



((( Mayors Office )))  
Chicago, Dec 30 1862

Gentlemen of the Common Council,

At your meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup>, inst, you authorized, me, to incur any necessary expense to secure the benefit of having a stream of water turned from the Lealunet feeder through the Canal into the Chicago River. In compliance with your resolution, I agreed with Mr. Preston, the Sup<sup>t</sup> of the Canal, that the City would pay the expenses of removing any deposit that might accrue from said action on his part, and he accordingly turned the stream into the river as desired. Afterwards, the resolution of the Canal Board, he proposed to 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~~ <sup>as it was the business of the Canal Board, the sole judge of</sup> this contract, ~~that~~ objectionable in form, and therefore refused to ~~enter~~ become a party to the same on behalf of the City, unless the same should be specially directed 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

A. C. Shaw as Mayor