

Ballston Spa July 2^d 1867

Hon. Ezra Cornell }
Ithaca

Sir

Referring to the very pleasant interview which it was my privilege to have with you at the Library Rooms of the American Institute last winter I am induced to refer to that interview by letter. Our conversation was mainly based upon the introduction of a bill into the Senate authorizing the Supervisors of Ulster County to refund certain taxes which it was alleged had been assessed without authority of Law. Was that bill consummated. The First National Bank in this Village in which I am personally interested, and in the same category, as the Kingston Bank, and most of the other National Banks in this State, Your own Bank I think has had the taxes of 1865 returned, I mean those illegally assessed.

Will you do me the favor to inform me if the Board of Supervisors of your County refunded by virtue of any particular Statute, or any legal decisions pertaining to this subject matter.

I think you mentioned that the Attorney of your Bank satisfied the Attorney of the Board of Supervisors of your County, that it was their duty to refund your taxes, and they did so to avoid a suit

Our Board of directors seem disinclined to take any action further than to ask the Supervisors to return that which has been unlawfully taken under their authority and directions, which they have quite unceremoniously refused to do. and my object is to fortify myself with such facts as will Enable me to urge upon them with greater confidence the necessity of renewed action without further delay.

I am aware that my short acquaintance with you does not justify me in corresponding with you upon this subject. but your public reputation is so fully Established, and so widely known, as to Embolden an Entire stranger to address you upon almost any subject. If therefore you can assist me in this matter, you will confer a personal obligation, which it will be my pleasure to repay if I Ever can.

Your Obedt Servt
Jesse Bull

Thames

July 3 1867

Hon. E. Cassell

My Dear Sir I am happy
to receive a letter from one
whom I esteem so highly &
whom I much desire to know
personally.

I am aware of your generous
& noble efforts in behalf of
Education. The London Company
I had been noticed in the
papers - & our friend Rucker
had written me in regard to
it. I have just now your letter
with the pamphlet which
accompanies your letter. How
amazingly rich in lumber those
lands are!

I thank you for inviting me

to take part in the London
operation. But for financial
reasons I must decline -
1. I have no money to invest.
2. I am an old man (70) &
am hinging my property matters
to close. 3. The state of my
health admonishes me
not to multiply my cares.
With very high regards,

Yours friend
Smithwick

1867
Hon. Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

Being an entire stranger I must beg pardon for thus trespassing upon Your indulgence and troubling You with a subject in which You may feel little or no interest. but Your reputation as a public man and taking an interest in anything of a public benefit is my apology for thus addressing You.

For some number of years past I have been of the opinion that valuable Ore existed in this State. but for the past two years I have given the most of my attention to it by the aid of a mineral red dress suit that never deceives me I have arrived at certain facts which Public men should especially those who have means & a corresponding disposition to investigate it.

Sometime about the middle of April last past I went into Your County & gained permission to make an examination upon a certain farm after digging to the depth of six feet I took from the ground as a nature of the soil a quantity of mineral which bears the tests usually applied to Gold. I have separated about two ounces by quicksilver with which it readily amalgamates and finding as I have as good an article at a depth so shallow I have no doubt from the shape of the ground that a large quantity of it exists in the

lies beneath the spot where I dug the same 40
feet above the bed of a brook and below same spot
and brook is a never failing spring hence I
Judge that the richness of the Ore would not be
reached until nearly upon the level of the spring
I can locate any vein of Ore & will warrant
I would like to engage Your attention to this matter
& if after investigation You think proper I should
like in some way to place it in Your hand for full
development I have a lease of the land for
mineral purposes given for 21 Years & the duty
I have made is made secure according to law
Should this statement & suggestion meet with
favour I could come to Your place at any time
and show You my specimens all of which
are natives of this State
hoping to get an early & favourable answer
I am Yours

Truly
Yr. C. Reddy
Watkins N.Y.

Ithaca July 5. 1867

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 1st inst. is at hand calling my attention to great discoveries you say you have made through the agency of a "mineral Rod" an instrument which never deceives me" as you say I am glad to learn that you have a "mineral rod" that does not deceive you, and you may be equally glad to learn that it is not likely to deceive me. This mineral rod delusion is much older than the present generation of men, and it is high time that people should not be deceived by it. And I am happy to learn that you have arrived at the stage of knowledge, where the mineral rod is an instrument that never deceives me (you).

If you have discovered a gold mine in Tompkins Co. I should regard it as a great misfortune for our people and I hope you will be so good as not to make the fact known for by so doing you would turn the heads of very many honest hard working farmers and thereby derange the working of the mines which they are better acquainted with than yours, and from which they are now tolerably well rewarded for their labor, and are in the enjoyment of rational happiness.

If by your discoveries through the agency of your faithful Mineral rod you should develop gold bearing sand on every farm and make the possessors as rich as Croesus, I fear we should all suffer for bread, if we did not actually starve, before reason should again assert her sway, and man eat his bread in the sweat of his brow.

