



John P. Townsend
to Mr. Cornell
Immunity Matters
Constitutional Committee

My dear Mr. Cornell
My note to you has been
delayed for a day or two
by the mis carriage of
~~my~~ my memoranda
which I have just
recovered - As our
recess is until the
11th instant you will
I trust receive this
in time -

The general objection
to the proposed Constitution
al declaration is founded
upon the rule that
nothing should be inserted
in the organic law which
is not absolutely and
evidently necessary to
effect the object proposed
along with this there
is

is another Consideration
- that the topics selected
should almost always
be only those which
are essential to the
Vitality of the government
and which are necessary
to secure its perfect
development

In this case
it is claimed that
the object proposed
is secured by the
Constitution of the
United States - that
Chapter 585 of the
Session Law of 1865
and the agreement
with the Hon Ezra Cornell
dated 4 August 1866

Confers upon the
University and upon
him rights which are
by law inviolable
and

and that it is impossible
to add any thing to
the force of the existing
obligations of the State

There is also an
apprehension that the
proposed amendment
might possibly in the
future operate so as to
modify instead of

Confirming the existing
status of the Contracting
parties - which it is
not understood is intended

I do not think that
there are any other
objections - and while
I confess those indicated
have raised in my mind
a difficulty you can
not doubt that I shall
be sincerely desirous
to reconsider them
and

and to have them removed
if upon a review of
the subject you should
think it advisable
that the matter
should be acted
upon

Sincerely yours

John J. Townsend

W. B. Wall Street
New York

Tuesday Feb⁴ 1873

Albany Feb 4. 1873
John C Fittman Esq

Dear Sir

I have been spending a few days in Albany, which has given me an opportunity to hear complaints which I regard it as duty and a mutual interest to inform you of. As I have not ready to day orally, and shall do so tomorrow if I can find the opportunity.

I refer to an apparent disposition on the part of H. L. E. to have some private interest in business which should belong to the firm of H. L. E. & Son. The especial matter of complaint, is a steam boiler, advertised at the expense of the firm, but sold without the knowledge of the boys, and

all correspondence in relation
to it concealed from them
and not copied on the letter
books of the firm, as other
letters are = I get this infor-
mation from Herbert who
manifests much feeling on
the subject =

It is apparent that such
a disposition and practice
persisted in would soon
make a breach between
the Father & Sons that would
ruin the bright prospects
which the last seasons bus-
iness seemed to foreshadow

They paid \$10,000 on their
purchase since last May
and paid it promptly when
due, which inspired hope
and confidence in the

financial ability of Chauncy
that would lead to final suc-
cess, in their last effort for es-
tablishing a business =

It is not wise for me to meddle
in this, as it would excite hostility
from H.L., but you gentlemen
as the bondsmen of the firm
cannot fail to see your inter-
est as well as theirs in stran-
gling this serpent of discontent
while it can be done quietly
and gently, and thus save
the prospects of the family and
protect your own interest -

I think it better to treat this
as confidential, and seek your
information from the boys.

I should have seen you in person
but was informed that you was out
of town

Yours Respectfully
Eva Cornell

Blank No. 1.

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THOS. T. ECKERT, Gen'l Sup't, } New York.
New York. }
WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't, }
GEO. H. MUMFORD, Sec'y, }

Dated New York 5- 1873

Received at Albany Feb 5

To Hon Ezra Cornell

Chairman of Committee blundered and failed to get floor in time Monday I think we have large majority but parties are working against us cannot you go there and stay over Saturday and Monday very important to keep close watch of matters there I am very anxious to have here for Syracuse Friday can you go to Washington -

A. D. White

5-8 D. H. J. & P.

HALF RATE MESSAGES.

