

## Letter to John A. Thomson from James Rodgers and Moses [Kinyon]

Albany 3 March 1817  
Mr John A. Thomson  
Sir  
Being requested by a gentleman  
from your place to send you an estimate  
for building a Horse Boat capable to draw  
eight we send you the following—  
A Boat eighty feet long forty six wide  
Machinery six Wheel & Shafts all Copper  
warranted to be sufficient and in good  
order delivered at your dock ready  
for the Horse and Harnes for five  
Thousand five Hundred Dollars—our  
preparation and experience in the above  
business enables us to execute cheaper than  
otherwise we could do and though our  
Albany Boat is acknowledged to be superior  
to any other yet we presume we can

Page one of a letter addressed to John A. Thomson regarding the building of an 80ft. horse boat from James Rodgers and Moses Kinyon of Albany. The Thomson family operated several ferries at Catskill, which ran up and down the Hudson River, including boats powered by horse driven paddle wheels (horse boats).

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