Western Union Telegraph O's Office

New York. December. 16. 1868.

Hon. Ezra Cornell.

Ithaca. N.Y.

My dear Sir.

I take pleasure in transmitting to you a copy of the resolution of our Board of Directors authorizing me to hand over to the Cornell University the sketches made by our Engineers along the route of the Overland Russian Extension Telegraph line via Behrings Straits, and in compliance with such resolution I send them by express to your care. I have not at hand any catalogue or description of the sketches, but will endeavor hereafter, to procure from San Francisco, and furnish you such catalogue or description.

I have the honor to be

Respectfully. Your Obedient Servant

[signature]

State of New York.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE.

Albany, Dec 16. 1868.

Ezra Cornell Esq.
Ithaca.

Dear Sir:— I have your report in relation to the College Land Scrip &c. with your letter of 12th inst.

You will find a copy of your contract with the superintendent of the Land Office in the Comptroller's report of last year.

In your report & statement you make no mention of taxes upon the located lands. I understood from you that you had paid taxes in Minnesota & that taxes to

a large amount had been offered upon the lands in Wisconsin.

Will you please advise me in relation to the taxes. & whether any & what taxes upon the lands remain unpaid.

Respectfully Yours.

W. F. Allen

Comptroller

Ithaca Dec 17, 1868

Mr Corydon Wood

Dear Nephew

I find you have been running a bill at Andrus & McChain, which you have had charged to me, amount of $11.27 since the Order I gave you. This will not do, I cannot allow any body to thus run me in debt; Dont you do it any more;

In your bill I find charges in all ~~$1.~~ for note paper & Envelopes - This indicates a larger corrispondence than it is profitable for a Student to sustain; an occasional or even a weekly letter to your parents, brother & sister is admisable, beyond this your time & much better spent in study -

You must bear in mind that your parents sent you here to get an Education, this you cannot get without the most rigid application to your studies, and this

complete freedom of your mind from subjects that are likely to distract or divert it from study.

I shall only pay your necessary ~~Expenses~~ on condition that you devote your time earnestly to study. I have no ambition for finishing drones, and I hope you will not descend to that condition.

Yours with the kindest Regard.

Ezra Cornell

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

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

Dec 17 1868

Hon E. Cornell
Ithaca N.Y.

Dr Sir. The borrowed of Ledger Coates 184 shs of his I & M Stock to use in closing a R R Contract. I desire now to return that Stock and I wish you would name to me the lowest price at which you will sell us 184 Shares of your Stock?

An early reply will oblige

Yours truly
O H Palmer

There will be a dividend on the I & M Stock I suppose on the 10th of January but I dont know how much. I want the Stock so as to carry with it that div as we have to give it to Coates with the div.

Black Rock Dec 17/68

Dear Sir

Dr Daniel Lee, formerly of Buffalo, & two years member of assembly for Erie Co — an agricultural writer of long experience, and for the last twenty years a citizen of Washington City in employ of the Agricultural department in Patent Office, and of Emyra, Jenesee &c, called on me a day or two since, stating that he is a candidate for the professorship of Practical Agriculture in Cornell University, and wished to write you on the subject.

I have not wished to make myself officious in introducing names to your notice for that position — the most responsible of all others, in its labors, as I believe, in your list of instructors. I did name one person, whom I thought

compleat for the Office - but without any assurance from him that he would accept it, if offered to him. But as that must with us favor, I have done it with pleasure, presuming that your own judgment, coupled with that of the President Mr White, would make the proper selection at a proper time.

Of Doctor Lee's fitness for the position, I do not feel qualified to speak. He is a man of attainments in the Agricultural line. He sustained a high Character for integrity and good morals while he resided in N. York - was a good citizen, and an able writer in our local Newspapers, and the Agricultural journals with which he corresponded.

But, teaching is another thing, and what he may be able to do in that line, I cannot say. The professorship in Agricultural must be an Experiment in this County, in my view, as the institutions of Agricultural Schools, are new, and but partially tried, with us, as yet.

