

**DOCUMENT 40 – PETITION OF CHICAGO WHOLESALE GROCERS TO REDUCE TOLLS
ON SUGAR AND MOLASSES**

May 1852

TRANSCRIPTION

To the Hon the Board of Trustees
of the Ills and Michigan Canal

The undersigned, wholesale Grocers
of the City of Chicago would respectfully represent to your Hon
Board that the commercial trade between Chicago and
St.Louis in the articles of Sugar and Molasses could be very
considerably increased by a concession on the part of transporters
in their rate of freights, and they believe that this can only
be accomplished by a reduction of Tolls on these articles
from Eight to say four or five Mills ~

They would further represent that they have observed
for the last three years that nine tenths of the Hhds Sugars
sold in the Chicago Market have been brought from the
Eastern Cities. When at the same time the Southern Markets
have ruled at prices nearly or quite as advantageous to Buyers —

Believeing that such a reduction would in its
results not only benefit themselves but greatly increase the
revenue derived from tolls on these articles, Your petitioners
sincerely hope that your Board may deem proper to concur
with their views~

H Norton & Co

Hinsdale, Gould & Hadduck

Cha^S-G.Wicker

C. L. Harmon & Co

J.C. Williams & O.F. Avery

Ely & Brother
Smith & Pollard

J B Doggett & Co

Gray & Densmore

M. D. Gilman

Lewis D Smith

S M Mann

Obadiah Jackson