Hornellsville June 8/69

Hon. E. Cornell
Albany N.Y.

Dear Sir,

Permit me to call your attention to a communication I addressed to you near three weeks since covering Certf.es of Stock in W.S. & W.U. R.R. Co. constructed under the superintendence of Mr Skinner.

To this I have rec.d no reply.— To me it is important — leaving the matter as I did to your sense of fairness and justice — I had hoped for a prompt response.

The Certf.s sent and covering probably the bal.ce of claims upon this Co. amounted to $550.00

Truly Yours
E. C. Ward

Rochester June 8/69

Ezra Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

I regret that Mr Sibley's absence in Europe will prevent his attending the "First Commencement" of the Cornell University as I know it would give him great pleasure to do so if he were here

He is in Paris and in better health than when he left — does not expect to return before the last of August or first of Sept

Truly Yours

H. H. Atkinson

A. D. White
Ans. June 10. 69

The Syracuse National Bank

Syracuse N.Y. June 10th 1869

My dear Mr Cornell

I have just telegraphed you for roll of plans of the McGraw building wh. we greatly need here, but wh. I forgot yesterday.

The more I think of it the more I am persuaded that we ought to make a special effort to clean up and clean up back of our buildings at Cascadilla especially.

Nothing will injure us more even in the eyes of thinking people when the crowd arrives during Commencement week than an appearance of "slackness" and untidiness about our buildings. It will have an un-

fortunate effect - on the minds of our students - too, to have such a simple thing drag.

Another year, if I live, I hope to take my coat-off and go among the laborers shovel in hand. I have done it - at one institution and can do it - at another - this year it has been impossible - I think we ought - to get - two or three men before Commencement - and fix up that little plot - back of Cascadilla - and slope the banks down neatly on the side of the Giles property - and have the road at the entrance picked up and cleaned up a little we cannot - rely on students - just - now for this work

6/10/1889

for they are in a healthy state of terror regarding their examinations and want to give their energies to them. Another year we can do it - just now we cannot.

First impressions are the strongest impressions with mankind in general - even with the most thoughtful; and recognizing this plain, practical common sense principle I wish to make the entrance and approaches to Cascadilla as neat - as possible

I enclose list of matters of which I spoke yesterday.

I wrote after seeing you at - length to the Treas. Co. + Co. J. W. Alpine

It might be well for you to write to Mr A – addressing Hon. W. J. McAlpine Albany earnestly seconding my request that he deliver his address on Modern Engineering before the University – on Monday evening the 24th

We want just such an address to show that we are live to the Scientific & Technological side as well as the literary

"Read, mark, learn and inwardly digest." then enclosed list – and put it through

Yours most heartily

A. G. Wheeler

Hon E. Cornell
Syracuse N.Y.

The Syracuse National Bank

Law Office of Stewart, Ritch & Woodford,

ORLANDO L. STEWART,
THOMAS G. RITCH,
STEWART L. WOODFORD.

271 BROADWAY,

☞ *Please direct all letters by mail to*
P. O. BOX 4467.

New-York, June 10th, 1869.

My dear Sir:

Thanks for your prompt reply. Have sent a copy of your letter to Senator O'Donnell.

Very truly,

Stewart L. Woodford.

Hon.
Ezra Cornell,
Ithaca,
N.Y.

Hornellsville June 11. 1869

Hon. E. Cornell

Dear Sir,

Yours of yesterday is at hand, and I hereby accept your proposition for N.Y. & W.U. Certfs. –

Please send Draft on N.Y. City payable to my order for the sum proposed. –

I am sure you will find these Certfs about the last out issued by Mr Skinner. – Truly Yours

P. C. Wardo

Rd $275. for 11 certificates of $50. each N.Y. & W.U. Tel. Certificates Issued by P. W. Skinner June 14. 1869 EC

North Dartmouth
June 14, 1869.

Ezra Cornell Esqr.
Dear Sir –

Yours of the 9th inst was duly received, since which I have seen Mr. Isaac R. Potter, the custodian of the Friends Records. He assures me that he will at once commence the examination of the records and make the copies as you desired and forward them to you.

Respectfully Yours.
Wm Parker Jr.

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O. H. PALMER, Sec'y. WM. ORTON, Pres't.

Dated Cayuga June 21 186

Received at Ithaca 3 36 PM.

To Ezra C. Cornell

Can furnish the plaster at ten (10) cents galvanized at ten & a half (10½)

no more or less

O. H. Palmer

O. H.

Waldberg June 13th/69

To The Hon.ble
Ezra Cornell
Chrm.n &c
& The Hon.ble
Andrew D. White
Pres.t &c

Gent.,

An Engagement for part of the ensuing week based upon an official resolution law.d the Nyack Institute, will debar me from accepting your Circular Invitation for the First Commencement of the Cornell University.

