Cornell University,

Ithaca, N. Y., June 28 1869.

Hon E Cornell
Dear Sir

The amt actually paid for Salaries for the two 1st terms to 1st April charged on the Ledger Amt is $20219.65 this does not include Salary to

E.C Putnam	2250.00
F.M. Finch special Vote to 1st Oct 1868.	500.00
Boston Vector	480.00
Jas O'Neill, Bell Ringer.	

Sorry.

Rec from Students State in 2 terms $1040.00

Rent Building 1. ~~202.50~~

1868

Nov 1. 241.91

Dec 1. — 272.16

Jany 1. 203.30.

Feby 1. 164.94

March 1. 144.14

April 1. 172.44

May 1. 130.10.

June 1. estimate 130. —

$ 1458.99

July 1. — estimate 130.

1588.99

Cascadilla Rent.

Nov 1 1868 292.25.

Dec 1. 235.78

Dec 31. 1130.39 180.94

March 31. 1095.33. 171.34

May 1 150.97. ~~150~~

172.82

June Estimate 320.00

$ 2849.51

July 1. Estimate 300

3149.57

Students

1st term. Charged 20. =

Cash &c collected 519.99

State — 540.00

Pd Treasurer 2550.00

3629.99

2d term

paid 2580 —

Charged

State 600 3200. =

3d term

paid 2570.

charged 20

State — 500 3090. —

Students — $ 9919.99

Rent Cascadilla — 3149.57

" Not — 1588.99

14,618.49

St Georges
Bermuda
July 7. 1869

Ezra Cornell Esquire
President of
The "Cornell University"
Ithaca
New York State.

Dear Sir,

As it has been reported here that the applications for admission of students into the "Cornell University" are in excess of the numbers it can accommodate and as a friend of mine here is very desirous to place a lad of the age of 18 to 19 at that University, I am requested by him to ascertain if he might venture to send him about the middle of August next. If you will kindly give me this information I shall feel very

James A. Atwood
St Georges.
Bermuda

Care of Messrs Jones & Lough
52 Exchange Place
New York.

Those Gentlemen will see the letter duly forwarded.

I shall also feel obliged by your kindly forwarding a prospectus of the Institution.

I remain
dear Sir
Yours faithfully
James A. Atwood

much obliged - He does not like to risk his leaving for such a distance, with this special view, without certainty of his admission

The lad is slightly colored (I name this not knowing whether or not there may be exception to the departure upon white, however slight it may be.) - He is intelligent - very steady - very desirous of receiving a good Education, and thinks he might choose a "professional"

I shall feel very much obliged if you will kindly reply to this, immediately on receipt so that your letter may be brought by the repeal which is now the bearer -

Please address

Alonzo Chace
July 3, 1869

Woodlawn, Dryden N.Y., July 3, 1869.

Hon E. Cornell.

Dear Uncle:

If the University should be provided with a photographic room, it seems that quite an item of employment might be furnished students by photographing & publishing the Claims and cuts of the Pat. Office Reports from the earliest published to the last issued, arranging and printing the patents for each kind or class of machines &c, separately, i.e. all of the cut & claims for sewing machines in one lot, harvesters in another, washing machines in another &c.

A sheet 11½ x 17 taking the cuts & type at half scale would average 40 of the former, and of

the latter,
the claims to about 31 patents. Such a shut could be furnished for 50 cts (the N. York price) the actual cost for printing the same including every thing being about 20 cts there.

The Pat Office Reports, it is true, contain no definite information of the details of any patent. They are however exceedingly valuable as a reference. From them a person can obtain an idea of what has been invented in any given direction, he can avoid conflicts with other's claims, he can receive many suggestions of great value to him, and he can especially single out those patents which are of greatest interest to him, and intelligently provide himself with such copies from the Pat. Office as he may desire.

Photography in such a case as this is the cheapest method of reproduction. Other methods produce large numbers from single originals to advantage, but photography better than anything else can produce single copies from a large number of originals, and this is the kind of demand which would arise for these Reports classified as proposed.

On the other side of this page is an estimate of the cost of publishing the Reports thus far issued commencing with the year 1846. Up to 1865 there have been 9600 pages of Claims and 7200 pages of cuts making 16800 pages in all; adding 6000 pages for the 3 year 1866-7-8 there would be 22800 pages at the present time to copy.

