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Dear Rankine,

Manuscript received  
Yesterday your letter. You ~~some~~  
written just before sailing, and  
we are thankful to hear of your  
welfare and wish you a prosperous  
voyage and all the blessings of  
Christmas and New Year. In  
your last letter to me you mentioned  
the idea of a settlement at Vancouver,  
which you spoke of some time ago;  
but I supposed without any serious  
intentions. I took an opportunity recently  
to sound your views on the subject, without  
however directly mentioning you, as I  
have heard at present but too  
have him suppose I want any  
special favors. He says the road  
will be at Vancouver early next  
summer - that the place well liked  
and rapid, but that they scarcely  
expect regular steamers to ply till  
summer after next. They propose to  
have steamers of their own, and

there of such quality as to attract  
 all the passenger traffic. They will  
 not encourage any existing steamboat  
 lines, but will have one of their  
 own, and I suppose will grab all  
 government subsidies for it. Garry  
 de Lora, Stephen, &c, are arranging  
 this in England now. Vancouver  
 is naught at present, but there  
 are a number of experienced Whimsy  
 schemes there ready to set up  
 a big "boom" next Spring, about  
 however the C.P. R. expects the  
 Government as it has in some  
 other places. Van. H. is reticent  
 about this of course; but expresses  
 great faith in the future of Vancouver.  
 He does not seem to have the  
 idea of any Company work for  
 a long time. Garry every one will  
 have to shift for himself in  
 that matter, and the engineers  
 now employed by the contractors  
 on the line are likely to be  
 the first in the field. The  
 place will at first be a 2

though we, with very considerable population, and  
 people think, that within ill they be the center  
 of civilization in the region. It has shown and  
 improved very much ~~at~~ since he was there last.

That by its timber trade, and if any one to  
 make an application to him there; but just at the  
 present I am sure showing to interest him in  
 Williams who is planning for the company at \$12000  
 per annum and saving all & live, and money  
 at any time one even this on the clearing to  
 the construction work. Good report to let him  
 a heart on the new bridge at Lockport, for about  
 his vessel have been well fitted, and has it,  
 almost finished as usual; but good news  
 I believe that everything has long ago been

permitted to others, and that we learn  
my chance at present is to walk at present  
may make men say and put them  
then dependence he has to supply what  
set any credit, and when he can't get  
put in better way of doing things if they  
find less enough to take his advice. There  
knows some help to know what he has to do  
and what it will be necessary for him to do  
check for employment, and there not yet  
from interests of humanity.

From been endeavoring to beaver  
knowing things and two tries of things have been  
done, but the things seem hard to  
make known. I hear something of them  
but the means there  
but will try and  
from some  
from some