Ithaca Sept 18. 1868

Pliny Earl Esq
Leicester Mass

Dear Sir

Can you inform me what Thomas Cornell it was who married Sarah daughter of Ralph and Jane Earl. — Whose son was Thomas? When did he live? When were they married? When or what records do you get the information from?

Plase give me such information as you can on the subject,

Yours Respectfully

Ezra Cornell

Ezra Cornell
Genealogy
Rec'd Nov Oct 1868

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 Geneological History of the familics, 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 geneological 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. Marlbourn's, the Deputie 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.~~) He was not a son of Richard—

"Upon the peticon and request of JOHN CORNELL, that being driven by the Indyans from his habitacon to the eastward, and desireous to live under his Royal Highnesses Government if he may have a competent piece of land assigned him to improve for his subsistance with his wife and five children, I have given and granted unto the said JNO CORNELL the quainty of one hundred acres of improvable land not already taken up and improved, with meadow proporconable 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 Dartsmouth, 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

V/1
(4-5-77 acc.)

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.

Hon E. Cornell

Dr Sir. The Tidal Wave the papers talk about seems to have reached W. Union —

On receipt of your telg last Monday — saying — "all right — go ahead have written" — I ordered 200 shs — tuesday 200 shs and Wednesday 200 shs more, all of which I bought at 34 — I put in the same order thursday and increased it to 34 1/4 this morning, but the advance is ahead of my limit —

The question is whether to follow the market or wait for a reaction — that a question for you to decide — I did not like to exceed 34 1/4 as you expressed a hope in your letter that I would do better with five thousand shs than with the last

As far as I had gone I had done better, but maybe by the time I get the balance of it, the average wont be any better, if as good as the first thousand—

There is a different class of men buying our stock it appears to me— for instance— David Hoadley has just taken in some— John McKesson also— this kind of buyers relieve the market— the stock dont go back to sell again—

You can manage to tell me so I will understand whether you wish me to buy the other 4000 at the best I can or wait a while to see how the market works— it will sell at 35 yet this week I feel sure

Sept 18. 1868

Resp'y John Horner

Scipioville Sept 18. 1868

Hon Ezra Cornell.

Dear Sir.

Not having the means and wishing to educate myself for a physician at the Female Medical College in N.Y. of which Mrs Lozier is Dean I venture to solicit a scholarship of you, at Miss Anna Atwison's suggestion, which she mentioned to me as having been offered to her by Mr. Cornell. For further information I refer you to Miss Atwison or Miss Anna Atwison.

Most respectfully Yours

Address Susan J. Labar

Scipioville.

Cayuga Co. N.Y.

Sept 14, 1868

BENEDICT & BENEDICT,
LAWYERS,
NO. 76 WALL STREET, NEW YORK.

Erastus C. Benedict, Robert D. Benedict.

New York Sept 14. 1868

Dear Sir

Since my return from Ithaca the Telegraph Co has sent to me for payment your despatch to you on the 14th inst. for which you declined to pay. I write this to apologize to you for having sent it without being prepaid. It was by mistake — I had no thought of subjecting you to the expense of a despatch sent on the business of the State. I of course paid it without hesitation.

As you always disapproved of the pleasure of seeing you after we had gone over the University premises I had

no opportunity to say to you, as I now do, that I was greatly pleased with all the arrangements which we had the opportunity to examine and only regretted that their unfinished state, prevented us from seeing in working order the most judicious and beautiful system of University arrangements which have ever come under my observation.

Yours respectfully

E. C. Benedict

Hon. Ezra Cornell

Ithaca.

Susquehanna Depot-Susq^{a} Co Pa

Mr. Ezra Cornell

Sir- In reading your "Carol" in the New York Tribune of Aug^{t} 26th it was reminded of a little story I once read- It was something to this effect- A fashionable mother getting somewhat belated one Sunday morning went to Church leaving her youngest child a little girl in bed- While the audience were quietly waiting for the Services to begin- All eyes were attracted toward the door where stood the neglected child in undress, saying "You forgot me Mamma" It occurred to me that soon hundreds of girls- the friends and sisters of the "boys" you so generously encourage will be saying with as much point- "Mr Cornell" You forgot us- You will

-like the negligent mother feel that the neglect was unjustifiable when you look and behold them in mental emptiness with natures richly endowed only needing skillful training to enable them to become high souled noble minded women- Such women as the mothers of American citizens must be before we see our country a "model Republic" I have hopefully watched the progress of Cornell University trusting that at last a noble man would set a noble example by reserving his Endowment to be applied impartially for the education of both Sexes. Although the matter has been referred to a committee have you not a right is it not your duty to make your powerful influence felt on the right side.