The whole thing is a speculation which may be beyond the province of the University to entertain. I think

however such a cheap plan of putting all the patents & claims upon any line of invention in an inventor's hands would ultimately bring a considerable revenue to the University, and employ a considerable number of its students in work which would require very little to fit them for.

Very Respy Your Obedt
Alonzo Chase

Estimate

Permanent Outlay

Permanent Material.	1 Camera & Stand (to cover 12x18)	$ 300.	
	Fitting up developing & printing Rooms	150.	
	Baths fixtures &c " " "	100.	
	Negative Racks & cupboards	100	
	5708 Neg. Glass 11½x17 @ 20¢	1142	
	Paper for mounting copies &c	25.	1817.
	Chemicals for 5708 negs @ 10¢		571.
Work	571 days labor @ $2.00 making negatives	$ 1142.	
	Touching up 5708 negs @ 5¢	286.	
	Cutting & arranging 22800 pages Classification formulae } 228 days	456	
	Rebinding 45 vols Pat Reps @ $1.00	45	1929
			$4317

This estimate is rough - but I do not think much ~~below~~ too low -

T. N. Rooker 5 July 69

New-York Tribune.

New York, July 5, 1869.

Dear Mr. Cornell,

We arrived safely home on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, having been detained for near two hours on the Erie road in consequence of an accident which occurred to an up-train.

Well, here we are at 156 Adelphi-st., Brooklyn, happy after a week of pleasure and profit under your hospitable roof, watching the rockets as they glide through the air followed in their upward flight by their trains of beautifully colored fire, and when at their full altitude belching forth their life in crimson, emerald, silver, and golden colored spangles. The boys and girls, the men and women, too, are wasting

their time and their money in watching the explosion of crackers in barrels and in the streets. It is a destruction of property on the anniversary of Liberty's natal day — a practice recommended by John Adams to his posterity as a fit emblem of the joy and gratitude which should be participated in and practiced by every one who loves the Country and Government he prayed and fought for. But this destruction of property is not so cruel, nor so much to be deplored, as it would be if done to maim men, and to widow and orphan women and children. Besides, these rockets and these crackers were planned and made for the special purpose they are put to, and their preparation has brought bread and meat to the mouths of many hard-working and deserving men, women, and children. The Ox saith, "I must die that you may live," and God has ordained that the grass of the field shall rot that the flesh of the Ox shall fatten. We cannot thrive, it we eternally save. Christ perished for the salvation of man, and the wedding of the poor man was sumptuously supplied by the presence of our Savior and the performance of his miracles. You, yourself, take from ~~yours~~ your mouth and your back that you may educate, feed, and clothe the children of your brothers. We do well when we minister to the wants of the needy. Therefore the

firing of crackers, and the cleaving of the air with rockets is good on this occasion of rejoicing.

As the rockets sail through the air, so goes my heart and good wishes to your home, and as the rocket explodes, its beautiful freight high in the vault, so may the many kind wishes and the warm sympathies of my heart ~~explode~~ for you and yours explode beneath your roof, and remain with you for ever.

Mrs. Rooker and Mary are by my side while I write, and they say that if I have chosen a rocket as a metaphor to express my feeling for you, they wish to be considered as set pieces representing Hope and Faith. I send them to you as such, and trust you will enjoy the pyrotechnic exhibition I have gotten up for your enjoyment.

Yours, as ever,
Thomas R. Rooker.

Prof Wm C Cleveland
July 5th 69

CORNELL UNIVERSITY,

ITHACA, N.Y., 5th July 1869.

Dear Sir:

I was told by the President that I was to have the second story of the North Wing of the Laboratory Building for the Engineering Department, I have in accordance with his suggestion given the Carpenter - Mr. Maurice - a sketch of the manner in which I wish it partitioned off, and he awaits your order to carry it out so as to be ready for me at the beginning of next year.

I shall need it at once, when the next term begins

, and desire you will let all proper haste be made in its completion ~.

Very respectfully
Wm C. Cleveland

Hon Ezra Cornell ~

Montreal July 5. 1869

My dear Sir

This will be handed to you by Ezra Holton Esq of Belleville Ontario one of the very best men I have ever known - He is a brother of our Mr Holton of Montreal

If you can contribute in any way to the pleasure of his and his amiable wife's visit at Ottawa you will place me under many obligations by your attentions

Yours truly

D S Wood

Hon Egerton Cornell
Ottawa

Geo. [illegible]
July 10. 1869

Delhi Iowa July 10/69

E Cornell Esqr
Dear Sir.