I would suggest if you persist in the subject of enquiry, that you submit specimens and facts to Hon John Magee, your neighbor who is largely interested in mining, and plenty of money to invest in a good thing.

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

A. C. Reddy Esq

A. C. Reddy
Wallingford July 1, 1897
E. C. Cornell

Milwaukee July 6th 1867

My Aunt -

I can hardly take up a paper lately without my eye falling upon what seems out here to be a stereotyped paragraph, as follows, "Hon Egan Connel is building a \$500,000 residence at Ithaca New York",

We are anxious to know if you have really got to work upon your new house and also where you have decided to locate it.

I will be glad to know too whether you have presented the order to Harriet Parker &c for the \$5000 W & O Bonds

We have had frightful
work with our lines since
I have been here

The overflow of the Mississippi
tornadoes, thunderstorms &c have
kept us in continual trouble.
Do you expect to get your
Lumber Co started this
season and may we
expect a visit from you
and Mary Ann this summer?
How is she now. Alongo
wrote me some weeks ago
that she was not at all
well & we have heard
nothing definite about her
since - Julia has
nearly recovered her usual
strength & the rest are
quite well. The climate
here seems so far not
unlike the sea shore

I recd a notice a few
days ago forwarded from
Dwight offering me a
certain further amount of
Photo Lith stock if taken
within a few days - At the
time for accepting had
passed some 2 or 3 weeks
I did not respond.
How does it now look?
I have not heard from
Chace or from Denham
since Mother & Cordelia
moved to Brooklyn,
the matter progressing favorably
with your University -
With much love to Mary Ann
and the children

I remain

affly yours

J. Wood

Wm E Cornell

T. Chipperfield
July 8. 67

Gyner City, Indiana.
July 8th. 1867.

To the President & Professor of
The Cornell University, Ithaca.
Dear Sir:

As I was on my way from
Charleston S.C., to this place,
I happened with Judge James
of Washington D.C. who spoke
to me of your University,
but could not give any par-
ticulars about it; hence I
take the liberty to write
a line to you.

I am a Minister, but de-
sire more culture from
the schools. Please tell
me the design of yours,
terms of admission, when
it begins, charges &c. &c.

And send catalogue
or circular and greatly
oblige your old servant
J. Chipperfield.
Tyner City
Indiana

P.S. Please answer im-
mediately. My pa-
per and envelope I
have not received yet
hence I use the best
I could get. Y. C.

H. C. Paddy
July 8. 67

Watkins July 8th 1867

H. C. Cornell

I sent You a letter under the date of July 1st stating that, through the aid of a Mineral God, I had made certain discoveries &c. This morning I rec^d a letter signed C. Cornell. I now sit down to reply - if You will peruse the same You may learn more of Yourself & something from me - And now let me make apologies, for troubling You with a subject, beyond Your power of Conception, for I see by Your letter that You manifest a great concern for Yourself and the people of Your County and great fears, that You & they will lose Your Rationality - I think so far as You are concerned You have but little to fear - if You did really write the letter that I have before me, I find that Your reputation & facts do not agree first You are a miserable writer for a Senator and still a worse speller 2^d I believe that my letter to You, showed a proper difference to Your position Your answer to me is, Bar-room, and pimpish Blackguard - and I can hardly make

Myself believe that the would be great E. Cornell
of Ithaca could condescend to write such a childish,
insipid piece of non-sense and exhibit such an
absence of the knowledge even of common civility
it seems that while increasing in wealth, You have
not advanced from Your more early position
as a poor, Ignorant, unshod penniless pauper.
You should my friend Cornell try to progress a
little in that which makes a man, for wealth
I see does not have that effect upon You.
You refer to my language concerning a Mineral
rod that "never deceives me" - Now I see that with
all Your experience in the Telegraph Machine
Business, that You manifest no more knowledge
of its practical use in other respects than though
You had never seen a wire, but You railed on
me with Your quint-essence of disbelled nonsense
like a maniac - Now what do You know about
a Mineral rod - Just about as much as I know
about how You got Your money, whether You
stole it or robbed some man of it - & that I
know nothing about - it is enough for me
to know Judging by Your letter, that You are
a Great big Nothing, with brains that are

Zig Zag and a head as hollow as a drum
and no more top piece or a place to put brains
than a pigeon — You sign Your letter "Yours
Respectfully" — Did You mean to lie, or don't You
know any better, Had You said as a gentleman
would have done, that You had not sufficient
confidence in the matter to investigate it, for that
was all I asked You to do, I should have taken
'Respectfully' and rec'd it kindly, but You may learn
that know beating is not a good as civility,
Now I take the position 1st that there is an abundance
of Valuable Ore in this State and in Your County of Lead
Silver & Lead 2^d that Your Ores to the contrary
That I have a Mineral rod by which I can locate
a vein of Ore accurately or find Coin hidden from
me for experiment — Now You are the great J. A. M.
E. Cornell of Ithica — & I now Challenge You to
a public discussion on the evidences that appear
and can be made to appear to substantiate the
above assertions, upon a wager of \$500. duly
deposited — If You think that You would lose
the ballance of what little mind You have got
by accepting, why then don't answer or if You think
that Cornell Gaily & Co can make more money