The Western Union Telegraph Company require that all messages received for transmission shall be written on the blanks of the Company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the following **HALF RATE MESSAGE.**

O. H. PALMER, Sec'y.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

Dated, Albany N.Y. 11th 1873

Received at 840 Am 12th

To Hon Ezra Cornell

Ithaca

It is desirable
you should come
to Albany at first-
~~moment~~ minute,
possible. Will give
reasons by wire
as soon as I can
hear from you
answer

W Herbert Emery
Paid Half Rate

Syracuse

Feb. 11th 1873

My dear Friend

Just before
leaving N. Y. yesterday
morning I telegraphed
at length and very
earnestly to Daws, Gar-
field, Roberts, Ketchum
W. A. Wheeler, Bull
Merriman, and one or
two others. I would
have gone on if possible
but there were matters
here wh. must be
attended to.

I am satisfied that
A. B. Cornell could do
more by a few telegrams
to members - asking them
as a Trustee - to spend

themselves to get the
bill up - than all that
can be accomplished
in any other way.

I do not think that
he understands the
matter. If he did his
prejudice would yield
and he would help
us.

I confess that I don't
see anything more that
I can do! I talked
with Carroll + Tuttle
using every argument
- but they were entirely
set against the proposal
because it did not
appear to favor their par-
ticular locality.

The same thing is
true of Merriman +
Warren.

This week I must give
to matters here - with-
a day or two at Thack-
-but I will go next week
+ if necessary, remain
until end of session -
much as I dislike to do
so - if I see that I can
really do good, but I
know - that an expression
of a wish by Speaker Cornell
- will do more in an
hour than I can do in
a week.

Let me know where
you are to be.

I shall try to run up
to Thack for a day - probably
Friday + perhaps Thursday
and Friday of this week.

Very truly yours

Edw. D. White.
Hon. E. Cornell over to

P.S. Could not Rich get
Hilo Goodrich to go ~~on~~ & work
for the bill? C.

A. D. Miller
Apr 11-1873

Blank No. 1.

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New York.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't,
GEO. H. MUMFORD, Sec'y, } New York.

Dated Albany, NY 12 1873

Received at Feb 12
Hon Ezra Cornell

If possible come here
first train important
action must be taken
at once Everything here
both present and future
is involved answer
at once

H. Herbert Eddy

24/82 CXP

THIS TELEGRAM HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE IN

Acton House

WHERE ANY REPLY SHOULD BE SENT.

Direct Wires.

Hudson Feb 14th 1873

Mr E Cornell

Dear Sir

I saw in the Friend Review
two or three weeks ago the death of Hannah
Cornell of Westchester & quite an aged lady who
I suppose is some relation of yours.

I have just prepared an article on
the growth of D Hexamers potatoes at the
University farm for the Rural New Yorker
this is the only thing that has been done on the
University farm that we can talk about, and
the results of the experiments of the last two
years are such as to interest the growers of
this year with a great deal of interest.

But Benham writes that he will not
repeat the experiments this year as he will
have to make them at his own expense.

And McCandless writes that he has no
control of any money or labour.

Now I beg that McCandless shall

have money or labour enough allowed him them to appropriate enough to continue to repeat the experiment with the Hepatic the Potato experiment and make the grass potatoes in the best manner, in order that garden.

we may not loose the labor bestowed upon them in 1871 & 1872

I also want very much that a good permanent grass garden should be maintained on the University farm not wholly confined to the grasses proper, but to embrace all useful forage plants. I started such an one myself in 1871, but it was allowed to go wholly to destruction in 1872.

It would be of great advantage to the students to have all these grasses standing side by side so that they could examine and compare them and learn from their own personal observations the specific differences between them. Many of them have never been analyzed, and this would enable us to obtain analyses.

I do not know what the Executive Committee mean to do about the experimental farm this year, but I do earnestly beg

Since I have been writing this letter I have received the enclosed from Mrs Thayer (James S Thayer's wife as I suppose) I have written to her and referred her to you as I do not know whether her protegee is needed or not

With kind remembrances to Mrs Corneel and the young ladies I remain very truly yours
John Stanton Gould

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G. H. MUMFORD, Sec. T. T. ECKERT, Gen. Supt., New York. WILLIAM ORTON, Prest.

1148

Dated, Chicago May 19To A. H. Palmer

Rec'd at 145 Broadway,

Feb 17 1873.142 Bway

You may pay N. V. Poor & Co for two
hundred more bonds of Union ~~State~~ Illinois & Elgin
RR tomorrow at same price on their
delivery of Bonds to you

31 5K passEzra Cornellmdsk

*Received
for cash*

Library of the Cornell University,

Ithaca, New York, Feb 19

1873

Wednesday morning.

