

Nealey Aug 5/87

Hon Ezra Cornell

Sir

When we
were on the trip up from
New York it was hardly
understood that if you
could leave home we
were to meet at La Crosse
the latter part of this month
to take a trip up the Chippaway
to your lumber district

I shall myself
leave home about Monday
19th Aug and shall have
some visiting to do on the
way so that I could
meet at you at La Crosse
the last week in Aug say
the 27 28 or 29th or such
time the last week in Aug
that would suit you

If nothing has occurred to change
your plans and you can
get away you may write
to me or receipt of this

If however
anything has occurred
that in your opinion renders
I extremely uncertain about
my service, ever being needed
in the capacity we have
talked about do not hesitate
to say so.

I should
like to hear from you during
the whole next week
and if you are uncertain
when you could be
west I can communicate
with you by telegram from
Chicago or some other point west

If you meet at La Crosse
write to me at what Hotel
I can meet you as I
never was there

It would suit my convenience
to be at I think about
La Crosse on the 28th day
of Aug Very truly yours
A. S. Holmes

Blk Nub Aug 57 67
Lrpr

Yours of 24th ult
enclosing 20 pds & \$10 is just
as on 13th inst.

You observe that my circular
does not state the price of re-
cording the pds. If you will
again refer to it, you will
see that the price is \$1. for
each pds. - Of course there
is \$10 still due me, which
you can remit when you send
for the book.

I trust you are getting on
well with your University build-
ing - I would, by all means,
if possible, get up a series of
popular Agricultural lectures
and - making if properly
managed they will do much
towards giving a good prestige
to the School, at the spring.

L F Allen
Aug 5. 67

I wish it the greatest Success,

Truly yours

L F Allen

Ever faithfully.

Watrous Aug 5 1883

Hon Ezra Cornell,

Sir,

Parties in this
Vicinity wish to invest in U.S.
Agricultural Script

Will you please inform
me to whom application should
be made. - and at what price
it is held

Yours Respectfully
J. K. Richardson

Ithaca, N.Y., Aug. 5th 1867.

Hon. Ezra Cornell,
Dear Sir,

While collecting fossils, on Saturday, at "the University quarry," I was very much interested in the marks of glacial action exposed at the northern end of the quarry. And I now take the liberty of asking, in the name of American geologists in general, that you will have a portion of those rounded, polished surfaces upon that edge of the quarry thoroughly cleaned off, and good photographs taken thereof. A large view would be valuable for the University, and smaller copies for the stereoscope would find ready sale among naturalists. I should myself like an opportunity to purchase a few copies for distribution to friends. If you should have the work done, you would confer a favor by sending me information of the fact in a letter addressed to the "Care of Prof. A. H. Worthen, Springfield, Ill." If I had been so fortunate as to find you in Ithaca, I should have called and expressed my wishes in person.

Having sent to you my name and reference as a nominee for the geological professorship in the University, I might naturally be supposed to be interested in its prosperity: therefore, you will not, perhaps, consider it improper for me to submit one or two suggestions touching the department of Natural History.

Assuming as true what I suppose to be the fact, that at first the whole of Natural Science must be cared for by one professor, I would speak for the whole subject.

1st. You have secured, for the University the large and fine collection of Col. Jewett. This will give a magnificent foundation upon which to build, though of course it is not sufficient for the full representation of general geology in the University, and the instructor in that science would early find the necessity of adding to it from both American and foreign localities. For this purpose, a fixed annual appropriation should be made from the very first.

2^dly. I believe that no zoological collection is yet commenced for the University. This might very profitably be started, so that when work commences with the students, the instructor may have the means of illustrating by specimens that which words often give

a very inadequate idea of. In some branches of Zoology collections can be purchased more cheaply than they can be collected: in others, a collector should be employed. Judging from my recent experience, while collecting for Yale College at Panamá and in Peru, I should say that the best, most feasible and most economical plan would be to fit out a party of three or four young collectors of fair practice with a schooner or small brig thoroughly supplied for two years' work in some particular part of the world, such as our western coast or the Pacific islands. By the end of that time, they would have secured such a collection as to well represent nearly all classes of the animal kingdom, and the proper use of their duplicates in exchange with other institutions would give to the University a large and characteristic collection from all parts of the world. Young men fitted for such work could be readily obtained at small expense, and, except in case of accident to the vessel, ten thousand dollars would probably cover all expenses.

3^dly. In connection with this department, there ought to be a good working library from the start. And for this, as well as for securing desiderata in geological specimens, the professor of Natural Science should

F. H. Bradley
Aug 6 1877

be sent to Europe for a few months before commencing work, for afterward he will have no time to spare for such a trip, and a person not interested in Science could hardly be instructed so as to do the work nearly as economically.

* 4thly. The instruction in Botany could commence much more readily without cabinet specimens, but watch should be kept for any opportunity to secure a good herbarium at a fair price.

Excuse me for expressing my views so freely, and believe me

Yours Very Respectfully
Frank H. Bradley
Asst. Geologist of Illinois

Spokane Aug 6 1867

Dear Sir
Since writing to you the price
of Roofing Material has
come down in a measure
and now if you should
think best to give me your
Roofing I will do it for
\$8.²⁵/₁₀₀ and pay all expenses
that is do all Freight
Casting, Labor, & furnish everything
It may be Mr Cornell has
let the work but if not
I will do it for above price
I can now get a Boat for
lower Freight (and) would
like to ship immediately please
inform me by return mail
tell Mr Cornell my offer
Truly Yours Thos Talbot

Lockport Aug 7/67
H. E. Cornell
(Thracast. Y.)

