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Dear Sir

I am preparing to go to Washington on business, and have time only to say a few words in answer to your letter. Before I succeeded it, I called upon the Treasurer who had already written to you, and given the information you required of him. There is no prospect of obtaining money at home or abroad, and the suspension of operations on the line of the railroad, appears to be a matter of absolute necessity. Every kind of expense ought to be avoided, because the company is entirely without the means of meeting their engagements. If the works are suspended, will the engineers be continued under pay? or will they have any thing to do? Respecting the subject, you mentioned to me at any house, I can converse further with you when we meet, which will be during court. I am summoned as a witness and shall be at Centreville several days, during which time I shall have an opportunity of hearing your advice.

Yours sincerely Wm Mason