The Hon. Ezra Cornell.

Dear Sir,

I am rejoiced to tell you that I last evening received a note from Mr. Allen, our agent in London, saying that he had secured the Piranesi. All the parts are of the first and best edition - much superior to the second edition published by Piranesi's son in the early part of this century. Appleton's Cyclopaedia speaks of these notes as "unique in art." The copy in the Ashmole library, bound in 22 vols, cost fifty dollars a volume, and was considered cheap as far back as 1849.

The work fills two

Cases, which arrived in New York
day before yesterday - I have sent down
an order and we shall probably have
them here in ten or twelve days.

Very respectfully yours,

W. Fiske.

Cornell University,

ITHACA, N. Y., Feb. 14th 1883

My dear Friend,

I earnestly hope that, you will find time to contract for building the tower for the Scotch or Special farm during your present visit to Ithaca.

I can think of no way in wh. we could be so profitably strengthened.

With that in operation we could take a position regarding Agriculture such as we would justly be proud of. - and we would have a very ready answer to those who maintain or some members of Congress did in answering my arguments - that, the

Colleges, founded under
the Act of 1862 have
done nothing for the
practical advancement
of Agricultural instruction

Let me
hear from you in
Syracuse - as to your
movements. and
whether I can again
take my turn with
any prospect of aiding
the bill at Washington

Did you write the
speech. I still believe
that he holds the key
to the situation and
as I ~~was~~ wrote you
to New York - that, an
earnest word from him
to Ketchum or half a
dozen other members
would suffice to carry

the bill - or at any rate
do more for it in an
hour than we can in
a week

Let me hear
from you - or at least
bring me your
kind regards

Hon. Ezra Cornell

A. D. White

August 1873

Feb. 19. 1873

Syracuse

Feb. 26th / 1873

Hon. E. Cornell

My dear Sir
I notice

that the newspapers
correspondents are making
a very vigorous combined
attack on the A. G. Coll. Bill.
- and that this is followed
by onslaughts upon it by
their brethren in the Edit-
orial Chairs in New York.

The Evening Post of last
evening has a very savage
leading article with a
sensational heading in
wh. it calls upon the
President to veto the bill

and prophecies that he will do so.

In view of these facts. might it not be well for us to be ready to go to Washⁿ if needed to present the truth to the President.

Please keep me advised by telegraph, or mail and I will hold myself in readiness to go.

There will be doubtless be numerous ways sent to the President from All the Secular Colleges in all the States - and

we may expect very vigorous opposition from the Methodist denomination both. we seem considerably attached.

But if we can have a fair chance to present the facts to him I have no fears of the result.

I write Senator Buckingham & Gov. Hawley by this mail to know what the prospects are.

Of course I do not anticipate a veto. and certainly shall not allow myself to express any fear of one. but having

gone so far. we should
of course fortify all points.
Let me hear from
you.

I am preparing a General
Report for the forthcoming
Meeting of the Trustees
wh. ought to be held
early in March on the
return of Sage & Mr. Evans
from the West.

My intention is to give
a more general descrip-
tion of the whole subject
than I have yet done.

Keep me informed
of your whereabouts.

Very truly
yours
Philip D. White

J. Stanton Gould
Feb 20, 1873

Ms
Hudson Feb 20th 1873

My dear Mr Cornell

Yours of the 17th is at hand.

Connected as I have been so long with the Agricultural College I naturally wish to see it shine, but at the same time I am fully aware of the want of money to make it all that it ought to be at present, but I also know that a few years will bring all that is needed.

I am not, I hope, impatient but I feel that something must be done to show the public that we are in existence. And the suggestions made in my last letter were made because I thought nothing could be done so cheaply to interest the agricultural public as the continuation of this potato experiment and the formation of a grass garden. Farmers all over the County will be interested in the former and those who visit the College farm will be delighted with the latter. They will

see that we are doing something.

