Belvidere Ill June 20 '69

Dear Brother

The last letter I have recieved from you stated that you intended to come west in June (this present month) and that you would then visit me and make arrangments for future busines &c. I had also received letters from Phebe stating that she and Mary were coming too, but recent letters from Phebe inform me that they will not be able to visit us this season, and I judge from reading the Ithaca Journal that your university busines & Rail Road projects will perhaps prevent your coming. I therefore concluded to write you again in regard to my present situation & future prospects

I have my place (house & 3 lots)
worth $2,000 and am in debt
nearly $400. - $300. on the house & lot,
and near $100. more scatting. I have
no doubt that I should have been
very nearly clear of debt had my
health been good the past year. I
was first taken with lameness
through my hips & back - I think
about the 20th of may last year
and have not been well since
and much of the time unable to
do any thing except very light work,
my debts are pressing me and must
either be met soon or repudiated
and nothing but the prospect of
seeing my family homeless would
impel me to the latter.
I am unable to do work enough
to keep even - and the only thing I
can think of as best is to get on
a farm where I can hire and
pay it to overlook the work,

There are several desirable
near where I was living when
you visited me before the war,
but are too costly for me to
grapple with my limited means,
one of them consisting of 80 acres
lies just across the road from
the farm of my father-in-law,
price $47 pr acre $3,760. and
Father in law will give me a
span of horses or $300, if I buy
it. - Now if you think that &
can help me to $2,500 I can
then manage to turn my place
here so as to get it.
The Whiting farm is also for
sale and is a better bargain than
the above - as it contains 50 acres
of timber and has also on it a
splendid bed of peat which will
certainly be very valuable ere long,
the Whiting farm contains 157 acres
at $42.50 pr acre

D. B. Cornell
July 20 1869

If you cannot help me my only course to pursue will be to sell out and buy such a small piece of land as I can reach with what I have left — I should have been much pleased to have him at Ithaca this week but it was impossible

Delilah & the children are well

Very Respectfully

E. Cornell Esq.
Ithaca N. Y.

D. B. Cornell

Fairmount N.Y.
June 21st 1869

Hon. Ezra Cornell
Chairman Trustees &c

My Dear Sir

I have the pleasure to acknowledge, and accept, your invitation to attend the next Commencement of your University.

Respectfully
Yours

Geo. Geddes

THEO. S. FAXTON, Pres't.
WM. D. HAMLIN, V. Pres't.
GEO. R. THOMAS, Cashier.

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U. S. DEPOSITARY.

THE Second National Bank,

of Utica, N.Y. June 21. 1869

C. Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

Your Note of Invitation to be present at Communt Monday is at hand for which accept my Thanks.

It will give Mr Dear pleasure if able to attend, My Friend Sapperton is absent in Europe and Hon Will Not Get home, in which Event I cannot attend.

I prepare to give you a Call in the Course of the Season

Respects to your Family & Friends

Yours Truly. T. S. Faxton

Bath 21 June 1869

Sent

Your circular inviting me to attend the exercises of the Commencement week of the Cornell university has been received - I regret to say that my health is so feeble that I cannot comply with your request -

Yr truly
Rlamsdell

Hon - E. Cornell
c AD White

Hillside 6/21 69

Ezra Cornell

President of the Board

of Trustees of Cornell

University.

Your invitation to

attend the First

Commencement Exercises

of Cornell University is

received I would esteem

it an honor & privilege

to attend Other engagements

that I cannot set aside

will prevent my witnessing

any of the ceremonies

before then of Thursday

"Commencement"

With many thanks to yourself

& the Board of Trustees I am

very sincerely your well wisher

Robt. B Howland

149 Broadway NY
June 21. 1869

Hon Ezra Cornell
President
Dear Sir

Your invitation to attend the exercises of the approaching Commencement Week of the Cornell University, has just reached me.

I regret that business engagements here, prevent my acceptance. It would certainly give me the greatest pleasure to be present at the exercises of an institution in which I feel so deep an interest and I assure you I am truly grateful for your remembrance of myself in extending thy invitation to me.

Very respectfully Yr Obt Servt

Aurora, June 21st 1869.

