

Eau Claire Wis Jan^y 1st 1868
Ezra Cornell Esq
Ithica N.Y.
D^r Sir

Some two years
since I was informed by Mr H C Putnam
of this place that he had spoken to you
in reference to a water power, on Bridge
Creek, in this County, 20 miles East of Eau Claire,
and from the account he gave of it, you
thought it would perhaps be a good invest-
ment to purchase and improve it.

At that time I had purchased a splendid
water power on the same creek and only 80
Rods above where I have just completed
the best flouring mill, (with one exception)
in Northern Wisconsin and at a cost of
Twenty Six Thousand Dollars together with a
stopping place for lumbermen at an additional
cost of fifteen hundred dollars -

My pond is 2 miles long with a face of
24 feet & a dam that no fisher

Can wash away having rock bottom
and rock sides, the whole mill
& dam is on rock foundation -

The mill has 3 run of $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet stone
one for feed, one for custom and one
for doing merchant work -

The mill is in the best wheat growing
town in the County, and being directly
on the road from Eau Claire to the pineries
would have a large trade from lumber
men - The great profit to the mill
will be in buying wheat and shipping
the flour -

When I commenced my mill it was new
and not a house near - Now we have
the mill a tavern, store, Blacksmith
shop and three or four dwellings and
as the rail road when built will run
only 40 rods from the mill, the property
will then be very valuable, and it is worth
to day to a man of capital \$20,000

My object in writing you is this -
I find after completing my mill

I am some considerable in debt and
consequently have no funds to make
the mill pay from fifty to one hundred
dollars per day which it could very
easily do with money -

I am therefore satisfied that it
would be to my interest to sell half
of my mill for \$10,000 to the right
kind of a man who can furnish money
against my time - and run the mill
to its full capacity -

I would be pleased to make some
arrangement with you of this nature -
or with any person you might wish
to assist to a good business - (I think
Mr Putnam intimated you wished a
nephew of yours to take hold of the
water power)

From Mr Putnam you will doubtless
learn that all of my business transactions
are done on the square.

I should be pleased to hear from you.

Respectfully Yours W. T. Weber.

L. Hiram
Jan 21. 68

Aurora Aug 1th 68

E Cornell Esq

My dear Sir I
have sent the two Pr
of Turkeys of the wild
Breed from Iowa
one pr Cock weighs 28 ^{lb}
the Hen about 14—
the Cock is 17 months
the Hen is -- 7 months
for this pr he wants \$15.00

the next pr the Cock is
8 months old weighs 20 ³/₄
the Hen is 7. M 12 or 13—
for this pr he wants \$10.00
I thought they were
just such as you ought
to have on your farm
the Largest pr is the
finest I ever saw

if you would like
this Large pr I will
By Boat Tomorrow
you can pay me some
time this Spring, when
I come up

they are very Tame
and Black they were
Raised By getting the
Eggs Hatch and Raised
By a Hen
they are Beauties

I Ammod
I am going to send
one pr of them to
Springfield Mass

Brooklyn L. I. Jan 1st 1868

Mr Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

I wrote
lately to the Secretary of State
for information about the agricul-
tural school to be established
at Ithaca, and was in reply
referred to you. I have taken

a warm interest in your
great benefaction, from the
time you established the
library. I did not however
know that there would be
a department of agriculture
connected with it. I would

like very much to know
the conditions of entrance
what the cost will be and
whether the students will be
able to partly maintain them-
selves by labor. I have a
son now seventeen who
has a great inclination to
agriculture and if it is not
too expensive I would like
to send him.

With very high regards
yrs very truly

F Schetter

33 Monroe Place
Bklyn.

Yr. a. c.
Jan. 2nd /867

My dear Mr. Cornell

I have
concluded to go down
to Albany on Saturday
or Monday to look after
that Committee matter.

I must have A. B.
there on Monday &
I beg you telegraph him
to that effect.

I rec'd a letter from
the Governor regarding

The scrip acknowledging
that he was mistaken -
as you supposed him re-
sending price of scrip, but
saying that he is informed
that it is worth considera-
bly over a dollar -

I am still as any-
way, to have it told
as ever - and the more
I think of my reason -
the more I am persuaded
that they are sound.