The experiments with potatoes in 1871 and 72 will make those of 73 more interesting than ever as you will see from the following statement. In 1872 Early Rose was the most productive of all the varieties. In 1871 there were 66 varieties which gave a greater product. Why is this? we want the experiments of 1873 to settle it.

In the cultivation of two years at Ithaca 6 varieties did out, viz. #14 Peach blow, #35 Granite state. I am familiar with the growth of this potato in New England where it yields from 300 to 250 bush to the acre; it is the most mealy and the finest flavored potato that I ever saw, it cooks quickest, and throws off its skin the easiest of any. it is a self peeling potato. The only objection to it is, that there is a core about the size of a lead pencil lying in its longest diameter which does not cook at all. I wish that a new supply of half a dozen of these Granite states should be obtained from Dr. Hesperian and have it tried again.

9 varieties seemed utterly unsuited to the soil and climate of Ithaca both years.

The average produce of all the varieties in 1871 was 35 lbs. In 1872 it was only 12.6 lbs. Much of this may be accounted for by the careless cultivation of 1872, but how can we account for the very curious fact that 18 varieties yielded more largely in 1872 than they did in 1871? We want experiments in 1873 to settle this point.

I do not agree with you that Benham should have charge of the experiments in 1873 for two reasons, 1st Benham in a letter to me declines to have any thing to do with them. 2nd He neglected them very badly in 1872 which is ^{main} the cause of the inferior product of that year, and I may add a third reason (between ourselves) We have as yet had no evidence of Mr. Candless practical skill as a farmer, this would test him to some extent at least. If these experiments are well made they may be the basis of a most interesting article next year which

would attract great attention to the college
and cover over many deficiencies in other
respects. In regard to a grass garden
I set out one in 1871, but Mr Benham
did not find time to attend to it and it is
now run out to my great sorrow

My plan would be to lay out the
plots six feet by eight feet with a sunk
path between each of two feet wide.
The Botanical and the common name of
each to be conspicuously written on a
stake in each plot. I would have the beds
dug and raked by hand, and all roots of weeds
and other grasses carefully drawn out
the seeds to be sown by hand in rows
six inches apart to facilitate cleaning, the
first year to be top dressed immediately
after sowing with rotten manure.

I have several samples of African
woods which I mean to put in the museum
when I go to Ithaca. I think Pres. White
brought some St Domingo woods with him.
It would be well for Morris to saw out a

2-20-73

block from each of these four inches long
3 in wide and 2 inches thick leaving the
bark on one side and polishing on the
side. Similar blocks should be cut for
the museum of all our American woods
and of as many foreign woods as can be
obtained. I do mean that this should be all
done at once but as fast as it can be done
with ease and economy. We have several
of our own boys now in Germany who
might easily give us contributions of the
German woods.

Very few are aware how much our
supplies of timber are being reduced, though
I think Mr. Mc Graw must know it, a very
few years will exhaust our supply of some of
the most valuable kinds. There will come
a loud cry for foresters who are skilled in
the scientific and practical management of
plantations. My desire is, that Cornell
may have a set of men in full readiness
to supply the demand. I don't like to trouble
you with these details knowing how much

you have to torment you, if I was only
twenty years younger I would remove to Illiana
and do all these things myself without
giving you any annoyance, but my
sickness this winter has left me but a
wreck of my former self and I much
fear that my days of usefulness to the
University are very nearly if not wholly
over, but whether my ability to work for
it remains or is destroyed, my best wishes
will attend it until my life ceases to
exist

Very truly yours
John Stanton Gould

[2/20/73]

Ithaca Feb 24 - 1873

Hollon Richardson Esq
Dear Sir

Yours of 17th is at hand enclosing a draft for Eight Hundred dollars, in part payment for $\frac{1}{4}$ Section of land.

The balance you may pay to Henry C Putnam in county orders as you propose.