I am very resp.ly yours

Chas. B. Langley

Whitby,
June 14th. 1869.

To Ezra Cornell, Esqr.

Dear Sir!-

I have been ill for some time, and therefore unable to collect more particulars about our family. The people in Cambridge are so dilatory about writing; however, I have written again and hope soon to receive a reply.

Some photographs of my father have been sent me - one of which I enclose to you - as I believe you are desirous of collecting photographs of Cornells.

Would you kindly send us yours?

I have some of mine just

now but will send one when I get some taken. if you desire.

I remain, in haste,

Yours Sincerely

Theodora Moore.

Historical Magazine Office
Morrisania, N.Y. June 12

Dear Sir:

I am publishing a series of papers on the history of the Telegraph system in America, the third of wh on Harrison Gray Dyar's project, is in type. Professor Henry's experiments will come next, & then Professor Morse's; & I shall be glad to receive from you, for insertion in its chronological order, any paper of historical interest wh you may be pleased to communicate.

I am sorry to say that although I have some interest in Ithaca, not even the Cornell Library subscribes for my Magazine.

Very truly Yours
A. B. Darling

Hon. E. Cornell

Boonton N. Jersey
June 18th 69

Goldwin Smith Esq
Sir

I have been informed by my brother who is with Mr. Wells at Aurora, that you are in want of the services of a person as head gardener competent to design and carry out alterations and improvements and also to possess a good knowledge of plants and their cultivation

I respectfully offer my services as such having had good practice in England and other

country and gave good satisfaction. I have been five years in this country and previously in the Gardens of the King of the Belgians at Claremont. I have been down here some time in charge of one place and forming a new one for my late Employer J. Cooper Lord & whose recent death places me open to an engagement as all my works here are stopped. his Brother Mr. Edward Lord will speak well for me and I can also produce other good testimonials

I am Sir
Yours obediently
Alfred Johnson Gerrish

Johnson Gerrish
July 10, 59
Gorham Cumberland Co Me

Barrie - Canada.
June 15. 1879.

My dear Mr. Carnell,

I enclose a letter just received from Mr. Herbert, with this form an applicant for the place of a head gardener.

I apprised Mr. Herbert in my last letter that the men would be sure of employment as long as they wished to have it, good builders being in great demand.

There is some danger, I fear, lest the care taken to get us good men should defeat our object, now that the trade has somewhat revived in England all inducements to emigrate have become less.

I hope to be at home on Saturday. Yours very truly

Goldwin Smith.

The Library of the Cornell University.

Ithaca, New York, June 15 1869

My dear Sir.

The President has decided that I go to New York to-morrow evening on the diploma business. Will you be good enough to sent me, by the bearer, the address of the house which has the vellum skins? I shall go directly to Mr. Rooker.

The President has a headache and has gone to bed at dark.

Yours truly
W. Fiske

Mr. Cornell

Rondout, N.Y., June 15. 1869

My dear Sir,

While in N.Y., a letter from Prest. White happened to find me urgently pressing the invitation which I find repeated here in your telegram & another letter from him. I regret to have to reply, as I did to him from N.Y. that acceptance is impossible, every day having long since been mortgaged. But, besides this, I honestly endeavor to avoid all the chartering I possibly can.

Yours very truly

J. Thompson Coolidge

Hon Ezra Cornell.

OFFICES OF

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL,

(*JOHN HILLYER*, *Publisher*.)

14 SOUTH WILLIAM STREET,

NEW YORK, June 16th 1869.

Hon Ezra Cornell

Ithaca N.Y.

Dear Sir

I send you a copy of this Journal and will be obliged to you for information as to the Officers, Capital Stock and prospects of the Western Midland R.R. Co.

Yours respectfully

John Hillyer

NEW STATE CAPITOL
FULLER & LAVER
ARCHITECTS
W. J. McALPINE
CONSULTING ENGINEER

Office of the Architects,
45 NORTH PEARL STREET.

Albany N.Y. June 16 1869

My Dear Sir

I will get Ithaca reaching there at Eleven am Monday June 28

If possible and safe for my throat I will deliver an address to the Engineering Students the length of which will depend upon the condition of my throat

In great haste as I am to preside at one Annual meeting of Engineers at Ten am this morning

Very Respectfully Yrs

Wm J McAlpine

70 Jermyn St. London.
June 17.

ST JOHNS COLLEGE OXFORD

My dear Sir –

I send out 14 workmen – by the Java – Cunard ship – sailing from Liverpool on June 26. direct for New York.