I approve entirely
of your idea of getting
our Professors together in
the Spring at Thaca

The middle of June
is early enough and by
that time I expect to
be back from Europe.

I have been
thinking lately more &
more of my old plan
of short-advertisements
largely issued this fall
or winter and I am
satisfied that it is good
but we must talk this
over when we meet -
- but we cannot - be-
too propose with our
circulars. Captain

Any one or who ever takes
that matter in hand
must not think it suf-
ficient to devote odd
sunds of time & thought
to it. - he must give
a portion of time regu-
larly to it. - He must
send to every State for
its Reports on Education
& other documents wh.
give names of School
Commissioners, &c. &
use the information
thus obtained in accor-
dance with Comman-
dment to let the

right. People everywhere
know what we have
to offer. A thousand
or two thousand dollars
spent in putting this
matter before the people
would be a sensible
thing. Do not let this
matter be neglected.

Once more as to the
scrip. It may be worth more
here, ^{than} there now - but
there is sense in the proverb
"a bird in the hand is worth
two in the bush".

Working for all a
happy New Year to many
of the friends
Yours heartily
J. Cornell J. D. White.

Elmira Jan 2nd

M^r Carnell

Respected Friend, I know not
what to say, that will Apologize
for my long Silence in regard
of the Grantee you done, in
lending me Money, M^r Carnell
I as much expected to pay that
Debt in Six Months time, as I got
the Money, And should only that
I got Sick with a Dyspeptic Stomach
And in my anxiety to get to
Work, Went to my Sleep to soon
the result is that I have never
been so Well day since until quite
late, And it was only with the
greatest Effort that I could Write

enough to earn the most
decent living for myself and
child, I thought as a last resort
for the sake of a living that I
had better get married, I was
disappointed in kind of money
in this case she only got small
wages, and had nothing besides
so I have had the care of a
family and my Boy to
support besides if I had not
had the sewing machine I
should have suffered for the
common necessities of life. Now
what I want to ask of you is
to be patient with me until one
year from this day, and if I
have not the money then I
will sell the machine, to pay

the debt, It is a good one, and
is worth as much to day as it
was when I got it, although I
would be expected to make some
sacrifice, I think I done wrong
and feel guilty for not hurrying
to see you before we left I think
but I did not expect to go so soon
I did not have notice only from
Sunday morning until Monday
morning, which left me with
about four hours to get ready for
a start. If you are not willing
to wait so long please inform and
I will either sell the machine and
raise all I can of it. Or you can
have the machine, which is worth
every cent of the money. Please direct
to Mrs Helen Leslie, as I don't
want my husband to know of the debt

Ithaca, Jan 2.nd 1868

My dear Mr Cornell:

Armed
with your very flattering
letter (for which I sincerely
thank you) and one from
Mr. Fitch, I called on Prof
White last Friday and was
received by him in the
kindest manner. My interview
with him was on the whole
satisfactory although not so
definite in its results as
I had hoped. He showed me
how impossible it was for
him or the Trustees, to give
a definite answer now or to

make a positive engagement.
However he gave me every
reason to hope that just the
position I wished would
~~would~~ be developed for me
in the next year or two,
and there was no reasonable
doubt in regard to it.

Of course that was very
satisfactory, as it showed
that Mr White thought me
worthy of, some place and
his only difficulty was not
having the place just now.

I have come back to my
studies with renewed ardor
and if, I can manage to
live on here a year or two
have no doubt but my
future usefulness and

Happier will be assured.
I wish again to thank
you for the encouragement
you gave me at first,
without which I should
not have done what I have
and might have lost this
opportunity forever.

Yours sincerely,
Ed. Trane

J. H. Millspaugh
2 Jan 69

Ithaca, Jan. 2^d. 1868.

Wm. Ezra Cornell Dear Uncle

I am sorry to be obliged to inform you that Corydon is not conducting himself in a manner that would please you. Marion and I have told him frequently of the consequences of his behaviour; but it seems to make no difference with him. I told him you were displeased with him in regard to his writing so much and scribbling and wasting paper, and how necessary it was for him to attend to his studies, and that you would send him home if he did not. And I have told him

of the consequences of keeping
the company he does, (which
by the way is very bad for
him) But he pays no atten-
tion to anything we say to
him. We has not been to but
three meals in over two days
~~days~~, and he is in company
with a man who left him
without paying his board, &
whom we have good reason
to think is dishonorable, to
say the least of him, ~~sure~~
I particularly would beg ~~you~~
to have nothing to do with
him.

