

Lansingburgh, N.Y., 1 Mo. 14, 1828-72.

General—

I am very glad to perceive, that, at last, some portion of the people of the Counties bordering on the Hudson, are aroused from their lethargy, & beginning to think about a Road, such as there ought to be, between New York & Albany. That I was aware of the importance of this measure, may be seen in my Exposition, particularly that of 1824, page 605, 606, article Roads, Bridges, &c. — I hope you will be most happy to contribute, by every means in my power, toward such success.

Perhaps it might be desirable, in order to come impressing before the Legislature, to get as many of the Counties as may be, to unite in the application: If on both sides of the River, or rather, for but one Road would be made, & there can be little doubt on which side it ought to be. That decision, I think, should be left to Commissioners, named in the Act for making a Road, & be kept quite out of discussion, while applying for it. I may be mistaken, however. If the People on each side, make application for a Road, none would be granted, of course, because the Members, in voting for one side, would be sure to make ^{about} as many enemies as friends, by which they would lose votes at the next Election.

I am glad to see thy name among those of the applicants, for the object ought to be attained. Very respectfully, thy friend,
Horatio Gates Spafford.

Gen. Pierstan Cortlandt.

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