

Ithaca Feb 7, 68.

Dear Sir

E. Cornell enclosing letter
from Dr Bailey

Enclosed find letter from
Dr Bailey - I have written to E. D. Morgan
U. S. Senate requesting him to get the
letter you wished to go abroad, and
to forward them to your address care
Astor House -

The Trustee meeting is called for
13th Feb 10 AM at Ag Rooms Albany.

Please have all your business prepared
to lay before meeting so that nothing will
be overlooked -

I have not been able to get to Wash-
ington yet - Finch is sick but I hope
will recover in time to go to Albany -

The weather is very cold, so I have not been
up to the University since I came home -

I have several letters from Rev Amos P. Shaw
expressing fear that our convention has
placed us in power of Legislature by means
of adopting Folger Amendment -

Finch thinks it is all right

Yours Respectfully

E. Cornell

Yours A. D. White

[2/1/1868]?

to its interests could contribute
considerably to fill up its museum
I prefer to know something of the
how what & where to collect & museum
specimens in Nat History - Now my
Dear Sir if your patience is not
already exhausted I will only say -
I would like to engage my services
& identify myself with the department
of Nat Hist of Your Institution with
such prospects as will furnish the
bread & butter for my family for such
a length of time as may be found to
benefit each party An early answer
will be most acceptable. Allow
me to subscribe myself yours

Truly

Wm E Cornell

Ithaca

W. G. Bailey M.D.

Chatham & Corners

P.S. If desirable would place ^{My}
my collections at the disposal
of the Institute as a nucleus
to build upon

Winchester Va

February 1st 1868

Hon. Ezra Cornell.

Ithaca N. Y.

My dear Sir,

I wrote yesterday
in the following letter to Pres. White - but under
the idea that he may be absent on his con-
templated trip to Europe - I take the precaution
of addressing you also on the same subject.

I have just returned from an interview, in
Washington, with the Chairman of ^{the} Military
Committee of the House - Gen. Canfield of
Ohio. The "military education bill" will come up
in a few days - with every prospect of a
favourable issue - the intrinsic importance of the
subject seeming to be fully appreciated - It
is my wish however to bring every possible
influence to bear in aid of measure at the
critical moment which will be on its
introduction in Congress - It is quite possible

that the action of your Board of Trustees may yet
be in time to be of great value in the matter,
particularly if brought promptly to bear upon
the Senators and Representatives of the State
of New York. The object of this communication
is respectfully to suggest such procedure,
in case favorable action upon the "National plan"
is taken by your Board.

Feeling assured of your own patriotic
interests in the subject - I need not apologize
for thus addressing you

I remain Sir

With High Respect

Very Truly Yours

J. A. Whittlesby

N. Y. city
Feb 10. 1868

Hon. Ezra Cornell
Ithaca, N. Y.

Dear Sir

I ~~am~~ am reluctant to trouble you; but I do not know how else to obtain the information I seek. In the N. Y. Independent, of Sept. 5. 67, I read an article respecting the Cornell University, and have been ~~induced~~ induced by it to bring my son, 15 years old, from Oregon, to place him in that Institution. I wish to know if it is now ready to receive pupils, or when it will be, and whether, in the mean time, there is a suitable school in the village or suburbs of Ithaca which the lad can attend until the University is inaugurated, and an ap =

Cyrus Olney
Feb 10. 68

proximate estimate of the
expense, especially for board.

If there is any person
whose province it is to furnish
information respecting the Univer=
sity, will you take the troubles
to place this letter in his hands?
Any printed Prospectus or
other documents would be very
acceptable.

Yours very truly

Cyrus Olney
Merchants' Hotel
39-41 Courtland St.
N.Y. city

ELDREDGE & BRO.

PUBLISHERS, BOOKSELLERS AND STATIONERS,

Nos. 17 and 19 South Sixth Street, Second Floor.

