. Skelton
(one of the ladies who visited upon
your committee recently) remarked
in the course of a conversation, this
morning - that the gentlemen of the
committee being very much pleased,
Mrs. Merrill had made her explana-
tions as brief as possible, and had
requested to furnish the chairman (Mr.
Cornell) with a copy of their Rules and
Regulations, which she was about to send
and added that she wished it could
be forwarded by some one acquainted with
Mr. Cornell - who would add a few
words on their behalf. I immediately,
claiming with pleasure the honor of
that acquaintance, volunteered to write
as she desired -

I know that this institution on
account of its benevolent and patriotic
aspects will appeal warmly to your
sympathies, and need no word of mine.

And I am sure also that you are
not one of those who appropriating of
the public funds solely to long Roman
Catholic institutions, draw the purse
strings tight whenever a protestant
plan is presented. But I can give
you this information, which I know will
share its bright with you, that the
object is not only most worthy as you
are ^{very well aware}, but that it is in the
hands of judicious and able managers -
ladies who have had long practical
^{experience} ~~acquaintance~~ in the founding and
conduct of some of the most admirable
charities of the city. You will also allow
me to say from personal knowledge, that
one of the most active managers, is a
lady of more than ordinary judgment,
and common sense, practical, busi-
ness ability. -

You may remember that the ladies
stated to you, that the building they occupy
is so inadequate in size, as well as dilap-

- stated that they will need at least fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to buy and repair sufficiently for their use. They also desired an appropriation of seventy five ^{dollars} (\$75) for each child which seemed to them not ^{any} unreasonable request, as, with the strict economy they are unable to reduce the annual individual expenditure to less than one hundred and twenty dollars (\$120). The Legislature recently granted the sum of one hundred and ten (\$110) to each child in a Romish institution. (all these Catholic allusions are from me personally, not from the ladies)

Mrs. Stutchins was very much pleased with the reception she met with from the gentlemen at Albany. Especially with the interest Mr. Cornell evinced, at a time when she knew their visit must have been an imposition. Therefore she is hopeful, in which hopefulness I trust she will not be disappointed. I can say that I know she will not, as far as your efforts can control the result.

My love if you please to Mrs. Conner I shall be glad to see her at home again - as will all her friends. I left them all well with the exception of Cassa Wood. When I saw David and for a little visit a week ago. Very truly yours - Jane L. Sturdy -

Baltimore March 21st / 1867
Mr E Cornell

Dear Sir

I hope you will excuse me for troubling you but not hearing from you I have taken the liberty to write to you again to ask you to help me or at least give me a start in some kind of business I would prefer the Grocery & Provision business it would take but little capital as I have a good credit in this city or if you do not feel disposed to help me in business for my self I would be glad for you to procure for me a good situation in some good house where I could make my self generally useful And you will confer a great favour on a poor young man write soon and let me hear from you and you will oblige

Yours &c

Geo W Skinner Jr
Baltimore
M.C.

Ithaca March 21/17

Dear Brother

Your Telegram recd wishing
me to engage all the masons at Ithaca
I can and prepare to start quarry
by the first of April &c. I conclude
you mean the quarry on your place,
and the mason are to work on
the University buildings, if this is
so the excavation should be going on
^{for foundation}
as early as possible as it will take
some time to get ready for the
masons and they want to engage
where they can go to work first,
I have been to work this week making
an estimate on Willig's job but I
have not much hopes of getting it as
there is much competition. some
1 or 8 parties bidding for the job, it
will require some 50000 brick for
the job

I was up to Green's job last week and the masons were at work hewing down one of the partition walls, it having been laid some 40 or 50 inches out of line well things look pretty shabby up there, I supposed the roof on that building was to be a self supporting roof but I see they have had to prop it up not only on the partition walls but on the joist and even down to the floor. Green & his foreman are here but the weather is so bad they have not yet to work yet on the walls. we are having a snow storm here to day

What do you ask for these two lots north of mine Jerome wants one of them and I would like the other I wish you would give us a price for them. Jerome has got to leave where he is as the house

has been sold, and he has not been able yet to find a place, Marie has been very sick, she is a little better today

Please let me hear from you as soon as convenient Yours &c
E. B. Cornell

To E. Cornell



FRANCIS H. JENKS, President.

