Ithaca Jan'y. 11. 1870

Hon:. Ezra Cornell & Lady

I desire to acknowledge the recpt. of your kind Invitation to the Founders reception this evening

It would afford me great Satisfaction to meet you there - being your Seignor by ten years, and the Infirm-ity of age and Ill health - I Shall be under the Necessity of depriving myself of that pleasure - I think I Shall never forget the many little kindnesses you have Shown me, and that in all our Transactions in busines, nothing has occured to marr the friendly feelings between us - I have fresh in my recol-lection your Venerable Father - He is now gone to his final rest. I hope we may meet him there when our work is done here below - I am thankful I have lived to See your Benificence to your Country, welfare in training up the rising

generations I hope and trust it may a great Satisfaction to you -

Generations yet unborn will be taught to lisp the name of Ezra Cornell - the Founder

Hoping and wishing you a pleasent meeting and a Happy New year

I Subscribe my name your friend

Joseph Esty

Mr Joseph was a director in the Old "Bank of Ithaca" and is at the present time a director in the "First National Bank Ithaca" and a Trustee of the Ithaca Saving Bank. Also a Director of the Ithaca & Towanda R.R. Co

Ezra, Cornell

Joseph Esty is one of our most revered citizens having lived in Ithaca during my own residence here. I have known him long and well.

A tanner by trade he established his business at an early day, and made a fortune by its pursuit and retired therefrom a few years since selling the business out to his Eldest Son The Hon Edward S. Esty

Jersey City
Jan. 11th 1870

Hon. Ezra Cornell,

Dear Sir,

We have about thirty names on our list, and are only waiting for the full preparation, to commence an active canvass, of the results of which, I have no misgivings. I only need the list of names &c. promised by Mr. Fisk, and three or four bound albums, showing specimens of the plates of full size, quality of paper, binding &c. when - I trust - but a short time will suffice, to show the one hundred subscribers needed to set your presses in motion.

Mr. Farr is ready to supply me with the specimen plates, whenever he has authority from you to do so; I think Mr. Booker is to write to you on the subject.

I have the pleasure to inform you that I have just received a letter from Mr. Catlin, and he confirms the opinion

expressed by yourself & friends - that the *illustrated* Catalogues do *not* contain the "*descriptive text*" alluded to, in his prospectus; and which, he is prepared to furnish whenever wanted; this will make the work, a large and complete illustrated history of the Aborigines of America.

I have written to him to prepare a new title-page (to be photo-lithographed) and send on some pages of the text, as it is to appear, in his own hand-writing.

Mr. Catlin is much gratified with my arrangements, his great ambition ~~to~~ being to see the work published in the form he first designed.

My anxiety for active employment, is my excuse for pressing this matter, which I hope is sufficient from

Yours faithfully

H. Steele

Dear Rooker

I think it is safe and wise to furnish Mr Steele with the Specimen plates he wants

Sept 12. 70

Ezra Cornell

P. S. We had a pleasant and profitable season last night. I am sorry your Ladies were not with us

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The North Americans
in the middle of the Nineteenth Century,
fast passing to extinction,
and leaving no monuments of their own behind them.
By Geo. Catlin.

The above is the title of a work about to be published under the auspices of the Faculty of Cornell University, the material and preparation for which, have cost the author the assiduous labor of the best half of a long life amid untold privations, risks and sufferings; the object being, to see this invaluable record of the waning tribes — the original possessors of our Continent — correctly transmitted to future ages.

Measures have been taken to publish this work in a form, and at a price, which will enable the several State Capitols, leading literary institutions, and public libraries to enrich their collections with a work, unique in its kind, and increasing in value with the passing years.

The edition will be limited to four hundred copies.

After supplying the institutions above alluded to, a small number of copies will remain for private distribution, which may be secured by an early application to the undersigned, or his authorized agents.

Henry Steele
Jersey City
N. J.

