Wm. B. Emery
Jan 30 - 1871

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Albany Jan 30. 1871

Hon Ezra Cornell,

Dear Sir,

Received your courteous note from New York of date 19th inst and thank you for the kind terms in which it was couched. I have felt it my right and duty to ask your kind attention to a few considerations which it seems to me to be a fitting time to think of ~~~ I do not desire to add to your already heavy burden of care and perplexity - I would much rather remain silent, could I believe it that my own self defence and necessities would permit.

Two years ago the coming spring, in response to the combined wishes of Yourself and H. L. Emery I made

an Engagment to serve you in connection with the A. A. Works I had not sought the Engagment, and was considering other plans I had not supposed that the malignant hostility with which H.E.E had pursued me for some time previously, would ever admit of our being in any way associated —

He, however seemed to have learned something from late past Experience, & pushed himself as friendly to me, giving out that it would be for my interest to come back to the A. A. Works. — Yourself had previously intimated to me that it would be for my interest to become again connected with the old works, and join in an effort to reclaim the A. A. W. and the Emery Name from the unfortunate condition they were in — This latter object I considered worthy of

all our best Efforts, and I believed that with suitable co operation economy and perseverance it could be done, while at the same time doing what you stated to be your only wish in regard to it, (namely) pay you with interest the Money you had advanced * in your Efforts to uphold and save it —

When the matter of compensation came to be considered, I stated that from past Experience I could not get on with less than $2000 per year. for, although habitually conservative and Economical, I had found that I could not make my Ends meet and live comfortably on less than that.

I knew quite well that I was capable of being worth much more than that if was placed in a position where I could use my knowledge and Experience to good

advantage, and be sustained in it —

You seemed to have set your mind on $1500 — and I hesitated, stating my belief that I could not get through with that sum — Before I at last accepted the engagment, I told H L E, while you were there, and while the subject was under consideration that I did not think it would be safe for me to try to get along with that sum — And that I believed that a man who was capable and who worked in good faith in any suitable situation ought to recive a sufficient com-pensation to provide for the rea-sonable wants of his family

He admitted this but said I had better accede to your terms. That it would be best for me to do so, and trust to future devel-opments in hopes of better

better arrangements.—

His representations, and his evident wish for me to accept, together with similar representations from yourself decided me and I accepted.— I was well con=
=vinced that $1500 was too little indeed no more than was com=
=mon for such services 15 or 20 years ago when the cost of living was no more than half what it is now, but I believed that in course of time I should be permitted to show myself worth, and recieve more I had the most implicit confidence in your sincerity and believed that, Should H L E. attempt to renew his hostility I should be pro=
=tected.—

You required of us both a

solemn promise to yourself and to each other that we would let by-gones be by-gones – I have religiously kept that promise – never in any way or manner at any time have I alluded to the old troubles except to deny some outrageous falsehood which he has flung in my face about it – or to defend myself from his mendacious assaults.

And further I will say that I have not in a single instance initiated any collission with him, or commenced any quarrel In every case when unpleasant words have happened between us, the offence has come from him, and been of the most insolent disdain, ignoring of any rights on my part which he was bound to respect.

It was of no use for me

to submit to whatever unreasonable thing he might insist upon today, for the sake of peace, for there would be just as many new ones tomorrow and tomorrow ad infinitum.

The explanation of his whole course towards me is simply this – He sought by bullying threatening, browbeating quarreling Breaking, falsehood and Bribery to beat his brothers George & myself, and in doing so inflicted upon himself the most disastrous results, and now he seeks to wreak on me vengeance – to sooth his baffled double dealing bad faith –

Neither of his brothers has ever wished him ill, they have all in turn been sufferers from his disregard of their rights, while they have never sought for him

ought but to help him to
clear off his Embarrments
Now this hostility of his has
been continually in play
during the time I have been
in your Employ, and has
been principally directed with
a view of keeping me in a
false position before you, and
to prevent my occupation of
such a position in connection
with the works as would show
to you what I could do.
What his motives have been
you may perhaps comprehend
I have no difficulty in under-
-standing them. 1st to grati-
-fy his hatred of me, & 2
fear that you would become
disabused of some of the
falsehoods ~~of~~ ~~with~~ which he
had been so long imposing upon you as truth
The consequence of the foregoing