Please excuse me for troubling
you with this long letter, and
I would not do so were it
not absolutely necessary

Yours with much respect
Jm^r A. Millspaugh

1000 Burgh N.Y.
2d January 1868

Hon. Ezra Cornell
Ithaca N.Y.

Dear Sir: Please accept my thanks for your valued favor of 30th ult. So far as I may judge from the prospectus I should desire instruction in the departments of "Agriculture" Civil Engineering Mining and Practical Geology making it as exhaustive as practicable. Within the next seven months I presume I should have little difficulty in preparing to enter at once upon the regular course of study inaugurated at the commencement.

Will the "agricultural" department embrace a thoroughly systematic training in the Preparation and Composting of Manures? the Breeding Rearing and Management of Stock? the Method or Methods of Underdraining; particularly in the use of tiles? In Arboriculture as applying specially to the growth and management of Timber and Shrubbery to combine theory or study with practice? Will the several operations of Cutting Budding, Grafting, Layering, Pruning and cultivating Fruit trees be carried on in sight of the student and can he assist in those operations with a view of acquiring such practical knowledge as will enable him to conduct them safely and properly when not under the eye of the instructor. The matter is ready, may

ambitious to shoulder a Spade Shovel or Fork and with hard work if necessary reduce the theory to actual performance.

Once more. my idea is to learn approximately if not accurately the total weekly expense that would be incurred if students boarded in the College Buildings. and also what would be the aggregate expense of Text Books in the courses above mentioned?

If this will be too much of a trespass upon your time, will you please refer the letter to one of the gentlemen associated with you with a request to communicate with me at an early day.

Very Respectfully
W. Wallace Andrews

W. Wallace Andrews
3 Jan 68

County Treasurers Office
Ashland County, Wisconsin.

La Pointe Jan. 3rd 1868.

Ezra Cornell Esqr.
Ithaca N. Y.

Dear Sir

Please permit me to address a few lines to you respecting your Taxes in this County. The Tax Roll for 1867 having been placed in my hands for collection and finding your worthy Name on the same, I thought I might render you a favor in addressing you ~~on the~~ subject in order to let you know the amount, and as the Taxes are now due, and I presume you like to pay them in due time. Having read of your munificent endowment of an agricultural College for New York, I found out the place of your residence and having no doubt that it is yourself who has so liberally endowed a college also has liberally located lands in our County, which the residents of this County are gratified to know. Considering all this, I took the liberty to direct these lines to yourself. The amount of your Taxes here for 1867 is eight hundred and sixty six ⁵⁹/₁₀₀ Dollars, which if you feel so inclined, you can remit to me by draft on New York and I will on receipt of the same

Please turn over

send you the Receipt by return,
Hoping to receive an early reply

I am

Very respectfully

Your obedt. Servt.

D. Smitz

County Treasurer
of Ashland County Wis.

For La Point
Ashland co
Wis

Even Plain July 4th 1868
Hon Ezra Cornell,
Dear Sir,

Have just Recd.

Yours of 29th Dec. referring to Communication
of B. Cornell of Chippewa Co. Wisconsin
he refers to the 640 acres Sold Munnukum
Last year, on Sections 26, 27 & 34. T. 31. R. 8.
Munnukum is cutting on this Land as
he has a right to do. That is all the Land
we have in that Town. (Perhaps Cornell
does not know as it is sold.) We have some
Lands East & North of him, in Town 31.
R. 7. but there is no one buying near
them. I don't think he would be a proper
man to act as agent (except perhaps of
the Lands near his own, & I don't fear
any trespass upon them at present.) for the
reason that he does not go up the river
or near our Lands where there would
be a likelihood of there being any trespass.
is not acquainted with the country, & not
having had much experience in hunting up Lands

Requires a certain training & experience for their business. I have sent men to various points where there would be any possibility of Surfers & am looking after this thing a few weeks. we shall have I have some one to look after a portion of these Lands, but my being in the office & knowing all the parties who are logging & where they are at work can tell pretty near what Lands we want to watch, & make it a point to look after them.