Philadelphia, *Feb* 10th 1868

Respected Sir,
Will you be kind
enough to send us a catalogue
of your University

Very Respectfully
Eldredge & Bro
per *Wm*

Chempstead, Feb. 10. 1868

Hon. Ezra Cornell,
Dear Sir:

Herewith you
will receive a statement of
the Cornell family of Mineola
which I have obtained from
Mr James G. Cornell. From what
I learn of him, his grandfather
James Cornell was born in the
same place, and it has been
in the Cornell family at least
150 years, and probably longer.

There is another Cornell family
a member of which is about
80 years of age. I will try and
see him shortly.

Yours truly
John Barstall

Blank No. 1.

E. Cornell

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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O. H. PALMER, Sec'y.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

Dated, *Ithaca NY Feb 10* 1868

Received at *Syracuse* 1125

To *Hon S D White*

There will be meeting
at ~~Agricultural~~ Rooms
Albany Tund and Thursday
the thirteenth^{13th} Express
you there

E Cornell

160th

Dublin Feb'y 10, 1868

Dear Sir,

Your letter, conveying notice to me of the meeting of the Trustees of the Cornell University to be held on the 13th inst., has been forwarded to me at this place.

I am sorry to be obliged to say that I cannot attend, as I am engaged in holding the Circuit here, which will not be closed before the end of the present week.

With unabated interest in the Institution I am

Yours very Respectfully

J. M. Parker

Hon. Ezra Cornell

Ithaca

United States Senate Chamber.

Washington. Feb 10 1868

Hon Ezra Cornell

My Dear Sir,

I am sorry
not to be able to attend
the meeting of the Trustees
on Saturday next,
We are up & down neck,
in business here. I
will get the letter for
Mr ~~Edwards~~ from
Mr Sumner. The ~~Minutes~~
Minutes. Mr Sewall
and others. I will
write D Gal Day.

and to some of our
Ministers and send
them to the White
I will also write
him to day.

Very truly
Yours
J. D. Morgan

N. 840 6th Avenue New York Feb 11 1868

How Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

I have submitted your account to Mr Lockwood & send you a copy of his letter, there is endorsed on the Bond under date of July 5/58 a payment of \$240. & not Jan'y as you have it, I have no means of knowing how the a/c was kept, I only know how it comes to me, Mr Lockwood's letter may give you some light. May I ask you to give this your immediate attention, small as the matter is. I feel a great responsibility in the matter acting as I do in an official capacity

Very truly yours

Richd Amerman

Rochester Feb 11/68

Hon. Ezra Cornell
Ithaca

Dear Sir

We understand that you will want in the Spring a quantity of Doors - sash and blinds, if you have not already contracted for them we shall be glad to give you our prices on being informed of the sizes and kinds wanted -

We have a full stock of Lumber on hand and if you should be in want of anything in that line we think we can make it to your interest to give us your orders.

Yours truly

Bennett, McLean & Co.

Mauna Feb. 11. 1868.

My dear Sir:

I am glad if you have
good reason to believe in the suffi-
ciency of the provision in the proposed
amended Constitution, as con-
cerning the land-fund.

You speak of a trustee
meeting soon to be held. I have
written to see you in private,
for a few minutes, in reference
to a matter of your Board.

I am ~~sure~~ that we do not
understand each other. At any
rate, I am sure that I entertain
no desire in respect to my self
or my interests, that you give
you any uneasiness in respect
to me, or suspicion of me.

My conviction is clear of doubt
in respect to the love-growth
which have not been accorded to
me. And I ask only that the
subject may be cordially & fairly
considered.

If you object to a private
interview in reference to it: I
should be glad to see you with
Dr. White & Judge Fodge, or others
whom you might prefer. Or
I should be satisfied to have
the ~~subject~~ subject considered
by a committee of the Board.

I do not want any thing which
the joyous men of cordia men
will not fairly accord me.

As the matter now stands I
am humiliated. I am sure you
are too generous to refuse me
the help which the cordia joy-

ment of cordia competent men
would afford me. Give me my
witness, that my efforts for you
at Albany, in the winter of 1865-
were purely to secure the inter-
ests of education. In that ef-
fort I did not think of it in
relation to myself at all.

I am glad I made it, & you
that you can keep it in memory for
I Providence knows that I shall
be thrown on a way on a time when
I shall do my best to put out in
relation to the arrangement.