FREDERICK FOSTER, Secretary.

The Safe Deposit Company of New York

146 BROADWAY, CORNER LIBERTY STREET,

New York Mch 21st 1867

Hon Ezra Cornell
Senate Chamber Albany
Dear Sir,

Allow me to call your attention to a few points in Senate Bill 201. National Safe Deposit Co.

1st It seems to be entirely a family concern. Of 7 Directors, 6 of them Durness & other a lawyer, perhaps a relative. Such a business as Safe Dep Co should not be under control our family.

2nd Public need does not require a Co there, as it is but one square back of ours & a square & half from Stock Exchange, who have hundreds of safes in their vaults. Since mine was started, and I am told are in want of Customers, and our Co has now over 1200 (twelve hundred) safes not rented, and are erecting 2500 more; our Co meets the wants of the public satisfactorily. They built a year or two ago, and realize a large interest as investment. The idea is an afterclap with them, of putting a Safe Dep Co in one corner of the basement, thinking to get for that corner a large rent thereby than for offices —

3^d Their building is not fire proof & cannot be made so. No Safe Dep Co should be allowed in any but absolutely fire proof building.

4th There is no requirement in Charter that any Capital shall be paid in before Commencing business.

Lines 3 & 4. Sec. 6. says Capital payable in installments at the call of the board - bout of 7% of whom are Turners. A Safe Deposit Co should not be allowed to commence business with less than \$200,000 Capital paid in and securely invested. By this Charter, Turner Bros for subscribe for whole of Stock & being Directors never call in a dollar. My Charter (Copy enclosed) requires \$50,000 to be paid in before doing business, but it was obtained before Rebellion, and consequently the issue 2500 Million Govt Bonds besides the millions of others. The business was then a Morality.

5th If they choose to pay in anything what is to prevent their paying their subscriptions in a Mortgage upon their building, on top of all the Mortgages that may now be upon it - & who is to judge of the value of that Mortgage? Lines 9 & 10. Sec. 7. says they "may hold Real Estate mortgaged for monies due the Co" i.e., due by the subscribers to its Capital stock, viz, the Turner Bros - for their subscriptions. & Mortgage on their Building whether 3^d or 4th Mortgage. —

6th The personal liability clause in 10th 11th & 12th lines Sec. 5. & in 3rd line 8th Sec. is not sufficiently clear that the liability is in addition to, (as my Charter expressly states) the amount of stock held. And what does this personal liability amount to when all stock held by one firm engaged in stock-brokerage business?

7th Real Estate Clause, By Sec. 7. lines 12. & 13. they may hold & mortgage (as a Real Estate Speculating Co.) Real Estate to any unlimited amount for any purpose, however disconnected with Safe Dep Co business. In lines 6. & 7. same Sec. it says "it may in addition to above hold Real Estate" such as necessary for transactions of its business & Mark, "in addition" - Legislature seems heretofore always to have been cautious about Real Estate a Corporation may hold.

8th There is no clause in this Charter prohibiting advancing on property deposited with it. - My Charter has this prohibition (see Clause 13.) This Charter Sec. 5. line 6. says "nor shall it loan or advance any money deposited with it for Safe Keeping, but says nothing against advancing upon deposits."

It was urged when I got mine, that without that it might be made a Pawn-

= Brokerage business, under clause "for safe keeping
on terms prescribed by Reg-Laws!"—

Excuse this trespass on your time.

Yours Respectfully
Francis H. Jenkins.
Per A. S. G.

P.S. I have sent a copy of this letter to Hon
A.D. White, A. B. La Barre and St. Leut.—

Francis H. Jenkins
21 Mar 67

50 W. 18th St. N.Y.

March 22. 1867

Hon. Ezra Cornell

Senator, Albany N.Y.