Sir

We have received notice of Protest on Imps. O'Connor & Sons note of \$1000.- endorsed by you & payable at 1st Natl. Bk of Ottawa. We passed the note to the Credit of Imps O'Connor on the strength of your letter to us of 22nd May. You tell us "they will be able to pay this note when due" and knowing that they worked for you & with your signature we believed the pledge would be kept. but we are again compelled to take up the paper. We hope you will see that your word is made good & sign your O

P. J. Carpenter
King

Jamesville Ohio Aug 7-1867
Hon Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

I would like say
five more but both down eyes.

What is your price for them
boxed & on the cars. if you have them
for sale.

Respectfully Yours
Geo Buckingham

\$12.5, for 5. boxed
and delivered now
...or after taking same
B.C.

Hewlett's M. Hawver^{Co} Va.
Aug. 10th 1867.

President of N.Y. Agricultural College.
Ithaca N.Y.

Sir.

Will you be kind enough to
send me, to the above address, what
ever printed matter in the shape of
circulars, laws &c, you may have,
exhibiting the organization, progress
and present status of your College.

Very respectfully

C. L. C. Minor.

President Elect of Maryland Agricult^l Col.

Washington, Aug 11th. 1867

Hon. W^m L. Lincoln. M. C

Dear Sir,

I take a great interest in the Cornell University founded at Ithaca.
Could't you get for me the pamphlet programs, &c. which have been published on that Institution.
In a word, I want to know what has been done there up to this time, what are the chairs occupied by Professors and what are those which are not yet so. I may perhaps find in that information some materials for a scientific Review in Europe.

Very truly yrs

Geo A. Matis

TO THE CORNELLS,

GENTLEMEN:

The great number of letters which I have received from persons bearing the name of CORNELL or connected in various ways with some of the numerous families of that name, making enquiries respecting the Genealogical History of the families, have convinced me that others of the name were quite as ignorant as I find myself to be respecting our ancestry, and each desirous of more information on the subject.

This state of fact has led me to make such enquiry as business engagements and casual opportunity would permit, and it has resulted in what *seems* to be evidence of the existence of several families of the name of CORNELL in the United States who have descended from different parental stocks, which must have emigrated from Europe, and if connected, the point of connection is more remote than my researches extend.

This enquiry also stimulates a desire for more knowledge on the subject, and I therefore solicit the co-operation of others who may be interested, hoping that the united contributions of all may serve to fill the broken links in the genealogical chain, and enable each family to trace back with reasonable accuracy to its parental transplanting upon the shores of the American Colonies.

To facilitate this enquiry, I will state a few general facts which I glean from the records respecting the early appearance of the name.

The first I find of the name is that of JAMES CORNELL, who signed as a witness, the deed from the Indians to the Rev. John Wheelwright, in 1638.

The same year, "Aug. 20, 1638, the good people of the town of Boston, in Mass., decided by a vote at town meeting that THOMAS CORNELL may buy brother William Balstone's house and become an inhabitant."

"At a town meeting the 26th April, 1640, for ye town of Pourtsmouth, R. I., held at Mr. Marlbourne's, the Deputy Governor, he will lend unto Mr. THOMAS CORNELL one goat, and have a piece of meadow."

"At the General Court held at Pourtsmouth on 6th of August, 1640, by the general consent of this court, Mr THOMAS CORNELL is admitted freeman of this body politic, fully to enjoy the privilege belonging thereto."

In Hinman's account of the first Puritan settlers of Connecticut, are the names of WILLIAM CORNWELL in 1639, and WILLIAM CORNELL in 1640,—possible the same person, as I frequently find the name spelled both ways in the same instrument or document.

"WILLIAM CORNWELL, sr. died at Middletown, Conn., in 1677; was old, and had sons,—John, William, Samuel, Thomas and Jacob; daughters,—Sarah, Hester and Elizabeth; was a constable in 1664. Had the privilege of woodland, pasturing cows on the common in Hartford, Ct., he having owned lots in 1639."

"JOHN CORNELL died at Dorchester, Mass., July 31, 1675, aged 64 years."

July 26, 1646, "William Keift, Director-General and the council on the behalf of the High and Mighty Lords, the State's General of the United Netherlands, the Prince of Orange, &c., give and grant unto THOMAS CORNELL land on the East River, &c., &c., afterwards known as Cornell's Neck, Weschester Co., N. Y.

RICHARD CORNELL came from England in 1655 to 60, and settled on Long Island. He had five sons and two daughters, as follows: William, Thomas, Jacob, John, Richard, Mary and Sarah.

In 1676, the following grant of land was made by the Governor of New York to JOHN CORNELL. (Possibly this John was the fourth son of Richard above.)

"Upon the petition and request of JOHN CORNELL, that being driven by the Indjans from his habitacon to the eastward, and desirous to live under his Royal Highnesses Government if he may have a competent piece of land assigned him to improve for his subsistence with his wife and five children, I have given and granted unto the said Jno CORNELL the quantity of one hundred acres of improvable land not already taken up and improved, with meadow proportionable if there be so much adjoining, on the west side of Cow Neck, the which the survey'r is hereby required to survey and lay out in order to a farther confirmacon according to law. Given under my hand in New York, this 3d day of October, 1676."