I plead for your girls the same encouragement and assistance which is so kindly offered to the "boys" Is the right eye strengthened by the weakness of the left the right foot benefitted by the dwarfing of its mate. Will those "boys" be ennobled by the ignorance of their sisters, friends, or wives. When they have nobly labored and secured a good sound education they must start out for themselves. Still your boys. With habits of refinement and culture they will have no affinity for ignorance and vanity. Congenial Society must be sought among the wealthy. They must marry "about their means" or marry those so much inferior as to be a lifelong annoyance. It is the "Boys rights" that are jeopardized. Their wives may teach their children so much error that no subsequent training can obliterate it. This educating the male children and starving the intellects of the female is a system which out Herods Herod. It is a relic of barbarism to observe for justification.

By this time you rightfully conclude that your correspondent is a poor ignorant woman - I am sorry to say that such is the fact - and being one of that class and knowing their hungerings for mental culture for mind-food seldom attained I can speak ~~feelingly~~ zealously if not wisely in their behalf.

I am convinced that wise Statesmanship includes the idea of legislating for the benefit of the whole - The State should provide not only for her sons but equally for her daughters -

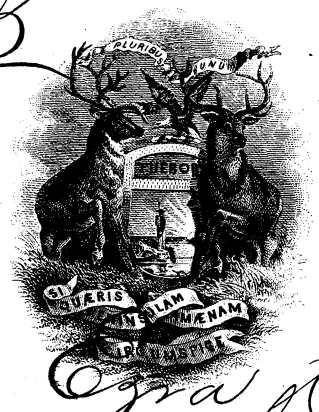
We women are deemed inferior, frivolous, vain - Help us to be better - I do not ask for generosity but simple justice - As a teacher in our Public Schools I find the girls - as pupils - fully equal to the boys in mental capacity - do long as they have equal training & opportunities - I fully believe they would remain equal to the end if allowed to compete fairly -

That the sexes can be educated together has been demonstrated repeatedly - our State Normal School is a proof - They will soon - why not now - Let American women be the glory, not the shame of America -

Very Respectfully E. S. Wells

Sept - 13th 68

B



State of Michigan

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Flint ~~Lansing~~ Oct 20 1868

Ezra Cornell. Esq
Ithaca, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Permit me to trouble you for a moment by stating that the Stock I had of you last Spring is giving me good satisfaction.

"Lucifer", for a while, was "home sick", and neither eat nor drank well, he however soon recovered, and now looks very fine —, is in fact a noble animal, — he has grown, and is in very good condition. I have used him to about 25 of the best Native heifers, I could procure.

"Lucerne", also has done very well, she could not, in fact, have done any better, has always ate well, + will keep constantly "hog fat". She has now by her side, a very fine Bull calf, it is entirely red, with the exception of a

a small white star in its forehead,
& a small white spot on each thigh,
about 3 in. in diameter. His prop
large, which was occasioned I pre-
sume, by the heifers being so very fat,
but he is now doing well, and will
undoubtedly make a very fine animal.

Yours very Truly,
Henry Hoag
per Off

Cin. Sept 21st 1864

My dear Mr Zachos

I rec'd this morning the Circular of Cornell U. for which accept many thanks. There is one fact or more facts which I do not find therein. That is, How much of the land given by the U.S. to the State of N.Y. has been sold? What amount has been realized from said sale? What is the estimated value of the unsold portion? And when is it proposed to sell the same? Can you also give me any pamphlet or sketch of Ezra Cornell & of his labors? Remember me to Mrs Zachos & the children also to Mr & Mrs Livingston. My wife unites in kind remembrances also

Yours truly
E. S Thrasher

Dakota City, Nebraska.
September 21st 1868.

Hon. Ezra Cornell,
Ithaca, New-York:

My Dear Sir,—

In answer to my letter, you directed F. W. Fitch, Sec'y of Cornell University to write to me. I subjoin a copy of his letter.

"Cornell University,
Ithaca, N. Y., Sept. 4, 1868.

O. D. Martin:

Dr. Sir:

Your son can have room and board in the University. Let him come so as to be here the 2d or 3d of October.

Yours,
F. W. Fitch,
Sec'y."

I thought it best to send my daughter with him. She will attend the Ithaca Academy, and some of the lectures of your noble University.

My son (though young) tells

me that he wishes to work enough on your University farm to pay his board. I will send him drafts to pay all other expenses. Please the goodness to point out to him what he can do on the farm.

He expects to stay 4 or 5 years at your great Institution.

He thinks of studying chiefly under the instructions of Dr. Wilder and Prof. Law, with a view to becoming an eminent surgeon.

Any advice that you may give my son, will be gratefully remembered by

Your sincere admirer,
C. D. Martin,
Attorney-at-Law.

Meadville Sep. 22. '65

Hon Ezra Cornell,

Dear Sir,

I enclose you this note from Mr Thorop, hoping you may be able to give him the desired information. Mr Thorop, belongs to an association of gentlemen in Cincinnati, who are about to make a movement towards establishing a University for Ohio. They have large means already gathered, one fund bringing 30.000 dollars income. And they hope to move the Legislature of the State on the subject. Mr Thorop is preparing a Report.