[JANUARY 11, 1870]

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In addition to the authors preface, the Hon. Lewis A. Morgan of Rochester, will contribute a prefatory essay; and the portrait & autograph of the author will embellish the title-page.

The subscription price is One hundred dollars, payable on delivery.

A specimen of the plates reduced to 1/4 size is sent herewith

H. Steele
Jersey City N. J.

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GRANT & SMITH,
Attorneys at Law,
DAVENPORT, IOWA.

Jas Grant

DAVENPORT, ~~June~~ 14 Jan 1870

Hon Ezra Cornell
Ithaca. N.Y.

Dear Sir I have a nephew at your school where I had supposed practical Mechanics and engineering was taught, & some care given to the expenses and morals of the students. I sent my nephew to Cornell, from the High School at New Haven, because I was induced to believe, that he could be taught both the theory and practice of railway Mechanics.

I have discovered, that no efforts are made of his morals or progress in his studies, and no restraints whatever is placed over his expenses. He writes to me, "There is no regular professor of drawing here, and I don't think sufficient attention is given to it: the present Professor has carried us as far as he is able." A letter from me to the President, enquiring about the conduct and progress of my nephew, thus far remains without an answer.

I do not write to you a complaint: in a very small way, I am a dear sufferer by your benevolence: If your college is to be conducted as what appears to be its present practice, it requires no prescience to foresee such a failure as that before the death of its noble founder, you must look

Yours truly
Jas Grant

Albany Jan 16. 1870

My Dear Mary Ann

We got to Albany on time the evening we left home and went to the Delavan House when we got supper by 10 P.M.

The next morning, very cold and we started for Depot little after 9 A.M. and stopped a few moments at Mr Ramsey's, we saw Mr & Mrs R. They were glad to hear from Fanny, Mrs R seems disappointed that she was not with us and she looked in all the corners of the parlor to see if she had not hid away &c -

The Girls got away on 10 A.M. train I left them in palace car in charge of Mr Selkreg who was going to stay as Legislature had adjourned for a

week, I gave him $20.

Friday a Jew man turned up and came to see me who wants to buy a portion of the Al Ag works say a ¼ or ⅓. He appears like a good business man, and a man of high respectability, and if he buys will do so with a view of taking part in the business He is said to have fifty or sixty thousand dollars capital - He refers to Hon John A Griswold of Troy, who I have written to and expect replies tomorrow If I get a favorable account of him I shall sell to him if I can -

The man has known Enemy for many years, and Enemy speaks well of him and they both think they can get along harmoniously together - This may be a solution to the question that has perplexed me since Norman decided to go south - I shall know in few days - May remains much as she has been; growing weaker they think all the time -

Rest well as usual -

Yours Affectionately

Ezra Cornell

Treas office Dickinson Co. Kansas

Abilene Jany 14th 1870.

Ezra Connell Esq.

Dr sir.

your draft duly received, but owing to the unusual press of business that occurs about the 10th day of January I have, until now, been unable to send you your papers, which you will please find Enclosed.

The interest on the "amount sold for" runs for 28 months or since May 5th 1868. The interest on subsequent tax runs 8 months or since may 5th 1869. Making interest 138.29, as you will see from the Redemption certificate, our tax laws are embodied in and with the general statutes, we have no volume of tax laws separate, to get them you will have to get a copy of the revised Statutes of Kansas a book of 1270 pages, perhaps you could order a copy from some book store in Leavenworth. we have only one copy & that is Public property. or we would send you one, but you would have to take quite a large book, to only want the tax laws I date your papers back to Jany 10th to save 10% penalty on tax of 1869. always pay the tax before January 10th or there will be 10% more to pay. the tax is due Nov 1st of each year, write me at that date, or write the Treas. for bill of taxes, & save cost, your papers call for $889.89 fees se. were 3.40. Making $892.89. your draft $902.60. less $892.89. leaves due you $9.71. which I Enclose herewith

