

## Letter from Mr. G. Meade

Pikeville July 11th 1836

Dear Sir

I have invented a machine for the purpose of cutting and pushing a great deal of ice in the winter time in Lakes & Canals would call the attention of your excellency to the construction of introducing it to the Canal Commissioners for the purpose of rendering these institutions navigable for a longer period in the fall and an earlier one in the spring. It would help to preserve an extensive good purpose - so Canal until the ice should seem to think that it could not be broken if it is narrow a channel it is believed by good judges that navigation can be kept up in the canal at least in winter time in the fall and that much earlier in spring.

The construction of which is to break the ice. There is a party of bringing it about. I have put together a model of my invention it is very simple and for a canal operation would not cost a very large sum. The model is so constructed as to show the operation of the process. A gentleman from Union saw the model and gave it as his opinion that there should be no time lost in getting it made to be placed on the canal by the time they open over snow. I calculate that every Lake can be navigated with it all winter. The thing seems to me to be rather a new fit subject for Government enterprise than individual had I should be much pleased to have the commission patronize and hope that your excellency will not fail to consider the case and let me know the result.

and much oblige yours with  
acknowledging of respect

His Excellency to L. Murray  
G. Meade

Letter of appeal from Mr. G. Meade to the Canal Board requesting funding for his newly invented icebreaker.

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