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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE STATE OF NEW-YORK,

New-York, March 25th 1886

Hon. John Bigelow

Dear Sir:

Several members of the Chamber have intimated that it would be gratifying to them to hear from you, in respect to the condition of the Panama Canal and the prospect of its early completion. The Chamber will hold its next Session on Thursday the 1st proximo, at One P.M., In the meantime, if convenient to you to send your Report to the Secretary, he will have it put in type, but will not permit it to be seen until presented to the Chamber. The object of obtaining the Report in advance is to have a sufficient number of copies ready for the use of the newspapers, on the following day, and, also, to secure its correct publication.

Very respectfully,

J. M. Brown

President