

**DOCUMENT 48 – LETTER FROM R.E. ORR TO THE CANAL COMMISSIONERS
CONCERNING LEASING LAND FOR RAILROAD PURPOSES**

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JOLIET, ILL., Mch. 7th, 1901.

Board of Illinois & Michigan Canal Commissioners,
Lockport, Ill.

Dear Sirs:-

and

Gentlemen:-

Believing that the state should derive as much revenue as possible from the property of the people if it can be done at no serious inconvenience, therefore I take the liberty of addressing your Honorable Commission to respectfully inquire if surplus land outside of what is needed for tow-path or power can be sold or leased for railroad purposes, and if so, for about how much?

This information requested is to be used only for estimating on railroad line from Chicago to Peru, and further if thought necessary and wanted.

Thanking you in advance for your esteemed favor and courtesy, I have the honor to remain,

Sincerely yours,

R. E. Orr

Engineer.