My Dear Sir,

Your favor of June 16th containing invitation to attend the Exercises of Commencement week at the Cornell University, has been received. A previous Engagement requires my attendance at the meeting of the Alumni of Union College on the 29th June. I shall take great pleasure in accepting your invitation for such Exercises of your university as occur after that date

Yo. very respectfully yrs
Alexander Thompson.

Hon Ezra Cornell
Ithaca N.Y.

Ocean House
Nantucket
June 21st. /59.

To Ezra Cornell
Chairman of the Board
of Trustees of the Cornell
University.

Y.F. kind
invitation to be present
during Commencement week
is rec'd.

It would afford
me great pleasure to
attend - But business will
prevent.

Hoping that the
wishes of the founder of
the Institution may be
fully carried out. I am
most Respectfully Y.S.
E. H. Allen

Canal Department.

Albany June 21 1869

Hon Ezra Cornell
Chairman Bd Trustees
Cornell University

Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your invitation to attend your approaching Commencement

I will endeavor to do myself the pleasure to attend at least a portion of the time

I remain,

Yours Very Truly

James A Bell

New York
June 21st/69

The Hon Ezra Cornell
Chairman

Sir

I very much regret that my engagements here will not permit me to accept the invitation of the Trustees and Faculty of the Cornell University, received this morning.

Yours respectfully

Thomas H Hall

OFFICE OF

R. Hoe & Co

Nos. 29 & 31 Gold Street.

New York June 21st 1869

Sent / I am extremely obliged by your kind invitation to attend your Commencement & am very sorry that my pressing engagements will prevent my doing so.

With great respect

Yours very truly

Richd. M. Hoe.

To /
Ezra Cornell Esq
& Andrew D White Esq
Ithica
NY.

Dear Cousin

It is gratifying to be remembered, and as long as my Father lives may be thus favored, When the Master has called him to the other home, may he should he survive him, then retain a place in the regard and memory of our much esteemed Cousin Ezra, I said to Father but a few moments previous to the coming of the letter today that I thought he owed Cous. Ezra a letter, Several weeks since I took the Group picture we have of the four Generations to an Artist for a copy of Uncle Elijah, as yet I am not Satisfied with the result, will send you some specimens when I obtain them, I was quite interested in learning from the

Journal of your removal to the House Alonzo occupied, I can hardly see you now with my "minds eye" as I used, indeed I feel that I do not know where at all as it is since the Establishment of the University, Father bids me enquire, wherefore the weekly coming of the "Ithacan" whether or not by your direction, we are expecting our annual visit from you and yours, let us not be disappointed, and do not fear a repetition of your last Summer's dreams, to awake and find yourselves in Newport for the boats do veritably come to Fall River, We had a Hilzo-day of rejoicing on their return, Do please excuse imperfections in this P.S. I am writing under some difficulties.

With Kind Regards
Your Cousin
Mary R. Rowell,

Millers Chace
21 June 69—

Fall River Mass 21 1869

Dear Stephen
Ezra Cornell

This day I had an Invitation to be present at the Commencement I should be very glad If was so that I could but my health & Age will prevent, I often think of you there and Should be glad to make you a visit but not likely I ever Shall as my Glass is nearly run, But hope to see those here as often as they can make it convenient. I Expect they time is much taken up in many ways; want they be able to visit us this season it would give us much pleasure for them to, We all in usual health at

this time but remain
pretty well both my self & wife
yet able to keep a bout So
for Mary is much better than
She was Once She is able to
do a good deal a bout house
Herberts family are quite well
So is Sister Lydia though she
begins to feel the effects of old
age my Eye sight has failed
me very much. Other wise I
Should think my self quite
smart for one 83 & ½ years
old, there is not much that has taken
place since the was here that
would Interest them, I want them
to write as often as they can
Spare the time All wish to
be remembered to the & thine
Affectionately thy Uncle
Ezra Cornell Miller Cornell

The Theological Seminary
Auburn
June 21st 1869.

Mr E. Cornell.

Dr Sir.

I regret that it will not be in my power to accept the invitation of the Trustees & Faculty to be present at the Commencement exercises of the Cornell University next week; being obliged to be in N. Y. & Phil. at that time. I would have given

me great pleasure otherwise
to have been there & seen the
working of the Institution

Respectfully Yr Obt Servt

C. S. Wainwright

Albany June 21st 1869

E. Cornell Esqr
Chn Board of Trustees

Dear Sir

At the request of my father, Mr Gideon Hawley of this city, I acknowledge the receipt by him of your invitation to attend the exercises at the Cornell University next week.

