To the Honble Thos Spence chairman of a select committee to inquire into the affairs of the E. C. R. R. Co

Albany Feb. 14. 1839

Sir,

The principal witnesses subpoenaed in the case with which your select committee is charged are now present in attendance, and we are ready to proceed to answer any inquiries which you may deem that the interests of the State shall require us to respond to — It is important as you are aware to the pecuniary interests of our company, that the business which we have appeared ~~here~~ shall be dispatched, with as much speed as ~~the~~ is consistent with a proper understanding of the same; and for this purpose allow me to express the hope that you will afford us every opportunity and facility which may be in the power of your committee to reach this desirable object. — ~~You will not fail to see that any testimony which may be adduced before your committee implicating the conduct or motives of our board, it will become necessary for us to possess the opportunity of a copy of the board, that it be rebutted or explained if necessary.~~