Pleasant Valley
Jo Davies Co. Iles
Oct 28th, 1864

Hon Ezra Cornell

Dear Sir:

You are a most benevolent gentleman as your large gifts devote. I see you have given $50,000. for a public library to be formed in Utica N.Y. How can you give a poor wounded invalid soldier, who is closely confined to the house, some few books or magazines to read through the coming winter? I love to read. But am too poor to buy the works I should like to read. The hours pass off slowly when I have nothing to read. You are wise as in this world's goods and I judge
you are not as a great many wealthy men are; you are not hoarding up money as if it were to carry you safely through this world & the rest too. I know you desire to do good as you go through this world. I love you from the very first that you formed a public library and wish I lived in close proximity to it. My history. I am a young man age 21, enlisted in the Union Army Aug 1861. went through seven hard fought battles in the West. On the 2nd of July 1863 I was severely wounded in the right leg at the great memorable siege of Vicksburg Miss. From that time to this I have suffered as much as human beings can suffer during the most of the
time have been confined to my bed. I am improving a little now & hope in time to be able to go to school & receive an education, which I desire very much. But this coming winter I shall be confined to my room & I would as soon read as eat or drink. Therefore I wish for books. Would you help alleviate the sufferings of a poor soldier? You send some good books or magazines. The smallest favor will be thankfully received. If you wish for references as to my state of health & character I can furnish them.

If nothing more please send me a letter. If you can do anything please hand this to some benevolent person who can and you will oblige yours truly.
25 Oct 64

Dear Sir:

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for your assistance in procuring the necessary supplies for my unit. Your quick response and efficient service have been invaluable.

I understand that you are currently facing a personnel shortage, and I would like to offer my services if it would be convenient for you. I am confident that my experience and skills would be of great benefit to your organization.

Please let me know if there are any specific requirements or qualifications that I need to meet. I am eager to contribute to your success.

Thank you again for your help.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
List Book
State Ag. Society 1860-1-2
Am Inst - 60-1-2
Patent Office Rpt - 1859-
Mulberry Tree & Silk Worm -
Natural & Experimental Philosophy
Canter's Letters in voll
Life of B. Franklin
Life of Marion -
Life of Lafayette
Life of Rev. Jeremiah Ballock
A Memoir of Sarah Colburn
Introduction to the Sciences

List of Books Sent to
William H. Commoner
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