

July 1 1871

This agreement between ~~Horace~~ Cornell
of Ithaca N.Y. of the first part & Horace S
Emery of Albany of the second part stipulates
that the said Emery agrees to work for
the said Cornell in and about the Albany
Agricultural Works in the Capacity of
Mechanical Superintendent, and in that
Capacity to have the entire management
of the practical portion of the business
of manufacturing, including the selection
employment and dismissal ^{for proper cause} of the me-
chanical workmen and helpers. deter-
mining the ~~proper~~ kind of materials proper
to be used and making requisition ~~on~~
the Treasurer for the ~~same~~ ^{for the same} to whom
the purchasing will be confided.

The said Emery also agrees to do the
~~correspondence~~ ^{correspondence} relating to the machinery
its uses, capacities, excellence, utility
&c. and in answer to Enquiries and

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complaints of Correspondents, writing and preparing of advertisements for the sale of the Goods manufactured and dealt in by the Albany Agl Works, and all writing pertaining to those subjects which the best interest of the business requires, keeping letter press copies of all such correspondence and writings on books, belonging ^{and kept at} the Albany Agricultural Works, and to be at the works during business hours to properly direct the Employers, and answer Enquiries from ^{Employers} Customers, visitors or other Officers of the concern, The writing to be done at the Office in business hours or at his house out of business or both as the said Emry may prefer or find most convenient.

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The Financial, Shipping, supplying,
book-keeping and other business
of the said Albany Agl works to
be under the charge and man-
agement of the Sec^y & Treas^r, and
all departments of the business to
be subject to the ^{general} supervision and
control of said Cornell party
of the first part.

The said Cornell hereby agrees to
employ the said Emery as above spec-
ified, and to pay him a salary of
two Thousand dollars per annum
payable in weekly sums for such
services, commencing the first of
May 1871 and to continue to the first
of May 1872 =

Office of the Genealogical Registry
(New York Society Library Building)
67 University Place near Union Square
Am Ezra Cornell
New York 1st June 1871

Sir

I have the honor
of submitting for your inspection and approval, a Prospectus for a
Voluntary Genealogical Registry for the United States; to be located
in the City of New York (as the City of most extensive intercourse;) and
Incorporated under the Laws of the State of New York.

We would be highly
gratified to receive from you a letter, in commendation of our efforts,
to supply a want which is becoming every day more apparent.

Yours very respectfully

Wm Coventry H. Braddell

P.S. This Institution (giving) in view
the preparation of a large lithographic Certificate,
(approving of its efforts,) wishes to avail itself
of the Autographs of prominent individuals
to inscribe thereon.

Yours

GENEALOGICAL REGISTRY,

1871.

When we take into view the growth of refinement in the United States, evidenced by the increase in the number of associations favoring Genealogical and Biographical knowledge, and at the same time observe the tendencies which arise, in opposition to the establishment of *enforced* registries; we are led to the conclusion that a *voluntary* association having that object in view would be eminently popular.

The many advantages which would result from an institution where the present generation might record the dates of their birth and origin, would be of great advantage to coming generations, to which subsequent generations might also add similar information for future reference; thus obtaining interesting family data which would be reliable; and we might forcibly urge, judging retrospectively, and to quote the words of an eminent barrister (Chas. O'Connor) that, "Had this work been begun a century ago it would now be exceedingly valuable, and would have saved much labor to the legal profession."

Attempts were made in years past to inaugurate something of the kind. Such an attempt was made in 1860, limited mainly to the State of New York; but owing to the war and other adverse circumstances, it failed to carry out its object.

One of the prominent newspapers of that day, *The Courier*, remarking:—"At last an attempt has been made to preserve a record of families. So that though we may not be able to tell who our grandfathers were, our grandchildren may not be in so ignominious a condition."

In connection with a registry of the names, births, residences, marriages, etc., of the present generation, to be preserved for future reference, provision should be made for the recovery and preservation of such fragmentary materials, as may be obtained of *ancient* records of that character. For, to quote from another authority—"If the Herd-Book and the Pedigree of Horses are highly appreciated in democratic communities, why should not man preserve the memory of *his* ancestors."

The time, therefore, has undoubtedly arrived for the incorporation of a voluntary GENEALOGICAL REGISTRY for the United States, and it is proposed that it should be located in the City of New York, as the city of largest intercourse in the Union; where all persons, for a mere sustaining fee may have recorded and filed for future reference, their *Names, Occupation, Parentage—Of what Place, Place of Birth, Date of Birth, &c.*

At one of the attempts to inaugurate a Registry, (above referred to) the following amongst other certificates, as to the value of such an institution was obtained—viz. :—

"We consider it valuable to the present as well as to future generations. Its importance in settlement of *disputed title and heirship* cannot be too highly estimated. We therefore give this work our entire approval and commend it to the head of every family."