Very Truly Yours, C J Hoffman for Treas

Mr Ezra Cornell
Ithaca NY

Albany Jany 28-70

Your telegram and letter are on hand ~~and~~ ~~also~~ to Mr Ward and also to me — In answer Concerning Machine I can say that we have used up the gauze apron and have just completed a wood slat apron which we will use on the machine tomorrow — The seeds cleaned by the Cylinder are beautifully and evenly done The discharge is now only obstacle yet to be over come and we have elevated one End of the machine some 8 inches and just as we commenced using it the new gauze caught the teeth of the Cylinder and one half of the apron was stripped from the cylinders but did no harm to anything else — hundreds of teeth in the Cylinder were filled with the wire cut from the gauze apron showing the strength of the teeth of the Cylinder to be Even greater than I expected — not a tooth having been damaged —

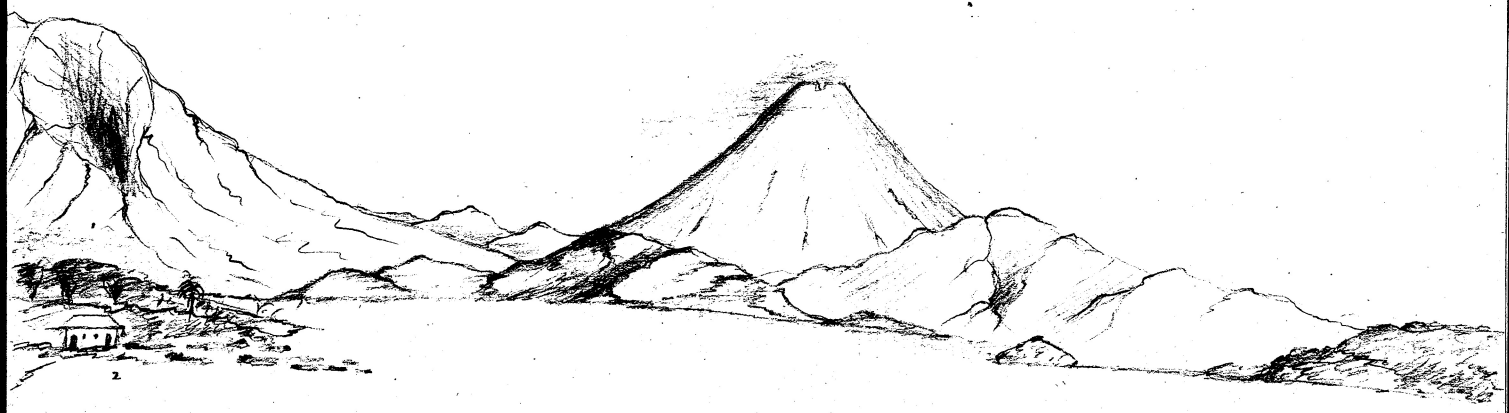
Mr Van Alstyne Came to Albany on my asking him on Wednesday afternoon while I was out of town attending annual meeting of County agl Society — On my return met him at the house half an hour — He seems desirous to take an interest but hesitates to make so large money investment but would possibly offset a portion of his Lands in St Lawrence Co towards a portion in payment if You desired to do so — I have no idea of the land property — its location. Value or any thing else — I said I did not think such

R. L. Emmery
St Louis Jan 28 70

an arrangment would be desirable to you but you would rather make a smaller diversion or sale to him – For my part I doubt if he can readily make community much more money than is needed to be used in the business for the first year or two – and I represented as before that to make the business desirable for three parts that not less than 15.000 nor more than 20.000 dollars should be available if wanted – He does not seem to be staggered by that amount –

