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Dear Lee,

The enclosed note I rec'd last evng. from Col Abert, and have just had an interview with him. He says the Legislature examining the resolution of the Senate concluded that the report, did not correspond with that resolution, which did not intimate that any appropriation might be made prior to the estimate, but only calls for the estimate. He and the Col recommend another course which may perhaps meet the object as well as the plan we proposed, & may not be subject to captious exceptions. The report is altered recommending an appropriation of $1200 to make the examination & estimate & stating that it can probably be done within the present season. The Col thinks it can be done time enough to report and pass a bill based on the estimate. He strongly recommends this course, as the only available one. The resolution which I shall place in the hands of Mr. Pratt is as follows. "Resolved

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