"Sault Ste. Marie, and am of opinion that they would save "money by receiving a portion of their coal supply near the "Ontario Soo, if water freights are no higher than they are "to St. Ignace. If there is sufficient depth of water and "proper facilities for handling coal, I feel quite confident "that the water rates would be no higher from Cleveland or "Sandusky than they are from Ashtabula to Gladston. "Please let me know if you are ready to build a wharf to "sufficient depth of water provided that this company "undertakes to build the siding upon its completion.

Again, in a letter from Mr. Shaughnessy to Col. Rankin, dated 15th of July, 1870, the former remarks:

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"Any concern using coal can get their supply there, by "water, at very low rates, and if advantage is taken of the "facilities which nature affords there to a very great extent "by establishing private industries, such as distilleries, "breweries, pulp mills, lumber mills, etc., etc., from which "we might receive a reasonable amount of traffic, we shall "be very glad to put in the necessary siding, etc.

DETROIT, MICH., October, 1890.