I with other parties desire to purchase some of the lands of "Cornell Cal" located in the north western part of this State. I think we would like five or six sections and perhaps more if the terms are favorable. We want it for actual occupation and intend to make a good settlement. I would like you to inform me of the terms and locations of lands and I will go and look it over and make our selections. I should like to become interested in the sale of your lands and would

give the matter any time and best energies.

I will give you references in this State and New York, if you desire.

Let me hear from you soon.

Truly yours,

Geo. S. Bidwell

Send descriptions of lands by Express

Illinois and Mississippi Telegraph Company.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

OTTAWA, ILL., July 10 1869

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find N.Y. Draft for

$2682.00

amount of your Dividend payable today

Please sign the enclosed Receipt and return it to me.

Yours truly,

THOS. D. CATLIN,
Secretary.

Mr.

Mrs H J Cook
July 12 1869

Spanish Ill.

July 12th 1869.

Ezra Cornell. Founder of Cornell University

I was reading a very interesting article to-day about that wonderful University and I thought - what a happy man you must be to be able to do so much for truth and right while a man among men, most men wait till they die, how much better to see that it is done well yourself - But it occurred to me that in all your munificence there was nothing for the education of ladies - We have a College in Mt Vernon Iowa named Cornell twelve years old to whose privileges ladies are entitled - It has been doing a great work, yet there has been no one to give large sums for its endowment it has struggled for its place - I have been a teacher there since

its founding - I am trying to obtain means to repair and refit its Buildings and endow a chair to be held by a lady. I thought perhaps your Lady for the sake of the name and for the good that is and will be accomplished in that name might put her hand in her pocket and send me a check with her name to help on the good work which needs only a little help from many hands to make Cornell a blessing and a brightness in the ~~West~~ as well as in the east - If this meets with favor she can send her check and name to Henry A. Cullin Esq Mt Vernon Iowa. to be applied by Miss H. J. Cooke Preceptress Cornell College and drop me a line at Lamark. in this way she will know where it goes if this is not favorable in your sight you can turn it up and no one suffers thereby - May God's blessing be upon the labors of your hands. Yours Truly H. J. Cooke -

Boonton New Jersey
July 12th 1869

Ezra Cornell Esq
Sir

I have been advised to adress you respecting a Water at Ithaca University some little time since I was informed that Professor Goldwin Smith required a suitable person as head gardener to carry out improvements there I address him but as he is absent at present I am advised to address you as the founder of the University as you probably may

have some interest in
case. I know the
services of such a
person be required
I can produce first
class testimonials &c
I trust you will pardon
my troubling you

Yours obedently
A. J. LeGrand

A. D. White 12 July 69

The Syracuse National Bank

Syracuse N.Y. July 12th 1869

My dear Mr Cornell

We leave tomorrow morning for Lynn Beach, expecting to arrive there on Wednesday afternoon. I am very anxious to learn as soon as may be what the English workmen are at - and how they flourish. Tell me all about it.

It seems to me of first-rate importance that the carpentry for at least building be ready. Any delay there will greatly embarrass us in September - and with that finished we can move off with

a good degree of ease.

You can any of them can do Cabinet work or carpentry of a sufficiently good kind. It might be well to set them at making two or three additional laboratory tables - or some tables & cases for the shells - Herbarium &c. The designs for the Cattle are in a pigeon hole at my room. marked "Building and Equipment." They ought to be of Chestnut or Walnut - well seasoned.

If the English workmen are managed with - reasonable skill care & kindness they will, I doubt not, prove of great - value to us - It seems to me decidedly best to

have them work by themselves if possible

Mr Shaw was here a few days since. I think we had better get an estimate from the Ithaca Stone cutting on Lockport Stone. Don't, by the way if you get Springport Stone if it is a particle darker than the Lockport. It would absolutely spoil the architectural effect of the whole line of buildings

I will have Russell send up specifications & detail drawings so that you men can figure on them.

The lowest figure here was something over 12000, or but I think we can get them

down a good deal yet -

Thirdly - I hope that Caston Brown investigation from running boys of Cooley from Brennan has been set on foot -

Fourthly - I have prepared a very careful answer to that scaly Tribune article but have laid it aside since the Tribune editorially answered itself

Let me hear from you by return mail if possible - Tell me all about - "the Britishers"

Yours
Fred. B. Wheeler

Address Care of Waldo Thompson Olympia Wash.