by circulating a Copying Machine, ^{should you go so} so that
Counterfeits can copy a genuine Bank bill
Then don't answer - ^{as} I hear such a machine is invented
I have thus answered. ^{cc} Yours Respectfully ²⁷ And if
You have not Education enough to read it perhaps
You could get John Magee or some such man
to read it for You - I shall retain a copy of this
and the time is not far distant, when the correspondence
may appear before that public that You manifest
such an interest in as regards Rationality - If You
knew a little more than You do, there is an Indian
Organisation in Your County that would give
You three or four Cents per year to blow for
them, and I don't know by the feeling You
manifest but that is what makes You blow so
hard now

Now Cornell remember that when You was poor
You doubtless knew - Just as much as You do
now. And are no better now than then.
A thousand ways has providence to bring
the high looks down

I have freed my mind and entertain
no ill wishes only if You should ne want
a respectful letter from me or mean to
be a gentleman then make a Gentleman's
apologies for this Blackguard letter You wrote
to me

H. C. Reddy

Ezra Cornell Esq.

Cold Spring 9th July

1857

Ithaca N.Y.

Dear Sir,

When we met, and
Mr. Plugh introduced me to you
in Albany in May last, it reminded
me of a transaction that we had
together some years ^{since} which I had
forgotten, and it has probably been
the same with you - It is so long
ago that I presume any legal claim
upon you must be outlawed, except
it be for the value of the 16 shares in
the Troy and Canada Junction Stock,
the company I understand to have been
incorporated in the Western Union Telegraph Co,
and that they must have issued that
stock for these 16 shares - I do not
however desire to contest this point,
but to leave the whole matter to your
own sense of justice, and therefore with
the consent of Mr. Parrott, and Mr. Nelson
enclose your own letter of 22^d March 1852,
Yours Truly
Together

together with all the papers relating
to it, a note of which is annexed.

Respectfully Yours

Gouv Kemble

Note of papers enclosed -

E. Cornell's letter of 22^d March 1852.

E. Cornell's note of hand for \$500 to G. Kemble

do - do - 250. to R. P. Parrell

do do 150. to E. Hillson

Certificate for 16 Shares in the Troy
and Canada Junction Telegraph Co
Assignment of the above certificate to
to Gouv. Kemble

Syracuse July 9th 1867

Mr. E. Cornell

Dear Sir

I was in Attica 3^d inst to see
You about covering the Water
Cure Building with Gravel
Roofing Warren Patent

I left my Book
and Packard with Mr Morris
I should like very much
to cover your Building will
give it my personal attention
if you give it to me to do

I refer you to
Mr Chas. P. Grey of your place
he is acquainted with me also
other References here and
elsewhere if you wish

Yours Very Respectfully

Thomas Talbot

Glenwood Minn
July 9th 1867

Sir

Many inquiries are made
of me as to whether you would
sell any of the land scrip'd by
you last fall in this County
(Pope) I am unable to answer the
inquiries, I hope all now resident
land holders of lands in this
County may consider it to their
advantage and interest to dispose
of their lands at a moderate advance
on cost and to offer them for sale
at once - Hoping to hear favorably
from you as to whether you will dispose
of your lands in this County and
on what terms I subscribe myself

Respectfully Yours
Abraham W. A. W. Satchel
Ochaca N. Y.

Brooklyn July 9-

Dear Sir

I duly received yours of
5th & I agree with you, that
your 7th bonds or poor, are
better for you, than unimproved
vacant real estate, at very
large pieces to pay tax on, &
then I am willing to buy your
land adjoining. How? at the
same rate, & improve it, if
the amount can be left
on Mortgage @ 7% of I am
largely interested in land in
that section, & it might pay
me to improve, when it would
not pay, to let it lie, & pay
taxes & assessments, those interest,
& be liable to raise by the
Corporation - I will draw
all the papers - An early
answer; desirable - Of course

your beauty will be
constantly improving. As
you are aware I do not
am grading at about
half the cost of the cor-
rection job.

Respectfully yours

E. H. Harris

Hon. Ezra Cornell

I thank

you -

Geo. B. Allen
July 9. 67

Chas. A. Darling
July 9, 67

Scipioville July 9th 1867

Dear Sir.

I went with Mr. Murdock last week over the entire line from Auburn to Waverly and upon a view of the work done and with the Hutchinson Survey I have submitted to some gentlemen in Auburn an estimate for the "Murdock line" of Rail Road which is securing the attention on their part that its importance would seem to demand.

I have been engaged down East several weeks and while in Philadelphia had an interview with Judge Packer Mr. Loggstreth and several other gentlemen whose interests are very great in the Coal regions, and who are spending millions in

developing the mines of wealth and rapidly extending their line of Rail Road to Waverly, they very naturally feel a great interest in getting to Lake Navigation on the shortest and most favorable route, and have faith in their northern friends and presume they will appreciate the importance of the work and provide such an outlet for them.