I am, dear Sir,

Truly Yours,

Amos Brown

Wm Ezra Corwin

10 South Market St.

Boston Feb. 12. 1868.

Hon. Ezra Cornell,
Ithaca, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 8th
inst. is at hand, enclosing ~~check~~
for \$15.⁰⁰ amt of bill Oct. 9/67.
and please accept my thanks,
very respectfully yr.

F. J. Holbrook.

Dryden Springs. Feb 12. 1868.

Mr. Cornell - Dear Sir

Your letter of the
10th inst I have recd.

I am greatly comforted
by the intelligence you give me,
concerning Cascadilla place.

It gives me also the greatest
satisfaction to know - that
others, & not yourself, have
been engaged in trying to
sell out the "Birth-right" of
the Place, "for a mess of pottage"
& thus destroy its future claim
- to the "Blessing" - of either
God or man.

But it is not strange, I
suppose, that when persons
have thus surrendered themselves
to a narrow & purely self-
protecting policy - that they
should like to cast the
reflection of their act on
someone else. Be this, or it
may, I am happy to know
the real facts in the case
& knowing them - I most
decidedly have a proposition
& make you, by which I think
the place can be made
to realize the high ideal
I have always entertained
for it.

I leave tomorrow for
New York - to be absent

about a fortnight. I presume

As soon as possible, on
my return. I will try & see
you - if you are to be found -
& state what I have in mind
meantime, believe me, ever
most sincerely the advocate
of "Cascadilla Place" - as a "Home
for Invalids & a Med. Coll. for
the Education of Women", &
as ready - as I ever have
been to work for it - so long
as I can find a certain place
to "put my shoulder to the
wheel"

Most truly Yours
S. E. Vivison

Sullivan House

2.44 - P.M.

Wm Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir.

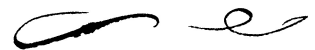
I have carefully examined the Prospectus which I return herewith, and am satisfied that your plan offers excellent opportunities for energetic business men who have capital at their command. Cotton planting proved so disastrous that I am unable to avail myself of the advantages offered. I have desired and intended to locate in the west, but have not sufficient means unless I can find some employment that will aid me even though it be but little. I had not the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with you although many of my friends.

have, and some of them have informed me that you desire to secure agents to attend to land located, or to be located, in the west. I have only to say this. that in case you desire anyone to act in the capacity above mentioned, and have no one in view I shall be glad of an opportunity to obtain such a situation, and feel that I can satisfy you as to my fitness for such position by reference to friends from St. Louis, with whom you are personally acquainted. Should you require such services as I have mentioned please drop me at no. 1000 Olive St. Brother Bros 53 Dean St.

I am very Respectfully

Yours A. E. Mathis

A. E. Mathis



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

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

Jefferson, O., Feby. 15 1868

Hon. Ezra Cornell
Ithaca NY.

Dear Sir

Your letter
has just come to my office while I
was absent on the Circuit. I am glad to
hear from you again. Please find
enclosed a draft for \$200 to take up my
note just coming due some days hence.

I shall be away from home when
the note matures & therefore I take this
opportunity to forward it.

I should be glad to receive these pictures
of my Bull & his calf that you mention
in your former letter and shall be greatly
obliged to you for them & will try my
utmost to obtain them. The prospect
be so good as to say in your letter of
this if I may expect the pictures or when.

I have just rec'd a letter from my son in Kas
he says that Harry are doing extra well &
selling fat

Yours truly
N. L. Chaffee

P.S. - For the Under the note cancelled
Refers to your sons & the Wells the Herdman

Amos Dean
on A. D. Library

Albany N.Y. Feb. 17th / 68

Hon Ezra Cornell,
Dear Sir.