Teachers, in reality, must be made from the raw materials, as we have no Seminaries of the kind to which we can resort for tried and experienced men in the Agricultural department; and I take it, - that Even those promising the most, may possibly fail when put to the trial, while others, of little apparent promise, may succeed. After all, "the proof of the pudding is in the eating" with this, as with many other matters.

Desiring hope you may be successful in finding one to fill this responsible Office to which Dr Lee aspires to your full acceptance, and fully believing that you need no advice from me on the subject, I need say nothing further.

L. F. Allen
Dec 17. 68

Wishing you every success in your noble effort to elevate humanity and its pursuits,

I remain, dear Sir,

Truly & respectfully

Yours

L. F. Allen

Hon. Lyman Trumbull.

Ionia Mich Dec 18. 1868

Mr Cornell-

Dear Sir. - Yours of Oct 31st was duly rec'd and read with great interest, but I have been so busy as to lack up the subject until this present moment.

I am very thankful to find you have such a deep interest in the subject, and listen so kindly to the wants of women — But taking your view of the matter the prospect for help seems rather dark. - Even after carefully reading your objections to the plan under consideration I still think a very substantial structure could be built upon my platform.

You say "The standard fixed for boys you would not lower for girls, The girl asks no favor, they only crave equal opportunities to obtain an

education." This sentiment I endorse most heartily, and if you will grant all that this idea will give us. I will arrange the details of any plan so that it may be carried out. But with your ideas of arrangement I cannot see that girls can ever obtain an education at the Cornell University!

You do not give them an "equal chance" For instance — At housework the most labor (as hard as the boy according to they strength) for nearly a week for the same remuneration that the boy recieves for one day! Surely that is not "equality"

At dressmaking she can do better, although not equally well, and at this girls do recieve any healthful physical exercise. If the boys were equal she could make amends for the lack of exercise by a short drill as — Gymnastic exercise, and no teacher is properly fitted to teach without understanding Physical Education: Yet obviating all trouble there, still girls must give much more time to pay her expenses, and then expect to stand equal in their literary labors; Can it be done! I think not.

Until time and wages are made equal I fear there is little use in planning. This is a great wrong throughout the world, one, many seek to remedy by giving the elective franchise to women — but until women are more thoroughly fitted for the duties now devolving upon her — wages must remain much as they are

With only one way of obtaining a livlihood they cannot secure a good living price for labor. — they will take a lower one rather than not obtain employment. — That is starvation! —

Cornelia Caldwell
Dec 6 1868

This evil I particularly aimed
to correct.

I have read & re-read your objections
to my plan — but to each and all
I can say nothing. If wages are not
more equal, and better than for the
common help of the day.
I am so completely in the dark, with
the unequal pressure of the subject before
me. — That I "fancy" — there can be no
remedy. "May God help the girls" is
all I can say. Still I shall hopefully
pray that He will in His mercy give
us light and help.
Should it seem desirable at any
time; — I can enlarge or modify the
plan I presented. — and make it entirely practicable, with wages more
equal. — and the prestige of the Univer-
sity as a sustaining influence. — I still
think might be a grand success.
If you wish to present the matter —
I can be addressed at any time at
Ea. Smithfield Pa. — or — this place Box
216. — With warmest wishes for
your success in all good works —
I am yours most respectfully —
Cornelia Caldwell

(Duplicate)

Ithaca Dec 19, 1868

Hon Ezra Cornell,

As Pres. White's suggestion I address you this note, to remind you of our needs in the way of a museum of Botanical and Agricultural Products.

I handed you a list of some things which can now be secured.

Perhaps while at Washington you can secure some desirable things at the Department of Agriculture, or Elsewhere. If you find time to do so I think it would be well to look into the matter.

