

Parque Lake May 26 1857

Friend Richards

Your favor of the 23rd reached me Monday
Eve. but too late to be answered by return mail - In an-
swer to your inquiries I would say that there is \$500 to be
expended on the road from this place to Van Buren, and there
is also an appropriation on your River road - It is not
yet decided who is to superintend the expenditures of these
appropriations, but we shall know in a few days as we are
expecting Mr Barker here every day now. I will let
you know when he appoints as soon as I am myself apprised
and I hope you may have a chance to serve yourself and
your State by making some of the road proposed to be made.

Very Truly Yours,

Joseph P. Ball

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