REBECCA CORNELL conveyed land to her son JOSHUA CORNELL, of Dartmouth, Bristol Co., Mass, Oct. 25, 1663.—THOMAS CORNELL and JOHN CORNELL signed the deed as witnesses.

JOSHUA CORNELL conveyed land to SAMUEL CORNELL, both of Dartmouth, Mass., dated Nov. 21, 1664.

REBECCA CORNELL, widow of the late THOMAS CORNELL, of Portsmouth, R. I., conveyed land to her loving son, SAMUEL CORNELL, of Dartmouth, Mass., 1669. Witnessed by THOMAS CORNELL.

There is now living at Griggstown, Pa., a gentleman by the name of JOSEPH C. CORNELL, who was born May 4, 1779, the son of CORNELIUS CORNELL, who was born Nov. 29, 1742, the grand-son of JOSEPH CORNELL, whose date of birth I have not obtained.

This gentleman says, "My ancestors came from Holland, while the Dutch held the sway of New York, and settled in New York until the trouble with the Indians, and then moved to Monmouth; from thence they went to the west side of Millstone River, about half way between Blackwell's Mills and Griggstown, settled in the woods and lived and died there."

I have copied this scrap of history, furnished by Mr. JOSEPH C. CORNELL, as it may afford a link that will possibly

connect this family with the THOMAS CORNELL of Cornell's Neck, Westchester Co., N. Y., who received a grant of land as above stated from the Dutch Government July 26, 1646.

The above land descended to the daughter of THOMAS CORNELL, who became the wife of Charles Bridges. This circumstance has led to the belief that THOMAS CORNELL of Cornell's Neck, left no male heirs. The fact, however, that THOMAS CORNELL was driven from this land by the Indians, (as is disclosed by the evidence in legal proceedings instituted by Charles Bridges and his wife, for the recovery of the land at a later period), and the reference made by JOSEPH C. CORNELL to the "trouble with the Indians," which led to the removal of his ancestors from New York to Monmouth during the early period of his grandfather's life, are circumstances which may direct enquiry, and inspire hope that this gap may yet be filled and the broken chain restored.

I would suggest that information is to be sought for in family records, the town records of births, marriages and deaths, the like records of religious societies, the records of title deeds in County Clerks offices and Register offices, and in the records of courts, &c., &c.

It is desirable that with any information communicated, the source, from whence it is obtained should also be mentioned, as this will facilitate any confirmatory examination that may be desired, and will give the greater confidence in the authenticity of the information.

Persons who have old documents of interest, such as marriage certificates, deeds of property, indentures, and papers of like character, which from their age or other circumstances possess a historic value, may rely upon their preservation and return with the strictest care, if they will forward them to me for inspection or to be copied.

Persons in giving an account of their own families, should give their own name in full, the full maiden name of their wife, with the names of the parents of each, the date of birth, marriage, and death, names of children in the order of their age, with the date and place of birth, with full particulars respecting each.

As a convenient form for a guide, and for the information of those who may desire it, I will give my own family records, as follows:

EZRA CORNELL, son of ELIJAH CORNELL and Eunice Barnard, born Jan. 11, 1807, at Westchester, Westchester Co., N. Y. Married to Mary Ann, daughter of Benjamin Wood and Mary Bonesteel, late of Dryden, Tompkins Co., N. Y., March 19, 1831. Mary Ann was born at DeRuyter, Madison Co., N. Y., April 25, 1811. Their children are

Alonzo B.,	b. at Ithaca, Tompkins Co., N. Y.,	Jan. 22, 1832.
Charles Carrol, b. at	" " " "	Aug. 5, 1833.
died May 29, 1837 at	" " " "	
Elizabeth Percival, b. at	" " " "	Sept. 27, 1835.
died Nov. 9, 1849, at	" " " "	
Franklin Cuthbert b. at	" " " "	Aug. 28, 1837.
Charles Carrol, b. at	" " " "	Sept. 22, 1839.
died Feb. 9, 1841, at	" " " "	
Oliver H. Perry, b. at	" " " "	Feb. 5, 1842.
Mary Emily, b. at	" " " "	Nov. 21, 1847.
Ezra Clayton, b. at	" " " "	Aug. 21, 1849.
died Dec. 1851, at	" " " "	
Emma Pettit, b. at	" " " "	April 21, 1852.

Alonzo B. married Ellen Augusta, daughter of George Covert and Esther P. Basset, at Ithaca, N. Y., Nov. 9, 1852. Their children are—

Charles Ezra, b. Dec. 29, 1855, in the city of New York.

Edwin M., b. at Ithaca, April 14, 1862.

Henry W., b. at " Oct. 31, 1866.

Franklin Cuthbert married Susan D., daughter of John T. Pettegrove and Pameta P. Jones, Jan. 16, 1862. Their children are—

Eunice, b. at Ithaca, Dec. 23, 1862.

Ezra, b. at Ithaca, July 25, 1864.

Franklin, b. at Ithaca, Nov. 24, 1866.

Oliver H. Perry married Mary Louise, daughter of Nathan Conklin and Elmira Hammond, Dec. 8, 1861. Their children are

Arthur Leland, b. in Danby, N. Y., Nov. 15, 1862.

In giving an account of parents, grand parents and great-grand parents, as full particulars as is possible should be given of name, whos son or daughter they are, the time and place of birth, marriage and death; with all other facts that will assist in connecting the geneological chain; give as many facts, and as little guessing as possible.