I tried to see how far he would go – and I am persuaded he would make his third Capital of 60.000 $ by 20.000 Patent for use of the business as follows 20.000 Cash & 20.000 of Stock at Cash Value as made in the basis in your proposition (in a ratio of about $26000 to $33000 or thereabouts) – and to purchase the balance of the stock and machinery at same ratio as a cash value and make it payable in six months payments with interests – in ten payments The Rent of Factory to conform to your proposition – I do not know as he will even do this but think he would like the business and think he would do well for it and all concerned – as for salary he says that under no circumstances would he entertain any idea of a salary less than $5.000.00 as he can command that sum – But he prefers to make a business for the future than a salary & That he could not live on less than three thousand and that he should wish to draw that on the business for this amount These are about as near as we could get our ideas together and he said he would consider the matter and try to get at some thing definite fixed in his mind by this day and come to albany again – In meantime I understood he had or would write You. I got the idea

We at he last mittan, but may have misunderstood him – he seemed Random to think the figures longer the same the Effected while you showed him Old Confidence pressures a Splendid business for the Country Season from all sections of the Country – Yours &c Tully



1 Vol. Conchagua.
2 Corner Isl. Tigre.

Steamer Costa Rica - Bay of Panama
31st Janʸ. 1870 —

Hon. Ezra Cornell
Dear Sir

The heading of this letter is a sketch taken by Mr. Newcomb from our residence of a week at Amapala, Island of Tigre, Honduras; the beautiful volcano represented being San Miguel in Salvador. some 50 miles distant. The magnificent scenery of Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras and Salvador seem at this place to have reached the highest point of picturesque beauty and grandeur. —

We left Panama on the 10th of Janʸ. and returned yesterday morning being absent on the trip just 20 days

The most of my collecting has been during this time in the magnificent Gulf of Fonseca, which I have pretty thoroughly scraped at the bottom for Specimens in Natural History. I have not been successful in obtaining new Species but have accumulated a large mass of material to be used in exchanges. — A very beautiful Pennatula which

I think may prove to be new has been dredged from 15 fathoms, two specimens of which I have secured in Alcohol — first having a correct drawing made & colored; as much of the beauty is lost in preserved specimens. At Pt. Arenas through the kindness of Captn. Dow I obtained a magnificent Vampyre bat also in Alcohol — In Radiates & Crustaceans I have saved many curious specimens all of which will prove acquisitions to the University Collection —

My collection of Shells is so full that I doubt if I can thus far add a single Species to the Collection.

At Amapala I saved a few fishes and at Panama a beautiful Species named after Captn. Dow and by shooting them took two specimens of a remarkable fish at La Union in Salvador also the discovery of our Scientific Captain ——

I remained perfectly well until we connected again with the Steamer in San Salvador when a rather severe touch of Panama fever laid me up for 5 or 6 days — but as this was on the passage down on the Steamer no time was lost in consequence.

I have yet a month to work in & around the Bay of Panama, on the Isthmus and at Aspinwall

Captn. Low who is exceedingly kind to us is projecting all manner of excursions 15 or 20 miles distant, insists upon our remaining his guests on board, where the Comforts are infinitely greater than on shore and we are some 3 miles nearer our dredging ground. He has an European reputation for Scientific research and has been elected a member of the Zoological Society of London with an abatement of all fees, a Compliment of the very highest character. Should Cornell University Come to the Conclusion of granting extra and honorary titles the Institution would do itself Credit by bestowing upon him the title of Doctor of Science.—

His numerous Collections could thus be diverted from London and the Smithsonian, to Cornell which would be an object of great importance to us.—

The Tuscarora lies at Aspinwall and Captain Green has kindly offered me a boats Crew to do up my dredging at that place. When we consider that $10 a day in gold is but a common price to pay for such service and the time is limited to a Couple of hours in the morning the saving can better be appreciated.—

The "Rail Road Co" has acted most liberally I may say most generously towards me for which I feel most grateful——

I took a servant with me to Honduras and a free passage was given him by Capt. Dow. in addition to the great favours bestowed upon myself and Mrs. Newcomb.

