

Should like to receive a letter
from you expressing your
views upon the subject.

I leave here on Monday for
Augusta, we have a session of seven
days for the purpose of naming judges.

Very respectfully yours
W. Long

A. S. Richards Esq
Yours Truly

W. Long

April 30th 1859

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Backfield April 30. 1859.
A. S. Richards Esq
Dear Sir

I in the Pioneer
of the 5th. Mr. Hall has seen fit to
comment on my course as to the
talking of R. Road bill the previous
ten, all of which I do not question
his right to do, I only object to what
is not true, when he says that I
was opposed to any R. Road to Augusta
and such statements were made on
the floor of the house I take the
liberty to deny it.

I do not think the present
Bill which is submitted to the
people for them to vote upon in
June would be for our interest
if adopted. I heard the whole dis-
cussion of the bill and it is intend-
ed to carry out what its title would

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Railroad for the promotion and settlement of the public lands.

The object is to complete the European & North American Railroad.

It proposes to come to Mattamuskeet and then a branch to the East line of the State and a branch to Newbottom.

My opinion is that if the Road is built it will not touch our county unless it be on the East branch probably it may strike one of the border towns.

If the Bill be adopted then you is to build the Road to Mattamuskeet before she receives any of the proceeds of the public lands. I do not believe she is able to perform that part of the work, if she does not then we have notice to put our lands at our disposal for cash, and not look to the State for any further appropriations for Roads & Bridges in our County.

When the Road is built it does not benefit us as well as the St. Andrews & Duck Creek Road which this summer will be completed within

in 6 miles of Newbottom. There is a good feeling in the State now for settling Newbottom and any man understands he can have land free. I do not think be the policy of the State for the present and when our lands are settled we will have a Road that will accommodate our population.

After Mr. Egan had voted for the bill I asked him if he understood the effects of it, he replied that "he had been voting all wrong that his people could not pay money for land."

Had this bill been allowed to become a law without submission to the people, it would have killed us as a party in this State.

I have full confidence that this Bill should not pass without being it to the people.

I shall be at Fort Fairfield about the middle of May and