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John Lee Esqr.

Dear Sir

1684

I have just returned, and find your letter of the 11th but as yet I have no answer to the inquiry made in name of the 2C from this City.

As to my "means to carry out the Contract if given to me" I am prepared to give the best security which New York & Europe can offer, whenever the Contract is awarded. And I am ready also to begin the Service in Sixty Days from this date with one New Superior Ship of 2000 tons, and in a month thereafter with another of like Capacity.

If Gentlemen properly authorized to make such inquiries, (for who can Guarantee the Contract if satisfied of my ability) will put such inquiries in proper form they shall forthwith have the Evidences of my ability in this matter.

In answer to your inquiries relative to Capt Isaac Hansen, I receive you a letter from Capt Stephen E. Gleason, who knows all about Hansen for many years. I can not continue with Mr Hansen because he has not ability to

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