I regret very much that we did not find you at home, I was surprised to find among your people in Ithaca so little interest manifested for the "Murdock line", I don't know how they can view it otherwise than as a line of great importance to that place, the estimate I have submitted, presuming that an arrangement may be made to ~~connect~~ with your road at

Spencer is for the whole line complete from Lake Ontario, including Rolling Stock

\$1,453,671.84

There is a movement on foot which will give us the whole weight of Auburn on our side \$600,000

North of Auburn 250,000

* The towns South of Auburn }
not including Ithaca } 250,000

Friends in New York &

Philadelphia 100,000

This route is shorter than than the Southern Central by $12\frac{1}{2}$ miles, the cost of construction less by more than \$1,000,000 - with all the other considerations in its favor to you individually and as a citizen of Ithaca, I cannot help but think you will give what aid you can to put this road immediately in course of construction.

* I have Slocum Howlands Subscription for \$40,000. —

The Mundock line is going to
be built, it would be a little
singular. if it was done without
a dollar aid from you or
Ithaca, I cannot believe it. We
shall hope that Ithaca will be
fully represented in this work.

Respectfully yours

Chas A. Darling

Hon Ezra Cornell

At the decease of Isaac Newton
it occurred to me that John
Stanton Gould was the very man
to be the successor in the agricultural
department in Washington.

C. A. D

A. D. White
July 9, 1867

Syracuse National Bank

Syracuse, N.Y. July 9th 1867
My dear Sir

I have
just telegraphed you
that I cannot be
in Albany today or to-
morrow. A very important
suit details me.

I think that you
had better sit down with
some good lawyer in the
Convention who is friendly
and have Gould with
you and perhaps some
other of our friends and
agree on the amendment
to be proposed to the Con-
vention - You had better

inform Curtis that I
do not care for a farther
hearing before the Com-
mittee as you have
appeared and have
no doubt presented the
case fully. I wish that
you and Gould could
have a full talk with
Folger, and ask him
for his ideas regarding
an amendment. I
am curious to know what
he would think it ad-
visable to ask of the Con-
vention to insert into the
Constitution.

I do not see
how I can make any
stay in Albany at-
present. The first two-

ment that "Mrs" White
is able to start we leave
for Gloucester near Boston
Mass. and I hope we
shall start day after
tomorrow in the morning
(11.10) by train. We have
expected to go through to
Springfield the first day
but if you telegraph me
that you think it ad-
visable I might stop over
night at Albany.

I might perhaps
get back to Albany
the middle of next week.

But after all
I do not see why on a
conference with Gould
& Brooks & our other friends
you cannot do perfectly
well without my aid

Let me hear from you
at the earliest moment
possible. and if you
think it very necessary that
I talk with Cozer or
any of the others, perhaps
I can arrange it.

I remain

Hearty, Yours

A. D. White

Hon. E. Cornell

Walton on the Hill,

Liverpool, 9 July 1867

Ezra Cornell Esq

My dear Sir

Your favor of May 13 duly arrived & it was
my wish & intention to have noticed it earlier
but (Cuthbert) Junken has been from home &
not as approachable as usual - I am under
no persuasion of his feeling with regard to
selling you a Dutchess male & female, & the
best way will be to transcribe literally his
words - "I am quite ready to stick to my
word to let Mr. Cornell have a bull & young
heifer" from any Dutchess: such as I will part
with: of course a good one" no other ought to
cross the Atlantic - but it will have to be a
young one - nothing less than 1000 Ster. 1050 \$
would be offered for him & the normal price
I will set for a bull, say 600 \$, if I have one
to sell, it being my case then I have one on
hand" he adds, "of course, Pure Blood,
good health, & constitution & good color, can be

got at Witherby, tho' I am four crosses back
a bull called "Desert" was used - I promised
to let Mr. Cornell have a Duchess to talk out
of the Country, I am ready to do so if I fit
my price & Conditions, as also a Bull - a Bull
I am always ready to sell to any one -"

The whole business now lies in a nutshell.
I offer a few remarks for your Consideration.
You see the Captain will only sell a young
one, he has told me again & again that when
they grow up he becomes so much attached to
them that he cannot make up his mind to
part with them; & latterly he has had such
a demand for Bulls, that all he has to part
with have been sold at a few months old.
I think he has only one to part with at this
moment, unless it be a kid he has dropped a
few days ago, from Duchess 93 by S. of Reford,
my old Bull - his Duchesses have reached
their "Century" & are number 100 - If it is your
intention to come across this year you should
purchase, & you think well of my proposal,
it would give me great pleasure to take
charge of any thing you buy & keep them

until the stringency of 7/9/56? laws is relaxed
to such an extent as to permit their being
landed on your side - Some arrangement
of this nature will be requisite in consequence
of the Captain's resolve to sell fangsters only -
unless you could stipulate for ~~your~~ them to
remain with him - I will merely add that
I should be happy to be useful to you under
all the assistance in my power -