The evil deeds of ourselves and parents we are likely to conceal, of this I shall not complain, but there is no reason why deeds of a noble or commendable character should be thus lost to posterity, and I hope I may have the pleasure of receiving many historic incidents and sketches that will tend to illustrate and enoble the name.

Please address EZRA CORNELL, Ithaca, N. Y. Persons who possess photographs or other pictures of their ancestors, will confer a special favor by forwarding copies of the same to me; and I shall be equally pleased with photographs of themselves, for which I will reciprocate by a return of my own when desired.

Very Respectfully,

EZRA CORNELL.

ITHACA, N. Y., August 12, 1867.

Private

Janesville, Rock Co. Wis.
Aug. 13. 1867.

Wm. Ezra Cornell.

Dear Sir. I may commit a gross mistake or impropriety in writing you thus - but I will trust to your kindness of heart for forgiveness. Believe I would not wilfully do that which I thought was wrong.

Dear Sir we have a beautiful home here - 3 acres of ground under high cultivation - a large and pleasant house - containing two halls on the first floor - 2 parlors - a dining room, two bedrooms - bath room, closets, pantries etc - good cellars - large sleeping rooms - nine in number on the second floor - marble mantles, and all in pleasant and desirable order. My family is small - only four in number - and Oh, the care of this big house - with an inefficient servant - it is too much! I have begged Mr. B. to sell it, but those who are able to pay the price demanded here pleasant homes of their own - and therefore there is no market for it. I want it sold and if God is willing to procure a small, convenient cottage with every requisite for comfort and ease. This I think would add years to my life. Dear Sir would you buy this place. (\$12,000) Oh, do! Many eastern gentlemen own property here. It is one of the most beautiful cities in the West, I think 15,000 inhabitants, Rock

River is to be made navigable, and the best water power of the West is centered here. Our house is beautifully located and would be admirable for a first class Ladies Seminary here - a thing badly needed. Please think carefully of this. I want a small sweet home - with deep ground attached. It is such an expense to cultivate these ^{grounds} although the return is profitable. This year we had bushels of berries - and a fair proportion of all things else.

If you do not wish the property - would you purchase a life policy if I were to get my life insured for a heavy amount? I will, if I survive my dear sister who is older than myself, have two thousand dollars of my own. I would yield this to you in connexion with the policy - and perhaps in this way I might realize the faded hope of weary, weary days.

Please write me and say what you think - if the first proposition answers your desire you can take such steps as your better judgment dictates in the matter - if the second, you will advise me accordingly. I will go East I think in Oct. and may not be far from your vicinity for a few hours. You might speak to me then or write.

me on receipt of this and say if it would be necessary
for me to sign anything in your presence if the second
proposal I make is accepted. I know nothing of
business. I have not spoken to Mr. B. of my in-
tention to write you - and will not unless you
wish to purchase - in which case I will tell him
what I have done.

Could you not take this property
a home school opened in the West for young
ladies? you will know how well it would be
patronized if properly conducted! I think it
would pay. There is not Capital here to establish
one - but if taken hold of by one like yourself it would
grow. There was a splendid school here kept by
Mrs. Feten Anderson - assisted at times by Miss
Allen of Rochester. Mrs. Anderson had her aged
parents - an insane sister - a drunken husband
and a little child to support - She made a fine
living but she sunk and died under her burden.
It was then adopted by Mrs. Pease but she is not
qualified for the charge.

God bless you.

Grace Baltimore.

64 Broadway
Room 135
New York Augt 14th 1867
Hon Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

I write to ascertain if you have sold your lot in Brooklyn purchased of Wiley & Osborn, or if you wish to do so a friend of mine now at the White Mountains holds some of the Bonds of the Rochester City Rail Road Co. - paying interest regular and said to be very good - you are near Rochester & may be better posted in them than I am although I know they stand very fair in the street here, if you would prefer to have something productive paying interest, please write me upon receipt of this the amt of said Bond you would take for said lots

W. V. Stoddard
14. Aug 47

if desirable for you I
think can make a sale

Yours Respt
W. V. Stoddard
64 Broadway
Room 35

STEPHEN P. LUNT.
DAVID PRESTON.
SAMUEL A. KEAN.
FRED. W. CROSBY

BANKING HOUSE OF

LUNT, PRESTON & KEAN,

DAVID PRESTON & CO.,
BANKERS,
Detroit, - Michigan.

Chicago, Aug 14th 1867.

Hon. Secretary of State

Sir

We learn that Senator Cornell pur-
chased all the College Land Scrip
^{which was} donated to your State for Agricultural
Colleges. We are having a large de-
mand for this scrip. & desire to pur-
chase 100,000 or 200,000 acres. Will
you please give us the address of Mr.
Cornell, or forward this letter to
him; & much obliged.

Yours Truly

Lunt Preston & Kean

Coldwater Mich

Aug. 14th 1887

Hon. Ezra Cornell,

Ithaca N.Y.