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has been that my situation has not only not improved, but the contrary - and I have been continually kept in hot water.
My family expenses notwithstanding the utmost economy have exceeded my salary, while I have been hoping against hope for improvement.
Up to this time I have been compelled to obtain from other sources over three hundred dollars in order to meet my current and necessary expenses, - I have spent nearly two years of valuable time which otherwise would have been used in establishing myself in some permanent pursuit - I have tried to serve you faithfully, and with the understanding that the first end and aim you had

in view was, as you stated, (to reimburse yourself for advances and I cannot but feel that under all these circumstances you should do something in the way of making my salary what it should have been, or at least reimburse to me as nearly as your sense of right and justice may warrant you the money I have been compelled to furnish over and above my salary while my time was wholly at your service.

You are doubtless well informed as to what it costs to support even a small family in Albany and can readily see that even with the amount stated I must have practiced strict Economy — While it has been my rule not to overdraw or run in debt.

I will say in addition though I shrink from it that I am

placed without notice in a very difficult dilemma at this inhospitable season of the year, when it is so much more difficult than at any other time to make a change. My current means entirely exhausted I am thrown with my helpless dependent family without any immediate means of supplying their wants.

I have a strong faith in your strict sense of honor, and your inflexible purpose to do right in all things, and in all your relations with your fellow men in view of the light and knowledge may possess in the premises. And, so believing I do not for a moment doubt that the time will come when you will see things as they are, and as they have been, and then you will award me

justice - It may not be in time to be of use to me or mine but nevertheless it will come

The reasons assigned to you by my lamented brother George and myself some 4 years ago for the determination we took in relation to H.L.E. (when you espoused his cause against us) you repeated to me two years ago as the result of your experience with him

and let me say that as time goes on you will find each and every statement I have ever made to you on that or any other subject has been strictly true in every part.-

Yours with
Much respect
Wm B. Emery

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Real Estate Brokers,

Life and Fire Insurance Agents,

J. B. SHANE, Co. Treasurer.
T. C. HENRY, Co. Recorder.

ABILENE, KANSAS, Feby 2nd 1874.

Ezra Cornell Esq

Dear Sir.

Enclosed please find your tax receipts for 1870. the tax on Wt ½ 18.16.2. has been paid by another party is the reason of its not appearing on this receipt.

You will find enclosed $13.50. Currency. We think we can sell these lands readily at the valuation placed oposite each tract on the tax receipts. We could sell on time at good rates of interest say ten and perhapse twelve seemed by the land. Whenever these lands or any of them are for sale we would be glad to have the agency to sell them. always write for bill of tax about the 1st of November of each year and thus avoid the penalty. Let us hear from you in regard to the sale of this land if for sale. Respectfully

James B Shane Jr

Gov.t Printing Office,
Washington, D.C.
Feb. 4. 1871.

To the Hon. Ezra Cornell.

Sir:- Will you be kind enough to speak a word or so to the Hon. Mils Goodrich in my favor, before he leaves to come to Washington, I shall also get a letter from the Hon. G. W. Hotchkiss, to give to Mr. Goodrich when he arrives here, as I had a talk with Mr Hotchkiss a few evenings ago.

You will confer a favor to me, if it is in your power to see Mr. ~~Hotchkiss~~ Goodrich before he leaves home to come here, I can also refer him to Mr. Selkreg, Hooker, A. Spencer, and a host of others if it was necessary, and last to the Hon. Mr. Hotchkiss, who has known me a long while.

Yours, &c.

Wm. N. Norton
Gov.t Printing Office
Washington, D.C.

Ithaca Nov 7. 1871

Hon Milo Goodrich

Dear Sir Mr Norton learned printing in Ithaca and Graduated from Ithaca ~~to the Govt Printing~~ office and I have heard from him from time to time as doing well and giving satisfaction. I therefore commend him to your consideration

Yours Respectfully

Ezra Cornell

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Rec'd Nov 11

Hon Milo Goodrich

Cornell University,

Ithaca, N. Y., Feb 5 1870.

Christian Hoffman Esq
Treas. Dickinson Co Kansas.

