

Thomas Jefferson Esq<sup>r</sup>

August 23<sup>rd</sup> 1802.

On board the Richmond, in the Potomack  
River

Sir.

Altho unknown to you I take the liberty of  
inclosing my Ideas on inland Navigation. If the subject be  
worthy attention you can best bring it forward to the consid-  
eration of the Citizens. As a National concern, it may at  
a future day afford a Revenue to Government without  
oppressing individuals; diffuse wealth and population through  
the Western Country and tend to the prosperity of the United  
States. If these hints should in the smallest degree tend to  
so desirable an end, I shall be amply repaid.

Yours respectfully

R King

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see Canals, among papers arranged ac-  
-cording to Subjects.

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