My excursion has made the University favorably known throughout the Central American States and in good time will I trust bear fruit for the advancement of its interests

We expect to take the Steamer on the 1st of March for our return to Ithaca. A later date will carry us into the Storms of the Equinox unless we wait until the 1st of April —

My Kind regards to your Family & to the Faculty

I Remain very truly Yours
S. Newcomb

Mr Pres. Cornell
Jan. 31. 1870

Albany N.Y.
Jany 31. 1850

Mr Ezra Cornell
Ithaca N.Y.

Dear Sir Your telegram came duly to hand this moment - upon you are still unwell but hope you will speedily recover your usually good health and spirits -

Glad to have word from that Son of ours whose letters promised so long since have not reached us -

we had a letter from a Mr Wilkens, a particular friend of Mr N. B. Wood now in New Orleans to whom I wrote asking him to make Herberts acquaintance and write us carefully and fully about him and his health - letter dated 24th says Herbert was well when he last saw him as he had made his acquaintance some two weeks prior to that date. Met a mutual friend of both attended church on 23d with Herbert - he said he would see Herbert at once and show him my letter, and give him a piece of his mind about neglecting correspondence &c - so we expect letters here by every mail Glad to know he is well if no other particulars

You mention Van Alstynes letter to You - and speak as if it did not come up to my own inferences from the interview we had together here - I have not seen or heard from him since, As he assured me he would see me again Friday if not before I am at a loss to understand his tactics if he has any. He seemed frank and fair in

You examination and remarks about figures together with what the cracked cent cost you, your own suggestions - if Revised & Copied at the Navy Yard would be worth to you, there would be a chance to Mention a boon somewhat like my letter

Allen Jany 31. 1870 —

E. Comdell

Athens Ny —

Dear Sir we have
succeeded to our satisfaction with our
Cotton dressing & knitting machine and
will be able in another day or two to
determine its capacity with different speeds
— The work done is beautifully done and evenly
through out — The only trouble we have
met which was feeding and discharging
seems to have been accomplished — with the
Endless apron of Wood slats which seems to
be perfect in its operation — We have put
a picker Roller over and close to it and as near
to the toothed Cylinder as possible — This
makes a positive and uniform presentation
to the action of the teeth — and by elevating
the feeding end about 9 inches in four feet
length of Machine the discharge is steady
and work well done — I think I have it
as good as desirable. unless possibly we
may want a little more pitch to the points of the
teeth to make them pick cotton faster than they
will now do — As they are they seem to stand
any amount of work with without injury
— Our Condenser is quite large now and
occupies full four hours every day or evening to keep
up with it properly — Yours Truly — Ot House
Howard L. Emery

Howard L. Emery
Yours Truly
Athens Ny
Cotton Machinery
Knitting Machine
Sydney Steam Woolen Mills
Sydney Steam Woolen Mills

Beaver Falls Jan 31st 1870

Ezra Cornell

Ithaca N.Y. Dear Sir

Lincoln Co. is now a part of Rinville Co. Taxes are collected & Deeds recorded by Rinville in short the Courts have decided it so, relative to town 116 - 33 that town was not assessed, did not get the Abstract from the Land Office in time this the first year we have collected Taxes according to the Abstract from the Land office you will notice that sec 6 is Lots as described. I would be glad to act as your Agt in any capacity Respectfully D.S. Hall Co Auditor Rinville Co

from Lincoln your Land in

Albany Jan 3. 1870

Mr E. Cornell
Ithaca
N.Y.

Dear Sir Yours is in hand of 1st — glad to hear from you and wish you a Happy new Year and many of them also

We enclose you the Copy of the Memoranda of Machines for which we estimated when you were here

You ask how a delay until the first of February will affect the business — To this I would say that it will be useless to commence to build the Dog Powers and Seed Planters as late as Feb 1st or to finish those which are begun — Indeed the men are already today engaging work in other shops and cannot afford to wait long here for our works to start up as they are mostly poor men — and to take up New Men and get good ones and broken into the work would make a difference of hundreds of dollars in their value to the business before they would be as good as those we have recently had on the work as we had thinned out all the poorest class in discharging our surplus men for two months before we stopped — as for fear of making too much stock ahead — You cannot

