Confidential.

New York Feby 11. 1856

John Lee Esqr
National Hotel

Dear Sir

With this I send the proposal agreed on this morning by Mr King and others. and I think it is in a form to meet your views. If it is not, then no other can be agreed at, as the Parties have some way got an idea, that you think the proposal cant be carried because you and Gov. Pratt are apparently afraid to take any chance in the matter & wish us to put the burthen of advance upon our shoulders. The sum it is true is not large, but we have already advanced largely in some other matters & hence we dont care to go more deeply until we see some profits.

I did not find you at the time of my leaving Washington - I was desirous of seeing you, but thought it probable you would write.

If you do not go on with this matter, & think there is no likelyhood of the project being carried through, I will be obliged by your remitting check for the money loaned. If however you are both satisfied, then I have no objection to its being on account of the first payment.

Kindly let me hear from you by return mail

Very Truly Yrs A W Thompson

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