Dear Sir

Thank you favor me with
a list of The Trustees of
The Cornell University; and
any exposition of its plans
of instruction &c which
may have been published.

Very Respectfully
Rufus W. Broome

Ellerslie

Rhinebeck March 22. 1867

Hon Ezra Cornell

My dear Sir

I have just replied to your telegram received this morning giving assent to the use of my name as a Corporation in the University Land Co. Before agreeing to this I would like to have said to you that you must not rely on me for taking a very active part in the business of the Co.; my engagements being already so numerous as to engross most of my time, but I regard this movement so valuable to the University that I cannot decline to co-operate if you desire it - In a word I am willing to join the Board or stay out of it just as you prefer

Yours friend

William Kelly

OFFICE OF
Miller, Gould, Hibbard & Co.,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

H. K. MILLER,
R. GOULD,
O. H. HIBBARD,
E. C. WILLIAMS.

No. 8 Erie Buildings, cor. Duane and Washington Sts.

New York, March 22 1867

Hon. Ezra Cornell.

Dear Sir,

I am a native of Tompkins Co. and several years ago had some personal acquaintance with you. I have been living in this city twenty years. and have never been an officer holder nor never will be. nor I have no interest in any Railway schemes (pecuniarily) but we business men mostly live in the upper part of the city. and our business in the lower part, and we require increased facilities for going and returning from our homes to our business and back. Therefore I am in favor of increased City Rail Road facilities, and as far as I can learn this is the wish of business men generally. If you can give your vote in favor of giving us more Railroads you will very much oblige

a large class of people in this city
Very Respectfully

Thomas Slater

With Miller Gould & Hibbard

Thos Slater
Miller Gould

Francis C. Pell
22 Mar-67

Ithaca March 22. 1867
Hon. Ezra Cornell
Esq.

It has been suggested
to me that you are a gentleman of large
means as well as of large benevolence
for me to apply to you to ask you in
the first place if there is any place
in your gift or that you can influence
of some degree of trust and responsibility
and not involving in the discharge
of its duties so much of muscular as
of mental labor, that upon proper
recommendation of capacity and integ-
rity you would bestow upon me
anything about the "Cornell Library"
for instance, as Librarian or assistant
or in any other way that you could ^{help me}
it would at this time be appreciated
and I think you ^{would} find me capable

trustworthy and when I became duly acquainted with the details of the business perfectly accurate as well as industrious - I only stipulate that the place should be respectable with a decent salary in order to support a little family, economically, of a wife and two children - I mean by "respectable" not that you would tender me any other place, but only ^{I speak} in point of position and responsibility - I feel I need not have had no need to have applied to you or any one else for a place as I had means of my own which I had looked for and obtained - honestly - but I was victimized by a set of conspirators who soon away my liberty and sent me to another Andersonville Prison termed (Utica Insane Asylum (the which is a burlesque on the name of Asylum) - where I was kept ten months a

prisoner and treated like a convict without on my part having either been insane or committed any crime ^{against} the King or country - my property scattered and wasted and my physical health very much injured from contracting heavy colds on those halls of death (which are little better than living tombs) by which I am rendered very rheumatic I however retain my mind in its elasticity and hope thro care and exercise to regain my physical health in spite of my cruel imprisonment - I am no bigger and I do not think there is a hair in my head and I scorn to act a double part but it is natural for us to seek to find some thing to do hence you will excuse my taking this liberty of addressing you - Whatever you can do for me will not in my opinion be improperly bestowed

and if you cannot help me to
any place or situation (as I presume
you cannot find business for the whole world)
if you can find it convenient to bestow
any pecuniary help upon me I will
regard it as a loan and will repay
you it again dollar for dollar if
you desire it - In fact if I could
find a man who had sufficient
confidence in me ^{who would} ~~as to~~ trust me
with five hundred dollars I could
so invest it in farming as to return
it to him again in a few years say
two or three ^{with interest}. Judge Dana honestly
owes me from seven hundred to one
thousand dollars but legally he says
he does not owe me anything and I
am obliged to submit altho wronged
out of my just rights - But I do not
wish to load you with any difficulties
my dear Sir and if you can do anything
for me in the way above stated do it
and the Lord will reward you for your
kindness to His afflicted and persecuted
servant I am Very Truly Yours
Wm. E. Cornell Albany Francis A. Pell

