Washington Dec 18, 1800

Dr. Sir,

I will attend to your request, as soon as possible; there will be no longer any difficulty.

God Bingham informs me that the Electors appointed in S. Carolina will all vote both for Jefferson & Burr; eight votes were given for each of them in N. Carolina; & both are unquestionably elected. So much for the consequences of diplomatic skill.

Yours Dr. Sir,

[Signature]

Pat. Wilkes, Jr.
I have just received your of the 16th of January from Virginia. The Florida Bill has reached us by the last mail and gives us very great satisfaction.

I received a letter from the Sec. of War, in relation to the affair of Lt. Dear. It has been amicably, on the part of the officers here, and the civil magistrate who made the complaint. Dear unfortunately misread his object in attacking Mr. Brown, the man who really injured him. Dr. Keys perceived by making a voluntary acknowledgement that he had slandered him. It is now only to be lamented on a misfortune. To the by Col. Walton, present state pursued, which now appears from the result, we are in a great measure indebted for the harmony which has been maintained, and now
presaid. The administration of Col. Walker's
give me day more satisfaction, and I am
his opinion that it may one should be
opinion of General Florida, thought the
be.

Judge in hand, call it much
express at this moment, and request me
to give his best regards,

Jas. N. to
11th May

[Signature]
PENNSYLVANIA
Feb. 18.

Dr. J. C. Brownlee
Washington, D.C.

[Signature]
Alton House
March 4th 1832

My dear Judge,

Will you have the kindness to send James P. Walker Chatham St P.O. N.Y. the President's message and accompanying documents and all that you may feel disposed to send at any time. By so doing you will oblige J.M. Robs.
W.W. Robo
4th Mch 52
Newyak
Albany June 18th 1832

Dear Sir,

My wife being out of health, I have concluded not to journey to the west, as I had anticipated. If you will come and make us a visit, or will send by some one of your acquaintance and the whom you can confide I will send you and your Distaff, One hundred and Twenty Dollars, which is all I can afford to do.

I have just been to Brunswick and paid out another hundred dollars, to cancel old debts against the estate, which I had suspended until long ago.

I did not see your Uncle Dick but was informed that he and his family were in usual health. Mrs. Lewis Minnion does not enjoy good health and has promised to make me a visit soon and for a number of weeks. I think she is a lovely girl.

Yours Respectfully,

Sr. Douglas - Beriah Douglas
Omaha City, N.Y.

Jan 18th 1837

My dear sir:

Your kind favor of the 16th ult, came to hand this morning. I sincerely thank you for the deep interest you are pleased to manifest in the affairs of Nebraska. If there is anyone thing which more than all others I desire, it is to make her the model territory, and my faith is that if Congress will attend alike to a moderate share of liberality, the sacred doctrine of popular rights, will be fully vindicated in her example.

Permit me today to you that the path of her Executive is extremely narrow I thinkly sit with guards. The enemies of the Constitution & the Union have had their hand on at work among us throughout the whole struggle which has been going on, and had the bottomless pit itself let loose its incarnate friends upon us, more damnable means could not have been resorted to to stir up strife and dissension.
among our people. These efforts have not ceased even now, and it seems that those who have chosen themselves ready to engage in the work, are nothing and comfort from a miserable batch of hungry office-seekers, professing to act on our party, who have since the election summoned in upon us like the locusts of Egypt. They are as a general thing men of desperate fortunes, and are ready to resort to the most degrading and abominable means to accomplish their nefarious designs. They are at this moment deceiving the people by the influence of their name, and the ladies of disease and distress among our people, taking advantage for this purpose of the petty paltry advantages, very naturally existing between different localities in the Territory. The ultimate design seems to be to effect the Federal Officers' Supplantation, if possible, at the coming in of the new Administration. Orange and it may seem that such a state of affairs should exist, it is nevertheless true, and of the extent to which it has been carried, you, Mr. President, can scarcely form an idea.

I have no doubt that various representations will be made to Congress coming from that quarter, with a view to prejudice the action of that body with reference to our affairs, and to the President in pursuance of what seems like their cut and policy—the Supplanting of the Federal Officers. It is impossible to add that this Character will be fully appreciated, I treated in a manner they disapprove.

