

**DOCUMENT 10 – LETTER FROM GOVERNOR JOSEPH DUNCAN TO COMMISSIONER  
WILLIAM ARCHER CONCERNING CANAL LANDS**

**August 15, 1836**

**TRANSCRIPTION**

Elm Grove 15<sup>th</sup> August 1836

D<sup>r</sup> Sir

I have this moment received  
your letter recommending the purchase of  
Several points on the canal route for the use  
of the State It is certainly desirable to in-  
crease the canal fund as much as possible  
and I can see no reason why the state should  
not derive all the benefits arising from the  
construction or location of the Canal.

You are therefore authorized, in conjunction  
with the other Canal Commissioners to purchase  
such points as you believe will become  
valuable and take the conveyance in such  
form as will vest the right in the State

Your friend

Joseph Duncan

Col W<sup>m</sup> B Archer          Gov<sup>r</sup> of Illinois

P S I am pleased to hear that you  
progress with the canal and hope for its  
early completion

Your letter previously to leaving Chicago  
was received here during my absence and as I could  
not comply with your request at the time and not  
knowing where a letter would find you I did not  
answer it

Your friend

W<sup>m</sup> B Archer

Joseph Duncan