could be obtained for such an obstruction, and nothing is hazarded by the assertion that such a nuisance would be immediately overthrown, if placed there under the colour of any law. The bridges that are established on those streams, must be placed high enough to clear the steamboats, and must leave the channel open.

These views are submitted with more than the interest which usually attaches an engineer to a professional subject. The wrong which has been threatened, the danger which is still pending over your prosperity, are so manifestly the result of inadequate reflection, and so easily and cheaply to be obviated, that it would be difficult to refrain from the expression of an opinion on that head.

Trusting that these evils may be averted, and your commerce and rights, and all the grave interests of the public protected,

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen, your ob'dt serv't,

CHARLES ELLET, Jr.
Civil Engineer.

Philadelphia, April 23d, 1848.