I get your letter on the eve of my leaving home for a few days - I will make and send you the check soon as I return -

Yours Respectfully
Ezra Cornell

Albany Feb 25, 1873

My Dear Mary Ann

Your dispatch rec^d and
I have been up to the Comptroller's Office and he informs me that there is no necessity for a report from any of these benevolent societies, as the Legislature made no appropriation last year for them and was not likely to this year. The app^o of \$20,000 to the Binghamton Insⁿ was a special one,

So you will be relieved of that duty and will have to employ the time saved in begging to keep up your fund and your means of usefulness -

My adventures of an Alpine
character over the mountains
of Madison, I sent by telegraph
from Utica this morning. I
will therefore reserve further
particulars until I get home.

The suit being postponed I
will go to N.Y. as W. U. is
calling up to where I will
make some sales, as things
now look, I have sold 1000
at 91 I hope to get 95-9-

I shall expect to be home
Saturday

Yours Affectionately
Ezra Cornell

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Dated, Albany Ny 28

Rec'd at 145 Broadway,

To O H Palmer

Nebz 28 1873.

142 Broadway
 Please pay H. V. Corro for fifty one
 bonds less Eighteen thousand dollars you
 paid Radburn that is "You will pay twenty
 two thousand eight hundred dollars 22800
 and deliver the Radburn drafts as
 vouchers on delivery of fifty one bonds
 to you
 49 St Director J. J. Cornell

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

No. *49*

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S. H. MUMFORD, Sec. T. T. ECKERT, Gen. Supt., New York. WILLIAM ORTON, Prest.

346P

Dated.

*Ithaca NY**1*

Rec'd at 145 Broadway,

To

*R H Rochester**meh 1**1873.**W U Tel Cps*

I telegraphed Judge Palmer
to take the fifty
one bonds and pay
balance over the Eighteen
Thousand I paid Joseph
Robbarn on Poores account
it will leave a balance

(*impr*)
40800
15000
25800
22800

57

What can Dr Wilder say on
this subject - Ezra Cornell

Manlius, Onondaga Co. N.Y.
March 5th. 1873.

Hon. Ezra Cornell,
Sir.

I have in my possession a large and somewhat valuable collection of Insects, which I have accumulated during the last two years. In order to prosecute my scientific studies, it becomes necessary for me to dispose of this collection, and to this end I take the liberty of writing to you, knowing the deficiency of the University in any collection of this kind. The advantage and even necessity of an entomological cabinet, to the college of agriculture, you must be fully aware of.

My collection contains, on a rough estimate, about twenty-

five or thirty thousand specimens embracing about five thousand distinct species. The whole, if properly displayed, will fill upwards of sixty boxes of the ordinary size used for insects (10 X 12 inches). All the specimens are in good condition, well set up, and untouched by the minute insects which infest many cabinets. About five hundred species are now named, and I hope, by the end of spring, to have this number increased to a thousand.

The accumulation of this collection has occupied nearly all my time for the last two years, and the actual outlay on it has been not far from \$250. I am now engaged in remounting and rearranging the specimens. When this is completed, I am confident that the cabinet will be surpassed by but two or three in this State.

I have negotiated, in various parts of the United States, exchanges which will probably increase the number of species by at least one thousand.

There is only one condition that I must insist upon, in case of a sale — that is, that the whole collection shall be furnished with proper insect boxes, and kept in them, shut up from the light, except when being used for study, or on exhibition at Commencement, &c. Nothing injures an entomological cabinet so much as exposure to strong light. The colors quickly fade, and a greasy substance exudes from the surface of the specimens, utterly spoiling them. Since it is necessary for me to part with my collection, I wish it to be kept so that it may be available for future study, and may serve as the nucleus

for a larger and fuller collection.

The collection of insects deposited in the Univ. by Mr. Wilder, contains, I believe, about fifteen hundred species but these are almost all much injured by insect pests and by exposure to the light and most of them are badly set. Besides, there are seldom more than one or two of a kind, whereas, any entomologist will tell you that it is nearly impossible to study a species properly, without many specimens.

If you think my offer worth considering, you will oblige me by writing at your earliest convenience, when I will inform you of my terms of sale. I refer you to Messrs. Hantt and Wilder, with whom I have the honor of a personal acquaintance, I remain.

Yours respectfully.

Herb. H. Smith.

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H. C. H. Woods

JARVIS LORD.

