La Salle May 16th 1857

To board of trustees of the Illinois & Michigan Canal — Messrs about two years since my Son in company with James Blakemore bid off at the sale of Canal lands in La Salle the E. 1/2 of the S.E. 1/4 of S. 1. T33. R. 1. and in consequence of sickness they have failed in making the payments agreeable to the time mentioned in the contract, there is two payments now due, we would consider it a favor if the trustees would receive the money on what is now due from my son in order that he might eventually hold the land, so that he might make him a comfortable home — he has no land if that is taken from him — Mr. Blakemore the young man who purchased with him is in California, I do not know when he will return — I would further say since sickness has been the cause of a nonfulfilment of the contract on his part I trust the Honorable board of Trustees will consider his case favorably — I moved to this place in June 1836 the country was new — all the lands we purchase is for our own usement to sell again

yours Respectfully

Ira Hutson