



New Providence 31st Oct 1841

S. C. Slaymaker Esq

Dear Sir & Friend,

Yours of the 28th

is rec. through Mr. Potter for which accept my thanks

Confidential

I saw Mr. Hanford yesterday and found he was much dissatisfied with Mr. Seymour; this dissatisfaction arises partly because of the expenses of survey. Mr. Hanford told me it was costing him nearly double that of your Bills for the N. J. West Line for the same amount of work. he also has other causes for dissatisfaction. Mr

Hanford made the remark to me; he wished you was the Engineer for the Georgia Road instead of Mr. Seymour; I owe it to you as a

friend to inform you of these facts, not
out of any ill will to Mr. Seymour, for I know
nothing about him or against him, but I gather
from what Mr. Hanford said to me, he would like
to make a change if he could, and if he does
I should ~~me~~ be much gratified if you secured
the position. During the conversation with
Mr. Hanford, an opportunity was given me, to speak
in a substantial way for you, which I did with
effect. I will do any thing I can to help you

If you are not yet permanently located
on another Road I think you should part with
any feelings you may have against that section
of the Country. Now Slavery has been
destroyed, I think we should try to bury the hatchet,
the conquerors should meet the conquered in a
spirit of amity and friendship, and show them how
magnanimous we can be in assisting to develop

that part of the Great Republic, &c,
Hartford knows nothing about my
writing you on this matter. You must not
on any account let him or any one else know
the contents of this letter. I sincerely hope
some change may be made by which you may
take charge of that Road. If you can
suggest any way in which I can help you
I will do so cheerfully. Whenever you
came to New Providence I should be happy to
have you stop at my house

Nothing new about the Long Island
Road, or the West Line Roads

Truly Yours
J Johnson

Lewis Johnson
Oct 31. 1871

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