Yours Truly

A. N. Prentiss.

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Minneapolis, Dec 19 1868

Hon Ezra Cornell,

Dear Sir

I heard from the different Land offices that the U S Patents for the land I located ~~for~~ you had been need some of them came nearly one year ago

they were sold for taxes last June - redeemable in one year will be sold again next June - or rather a state tax deed will be given if taxes are not paid

While this may not be legal I think it will cost nearly twenty five dollars on Each Quarter Sec to clear up the title after ~~the~~ one year - if you will send me your duplicates I will get your Patents I will pay taxes if you wish - or you can pay to the treasurer of the Counties where the land is located

over

If I can be of any use to you in this matter let me know

Yours very Respfully

J E Bell

J. E. Bell
Dec 17. 1868

A. D. White
Ezra Cornell

Cornell University,

ITHACA, N. Y., Dec 21st 186[illegible]

My dear Mr Cornell

If you
can possibly find time
don't fail to go to-morrow
morning for Reuter dep't
in the way of Agricul:
products &c. from Pat:
Office & elsewhere

Another thing
More Russian Amer.
Telegraph drawings
have arrived, but-

I judge from what Finch says that the Council Library intend to claim them

As I understand for that they are for the University I had sketched a paragraph for the Catalogue regarding them. and I certainly think them far more appropriate & valuable to us than to them.

I trust you will not allow any mis-understanding on this point.

All goes well.

I intend leaving for Syracuse on Wednesday morning. I shall probably go to N.Y. on following Monday. Letters to be addressed to Collins or College at Syracuse if you should. to see some of those candidates for the Appointment. Depositories

That is one of our most promising walkers.

If you could call Kelly could you come after together in U.S. it might be well

Most sincerely yours

A. D. Nichols

Office of BOYD, HART & CO.,

PLUMBERS,

153 & 155 MAIN STREET,

Rochester, Dec 23rd 1868

Hon Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir.

We write to enquire if you have anyone engaged to do your Plumbing in the University Buildings?

We are engaged in that branch of business and have been for a number of years and feel perfectly competent to take hold and finish up in perfect and satisfactory manner anything in that line - We have just finished up ~~the~~ a job in the "Blind Asylum" at Batavia and would like to refer you to them. also to Prof

Joseph Harris of your College
Hiram Sibley, Sam Wilder
Geo H Mumford & and many others
who can inform you as
to capability responsibility &c
We should be pleased
to do your work and know
we could please you.
May we hear from you
whether the work has been
let or not.

Very Resp'y Yours

Boyd Hart & Co

Boyd Hart & Co
Rochester N.Y.

Rush Med College
Chicago Ill Dec 24th 1868

Dear Uncle

I have not means sufficient to finish this course of lectures, and pay for all tickets entitling me to the full course. I also need books and have not means to procure them. Fifty dollars would carry me through and procure what I need. Can I obtain that amount from you? Please let me know as soon as possible. As I must raise the money from some quarter before the close of this term, which closes on the 25th of January. Please inform me how much I am already indebted to you. And when the Medical department of the Cornell University commences as I should like to be one of the first Graduates of that institution. Yours &c

Hon Ezra Cornell. Alva Chace.

Rochester Dec. 24/68

Hon. E Cornell

Dear Sir

Your favor of 16th Inst. is recd. I am now preparing the working Drawings of that Portion of the Stone cutting wich I done hier so that when You should get ready for setting them that each Stone can be easely picked out. as O Conner and Genger is interested the will see that the Portion I furnished is all right, I will give You a more detailed Acct of my Work any way when I can come down, I am building a Steam Saw mill at my Yard at present for wich I intendet to use the Mony I beggeet of You to send me but still I can do for a couple of Weeks

Yours Respectfully

P. Pitkin

Stanwix Hall,

Albany, N. Y., Christmas 12/25 1868

Mr Chas. G. Cornell
Or "Cornell" of the "Cornell University"
Sir

Having now & then seen in the Papers, & heard among Men - that "You" Educate certain Boys - upon a benevolent, or humitarian plan - ie "without money & without price" - I would like to know positively upon what plan or principle - or manner "is done" - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