My Dear Sir

Your favor of 14th ult with receipts for redemption of my lands sold for tax in your County came duly to hand =

I notice an omission in the receipt for redemption of lands sold, of S. E 1/4 of 15-16-1 The rest are all right How is in regard to this quarter, Was it sold for tax? And if sold was it included in the redemption? - Please explain so I shall know that it is all right.

In the receipt for tax paid for 1869 you have S. E-1/4 of 15-16-1 included so then it is all right —

Yours Respectfully
Ezra Cornell

S.C. was not
sold & should
not be on the
Redemption Certif.
it is all right
and all paid in
B Hoffman

C Hoffman
Abalone —
S.C. 15-16-1 was
not sold - all
right —

Office of A. C. PIERCE,

General Real Estate Agent

AND Publisher of The Junction City Real Estate Register.

Junction City, Kansas, Feb 8th 1871

Ezra Cornell Esq
Ithica N.Y.
Dear Sir

I have paid and hold tax receipt on the W½ of 18 16 R 3 East for the year 1870 to the amount of $12.42 our charges are $1.— Please forward 13.42 in Draft or P.O. order and I will send receipt.

Yours Truly
A C Pierce

Cottonwood Falls
Chase County Kan
Feb 8th AD 1871

Ezra Cornell Esq

Dear Sir —

Unfortunately your letter came to hand too late and the penalty was added to your taxes amounting to $4 99/100 which will have to be sent before we can get the receipt. Sorry this should have happened but so it is.

Yours Respectfully
Romeigh J McWilliams

Feb 22, 1871 Sent $5. to the above parties for tax —

J. G. WHITTEMORE,
Auditor.

County Auditor's Office,
POPE COUNTY, MINN.

Glenwood, Feb 8th 1871

Hon. Ezra Cornell
Dear Sir:

Your of the 28th ult is at hand, and I herewith send you statement of your taxes in Pope County for the year 1870, as per request. —

Those books you sent to the "Cornell Library Ass. of Glenwood" has arrived all safe —

Yours Truly
J. G. Whittemore

21.66
30.60
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61.82
.18
64
64 cents Paid
E. C
Feb 20. 71

Beaver Falls Minn.
Feb 9th 1871

E Cornell Dear Sir

please find Treas receipts $61.$\frac{18}{100}$ Amt of draft short .64 ¢ the price of land is not fairly established Nor will be until R.Rs are put through we have great hopes the Soil is first class Nowhere can they raise better crops actual settlers is what we want

Yours Truly D.S. Hale Co Auditor Renville

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ABILENE, KANSAS, 24th feby 1871.

Ezra Cornell Esq

Dear sir.

Your enquiring of S&C. 3.16.1 received, my books show that you own and paid on S&C 3, writing 9 on the receipt was error.

We would be pleased to have all of your lands for sale, if you have any desire to sell write us the price and terms, and if you conclude not to offer the lands let us know, as it is convenient to know the condition of all the lands in our vicinity

Very Respectfully
Shane & Henry

Office of A. C. PIERCE,

General Real Estate Agent

AND Publisher of The Junction City Real Estate Register.

Junction City, Kansas, Feb 28th 1871.

Ezra Cornell Esq
Ithaca N.Y.