Any information you can give him will be

will be gratefully acknowledged by

yours Respectfully
J. L. Zachos

P. S. Please direct to Ath. E. S Thorp, direct to Cincinnati, as I shall be in Ithaca, myself next week — —

BUY AND SELL

REAL ESTATE

ON COMMISSION,

PAY TAXES FOR NON-RESIDENTS,

LOCATE

Government Lands

With Cash, Scrip or Warrants,

And make out Homestead and Pre-Emption Papers.

Real Estate Office

—OF—

LATHROP & KINNEY.

Glenwood, Minn., September 22d 1868

Hon Ezra Cornell

My Dear Sir

Yours of Aug 29th has just been received - We cannot say that there is anything verry promising for the Library enterprise at present but hope to be able to make a better report soon

You ask what your lands would sell for; It would be almost an impossibility to sell lands here this fall: But they could probably be sold next season for about two dollars an acre if it was managed something like this Viz: sell one or two quarter sections from about the centre of your tracts to actual settlers - making the payments easy if they did not have the money to pay all of the purchase money down - that will form a nucleus and you have no idea how others will settle around

Gottlieb Hammer
Sept 2, 1882
Yours of Aug 29th rec'd
Yours Respectfully
Sam'l D Lamb

Whenever a settlement is commenced and in order to settle they of course must purchase your lands - It would seem from a letter received by the Co Treasurer that the case of these lands has passed to other hands; he seems to think that he can do better by remitting direct to the Treas - we were of the opinion that we had done pretty well considering that we had no list of your lands and made only one mistake - The NW¼ Sec 29 T 126 R 36 is occupied as a homestead & the Register of the Land Office says Your own The NW¼ Sec 29 T 126 R 38 probably the mistake was made at the Land Office if you will send us your Land Office Receipt we will have it corrected at the Land Office in case there has been a mistake made - we would be pleased to act as your agents for selling your lands - we will pay the taxes the same as last year & will send us a list of your lands

Kellogg Iowa
Sept 22d 1868

Dear Uncle

I have been disappointed in getting some money that I was expecting. I shall be short at the commencement of the Lectures. Would it be so that you could send me $25. of the $50. at the present. If so please send it to my address at Chicago

Yours &c
Thos Chase

To Hon Ezra Cornell
Ithaca

Sel- Draft on NY $50
Sept- 22 d in 1868

Utica Sept 22 – 1868

Hon Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

I sincerely regret that it is out of my power to arrange the fossils before the Commencement of your University – My health is bad & then I think it will take at the very least a month to do it –

A great share of the names have been changed & the books where they have been described could not be had in Time even if I was able to do it –

I beg leave to assure you that I have the greatest interest in your noble & Generous Institution & I shall be proud to do anything in my power for it –

I am sorry I did not know in season – for during the whole of July

E. Sewett. Utica N.Y.
Sept 22 1848
Fossil Collections,
Inability to arrange
&c

I should have been glad to assist—
I shall leave for the Gulf of Mexico
early in November & may visit
N.Y. - when if your number & my
health will allow nothing will
please me more than to serve you—
I am very respectfully
your friend
E Sewett

P.S. Will you favor me with the
Circular of your Institution?
E S

Coombe Springs Academy

Sept 28th 1864

Mr Eyre Coombe

Dear Sir

Seeing an article in one of the English papers about your College. I have thought of applying to you to help me with the Education of one of my Children.

If you like I have no doubt that in a Stranger to receive an application from a Gentleman in this Country. But when I tell you the name of my Children you like I am sure will understand why such an Idea entered into me. My Husband left Ireland about seven years ago and entered the Federal Army and at the Commencement of that War he joined the U.S. Standing Army. Since he left home I have not heard from him except by letter & I have had much to suffer and

Educate

Hugh Stathers
2144 Christian St
Philadelphia

William Stathers
8 Regiment U.S.C. Inf
Co. L
Fort Shaw
M.T.

made to Jones Steward from the Post Office
in answer to my application about my Pensions
Certificate Enclosing to Jones a Postmaster Reply

I am Dear Sir
Yours very respectfully
Sophia Stathers
Stathers

four Children by My own Lyceum
the Boy I wish to Select your Interest
in is about 14 years old (he is My
eldest Boy) he has been educated at
a free School. but I have had to
support him. I find I cannot do so
any longer as I have other Children to
push forward in life. if his educ-
ation stops now he will be lost. but
if I could induce you to receive
him into your Institute I have
no doubt he will do us credit & you
and a blessing to me he is both
intelligent and industrious. he has
been learning English French Latin
and Greek in a few months he
would be able to fill a respectable
position. My situation here is a
Guarantee of My respectability but if
you would take My application into
your kind consideration I would
give you any reference you could
require. (I have a Brother in law
living in Philadelphia) I remain sir