Dear Sir

Knowing your
ability - to aid young men in
starting in life I make bold
to address you. not to ask -
charity - however, but to ask -
loan of two hundred dollars
for two years. and must will
tell you who I am. I presume
a stranger to you. Although I have
seen you many times. I was
born in Tompkins Co. and lived
there until last spring. I am
a Physician & Surgeon. am -
young man educated myself
and graduated at the University
of N.Y. My need of help is

this for the past year I have
been sick most of the time
I have expended all the means
I have and am not yet es-
tablished quite I have a fair
prospect of success in this
place if I can only stay until
I become well known, you
understand how a young doctor has to
wait for business, the friends
however will sustain me here
until I am in business, by
loaning me that amount for the
time I ask you will confer
great blessing on me. all I
have to offer you as security
is an honest heart and
cuddling hands for I know I can
repay you. and the reason I
ask you to do me this favor
is that I know your ability
and good will towards young
men, if you see fit to grant

my request please write to
me and I will forward you
my note. If I asked any one
else for it they would demand
security and that I can not
give for I have nothing -

For reference I refer you to
Prof S. B. Williams of Athens, Ga.

In closing I very acceiv-
e of a favorable reply I remain

Yours very Respectfully

Frank Buckland M.D.
Coldwater Mich.

P.S. In case you decline to
grant my request - I hope I
may rely upon your confidence in
not publishing or repeating this
request, and please understand it
is real necessity that compels
me to take this step.

F. B.

Office of the MT Telegraph Co.
Missoula Aug 15/67

My Dear Sir

I duly recd your letter of the 14th ult and have deferred answering until now on account of your being on the point of starting for the sea side.

We have had a vast deal of trouble upon our lines since I have been here on account of the extraordinary floods on the Western river. Tumbling down our masts washing out & carrying off poles &c. &c. We are also suffering very much for lack of facilities between here & St Paul. We now have but one route, that by the river & have delayed extensions for the sake of building upon the R.R. Roads.

Before winter sets in we hope to have another through route via Prairie du Chien Mc Gargo Nelson

and Minnesota Valley R.R. to Minneapolis & St Paul and also from Lacrop
via Chicago & St Paul, Minn & St Peter and
to Owatonna & St Paul, We will have
far more business during the autumn
than we can do with any degree of
promptness -

We expect to pay a dividend in January
next cannot do it sooner without
embarrassment to our building and
rebuilding projects -

I cannot take more of the
stock of your Lumber Co unless I pay
for it in shares of the N. W. Tel Co.
The last sales some 2 or 3 months
ago were at 60 cents on the dollar,
I have 154 odd shares which I would
give for \$5000 in the Lumber Co's stock
which would make the latter stock
par, and the Tel stock about 65.
Mr Simmons values his stock higher
than the above rate

Notwithstanding the serious interruptions
of our business and the almost total
clearing out of produce early last Spring
in the North West our net receipts
for the first six months of the year are
about \$5,000 more than the corresponding
months of last year. We hope to do
a very heavy business between this
and the 1st of January.

Julia has nearly recovered her
usual health. The summer climate
on the Lake shore is delightful.
The children are all well but still
very home sick. My health is
much better than usual in hot
weather. Indeed we have had
no hot weather here and it strikes
us as very remarkable, the small
number of funerals that we see
and hear of. You would see
ten or 20 in Montreal at this
season of the year to one
in this City.

I hope that your work is progressing
favorably. I almost wonder that with
the telegraphic & associated press facilities
that you possess you have not widely circulated
a correction of that noorback building
story. ~~Give~~ Give an love to Mary & send
to mother if she is with you and to all the rest.

Yours very truly
O. S. Wood

Am E. Cornell

O. S. Wood
Sept 15. 67

Geneva Aug 15 1867
Hon. E. Cornell

Dr. Sir

If I have done wrong, Pardon
me for the Liberty I have taken
in addressing you on this Subject
I ask you in the Name of God &
Humanity, If you should, feel
disposed to do something for
me in my Destitute & afflicted
condition It would be thank-
fully Received, & duly appreciated
You have a partial knowledge
of me, My Being two Years apt.
Door Keeper in Senate Chamber
Senator Folger, Thomas Hillhouse
& many others I might mention
know my Reputation, & you
I presume became Satisfied
during your Official Term.

The Little Salary that I
Earned last Winter is nearly
Exhausted & I have nothing in
future, but Utter Destitution
to stare me in the face
I am helpless in my afflictions
I cannot dress or undress my
self without help
The Surgical Operation in
taking off the Head of
the Thum & Removing
entirely my Hip Joint
has not Healed yet &
I fear it never will
This Being my condition, was
the Inducement for me
to ask for Help. If you
do not approve of the
Sentiment of this Letter,
Let it pass in Forgetfulness
Yours Respectfully
Nathaniel Saxton

Owego Aug. 15th / 17

Hon. Esqr Cornell

Sir

Enclosed is a letter
from a friend of mine - connected
with the Smithsonian Institution
in Washington -

Prof. George A. Matile
is a Swiss gentleman of education
and a very scientific man - He is
a cousin & friend of Agassiz -

I have told him all I knew
about your University and he
desires some further information

If you have any printed
regulations - or programme of
operations - will you be so kind
as to send them to him - or to
me for him?

He will be of great value
to you in obtaining specimens
and curiosities from the Institution
as he is at home in all the

departments of the Smithsonian -

He is a writer for several European papers - and is in constant correspondence with the leading men in Europe -

He resided several years in Newkirk Valley - near me when he first came to this County - where we have quite a Swiss settlement -

Respectfully
W. L. Lincoln

W. L. Lincoln
15. Feb. 1871

Dear (oto.)

I am deficient in American Melanians, Aenculosa, Schizothemus as you will see by the accompanying list of all I have viz.