JAMES BELLOWES.

JOSEPH B. SPRAGUE.

OFFICE OF
Lord, Bellows & Co.,

CONTRACTORS FOR

Geneva & Ithaca Railroad.

Ithaca, N. Y., March 7th 1873

C. M. Titus Esq

Dear Sir

We will transfer one
thousand shares of stock of
the Geneva & Ithaca R.R. to you
at any time before the 1st day of
January 1874 for \$25,000 and will
give you the preference at that
price up to the 1st day of January 1875
unless we have an opportunity to
sell the stock to others during that
time - If so we agree to give you
thirty days notice, and the privilege
to take it, or decline

Lord, Bellows & Co.

This proposition is made as a part
of the negotiation and purchase of bonds and belongs to
Mr. Ezra Cornell and I hereby assign transfer &
return to him ~~for~~ his use the within proposition

C. M. Titus

Ithaca, March 20. 73
amt of stock sold RR

Genoa 150.

Ithaca 100

Le. B. & Co 100

Individuals 50

400

War Department

Washington City,

March 8th 1873.

Ezra Cornell Esq.,

Ithica, New York.

Sir,

Your telegraphic application for the detail of Lieutenant J. W. MacMurray as Military Professor at your institution has been received.

Lieutenant MacMurray has signified his willingness to accept the detail, but he has been informed that until he shall resign his appointment as Military Professor at the University of Missouri, his

application for detail elsewhere
could not with propriety be con-
sidered.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant.

J. M. Dettmer
Secretary of War.

Staten, N.Y. March 10th 1873

My dear Sir: -

I beg you will pardon my
long delay in returning long - the
accompanying letter, I supposed
I had sent it long ago but to
day it turned up to my chamber
in a parcel of papers "arranged"
by the servant.

The locality so far as I
am able to judge appears to be
one of importance and decidedly
worth looking into. The mica is
of good quality & promises well.
The description of the mode of occurrence
of the mineral is however too vague

for me to say any further,

If you are interested in the local it
would be well to have it carefully ex-
amined by a competent mining engineer

Trusting that you will pardon my
oversight.

I remain, Dear Sir,

Yours truly

Chas. Fred. Hartt

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Dated, Albany 11To Chas Palmer

Rec'd at 145 Broadway,

Nov 11 1873.

142 Bway
 If Poor and Co did
 not deliver the fifty one
 bonds as I proposed a
 week ago you may pay
 him at eighty for twenty five
 Bonds in delivery to you

S/P/H/K

Eve Cornell

O. H. Palmer, Voucher
Purchase W. I & E R.R. Bonds
+ Payment of my draft
to Mar 15. 1873

Western Union Telegraph Company.

R. H. Rochester,
Treasurer.

Treasurer's Office

New York, Meh 11th 1873

Sold by A. V. Root & Co to E. Cornell
\$25,000. Bonds of Utica Sherburne & Elmira
R.R. Co. at 80% - amounting to \$20,000.

Received payment of the same of O. H. Palmer

Bonds numbered

416 to 440 both inclusive

say 25 Bonds of \$1000 each

}
}

A. V. Root & Co,
J. H. G. Corham?

New York Mar 13. 1873
Hon Senator Mustow
Ch^r Court-on Banks

My Dear Sir

I noticed by the evening papers of yesterday that the bill entitled the "United States Improvement Company" was referred back from the committee of the whole to the committee on banks.

I confess my surprise at the apparent disfavor which seems to have met this bill on its first appearance in the committee of the whole in the Senate.

The objects of the bill as expressed in the second section thereof are worthy and proper objects, and at the present time and not distant future many will require the strong arm of friendly and combined capital, to wrest them from the Shylocks that are now praying upon them, and land them in safety on the firm ground of successful business.

This is especially so, with many of our railroad corporations which have been warmed into existence by our system of "town bonding" and which must have aid on better terms than now attainable, or go to the wall.

