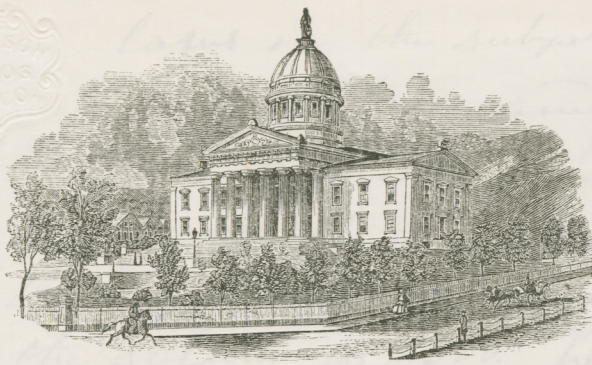


State of Vermont

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Hon Geo. P. Marsh

Dear Sir

There has never been a time since I was a Member that rail road influences were brought to bear so directly on members and so overpoweringly as during the Session of the Legislature just passed. The Com. on Roads to whom was referred all Rail road matters were, at least a majority of them, the creatures of the Rail roads and Dean its Chairman had undoubtedly made up his mind to do every thing, precisely, as they desired to have him. I preferred to have your Report & the bill I introduced referred to a Select Committee but Linsley of Rutland fought against it as well as others and finally it went to the Committee on Roads. This was in October.

After this I had frequent conversations with Dean - gave my views to him & the Com. and