I hope & believe that all the men whom I send will give you thorough satisfaction – I have not sent you the full number – but ~~with~~ I shall be most happy to be of any service in sending you more in any particular trade – if you should desire it – ~~On the~~ There are 6 carpenters on the list – but as I only felt justified in sending you 5 – one of the number – Dobson – goes out at his own risk – that is to say

I have told him that he must take his chance of giving him employment – as he is anxious to go out on these terms I have let him go with the rest –

There is also another workman Bartlett – who is a plasterer – as I was not told I need any plasterers – I have also told him that he must take the chance of your being able & willing to employ him –

I hope that they will all turn out well & give thorough satisfaction. It is a great anxiety to me to place myself in such a responsible position towards you – but what I have seen of the men gives me confidence that we shall none of us have to repent our part in the undertaking –

A. Herbert
June 17. 1869

allow me, as an Englishman
to thank you for your very
kind feeling towards our
English workpeople, and
to thank you for them not
only for your kindness in the
matter of the little colony,
which we are sending out to
you, but for the bright ray
of encouragement, as regards
the future, which comes thus
from the Cornell University -
always faithfully
Auberon Herbert

Hon E. Cornell.

Petersburg Va
Mon. June 18. 67

My dear Sir —

It is my wish & intention to be present at the first Annual Commencement exercises of Cornell University on the 30th inst. Hoping that the occasion will realize some best expectations I am

Very truly yours

Phillips Brooks

Hon Ezra Cornell

Washington D.C.
June 18, 1869.

Hon Ezra Cornell
Ithaca N.Y.

Sir:

I learn that there is a project on foot, in which you are much interested, to build a Railroad through Ohenango & Cortland Counties, to Ithaca N.Y. &c, presuming that the Company may be in want of a Chief Engineer take the liberty of addressing you for the purpose of obtaining the appointment.

I have had over Eighteen (18) years experience upon various R.Rds, throughout the Country, and in connection with the Military Railway Department of the W.P. and am thoroughly acquainted with all the details of R.R. building.

I have references, which I will forward you if you desire, from

Brvt Brig. Genl D. C. McCallum, late Director & Genl Manager Mil R.Rds. U.S.; Mr A. Anderson late Chief Superintendent & Engineer Mil R.Rds. & now Genl Supt Kansas Pacific R.R. Col W. W. Wright, late Chf Engineer Mil R.Rds. & from Chief Engineers & Presidents of R.R. Companies by whom I have been employed.

I shall be pleased to have you lay this letter before the proper persons and to hear from you at an early day.

I am, very respectfully, &c

D. K. Cooper.

358 "C" Street

Washington D.C.

Ovid June 18th 69

Gen.

I thank you for your kind invitation to attend the approaching Commencement of the Cornell University. I accept with great pleasure the invitation, and I shall hope certainly to be present during all of the exercises

Truly your Obt. Servt.

Arad Joy

Messrs. Hon E. Cornell Chairman
Hon A. D. White President

My dear Sir.

Yr note of invitation for the commencement of the University to my father is just rec'd but he is still absent in Europe. He will regret his inability to be present.

Very truly Yrs

Richard H. Allen.

Ezra Cornell Esq.

Ny. 18th June 69

Aurora 18 June 1869

My dear Sir

I have had the pleasure of receiving your invitation to attend the Commencement of the Cornell University. & be assured I shall not fail to do so — if in my power —

I shall make especial effort to be present with the board of trustees on the 30th inst —

Very truly

Ezra B. Morgan

Ezra

Hon. E. Cornell

Chairman etc

Ithaca June 18. 1869

Hon. Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

I have just received your Notice of the "First Annual Commencement of the University" and also of the "Semi Annual Meeting of the Trustees" to be held on Wednesday June 30. at 10 A.M. requesting an early answer.

You are aware that I am slowly recovering from a very severe sickness and that my hearing is yet quite imperfect, and it is somewhat doubtful whether if I attended the Meeting I could hear well enough to act understandingly. Furthermore I promised my granddaughter some time since, that if I was able I would be present at the "Vassar Commencement" on the 23d inst. with Mrs. A. and would go from Poughkeepsie

to New York and spend a few days. We did not design to return so soon as the 29th, which would be necessary in order to attend the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Trustees on the 30th; yet if my health and hearing should improve sufficiently, I may shorten my visit in New York so as to be present, as I know my Granddaughter, as well as myself, would delight to be here during the Exercises of Commencement week.

Very Truly Yours
William Andrews.

Watertown June 19. 1869

Hon Ezra Cornell

My dear Sir

I am in receipt of your very kind & courteous invitation to attend the first Annual Commencement of The Cornell University.