A. W. Bradford, Moses H. Grinnell, Samuel B. Ruggles, George Opdyke, Levi S. Chatfield, Daniel Ullman, Peter Cooper, Wm. M. Evarts, Henry J. Raymond, Fras. L. Hawks, D. D., Hamilton Fish, Luther Bradish, James Guthrie, John A. Dix, Wm. Curtis Noyes, Gardiner Spring, D. D., Wm. Coventry H. Waddell, Fras. Vinton, D. D., Samuel Osgood, D. D., Isaac Ferris, D. D., John B. Scoles, Wm. C. Alexander, Cyrus Curtiss, John Sherwood, A. C. Hills, F. S. Winston, William K. Thorne, Abm. S. Hewitt, Samuel Powell, Henry Ward Beecher, Myron H. Clark, Charles O'Connor, James M. Smith, James Brooks, Francis Hall, William Fullerton, H. W. Robinson, Richard Grant White, D. T. Valentine, Charles A. Dana, M. J. Rapall, John W. Francis, M. D., B. W. Bonney, James W. Beekman, Valentine Mott, M. D., E. H. Chapin, D. D., S. F. B. Morse, William R. Williams, D. D., Thomas De Witt, D. D., M. S. Hutton, D. D., Rufus F. Andrews, J. Delafield Smith, A. D. Gillette, D. D., Thomas Gallaudet, D. D., Edward Cooper, John W. Draper, M. D., Charles J. Martin, Schuyler Livingston, R. M. Blatchford, Edward Everett, Richard H. Bowne, Joseph B. Collins, John Harper, Wm. F. Havemeyer, Truman Smith, John Van Buren, James J. Roosevelt, Charles P. Kirkland, James Watson Webb, John McKeon, Greene C. Bronson, James W. Gerard, A. V. Stout, Shepherd Knapp, Edwards Pierrepont, David Dudley Field, Wilson G. Hunt, Horace F. Clark, George G. Barnard,

Gerard Hallock, James Lee, J. Irenaus Prime, D. D., Hiram Barney, Joseph P. Thompson, D. D., B. F. Manierre, William Allen Butler, U. D. French, John E. Parsons, J. F. D. Lanier, Abner L. Ely, Frank Leslie, W. A. Seaver, Robert Bonner, John S. Bosworth, Millard Fillmore, D. S. Dickinson, J. W. Edmonds, J. De Peyster Ogden, John Hughes, Simeon Draper, Edward C. West, Gerrit Smith, A. C. Kingsland, John J. Cisco, Henry Grinnell, Robert Haws, Fernando Wood, John Willard, Cyrus W. Field, T. W. Fisher, D. D., Elph. Nott, D. D., Henry M. Field, J. S. T. Stranahan, Jacob Cram, Erastus C. Benedict, N. P. Willis, Roosevelt & Son., George P. Morris, Henry Wells, Marshall Lefferts, Jared Linsley, M. D., S. H. Thayer, George Adlard, R. G. Pardee, John Cochrane, Thomas House Taylor D. D., A. V. H. Stuyvesant and others.

Recently an incorporation has been organized under the laws of the State of New York, to procure, preserve, and record the genealogies of the people of the United States; and to print and publish such books, pamphlets and papers as may further such objects, under the name of the GENEALOGICAL REGISTRY.

The following additional certificate was therefore submitted, and has been thus far signed as follows, viz. :

"Having read the preceding statements in reference to the establishment of a Genealogical Registry for the United States at the City of New York, we do now, in the words of the preceding certificate which was signed many years ago—

"Consider it valuable to the present and future generations. Its importance in settlement of disputed title and heirship cannot be too highly estimated.

"We therefore give this work our entire approval and commend it to the head of every family."

New York, March

1871.

