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My dear Sir

I did not answer your letter, because I deemed it conclusive on the subject of the Steamers: but to day Genl. Morse tells me that you said there was no difficulty whatever but want of depth of Water — if this is the case that difficulty may be considered as removed. The Steamers require but 17 feet, which you say there is 19 — This is therefore abundant.

If anything is to be done, it must be done quickly — or the opportunity will be lost, & is not to be regained —

I leave here this afternoon & would like much to hear from you by return mail.

Yesterday I made all the negotiations for a contract to finish & construct the Sunbury & Erie Rail Road, amounting to ten millions of dollars, finding subscriptions to the amount of $4.000.000

Very truly Yrs

A W Thompson

Hon John Lee

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