The Phenix National Bank
Olympia, W.T.

The Syracuse National Bank

Syracuse, N.Y. July 13th 1865

My dear Mr Cornell

I am informed that the Mice have got into the Collection of Cereals Herbarium &c.

Will you have the kindness to have strict orders given regarding it. A day or two of neglect would work inseparable injury to those noble collections

Apart from the Cons. there is a duty to the donors it seems to me to keep the collections intact

By turning the doors & perhaps by a different

arrangement of the wooden slats supporting the cereals or say putting pieces of tin to keep the mice from running up them the difficulty might be obviated, I think.

Now for this morning, my address will be as given you in my letter of yesterday

Yours truly
Alfred W. White

Address care of Waldo Thompson
Lynn Mass.

Editorial Rooms **Illinois Staats Zeitung,**

104 Madison Street,

Chicago, July 14th 1869.–

To his honor the Director of the Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.–

Dear Sir:

Yesterday I met an article of the above-named institut in the Illinois Staats-Zeitung, an of the largest german news-papers in this country. I could not help being astonished at the excellent arrangement and management of this real „Flame of the aspiring spirit", and desiring with all my heart to be a scholar of this university, where the man besides the mark to earn his livelihood can acquire the best misdom, I went to the editor of the Ill. Staatsztg, Mr. Edward Schlaeger, asking him for the particular rules and candidians of the institut, but he could not tell me anything else than that he had published in his news paper. He himself would be very glad in getting the yearly report, circulars etc. of this new institut

for he could make a good use of it. —

So, without any particular informations, I resolved to address myself to your honor, begging you not only for the trouble to send the prospects, reports etc. to the editor rooms of the Ill. Staatsztg.; but also asking you whether a young german, who earnestly desirous to study American language, American history and general sciences, is admitted to walk into the halls of your university, where wisdom is to be taught? —

I am a printer (compositor) and for the moment engaged in the office of the Ill. Staatsztg., where references can be had.

Although I am only two years in this country, and not yet very well acquainted with the English language – for I had no much opportunity to get it – and always worked in German Printing Offices without no remarkable exceptions; – yet I am not affraid to get passed in your Printing Office in the shortest time, so that you shall not only find me to be a diligent eager scholar, – but also a good working-man. —

You would oblige me very much in being kind enough to give your attention to my request, and expecting a favorable answer

I remain

Yours

Very respectfully

Carl Max Saiger.

care of the Ills. Staatszeitung.

Fairmount July 15. 1869

Hon. Ezra Cornell

My Dear Sir – I take the liberty of sending to you a copy of an article written by me for the Weekly Tribune on Mortar and Cement – thinking that perhaps there might be some things in it that would pay you for the time you would consume in reading it.

I take this occasion to express the pleasure I had in attending the Commencement of your University – Every thing I saw gave me promise that your intents and objects would be realized.

Some strictures in the Tribune and Country Gentleman in regard to the Agricultural part not being sufficiently prominent have come under my notice. – If my own health and that of my family will allow, I propose to reply, not directly, but indirectly, to these strictures, in an Article on "Agricultural Education", in which I hope to get into form some opinions I entertain on that subject – I am not as well as I was when I saw you, and Mrs Geddes is sick, so I

cannot promise with ordinary certainty, that I shall write such an article, but I hope to; and if I do, I shall try to show some of the difficulties that are in the way of at once bringing into full action an Agricultural department of education. I think you are to originate, to a great extent, such a department - and that there are really no precedents to guide - The art of agriculture, which mostly consists in handling tools, is not, in my opinion the thing you are to teach - There is now no science of agriculture, no more than there is of Medicine - In farming no certain results can be had - for seasons, insects and a thousand things are in the way of certain results - but like Medicine, there is much science required, on the part of the directing mind, to secure generally good results - Agricultural Chemistry, so called, is based rater on hypothetical and supposed facts, than on facts that have been determined by a sufficient number of trials to remove all doubts; and for this reason the writers on Agricultural Chemistry, have thus far done us very little good - All that they have written has never interested me so much as the account I heard you give of what you learned from visiting the field of experiments of Lawes and Gilbert -

