

**DOCUMENT 15 – COMMUNICATION FROM THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
CONCERNING POLLUTION OF THE CHICAGO RIVER,
ILLINOIS AND MICHIGAN CANAL AND THE ILLINOIS RIVER**

January 10, 1880

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ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

Springfield, Jan 10th 1880

Sir

By direction of the State Board of Health,
I had the honor to make a special investigation
respecting the pollution of the Chicago river the
Illinois and Michigan Canal and the Illinois river by the sewage
of Chicago— The result of this investigation was reported
to the Board Jan 9th the report accepted and adopted and
I was instructed to furnish a copy for the information
of the Chicago Common Council.— I therefore respect-
-fully request that you will communicate the facts
stated above with its report to the Council, for its
action, and trust that you will give the weight of
your official endorsement to the recommendations
therein contained. The Board regards the pumping works
at Bridgeport, as a Sanitary necessity not for Chicago
alone, but for the entire region to the South and West of the
City along the line of the Canal and Illinois river.

To"

Hon Carter H. Harrison
Mayor of Chicago.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

John H. Rauch
Secretary.