I believe
that my father, the late Amos
Dean, was not unknown to
you. You are doubtless aware
that for twenty five years &
more he has been engaged
upon a work on the History of
Civilization. In the preparation
of it he has gathered a rare
historical library. It consists
of about 30000 vols, in most
excellent condition, & is selected
from many English & American
libraries. It is very full on
the subjects of Anthropology,
Ethnography, Antiquity;

on researches in Ancient Asia
India, Egypt, Mesyria,
Babylonia, Misene, Persia,
Arabia, Judea, Phoenicia,
Greece, & Rome. On the sub-
jects of Society, Philosophy
& Art it is peculiarly choice,
the latter being fully & beau-
tifully illustrated. ^{On modern Europe}
general history, it is also
very full. Men considerably
acquainted with books tell
me that it is the rarest
private library in the
Country. I have thus called
your attention to it because
we want to sell it & sell it
as a whole. Knowing your
relation to the Univ. that
bears your name, & on what
a broad scale everything
there is conducted I have
thought that you would

desire this library so care-
fully collected for your
University.

I should be pleased
to hear from you in regard
to the matter at your earliest
convenience, as we desire to
dispose of it by 1st May.

Yours Respectfully
Amos A. Dean

P.S. If you can come & ex-
amine it at No. 21 Elk St.
you would confer a favor
upon us.

I have written substan-
tially the same to ^{Henry} ~~Amos~~
Andrew D. White - Presd^t.
of the Cornell Univ. —

What about this Library. Is there any
thing in it that we want

Erva Cornell

Syracuse Feb 17th 68.

Mr Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir.

Having often heard of your liberality & kind heartedness, I take the liberty, of asking you for a donation of money for the benefit of the Christian Brothers (Catholic) who have just opened a school & home for Orphan Boys, in this city of Syracuse - The Ladies have a Fair which opens to night, & I am getting up a Pense for that Fair. The Proceeds of which, are to go toward repairing & improving the building, which the Brothers, have lately purchased. Hoping you will excuse the liberty which I have taken in addressing you - I remain with great respect.

Mrs C. J. Foote,
1 Granger Place,
Syracuse.

Ipswich Feb 17th 1868

Ezra Cornell Esq
Ithaca, N.Y.

Enclosed you will find the
paper you sent us with all the alterations
as far as we know
We are all in usual health Robert has sold
his farm and is going West

Respectfully Yours,
J. G. Rowley

p.t. Elmira N.Y. February 17th 1868.
Delavan House

Hon. Ezra Cornell!

Dear Sir.

Allow me from here to drop you a few lines. I hope, that you still remember me. This summer I took the liberty to make known by a brief article in one of the leading papers of Copenhagen, Denmark, the great and almost unparalleled magnanimity and liberality you had shown in the establishing of the Cornell University, and that your children were, according to Prof. White's statement to me, just as much interested in the erection of this Institute of learning as yourself. From a letter recently received from my wife I learn, that this example of liberality, which you have been pleased to set before our selfish world, has been the subject of an article in Denmark, in which you very correctly are called: "the benefactors of mankind", and in which the words of the

sacred volume are used: "Verily, verily, so great a faith is not found, no, not even in Israel."

Having all good reasons to believe, that this cannot but please you to hear, I have considered it incumbent upon me as a duty to inform you of it.

If Prof. Andrew White is in Ithaca, which I suppose he is, be pleased to pay him my most respectful compliments. His many-sided attainments combined with logical deductions and determinations of character will, I feel perfectly sure, and so do all, elevate your Institute of learning to such a standard as to gain the esteem and confidence of the public, and to meet the approbation of its liberal and round-minded founder. After a few weeks I think, before going to New York to remain, to spend a few days in Ithaca, the natal place of old Ulysses, and shall then not fail

to present my humble self to you.

May the days, (be they many), allotted to you to remain in this earthly pilgrimage, be to you a period of unmingled felicity!

Deign, dear Sir, to accept the homage of my respect, and to believe me

Yours sincerely
Paul. C. Linding.

Gram
Feb. 17th 1868

My dear Mr. Cornell.
I wish

You would see H.C.
Messer Agricult. Edi-
tor of the Tribune &
make an appoint-
ment for me to meet
him & post him up
with documents &
for ~~the~~ Wednesday P.M.
or Thursday A.M.