Dear Sir

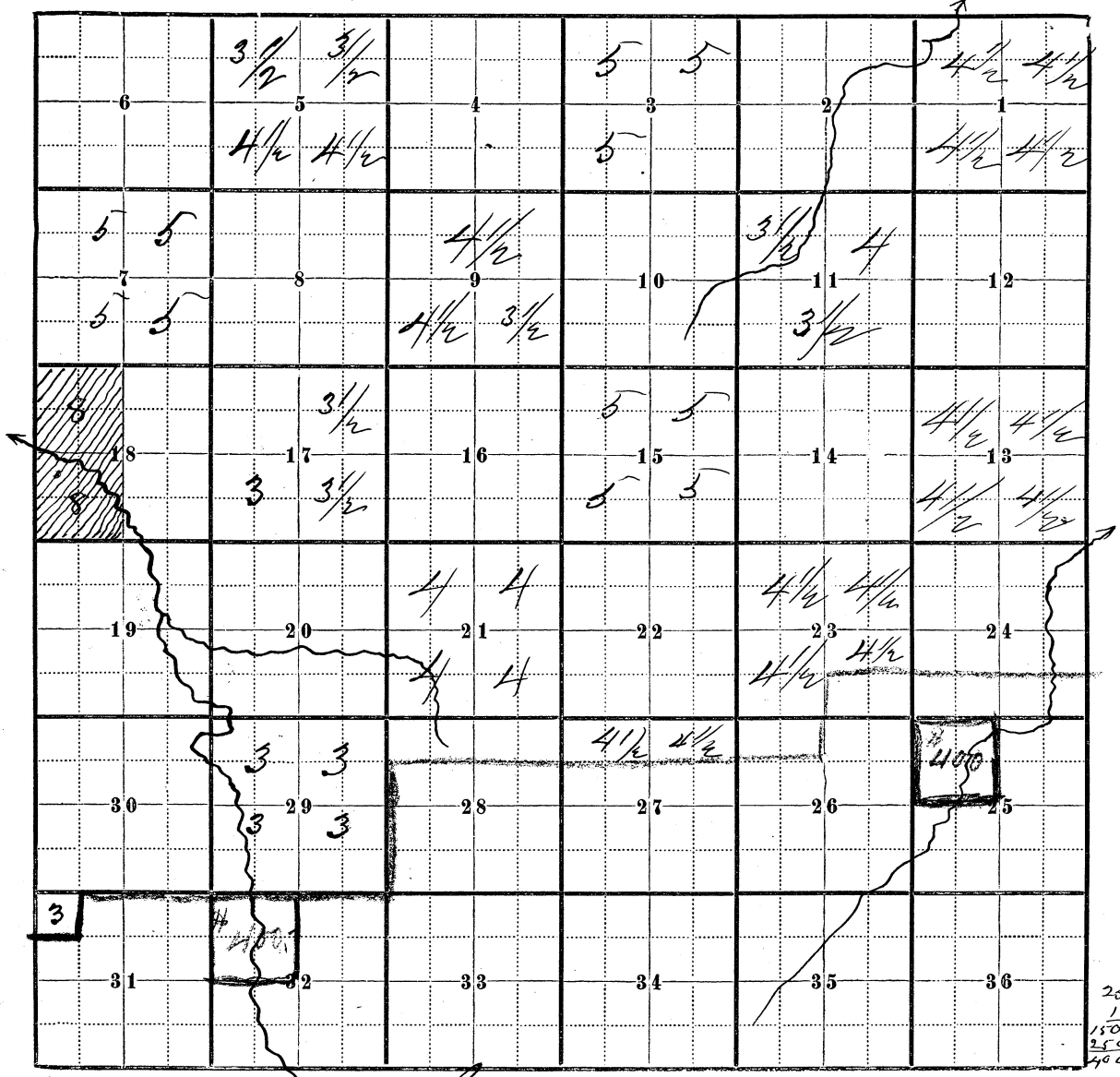
Your letters of Feb 20th at hand.. We did not intend to pay your taxes but only intended to enquire the amount for the purpose of writing you but Mr Shaw sent us receipt and changed up to our account with him. Your land is worth a bunch 8. per acre it is situated on a branch of Turkey Creek - it is good bottom land - and plenty of water It has some timber but it will probably be stolen off during the coming summer - as the uplands in the vicinity are being settled. I have marked on the paper I send to day a description of the Ranch adjoining you on the West I send you a plat showing the price of the land in the vicinity

A. C. PIERCE,

GENERAL REAL ESTATE AGENT,

JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS.

Sec. ..... Tp. 16 Range 3 East



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Cottonwood Falls, Chase Co., Kansas, March 3rd 1871

Ezra Cornell Esq

Dear Sir:

We enclose to you by to-days mail notes tax receipts. We wish you on one or two occasions to know whether you would allow us to sell these lands separately, as we never heard from you, will you inform us to that effect if you will allow them distributed of separately.

Yours Respectfully

Romigh & McWilliams

OLE PETERSON,
Treasurer.

County Treasurer's Office,

POPE COUNTY, MINNESOTA.

Glenwood March 10th 1871

Ezra Cornell Esq
Dear Sir
Yours of Feb 22. is received with the Enclosed draft. I herewith return you the Tax receipt as requested hoping you will find it allright.