I have a Boy - singular, peculiar, prolific, wonderful - I dont know what to do with him - I cannot afford to Educate him - He is good for nothing except as a Scholar - Professor - Wit, Sculptor, Artist - Engineer Astronomer - or Navigator or Lawyer =

He would work! - Cant work! ? =
His "Concentrativeness" wont let him! ? =

I mean his mind is not for work, but for Study — He is a great reader — &c — and work is not his "forte" —

He is a remarkable Boy — His own Father is too poor to place him in a "paying" Institution — His TALENTS are many and ought to be preserved to THE STATE — What can I do with him? — Secretary Wells writes me he must be 14 years of age to get into the Navy & must have $250.00 for outfit — He is 13 & large for his age —

He is Brave as a Lion — will take no insult — and has a heart as big as an Ox — & always stood at the head of his Class & the Highest in every Public School he ever went into — but there was always complaint against his Fun-provoking & mischievous proclivities

Can he become a Member or classmate of your Institution? — & upon what terms — — — —

This by his own Father with first class References

Please Answer
Wm. H. Ransom
425 Broadway —

E. T. TURNER, President.
A. B. CORNELL, Vice-President.
HENRY B. LORD, Cashier.

CAPITAL, $200,000.

First National Bank,

ITHACA, N. Y., Dec 26 1868

Hon Ezra Cornell
Dr Sir

You are hereby notified that a Special Meeting of the Stockholders of the First National Bank of Ithaca will be held at the office of said Bank on Monday Dec 28th 1868 at eleven o'clock AM. for the purpose of considering the question of amending the articles of Association of said Bank, so as to make the Board of directors to consist of eleven persons instead of nine as at present provided

Yours Respt

H B Lord Cashier

Hon & dear Sir

You may remember, when you occupied a seat in the State Senate some years since I intruded myself upon your notice & you came to my house & made a slight inspection of my collection of woods.

I have made considerable accessions to said collection since. I believe it to be the largest & best collection of the kind in the country.

I wish to sell it. & believing that it would be within the Scope & design of the "Cornell University" to provide such a collection for the benefit of the students & the public, I venture to call your attention to this subject again. My price is $1500. It is about ½ foreign & ½ domestic.

I would refer you to Dr. Woolworth Prof. Hall & Mr Peck State botanist. If you please to respond & desire it, I will make out a catalogue & put the Specimens in order.

Yours

Dec 27. 1868.

Chas. Devol M.D.
48 Franklin St

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Ithaca Dec 28. 1868.

W H Ransom Esq

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 25th" came duly to hand making enquiries, tending to the education of your "singular", peculiar, prolific, wonderful boy". In reply I must inform you that to become a student of the Cornell University" the candidate requires one year more of age than he does to enter the Navy. Your boy" being "3 and large of his age" has two years yet to qualify for this institution, In what time he may win a free scholarship, see "Late Students" at page 12 of the pamphlet I send you. You further say, "he wont work! Cant work! His Concentrativeness wont let him." "I am sure his mind is not for work, but for study- he is a good reader &c, and work is not his forte,—"

I prefer students who can work, who will work, who love to work, who recognize in work their first duty to God, to their parents, to themselves, and to their fellowmen.

I have no doubt this "remarcable boy"

2 has a stomach that requires a supply of food three times a day to keep in motion the machinery of his wonderful system, and I know of no person who is under a natural or moral obligation to supply that stomach after the parental duty pertaining to infancy has ceased. That stomach can not be supplied and the vital machinery kept in motion without the daily physical labor of some person. Whose labor shall supply this want? Not mine most certainly.

You further say, "He is good for nothing except as a Scholar - Professor - Artist - Sculptor - Artist - Engineer - Astronomer - Navigator, or Lawyer." You may assure him he can not be good for Neither there without labor, much labor, and severe persistant labor.