He desires me to add that he regrets very much that the state of his health will not permit him to leave home at present.

I am Dear Sir
Very Respy Yours
G. L. Hawley

Genoa. N.Y. Sixth Mo 21st 1869.

To Hon Ezra Cornell
My dear Friend

Through thy personal kindness (no doubt) I have received an invitation to join in company to witness the Exercises during the approaching Commencement week at "the Cornell University".

It is with extreme regret that I am compelled to state that my engagements are such, that the possibility of attending at the time named, is entirely precluded,

I feel however truly grateful to thee for thy manifest interest on my behalf in inviting me so generously to participate in the prospective and interesting opportunity.

Without any idea of flattery, I would say May the founder of this Noble Institution, also its warm and generous Supporters reap for their labours a rich reward in Heaven, as well as a Sweet Satisfaction of so nobly contributing towards the

Religious, Social, moral and intellectual attainments of the promising and deserving youth of our land.

May The Cornell University long live and shine as a bright and fixed Star in the History of Science and refined literature and it will triumph through fervent and earnest prayer to God. in Christ Jesus;- the only effectual door- at last, through (hardening Mercy to redeeming grace.

So prayeth - and so writeth, thy ~~foes unworthy friend~~

Geo M. Gibson.

P. S - Kind regards - please to thy dear wife in which mine unites — as ever G. M. G.

Geo. M. Gibson
June 21. 1869

T. N. Rooker June 21. 69

New-York Tribune.

New York, June 21, 1869.

Dear Mr. Cornell,

On Saturday last, while I was absent from the city, a telegram from Mr. White to me came saying "tell Bruce to make out his schedule". This means, I think, that your folks are satisfied with my proposition, by which arrangement I shall get the type you need at once for nothing. When I see you and White I will explain the advantages I've derived from getting your type always from one and the same foundry.

If I have construed the telegram wrongly then

telegraph home at once saying not to pack up the type until you have seen the proposed changes. But I guess I have got White's meaning right. I did not answer your telegram of a week ago about the press, because I had written to White fully the day before, and by the time you could have received an answer from me — which would have been last Monday, I having been away from the office from Saturday till Monday. and your dispatch lying in my desk — you must have seen White and he have told you all I could by telegraph.

Fiske, I presume has told you how I have succeeded with the Ives and Bruce, for he went with me to see them last Friday.

I am in receipt of an invitation to attend Commencement. I shall leave New York (D.V.) next Saturday morning via Erie Railroad, and be in Ithaca on Saturday evening, so as to be on hand on Monday morning. Mrs. Rooker and Mary will accompany me, and I want you to engage rooms for us, somewhere in the village, if you cannot give us better

your own roof.

It is not on account of expense that I prefer your house, but because my wife, Sister, and self know your family and shall enjoy our trip by having the opportunity of being near you and your family.

Yours,

Thomas N. Carter

Report me to the Committee as having accepted the invitation to attend the Commencement.

Albion June 21st 1869

Hon. Ezra Cornell

D. Sir

The note of the Trustees and Faculty of the Cornell University inviting me to be present during the Exercises of commencement week is received — I will try to be present during at least part of the Exercises —

Very Respectfully Yours

L. Burrows

Ithaca June 21. 1869

Mr & Mrs Emery - Dear Friends -

I address this letter to both of you as its subject concerns you both - Herbert has decided that he will not go south for me, and I shall settle up as far as he can that old accounts for the salary he agreed to work for and have bas expenses paid, viz $1000 per an as salary, This I regret the more as I felt assured that it was quite as much for his interest and yours, as it was the condition that he should make this trip, He declines however and I shall drop the subject and not urge him further in that direction, His refusal to go south, I understand to be based in the fact of my having him only $1000 salary, and that he will decide to quit the business wholly for the same reason - I hope he will find an opportunity to do better.

Now for the more important cause of this writing = Herbert has been working for me since Nov last, and has in that time, overdrawn his salary, as I understand him (for I have no statement of the account yet) to the amount of about $300, this overdraft was made necessary by reason that the expenses of supporting your family fell upon his shoulders during this period. It seems therefore but just that you should assume this overdraft and relieve him from so much of the burthen that rests upon him - and let him commence for himself even handed and free from debt.