Wm. E. Dodge, N. Y., Henry Clews, N. Y., Charles A. Macy, N. Y., Gideon Welles, Ex. Sec. Navy. Wm. A. Darling, Gen. App; Cassius M. Clay, Ex. Min, Russia. Marshall Jewell, Gov. Con.; John H. Martindale, Ex. Atty. Gen.; Anthony J. Bleecker, Ex. U. S. Marshal; Otis D. Swan, N. Y.; Charles J. Bushnell, N. Y.; William Coventry H. Waddell, Ex. U. S. Marshal; Erastus Corning, Albany; Barent P. Staats, M. D., Albany; E. D. Worcester, Tr. N. Y. Central Railroad; Sanford E. Church, Charles J. Folger; M. Grover, Charles Andrews, William F. Allen, Judges of the Court of Appeals, N. Y.; Chauncey M. Depew, Ex. Secretary State; John T. Hoffman, Governor N. Y.; J. M. Morrison, Prest.; Josiah Sutherland, J. Sup. C. Courtlandt Palmer, N. Y.; William Butler Duncan, N. Y.; J. V. S. Pruyn, Ex. Tr. N. Y. Central R. R.; D. D. T. Moore, Ed. R. New Yorker; John P. Crosby, N. Y.; Edwin R. Mead, N. Y.; George W. Miller, Supt. Ins. Dept; Marshall B. Champlain, Attorney General N. Y.; J. S. Harberger, Cashr.; John A. Stewart, N. Y.; George W. McLean, N. Y.; Henry Hilton, N. Y.; Philo T. Ruggles, Mr. in Chy.; George W. Savage, Prest.; John J. Herrick, N. Y.; Cambridge Livingston, N. Y.; James Brown, N. Y.; William Furniss, N. Y.; A. Gracie King, N. Y.; D. P. Ingraham, J. Sup. Court; Alexander Hamilton, N. Y.; William Cullen Bryant, Rudolph C. Burlage, Consul Netherlands; Hon. Amasa J. Parker; Robert Winthrop, N. Y.; Samuel T. Skidmore, N. Y.; Nathaniel L. Griswold, N. Y.; James Renwick, N. Y.; George Templeton Strong, N. Y.; John Q. Jones, Prest.; Theo. Frelinghuysen Hay, N. Y.; A. Gordon Hamersley, N. Y.; Thomas C. Doernum, N. Y.; John Jacob Astor, N. Y.; S. Van Rensselaer Cruger, N. Y.; George H. Sharpe, U. S. Marshal; Hon. Stewart L. Woodford; Frederick De Peyster, Prest. Historical Society; Wm. C. Schermerhorn, N. Y. John L. Cadwalader, N. Y.; Samuel J. Tilden, N. Y.; S. B. Chittenden, N. Y.; B. S. Hutton, N. Y.; Albert Bierstadt, N. Y.;

*And since the printing by many others including the
Governors of Ohio Maine Indiana Pennsylvania
Senators US Meas H/Rep US 2 2*

Glennevel, Pope County, Minnesota
Home, June 24th, 1871.

Mr. Cornell-

Dear Sir—

I understand
you are offering your land here
for sale, and if so, I would like
to buy that piece of land situated
on the North side of White Bear
lake, joining J. O. Lawrence's.
If you will sell this piece,
please write me immediately
giving me your terms, - how much
per acre, time of payment - &c.
I am anxious to buy, as I
have "a forty" joining, and

need this said piece to
complete my farm. Please
write immediately -

Yours Respectfully

D. Philip Dixby
Glenwood
Pope County
Minnesota

Mr. Cornish

To The Comptroller of the State of New York

In pursuance of the requirements of Chapter 481 of the laws of 1866 I Ezra Cornell do respectfully report,

First, That in Decr 1870 I contracted for the sale of 150,000 Acres of Pine lands in the State of Wisconsin at the price of four dollars per acre, The selections to be so made as to take only a fair average quality of the land held by me for the Cornell University in that State. I received in payment at the time of making the sale Two thousand dollars. The balance payable in two years, with interest at six per cent payable semi-annually. The first payment of interest was also paid to me when due.

The above sale I was induced to make at the urgent written request of nearly all of the Trustees of the Cornell University, and of the Governor and Comptroller of the State.

I sold one quarter section in Minnesota Oct 5, 1870 of ~~157,000~~ ^{157,000} acres at \$6 per acre, \$25. paid balance payable in two years with interest at seven per cent payable semi-annually.

In May 1871, I sold in Kansas thirteen quarter sections ^{making} ~~amounting~~ to 2080 acres at \$5. per acre cash amounting to \$10,400 -

In June 1871 I contracted to sell 100,000 acres of pine lands in Wisconsin at \$5. per acre payable in ten years from date at six per cent interest payable semi annually -

The land to be so selected as to represent an average of the quality of the lands surrendered by me for the Cornell University -

There have been some other sales made by agents of which I have not ^{yet received} the account. ~~of, and will be included in~~ A future report, will be made of these sales -

Second That I have paid on account of taxes on said University lands in the several States as follows - during present year -
~~as follows -~~

In The State of Wisconsin	\$29,348.61
In " " Minnesota	701.83
In " " Kansas	295.65
Total	\$30,346.09

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Tompson Co. S.D.

Erna Cornell of Thera, being duly sworn
says that the foregoing and within report, signed
by him is in all respects true.

