

**DOCUMENT 19 – LETTER FROM JEREMIAH CROTTY TO DAVID LEAVITT CONCERNING
PENDING LOAN SUBSCRIPTION PAYMENTS**

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Ottawa La Salle County

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David Levitt Esq^r

Dear Sir

Some three or four days since I was returning from Chicago and happened to stop at Lockport and had an interview ~~wh~~ with several of the Contractors who subscribed to the Canal Loan I find it to be the unanimous opinion of the Contractors (who were subscribers to the Loan) that it will break many of them up if they are called upon at this time to pay up the first installment due on the amount of their subscriptions.

In consequence of sickness and Other Causes, the Contractors have not been able to succeed as well as they expected and a Call upon them at this moment for their subscription would ruin many of them and it is deemed expedient to petition the Board of Trustees with a view to obtain an extention of the time for paying the amount now due on their subscriptions a meeting has been held and a petition got up at Lockport for the above purpose. I was requested to attend the meeting but could not, but promised that I would write to you personally and add my solicitations in favour of a further extention of time for the payment of subscriptions. I assure you now that if contractors are obliged to pay the installment now due they cannot

proceed with the work, but I have no hesitation to say
that by the next estimate After the present contractors
will be abundantly able to pay up and give security for so
doing if required

very respectfully

Jeremiah Crotty