These views lead me to think that your University has before it, as a leading object the ascertaining of some, (many I hope) of the now unascertained laws, that it is important every farmer should know, but which no farmer can for himself demonstrate, any more than the navigator of a ship could have settled those great principles of astronomy that he constantly uses in navigating his ship –

If these views, thus generally stated, are correct, you should aim to create a science of agriculture by giving it a foundation of facts to stand upon –

This would take much time and investigation, and the students assisting in making the experiments, would become educated into modes of exact investigation – They would learn to think, and I believe would acquire a taste and love for that farming that requires thinking and investigation –

Starting with what we now know, a great superstructure may in the future be built – Constantly adding to our knowledge, every year would help in rearing a science, or as near a science, as practicable – and thus indefinite advancement might be looked for –

Thus your University may add vastly to the happiness

of men, by finding out the cheapest way to feed them. Really this is the business of agriculture - viz, to feed the people at the least possible cost of labor.

I do not think much land is required to make the necessary experiments - nor would they cost so much money as they would brains and thought -

All the agricultural colleges should act in concert in making experiments; and act on some common plan to be fixed by a Congress of the professors from each institution - All ~~reports~~ results to be reported for the common benefit - Thus the work would go on with great rapidity, on different soils and in different climates -

I had no idea of writing this long letter when I commenced - I have been led into so full a statement of my views to you because before I shall print any thing on this subject I should like to know whether you concur in them - I certainly do not wish to do any thing that shall result in injury - Unless I can help form a good public opinion, I desire to form none - So I wish you would say with all plainness just what you think as to my notions -

Yours Truly

Geo Geddes

Geo Geddes
15 July 62

Franklin College
Indiana

Arthur Pember
July 15, 1869

Rowayton Connecticut
15 July, 1869

To the Hon: Ezra Cornell
Dear Sir.

By this mail I have forwarded to you a copy of a New York monthly journal containing an article of mine on Peter Cooper and the Cooper Institute. I have been asked to contribute a similar one to be entitled Ezra Cornell and the Cornell University. Professor Goldwin Smith has kindly furnished me with papers referring to the University; may I without intrusion ask you to help me with the biographical sketch of yourself. These articles belong to a series and the proprietor of the Journal is especially anxious

that the series should be as full and complete as possible. I fear it would be asking almost too much for you to give me the data, but can you tell me the name of any relative in New York who would be able and willing to give me the information I require. These articles are addressed to young men as an example of successful industry and cannot fail to do good. May I therefore hope that I shall have your cooperation in the matter. The article should be ready in about three weeks from to day.

Apologizing for troubling you.

I am

Yours faithfully

Arthur Pember

To

The Hon: Ezra Cornell

Ithaca July 15 1869

Sir:

Take notice that a Note

drawn by G. N. Schuyler Treas.

for $ 5000 –

Dated April 15th 1869

payable this day

at First Nat. Bank of Ithaca

and endorsed by you, was this day **PROTESTED**

for non payment, and that the holders look to

you for the payment thereof, payment having

been demanded and refused.

Yours Respectfully,

Geo. R. Williams

Notary Public.

To Hon. Ezra Cornell

Ithaca

N.Y.

Always put place of residence after signature of the Drawer or Maker and Endorser of Drafts and Notes.

Sold by Brewer, Nellis & Co., Rochester, N. Y.

C. S. Wood
July 16. 69

Albany July 16/69

My dear Sister

I intended to have written to you after the death of my dear wife but I have been so weak and nervous until within a few days that I could not keep up my Correspondence

I send a trunk of children's clothing mainly by Col Blooth, who has kindly consented to take charge of them - It is intended to be divided between Sister Emily and Cordelia - Will you please send them word

Miss Gilbert thought that the clothing would be useful to them
I rec'd an invitation from Egra this morning to visit Ithaca but I have to write to Burlington to close up some business there. I may get around to see you in Lester
With much love to you all

Ever Yours

D. Wood

167/8 continued

Po'keepsie July 17. 1849

My dear Sir,

Yours of the 12.th inst. is before me, and I have written to W. Kendall to send me on immediately the "securities," and below I have cast the interest &c. Please run it over and see if all is right. –