Our Legislature is now in Session, and sought to be controlled by the combination of unscrupulous Speculators, whose only object is developed by their course, to the oppression of self at the expense of the great substantial interests of the Territory. I have no hesitation in saying that all attempts of this Character will fail. The men who are now coalition with troops of force upon the heads of their engines. While I doubt not that the mere action of Congress upon the measures relating to our interests would hasten the defeat of such efforts being made to distract and divide our people.

Very Respectfully,

John Meloogood
Washington City, D.C.
To Mr. H. W. Grant
Omaha City, Nebr.
Dec. 13th

About the Affairs
of Nebraska Co.
St. Louis, Oct. 27, 1836.

Dear Sir,

I shall take great pleasure in giving you all the information in my power relative to the manner of contesting the election in which you have received the majority of votes, but your opponent has obtained the certificate. I should think there would be no difficulty in the case if the poll books show you have the majority. The certificate of election is not conclusive, and this case the less so, as being granted after the time had expired. Notices are necessary where depositions are to be taken, but, without a reference to the statutes I would not say how much. There will be time for you to get full information from Washington, as the question will not decided until the next congress meets. I will cheerfully aid you with information from the City, and request you to keep me in mind of it. Notice should be given to the opposite party of all the points on which you contest the certificate. I reciprocate your congratulations on the victorious progress of the democratic ball.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Thomas H. Benton.

Endorsed:
S. A. Douglas, Esq.,
Jacksonville, Ill.
In reply to your of the 12th, it appears by the file that the fees of John Van Nois, application for patent for taking Oyes shoes was paid by you Dec. 21. 1843 $1.30.

As it is impossible to give the exact words of the filling up of the receipt we can do no more than fill up a blank receipt as we suppose it may have been written which is endorsed. This model a paper has not been red.

Respectfully Yours,

[Signature]

Hon J.J. Hardin
Asst Reps.
Endorsed \& now return will
find a copy of the merits. I commend
the Patent Office, as I have desired.

J. J. Hardin
Washington Dec 13, 1844
House Representatives Jan 33 1844

To the Honble. Society of the Texas Y.

S.

This undersigned would respectfully recommend to your favor able consideration, for an appointment in the revenue service Mr. A. W. Hughes of Illinois. Mr. H desires of practicable a third Lieutenant, and I, desire still in his obligation.

Yours truly

Geo. W. S. Spencer
James M. Cutts
Francisco de Selis
The petition of the present application for Congress, without an explanation of the nature and history of the claim on which it is predicated, and the causes that have superinduced such a protracted and unreasonable delay in the settlement thereof, would, doubtless, strike that Honorable Body as matter of no concern to them; but when the facts connected therewith are truly and fully stated, as will be in the following Petition; and that Honorable Body have the means by which they can and will give them relief, and warrant them in the expectation to receive such relief, they will be accompanied;—the undersigned cannot entertain a doubt, but that their unanimous opinion will concur with his, namely, that the petition of the undersigned is a just and meritorious one, and ought to be favorably attended to by Congress, and the claim of the undersigned promptly granted.

The undersigned regrets the necessity, which requires him to state the facts of his case with particularity; but he is actuated by a feeling which is invariable, in every similar instance, the determination to be just in the presence of God, or in the presence of his country. He, therefore, in justice to himself, and to his country, cannot but feel satisfied that it is incumbent upon him to state the relation of the claimant thereto, and to such extent, as may be necessary, and, indeed, as far as practicable, it is his ardent wish that the undersigned, in justice to himself, his country, and to the state of the Union, may be justly compensated; and he never received so much as one cent from the Government, for transportation, in going from place to place along the frontiers of the State of New York.

The undersigned has long and frequently been stationed at Sacket's Harbor, and has been always prompt in the discharge of the duties of his office; and he has never received so much as one cent from the Government, for transportation, in going from place to place along the frontier of the State of New York.

The undersigned has been, at all times, prompt in the discharge of the duties of his office; and he has never received so much as one cent from the Government, for transportation, in going from place to place along the frontier of the State of New York.

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Amos Holton's
Claim
1815.
Gazette

For the House of Representatives

Amos Holland's Petition, et al.
Mrs. Paul Revere's Petition, etc.
Washington City, April 29th 1844.

Gent. Mr. Douglass.

To Doctor T. Miller

Dr.