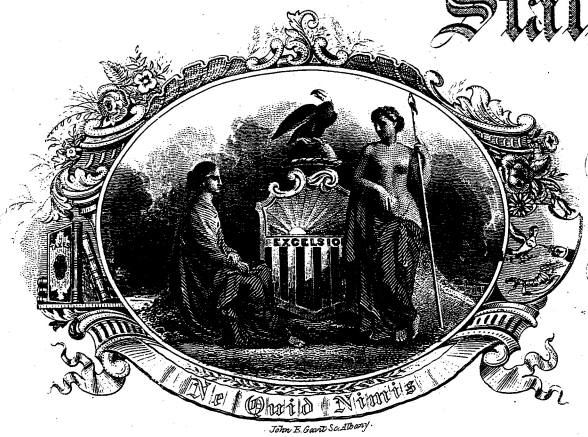
It would afford me very great pleasure to be present & participate in the exercises of the University & the business of the Board –

I regret that a meeting of the Canal Board for the consideration & transaction of important business will deprive me of that pleasure. I rec'd a letter some days since from President White

Will you have the kindness to say to him what I have here written & that I did not sooner answer for the reason that I have been very much engaged in preparing for & attending our circuit court.

Yours Very Truly
Allen C. Beach

State of New York



Comptrollers Office

Albany June 19 1869

Hon Ezra Cornell
Ithaca N.Y.

Hon A D White
President Cornell University
Ithaca

I have to thank you for your invitation to attend the Commencement exercises of Cornell University & regret that my official engagements will deprive me of the pleasure of being present. With my best wishes for your success

I am very truly
Your Obt Svt
W. A. Allen

Department of State
Washington June 19 1869

Hon Ezra Cornell
Chairman Board of Trustees
&
Hon Andrew D. White
President of the University

Cornell University
New York

Gentlemen

I beg to thank you for the invitation with which you have honored me to attend the exercises of the commencement week at the Cornell University.

I should avail myself

Your kindness if it were possible. I shall however be unavoidably ~~be~~ detained here.

Yours truly

J. O'B. Dare

J. O'B. Dare
19 June 1884

Ellerslie Rhinebeck
June 19. 1869

Hon Ezra Cornell
My dear Sir
I have received notice of meeting of the Board of Trustees of Cornell University, and in compliance with your request for a reply I write to say that I expect to be present at the meeting and on Commencement Day
Very respectfully
William Kelly

John Harald
19. June 1869

Hempstead, June 19. 1869.

Hon. Ezra Cornell,

My dear Sir:

Your esteemed favor, inviting me to the approaching Commencement of the Cornell University is to hand. I have long cherished the hope of visiting Ithaca and seeing for myself your noble institution, and have read with great pleasure the documents sent me in relation thereto. But a sick wife taken down with paralysis, prevents me being away from home at night, and will be to you a sufficient excuse for not attending the exercises that would have afforded me so great a pleasure. I must therefore be satisfied with the reports I find published, and once more

be content to find enjoyment in those duties nearer home.

Let me hope you will some day visit our model grounds at Mineola, where we can show you what has been done with a portion of the Hempstead Plains.

With many thanks for your kind remembrance,

Ever truly yours

John Harold

Geneva
June 19th 69

My Dear Sir,

I shall if it may be, attend the meeting of the Trustees of the University, and shall also try to be present at the Commencement Exercises.

Mr Schuyler has written a very kind letter inviting my family & me to be his guests. I have not yet answered it hoping to be able to accept his courtesy, though not yet certain enough to reply affirmatively.

Yours very truly
Chas. J. Folger

Hon Ezra Cornell

Wilson G. Hunt
June 19. 1869

New York June 19. 1869

Hon Ezra Cornell
Ithaca N York

Please accept my thanks for the kind invitation of the trustees and faculty of the Cornell University at the approaching commencement

It would afford to me great pleasure to accept the invitation and witness the progress of the students with the efforts made by a Philanthropic institution to benefit the rising generation. Such public spirit is sure to receive compensation four fold in the good results flowing

his liberality. Wishing
success to the University
and Long Life to its Patron
I am Dear Sir Very Truly
Yours

Wilson Munt

54 & 56 Exchange Place,
New York, June 19. 1869

Hon Ezra Cornell
Chairman &c &c
My Dear Sir

It was my intention to have been with you during some part of the time in the approaching Commencement exercises of the Cornell University. I now find that I shall not be able to get away on account of engagements here. I write thus early that you may take whatever steps you may find necessary to secure a quorum of the Trustees for the meeting to take place on the 30th inst of which I have received

notification, I do not think a Trustee can do the University much good unless he attends the meetings and discharges his share of the duties pertaining to that office. I have not done so, and I do not perceive any probality that I can do so hereafter, and it would be well, I think, for the University to choose some one in my place. I am far from being desirous of severing my connexion with the Institution but I do not feel willing to hold it to the injury

or to the disadvantage of the Institution and therefore I offer my resignation as a Trustee, for the consideration of the Board.

I am dear Sir
with great regard
Your Obt Servant

E. D. Morgan