

**DOCUMENT 17 – LETTER FROM JACOB FRY AND WILLIAM GOODING TO DAVID
LEAVITT CONCERNING AN ADVANCED PAYMENT ON A CONTRACT**

September 15, 1845

TRANSCRIPTION

Canal Office
Lockport Sep^r. 15–1845

David Leavitt Esq^r.

Dear Sir,

We are informed
by Mr. Hardy the contractor for Sections N^o. 195, 196
and 197, (the Steam boat Channel & basin at La Salle,)
that he desires to draw upon you at ninety days for
Twenty Five Hundred Dollars to aid in the purchase
of goods for the use of his work. We hereby certify that
he has a good force upon his job at present and prob-
-ably has already done enough to entitle him to this
amount of money and before the first estimate will
greatly increase the amount. We have therefore
no hesitation in saying that it would be perfectly
safe to advance him this sum, (or accept the above
specified draft,) and that with his authority to have
the money retained from his estimate it would
unquestionably be promptly met.

Verytruly

Yours,

Jacob Fry

W^m Gooding