To professional services to himself

from February 15th 1844, to date $60.

Received payment in full. [Signature]

N. B. In the absence of Dr. Miller, Mr. C. H. James will
receive for him; or the amount may be deposited with Corcoran
& Riggs.
To the Editor of the Globe.

May 7th 1844.

The undersigned commences a correspondence has been sent to me in the request that I should send you to publish it in the Globe.

If you desire doing so please return it to me. Below I give you a full copy of the letter enclosing the communication.

Yours,

J. P. Hardin.

Nanana 26 April 1844.

I will you have the goodness to select the Globe as it commands my views to publish the instead reply, as a form of courtesy. If it refuses to the National Intelligence. Respectfully yours,

Hon. J. Hardin

Ralph Smith
Joseph Smith
Hon. J. D. Hardin
Nauvoo Ill.
Mt. Vernon, 26th Oct. 1804

Mr. J. A. Ruggles,

I wish to inform you that your Democrats said come in to my Groceries on the day of the August Election and told Mr. Ruggles and J. P. Rye that you would pay me for my liquor and for the amount is forty dollars and ten if you can send it to me by Wednesday next; you will oblige me very much in dead nothing more at present.

John W. Brockenbrough
Springfield, Ill., Oct. 10, 1844

Dear Sir,

As you would not run for the U. Senate, our mutual friends have thought proper to write on me instead of Mr. Young as they are determined to beat Spectre with whom one of us must run. If this meets your views, you have it in your power to elect me safely and leave everything safe for yourself here after. If you will come to my aide at this time you will buy me under a thousand new obligations.

O. O. Taylor
at the barn from you.

If you go to Pennsylvania, make my best respects to the Lord to Hudson. I hope you will be at Springfield. Lord, do you have many friends here? I'd want to see you.
To: Mr. A. Douglas H. Louis MD
Dear Sir,

I wrote you by the ship Vernon on Saturday last and set some word to you by Mr. Gilman on Monday. He informed me and also Mr. Benson that you would certainly be here this week, and I therefore sent to Mr. Gilman that he might say to you that as you were expected up I hardly thought it necessary to write to you, but as you did not get here by the vessel of that evening I avail myself of her return to say that I will make the arrangement with Mr. Gilman in relation to the "fort plantation" at Passam as I proposed. I mentioned to you in my first letter that I was endeavoring to get an arrangement which I supposed would suit us both, that arrangement was to buy a greater interest and then divide the whole between us but I have not been able to effect the other owner valuing the property high. It is, however, our mutual or divided interest will be considerable. I suppose you
will come immediately upon my return to
Mr. Backenstan, if not, I wish to hear from
you by the first opportunity as to what
you will do.
If the money can be placed on deposit
in the Ohio Life Insurance & Trust Com-
pany, Cincinnati, to the order of Lewis Forbes,
before you go on to Washington or at
any convenient time, it would suit me better
I wish to have my note paid punctually
on the 25th of July, and there may
be some difficulty about the time taking
the draft and I suppose it can make
but little difference to you. If however
it does not suit you, and make the
first arrangement an easier, if you
go through Cincinnati it would proba-
bly be best for you to settle the aunt
there of me and you can sell your
draft in St. Louis please get the Bank
of Missouri to place the aunt to the
credit of Mr. Forbes, in the trust too.
The way we talked over the matter
is this as I recollect it,
I agree to sell you the half of my
interest in the post phrase for $15,743.
or $157,430 even change. You are to let me
know to pay my note $712.50. I will then
advise you $712.50. etc. This amount, I
will endeavor to pay you in a short time
so that I think it will not the inconven-
ient for you to furnish it.
We are now having the landsurveyed
and laid off into lots.
Should you come up I suppose you
will come immediately to Carthage when
we will all be attending berth. Should
you not come please advise me imme-
diately.

Yours respectfully,
[Signature]

[Name]
Quincy (Ill.) Oct 23rd 1844.

Hon. Geo. H. Blake, Clerk of Land Office.

