

**DOCUMENT 39 – LETTER FROM JOHN H. KINZIE TO THE CANAL TRUSTEES
CONCERNING ADDITIONAL OFFICE HELP**

May 19, 1852

TRANSCRIPTION

Canal Collector's Office,

Chicago, May 19th 1852

Mess^{rs}

W^m H. Swift

David L. Leavitt Trustees Ill. & Mich: Canal
&
Gov. Wells

Gent^m:

The great increase of business on our Canal during the last two years, and the still greater prospective amount the coming season, induce me to apply for an additional allowance for Clerk hire &c: The business of the office at this point is such as to compel me to employ at least two clerks, whose salaries, together with the additional expense of office rent, fuel, lights &c far exceed my present allowance (\$600.) for these purposes.

I have not thus far required of the Trustees to furnish this office with a safe, having one of my own which I use, nor am I disposed to increase the expenditures of the office, but I think it will be obvious to the Trustees, that under the circumstances, above referred to, my application is a just and fair one, and I cannot but hope

that they will take it under their favourable
consideration.

I am, Gentlemen,

Very Respectfully,

Yo. obt. Sevt.

Jn^o. H. Kinzie.