1 Melania occulta Hinds	51 Lecontei Lea	11 athleta Auth.	151 postens Lea
2 " Shastensis Lea	52 pulchella Auth.	12 grata "	152 sub solido "
3 " rubens Rees	53 subulosa Lea	13 rhombica "	153 Milesii "
4 " silicula Gmel	54 hesitata Auth.	14 imbricata "	154 fumida "
5 " rubiginosa Lea	55 Troostii Lea	15 striatula Lea	155 acuta-carina Lea
6 " nigra "	56 Sayi Ward	16 picta "	156 altitii Lea
7 " plicifera "	57 pallidum Lea	17 caetabrochima "	157 fusiformis "
8 " circumscripta Tryon	58 Hyderi "	18 Partiana "	158 obtusa "
9 " Graytoni Lea	59 olivula Couv.	19 obovata Say	159 pinquii "
10 " bulbosa Gmel	60 Boykiniana Lea	20 Wardiana Lea	160 florentina "
11 " infantula Lea	61 anthoni Lea	21 glabra "	161 tenebrosa "
12 " leucophaea "	62 Vanuxemiensis "	22 striosa "	162 uncialia Hald
13 granata "	63 ceciliata Couv.	23 semicarinata Say	163 angulata Leib.
14 Curvicauda "	64 Aringera Sa.	24 gradata Auth.	164 Scabra Menke
15 Louisiellensis "	65 nupessa "	25 planospira a.	165 perangulata Couv.
16 grata Auth.	66 rubulima Auth.	26 curta Hald.	166 Whitei Lea
17 decorata "	67 undulata Say	27 strigosa Lea	167 Troostensis Couv.
18 spilis Hald	68 annulifera Couv.	28 subsolido "	168 Brumbii Lea
19 Clarkii Lea	69 uncialia Hald	29 stewartsoniana "	169 subnot named "
20 efleurata Couv.	70 filum Lea	30 striatum "	
21 Controversa Lea	71 pernodosa Lea	31 symmetrica Couv.	Schizothemus
22 Umbellandica Lea	72 alveare Couv.	32 bitenata "	3. Constrictum Lea
23 gemma Leib.	73 inornata Auth.	33 brachyspira Auth.	4. Ruckii "
24 viridula Auth.	74 elevata Say	34 vicina "	5. Spillmanii "
25 murilifera Lea	75 Whitei Lea	35 tenuis "	6. Baby Louice "
26. acuta "	76 nigarandis "	36 nigrocincta "	
27 cylindracea "	77 rhombica Auth.	37 subangulata "	Aenculosa
28 Conica Auth.	78 brunnea "	38 cristata "	1. squallida L.
29 Calamoides Lea	79 barbarata Couv.	39 dissimilis Say	a. oruata Auth.
30 Lewisii "	80 Henryana Lea	40 propinqua Lea	patula "
31 Haypianus "	81 batialis "	41 caetanea "	Corpulenta "
32 nupessa Auth.	82 costulata "	42 laqueata Say	Costata "
33 Buddii Lea	83 Symmetrica Hald	43 circumdata Lea	globosa Lea
34 Nigra Say	84 costatum Lea	44 crebristrata "	plicata Couv.
35 varicosa Ward	85 pallidus "	45 converpa "	rubiginosa Lea
36 Curvica Lea	86 virens Auth.	46 Nicklesiana "	tintinnabulum Lea
37 Calamaria Say	87 undosa "	47 fallax "	tenuata Couv.
38 Sayi Ward	88 pagodiformis "	48 gracilis "	Canalifera Auth.
39 Canaliculata Say	89 crebristrata Lea	49 Saffordi "	Crassa Hald
40 vittata Auth.	90 alternata Say	50 calliginea "	proserosa Say
41 nodulosa Lea	91 vestitum Couv.	51 elegantula Auth.	obovata "
42 gracilis Auth.	92 Comma "	52 anachnidea "	isogona "
43 prasina Couv.	93 Reichenowii Lea	53 eliminata "	15 Lithasia
44 bella "	94 pudica "	54 pulcherrima "	L. Salebrosa Couv.
45 robusta Lea	95 plicifera "	55 bicincta "	L. gemicula Hald.
46 arcata "	96 spurca "	56 bicostata "	
47 impudica "	97 ebenum "	57 cuspidata "	
48 elongata "	98 alvina "	58 inornata "	
49 regularis "	99 ponsata "	59 elevata Say	
50 Hallenbecki "	100 infundibula Auth.	150 deflexa "	

I have felt no very great interest in these fresh water fellows of home manufacture knowing that I would fill them up from Tryon, Lea, & others, whenever I stopped as much to do so. - Fortunately my friends Melanians are much more fully represented with Alabama has greatly multiplied in species and I have rather a fancy to put them up as fast as possible. On the Melanians the true number of species when divided by 4 (taking the number described) will be nearly the correct thing.

We are to have the Agricultural & Mining College of this State located in Oakland and Whitney has his eye upon the Professorship and upon my collection of shells to add to their museum; so I have been informed by several parties & rec'd an intimation from him.

