

**DOCUMENT 20 – LETTER FROM JOHN VAN ARNAM TO WILLIAM GOODING
CONCERNING A TOWPATH CONTRACT**

July 11, 1846

TRANSCRIPTION

Lockport July 11th 1846

Mr W^m Gooden Esqr

Dear Sir

I would like to put the towing path in
order from Shanahorn to Dresden
Clear off the Brush & Burn them
their are some trees that are 6 or 8 inches
in diameter it is now the best time
to Clear it as the leaves will soon
drey and be easy Burned the earth
for the Slide will work beter now
than in a wet time I Can get plenty
of help at this time and will leave
the Price to the Estimate of the
Engineers

I Am Sir With

Respect your Humble

Servent

John Van Arnam