Mrs Emery knows Herberts feelings on this subject if his father does not, as I learned from her just as I was about to leave for the Cars friday evening. I also took occasion to talk with him about it as we walked to the Cars (his mother having alluded to it at the house) and I found he felt embarrassed by it, I am therefore satisfied that this act of justice towards him would do much to soften his feelings, and leave him in a better frame of mind in reference to the business, and towards his parents -

His leaving the business will make it the more necessary that his father should be at the shop every morning by the time the men should be at work, as men soon learn the habits of Master, and if he will not attend to his own business and interest they soon grow indifferent in reference to it.

I hope that neither of you will decieve your-
selves with the idea that I will slave myself to carry
on this business if it is not made to pay.
I shall do no such thing, If it con-
tinues to run behind as it has done the
past four years, I shall close it out
to the best advantage, I can, protect the
loss, and forget as soon as possible
that I ever had any thing to do with it.
If on the other hand, it can be made
profitable, I shall take from it only
the money I have advanced and inter-
est thereon, and allow you and your
children to enjoy the balance -
To you therefore it is important that
such energy and business tact and
talent should be applied as to make
it successful, Business will not take
care of itself, if you neglect it, it will
neglect you - Mr Emery has much
to reform in this respect, His own business
will demand all his talent and energy, -
I hope and trust that he will see that
it has it. Talk less, think more, act
more, - I intended to ask you if You had
that Patent assigned to me as you prom-
ised to do at Washington - If not done
already please have it done at once -

Yours Respectfully
E. Cornell

Albion June 22nd 1869

Brother E. Cornell Chairman
of the board of Trustees of Cornell
University. Dear Sir

Your
invitation is rec'd and
I am sorry that I am obliged
to say that my business
compells me to decline the
acceptance of your invit-
ation to be present at
the exercises of commencem-
ent next week to be present at the
exercises and
A visit to among my friends
and that romantic land of
my childhood would give
me the greatest pleasure
All well With the greatest
respect I am yours H. D. Robertson
E. E. Cornell

We are looking forward
with pleasure for Ezra's
return hoping that it
has been a year of profit
to him

H L Rodintra

A. B. Rodintra
June 23, 1865

Rochester June 22nd 1869

Dear Sir:

If circumstances permit I will avail myself of your kind invitation to be present at the Cornell University commencement next week..

At the present moment I am unable to determine.

With best wishes for the success of your noble institution & hoping you may live long to see your highest hopes & legend fulfilled

Yours

Sincerely yours

S. Parker

Hon Ezra Cornell
Ch. Board of Trustees
Cornell University

W. D. WALCOTT.

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New York Mills, Oneida Co. N.Y. June 22 1869

My Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of the 16th inst is received. I have delayed a reply for one day. hoping I might now surely say that I could be with you during the commencement of your noble Institution I can however only say I will do the best I can to be with you and probably leave here on Monday or next tuesday, trusting you will have a pleasant time. believe me

Yours very truly

S. Campbell

Hon Ezra Cornell

Utica June 22. 1869

Hon. E. Cornell
Hon A. D. White
Ithaca N.Y.

Upon invitation to me to be present at the commencement exercises of the Cornell University was received this morning, it having been forwarded from Albany to this my present residence.

I regret that my engagements will prevent my accepting the invitation.

Yours Fraternally
Alexander S. Johnson

Belvidere Ill.
June 22d 1869

Dear Brother,

Your note regarding the pleasure of my company during the exercises of the approaching commencement week at Cornell University. came to hand last evening.

It would certainly give me great pleasure to accept the invitation but I have not the means with which to defray the expences. — I have not got my house & lot paid for. and my health is so poor that I have not been able to earn enough during the past six months to meet current expences.

my family are all well.

E. Cornell { Respectfully. D. B. Cornell

Owego June 23d 1869

My Dear Sir.

