

St Petersburg March  $\frac{4}{16}$  1866.

To Perry Mc D. Collins Esqrs  
Care of Mr. John Horner  
145 Broadway.  
New-York City.

Dear Sir,

Herewith the translation of  
Co<sup>l</sup>. Romanoff's article. Pray  
submit it to the Board of Directors,  
and take it into serious conside-  
ration, before you ultimately  
decide upon the direction of your  
line. - By evading a few  
dangerous localities (from Nico-  
lajeffok to Ochotsk, and the river  
Viliga, and the North of Kamtschat-  
ka) at comparatively small

extra cost, You can attain the  
great advantage thereby to save  
hereafter a great deal of useless  
double expense of reconstruction, and  
of time!

Major Anosoff has left this 4/16<sup>th</sup>  
March for Paris and Liverpool.  
He will communicate further  
details to You. I advised him to  
go to Rochester - to pay his compli-  
ment to the Board of Directors.  
In case You go there with him,  
have the goodness to introduce him  
equally to Mr. Sibley's son in  
law. -

I have had no news from You  
since Your letter of 8/20 Decbr.

In hopes that You continue in  
good health, I remain

Dear Sir

Your faithful friend

James Thal.