D. B. Cowell
Sept 2 & 1868

Belvedere Sept 2 1868

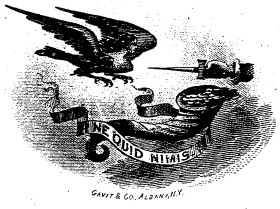
Dear Brother

I have now an opportunity to trade my house and lot here for a farm of 80 acres of good land which is fenced and has a small house on it — and if you can help me to $750. with which to procure team & waggon a few farming tools & a cow &c I can get to farming again my health is such that I am unable to work much but Austin is a big stout boy & with his help I could manage the farm. he is at present at work with me at my trade but is going to school next winter. Monroe is now going to school

the rest of my family are
in usual good health. I am
at present engaged with anoth
man in building on a small
scale. we only work 3 hands and
of course my share of the profits
while I am unable to work is
rather small — we have however
done quite well this season.
Now dont let my soliciting
help annoy you, but my
anxiety to get on a farm
and get my children out of
the village must be my excuse
for again troubling. if it is not
convenient for you to help me I
shall be very glad to hear
from you often.

Respectfully
D Bloomell

C. Cornell
Ithaca N.Y.



State of New York,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
Albany, Sept 14th 1878.

Hon: Ezra Cornell,
Ithaca. N.Y.

Dear Sir —

I certainly did not intend to prescribe a particular day for the receipt of the reports as to the land sales &c. I suggested the first of October because that was the commencement of the fiscal year. It will be entirely satisfactory if made as soon as you can conveniently make it. I know there will be no unnecessary delay.

You spoke of the taxes on the Wisconsin Lands. If you desire any aid or co-operation from me in respect to them please advise me. I shall cheerfully act with you in the matter, & do what I can & the law permits, to prevent loss or embarassment to yourself or the institution which you have founded.

Respectfully Yours
W. J. Allen
Comptroller.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE

ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AND ART,

Cooper Institute, (Second Floor.)

New-York, Sept 26 1868.

Dr Sir

Inclosed I send you bill for a copy of the "Influence of climate in North & South America" for which you subscribed some few years since. The book was forwarded by mail. Price $4.

Yours &c

J. Bitnell

Ezra Cornell Esq.

To J. Bitnell Dr.

To 1 Influence of climate, $4.00

Sent April 27, 1867.

Please remit by mail - also fill up the blank in inclosed circular relating to Ithaca, and order more of the copies. J. B.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE

ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AND ART,

Cooper Institute, (Second Floor.)

New-York, Sept. 26 1868.

Dr. J. W. Richards

Sir,

On an examination of the Cabinet of minerals belonging to the Assn for the Adv.t of Science and Art I find nearly the whole collection missing - they having been carried away during my absence to the City of Washington by C. Fred Hartt as I am informed by Robert Curren.

You are charged as being accessary to said illegal removal. The specimens, numbering several hundred were presented our Association by the following Gentlemen:

Contributors.

M. J. Henley	W. E. Dickinson
W. E. Hagan	G. T. Clarke
E. H. Davis	M. B. Page
R. K. Pance	W. R. Anderson
Dr. Hulett	N. E. Clark
and others.	

Your immediate attention is called to this subject as I shall report the whole transaction to the council of our Association at its next meeting which will be held at an early date.

Yours respectfully,

J. Dieterwell

Librarian

ASSOCIATION FOR THE

ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AND ART,

Cooper Institute, (Second Floor.)

New-York, Sept 26 1868.

Ezra Cornell, Esq.

Dear Sir,

During my absence on a visit to the city of Washington the beginning of the present week, the greater part of the Mineral Cabinet belonging to our Assⁿ was illegally removed by Prof. L. Fred Hewett, who I am informed shipped the Specimens, some 15 or 16 boxes, to the Cornell University at Ithaca.

Whatever said Hewett may say to the contrary I was the only legal custodian of said Cabinet and shall hold Your Institution

liable for their safe return or payment, as may be directed by our Association — the value is estimated from 3 to 500 dollars.

A copy of a letter directed to Dr J.W. Richards will explain in part the wrong done our Association. In relation to the Brazilian collection in which alone Dr. Heart had any interest, the following resolution, copied from the minutes of the Comm'e, April 30, 1868, will more fully explain.

On motion of R. L. Dugdale, Resolved "That Dr. Heart be permitted to remove his private Specimens, at his convenience, from the Rooms of the Association, having a proportionate share of the Brazilian Specimens equal in value to the sum ($300) contributed by said Association."

You thus perceive that we have a direct claim for $300, besides the whole interest in the balance of the collection, contributed by several gentlemen as a nucleus for an extensive mineral cabinet.

Please answer at your earliest convenience, while I remain

Yours respectfully

J. Distunnell

Librarian

N.B. — Inclosed is a copy of our Constitution and By-Laws.

J.D.