Binghamton March 22/67

Hon Ezra Cornell

Dr Sir

The bearer, Mr H. G. Rogers of this place will call on you in regard to the passage of the Bill to incorporate the Binghamton Savings' Bank. The Charter for this Bank was drawn by Mr Rogers in good faith for the purpose of establishing a Savings Institution in this place, while the Bill called the Chenango Valley Savings Bank has been got up for no other purpose than to defeat the one

enson by Mr Rogers. This same Bill
or a similar ^{one} emanating from the
same source has been revised once
and passed once and now offered
~~as~~ as a substitute the third time.
But under none of these bills has
an institution ever been started.
And I have no hesitation in saying
that those who are interested in
getting up the Chesapeake Valley
Savings Bank have no intention
of ever organizing, but it is done
merely to defeat the Bill to incorporate
the Binghamton Savings Bank.
It may be pretty plain talk to say
thus much, but it is nevertheless true.

I hope and trust that you will
and can assist Mr Rogers in his
undertaking for I know him to be

an honest, capable and trustworthy
man -

Yours Truly
Geo. Bartlett

Pittsburton March 27/67

Hon Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

Mr Rogers who will hand you
this letter - goes to Albany for
and in behalf of the Pittsburton
Savings Bank - We hope that
you will do what you can
to get this bill through the Senate

It is an institution very much
needed here - & Mr Rogers proposes
to put it into active operation
and is a man every way qualified
& suited to fill such a position &
& We hope that no "whim" of any
monied men here will be the
~~the means~~ of defeating a measure
which would be a public
bliss

Yours truly
M. T. Morgan

Rochester 23 March 1867

Hon E. Cornell
Hon Thos Parsons

H. S. Potter
Mar 23 1867

Gen I am advised an attempt is being made to repeal or disannul the Charter or Organization of the Rochester & Pittsford Plank Road Co. The Road was organized for 30 years - 17 have elapsed - it was 6 miles long it paid so very small dividends the Company surrendered one half of it about 10 years since - Since then the remaining 3 miles has been kept in so good condition that the Plank Road Inspectors have only twice ordered to discontinue receiving toll till the Road was put in order which was done very soon and tolls were allowed to be taken again

I have had the management of said Road about 2 years last past - In 1865 only 2 per cent was all there was over the cost of repairs & expenses for the stockholders and the last year 2 1/2 per cent was all there was for them without reserve fund

In 1865 - about \$600. had to be expended to repair the Road when it was damaged by water from a break in the Erie Canal I have tried two years to get the Legislature to authorize its repayment with out success

Plank Roads however good and well managed have become very unpopular with narrow minded persons who have to pay toll

Not a dollar of the original cost of the 6 miles has been repaid

to the Stockholders & there is hardly a possibility there
ever will be

My Sen & I own a trifle over half the Stock of said Road
I am told what I dont believe that Jarvis Sen
has promised if a memorial asking the legislature to repeal
or disannul the charter of said Road he would give it his
influence

Then an Plank Road Inspectors appointed in each
county when there are Plank Roads, who have the controle
of them requiring the managers to keep them in legal
good condition - whilst the Roads are satisfactory to them
I cant believe the Legislature will entertain a memorial
to repeal or disannul a charter

If the subject comes directly or from the Legislature before
the Senate please give the subject such thoughts as you
judge it should have ~~more~~

I am Sent Very Respectfully Yours
Henry S. Potter

Since writing the foregoing I have heard the petition
being circulated is to annul the Pittsford & Brighton Plank
Road - If my informant has the name in the petition
right - I dont see how it can effect ^{my Road} the Rochester and
Pittsford Plank Road Co - It is probab my informant has
not remembered correctly the name of the Road in the
petition

New York March 23. 1867.
Hon. Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir,

I am happy to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of 22^d with subscription paper. All of my friends, both here and in Boston are very much gratified at your consenting to be the President of our Co. and I have already had several new applications for stock on the strength of it. I shall drive matters with all possible energy.