I can easily understand your feelings towards Faxton. I have myself no faith in him and fully believe from the experience I have had of him, that no principle restrains him from being dishonest. This may be strong language, but I regret having cause to use it. He showed me his cloven foot in a transaction in the Board last fall, and no apology nor offer of reparation has been made, which can induce me to form a more favorable opinion of him. While I condemn him however, there are the interests of the mass of the Stockholders in that Co which must be consulted, and while you strike at Faxton, I trust you will not let your opposition overleap the bounds of right and justice so as to injure those who are innocent, and who are your friends. My vote shall be thrown away rather than have it go to put Faxton again in the Presidency; that is a settled point, for I have no confidence in the man. –

Do you own any stock in this line? –

The following is my casting of the interest on your note:

Original amount of note given May. 1. 1848, payable in 6 mo.s with interest

	$ 2640 .. 00	on which
6 months interest is	92 .. 40	making
Total	2732 .. 40	
	1000 .. 00	paid Nov.r 1. 1848 on account
leaves	1732 .. 40	on which
1 month's interest is	10 .. 10	making
Total	1742 .. 50	
	775 .. 00	paid Dec.r 1848 on account
leaves	967 .. 50	on which
1. mo. & 8 days int.t is	7 .. 05	making
Total	974 .. 55	
	500 .. 00	paid Jan.y 8.th 1849 on account
leaves	474 .. 55	on which
6 mo.s interest is	16 .. 60	making due on July 8.th 1849.
the Total of	$ 491 .. 15	

If you will send me a check for this amount I will send you receipt and discharge, and will forward you the "Securities" so soon as I receive them from Washington.

With personal esteem as ever Yr friend & Serv.t

Ezra Cornell, Esq.r

Sam.l F. B. Morse.

Ezra Cornell, Esq.
New York city

J. D. Adams
15 June 1844

Albion July 19th 1869.

Dear Ezra

In answering your dispatches from N-Y I am left somewhat in the dark as to how I ought to arrange matters here safe to leave, There is no body on the premises to care for the horse & cow & garden the question is what disposition is best to make of them, I ought to know about how long I should likely be absent and also the nature of the business so I could prepare for it,

Edgar is located at Battle Creek and Orson has all he can do to take care of his own premises and I see no other way only to shut up the house & grounds while I am away, Phebe says she will not stay here and is inventing all sorts of projects to spend time & money pushing through the world. She will be in South Carolina, Texas & California before I can get fairly started for N-Y, Please write on receipt of this & advise me as to probability of time of absence, I have got the College faculty pretty well paid off and nothing serious to keep me here Yours Truly M. B. Wood

A. D. White
July 19 1869

Swampscott Mass.,
July 19th 1869

My dear Mr Cornell

If possible I shall be in Ithaca on Tuesday evening next (July 27th) but it is not probable - since I am quite out of funds & need to stay here.

But - I trust that nothing will be omitted to make the stay of the State Teachers' Association profitable & pleasant.

Cornell University is especially connected with them. Our policy from the first has been to strengthen our alliances with them as

friendly as possible - and so
good an opportunity as this
ought not to be lost.

The Allegan Committee
ought to look after places
for the teachers - Probably Miss
Hall Williams will cooperate
in this matter

Were I there I would give
them a reception at Cascadilla
with simple refreshments - such
as I gave at Commencement -
and I decidedly think that
the University had better do so
now. It would be bad to
have them go away to all
corners of the State carrying
the story that they had been
coldly treated

Cascadilla Parlor

should be put in trim for
them. Carpet-down &c.

I earnestly hope that
you may be there.

I rec'd a letter this
morn. from Miss Catharine
Beecher. one of the famous
Beechers. I have told her
by letter that if an army
she would go to Clinton.
Would send note to you or
Mr Tuck she would be
invited for.

I shall try to get away,
but - probably cannot. My
health - has been quite ill
& I am much worn down

Let me hear from
you about everything

I enclose him B's letter

It is very unfortunate that all or nearly all our Professors are to be absent.

I had quite a scare for fear you were on the Erie Road last Friday night

Yours
Nearly Yours
Andrew D. White

Hon. E. Cornell

My address is
Care of Waldo Thompson
Swampscott
Mass.

Washington N C July 21st 169

Dear unkle

I embrace the present opportunity to give you the health of the Family all engoys very good health at present tho it is geet very sickly in Town. I hope your Family are engoying good health and will continue to do so unkle Elyra. I have purchased a Schooner for which I lake $1300 to finish the ~~the~~ whole payment I desior you to do me the favor to lone me the amount and I will secure it to you. I will give you a lean on my house & lot My Mother & Susan P Hagan will become my security with a lean on there there Houses so you see that if I should not meet the payment I would make a great sacrafices The Crops are very good so I think that I shall be able to meet the payment by the Spring

Yours Respectfuley &c John W Cornell

Custom House
New York July 22. 1869

My Dear Father,

The fall in the price of Western Union stock from 44 to 36. has temporarily embarrassed me, so that I find it inconvenient to put the Dividend to your credit as I promised, though I hope I shall be able in a few days to arrange it satisfactorily.