John Ryan
Sept 28. 1868

Indiana Sept 28th/68

Mr E Connell

Dr Sir

You Send Bill of Sills
That you are Short of
I think you have made
Some mistake in them
There is no such Sizes
on the Bill You call for
23 Sills four feet & Eight inches
long 12 inch Wide & 6 inches Thick
4 Sills Six feet long & 12 inch Wide
& 6 inch Thick & 7 Sills four
feet & four inch long 12 inch Wide
& Eight inch Thick all the Sills
that are on the Bill are as follows
16 Sills 4 4/12 ft long 12 inch Wide 6 inch Thick
8 Sills 4 10 " " 12 " " 6 " "
16 Sills 4 " " 12 " " 6 " "
& The Billing 8 inch Thick are only
8 & 9 inch Wide We Sent all of
them & two or three Pieces over

You must of made some
Error in sending them over.
If you are Short any
will send me Bill of them
I will send them I got out
the Same same as the other
Building calls for if you
have made any alteration
in the Bill of Stuff you
Should Sure let me Know
I have Sent the full
complement of Stuff except Bill
for one Building + 190 each Stuff
33 Cagels 11 Pieces Mullin Table
3 Pieces of Railing 1 Bill in net
building + 28 Large corners part of
the Large corners were only 2 ft
Long instead of 3 Large of the Stuff have
got Broke they Should build out
Please answer + let me Know what
you want

Yours Truly John Ryan
Per Son

Monticello Sept. 28th 1868

Hon Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

The bearer Edward A. Garro is a young man every way worthy the confidence and esteem of any community in which he may choose to reside. He is a faithful student and if permitted to avail himself of the opportunities which through your unbounded generosity is placed within reach of all ~~this~~ you can furnish ~~his young~~ employment sufficient to enable him to keep soul & body together he will without doubt make a fine scholar

Please do what you can for one who for years past has been obliged to do all for himself.

He has during the year been attending the school under my charge and I take pleasure in saying that ~~you have never~~ during that time he won the entire confidence of his teachers and associates. If possible please do something for him.

Yours very truly
F. L. Smith

Ans Nov 5. 68
H Sent circular
&c

J G Stepney Green
London. E.
England.
Sept. 28th 1868

Ezra Cornell.

Sir,

On the twenty third day of September appeared in the London "Daily News" an article on the opening of the "Cornell University," in which it was stated provision was made for affording assistance to poor Students. Seeing Mr. Goldwin Smith's name among the non-resident professors, I addressed a letter to him, but he was unable to supply the information I sought. I beg therefore to address myself to you, hoping you will take

my case into your kind consideration, and if you can afford me any assistance, I shall be ever grateful for it.

I am of English parentage, (which I sincerely hope will not be a barrier to me) and am twenty four years of age. I am desirous of pursuing the Study of Medicine and Surgery but am quite unable to defray the necessary expenses, my relatives are also unable to afford me any assistance. I am entirely self educated, and have passed the preliminary Examination in Arts conducted by the Society of Apothecaries of London, and I was one of four (out of more than sixty Candidates) who were complimented by the Examiners. I have for several years acted as general assistant to Dr. Snell, of Stepney Green, London. E. Lupard, who will gladly testify to my abilities and conduct. I should be very willing to work for my maintenance (in accordance with the proposition set forth in your letter to the New York Tribune, and quoted in the London Daily News,) while prosecuting my studies at the Cornell University. If an Examination is required on Entrance, I should be very happy, on being informed, to prepare myself for it. I can only add that should my application meet with your approval, both on the

ground of age and
Nationality, my own and the
University's interest would
be identical.

Trusting this will meet
your favourable consideration,
I beg
to subscribe myself,
Your humble Servant,
Thomas Budd.

Thos Budd
Toronto
Sept 12. 65

Ea Smithfield Pa—

Sept 28/68

Mr Cornell

Respected Sir— Could you
ears have heared what mine have,
within the last hour, I am sure you
would pardon my presumption in
thus addressing you a stranger.—
Let. I pray you, the motive justify the
act.— I will introduce myself via. anolel cir-
cular., Your most noble and stupendous
work manifest in the Cornell Univer-
sity leads me to hope you may be in-
duced to help on a new work, or change
the programme of the one already com-
menced. It is most praiseworthy
to give young men all possible incentive
and help, toward a higher and more
practical education.— And for your

help in the work, may God grant you His choicest blessings — . But — may I not call your attention to a greater need for help? — In one sentence, it is, help for women to enable them to help themselves.

Some, look to "universal suffrage" for that help. — But those most needing help do not look in that quarter — God only knows from whence the help is to come! — + + My teaching experience has brought me in contact with a large number of young ladies, in, and out of school. — and for some unexplainable reason many of them seem to think I can lift sorrow from their hearts & make smooth their pathway. by the way they come to me.

