

New York 28<sup>th</sup> April 1826.

Sir

The Corporation of the City of New York have caused Medals to be struck, to commemorate the completion of the Erie Canal which unites the great Western Lakes with the Atlantic Ocean.

The Corporation, influenced by a deep and profound respect for those Memorable and patriotic Citizens, who affixed their names to the Declaration of Independence, and pledged in its support "their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred Honor", have instructed us, as a Committee, to prepare Medals of gold of the highest class, and present in the name of the City of New York, a Medal to each of the three surviving signers of that great State paper.

In obedience to the order of the common Council, and in the name of the City of New York, we have the honor to transmit to you, Sir, a gold Medal of the highest class.

It affords us the greatest satisfaction to convey to you

this.

this testimonial of public respect. We accompany the medal with  
a box made of maple brought from Lake Erie, in the first canal  
boat - the Seneca Chief.

A memoir on the New York canals will be transmitted  
to you as soon as it is printed.

With the utmost respect

We subscribe ourselves

Your Obedt. Servants.

R. Riker  
Wm. A. New  
J. W. Cotton

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Thomas Jefferson

one of the signing signers  
of the Declaration of Independence

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