Respectfully yours
Ole Peterson

Albany Mar 15. 1871

Dear Alonzo

I went over to Brooklyn yesterday and found the sale for taxes had passed, commencing at 10 A.M. Many persons were in paying taxes. I did not find Elkins. I found however that mortgage rights could not be overthrowed without notice, and that there is two years redemption from tax sales.

If the price of W. U should pop up as you suggested it might I arranged with Palmer to deliver if a sale was made some of the Companys Stocks standing in the name of outside parties and I would return mine to the Co instead, and thus it would not be known that I was selling.

If parties in the street know that I was selling it might have the effect of reducing prices -

I dont want you to sell below 60, and as much above that as you can -

Dont sell more than five to seven hundred unless it should so happen that you hit an opportunity to realize a very large price =

Let me know how that $20.000 to 4th National stands -

Did the Bank have my note If so is it cancelled, please send it up, also let me know of the means you used (part a loan you said) to cancel the $20.000 note -

Write me to Ithaca -

Yours Respectfully

Ezra Cornell

LAW AND LAND OFFICE

OF

Frank Foster.

Marion Centre, Kansas. March 25th 1871

Hon. Ezra Cornell
Ithaca N.Y.

Dear Sir. By reference to our county treasurers books I perceive that your taxes for 1870 were due on the following tracts and in the following amounts

N E ¼ of sec 19. Town 20. Range 3 E is tax $6.24 penalty assessed 10 Jan next $0.62. advertising fees per tract $0.25. Total $7.11

Being located here in the law and land business we are prepared to attend to the interests of non resident property owners in this county. Should you require any business to be transacted with reference to your lands in this part of the country we would be pleased to serve you. For selling lands our charges are never less than ten nor more than twenty five dollars per quarter section or

Frank Dostes
Mar 25, 1871

purchase tract ~~[illegible]~~ is the same proportion for large sums. Varying with the price obtained and the expense that we sometimes have to incur in concerting purchasers to ~~[illegible]~~ lands.

For paying taxes our commission is fifty cents on all sums not exceeding two dollars and from ~~[illegible]~~ five to three percent on larger amounts. If you pay here by a draft and should be pleased to entrust us our commission would be fifty cents which added to $7.11 would be $7.61 which may be sent by draft on New York City or in registered letter

Very Truly &c

Frank Dostes
Marion Centre
Kans

Marion Co}

OLE PETERSON,
Treasurer.

County Treasurer's Office,

POPE COUNTY, MINNESOTA.

Glenwood March 30 " 1871

Ezra Cornell Esq

Dear Sir

yours of the 22d Instant is at hand there is Two years Taxes not due on the S W 1/4 of Sec 28 Town 126 Range 38 it has been sold for Taxes twice and the amount of Taxes back and Charges now against that Piece amounts to for the years 1868 $ 15.25
" " " 1869 $ 16.25
Total 31.50

Marquis Judkins have not Paid the Taxes on the S W 1/4 of Sec 1. 125 37. — the books for the library was Satisfactory to all

Respectfully yours
Ole Peterson

PS send the money for the S W of 28 as soon as convenient

JOHN McGRAW, PRESIDENT.
D. BOARDMAN, VICE-PRESIDENT.
HENRY B. LORD, CASHIER.

CAPITAL, $200.000.

First National Bank,

Ithaca, N. Y., Apl 3 — 1871

Sent to O. H. Palmer this day for Sale - W U Tel Stocks as follows -

No 2900. E.C for 104 Shares -
No 3684 Mrs E C " 405 "
509.

Three Hundred Shares of the above goes to replace 300 Shares borrowed of W U Tel Co & sold for me by O H Palmer in March for leaving 209 Shares to be sold and accounted for to me

Ezra Cornell

Albany April 8. 71. —

Mr Ezra Cornell

Ithaca NY —

Dear Sir I returned from the Iron Mine Expedition through Shaftsbury Vermont, Hoosac Tunnel — Pittsfield Stockbridge. Richmond and Lebanon Mines and home by the Lebanon Shakers — away home Thursday night all well — Mrs E accompanied me — I have made plans for raising Iron Ore. Earth and water as well as washing the ore after the most approved plans and utmost Efficiency and founded them to suit Swett & Co. If they will permit the act fit. It will be only the first of a series which will be wanted — most of the ore raised is done in the most primitive style possible while the washings most tons of thousands of tons of the finest and best ores. Covering whole farms may lie in depth with the finest or richest ores which by proper washing should go in with the coarser quality and lumps and count pound for pound — but by itself its fineness is now useless

About from Iron will you be in Albany again?