You will be sorry to know that Shindart
continues utterly useless - he is now with Lt.
Rich & see if change of air he will ~~change~~
produce any beneficial change in his Consti-
tution - a thousand pities that such a
Ball should be thus wasting his time -
giving me such unnecessary trouble & anxiety,
& putting me to such unlooked for expense -

Supposing you determine to do business with
the Cabanni, would not the wisest step be to
do so early as practicable, in order that they
may be growing to maturity & may be
all the better able to bear the passage when
ever the time arrives that your laws will

allow them to land, & in order that
they may have arrived at an age to be
turned to immediate & useful account on
arrival —

All is prospering with my little herd - the
Cows particularly - Lord Will 5 - 3. Kind sent
from W. Esq 24 3/4 & Duke of Bedford, is a grand
young Bull, & as his sire has got me into
much - Comer, it is my intention to use
him - he was calved 25 Aug last.

With every good wish, Believe me

My dear Sir

Yours sincerely
J. R. Tharney

P.S.

It is reported that Mr. Thorne has purchased
from Mr. Shildon his two best Drovers -
if so, how very strange it appears -

= Peter, Batts, & Crampton are made bankrupts
with liabilities about 7,000,000 £ !!!

= I don't think I have sent you a Photo of
Mr. Bates before the enclosed one taken from an engraving.

Chas. W. Tharney
July 7, 1887

Office of the
A. B. LINCOLN, AGT.



Sewing Machine.
323 WASHINGTON ST.

Boston, July 9th 1867.

Hon E. Cornell

Dear Sir

I write to ask, "if you are the man
that once (1843) took a ride with me
in Maine, with the "Double Mold Board"
Plough"? You may remember we
hired from Augusta, and had our
dinner from Mrs Lambard.

I have often thought of the seed we
had in those days, in the success of that
plough. It was the main cause of
my leaving Maine. All the profits
went the wrong way, and I found it
impossible to to "steer" that plough.
Since then, I have been "knocking
about" & have brought up, as you can
see at the "Hub". Have barely made a
"line of it", but have enjoyed good health,
& been blessed with a loving family. I see
the papers call you "the wealthiest man
in Central New York". I am glad to hear
it, and wish you all the success you

Wm. Lincoln
July 9, 67

Energy deserves - I should be glad to know whether that Plough ever met with success any where? Will it be asking too much, to request an answer?

Do you ever visit Maine? Mr Eaton of the "Maine Farmer", has retired, a wealthy man - Dr Holmes, the former Editor, has "passed away" - you may have seen, that the Sprague's of Providence R. Island, are about using that immense water power at Augusta. Augusta's future is expected to be great.

You will please excuse this letter, but I do like to hear from old acquaintances, and I think you are a man, riches will not make proud, or forgetful of the poor -

With best wishes for your future success, I am, as ever,

Yours Truly

W. P. Lincoln

New York July 10/87
Hon E. Cornell
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Will
you please give
me in writing say-
ing that you will
furnish twenty
thousand dollars
towards purchasing
the iron for the
road from Tomah
to Black River
falls Wis - on or
before the 14 day
of April next on
the same terms that
the balance of the
money is furnished
I oblige your friend
L. A. Baldwin

New York July 10 - 1867

Hon. Ezra Cornell

Sir:

Mr. Prokes has several times informed me that you desire a telescope for your public library in Ithaca, and that you propose to purchase one of my small binocular instruments. And on the presumption that Mr. P. has correctly understood you I take the liberty of making the following proposition, and I am the more especially encouraged to do so because I have heard you say that you intended to get for your college the finest instrument the world could produce; and that being your intention you will naturally be desirous of thoroughly investigating the subject before

giving your final order.

My small instruments though excellent in themselves and thoroughly demonstrating the superiority of the binocular principle as applied to astronomical telescopes, yet they are quite small and carry the test of superiority only to the level of their magnitude, and though I would like very much to demonstrate the principle on a large scale I am not rich enough to venture on building an instrument even moderately large without a reasonable hope of getting back the money invested, and hence my proposition, which is this

That should you approve of my offer, I will build for you, for your library, a binocular telescope of say, six inches apertures and about seven feet focal length, equatorially mounted, and first class defining powers, and if after a thorough test

you should not like it as a binocular I will take away one of the tubes leaving you the other at half the price of the double telescope, which would be fifteen hundred dollars, leaving the single one seven hundred and fifty.

I have spoken to Mr. Prang of the project I proposed submitting to you, and he generously told me to say that should you accept my offer but finally conclude to keep only one tube that he will take the other. This would give you a satisfactory test of the binocular principle on a large scale, and if you did not like it, you would still have a first quality telescope full value for the money paid for it. And aside from having solved an important problem in astronomical optics, its success or failure would clear away all doubts from your future decisions regarding your great telescope

C. B. Boyle
July 11. 67

while the merit of its success would
give to your college the precedent of
having marked an epoch in
astronomical research.