He is "13 and large of his age" he is of the right age & impress with the proper ideas of the dignity and importance of labor. Don't neglect him, and let him drift to the sea of idleness, crime, and pauperism. Inspire him with noble sentiments with manly emotions, with aspirations for independence, wrought by his own

12/28/1868

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exertions, learn him to feel that I
desire nothing except what my own labor
will supply, my independence must
be the sweet fruits of my own efforts, my
good right arm guided by my own sober
brain must work out my salvation"

Get such a determination well
founded in him before he gets a taste
for rum, tobacco, foul language, and
idle company, and you need have
no further concern. He will then be
sure to make something useful, whether
an artist or Engineer. It matters not.
God bless the boy and guide him
to useful and honorable manhood.

Yours Respectfully
Ezra Cornell

ROOMS OF THE

Association for the Advancement of Science and Art,

THIRD AVENUE, COR. SEVENTH STREET,

[Opposite the Cooper Institute,]

New York. Dec 29th 1868

Ezra Cornell, Esq,

Dear Sir,

The Association with which I am connected has recently been incorporated under the general law of our State, being now governed by a board of fifteen Trustees of whom the Rev. Dr. J.S. Dixon is President.

We claim an ownership of the Cabinet of Minerals removed in September last by Prof. Hartt, and which were sent to the Cornell University, Ithaca. Your attention has already been called to the facts in the case.

J. Distenell
Dem 29. 68

Hoping a sense of honor will prompt C. T. Hartt, and Yourself as far as concerned in returning, or paying for the Same, I remain

Yours respectfully
J. Distenell

North-Western Telegraph Co.

Milwaukee, Dec 29 1868

My dear Sir

I am glad to get so encouraging a report from you in regard to University matter. If you will send me your prospectus for the Lumber Co I will try to get some stock taken though money is very tight here this winter

Simmons is mistaken in regard to our ability to pay 3 per cent in Feb. Our business for Nov & Dec has been so light that it will be all that we can do to pay 2 & pay up our outstanding bills. He has said this to me since he returned from N. York

If you have seen

hostility toward in making
the locations of timber lands
that can be I think but one
chance of failure in regard to it
that is the loss that you might
sustain by fire in the dry
seasons.

Julia is making no progress
I very much fear that she is losing
ground. Her cough for the last
week has been very alarming.
She unites with me in wishing you all a very
Happy New Year

Yours Faithfully
O. J. Wood

O. J. Wood
Dec 1st 1879

Ithaca N.Y. Dec. 30th 1868

Hon. Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

I have the honor of herein transmitting to you an extract from the proceedings of the Annual meeting of the Protective Police held at their room Dec. 29th 1868.

"Resolved. that the thanks of this Company are tendered to the Hon. Ezra Cornell, for his liberal donation of the 18th inst. to the Fire Department of Ithaca. of which. this Company is one of the recipients"

Very Resp.y Your Obt. Sert.

Levi Kenny. Secy.

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Very Respectfully Your Obt Servant
Alonzo Chace
Genl Agent

To the Presidents and Directors of the Telegraph Companies of America:—

We, your employés, respectfully call your attention to the fact that the communications sent over the wires upon Sunday are, in the majority of cases, of a commercial nature, and that this profanation of the sacred day of rest by business men is steadily increasing, and we desire to offer our united protest against the consequent infringement upon the world-wide privilege of one days' rest, which this business is more and more entailing upon us.

The morality and refinement of the nineteenth century protest against all labor upon the Sabbath, which is not strictly that of necessity or mercy, and we cannot but feel confident that when the subject is brought to your consideration, you will readily appreciate the justice of allowing us the privilege, enjoyed by yourselves, of engaging in the devotions of the Sabbath, and, in the quiet of home circles, renewing our energies for the duties of the coming week.