I intend to leave
Syracuse in night
express Tuesday evening
for N.Y. arriving there
Wednesday morning

Very truly
yours

A. D. White

P.S. Please tell Mr
Kelly if you see
him that I will
be at his office
Wednesday forenoon
and I wish you would

wait for me at
Astor House Wednes-
day morning

Very truly
yours
A. D. W.

Havana, Feb. 18, 1868,
Hon. E. Cornell,

My Dr. Sir:- My old Sub-
scription Book for the Havana
Journal says, you are indebted
to me \$2.15. That amount will
be very thankfully received just
now. As I have been sick four years,
and feel very poor just now.

Please forward and very
much oblige

Yours Truly,

J. B. Lopez

Paid \$2.20 Mar 2, 1868

Erna Cornell



STATE OF NEW YORK,

Department of Public Instruction,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

Albany, Feb. 18th, 1868

W. M. Andrews
Secretary
Cornell University

Dear Sir:

Mr. White tells me that the question of a printing office for the Cornell University has been referred to a committee consisting of Mr. Greeley, Mr. Brooks, and Mr. Andrews. He also tells me that he has spoken to you about the matter, and that you are warmly in favor of it. I therefore write to you, instead of Mr. Greeley, as I know how much his time is taken up by various circumstances, and you can show this to him, if it meets your views.

There are three questions connected with this. The first ^{labor} is as to how much time can be daily devoted to it by the students; second, to what extent can the ~~typo-~~^{printing} ~~graphical instruction~~ be carried; and, third, what literary instruction is desirable and possible.

On the first question depend the two others. I think that about five hours a day might be profitably given to printing, two boys to work in partnership and to relieve each other, and a half holiday

to be granted out of this weekly to each of them. This would give them twenty-five hours of labor a week, which, estimated at half that of New York first class journeymen, would make their compensation about \$3.75 weekly, a sum sufficient to board them in Ithaca.

Second, how much instruction in printing should be given? This will depend upon the desire of the pupil. If he simply wishes to make his living while in the University, composition and some portion of proof-reading will be enough. If he hopes to become a thorough printer, a course should be given which would embrace book, newspaper, and job composition; proof-reading; hand, Adams, and cylinder presswork; a knowledge of the theory of stereotyping and book-binding; the management and fitting up of an office and its bookkeeping. I should take up newspaper composition, done with book-spacing, at first, and follow it with book-composition. After six months practice at this, require the apprentice to take his turn on reading first proofs, and continue this, simultaneously with composition, until the end of the first year. The hand-press should next come in order, and should be practiced a year.

Next the Adams Press, for six months, and then the Chapier for the same time. Return him then to the case, give him his turn on the make up and as copy giver, and allow him to read second proofs. I don't think this ought to be completed before his fourth year ~~he~~^{is} up, and he should stay, at eight hours per day, for another year, as a job compositor, a proof reader, make up, and as pressman on fine work. This I would give as the rough draft of the plan, not as perfect, but as the theory. If experience should prove five years thus spent too short, add another year.

Third, the literary qualifications. These should be placed high, and their value should rank with their utility. I would place their order thus: English grammar, ^{taught} very thoroughly, a study most men among college graduates are deficient in; geography very full, and history. This last study should extend through the entire course, and is especially important to a printer both as philosophy teaching by examples, and as the particular knowledge of places and names essential for correct proof-reading. Algebra and geometry should be ~~to~~ a part of the curriculum, but made subordinate to other branches.

Next, Latin, French, German, and Greek, in their respective order. Almost all large printing houses are obliged to send their work out to be read when they have anything in foreign languages. This should not be so. In France almost all the eminent printers who have brought up their sons to the profession, such as Didot, Crapelet, have given them a good classical and foreign language education. The question in this is not as to the general utility of Latin and Greek to mankind, but their particular utility to printers, whose art deals with language in its written form. I think Spanish and Italian highly desirable, but I would make them, like Greek, an elective study for the apprentice. A very thorough knowledge of three languages can be gained in four years, studied in the modern method. The principles of general law should be taught, as experience proves that a very large percentage of printers become editors and politicians, and a competent knowledge of English literature should also be given.

