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ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH,

Springfield, Jan'y 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 & Michigan Canal & the Illinois river by the sewage of Chicago - The result of this investigation was reported to the Board Jan'y 9th the report accepted & adopted & I was instructed to furnish a copy for the information of the Chicago Common Council. I therefore respectfully request that you will communicate the facts stated above with the 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 & West of the city along the line of the Canal & Illinois river.

To

I have the honor to be

Hon Carter H Harrison
 Mayor of Chicago.

Very respectfully
 John H. Rauch
 Secretary.