Erna Cornell

June 30/71

Dear Sir

I have just found
your letter which I had
stupidly mislaid - I hope
however that Mr. Goldwin
Smith has told you that
I am very pleased, &
proud of the compliment
you have paid me in
naming the first Cornell
boat club after me -

He will also have
told you my views as
to Hartung with a good

style (flat back, open knees,
long reach forward, & sharp
recovery, & getting the whole
weight on the oar by making
as much use of legs as
arms) - also as to pot
hunting & expensive prizes
which spoil sport - There
is no objection however
to a challenge cup, to be
held by the Captain of
the winning boat for
the year, & I will try
to pick up an old
one & send it you
over if the club will
accept it - I am

afraid it will be a long
time before I have any
chance of seeing Cornell
again, but shall always
retain a most happy
memory of my first
visit - Believe me
ever most truly yours
Thos Hughes



New York June 30 1871

Dear End Cornell

Shoda - Dear Sir:

June 28th - with
 enclosure enc'd - I think the kind of
 industry suggested by Clark could be conducted
 to a considerable extent by the Gals who
 may desire knowledge to acquire Education
 while they need to pay for by their own
 labor at Cornell - But it will take us some
 time to get ready - Mention - if Mr C
 could get his establishment organized and ready
 to receive the aid which may come from that
 source when it is organized it would be well -
 - I don't know the man - nor enough of his
 business, to judge whether Capital lent him for
 such a purpose would be wisely invested - If you
 think best to write him to call on me I will
 talk and learn & let you know the results
 - Have you seen Giles yet? What will he do?
 - I hope the University may get that property

for it is what we much need if the addition
I propose to make is adopted —

— I have been so busy since my return
that I have given little thought to the
matter but in the next two weeks I
hope to develop some ideas which I
will submit to you — [I meantime will
you — an opportunity presents for learning
what can be justly laid on both sides
of the question so we may come to some
conclusion] — and such as shall reach
the judgment and the heart of every
member of our board — If possible I
want unity of purpose and faith in
results to persuade us all — Then we shall
be strong, and the proposed departure from
old ways will not weaken — but will fortify
and broaden all our work — Will you ask
McGraw to show you the letter I have written
him to day — about Rail Road R —

Yours truly
H. W. Sage

H. W. Sage
June 30-71

STATE AGRICULTURAL ROOMS,
Ohio State Board of Agriculture,

Columbus, O., June, 1871.

Mr. Ezra Cornell

You were appointed one of
an Awarding Committee, by the Ohio State Board of
Agriculture, to award the premiums offered in the
~~1st~~ Department, at the next State Fair; which
takes place at Springfield on the 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th
and 29th of September next. You will please advise
me at as early a period as convenient whether it
will be your pleasure to attend the Fair. If you
will be present, you will please "report" yourself to
L. B. Sprague the Member of
the Board in charge of said Department, on the Fair
Grounds, who will furnish you an appropriate badge,
which will secure your entrance to the grounds when-
ever desired.

Respectfully, yours truly,

John H. Klippart
Corresponding Secretary.

Vails Gate July 1st 1871

H. B. Lord Esq

Cash^{er} 1st National Bank

Ithaca. Dear Sir I enclose herein six tax receipts of the County Clerk of Otsego County No's 513 to 517 inclusive & No 546. in the name of Hon Ezra Cornell for Lands in Towns 26. 1 East 26. 1 West 27. 1 East amounting together to \$1002.32

Will you please present these to Mr Cornell for payment and on receipt of the amount, remit the same to me in a draft on New York, less expenses, payable to my order.

Should Mr Cornell decline to pay the money & take the receipts. please return them to me by mail & state his objections.

The taxes on these lands for 1868 were assessed by the Homestead settlers (who pay no taxes themselves for five years) for the purpose of building school houses & making non resident land holders pay the whole amount. The sum assessed too is enormous. As Mr Cornell's agent I have resisted the payment and have employed legal counsel

by whom I am advised that the excess can be recovered from Clark County, but also advises that the amount be paid under protest.

I have presented a bill to the County Board of Supervisors of Clark County to recover \$632.95. the amount of illegal tax. which they refused to allow and we propose to appeal to the circuit court in September.

If Mr Cornell thinks best not to pay for these tax receipts and receive them, you will return them to me. that I may return them to the County Treasurer of Clark County.

Will you please reply to me at this post office as early as convenient. I shall be absent at the sea side for about a month, but my letters will be forwarded.

Yours truly

W. A. Woodward

E. W. Chester July 11. 71

Smith
v
Carnell }

32nd St. N. Y. 6 A.M.

July 11. 1871.

My Dear Sir,

Notwithstanding your
philosophic coolness I take it for
granted where so large an amount is
in issue you would like prompt
reports of the progress of the trial.

I was unwilling to die & leave
this case to the management of others.
I felt that I could manage it & meet
Smith better than any other man. Much
of Smith's claims are plausible & the
knowledge I had acquired in past years
I felt essential to the success of the
defence.