When is this work to come from? is the question. Mr. MacKellar, of L. Johnson and Co., in Philadelphia, thinks that plenty of booksellers' work can be obtained, if the work should be done good enough. For newspaper work, let an agricultural journal be established, edited by two professors of agriculture. Joseph Harris, one of these professors, is a veteran and experienced editor. At first, I would not recommend buying any press other than that necessary to work the newspaper, with the exception of hand presses, on which letter-press or small editions could be run off. Let all the work be stereotype, and the plates sent whenever ordered.

Yours truly, W. W. Pasko, Dept. Pub. Instrum.

Aurora Feb 18th / 68

Hon. Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

I am
requested by Mr Samuel
P. White to give him an
introductory letter to you
as an Upholsterer; Mr White
was highly recommended
to me by Dr Foster of the
Clifton Water Cure, he is
doing the work for my
Institution, I furnishing

H. Wells,
Feb 15. 65

materials for Beds, Chair
& Sofas; the work being done
here; & by so doing saving
50 per cent. & having a better
article. I have found him
a faithful, honest, & industrious
man & as such cordially
recommend him to you

Truly yours

Henry Wells
per C.C.

Aurora. Feb^y 18th 1868

Hon. Ezra. Cornell

Sir

I was informed that you was about ready to commence furnishing the University and I thought I would write to you with regard to the matter I am A. practical Upholsterer and have had some 15 years Experience in the Business I have been furnishing Public Buildings for the last 8 years My manner of doing Business is as follows I give parties the Address. to purchase any Upholstery Materials needed. for Spring Beds. Mattresses Chairs Arm Chairs Bedsteads. Sofas. &c. also all Frames needed ready for Upholstery and have them all taken to the Building and I do the Upholstery there. I do all the work by the piece. The advantages of having your work done in that way are considerable

first you buy good material you are
sure you will get them in your work
second every thing is on the ground clean
and neat and you also save quite
A large percentage. As to Beds I can
make you either A. mattress or Spring
Bed. but I am manufacturing A
Spring Bed which I can recommend
highly I am putting them in Mr Wells
Seminary and he is highly pleased with
them and they do not begin to cost half
as much as A. good Hair mattress I
am at present furnishing A Seminary
for Mr Henry Wells at Aurora and
Enclosed you will find A letter from
him and you can judge if he is
satisfied with having his work done in
this manner if you should have the
work done in this way it would be
necessary to commence sooner I have
arrangements made with responsible
Firms in New York by which I can get
upholstery materials as cheap as any shop

in the state I could bring you A great
many letters of Recommendation which
are all very well. but I always make it
A point to only send A letter from my last
job. considering that A good job of work
with A saving to the parties is the proper
Recommendation if you wish to see me
I will come to Ithica any time you
wish Hoping to hear from you soon
I remain

Your Most Obedt Servt
Samuel P. Uhl
Aurora

Cayuga Co
N.Y.

Wilson Feb. 20th 68

Mr. Cornell,

Dear Sir

Can you give me the
adrees of the proper
person. to go to for
information relating
to The Cornell Univ-
ersity. There are several
here that wish very
much to attend such a
school, and would like
to learn more about
it.

Yours Respy.

P. D. Tabor
Wilson
Niagara Co
N. Y.

Delaware Del. 20 1868.

Ezra Cornell
Sup. Del. Co.
Ithaca N.Y.

Sir,

I am desirous of obtaining
a situation as a "Del. Co."

Can you give me
employment on your lines? Can come well
recommended as to character etc. Hope to hear
from you soon.

Respy Yours

J. L. Kinds

Easton Iowa Co Mich
Feb 22' 1868

Ezra Cornell Esq
Dear Sir

Your favor of the 8th
at hand and contents noted. In
regard to the Wisconsin lands. If I should
-ld purchase. I would want from
500 to 1000 Acres perhaps more. acc-
-ording to the look of the lumber
trade. I wish to see the lands
before buying. The object of my enq-
-uiries was to ascertain if the lands
were for sale. & obtain such plots as
would enable me to look them over
As I am a practical lumberman I
do not think the stock of the lumber
Co would suit me. Yet I would like
to understand the way the Co propo-
-se to operate. a full understanding

of the scheme might remove my
objections to lumbering in that way

I shall go to Wisconsin the
coming season and hope to receive
plots & further information in time
to enable me to look at your lands

Yours Respectfully
Chas. C. Ketchum

P.S.