I have received your communication, & that of the President of the Cornell University, inviting me to attend the Commencement exercises, & the Meeting of the Board of Trustees, next week -

I assure you, & beg you to say to the President, that it is with much regret that I am compelled to say, it will not be in my power to attend. as I am to hold a Circuit Court at Cortland, commencing on the 28th inst, which will undoubtedly continue longer than the week -

(over)

If the duty which previously
has been not imperative,
I should not forgo the duty
& pleasure of being with
you -

I am very Truly
Yours
L. M. Parker

Ezra Cornell Esq.
Chairman

H. Ballard
June 23. 69

Cortland - June 23. 1869

Hon/
Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

The Western Middle-land R. R. enterprise, is gaining up-on the public confidence daily - Every letter, from the different localities along the line - including our heavy agriculturalists, are eager for the work to open. The towns in Onondaga Co. have subscribed the $1000. per mile, for the entire distance in that County, including the Smithford land -

The distance in this County, is probably provided for - We shall know in ten days - It will be done - We are ready in this town - and Yesterday, we wrote the Directors at Auburn, that when Cayuga, had provided for her distance, then, we would, at once, call the

Board together - organize - and engage
in the work. From the letters just be-
ceived from Cayuga, that County
will be in readiness in a few days at
farthest).

The enterprize has gained infamy,
every day, since the Meeting.

As soon, as we hear from Auburn, I
will write you again - We hope to or-
ganize, next week, certain -

Yours truly
Horatio Ballard

New Harmony Ind.
June 23rd 1869

Mr Ezra Cornell
Ithaca
N. Y.

Dear Sir

Having noticed, by the news papers, the interest you have taken in regard to the Cornell University, and knowing that a geological collection, with chemical apparatus, similar to that of my fathers, the late David Dale Owen, would be needed, I take the liberty of addressing you.

During the call session of our state legislature a bill was introduced for the purchase of our collection, when a committee was appointed from the House, and Senate consisting of eight members who after making a through examination of our cabinet returned a report by Dr Furnas, chairman of that

committee, that it was found complete when the resolution passed the House of Representatives, almost, unanimously, it then went to the Senate where it was debated upon, and refered to the committee on finance who returned a report by Mr Fisher, chairman of committee on finance, in favor of its passage as passed by the House, and would have passed the Senate had not been for the sudden breaking up of the legislature by the Democratic members resigning, on account of the fifteenth amendment to the constitution being brought before the legislature, which left the Senate with out a quorum, this being the case of course we have to wait until next session, unless we effect a sale with other parties.

My Uncle Robert Dale Owen, had and interview with Agassiz of Harvard College who promised to send a a geologist, in a few weeks, to examine the collection with a view to purchasing

My brother, Col A D Owen, starts for Bloomington Ind. next Thursday, or Friday in order to

appear before the Board of Directors of the Indiana State University, as I was informed by the president of the University, Rev Cyrus Hall D. D, that the subject regarding the purchasing of our collection would be brought before the Board on that day.

If not too much trouble, I would be under many obligations to you for a catalogue of the "Cornell" University.

Hopeing to hear from you soon

I remain yours respectfully
Wm H Owen

Cortland Village, N.Y.
June 3d, 1869

Gentlemen,

I thank you for your invitation to attend the Commencement Exercises at Cornell University. It will give me the greatest pleasure to be present, if I am not prevented by some business matters of considerable importance to me. I have delayed replying in hopes that I could arrange to have those matters set down for a stipulated time before or after your Commencement — but thus far I have not succeeded. I shall continue my efforts & hope they may yet prove successful.

I have grounded great hopes on

the success of Cornell. While I by no means wish or would Consent to abandon education in the Classics, I heartily rejoice that equal advantages are presented in Cornell for a high, systematic, finished education without the Classics. Your experiment is a grand one — nobly conceived — munificently carried out.

My early fervor in Educational matters has been considerably cooled, once more, by the relation in which I have been placed to the State Normal School here — which by the by, has made a most admirable start — & has nearly six hundred pupils. I wish very much all our faculty could be present at your Commencement but on reflection, I think it would disarrange our School too seriously. — I will come over, if I can, & make observations for our faculty!

Respectfully & Cordially Yours,

S. Emery S. Randall

Hon. Ezra Cornell
Hon. A. D. White
&c &c

Albany June 23
1869.

Hon. Ezra Cornell
Chairman &c
My Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your kind invitation to attend the Exercises of the Commencement Week of Cornell University. I very much regret that official engagements will preclude my enjoying that pleasure.

