Chicago 5 May 1848

Gent.

I beg leave to present a claim to your Board for damages sustained by me as the tenant of the Flouring & Saw mills at Lockport, in consequence of the diversion of the Dry Plains River from its natural channel

With the supply of water I had at the time it was taken from me, I was manufacturing Eighty Bbls. flour daily & an average of 60 Bushels grain for custom work, ~~besides~~ I was sawing daily 3000 feet lumber. The daily expenses of both Mills are $15. the daily net proffits were $25

Both mills are now idle, while the expenses are continued, my claim therefore is $25 pr day while so situated. The evidence in support of this claim, I am prepared to submit in such form as you may direct

Respectfully requesting the action of the Board in the premises

I am Gent

Very Respy Your

Hiram Norton

To the Hon. Board of Trustees
I & M Canal
Chicago