I have had recent occasion to investigate

The affairs of one of these companies, which has developed the terms upon which money is obtainable for carrying on such improvement, In the case referred to, where it was supposed that money was being obtained at 7 per cent per annum, it turns out that it cost 7 per cent compounded every 60 days, and a commission of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent also compounded every 60 days throughout the year, such terms I am assured are the rule rather than the exception. No legitimate business can stand such robbery, and if our hundreds of new enterprises are to be left to struggle against such odds, we shall soon meet a revolution that will be felt in all the business relations of our State and country.

The Object of my bill is to provide the means, as far as it may, to remove these difficulties, To be successful it must possess ample powers, The only guaranty that I know of against the abuse of power is in the character of the men who are associated for the use of power and who are directly responsible for its organization.

In this instance I have selected such men, as are in every respect entitled to the confidence of the Senate and the country, men who are not very likely

Copy of Letter to
Senator Winslow
Chas. B. Wells Comm. on
Mar 13. 1893

to furnish employment to investigating
committees, of the Legislature, of Congress
or of any other Tribunal,

In the case of this bill, the powers which I
have inserted, and deem necessary do not
appear to me to be extraordinary, or without
precedent. It will not be a laborious
task to find corporations in our ses-
sion laws containing equally broad and
liberal powers =

It is not for me, however, to dictate
what action you shall take, or what laws
you shall pass. I will therefore content
myself, by soliciting the favor from your
Committee of ~~the~~ careful consideration of
the bill, making such amendments as you
deem wise and necessary, and send me
a copy of the amended bill to Ithaca
before you report it.

Yours Respectfully
Erva Cornell

Ithaca N.Y. Mar. 17th 1873.

Am. Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir

The enclosed letter was duly received: I had delayed an answer in order to consult my colleagues and to decide in what form to present certain important considerations respecting the entomological dept. I also took for granted that no steps would be taken without a formal reference to the Faculties of Agriculture and Nat. Hist. who are ~~best~~ most deeply aware of existing deficiencies and best able to indicate how they should be supplied.

But Mr. Smith has just communicated to me his own later propositions, and as these are in direct contravention of what I have always supposed to be our

settled policy, I feel bound, in
compliance with your request
for my opinion, to give it at
once, though very brief.

One of our greatest ^{gains} ~~needs~~
has been to provide practical
instruction in Economic Entomol-
ogy, both for our students, and
to answer the expectations of the
agricultural community. For
this reason I ~~not only~~ have
purchased and constantly employed
my own collection in giving
such instruction, although the
University not only declined to
purchase it, but would not
provide for its preservation, so
that it is now nearly ruined.

Moreover I have trained
a student, Mr. J. A. Comstock,
to devote himself specially

to this point, and he lectured 2 or 3 years
days of last year, and is now superintending students
in the laboratory: he spent last summer studying
at Agassiz's Museum, and is highly thought of
by Prof. Hagen of Cambridge. Prof. Riley and
Soulé of Cornell, now although he is not yet
ready to drop his other studies so as to devote
himself wholly to noxious insects, now, yet I
would gladly relieve him from his other lab-
oratory work, the ~~most~~ instant there are
means of paying him to give several hours per
day and most of his vacations, (say \$500.00
per year) to waiting our noxious insect, and making

B. S. Milder
Jan 17, 1875

Just a collection as men show
their life histories, and the
means to destroying them. This is
what he means to do all his
life; and he will stay here, but
Mr. Smith has no such plans
or desires; ~~he~~ he aims at a
large and promiscuous collect-
ion, and has no inclination what-
ever to the economic side:
he will not bind himself to
stay here, and his future car-
eer lies in a different direc-
tion. I say this with the
kindest feelings for him, and
with no undue partiality for
Mr. Comstock; but I am
sure Smith and his collection
are not what we most need
for 5 years to come.

I am
Very respectfully yours
B. S. Milder

N55.

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Ithaca Mar 19, 1878

H. O. Nightingale Esq

Dear Sir

Yours of 26th Feb came
duly to hand

In reply I have nothing
direct to promise you, and
yet I have no doubt if you
were here, something would
turn up soon that you could
do - and if you decide to
come to Ithaca. I shall
take pleasure in aiding
you as opportunity presents in
finding employment.

Yours Respectfully
Ezra Cornell