I remain with respect

Yours &c.

C. B. Boyle

Sparta, Wis. July 11. 1867.

E. Cornell Esq.
Ithaca, N. Y.

Dr. Sir. I am the man
who sold to Abner Beebe of N. Y. City a
quantity of Tax certificates, which it
appears that you afterwards acquired
an interest in—and took deeds for a
quantity of land—About a year ago
Mr B. wrote me to look over the books
in the Treas^r's office to see what was
due for subsequent taxes and I found
the amt. over \$10000—Now altho' the soil
of most of these lands is poor, they are
mostly covered with Yellow Pine, which
is largely used by the R.R., and wood is
constantly growing dearer, as it is rapid-
ly disappearing along the line of the R.R.
in which immediate vicinity these lands lie.
The company have been paying 50 cents

a cord for wood standing, and get
it chopped and drawn themselves - they
pay from 2.50 to 3.00^{a cord} for the last 2 yrs,
" ^{on track} and now \$10 an acre is paid for such
land in some cases (for the timber on it)
by parties who want hop poles, of which
Millions are soon to be wanted hereabouts.
Now I suppose it will cost 50 to 75
cents an acre to redeem up those lands,
and 3 to 4 cents an acre to keep up sub-
sequent taxes - And as I believe Mr. B.
still holds title to a quantity of them, I
thought I would address this letter to
you, and you might communicate
with him, and save the investment
already made: - As I, having been the
means of his going in, would be glad
to see him, as well as you, make a
success out of it -

Yours Respectfully
Geo. W. Roach

Office of J. W. OSBORN,

J. W. OSBORN.

J. D. WASSON.

DEALER IN ROOFING SLATES

AGENT FOR THE

Middle Granville Slate Quarries,

No. 10 James Street,

Albany, N. Y.,

July 11 1867

Hon E. Loomis

Dear Sir

Dear Sir

We will state the

Buildings you spoke of

Best Pennsylvania Red \$20- for 1000

Shingle " " " \$16- " "

All Red & part Pennsylvania Red \$18. " "

Purple & Green (Best) \$13⁵⁰ " "

Felt \$1- for 1000 Galv Nails 50¢

for 1000. Fine 15¢ running foot

Galv Iron Water 45¢ for 1000

feet. Warren Grand Roofing
\$9- for square. We should
be pleased to have your
order. as we feel confident
that we can give you a
good lot. of any color.

Yours Truly
J. W. Osborn

Sinnemahoning July 12th 1867

Hon. Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

Please send me a copy of
the Prospectus of the
New York Manufacturing
and Improvement Company.
I am interested with parties
who desire to invest in
Timber Lands and would like
to know what chances there
are of Profitable investment

Respectfully

E. H. Sturgis
County Surveyor
Cameron Co
Tex

My address is

Sinnemahoning
Pa

Hammonton Atlantic Co
N J
July 12th 1867.

Mr Cornell.

Dear sir,

will you please send me information
in regard to your University
I likewise tell me the price of
real estate improved & unimproved
I have a son that I should like
to have educated in such an
institution I also think I should
like a home near your farm
I own a farm here of 14 acres will
come & see your place if your
answer should be favorable I sell
or exchange for property there if
I like it - Please favor me
with an early answer
Yours truly - Mary, O. Morgan,

Orwego July 12th 1867

To,

Mr Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir,

I was at
Ithica to see you on
some important
business but being
informed you were
not at home. I wish
to see you very much
& will come over on
the morning train &
see you at your Library.
Please answer as soon
as received & state the
day & hour you will
see me. and oblige
your most Obt servt
Mrs. J. E. Newton, Orwego

Newcomb Collection
of Shells

Letter of Col Jewett
to Newcomb & E. Cornell

+ L. Agassiz

Utica July 12 - 1867

Hon. E. Cornell

Dear Sir

I take the liberty
to send you a letter which I received from
Dr Newcomb in relation to his collection
of Conchology - by which you will see that
he is yet busy in making additions to it -
& I have no doubt of its being the most
extensive & valuable in the Union - he has
of the genus *Helix* over twelve hundred
besides varieties - of some species more than
twenty - & his *Acteocinellae* are far more
numerous than in any cabinet - he collected
& named over one hundred species new to
malacology - He is ready also to donate
his life to increasing the collection -

I last year spent a week in looking over
his shells & can freely say they are the
most perfect & beautiful I have ever seen -

In May last I took the liberty to
write you the Numismatic
Cabinet which you saw at Albany &
which belongs to my Daughter-in-law
and which she is desirous of selling as
my son failed in business & ~~she is~~
therefore unable to keep it - and she
offers it for one half its esteemed value
two years since viz. for \$6,000.

It contains I believe more pieces of Coins
& Medals than any other not excepting
the Mint cabinet - But as I received
no answer from you I presume you
do not wish to purchase -

Yours
Yours respectfully
E. Jewett

P.S. I have an unsuspicious enemy in
the person of Prof. Hall & I think perhaps he
may have
caused you to believe me unworthy of an
answer -
E.J.

