

**DOCUMENT 13 – LETTER FROM W.F. THORNTON TO WILLIAM GOODING CONCERNING
A SUSPENSION OF OPERATIONS**

December 20, 1839

TRANSCRIPTION

Springfield Dec^r. 20th 1839

William Gooding Esq^r

Principal Eng^r &c

Sir,

The accompanying Res= solution of the Ho: of Rep^s., calling for the probable amount of damages that would result from a suspension of operations on the Canal, must be answered as early as accurate information can be collected. You will therefore instruct the Resident and assistant Engineers to ascertain immediately the value of investments made by the Contractors; and you will please give your own opinion, at large, together with all facts touching the enquiry.

Very Respectfully

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W.F. Thornton

Pres^t. Can Com