Well - our session yesterday com-
menced at 11 & ended at 5 p. I
have felt of the Referee on all my
positions. I have no reason to re-
gret that I have forced Smith to a

trial. If I can't succeed a stranger to the case certainly could not. I accidentally drew from the Referee a compliment to my thorough preparation & understanding of the case. A judge's conviction of this in a trial involving many close points is always an advantage to counsel.

On the Stat. of Lim so far as the N. Y. & E. line is concerned, I think I have satisfied the Referee that your letter to Speed written within six years of the commencement of the action cannot be received as evidence of a new promise or recognition of indebtedness. ~~cannot be received~~ Smith does not see the force of the authorities, but I think the Referee does. Yet there is one letter of yours to Smith written in 1852 in which you wanted his assent to an arrangement with the Erie R. Road that gives me trouble. (The action you collect was commenced 30 Sept.

1857.) Your words in that admit the indebtedness to Smith. The Referee's impressions evidently are against me on the letter. I have a battle yet to fight on it. If I fail I must rely on my other positions in the case. On these I think I hold the Referee ~~under~~ ^{now} ~~under~~ Smith ^{will hang hard work to} ~~can~~ beat my hold.

Smith waked up at last to the idea of the Stat. being 20 years on a sealed instrument, & that the contract for the N. Y. & E. line was sealed. He seemed not before to have thought of the difference. We had quite a little discussion on the subject. I objected that it was not pleaded as a sealed instrument - the copy contained in the complaint notwithstanding the "L. S." appended did not show it to be sealed, & under his pleadings according to settled authorities he could not introduce a sealed instrument. I evidently carried the Referee with me in the discussion.

Smith has not the original but possibly may get it & move to amend. I thought I hadn't it & didn't recall but some time ago, (perhaps years,) that I had ever seen it & so told him when he questioned me. But day before yesterday in looking for the Receiver's deed to the line I found this paper with three seals attached. As he had no right to look to me to furnish evidence for him & as I spoke truly as to my recollection when he asked me about it, I don't think I was morally bound to tell him of my discovery. I think I shall enclose the annoying thing to you.

I put in evidence the copy of record of judgment apt the old Co. under which the line was sold, but have been unable to find the Receiver's deed. I concluded after some search that I did not care to put it in evidence. The judgment & appointment of a Re-

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eiver is sufficient to show that the
title had been taken from the Co.
& this is all I want. But the Ref-
eree, (rather than Smith,) has pretty
sharply criticized the judgment &
questioned its validity. I entered little
into the discussion, not having made
up my mind whether it is best to
have it in the case or to withdraw it.
If I deem it important I think I can
overcome the Referee's criticisms,
but I rather incline to withdraw it.
I have always doubted the policy
of resting our defence on that proce-
ding. I have only held it in hand as
a sort of dernier resort. From present
appearances I think we are strong
enough to stand on other defences.

If any body ever attacks the title
to the line as held by our company,
I think I can successfully defend it.

Remember well that I regarded
Pigg's deed as very well drawn, but

the judgment was very carefully
entered & I have no ~~doubt~~^{doubt} could
have been set aside on appeal.
Yet that does not necessarily lay it
open to be attacked collaterally.
I don't care to ask a decision by the
Referee against the judgment, but it
should prejudice our Gov., unless I am
more clearly than I do now that it
is necessary, or will be useful in
our defense.

On the whole I am very well sat-
isfied with yesterday's work. The day
was exceedingly hot, but with all the
anxiety I have had for years about
this case, on account of the amount in-
volved, & the danger of leaving it to
others to close up I took every thing
very coolly & was quite free from ner-
vousness. A year ago I should not
have had the physical or intellectu-
al vigor to manage it ^{at} all to my own
satisfaction.

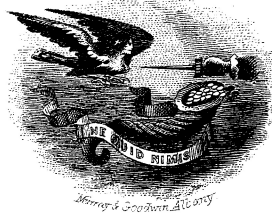
Smith wanted time to prepare

to answer me & the case stands
adjourned till Friday. I am doubt-
ful whether he can get through in two
days - he uses many more words than
I do - but I hope he may close Sat-
urday. If so I shall reply on Mon-
day if the Referee can give us the
day, & then I think I shall know
with pretty good certainty what will
be the result. For the present I am
very well satisfied with the appear-
ance of the case.

Smith claimed that the Livingston
wills contract being sealed, & being
transferred to & accepted by you &
I had, you adopted the seals. That I
had thoroughly considered, & the Refere-
e was pretty clearly with me on this
point.

You see we had a busy & importan-
tant day of it. Although quite cool
& confident I couldn't sleep this

In directing this letter I was about
to write Boston, (where I have been
often passing letters to my wife,) & I
wondered if I may not so have di-
rected my letter to you giving an
account of last week's doings.



