

**DOCUMENT 46 – LETTER FROM NORTON & CO. TO THE CANAL TRUSTEES  
CONCERNING DEEPENING THE CANAL**

**May 7, 1866**

**TRANSCRIPTION**

Lockport, May 7 1866

To the President and Board of Trustees of the  
Illinois and Michigan Canal

Gentlemen

We beg to present to you a claim for damages  
sustained by us from the 15<sup>th</sup> November last to  
the first of April last in consequence of being  
deprived of our usual supply of water for our  
mills caused by the deepening of said Canal  
for the benefit of the City of Chicago —

The Capacity of our Flouring Mills is two  
hundred barrels per day besides our cus-  
tom business averaging 120 bushels pr day.  
During the whole time from November  
to the present time there has been a net  
profit for flouring of over one dollar per  
barrel, which we are fully prepared to  
show by satisfactory Evidence

We claim – for loss on Custom work	\$ 1000
119 days flouring at \$200 pr day	<u>23.800</u>
	\$ 24.800

We are prepared and shall be  
pleased to afford the Trustees  
any explanation and informa-  
tion they may require in the  
premises and have the honor to be

Your Obt Servts

Norton & Co