I congratulate you on the prudence keeping which you must enjoy in seeing yourself

personally the fruits of your youth and this
interested benevolence,
Your example in
the future cannot fail
have many imitators
and the views of the
chief motive which ought
of your endowment.
allay every thing
answer your highest
expectations and may
Jesus favor you with
one of its choicest
weeks in the occasion,
the same future
Commencement I hope
to be with you.
Very Respectfully Yours
Chas Tal
William Barnes.

Albany June 28. 1869.

Hon Ezra Cornell.

Dear Sir.

Upon my return from Cortland I find your favor of the 16th inst awaiting me. I shall endeavor to attend the Commencement-exercises next week.

Very Respty Yours

S. B. Brown.

Albany Jan 23. 1869

Mr E Cornell
Ithaca NY

Yours in matter of telegraph arms
in hand —

4600 arms	5 ft 2 in =	~~ft~~	23.7.66	~~ft~~
2570 "	3 ft 3 in	ft	83.52	ft
800 "	2 ft 9 in	ft	2200	ft
total 7970 arms		total	34.318	ft
		total holes	47.450	holes

Our estimate was for making ~~total of~~
3-405 ft arms. with three holes in each
arm — thus averaging 4 ft for 3 holes

The proposal now is to make
7970 arms average about 4 ft 3 in and
with average about 6 holes instead of three
holes each — The boring holes therefore is
just about double work of boring over
the proposal we made of 12 cts per running
foot — delivered at factory here —
Now this will make almost one hole
extra for each average foot and I think we
should ask ¼ ct extra per foot or
say ~~4 cents~~ 15 cts per foot for such an
average lot as this proposition calls
for —

Yours truly
Horace L. Emery
Supt —

Delhi June 24th 1869

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

Gentlemen

I am in receipt of the Kind invitation of the Trustees and Faculty of the Cornell University, through you, & the premises during the exercises of the approaching Commencement

Nothing could afford me greater pleasure than to accept such invitation, but in consequence of a broken limb which has not yet entirely recovered I am unable to attend such exercises.

With Kindest regards for

Ourselves and Invites and
Faculty of the University
and best wishes for its
permanent success
I remain
Yours truly
J. V. Murray Jr

Cherry Valley June 24- 1869

Hon Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

I am just in receipt of
Invitation to attend the Commencement
of the Cornell University next week-

I regret exceedingly that I
cannot be present- But the
Commencement of Union College
is also next week- As I am
both Trustee & Visitor under Dr
Potts endowment fund my presence
at Schenectady is expected-

Congratulating you most sincerely
on the great success of the Institution
founded by you I am truly

Yours &c

William W Campbell

Rome June 24. 1869

Hon Ezra Cornell

Sir

I am in receipt of your invitation to be present at the Commencement Exercises of the Cornell University which take place the coming week. and very much regret that business engagements will prevent my attendance - thanking you for the invitation - I remain very truly Your Obedient Servant

Benj. F. Huntington

Hudson June 24. 1869

Gent.

I am in the receipt of your favor requesting my company during the Commencement exercises of the Cornell University.

I regret extremely that official duties will prevent my attendance at the time named.

With my thanks for your polite invitation I am

With great respect

Yours &c

Theodore Miller

Hon. Ezra Cornell &

Hon. Andrew D. White

Brooklyn June 24. 1869.

Gents.

I feel honored by the invitation of the Trustees & Faculty of the Cornell University to attend the exercises of the approaching Commencement Week, but I am under the necessity of declining it by reason of my official engagements -

I am with great regard

Yours truly

J. W. Gilbert

Hons. Ezra Cornell Chm.
Hon. Andrew D. White Prest.

Buffalo June 24. 1869

Hon: Ezra Cornell.

Dear Sir:

Your invitation reached my office during my absence at the June term of the Court of Appeals. I found it today awaiting my return. I should have been pleased to have attended the exercises of your commencement if I had returned home early enough to do so.

Respy Yours
Chas. Daniels.

Gentlemen,

I have received your invitation to be present at the Commencement exercises of the Cornell University; and regret that my necessary presence at the General term of the Sup. Court, to be held in this District, on Tuesday next, will prevent me from meeting with your Trustees and Faculty as requested.

Very respectfully
Yours
Wm A. Porter

To Hon. Ezra Cornell
" Andrew D. White.

Syracuse June 24. 1868.