State of New York

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

Albany July 17 1871

Sir:

Your letter of 10th signifying your approval of the investment for sale of Cornell Endowment Fund, with money of for \$6,000. in property known as Dutchess County, at Binghamton is recd.

Herewith, send you the agreement signed by me in the matter of sale of Cornell lands.

Yours, Respecting
A. A. Wickes.

Hon. Ezra Cornell Esq
Albany.

satisfied in life, you may live
many years to kill the defiant
Beast of Portia's flesh. That your
tiring couch may leave you
and that you will become
as robust as I am.

With kindest regards to
the O'Longswords & all my
friends I am happy to sign
myself the rejuvenated
gray-

Bobby Hattles

Jackson July 17th 1871
W. A. Brodhead Esq

I went to your
place June 2^d imbued in mind
and faculty in body. The marvel
was results produced by the "Bel
Water Gap" ~~etc~~ during my sojourn
of the month of June complete and
to acknowledge to you by character-
istic illustrations, how much I am
indebted to my Irish Swath friend
the O'Longsword for recommending
me & you my dear good kind
Uncle Billy (because the famelike
dog) for your fatherly care because
I consider you spared me from
an untimely grave. I have given
to the enormous expense of having

myself correctly sketched, giving
to the world the miraculous
changes from sick to well, which
I trust you will use as an
advertisement.

Impotency - Battling against
dis...



Hope,



Checked improvement



vigorous.



Worked.



I thank you for your kind
ness to me, & for your medicines
so freely dispensed, (gun & tonic)
aided by Prof. air which I am

pb to 8 - \$1. down
bal to suit -
7 per cent interest

Albaca N. Y.

July 19th 1871.

Mr E Cornell

Dear Sir,

Will you please
send me a list of the farm
lands which you have for sale
in the States of Kansas Nebraska
Iowa &c. Also price per acre
terms of sale interest &c. As I
wish to go and examine them
with a view of purchasing some
lands for myself and also for other
parties living near me.

Please send as soon
as convenient. to

Marion Macomb Esq.

Yours Resly

Wm. H. H. H.

[J. H. Cornell]

[July 23, 1871]

Dear Brother

Denver City, Colorado

July 23rd 1871

I am away out west and having nothing particular to do this evening but think of distant friends and write I therefore thought I would write a few lines to you hoping thereby to hear direct from you which I have not done for a long time. I went from Belvidere to Mishawaka last fall visiting our friends there and looking for a place where business was more lively than at home - I remained there until last May & had a good visit but did not find a place that suited me for business and just as I was in a study to know what to do I got a letter from Ezra while he was at Abilene Kan. stating that he had bought 2000 acres of land near Abilene and had pre-empted 1000 acres for me and he wanted me to come out there and help put buildings on his land. he wrote that he would help me to fence and build on my land so, I wrote him that I had no means to get there with but would go immediately if he would help me to get there in the summer.

time he had started for Ithaca and stopped
over Sunday at Albion and I presume while
there he heard that the night before I left
Albion for Gratiot I got on a spree and I
presume it was pictured to him in its worst
light. However I have not heard a word from
him since. But as soon as I got his letter I
left Michigan for Belvidere and waited there
to hear from him until I got tired of waiting
and an acquaintance of mine there had bought
two carloads of horses for this Denver market
and offered to get me a pass to come here if I
would help him on the way with his horses.
I accepted and here I am 1200 miles west of
Chicago 14 miles from the rocky mountains
that are in plain view. We arrived here on the
12th inst. and on Friday the 14th I went to work for
a firm that keep a lumber yard, run a planing
mill and put up buildings by contract. I am
at present getting \$4.00 a day with a prospect of a
rise in wages soon. I am sleeping in the lumber
office and keeping back thereby losing for about
\$3.50 per week. The weather is very warm here, the
thermometer being up to 109 degrees in the shade
one day last week and frequently being at 100
degrees in the shade and yet the elevation is so
great and the air consequently so light & pure

that the heat is not near so oppressive as it
is in the States with the thermometer at 90°.

I can see snow banks and peaks of the rocky
mountains that are covered with snow from the
office door where I sit writing quite a neatly.
I assure you - what are you doing and how
are you getting along - Now John let me be
plain with you and do not take offence, but I
beg of you to quit the use entirely of every kind
and description of intoxicating drink. I have
not tasted a drop of anything of the kind since
I left Michigan and I have resolved never to
touch it again - It has been the bane of my
life, and as sure as fate it will ruin every
man that yields to its damnable influences,
and there is surely no benefit to be derived from
it that may not be derived from other and less
dangerous sources, please think of this matter
and look it square in the face and resolve
to free yourself from it - go to the Druggist
and get a bottle of essence of Ginger and
when you feel depressed in spirits or feel
a craving for stimulant take some of that
and it will benefit you more than alcohol or
stimulants and if you use your will power
and resist temptation in the start you will
soon cease to want any of the accused beverages.