I would be pleased to receive
a prospectus of the N.Y. Lumbering
& improvement Co. when you have
a supply C.K.

Chas. C. Ketchum
Land - Lewis Mass
Feb 22, 1868

J. C. Sheldon.
Feb 22. 1868

Genoa Feb 22. 1868,
Mr Ezra Cornell.

My dear Sir

Yours of the 19th
reached me today.

I am very sorry that I am not
so situated that I can promptly
accept your proposition.

When at Albany I should
have accepted promptly, as
I was then free.

On my return from Albany
I found a letter from Mr C
W. Barry, inquiring from
young Burr, and I wrote him
offering the 4th Duke and
saying that I would hold
the Burr too I had his ans-
-wer in writing requesting
an immediate reply.

After that I received a letter

from J. W. Robbins of course
accepting an offer I had
made him of the Bull at
2750\$ giving me a bond in
which he should agree to
bring him the Bull back
again at any option, at
any time within three years
at the price paid.

In reply to which I have
written Mr. H. saying that
should Mr. H. not buy
the Bull he might have him
as he offers. but that I
must know at once.

Mr. H. is at liberty to
take the Bull himself or
in company with or for ~~for~~
Capt. Hunter.

Now I am situated in that
way regarding the going Bull
I will say beyond that of course

of these offers are taken
that I will see him to get
any proper out of
him, with interest.

I shall probably hear from
Mr. H. any within a few
weeks. I will then advise
you of the result, provided
you wish to purchase him
in case he is not sold to
Mr. H. or Mr. Robbins —
as above stated —

Mr. H. writes me that
3rd Last Express has failed
entirely & has got him but
five calves in all. He writes
that he has tried every thing
that could be suggested, and
at last resorted to the yoke
but all have failed — He
seems to deplore his loss very
much —

I am very sorry that you are
somewhat occupied at Albany
as I was then in a situation
when I could have sold you
the Book at the price you
now offer. Should the 4th
Book be sold I shall probably
have others very soon that
will answer your purposes
as well. and which I shall
be very glad to send you.

I am hardly too late to
Mr. Hany will take the Book
but my impression is that
he will, but the price is a
little over the mark, but
kindly yours

James O. Shepley
P.S. I fear from what I
hear today that Harris will decline
the Professorship of Law at University.
I hope he will not, as I think he is
well fitted to fill it.

Philadelphia

Jefferson Co. N.Y.

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Mr Ezra Cornell

Albany

Dr. Sir

I am
desirous of interesting
the Trustees of the Uni-
-versity bearing your
name in a plan to
enhance the value
of Lands located upon
scrip gift by U.S.
in Western States &
Terris. I believe
I correctly understand
such locations to be
alternate sections of
a 36 sq. — therefore
of a 6 m. Townsh. or
 36 . Left for schools the

16th & 32nd leaving -
Thirty four 34. of 640
each - & where the
quality of land was
fit for University
shut out of the 34.

17. alternately leaving
for actual settlers 17.
— over portions of
Country & Swamp
we may make it
advisable to omit -

My suggestion will
be intimated only
now. & more in detail
to the proper person
having charge of
that subject.

I suggest a system
of enclosing & improving
in such way as to
get the cro. from

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Considerable bodies
of Land — throwing
fences around large
enclosures — so that
them should cover
up — & by including
the Calge Land
within fence & in
crops. it will be
sharing both in the
advances & value
& contributing by
its crops toward the
expense.

My plan will
be seen by saying
I intend one ~~or~~
more persons. tho
I by no means
intend an incorporation
but solely as individuals
to do a profitable

sort of Farming &
to make improvements
count advantageously
— by no means to
do what would be
damaging to the local
interest where the
lands are situated
I beg to propose
this enquiry — who
~~do~~ controls the
remaining col. of
scrip & its sale
or price per acre?

I am &c
Very Respy
Yours
Oliver Child