H. L. Emery
Apl 8. 1871

when separated from the coarser ores — I hope to have a favorable reply to go on and receive the inventing machine and washer at once

I hoped to have had some line from you on the subject of the two suggestions submitted to you for your consideration to should act here in which ever capacity would be practicable — If either of the plans meets your views I would be glad to know which or either — I can effect either of them not allowed to drift along until the original idea and arrangements have passed too late for action — I would like an expression from you — I send you a proof just in from M. B. Paul which demonstrate that an illustration can be beautifully reproduced — the cost will interest the large quality of dim or I am quality of paper

Yours Truly
Howard L. Emery

Albany N Y Apl 18/71 —

Mr Ezra Cornell
Ithaca NY —

Dr Sir

I have had further interviews with Mr Isaac Funda and will have another with him and his Bro Townsend Funda (of Cornwall Co) at the latter residence Tomorrow (Wednesday) Evening when I think an acceptable tender will be made at for your consideration

The business now is as quiet as possible with us, while every other house in our line with Powers & Turbines are making extra efforts and the prospects for good crops of grain all over the country are unusually promising, which will cause a good sale of such machines — Travellers for Thos Mellick & Co in Tompkins are sending in quite considerable orders which exceed their present out

• Turbine with three feet & 120 ft weekly pay roll = Inventor this to Wear the Season for this Trade is Worth only on and one a half Dollars

Respectfully Yours &c
Jas Leonard
Inventor of J. Leonard's Patent

Albany April 19. 1871

Mr E Cornell
Ithaca N.Y. –

Dear Sir I am just
in from interview with Mr Isaac
and Townsend Fonda & where I have
been for about two hours and have
so far agreed on all preliminaries as
to be enabled after tomorrow to
put in form the proposition to
you upon the basis given you
by me when here the last ~~time~~
time but one = I am confident
it will be the best I will be able
to make and if it fails to be
approved by you, it will decide
me to give up all my fond
hopes of ever being reinstated in
this business which has used up
the best part of a life time –

I am Yours Very Truly
Horace L. Emery

Letter No 2

Albany April 19. 1871

Mr Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir I write you yesterday progress thus far —

I write you again today if progress up to this evening 10 P.M.

I will be able to write again tomorrow night or next day the conclusions which are to be submitted and which if approved by you can be ratified in a day when you next come to town —

In meantime I notice that Mr Wood with or without your advice has had the Steam Engine removed for repairs but where or how it is to be done is known only by the person who undertakes it as Mr Wood could not direct how to do it — Mr well it

H. L. Emery
Apl 29/1871

be done by the proposals as I would desire to have it done again the matter of the variable cut off could have been arranged without paying one cent Royalty if I had been allowed to consummate the bargain and the additional cost for applying it while the Engine is apart would not exceed forty to fifty dollars by Burnap's Estimate and he made the work now proposed to be done, while it would cost over a hundred $ to apply it after the Engine is replaced and put running — again I repeat my request, which is this if it is ever intended that I will have more to do with the works, that the repairs be allowed to stand still until this question of business is concluded — so that if

do I and the works to manage that I may also have the benefits of such simple improvements which were suggested when the Engine was originally made for me

Yours Truly
H. L. Emery

OLE PETERSON,
Treasurer.

County Treasurer's Office,

POPE COUNTY, MINNESOTA.

Glenwood April 29 a 1871

Ezra Cornell Esq
Deas Sir

yours of the 8th Instant is at hand stating that you have Paid Taxes on the S W 1/4 Sec 29 126. 36 in place of the S W of 29. 126. 38 and want to know how to proceed for to have the same corrected. Send me your Receipt for that Taxes you paid on the S W 1/4 29. 126. 36 and I will see the Co Auditor about having it corrected

Respectfully yours
Ole Peterson