This explains why I ~~do~~ know so well whereof I affirm." —

Many who "go through boarding school" are "not fitted for Teachers, through fault of their "teachers" or of nature. and are not fit for housekeepers, or for anything else. if called to take care of themselves.

Then there is a larger class less favored. than the first mentioned class who are like the "Proud Miss MacBride" "above the poor, below the rich

The very narrowest possible niche." who are noble, worthy, sisters, earnestly desiring a useful education yet too poor to obtain it. too proud to go out to service in the present state of society hence "pinch along" until they have a "passable" chance to marry. when, God forgive if they do not act upon the highest motive to secure a change. Of this class the large per cent always live sad, unsatisfied lives because their souls were born into that terribly narrow, uncomfortable "niche."

Could you see them, and as many as I have alone I know you would be —

interested for them.— In this part of the country great complaint is made of the poor quality of common school teachers (who are mostly in this latter class) but a large number cannot clothe, board and educate themselves any better— and often this, is all they can do to help themselves!—

I have thought and prayed over the subject. but ~~I~~ any "way and means" of improving this case. have not entered my mind until a few months since. On that plea. I have made your— and Mrs R. B. Gleason M. D. of the Elmira Water Cure— figure most conspicuously. I called to see Mrs G— last week upon this matter before broach ing it ~~the matter~~ to you, but she had not yet returned from a visit West. Hence I "take time by the forelock" & proceed to lay the matter before you.

No harm can be done except to teach a little of your time.

You have an Agricultural College. Now, on most farms, women's work is needed as well as mans. There is a house, to clean for, from cellar to attic; food to cook for the family, & those who work the farm; dairy work to do. butter and cheese; sewing and mending; fruit to can for and put up; the whole comprising the grand "art of housekeeping". as taught — where?

In my whole experience I can truthfully say that I know there is not one good house-keeper among fifty women. And to good house keeping, and the low estimate in which it is held, I think can be attributed many of the sorer evils of our social system.

Now if you can only furnish the housekeeper and start the matter.

and can instruct as wise and noble a woman as Mrs Gleason to carry it on.- your gentlemen students could ~~this~~ be boarded more cheaply, their washing & ironing and much of their sewing done, all by the ladies in their department. thus make one system the richer. And thus a goodly number of ladies might improve their school education, learn housekeeping in connection. and thus fit themselves for real usefulness.— and under the prestige of the famous Cornell University (!!) be enabled to hold a better place than the same training could give, under less distinguished auspices.

At present there is no such institution and the times demand it. Of all women. I know but one woman equal from Mrs Gleason. She has the wisdom and executive ability to carry out the plan— and that one is now sick.— Mrs G.- is just now free from her Cure- and undoubtedly as yet about next year— & possibly might be instructed to take up just this work.— I have known her quite intimately for some time and do not know a qualification that she does not possess needed to make her eminently useful. and successful.

Writing as lengthily as I have I feel that I have hardly touched the matter. but I'll not further trespass unless you desire further elucidation. I leave this place soon. but any communication will reach me at any time directed to Box 62. Ea Smithfield. Bradford Co Pa

Hoping you may be interested in the subject herein treated.—

and pardon the presumption of
the writer —

I am most respectfully yours
C. Caldoff.

Ezra Cornell Esq
Ithica N.Y.

9/20/1868

Seneca Lake Highland Nurseries,

Established 1842.

E. C. Frost, Watkins, N. Y.

Trees, Stocks, Grape Vines, small Evergreens, Seeds and Pitts, for planters and dealers. The "King of Tompkins Co.," the best apple grown, first propogated here. No change of cars to New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Dunkirk, Buffalo, Suspension Bridge, Albany, or Boston, having here both wide and narrow guages. Freight at special rates. Having added, by purchase, the extensive Nursery of Freer & Co., located at and near this place our Post Office address is changed from "Highland Nurseries," as above, where we now have our Headquarters.

Watkins, Schuyler County, N. Y. Sept 28th 1858

Hon Egra Cornell

Sir.

Hon John Stanton Gould of Hudson is to address our association on the 10th of Oct and you must let him know where & when in time so he can be sure he shall be there.

I wish you could take your stock from Rochester this way, and stop over at Geneva with it, on the 8th 9th and 10th

Percy Bysshe Shelley

Ed. L. Trout

E. L. Trout
Seattle, Wash.

T. N. Booth
Sept 28 68

Office of the Tribune.

New York, Sept. 28, 1868.

Dear Mr. Cornell,

Anxiously expecting you in this city for two weeks past I could not account for your absence nor silence until Saturday last Mrs. Osborne told me you had written a few lines, enclosing your autograph, stating you had been sick and was still confined to your house. This morning I find in my desk a letter from you written by an amanuensis, but bearing your own signature. This fact tells me you are not able to write. Yet the tone of the letter assures me that you were able to dictate it, and that you are better and that you will get well. God grant that this instinct in my nature, and the boiling

wish of my heart shall prove true in this instance, as they have on other occasions. I feel in my soul that your work is not yet done on earth - that one who has struggled so long, and experienced so many vicissitudes, can not, nor will not, be called away before he has witnessed a portion of the fruits of his labor, and been crowned with the gratitude of his fellow men.