I telegraphed you for permission to retain original plan as to par value, and have your consent to do as I like.

I had originally decided on \$100 stock, but Wm B. Stevens, Pres't of Globe Bank, Boston, strenuously advised that they should be but \$50, not only because, in order to have farmers interested in our success, I should want to distribute many shares among them, who, as a class, have more \$50 than \$100 bills, but chiefly because, as Mr Stevens said, a \$50 stock on the same

percentage of earnings, is more likely to go to \$100, than a \$100 stock is to go to \$200.

Although my profit is entirely dependent upon the success of the mill, yet the measure and degree of profit will be largely due to the market price of shares. Not because I wish to sell, but because the higher the premium the stock commands, the greater the ^{money} can with which I can borrow upon it to pay for the shares I have the right to take. I want to be able to hold or carry a large amount of it, for I know that for several years it will earn enormous dividends.

I send herewith revised proof of prospectus of which I shall have 500 copies printed on Monday. I shall probably have one book in this city at the office of Jay Cooke & Co, I can have it at H. Clews & Co if I like. In Boston I can put it in the best place, either Kidder Peabody & Co (successors of J. E. Thayer & Bro) or Spenser Vilas & Co. If it goes to Jay Cooke & Co's here, it will go to their house in Philadelphia also. All these parties are first class bankers in the several cities. Shall I not see your son soon?

Do you not think it advisable to seek the passage, during the present session, of the resolve about alcohol from but molasses? If we fail now we may succeed in the fall.

I will promise not to write so long a letter again, for I know you are crowded with business.

Very Respectfully Yours
E. B. Grant.

Private

Binghamton

March 23, 1867

Hon. Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir -

Dr. Parker of New York, & Dr. Albert Day of Boston, who is in charge of the Washingtonian Home in Boston (a copy of whose report was sent you a few days ago,) were both here, yesterday, expecting to meet the Legislative Joint Committee, but none of the Committee came - much to the disappointment of all of us.

In discussing the question of the supply of water necessary to the proper conduct of an Asylum or Hospital, or any institution where a large number of persons are congregated in one building, they both said most emphatically, that an unlimited supply of soft water was indispensable, and that

without such unfailing supply,
it would be impossible to conduct
such an institution with success. -
Dr. Parker instance one case where
Typhoid fever was the result of the
want of such water, & the institution
was broken up in consequence -
And they were both equally emphatic
that no cistern supply could
be made adequate. It must
be pure running water -

The people of Batavia contracted
with the Commissioners who
located the institution for the kind
there, that such a supply of
water should be furnished by
the village, by taking the water
of the Torakawanda Creek.

A bill was passed last winter
authorizing a tax of \$20.00. to
be levied by the village of Batavia,
for this purpose -

The Citizens of Batavia when
all this was done, knew perfectly
well, that the water of the Torakawanda

Creek, for more than half the year, was so muddy & filthy that it was utterly unfit for the purpose intended. and hence no movement has been made to supply the Institution in this manner & the whole project has been abandoned - No tax has been levied, nor is it intended to levy any - Moreover the waters of the Trowanda Creek, except when the snow water runs off a frozen ground, is as hard as the water of the wells -

The Building Commissioners have attempted to supply water by digging a well, 60 feet deep, but the water in this, is of the same quality - "hard as a brick" - The further attempt is being made in the way of cisterns - But Dr. Parker & Dr. Day both say that this is impossible - that sufficient water does not fall to supply the requisite quantity, - and that it cannot be kept sweet

and pure in that way - in such
large quantities -

There is no doubt as I am
informed, that had the Commissioners
understood the real state of the
facts, that they would not
have located the Institution at
Batavia - and if these things
are so, the Institution will be a failure.
- In addition to this, the location is
on the margin of a swamp, miles
in extent, and during the warm
weather, mosquitoes swarm there
in myriad millions -

To prove substantially what I
have stated, I give the names of
the following gentlemen - residents
of Batavia - Hon. Herman J. Kidfield
Hon. Lacey Packer, Dr. John Coats.
Harry Melber Esq., Moses Faggart, Esq.,
William Larime, David S. Meek.

