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Mr. James Shaw,
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Aurora, Ill.

My dear Mr. Shaw:

I have been away from New York for some weeks, and I am afraid that during that time your generous letter of February 19 has gone without any acknowledgment. Please believe me, I do appreciate your willingness to have me make use of your find, and if you will send me the paper of which you tell me, on the River and Harbor Convention, I shall be grateful.

Lincoln was so keen on transportation, and from the start had had as a young man so many demonstrations that practically everything depended on it for the settlers, that I cannot imagine such a convention as this being held within his reach without his being present. I shall be very much interested in what you have written.

Thanking you again for your kindness, believe me

Very truly yours,