Ithaca July 11. 1867
Dear Sir

With this I enclose a
letter from Col Jewett and
one from Prof Brewster
of California to him -

I have answered in refer-
ence to the Shells and
Medals & Coins that we
shall be glad to buy
when we have money
to buy with, &c

I think this must be a fine
collection of Shells, and
The coins I have seen and
know that there are many
rare specimens -

We leave tomorrow for
Fall River & Antwerp -

Yours Respectfully,
E. Jewett
Hon A. D. White
P. S. Over

Proposals for second building

J. N. Gurner \$67,000

J. W. Thomas - 62,484

Nixon 64,000

I have got Finch at last to go up and examine the quality of Gurner's work on present building. He says he has seen enough of it - We are now hauling about 180 loads per day of earth from foundation of new building and depositing it to grade up around the first building -

There will be about 4000 loads to move. It will take all the month to move it - We hope to find that a part of it will be sand that we can use in our work -

Young & C

E C

Ithaca July 15, 1867

My Dear Sir

Your favor of the 3rd inst
addressed to me at the Astor
House is at hand

I am receiving a large
amount of such encour-
agement and aid as it
contains, but am at a
loss thus far to see how
I can apply it to the building
of colleges

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

Hon Geo W Smith

G. B. Allen
15 July 47

Brooklyn July 15/67

Dear

I write to you a few
days since in relation to
the purchase of your land
on Hudson Avenue &
offer to purchase it. I am
proud that Mr. How offered
his of, having the amount
of purchase on mortgage
at 7% -

As I am much things
with my improvements on
Belt St & Hudson Avenue,
I wait your answer before
arranging my plans for the
coming winter - And from
the cost of the land you
are aware that much
money must be expended
on Hudson Ave before it

can be brought into market.
My interest is much larger
and I would like to, but the
parties among them are minded
to making it necessary to
apply to the Corporation to
know if opened which
an expensive job which
I always avoid if possible -

Not so on Hudson Co, as
there, but few are to be con-
sidered & they are willing to
open & grade by private con-
tract. - Hence and only action
is desirable -

Very truly yours

W. B. Edwards

Hon S. C. Dumble

I thank

Scotland, N. Y.

July 16th 1867

Hon. E. Cornell,

My dear Sir:

Excuse me
for troubling you with
a matter of my private
business, but I write you
as one most likely to
be in a position to give
me the information I
seek. A Lady wishes
me to invest for her
some \$2,500 as a per-
manent investment in
a stock wh. will be safe
& bear a fair interest:

Will you be kind enough
to drop me a line giving
me your opinion of
N. Y. Tel. at present.

prices for such an
investment?

Hoping soon to hear
from you, I am

Very truly yours
Geo. J. Teller

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Santa Cruz Santa Cruz County
California July 16th 1867

Esra Cornell Esq^r W Si

Wm F Cooper July 16th 1867

Yours of 29th of
May came duly to hand as I was in
the case of leaving for San Francisco I
did not have time to write until I
returned which is now the young Lady
Miss Anna H. Pinkham of whom you enquire
of me in regard to is a young Lady
very much esteemed in our place her
health is bad she has been a great care
to her dear Mother who died a year ago
her mother was one of the finest Old
Ladies it has been my lot to know
Anna is consumptive and had her thighbone
put out of place it is now in its place
but has been out several times within
the last few years she is troubled considerably
with the Rheumatism and is much the
largest portion of her time confined to
bed she is dependent on her friends not
her relatives as they do but little for her
her father resides in San Francisco but I

do not think he helps her in any way
she has a Brother-in-law her who will not
do any thing for her and I must say
I believe she receives nothing from any of
her relations in Cal she has had some
good friends of hers and her Mother
who would not see her want, as long
as her mother lived she made a living
for them both but now things have
gone behind as she can do nothing &
is in debt some I can recommend
her as truly an object worthy of
your generosity I am only sorry I
am not situated in life so far to
be enabled to help her myself as
I know of no one I would sooner
assist to the require amount than
her if you could but see her and
know her you would. I know feel a
great interest in her welfare her situation
is such that ~~any person~~ cannot help
but feel for her. She is very economical
in her living but you know that even
a Room and her Board if she was well
would cost her about \$40 in Gold a month
but being sick and helpless it would cost
more I think if she had about \$100 in Gold

for Month it would enable her to live comfortably and I do not think in her present health she could live for much less you ask my opinion and I give it candidly and you wish me to suggest as to how you could be of service to her, I will say to you that any amount that it is convenient for you or any of her friends to place at her disposal will be acceptable and will be judiciously spent.

