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Kaskaskia March 28. 1830

Hon.le George Graham
Commissioner of the General Land Office

Sir Your letter of the 16th January last to his Excellency N. Edwards in relation to the mode adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Illinois and Michigan Canal, of selecting the lands to which the State is entitled under the act of Congress of the 2nd March 1827, has been by him referred to me. Not wishing by any act of the Board, to retard the Execution of a work so beneficial to our State, I am induced to accede to the views you have taken of the subject, & will be governed by them for the future. — A part of the selected lands are now offered for sale, on the 19th of April next. and it is very desirable that the Patents of those Lands should be sent on soon, those to which the state is not entitled under your view of the subject will not be offered for sale, it is very desirable than should be no Obstacles thrown in the way of the approaching sales, it is therefore hoped you will without delay forward the Patents, as it is the determination of the Commissioners to proceed with the sales at the time advertised. it is hoped you will as soon as convenient inform me of your determination, so that the purchasers of the Land may be relieved of all fears in relation to their titles I will merely suggest to you, that you can, by an Examination of the list of selected Lands and plat, Exclude from the Patent the Exterior Sections to which the State is not under your views of the subject entitled

I have the Honor to be Sir
Your obt. &c
Edmund Roberts
President of the Board
of Canal Commissioners

Signed: