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My dear Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the matter of the  
and have the pleasure to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.  
I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. M. Smith  
Secretary of the Board of Directors  
of the New York and New Jersey  
Canal Company

4-1-63



Falmoth virginia april 1 1863

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