New York March 14th 1796

Dear Sir

Mr Weston has recommended that about an Acre and an half of ground of Mr Petries Meadow should be obtained adjoining the river above the Guard lock for the purpose of procuring Clay & mould to strengthen & compleat the embankments Will you be so good as to try to purchase It from the Owner, or If ~~they~~ he refuses to sell the fee simple, then to agree with him ~~for~~ to take what earth we may want, and the money will be paid him in conformity to ~~your~~ any Agreement with him which you shall make. — If he refuses this also, Mr Weston has directions to apply to you as a Magistrate to have the damages valued in conformity to law. —

I have the pleasure to advise you that ~~a Bill~~ the Senate have agreed to ~~lan~~ loan the company fifteen thousand

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pounds. and I make little doubt
but the Assembly will Accede to the
We have a good prospect that
Mr Weston will ~~Assist~~ assist us in
the present year. and that the
Canal at Fort Schuyler ~~and~~
~~the Impro~~ will be completed in
all the season, and many of the
Obstructions between Schenectady
& the falls be removed —

The directors intreat you to
continue to have the toll collected
for the passage of the boats, Mr
Constable has some time since
written you on this Subject, but
I apprehend his letter has
Miscarried,

I am Dear Sir with
Sentiments of great regard
Your Obed: Servant
Ph: Schuyler