If we have any one to look after the Lands I would recommend one of the men who has assisted in selecting them, he would have a great advantage over any one else by having been on the Land before, & familiar with the Suits.

I cannot get at present a list of all taxes as they are in the hands of the several Town collectors.

I don't know as I can give any information of importance upon the U. S. Lands, the general feeling about the matter is, that River Lands are about the best thing a man can have.

two or three years since, if you asked a
man \$5. an acre for Scrub on the Chip
pawa he would laugh at you. Now if any
is sold it brings \$5 & more an acre, and they
are beginning to ask for second hand Lands.
& not to look so much for Government
Lands. I have opportunities every day to see
men who have passed over some of our
Lands (in exploring) & question them about
those Lands, & find that my statements about
them are verified, & that the great bulk
of the Lands are good.

You inquire about our journey home?
We had a very pleasant visit at my
Father's in Cornwall & my wife's Father in
Exford. After we left you in N.Y. & reached
home on the 1st of Nov. all well. found
that my brother had worked day & night
at the Scrip Entries & was nearly used up.
Since my return I have worked & have often
thought "I must write H.C. of our arrival
at home &c" but have not. My wife sends her
love & yourself & all the family, & often speaks
of the pleasant visit she had at your house

You will accept my thanks for the kindness
shown us by yourself & family - & we hope
to be able to return it - some day.

Truly yours

H. C. Putnam

H. C. Putnam
Jan'y. 1868

H. A. Skinner
Jan 5. 68

Full River Jan 5th 1868
Esteemed Friend

I presume
that a majority of the letters that are
we written commence with an apology
for the delay for not having written sooner
this is now my case I intended writing
you very soon after the reception of that
choice fruit you so generously sent to all
of us tendering you my best thanks for
such an opportune gift I trust that I
may be pardoned for not sooner ack-
nowledging the reception of your fine present
they all arrived in ~~very~~ very good order
just before a cold snap which was quite
fortunate

Father and Mother are in usual health
Mary is I think rather on the gain
My Mother and Anna are also in good
health. Our own family are all well
with the exception of the children having

the usual winter colds

We are having an unusually severe winter it commenced much earlier than usual and has been very steady cold weather with much more snow than usually falls here near the seaboard

Manufacturing business seems just now to be much depressed most of the mills having notified their help of a reduction of wages of from 12 to 18 per cent which is certainly rather hard in mid-winter and at the present high prices of the necessities of life

That Print works which you and the Editor of the Journal ^{visited} when you were here last summer and which then was as noble and massive a structure as the eye could wish to look upon is now a ruin crumbling walls and huge piles of machinery broken, distorted and bent in every conceivable form is now all that is ~~now~~ left of that extensive works then so full

of life and activity three weeks ago this day about middle of the afternoon fire was discovered in the northwestern part of the old works and the flames fanned by a high wind from the west made such rapid headway that it soon passed beyond the control of the most strenuous efforts of the firemen to suppress it notwithstanding they were assisted with powerful steam fire engines and in a short time communicated to the new building which together with the old portion of the works were in the short space of a couple of hours entirely burnt out leaving only the blackened and defaced walls standing and involving a loss of nearly or quite a million of dollars on which the insurance amounted to less than one hundred thousand dollars.

Workmen are now clearing away the rubbish and the entire establishment will be rebuilt as soon as possible.

My Wife sends regards to you and

family should be glad to see you this way
and also to hear from you by letter
My wife wishes me to say to you that she
does not expect Massachusetts go much
ahead of New York while you are identified
with the prosperity of the latter state

yours Truly

H. A. Skinner

Office of the Tribune.

New York, Jan. 6, 1868.

Dear Sir:

Please examine
the enclosed papers and
either give me your opin-
ion of the probable value
of this man's invention,
or write him directly,
yourself. Yours,

Horace E. Correll.

Hor. E. Correll
of Throca,
N.Y.

Hungerford Bros

GEO. W. HUNGERFORD.

Jan 7. 1868

SEELYE HUNGERFORD.

HUNGERFORD & BRO.,

Exchange Brokers and Land Agency.

Have a complete abstract of all Lands ever entered, and all Lands ever sold in Wood,
Marathon and Portage Counties.

We Pay Taxes for Non-Residents, Make Collections, &c.