We are aware that there are men in your employ who are willing to break the Divine Commandment, and work upon the Sabbath *for pay*. — With *such* men we do not sympathize. We wish no *premium* offered us as a temptation to do wrong. We take our stand upon a rock, a firm foundation, *the Command of Almighty God*, who is rightfully our Law-giver and our Judge, and His command is equally binding upon the rich and the poor, the employer and the employed.

If the subject is looked upon merely from a *financial* point of view, we claim that you are losers, and not gainers, by imposing this work upon us. The business which is now done upon the Sabbath would be deferred until the following day, but it would not be lost to you; while you cannot reasonably expect your employés to be faithful in the discharge of their duties, and to consult the interests of their employers, if they are forced, perhaps by threats of discharge if they refuse, to do that which is against their consciences and against all principles of right and of justice.

We, therefore, one and all, Telegraph Employés from Canada to Mexico, from Newfoundland to California, do hereby earnestly and respectfully request that you will cause to be discontinued the practice of opening your respective offices upon the Sabbath, excepting in cases of absolute necessity or of sudden emergency.

Your compliance with this request will be gratefully received by us all, and cannot fail to inspire in our hearts sentiments of great respect for our employers, and renewed devotion to their interests.

To the President and Directors of the Western Union Telegraph Company.

NAMES.	POSITION.	OFFICE.	STATE.

Signed by nearly 400 Managers Operators and Clerks - The original copy has been sent to the President to which your attention is respectfully called—

My dear Mr. Conde –

An incident has occurred this past week, concerning which I have been so fearful that it would reach your ears in a garbled or distorted form, wounding your feelings, or displeasing you that I have determined, to run the risk of being considered intrusive, rather than have you fail to know the matter just as it occurred. – The week just past has been the week of prayer with the Christian world. – The morning meetings – in which many here united in our village have been interesting ones – And many

have asked for thankfulness on this friends the prayers of this fellow christians. - On Thursday morning - a note was read requesting the prayers of those present for yourself. - If this has not already been told you, I know with what a shock you will hear it. I suppose that I heard it for you, with some what of wounded sensitiveness. But whoever the unknown writer was, I feel sure that it was done from the truest regard for you, with no intention of mentioning you as one needing prayer more than others - but as one said - "We are all sinners before thee oh God, and be with us all, must be saved by the atoning blood of thy Son." Could you have heard the prayers that were offered in response to the request I am almost convinced that you would have lost all undignified at such a use of your name, in pleasure at the fullness of love and support it called forth. When your name was pronounced, it was with tenderness and tenderness as though they spoke of one honored and beloved. Gratitude admiration and affection all seemed united to make the petitions earnest and sincere as they asked that while your earthly possessions of honor and wealth might be continued to you, to them should be added the unspeakable joy more precious and abiding treasure of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. A petition not alone offered there,

but which daily ascends from the hearts of many by whom you are known and esteemed.

I regret that application does not give me the pleasure of paying my compliments to Mrs. Cowell and yourself on Monday evening. I believe that you miss your friend, my dear, and honored father, in your company as well as I. I would have the opportunity should occur, to talk with you of him - and tell you something of the tranquil lovely blessing of his life. How death came to him, with no terror but made beautiful through his firm faith in his Saviour. He cannot mourn for him, only for our own irreparable loss. Truly your friend

Jane L. Stanford

Ithaca Dec 18. 1868

B. R Williams Esq

Chief Engineer. Fire Dept.

My Dear Sir -

I desire to express to you, and through you to the firemen of Ithaca, ~~my~~ high appreciation of the valuable and disinterested services, they so promptly and cheerfully perform, in protecting the property of our citizens from the ravages of fire.

I also deeply sympathise with them in the hardships and excitation arising from the false alarm of the other evening which called them forth at midnight, and regret exceedingly that the folly of thoughtless youth should thus multiply their labors -

I hope that such an occurrence

will never again disturb your slumbers.

Please accept the enclosed hundred dollars for the farmers of Ithaca, as a small token of my regard,

Yours Respectfully
Ezra Cornell