H. L. Greene
Jan 4, 70

20 men accumulate half the surplus which will be wanted when the demand does come on for our goods — In order to make as much as we have sold this year we would need more than 40 men from now till next Jan at this time and it is better to keep steady along with a paying force than to shut up and by and by be pushed to fill orders and a green set of men and at higher wages than now are asked — We should also make at once arrangements to get out our "Cotton Seed Lister" which is being so much inquired for — also a press also if we make any Horse Rakes we should not loose a moment by keeping still any longer than to get good work and then go on — These are my views and if the business is to be carried it must not be cramped for means to keep life and breath in it at such an important time as this is — It will pay its own running from the Dog Power and Bud planters to turn as they sell and we should advertise them as soon as we intend to make and sell them —

I cannot think going or not going to Washington will need to effect the business here — Our stock of goods will be extended and improved this week — I hope Jim will as soon

Consider this matter as soon as you can and write us your decision

Mr Pierce has sent us a draft for $1000 on account

Mr Pierce and I will start a thousand dollars more to us than the amount we have requested

Yours Truly
J. Deere
per W. Butterworth

Albany July 2 - 1870

Mr Connell

I send you the
letter from Columbia —

I think they are wrong
as Yon judgment $3131.00 Dollars
and as Spencer has failed to
come to trial I dont see
why he should have any
benefit from the agreement
but You have the Contract
M B

Mr Wood says Mr Spencer
is not entitled to any benefit
until Yon judgment is satisfied
as he sold in old his agents

Yours truly

Howard L Emmons
Sheriff

Letter No 3-

Mr E Cornell
Ithaca NY

Albany July 3. 70-

You are aware that Mr H H Hall of Sydney has ordered largely of the cotton Jeans and Horse Powers for long and short staple and as we get no references from parties to whom we wrote in New York - I have committed to Mr R. W. Cameron an old Australian Customer and the Pioneer Shipper to that Country - and today have his reply - I asked him to advance 50 to 60 per ct of the Invoices for Machines and collect in 30 days after arrival ~~to~~.

He writes he has a Ship to load on the 25th inst and will take good consigned to his own Consignee to be delivered to H Hall there at Sydney according to instructions of all is right with Hall - and that he will advance 60 per ct on 5 to 10 thousand dollars with - I would propose that we put out say two to three thousand dollars at once and Ship on those terms

With Your Consent we will push things - please telegraph if we shall do so -

Yours truly
Howard & Emery
Supt

Albany Feby 4. 1870 —

Mr E Conrad

Ithaca NY

Dear Sir

I wrote you a line yesterday and stated we had a letter from Columbia S. C. concerning Sale of Cottons Real Estate there and that it would take place on Monday next —

also enclosed You the original letter from the attorneys there — I also telegraphed you the substance of same at same time —

When Mr Wood was here (Mr B) he spoke of the matter and stated our Judgment was entered up ~~for~~ first and that inasmuch as Spencer had consented to this judgment being so entered up and Spencer afterwards failing in his part of the arrangement in the Contract — that Spencer could not claim any part in the Sale or proceeds until our claim was first satisfied as we had by our own industry & acts been successful without his assistance which the Contract or agreement contemplated —

The letters from the attorneys seem to indicate that Mr Mr B Wood dont know what he supposed he did or else the Lawyers there misunderstood Mr Wood as they note that Judgments favor of N.E.E.J. and Spencer are of same date and Spencer agreement must be Corrected out — but further they do not say what they mean by Conveying

ast Spencers agreement - but from what I can infer - they mean that Spencer is to have any surplus over $900 00 if the property sells for more - and each party to pay taxes and taxable costs to the amount of one half Each -