Often when I have been in Osborne's room perplexed with doubts about the success of Photo-Lithography Mrs. Osborne's parrot would screech out "never say die! never say die!" and I wish you to realize that feeling now. You must let the spirit master the flesh. You must believe that you will get well, and will be spared to finish your work. But do not attempt to attend to business until you have bodily strength. Call your grand children about you and listen to them as they recite over their plans and pleasures. But let White and his Professors do the details for the opening of the University alone. Your sons and friends will look after these things more carefully because of your sickness than they would have done were you well. You will recollect that I have often cautioned you about your carelessness for your health - I have told you that riding all night in rail cars, and then working all day in the city, and then again taking a night train for home would use you up, and I have wondered, often, how it was possible for you to stand it as you did. At last the final hair was put on the camel's back and the back was broken. Now then let the Camel rest, let him have quiet and rest in a short time he will be able to walk about again, but he must not be overtaxed as before. I say, therefore, call the children for your amusement and instruction - let them laugh, and shout, and break things, if they

like so to do. What is a broken chair, a glass, or a bowl? Why simply a thing made by man which can be replaced. But a broken spirit, a worn out and sick body can not be restored after a certain point.

You yourself, nor your wife, nor children, regret this sickness more than I do. I have looked with intense interest for the time to arrive when you should witness the unsealing of your testament of love for your fellow men—when you could say in your heart before the world "I, Ezra Cornell, a poor boy, have by the blessing of God, been spared to live to see the tree of Industry and frugality which I planted many years ago, and which I have cultivated with watchful care for many years blossom and fruit, and friends, here, take of it freely, and may God bless you as He has me." Those were my feelings, and are now. But God is

Office of the Tribune.

New York Sept 8 1868

Wiser than you or I. Be assured your sickness just at this time is meant for a blessing in some way. Perhaps you and I were too sanguine – too proud while thinking upon the subject – that it was Man, not God, who proposed to educate the People. Or perhaps, if your health had been spared at this time, you and I would have exerted ourselves on the occasion to such a degree as to make ourselves ever after a burden to society. Now be of good cheer – believe your sickness will turn out for your good, and to show you that you are not alone disappointed I will tell you of my disappointment, and how my disappointment has already been turned into a blessing as it were:

You know that Greeley holds a note for $2000 against the Photo-Lithographic Company, and you have heard that he is always short – that is, if he has money he lends it to Tom, Dick, and Harry, or he gives it away. Well, he said to me about six weeks ago, "I shall want that $2000, and

you must see that I get by Sept. 28." "All right" said I. I had $1500 – my July Tribune dividend – and I determined to let him have it, if the Company could not pay the note. This $1500 I had saved to pay my expenses to Ithaca, Canandaigua, &c. This fall when I visited Ithaca to see the opening of the University. I was going to take Ma, Mary, my wife, and self on a regular spree – probably the last one Ma would live to enjoy. When I found out that there was no chance of getting the money from the Company and that I must use my $1500 to pay Greeley, I began to think my proposed spree would have to be deferred, and so I told my wife on Saturday that I thought we could not go. She was disappointed, I tell you. That was too bad. Well, said I to myself, I will borrow some money which I will pay from my October dividend – which will be about Oct. 15. I meant to have started some day this week, and then be back by October 15. There you have my thoughtful plans and disappointments. Now I get a letter from you telling me to wait until after the opening so that I can get better accommodation and find you well enough to give me time and attention. So you see my misfortunes are, by some good angel, turned into a blessing, and God grant yours may have a like good ending.

I will notify Young of what you say about our Reporter. Meeker goes to Rochester to attend State Fair, will also attend Grape show at Canandaigua, and probably will visit Ithaca on day of opening, as he has a boy he wants to send to University.

I shall defer visiting Ithaca until about Oct. 20 – before which I will write again, and tell you about Photo. Osborne is "pegging away" about as usual. He will write to you about his plans for the future, and how near he was in getting the Tobacco, Snuff, and Cigar Revenue Stamps – which was very near indeed. McCulloch

was wedded to steel engraving—
Rollins and his deputy Harland was in favor of Osborne's stamps; but the Secretary had the vital power in the matter. The fight was a good one and Osborne don't feel hurt as bad as 10 or 12 competitors do—he having at one time assurance that he would get it, and he was given private consultations about the matter, while the others were not consulted. But I won't bother you now, as you request in your letter, about Photo.

Tell your son Alonzo that the misunderstanding about bills for advertising the University was caused by his getting a wrong price from Mr. Jenny, an old gentleman in our employ as a collecter, and who occasionally acts as clerk behind advertising desk. He is a fussy old fellow, and half of the time he is absticuted. Tell Alonzo to call and see me when he comes to the city, and I will straighten out the bungle.

