This letter of appeal was written by the citizens of the town of German Flatts (sometimes written Germanflatts) in Herkimer County to the Canal Board. The petition describes how a feeder stream for the Erie Canal floods in fall and freezes over in winter, spilling onto the road into town. The water and ice cause damage to properties and create a hazard. The petitioners suggest an alternative source of water for the canal which will not flood the river road.

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