The opinion of Dr. Gray will
also be furnished on the question of
the supply of soft water -

3/22/1867

I propose to examine the
Laird on Wednesday afternoon
at 3 o'clock. To prove.

First - The agreement made with the
locating Commissioners, to provide
an abundant supply of soft water.

Second - That the plan then proposed
was to take the water of the Tonawanda
Creek.

Third - That a law was passed authorizing
Batavia to raise \$20,000 for that
purpose.

Fourth - That the plan has been abandoned
as not feasible. & no tax has been
levied.

Fifth - That in lieu of the running water
of the Creek, the Commissioners are
providing a well & cisterns.

These are facts that cannot be disputed. Whether

~~matter~~ questions which arise when
these facts are established, will be
submitted to professional gentlemen
whose experience & knowledge ~~will~~
~~improve~~ will settle their opinions
to the greatest advantage.

W. H. Woodcock
1122-1367

3/23/1867

I write this now for your own information, - The gentleman whose name I mentioned to you in your seat on Wednesday evening, is my authority, and if the Investigatory Committee of which you are a member, will examine, either of the gentlemen named in the list I send, the facts will be made to appear as I state them -

Without the slightest shadow of foundation, Batavia charged that Hinghamton had seduced the Sisters to spend money unlawfully by treating them to champagne dinners. Batavia in fact gave such a dinner to the conspirators, and got the location -

Farbox himself, if placed upon the stand, and examined for the purpose of eliciting the truth fully will be compelled to state substantially the same facts -

This is written that you may delay action, till these facts can

he brought out

to haste

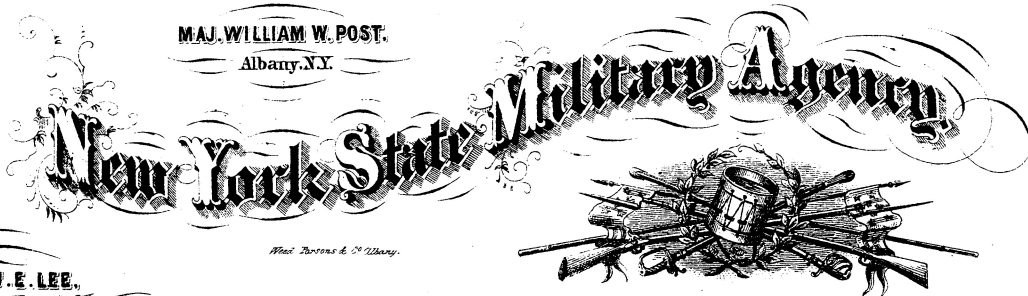
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A. B. B. B.



MAJ. WILLIAM W. POST.
Albany, N.Y.

LT COL. J. E. LEE,
Washington, D.C.



Albany, Mch. 23^d 1867

Sir. E. Cornell
Sir.

Will you please send to this office
the proof copy of report N. Y. Mil. Agency, left with
you by Genl. Merritt, that it may be returned to the
printer.?

Very Respectfully
William W. Post
Major & N. Y. Mil. Agent
177 State St.

Dinghamton march 23rd 67

Hon. O. Cornell

Sir

Allow me the pleasure of making you acquainted with my friend Harris G. Rogers Esq of this place who goes to Albany to see you in behalf of the bill now before the Legislature for the incorporation of the Dinghamton Savings Bank of which he is one of the proposed incorporators.