Anne is now and has been absent from our town for over a month she is with her Brother Chester in San Louis Obispo County I have not heard from her since she left except through her Father I saw him in San Francisco a few days ago (but did not say a word to him or any one in regard to your letter) he said Anne was something better but was very anxious to go to the Warm Springs for her Rheumatism but had no money nor had he any to send her the Warm or Hot Springs are situated in San Louis Obispo County and about 20 miles from her Brothers they have to my own knowledge made some remarkable cures of Rheumatism and I believe would be good.

for her from what I learned from her
father I do not think she will
stay long at her brother's - and she
may soon return here, but few of
her relatives here are able or willing
to help her and in conclusion I
will say to you that she is an
object perhaps of receiving help - what
amount she is in debt I have no way
of finding out but presume it is small
and myself or our firm can be of any
assistance to you and her friends in
any way but are at your service. We
are I know strangers to you but are
the oldest resident Merchants of Santa
Cruz. If you wish to know any
thing in regard to our firm we
refer you to Mr. Richard Patrick
241 Pearl St New York.

Truly yours
Wm L. Cooper
of firm of Cooper & Co

W. WALDRON Prest.

25 F. Corlies & Macy Stationers, 33 Nassau St. N.Y.

H. T. King
~~THIRD~~ Cash.

First National Bank of Hillsdale

SUCCESSOR TO
WALDRON & BALDY.

Hillsdale Mich. July 16. 1867

Hon. Ezra Cornell

Cashier.

Ithaca N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I have received your favor
of the _____ with enclosure as stated.

Respectfully Yours

Cashier.

Perdon a stranger for calling your attention to a matter of importance to the parties interested, & which I trust will not be seriously annoying to you - You will kindly remember a casual acquaintance of two years since while we were travelling on the N. Y. Cent. R.R. - My wife is the daughter of Chas. S. Lee & niece of William W. Woodcock - both formerly of Ithaca - My sole object in writing you is to make an appeal in behalf of Jas. H. Fickner whose wife is the only sister of M. King - The father of Fickner you must have known well - You know also something of the misfortunes which have

J. S. Lee is a member of my family at the age of 69 -

reduced his family to somewhat straitened circumstances - Mrs Tichenor (the mother) has been apparently at death's door for a long time with heart disease -

Jo. H. T. is (as I suppose) a capable & efficient Telg. operator - the former operator for the old line in Ithaca - When a union was formed, & the U. S. Co. withdrawing Tichenor, as it seems to me unjustly, lost his position - He has been unable to secure any employment in Ithaca that would be sufficient to support his family - His wife is in miserable health also - I have rendered them such aid as my circumstances would permit - But this is meagre & his expenses are constant - What he needs is a good position in some paying office - I had an arrangement in Feb'y. last, for him on the line of Mich. Sou. R. R. at about \$100 per month, but then his mother was so low he felt it his duty to stay by her - I am now unable to find a position for him - He is completely disheartened - It has all along been in my mind to lay this case before you & seek to elicit your favorable attention to it - Not doubting but that your position as a Director of the Co., your eminent standing ~~standing~~ as a public man and

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a public benefactor, would soon enable you to find some opportunity for their securing the means of being lifted out of their embarrassments into a self supporting position -

Mr. Pichenor, senior, I never knew. I have supposed, however, that you would take pleasure in rendering such aid to a son of his, as you would wish him to render your family were the case reversed - I am aware you are loaded with personal & public business cares, but I do trust you will, notwithstanding, find it in your heart to bear this care in mind till some place can be found, if not as an operator, then in some other way, that shall enable J^r. H. to earn a comfortable living -

He has no knowledge of my writing you - so that if you can aid him in any way he will be taken quite by surprise.

They are living with Mrs. Pichenor on the old homestead - She is now in such condition that J^r. would feel constrained in nursing from Ithaca, if any permanent employment could there be gained - Indeed I think he might prefer to go away from there.

Most respectfully - A. King (Care)



New York, 17th July 1867

Dear Sir

On my return from Albany, this morning & nearly 3 years of the 16th I called on Mr. Manning with Prof. Hall, we spent an hour or more with him - He went over all the ground in regard to the property Mr. Le Normant, "If the property was here it would be worth millions of dollars & where it is of immense value" - still he said he was old & had no time to personally attend to it. Nor had he a man that he could spare to do the work for him I told him that Messrs. Loring & Co. had raised a man who is every way fully competent who they recommended in every way he is at present Secty of the Prouty Iron Co. who will take contract & do good & valuing & do the work - & that I would make him, (Loring) & his friends a new proposition which he said was satisfactory to him - & the result was that he thought it best for me to return to Albany on Friday night, so as to

as to meet his Partner Mr Greenwood, &
If Mr G would take the Labor Of Organizing
A Co. That would take from him the only
objection he had, Thus it stands, I
will go up & be in Albany on Saturday
next, I will let you know the result.

Yours truly

J. Cowley

Please Advers meet at
No 5 Wall St. Room 12 - If I am out
of town I will get it

J. Cowley
July 17. 67

Hon E Cornell *New York July 17th 1867*
To American Photo-Lithographic Co, Dr.

EZRA CORNELL, PRESIDENT.
HORACE GREELEY, TREAS.
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