Stevens' Point, Wis., Jan 7th 1868

Ozra Cornell Esq., Albany NY

Dear Sir:

Your favor of ✓ received
with ✓ Enclosure as stated.

Knowing that you own or have owned
a large amount of Land in this State
we take the Liberty of soliciting your
Tax business in this State. we have
facilities for paying taxes in this State
that many others have not - H. S.
Alban our Register of U S Land
office in this place told us we had
better write you for your business. You
will find us prompt and Reliable
we know of your disposing of some
of your Lands if convenient give
us their address or refer them to us
for paying taxes - we are now paying
taxes for parties residing in your

place. Mr J. S Mitchell & others.
we will pay any taxes you may
have to pay in wood. Portage & Marathon
Counties at the face as we can use
Co & Town scrip which we have, will
pay in other Counties for a very small
Commission. Now we hope to get
your business to attend to also of
your friends & we will try and
make it satisfactory to you.

Should you
know of any parties that have funds
where they wish to make a safe sure
investment (as sure and safe as U S
Government Bonds) we will give 10 %
for a loan from 2 to 5 years if you
know of any party that does we will
give ample security & give information
of the business we wish to employ the
Capital would take from 3 to 10 000
dollars. or if you will furnish the
funds we will give you 1/2 of the profits
which will give us from 25 to 50 % profit
and perfectly safe - Truly yours
Hungerford & Co

Fr. O. Sheldon
Jan 5th 1868

Yours Jan 7. 1868
Hon E Cornell

My dear Sir,
Yours of the 31st
reached me two or three
days since, and since then
I have been trying to see if
I could easily arrange to
see you the 4th week on your
terms.

The young calf is very strong
vigorous than has been since
his birth. He was got by
Baron of Exford, ^{Av. B. E. W. B.} 2525 (2337)
a pure Bates Bull.

He is a very fine feeder, and
a first class calf, of very
beautiful deep red, with a
very small spot of white on
each flank & in forehead.

his coat of hair is magnificent
and I feel sure you would
be pleased with him, and
I would like very much
to have you own him, for
I know in Watt's hands
he would do famously —
situated as I am at present
I could not see
him today on the terms you
propose.

In the first place I have
met with our heavy loss
this year aside from my
fire, which would have
ordinarily cramped me
but when I have replaced
my building at present
high prices I find myself
in a condition when I
require all of the ready

money I can command,
to meet my building expenses,
the purchase of the horses
and also helped cripple
me to take altogether from
my share.

There is also another serious
objection. It is the selling
of your horses. For as I
am now situated with
my barn burned (since
building in all.) and a
greater part of my hay
you can readily see how
my income it would
be to me. The 4th Duke was
~~born~~ Calcut August 6th and
is every way my son old,
and few months since
would see your horses
nicely,

I feel very sorry that I am so
situated that I cannot take
your horses, as it would give
me much pleasure to do so.

There are two parties in want
of the calf. Mr. Alexander of
Kentucky & Mr. Robbins of
Covington, but I have no idea
~~how~~ whether they will take
time or not.

It is possible I may within a few
days make arrangements I
am now contemplating and
if I do I would perhaps take
your note on board. If you
advise you, I am anxious to
have you have the spring Bull
If I can arrange it.

Sincerely yours

James M. Hudson

Rochester Jan 7th 1868

E Cornell Esq

Dear sir enclosed

I send you a draft for forty
two Dollars interest on P Macy's
Mortgage on deff St Rochester

please send me a receipt for
the same and Oblige yours

Platt & Vile

Cayuga Jan 8th 1868-

Mr Cornell
Ithaca N.Y.

Dear Sir

With this I send you draft on N.Y.
for Three thousand I did intend
to send you the interest up
the 13th inst which is one quarter
of the year. but my collections
are so slow that I could not
bring it about. I should like
that you would send me receipt
at your earliest convenience by
so doing you will much
Your sincere friend
L. A. Pelton

Waltham Mass Jan 10 1868
Hon. Ezra Cornell Ithaca N.Y.,
Dear Sir

Soon after I wrote you
on the 11th Dec. I received an
order for, and bought, about
7,000 acres College scrip.