My family are not in Belvedere. I had a
letter from my wife this morning in which
she stated they were all well. A letter from
Edward forwarded from Belvedere informs me
that his wife is quite sick with bilious fever.
I believe the other friends in Glaston are well.
It would give them all great pleasure to hear
from you. I had a jolly old time with Ed
making maple sugar & taking an occasional
appearance. I assure you it made me feel almost
~~as if my health~~ ~~was~~ ~~improved~~ ~~very much~~, and if my wife will
consent I think I shall make this my home.
Now I shall sit down and write to you and let
us often write to each other, remember me
to your family and our friends generally.

Affectionately Yours

J. B. Cornell Esq.

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July 23 1871

C. H. Palmer,
Treasurer.

Treasurer's Office.

Western Union Telegraph Company.

New York, July 22 1871

Hen Ezra Cornell

Manh. N.Y.

Dear Sir H. E. Patience drew ~~2~~^{1st}
for \$3,186⁵⁴ He drew on me & C
H Palmer I assume it was a
cheque on even and paid the draft
Your account is subsequently over-
drawn \$406.04 I don't like to sell
any more stock at present price,
it has sold to-day at low as 58³/₈ but it
is now 56¹/₄. In case of any drafts
on to come you must advise in
respect to funds

Yours truly
C H Palmer

Copy

Vails Gate August 5th 1871

How Ezra Cornell.

Itasca N.Y. Depu

On my return home after an absence of several weeks I find your letter of 17th July addressed to me at East Hampton

The allegations contained in this letter are not true, and the man who above all others knows this fact is Ezra Cornell.

It is not my practice to notice threatening letters, or those that are grossly abusive and insulting, such as yours of 27th March and 17th July

I depart from my rule now, however solely because I think the welfare of the University that bears your name will be jeopardized by my silence,

After six years of faithful, toilsome service with such practical results! and the fulfillment of all my pledges & predictions, as far as you have permitted me to redeem them, I am not content to be held up to opprobrium to gratify your passion to appropriate the brains & labor of other men without compensation, and to call them your own.

The time has not yet come when the interests of the Cornell University can be promoted by the use of harsh or ungentlemanly language by you to any of its friends. and as I firmly believe that my friendship to the Institution is, and can be of advantage, I suggest that you recall your insults and then allow me with proper self-respect & in an honorable manner to complete what I have undertaken for its

benefit. Would it not be better to make
an investigation before making charges ^{against me} that have
no foundation.

I disclaim any intention on my part to annoy or
to injure you which you charge upon me.

Your threats will not intimidate me nor prevent
me from doing what I conscientiously believe to
be right. Yours Respectfully W. A. Woodward

to Woodward
May 11

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Vails Gate Augusk 7th 1871

Honble Andrew D White
President of Cornell University
Ithaca

Dear Sir.

Exra Cornell having alleged

- 1st That I have not fulfilled my contract to locate College Land scrip.
 - 2^d That I have acted fraudulently.
 - 3^d That I agreed. in addition to other duties. to make all the advances! to furnish money to pay the Taxes! and to receive in full payment therefor thirty dollars per scrip. payable at an indefinite time.
 - 4th That I have been overpaid.
 - 5th That I am indebted to him.
 - 6th That I refuse to deliver his books & papers.
 - 7th That I wish to annoy and injure him. so that he will submit to any demand I may make.
- All of which allegations are untrue.

For the particulars of the service which I did propose to perform I refer you to my report to V. M. Rice Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Cornell University dated May 1865. on file.

Having performed my part of the service, as far as permitted, faithfully, honorably, & conscientiously, I do not propose to accept abuse and shadow for my pay.

I enclose herein a copy of my letter to him, with my disavowal of his charges and suggesting that an investigation be made.

To further this end I propose that you should personally look into this matter and I invite you to come here for that purpose & examine thoroughly my books, correspondence & papers, as well as those that I have been working on for the University.

I have often invited McCornell to do so.

Mrs Putnam will be with us, & she & Mr Woodward will be very happy to entertain Mrs White & unite in urging both of you to visit us.

I have no hesitation to say that the interests of the University will be promoted by your acceptance of this invitation

Yours sincerely

W. A. Woodward

Worcester, Aug. 9, 1871.

Mr. Cornell.

Dear Sir,

Being about to apply to Pres. White for admission to your university, and having learned from personal friends that you are much interested in the question of admitting women to the same institutions as men, I wish to beg your influence in my favor. I am aware that a decision in regard to Cornell need not be made till next January, but several young ladies intend to ask admission next September, hoping that the decision may be hastened.

I know many of the difficulties which we must meet; but I think they will be outweighed by the ad-

advantages we shall gain. I have
always attended the public schools,
regardless of distance or weather,
so the situation of the university
will not be an objection. I can
probably have board with the
mother of a young lady who will
apply for admission.

