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NORTON & CO.,

Millers, Produce Commission Merchants and Forwarders.

PROPRIETORS OF

NORTON & CO'S LINE OF CANAL BOATS,

Mills and Warehouse: Lockport, Ill. Chicago Office, No. 144 S. Water St., Billiard's Block.

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 15th 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 custom business averaging 120 bushels per 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 per day 23.800

$ 24.800

We are prepared and shall be pleased to afford the Trustees any explanation and information they may require in the premises and have the hona to be

Your Obt Servts

Norton & Co

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