

**DOCUMENT 41 – COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR CONCERNING THE
FLOW OF THE CHICAGO RIVER**

December 30, 1862

TRANSCRIPTION

Mayors Office

Chicago, Dec 30 1862

Gentlemen of the Common Council,

At your meeting on the 1st ins't, you authorised me to incur any necessary expense to secure the benefit of having a stream of water turned from the Calumet Feeder through the Canal into the Chicago River, In compliance with your resolution, I agreed with Mr. Preston, the Sup't of the Canal, that the City would pay the Expense of removing any deposit that might accrue from such action on his part, and he accordingly turned the stream into the river as desired, Afterwards, by resolution of the Canal Board, he presented me a contract, of which I herewith submit a copy, obliging the City, not only to remove the deposit which might accrue, according to our former agreement, but also to

Make all repairs necessary to the banks of the Canal, the necessity of which may arise by his action in the premises,

I deemed ~~that~~ this contract, ~~most~~ to be
as it made the Superintendent of the Canal Board, the Sole umpire &
objectionable in form, and I therefore judge of the damages

refused to ~~enter~~ become a party to
the same on behalf of the City, unless
the same should be specially di-
rected by the Common Council,

I herewith submit the contract
proposed by Mr. Preston; for your
consideration, and should it meet
your approval, it will be executed
at once on the part of the City by
the Mayor & Comptroller

Respectfully submitted

F C Sherman Mayor