Yours, as ever,
Thomas N. Rooker.

Rye. N.Y.
Sept 29–1888–

To the Presidt
Board of Trustees of the
Cornell University–
Dear Sir–

I
send herewith a Catalogue
of the Conchological Col-
lection & Library of my
Father Dr. John C. Jay–
which are now offered
for sale – Many additions
have been made since
this Catalogue was printed

especially of the shells procured by Comodore Perry's Expedition to Japan - The Library has also been enlarged & all the works are found in half-Russia leather -

Should Yr. University desire further information with a view of purchasing I should be glad to hear from you. as the offers are being entertained from other Institutions we prefer that the Cabinet should remain in the State of New York.

Yrs. Respectfully
Peter A. Jay -

12 Clinton Place N.Y.
29th. Sept. 1868.

Prof. C. Fred. Hart.
Cornell University,

Dear Sir,

On the opposite leaf is the copy of a letter from our — Mr Disturnell. — He is in a great fret, — a great rage. — I immediately called to see him, — thanked him for his letter — and for the view which he took of the so called — "illegal transaction". — I smoothed down some of his rough hairs, — assumed my full share of the responsibility &c. &c. I have heard no thunder since. — — When I do hear I will note & report to you.

I drop you this hasty note to advise us to keep cool. Let him — (and them, — if others join him) — rave as suits his nature; — but let us take the matter coolly and treat it philosophically. We did no wrong thing — as touching the cabinet in the Cabsence of the Librarian.

The removal of specimens by your hands with my sanction, was hasty & somewhat irregular. But it was not wrong. It was a work of necessity. — Necessity knows no law.

When the subject comes before the Council, I shall admit & justify the act. — — I will keep you advised.

Robert told me that Mr. Disturnell was about to write to Mr. Cornell, informing him of the bad acts of one of his Professors. Keep cool. — Disturnell is very passionate & hasty, and often puts himself in the wrong. — He has doubtless done so in this case. Let us see to it that we do not put ourselves in the wrong by flying into a passionate recrimination. —— — Pardon me, — Dear Friend, — for repeating the injunction that we keep cool. — You know that you and brother Disturnell are not sweet friends.

Wishing you a succesful career in your new & important position in the Cornell University, I remain: — intellectually & socially

Your Friend

W. W. Richards M.D.

New York Sep 30 6[illegible]

Ezra Comee Esq

Dear Sir

Allow me to intro-
duce to You acquaintance the Revd
G Lewis Platt a Gentleman with
whom I have had the pleasure of a
long and intimate acquaintance who
was connected with St Anns Parish
of Brooklyn at the time Dr Chapin
was with us, You can place the utmost
confidence in all that Mr Platt says
and any thing that You can do
to carry out his plans will confer
a favor on Yours respectfully

P C Comee

Springfield, Mass. Sept-30th, 1868.

Hon. Ezra Cornell.

Dear Sir.

Presuming upon the honor of former patronage allow me to introduce to you Master Fred. Frost of Springfield Mass.

He goes from among us bearing the high regard, and earnest wishes for his success, of teachers, school mates, friends - and the whole heart of a loving, toiling mother who with her own hands furnishes much of the "wherewith" that is to procure food for the mental hunger of her son.

I trust you have not quite forgotten Jane M. Atwater, for a time Mary L Emmon, and Charlie's teacher to whom you offered such generous assistance

in seeking an a "habitation" but who so
run—generously rejected by taking to herself
a "name" which is—with true gratefulness
for past favors and a Vive Ezra Cornell—
Mrs Francis Porton.

WILLIAM ORTON, PRESIDENT.
H. SIBLEY,
N. GREEN,
B. R. McALPINE,
VICE-PRES'TS.
O. H. PALMER, SEC'Y & TREAS'R.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Western Union Telegraph Company,
145 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

Sept 30th 1868

Hon E Cornell

Dr Sir — Lately and Stock I have been picking up W. Union at 34 when ever I could (through brokers) get it, and today have completed the order for the second thousand Shs — I should like to continue to take it in quietly if you desire to have more and I think on good business and the very shaky condition of the opposition would justify any one with the means to buy W.U. at present prices or one or two per ct higher —

I have recd an invitation to the opening ceremonies of the Cornell University, which I should most gladly accept if it were possible to be away — it has been so many years since I have been absent that I have announced my self almost that I cannot go — I'll learn different some day I suppose — please drop me a line whether

I shall continue to take it in for you and hand it over to O H Palmer as before I am sorry to know that you have been seriously indisposed and please to hear that you are getting well again —

Very Resply
John Horner

The political skies are growing brighter every day —
We will beat them so, they will hardly know what hit them —

J H

John Horner
Letter 3 of 6 8