I think it desirable that you telegraph to Bachman and Waties and ask to have the Sale postponed for say two weeks or three weeks so that Mr N. B. Wood may be there to attend the Sale in person as Mr Woods says he hopes to be there by that time - and if you will ask the adjournment & Sale by saying you desire to be there in person or by agent - there will be no trouble I think in having the delay you ask -

I called to see Mr "Werner" yesterday evening and he said he had made a motion and got an order for a hearing at Buffalo for the Eleventh Feby at Buffalo for the purpose of removing the assignee and appointment of another in his place and had served notice of same on you -

He said also that after hearing of that matter he should be ready to waive objection to my discharge in bankruptcy but did not desire to take any action in my matter before that came off - If he is to be relied upon I shall have no trouble further in that matter of discharge -

Letter no 2

Mr Alstyne called on the afternoon as he had just returned from New York after an absence of several days - I asked him what he had written to you which could have been pitched on a low key as you properly expressed in your telegram

He said he had proposed to put fifteen thousand dollars in the business and proposed to you to put your whole Stock of Machinery and inventory of Jany 1st in as Capital at 20 per ct discount and the use of the patents at ten thousand dollars - making the amount of Capital at about 75.000 $ and to make Lovejoy for three that time half paid up - That was the substance of what he said he had written to you - I said that I considered it a very low rate or proportion for the property and the business - as the full price of Lumbering was Cheap Enough for to continue the business - while his terms were low Enough to pull out and quit at - I said I did not consider the basis as proposed or considered at and lost interest too high or too much out of proportion each part to the other - That would have made him one third for 20.000 $ Cash and given you a third of Stock for your about half of inventory your interest and the obligations for as much more to be drawn out Semi-annually by you and the use of Patents to be Counted another third - I do not think this is out of the way - and I believe if he want

only fair play he will accept such an arrangment as a basis — provided it is approved or proposed and insisted upon by you to the giving him any better lay. I think unjust to you as well as to the business — If he cannot put any more money into the business nor pay you a portion in cash then the least he should require would be that you should be allowed to draw out annually at least $6000.00 or as much as we suggested between us when he was last here — From what I learn of Mr Vanalstyne's circumstances through Mr Vial who was in town Yesterday I am led to believe Mr. C cannot command 20.000$ but might 10 to 15. thousand as his money resources were greatly reduced in cost in his New York "Fiasco" — Mr Vial speaks well of him as a man and his business characteristics — " — " — " — " —

Now I dont see why he should under for the small amount of money he proposes to put in — ask for such terms on your part — If the business is good for any thing, it can go on with 20.000 or even 15.000 and afford to pay you $3000 once in six months and not feel it — and this will seem like your getting out something instead of putting more into it — — In a stock our taxes would be laid upon us for our full stock if paid up while if a debt hung over it the stock could be less and the taxes would be only for the balance of assets over the debt and that would be something of an object for the first two or three years in this City — On the whole I think You are as well off as it now is or to sacrifice

So much on the Invention (Patents) and as his proposal calls for Machinery and then You get nothing out from the formation until some Years hence – I know with another Years business as good as this has been would place the Value far above its present out look to any outsider like Mr V. Alstyne – He is a keen & shrewd man and I think asks too much Concession without an Equivalent

It would be preferable to hire a good man at even a high Salary in the office for another Year than to throw away what I consider over $20.000 in real Value for simply the use of $5.000 = on another Year it would command the investing public more readily than even the low Value put upon it by Mr Van Alstyne at this time – I only ask an opportunity for a good Years business without any more Garfields to trammel the management and it will develope itself with more than three times over the same amount of telegraph Stock at 50 – If Mr Wood with his limited experience should remain, it would enable us to go along successfully and with a good deal less than $1500 – and the gains in Values and profits would all be retained in the business or in your own hands – You of Course will consider what I have written, as You think proper. but please accept it as the honest opinions of an

Yours Truly
E Cornell

Interested as I am in the welfare of the Co. I do not wish to be considered as intruding my advice upon you unasked for

Hon. Ezra Cornell & Lady