Mr Rogers is the son in law of Hon. O. C. Crocker formerly a member of Assembly from this county and at present President of the Proctor County Agricultural Society. He was for sometime bookkeeper in the Bank of Dinghamton and left that situation for a paymastership in

the army during the late war. ,

Mr Rodgers intends devoting his undivided personal attention to the business of the Bank should the bill become a law, a petition for which has been signed by the bankers, capitalists and business men of Dinghamton generally. Such a bank is much needed here, the advantages of which to the poorer industrial classes and the Community are too apparent to need enumeration; and Mr Rodgers by his banking Experience, his general business Capacity, and his well established integrity is admirably qualified to take the chief charge of such an institution. Your aid in procuring the passage of the bill will confer a great favor upon him and our Community generally

I am

Yours very truly
Wm Stuart

A. DOUBLEDAY, President.
C. W. SANFORD, V. President.
WM. R. OSBORN, Cashier.

CAPITAL,
\$ 200,000.

City National Bank.

Binghamton, N. Y., March 23rd 1867.

Am. E. Cornell

Dear Sir:

I beg to call your attention to the bill giving us a City Charter, which has passed the House, and is now awaiting action in the Senate, and to ask your aid in behalf of the bill. Our good Citizens have entire confidence in your ability to secure the passage of this bill, with slight effort, and can hardly understand why this and the Binger & Samps Bank bills should be suffered to remain in the Senate without action. I think I am safe in saying that three out of every four of our good people favor the passage of both these bills, and in that proportion would you receive credit for your efforts in their behalf.

May we not rely upon your aid and thereby secure the passage of these, and also

The bill which has just been sent forward to
give our "City" a supply of water, - and we
shall ⁱⁿ run come under many obligations to
you, -

Very Respectfully
Wm R. Osborn

March 11, 1868
"S. L. L. L. L."

LESTER, BROTHERS & CO.,
MANUFACTURERS & WHOLESALE DEALERS IN
BOOTS, SHOES, AND LEATHER,

Binghamton, N. Y., Mar 23rd 1867
Hon E Cornell

Dear Sir

Having learned that there was some doubt
of the passing the Senate the bill making
our village charter a City Charter, and
feeling as I do the importance of it & thinking
nothing but a want of correct knowledge in
regard to the ~~(matter)~~ wants & wishes of this
people in this matter, would prevent your
valuable cooperation. in the work, I am con-
stantly to drop you a line. Having grown
up in this town from a mean ^{poor} Boy and
being now engaged in the largest manufac-
-ture in the county paying Government tax
on the largest amount of product, and
mixing with all the people, I think I
understand their wishes and can truly
say that I know of no enterprising man
that ^{is} opposed to the contemplated charter.
But as in every place we have some
breaching men who survive by shewing notes

who may be afraid of increase taxes, But
for my Part Having served in the Board
of Trustees I know that it is impossible
to controule matters here under the present
Charter Our law in regard to fire limits
are set aside necessarily we have enormous
Insurance rates, Our Houses of Ill fame
cannot be controuled, Our Drinking Saloons
are unmanageable, At a large Public
Meeting which was well attended by those
most interested in the welfare of the town
there was hardly a dissenting voice and
could this matter be left to the vote of
the People the vote would no doubt be
9 out of 10 in favor of the contemplated
Charter in part

To the Hon E Cornell }
Albany N Y }
3/23/1867

Your Truly
Wm Lester
Brimingham
N Y

Lehigh, Schuylkill,
AND
Bituminous Coal.

Office of Leavitt Brothers, 407 Walnut Street,

Philadelphia, Nov 23 1867

Hon Ezra Cornell
Albany N.Y.
Sir

I hear that you
are interesting yourself in the manu-
facture of sugar from beets.

Be good enough to put me in
the way of obtaining some reliable
information as to the best mode
of cultivating the beet, and the
cost of machinery &c necessary
to give the project a fair trial.

A friend in Jersey has raised
1000 lbs of beets & carrots on one
acre of well manured sand and
I judge that soil would be suitable
for the purpose alluded to above.

Trusting that my request may not
put you to unpleasant trouble

I am Sir

Very Resp Yours &c
Chas W Leavitt