Stearns has projected a winter trip to San Diego & Cerros del
if I can accompany him which I propose doing. That season
is the best for shells as at that time *Natica Lewisii* *Chorus*
Helcken & others come out of deep water to deposit their spawn
and may be secured in quantities. In looking over the list of
species I find many of the minute ones described by Carpenter
yet wanting to my Collection and the larger ones with not many
duplicates. Your letter asking for Australian shells especially
Volutes I hardly know how to reply to. There are none for sale
on the West Coast that I know of. I gave Miss B. a fine
specimen of *V. Deshayesi* Reue to forward to you or your daughter
some time since - It is New Caledonian. - Perhaps the rarest
Volute in my Cabinet is one that Willie brought me from Java
V. pipenita Soub. an adult, - of which Soub. figures "the only one known"
which is not ~~a~~ mature. ~~one~~. I have not all the Australian
though *V. Magnifica*, *undulata*, *Miltonis*, *vesillum*, *Aulica*, *zebray*
lyriformis, *deladerti*, *protepta*, *fusiiformis* & *fulgetrum* figure among them

If I could be certain that my Collection would go to the
Agric. College of New York, I would this winter extend my researches
to the Lower Cal. region, especially Margarita Bay and take
passage from there to the Islands in a whale ship and skin.
Pease's Collection of every thing not in mine, by purchase or
exchange. Independent of time this would not cost over 1000.
and all that I get would go to build up the Collection and
the duplicates to be used for exchange for the same object.

I should prefer that the Collection should go East instead of
in the College here as New York is my native State.

Should I get off home would we not have nice winter trips
to the West Indies & S. America collecting. I envy you the

proposed journey to Florida next winter, but do not see my way clear to joining you. Stearns comes over occasionally and spends a Saturday with me, — I have had to drop Anthony as I know of the arrival safely of two Cigar boxes containing choice shells which I sent, not even acknowledged; and a continued dunning for specimens from here in quantities for their foreign exchanges. All that I have rec^d from A. would not pay me for 2 specimens which I sent him of *Helix Idahoensis*. My *Helices* have grown more rapidly than any other Genus during the past year and now number over 1400 species, so that A.'s boast does not amount to much after all. However I have found him liberal with his own shells when he had stacks of them, and ascribe his neglect to the hurry and confusion of a Compound of crabs, snakes, fish & other trash lumbering up their museum, and breeding pestilences with the more cleanly and laudable pursuit of Scientific Conchology "Every one to their trade" you may well exclaim.

I send you a solitary specimen of *Cylindrella Newcombiana* Gabb. herewith, one of the last, ^{named} and certainly one of the finest of the Genus. None were entirely alive, and were found in the Central range of Lower California.

Yours is the only one at the East I believe and you may show it to Anthony if you please but do not part with it on any account. We are a good deal hurried up with business, more especially Surgical Cases just now. — One Cancer of the lip, cut out — One leg & one arm amputated one dislocated wrist and several severe Contusions on hand and a Cancer of the breast to remove

Your old friend Kellogg who never tires "going up hill" has gone to Sitka on the Expedition of the U.S., and another party a fine Collector of Shells rigged all right with the dredge & to have half his collections for himself ^{and} on the same.

We shall be able to make with him & I'll a fine finish of Arctic Species of the Pacific. I shall come in for a suite of these Shells. My Shells from Calcutta have not yet arrived but the Prof. of Botany informs Dr. Hillebrand that he has just arrived from the Maldives with a large collection of marine shells which he has given over to Stolycki for me. - I hope they will come along by the next steamer from China having advices of their shipment to Hong Kong. —

I wish you could be with Stearns & myself in our expedition to San Diego. as we mean to use the Dredge freely & see what we can catch. —

Our expedition to Bodega did not amount to much, nothing new of importance - But at Bodega Corners where we stayed one night they do swear a blue streak without rhyme or reason. I told the Landlord that put all the profanity together that I had heard since 1849 it would not amount to half as much as his bar room furnished in $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour. They were Pike Co. bushwhackers who served under Price and "that other feller" during the war. I told him the Digger Indian was farther advanced in civilization than his customers of this persuasion.

Bodega is good for the Secesh in politics this year, & good for nothing else; even the Clams were so ashamed of themselves as to hide away in the mud.

But I must finish this scrawl & subscribe myself
Your friend

Oakland Aug 15. 1867

N. Newcomb

Albany Aug. 16. 1867

Mr Cornell

Dear Sir

Having written
to Mr Hall in regard to your
dispatch, he says in reply
that he is to return home
Saturday night to leave again
for the Burlington Meeting
of Wednesday the 21st inst
and that after that he can
come as you wish - that
if you deem it necessary
he can direct Mr Whitfield
to go to Ithaca to see the
quarry sooner, but that if
it can be postponed he

Sarah M. Hall
Aug 16. 67

would prefer to go himself.
Please write your wishes
in regard to the matter -

Yours respectfully

Sarah M. Hall

Utica New York
Aug 16th 1867

Hon C Cornell
Sir

Inclosed please
find two notes, one for \$1000
and one for \$200. The former
matured a number of days since
the latter to day for renewal
of notes of same amount.

please do me the favor to
Indorse and leave at Bank,

Very Respectfully &c
William Fleming

Illinois & Mississippi Telegraph Company
SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Western Engraving Co. Chicago

Ottawa, Ill. Aug 15 1867

Hon B Cornell
Ithaca N. York.
Dear Sir

Your favor of the 12th is
received.

The Capital Stock of this Co. is now
\$1,930,495⁰⁰ represented by 38609⁰⁰/₁₀₀ Shares.
\$50⁰⁰ Each.