Enclosed please find a copy of
a note from Prof. Farrar of Texas,
written, at my request, to Pres. White.

Very respectfully,
Emma J. Eastman.

Ithaca Aug 11 - 1871

Mrs Ezra Cornell -

My Dear Mary Ann, I beg pardon I thought I was about to write a dispatch. I reached home this morning safely. Cold night & morning, very hot in middle of day, very dry, Springs on farm all dry. All well. Enclosed find two letters, Cordy & Miss Gilbert opened one to learn news from Montreal - O. S. & F. A. at Woodlawn I have not heard from these. Henry Moons from Toledo here I have not yet seen him. I sent him today a daughter of Mrs R. Collins. She lives in St Louis. Post White expected tonight. Cellar of his house dug - do barn and masons laying wall. South of Ficks - two RR meetings today & one Monday to attend - State St dug out, and being paved - Thursday reached Kansas safely on Thursday - Mart. has bought the great "Lithium Spring" for me or himself or somebody else - at \$100. per acre, 1 mi. from Al Safe speculation - He lives better here than you think of living, and have a good bed to sleep on. Judge Boardman & wife are at home. Mrs Sage failing slowly. Dr Ingersoll. Son called on me today at his father's request. Mr Graw & Sage in Mich. - Mrs M. G. home & well

Yours Affectionately
Ezra Cornell

The Cornell University.

President's Rooms.

Ithaca, N. Y., Aug 14th 1876

Hon. E. Cornell

Dear Sir

I have used
my last-Telegraphic Stamp - sent
wished me by kindness of the
W. L. C.

These portions of Chemical
last have been offered. When
up, accelerated by University.
Wishes. and if more of the
same sort. Can be obtained with-
out obstructing the good will
of your people. They will be
very acceptable

Most truly Yrs

Chas. W. White

East Saginaw Mich.

Aug. 12, 1871.

E. Cornell Esq. Ithaca

Dear Sir,

Was talking
with Mr. H. W. Sage yesterday,
and he gives me information
which completely surprises me,
and told me I had better write
you at once, which I take the
liberty of doing. He also is
going to write you upon the
same subject. The facts in the
case are these, Mr. G. H. & G. S.
Smith & myself went to Eau
Claire and bargained for 960
acres of land known as Cornell
University land at the rate of
\$6.25 per acre, paying \$2000
down and valuated & he paid

for in one year, with interest at rate of 10 per ct. per annum, and in case we cut all the timber this next winter on these lands, we were to give sufficient security to indemnify said University, to all of which the resident agent Mr. H. F. N. Woodrard & we agreed to.

We purchased these lands about July 20th and were to have the contract as soon as it could be forwarded and returned from Ithaca, with the proper signatures attached. But not being in Eau Claire since then, have not received said contract and from what Mr. Sage says, are not likely to, through said Woodrard. Now we have went on in good faith, bought our hay

and working on roads, built canoes, &c. preparatory to going on to these lands and logging this next winter;

expended a good deal of money and time, calculating all was right, and ready at any time to fulfill our part of the contract, supposing we were dealing with honorable men, and have made first payment as we agreed to.

Mr. Sage says that you ignore any and all sales made by said W. & for the last six months, consequently, if you ignore the one made to us, it will cause us a loss almost irreparable, as we have went on with our arrangements for logging, have everything prepared, and being

our first winter in that country completely undermined us, and threw us out altogether.

If you are conversant with the business 'twill be plain for you to realize the situation in which it places us; and 'tis altogether wrong. We are all young men with limited means, and 'tis very discouraging to go to the amount of trouble and expense which we have, and then be thrown out entirely. And especially in a country where we are entire strangers.

You as we have went on ⁱⁿ good faith, made all arrangements necessary for logging on these lands, think it no more than just that you allow us to keep

morning & so after lying awake for an hour, got up to give you an account of things. I am sorry I can't finish the case with the Erie R.W. this summer, but I dared not have them on together. When those cases are disposed of I shall have a weight off of my mind that has pressed it for years.

I wish you could be here Friday, but as Smith has expressed a wish to examine you, I dare not risk his asking to open the case again for that purpose. It is better to let well enough alone.

Yours E. M. Chester

after thinking it over carefully I have concluded that the Deed is safer where it is. By some possibility you may be got before the Referee as a witness & be asked about it. I can't be questioned or compelled to introduce it. So I do not send it. & I am disposed to tread very carefully among these red hot plough-shoes. The claim on account of this line with over 20 yrs int. amounts to upwards of \$130,000 & H. G. J. shall never recover this if human shield & humane care can prevent.

The effort to get you in Boston, so my wife soon be home to prepare for the journey.