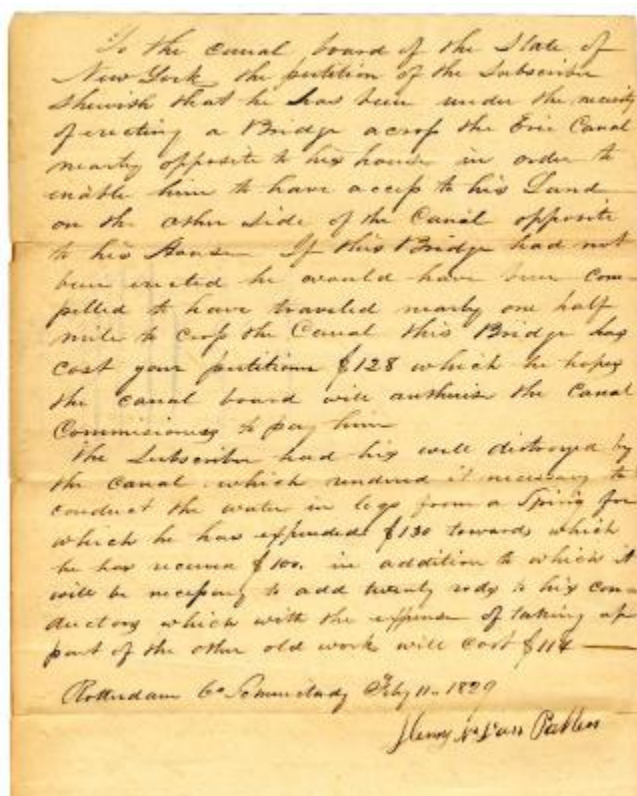


Letter from Henry Van Patten



To the Canal Board of the State of New York the petition of the Subscriber sheweth that he has been under the necessity of erecting a Bridge across the Erie Canal nearly opposite to his house in order to enable him to have access to his Land on the other side of the Canal opposite to his House. If this Bridge had not been erected he would have been compelled to have traveled nearly one half mile to cross the Canal. This Bridge has cost your petitioners \$128 which he hopes the Canal board will authorize the Canal Commissioners to pay him.

The Subscriber had his well destroyed by the Canal which rendered it necessary to conduct the water in legs from a Spring for which he has expended \$130 towards which he has received \$100. in addition to which it will be necessary to add twenty rods to his Canal structure which with the expense of taking up part of the other old work will cost \$114.

Rotterdam Co. Sunday Feb 11. 1829

Henry Van Patten

Petition from Henry Van Patten to the State Canal Board requesting reimbursement for the construction of a bridge and destruction of his well. Following the construction of the canal, Van Patten was obliged to build a bridge over the canal from his house to reach his farmland.

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