Yours truly
Thos. H. Cattan

Chas. P. Wood
Aug 18. 67

Michigan Aug. 18 1867
Hon C. Cornell

Dear Sir

Believing that the time
is eminently auspicious for the
combination of all the interests
upon, and adjacent to, the Michigan
Line of Rail Road Brothers and,
from Lake Michigan to the coal
fields of Penna. I urgently invite
your attention to the project in its
present aspect, and solicit
your aid, either directly in material
contribution, or in your potent in-
fluence in I shall, to induce
her to omit the building of 18½
unnecessary miles of road to Spee-
cer. And unite with us in the con-
struction of the best line which
can be obtained across this state.
and the one - I believe - much the

best for Ithaca to invest in.
Though it does not run through
your village with its main line.
With your improvements on the East
Ithaca must grow rapidly in that
direction, and you will inevitably
have facilities of transit to that
quarter of the town, which will enable
passengers to reach our station
to be established at the nearest
feasible point we can reach
without a sacrifice of grades.
All freight out of your town will
naturally tend to the seaboard &
go by Lake, Gauley, or 3^d Rail, via
Owego, or Waverly, and all Coal
or other freight by our line will
go to your docks, if necessary, by
a 3^d rail and narrow gauge,
without breaking bulk. If these
points can be satisfactorily ar-
ranged, why can we not unite
in constructing this road which

will certainly pay well?
This Murdock line is again
most thoroughly on foot; and
needs only a combination of inter-
ests to secure it. Should this
golden opportunity pass unim-
proved, the Southern Central
via Groton & Dryden will ~~be~~
built after a struggle and no
light sacrifices. And you will
eventually build over from Wa-
verly and down the Lake shore,
from Ithaca ~~to~~ Cayuga, a one
sided poor affair, always lean
and languishing, or even sold out
on mortgage bonds, as the So.
Central will probably be also,
if built. I am convinced that the
interests of your town and ours are
identical, and the interests of your
University would be vastly benefi-
ted by this plan. Shall it not
be adopted, and accomplished?

Meeting of the old board of man-
agers of this road will be held
this week - probably, and if you
think well of it, an attempt
will be made to harmonize,
and arrange matters with
Ithaca and Owego road for a
Trail. And for that purpose
we may come to Ithaca, by
Monday 14th inst. Will you be
at home?

Can you send me a copy of the
Can you had ~~passed~~ last winter
authorizing an extension of line
northward &c? - if so, please send
me one? Will you please let me
hear from you soon. And believe
me Very Resp. &

Yours &c
Chas. P. Mott

H.W. SAGE & CO

Wholesale Lumber Merchants.

Albany, NY

19 Aug 1867

Ezra Cornell Esq Thaca N.Y.
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Can you give us
any information respecting the
responsibility of Horace & Emery
& Son of this city? Mr Crane
who says he knows you, refers
us to you as being acquainted
with both H. & E. & Son - Anything
you can tell us respecting them will
oblige

Yours truly
H.W. Sage & Co

Worcester Aug 20 1867

Wm Geo Cornell

Dear Sir

Your favor
of 10th inst came duly to hand
After writing to you
on the 5th inst circumstances
intervened which prevented
my family going west with
me which has also delayed
and made it a little
uncertain about my
going this fall

If you get
round so that you make
your trip west you can
if you choose write to me
or telegraph to Canton and
if I can join you I will
do so if not there will
be nothing done

Very Truly Yours
A S Robinson

Herrick Aug 26th - 67
Mr C Cornell Dear Sir your letter
Has come to hand. I arrived home the 17th
I found my family all well. after the
usual family Greetings. my Wife had
recd. your letter. and wanted to
know if I had written to you and how
I happened to do so. and while I was
Looking it over the children were
being in relating to me the bad
Luck we had in losing our Cow
Which was bad luck indeed. it was all
The cow I had. you can imagine the
Prattle of Girls and boys. after my absence
of three weeks. But it seems that the
Blessings of Providence has followed.
me all through my life I never lost
Anything but I gained as much it is so
In this case for the good neighbours
Collected money and bought me a cow
Before I came home for which I feel

Very thankfull. Indeed I feel to
Rejoice that I live in a land of christian
People. you remember I told you that my
Business call me away from home a
Good part of the time I am going again
This morning.

in some
you seem to be mistrey
About remembering me I will try and
Explain to you the time and circumstances
I referred to. If you remember I came to
Utica from susquehanna County with
My Wife and one child a little Girl, as a
Carpenter and Joiner, at the colistation
of my Brother in law W. C. Blair. I
Worked at the Business there about eight
months I was then taken sick among strange
Without the means of suport for my family
I Got along as well as I could. and resolved
on leaving Utica as soon as I was able but
Before I was scarcely able the intelligence
Came to us of the death of my Wife's mother
In Wilkesbarre, Well I was there without
money but thank God, not without

Friends There was one man
I Was acquainted with from towards
His name was Robert Mc. Ketchum a
Molder in the foundry. it was then
Hard times and money scarce. This friend
advised me to Go to you as you were a
Barnum man, and borrow some
Money I did so. and got it. I
Told my Wife at that time if we ever
Was Bled with a Boy I would call his
Name Ezra at which she replied we
Will have the whole name and call him
Ezra Cornell in due time the boy came
and the above is his name after six
months I was Prosperous and sent you
the money in a letter, for which you have
My thanks to this day I am a Poor man
yet but thank God I have my health
And am blest With friends on all sides
If I Ever com to Utica I will most certai
nly call on you Hoping you will do the
same in Bradford. Farewell
yours Truly Geo. W. Hendricks