I did not write you, for
the reason that you wrote
me, you had an offer of
90 cts per acre for the whole
of yours, while I had no
difficulty in buying at
considerably less than
that price

I expect to have
other and larger orders to
fill, and should be glad
to know, at any time, the price
at which it is held in different places
Respectfully Yours C. W. Houghton

Oakland Cal. 10th Aug '68

M^r E. Cornell

Dr. Sir

Your favor of 16th ult. came to hand this morning.

I have just returned from a three weeks trip down the Coast collecting, and have added extensively to my duplicates for exchanges; and have been successful in obtaining many specimens in better condition than any I previously possessed. The additional species to the collection amounted to 3 Chitons and one Pholad, - the *Nenastomella Darwinii*, - Of the family Trochidae I obtained some 300 specimens for exchanges 5 of the species both beautiful & rare. -

The whole number collected of specimens (aided by 2 men) will amount to 2000. -

You allude to the difficulty of providing funds immediately for the purchase. This need be no obstruction, as the whole amount may remain as a debt for 2 years or more

by which time I should hope to complete mounting the specimens, by close application and furnish a Complete Catalogue.

The amount should draw legal interest as it would form an important item of my reduced income.

You will appreciate my desire to complete an arrangement, when informed that my future action will depend entirely upon the result. The Gulf of California an immense inland Sea producing the most beautiful forms of Animal life requires examination with a dredge -

This ground is very imperfectly examined but from the little known, it promises the richest returns for the labor of exploration.

This I propose to do in behalf of the Collection, after closing my Professional Career in this place.

Other points to which I referred in my previous Communication will require time to investigate. I have a small Collection of Radiata which I will increase as occasion may offer to add to the museum.

I am very respectfully Yours

A. Newcomb

Mr & Mrs Humphrey present
their compliments, and regret
that they must decline
Mrs Cornell's invitation for
this evening -

Jan 11th 1868.



Minnesota Legislature
SENATE CHAMBER,

St. Paul, Jan'y 11 1868

Secretary State
New York

Dear Sir

Will you please inform me by
return mail, as to what
disposition has been made
(if any) of the Agricultural
College Land Grant, and
also whether you have an
Agricultural College in your
State and of its Sheep and
Grassplots &c

Respectfully
Yours
J. S. Pillsbury

N. L. CHAFFEE,
JEFFERSON,
Ashtabula Co., Ohio.

Office of the Judge of the Ninth Judicial District of Ohio.

Jefferson, O., Jan'y 13 1868

14 m. Ezra Cornell

Ithaca New York

Dear Sir I have just returned

from Kansas and rec'd your kind favor of the
9th ult. for which I am greatly obliged. Had I
reflected for a moment upon the trouble & labor
occasioned you in making so lengthy a transit
of the papers requested I would not have
imposed so burdensome a task upon you.

Thankful to hear me when I tender you my
warmest thanks for the extended program
Containing the Papers of Figitt 6th

I have great luck in getting my cattle through
to Kansas, and am greatly pleased & well
satisfied with my purchase.

I shall be under still further obligations to you
for the illustrations and cuts of the Bull should
you send them to me as you mention which
I really hope you will do.

Very inquiring of me in regard to the ^{and responsibility} ~~the~~ ~~interest~~
G. F. Lewis of Cleveland Ohio. In reply I

would say I have known Mr. Smith
well & intimately for twenty years or more
and always regarded his integrity above
suspicion. He is a speculative sort of
man & like many of that class he has
had his ups & downs in regard ^{to} money
making & pecuniary responsibility and
just now is not regarded as being responsi-
-ble. I have been told he is now an appli-
-cant for relief under the Bankrupt
Law. Having to hear from you again
at your earliest convenience & to receive
some of the illustrations a cutting of the young
Bull &c I remain Truly & Sincerely
Yours &c
W. L. Chaffee

W. L. Chaffee
13 Jan 68

J. Engle ~~man~~
Jan 13, 1868

~~Wm. D. P.~~

1868

Ypsilanti Mich Jan 13th
Mr Ezra Cornell Ithica N.Y.
Dear Sir

Permit me to address you as a
stranger and ~~yet~~ as one seemingly acquainted.
I have for some time taken the Phrenological journal
published by Messrs "Fowler and Wells" and once on a
time I noticed & with great interest read and re-
read what I supposed was your biography
&c &c. perhaps it was more impressed on my
mind for the reason that I had been engaged
in learning the art of Telegraphing.

