To Selden McGaffey Esq.

County Auditor of Anoka County Minnesota

Dear Sir:

We E. S. St Martin, R. H. Davis and R. A. Vessey as Co-partners St. Martin, Davis & Vessey do hereby apply to you as said County Auditor for an extension of time to complete the County Ditch No. 41. (which ditch in our contract is to be completed on December 1st 1904) to and including September 1st 1905.

Our reasons for applying and demanding of you as said County Auditor for said extension, are as follows:

Owing to the wet season it was and still is impossible to complete said ditch by said Dec. 1st 1904. We have made a strenuous effort to do this work by ditching machinery but have failed to succeed in our first attempt, thereupon, we built a dam at the bridge at the West line of the Town of Blaine and proceeded to dig said ditch by hand that portion of said ditch below said bridge which said bridge is located at Station 302 of said ditch and did complete that portion of said ditch from Station 301. to the end of said ditch or Station 359, of which we refer to two preliminary estimates of acceptance by Mr. M. S. Amy Engineer in charge of said ditch and filed in your office. We have recently placed on said ditch another ditching machine which we have all reasons to believe that it will do the work and do it good and fast and we are confident that we will complete nearly all of the Main Ditch with this machine and by hand this year.

We refer you to Section 14. of Chapter 258 General Laws of 1901, as amended by sec. 7 of Chap. 38 General Laws 1902.

Dated November 22nd 1904.

St. Martin, Davis & Vessey Contractors

By E. S. St Martin

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Being satisfied that the within application states good and sufficient reasons for an extension of the time to complete the within ditch to and including July 1st, 1905, and no longer. The time for completing said ditch is hereby extended to and including July 1st, 1905, and no longer.

Seldon McGaffey
County Auditor
Anoka County
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Dated Nov. 22nd 1904

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