My judgement was entirely at fault in making the purchase, but at the time I certainly thought it was a wise purchase.

I hope I shall not be obliged to disappoint

A. B. Cornell
July 22. 1869

yours very long.
Hastily & Truly Yours

A. B. Cornell

Swampscott
July 22nd 1869

My dear Mr Cornell

I had a good hearty laugh over your letter received last-night. The "triumph of Science over brute force" – i.e. of traps over mice in the cereal room – the slap at my bad penmanship in your regular "piratical" style put me in excellent humor and the statement of the good progress of the second stone building in its interior fittings completed the good effect on my spirits.

By the way if it is not already attended to I hope that you will see that the ~~chimneys~~ smoke ventilating flues are put in at an earlier stage than was the case with the other building.

I am glad that the English

workmen are going at it. Much as I have said of the importance of having that building done in September I have not overestimated it.

But while I was greatly cheered by the part of your letter just referred to I was greatly startled by your narrow escape from that doomed train upon the Erie Road.

There is a lesson in that — a loud warning. I say again as Mrs Cornell and I have often told you — you ought not at your time of life to be rushing so constantly about the country — night and day. You ought, so far as possible, to cut off everything wh. should be subordinate to your great aim in life — which is the building up of the great institution which if successful is to hand your name down to those who come after us hundreds of years hence when the names of Presidents and Kings shall be for gotten. That — added to the building and beautifying of your new residence — together with the large amount of business which is inevitable — is enough for any man — and I firmly believe that it would pay you to cut off all minor business operations even if it cost considerable sacrifices to do so.

This work in which we are engaged is great indeed. I hold it to be the most worthy work to which any man can devote himself. We aim to develop those neglected branches of Education which if properly cultivated will add immensely to the national wealth — material and mental; — and we wish to bring such an education — of the best sort — within range of the poorest young man who is earnestly desirous and willing to work for it — There is but one danger — and that is your removal from earth before the work is con.

solidated – You should not hazard this. For, in case of such a terrible calamity, who has the wealth, the determination, the acquaintance with our previous business history, & the nerve to carry the great enterprise on? There is no other man. The time may come some years hence when our lands are sold and there is no such burden to assume that the case will be different –

This is the only danger I fear. We have contests before us with foes secret & open. And their utterances at recent commencements throughout the country show this – but I do not fear them. – it is danger to you which I fear. You do not remember – apparently that a man of sixty three years is much more easily knocked over by disease than the man of thirty –

We are already making our influence felt for good – even among those institutions which cling most obstinately to the old traditions in Education. Harvard has already adopted our plan of non-resident lectures or

Professors, and the admission of women to them is just what we have been doing from the first. The only difference between us in this point is the fact that they charge 150,00 each year.

Their announcement in the public prints at length of the Professors and Lectures is what I advocated in my Report and what we ought to do one of these days.

I have been thinking much of our Professor of Agriculture & hope soon to receive letters from Scotland which will let me know whether anything is to be expected from that source.

Don't forget the proper reception of the State Teachers Association It is of the utmost importance. Stevens writes me that he will be there and I shall

be if possible.

If I am not there I hope you will make them a little speech - insisting upon the following points.

1st That the University is established first to care for certain special branches, Agriculture & the Mechanic Arts as required by the Act of Congress.

2nd That it is also established to give general education of the sort this age especially requires

3d That while it is not sectarian it aims to build up a nobler and better Christian Civilization

4th That we look forward to the day when our facilities shall enable us to accomodate very great numbers of the poorest young men who are willing to work while pursuing their studies and that what we have already done in this direction should be considered as but an imperfect beginning

5 That we wish to ally ourselves with the great common School system of the State - & especially in the plan of educating both sexes, when our plans shall be so far realized as to enable us to do so.

And so with this long speech fired at you, I am Cordially yours and in hearty regards to Mrs Cornell and to you all and I remain

Yours faithfully

Andrew D. White

Hon. E. Cornell