I am very desirous of laying a few facts
before you which I think are not of every day
occurrence or at least ought not to be, and
pray that through your influence and that
of some ~~unseen~~ power there may be a remedy.
About 1 yr & 3 mos ago I married in N.Y.
a widows daughter and with my Mother-in-law, her
son & my wife removed to Mich. or this part
of the country for the purpose of working ~~in~~

father farm at his urgent request.

but a short time there, and all efforts were exerted to get what money I had in his possession and also to accomplish the ruination of the character & reputation of my Mother-in-law. I saw much and learned more of his evil designs through my mother-in-law the neighbors and my own vigil. My father soon being informed that I was knowing to something very serious going on betwixt himself & said

Mother undertook to make me by threats to make me openly declare that all I had seen was false and gotten up by myself. This I could not do & the family disgrace was made public. Writings illegal, violent hands laid upon me, harvest near at hand by my hard labor. My wife in a few weeks to be confined. Councillors of the law advised me to leave the farm and commence prosecution. Soon, same lawyers were heavily bribed & advised me to take

what I could get of my father for my individual labor by the month and commence prosecution on other grounds. Said lawyer having received from my hands a note against my father of 34rs standing of \$300.00 without interest for retention fee. Did me far enough, then said, he had been hired not to take up against father, & had forgotten it. Then turned against me with false swearing. I always suspected going to law and worst of all son against father & vice versa. It seemed I could not avoid it.

We removed and I earnestly labored by the day until this winter, and now we have moved in town with the hopes of finding something in the shops of work to do. I have a lame limb that is very troublesome to work upon a farm. My means are exhausted for house furniture & a living. My Mother-in-law's property cannot be sold under seven yrs without a great & perhaps total loss to us.

thinking we can do better west than
in New York we still remain strangers
in this place. Yet we trust we are not
strangers to the Church of Christ and his
people. Yet every place is full with many
but a few dollars remaining and I am
imparting it to a stranger when none here
of my former acquaintances dreams the reality of my
situation. I was not born to riches, to riches
I always thought I never should cling
I was always desirous of making my
mark in the world among men and
hoping I too might be able to contribute
to institutions that are sorely in need.
I cannot accomplish the support of my family
by trusting to relatives to give me a chance, &
by so doing have lost all. I pray to you
to devise some means or place whereby I
may obtain a situation on trial, that I
may save my family if necessary and try
and show myself or make myself a man.

I understand Telegraphing tolerable & am now
practicing; with the promise of an office as soon
as there is a vacancy on the Mich. Central R.R.
Mr M.D. Woodford Chf. telegrapher thinks there will be
no vacancy before spring. I have not enough to keep
the family till spring. I have tried hard for
work. Can you Dear Sir, in any way give me
help. I understand Book keeping somewhat. Can you
the run to a good advantage when I have a
good one. I am willing to do anything. Can
you, will you please give me something to do until spring
if no longer? I can get a pass over the R.R. or go away
where. Please will you overlook this to my not starving, but miserable
and unemployed servant Jacob Engle Gheiberts Mich. age 24 yrs

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Ithaca Jan^y 13. 1868

My Dear Sir

Your favor of the 4th I found on my desk when I reached home from the city, asking my aid or influence in procuring for you some position in Ithaca when you could gain a livelihood.

I do not know what to recommend you to engage in here, for that object. as I know nothing of your capacity, or adaptability to do outside of your trade or office.

If you should find any thing here suited to your taste and capacity. I should take

pleasure in rendering you
such aid as my influence
would enable me to exert in
your behalf =

You should not go in the
country with high hopes of
a rapid fortune, for you
would find at first that steady
industry and great economy
in expenditures, would be
requisite to avoid going behind -

A young man with
industry, and good habits,
with a wife who can do her
share of getting a living and
only one child to care for
should be able to pay his way -

Those who smoke from one
to ten cigars per day, chew
half a pound of Tobacco, and
drink a glass of Whiskey or
Mug of Sazer three or four
times a day, have a way of

getting a Long that I do not
understand, as they do live
and keep out of jail, I in-
fer that a man who does
not incur such foolish ex-
penditures, can make head-
way, if industrious, honest, and
with a small percentage of
capacity.

Yours Respectfully
Ernest Corvill

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