Dear Sir,

Having become the purchaser of fractional Section No. 4, Township 4, North of Range 9 West at the public sale in Quincy and being advised that the Trustees of the Town of Warsaw applied to enter the same under an act of Congress passed at the last session. I have to inform you that such application having been made and the proof taken before the sale no opportunity was offered me to contest it, and if your department should have any doubt on the subject, I desire you to institute an inquiry into the facts, when I am satisfied it will be clearly proven that the land was never occupied or laid out as a Town Site and that the Trustees have only applied in behalf of a small party in interest of those living on the property, and that they have entered into a combination with those persons to have them in case the application is successful convey to the Town of Warsaw a part of the premises, making it a mutual speculation between them.

I may add upon this point that I have been unable to ascertain the names of the persons who have solicited the Trustees to make the application on their behalf, but I suppose they...
have been transmitted to your department as otherwise you could have no knowledge that any person lived on the land. I should therefore be obliged to you if you would send them.

That it may be ascertained who they are, what are their claims. I am satisfied a portion of them are of the most fraudulent character. There are some old flat buildings on the premises occupied by persons who are merely in these temporarily, others have drawn rails on the land and set up a few and call themselves occupants to hold those or some only have built anything like respectable homes and some of these do not pretend to hold claims through them. Taking them altogether however there are but few persons living on the land & none of them went upon it with a view of occupying it as a home. At the time the corporate limits of Warsaw were extended over it none of these buildings were erected.

These are the facts as far as I have ascertained them and I wish you to have before departure to institute an enquiry into their claims of application of the trust. I should be seriously entertained in order to effect this and have the case properly presented. I have to request you, should it be consistent with your sense of duty and should you wish to have the subject to defer any final action thereto until you are member of Congress send Douglas arrives at Washington about the first of December.

Respectfully yours,

[Signature]

[Address]

[Address]
N.Y.

Stephen A. Douglas.

Quincy

Sirs:

Not aware of any other source in which I could place the confidence for procuring the information I am in quest of, I beg you will excuse the liberty taken, and please inform me, wherein, whether or by whom the taxes upon the following tract of land situated in Rossie in your state. viz. Stres S. N. S.E. of principal minimus being a half section of Bounty land belonging to the heirs of Christian Zoeller, should the taxes on the same be due please place me in possession of the best method to have the same remitted or paid accordingly.

Any further information you may possess as to the quality or value of said lands:

Your early answer will oblige,

Yours most respectfully,

Ferdinand E. Harding
Quincy, Nov. 10th, 1834

Douglas,

Sir: I learned yesterday from Mr. Holmes that you intend starting East without returning to Quincy. I wish while you are at Springfield you would have your books boxed up and send over directed to me. You will be more likely to get them all than anyone I could get to gather them up this winter.

I see there are a great many papers for you in the office. I got a few old papers occasionally but with reluctant permission from Clifford without some authority from you. If you will send me authority to get them out I will preserve them for you, I want the opportunity of reading them. As I shall not take a Washington paper this winter you will confer a kindness by sending me some of yours when you have done with them.

There is some little long news in town this morning. They claim Ohio by some 5000. Indiana would give rather given up to the forces.

Yours respectfully,

Wm. H. Benson

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Washington, Springfield
Ill. U. S. C.
Dear S. A. Douglas,

Being in Chicago a few days I saw Mr. Holman, who I should manage to get the Globe from Washington, thinking perhaps he had a copy in another city and he told me to this: I would forward a letter to you of a certain kind that it would answer. Will you send me the favor to forward this letter? I am your friend and told the bill and will pay it for the papers. I write in that way to pay the money to and trust you might have a discharge of the State Bank of Indiana. I must further take the liberty to request of you that you send your papers, speeches and documents as you have them to distribute among your constituents. Particularly such a treat of Banking, the Senate of the State Bank which seems to confer and hold a higher degree as it regards the State Bank. The State Bank which seems to confer and hold a higher degree as it regards the State Bank.

I am informed that the bankers and their interests have succeeded in getting their amendments to the Constitution. I am informed that the State Bank is now in charge of a man of confidence, who knows nothing of the business. Can you aid us in procuring the appointment of such a man as they have recommended? The present Senate is holding on the office although absent and no one can aid us in procuring the appointment of such a man as they have recommended. They are all Whigs or Republicans. The present Senate is holding on the office although absent and no one can aid us in procuring the appointment of such a man as they have recommended.
Chicago Nov. 23, 1844

Dear Sir,

On the 27th day of October last I wrote you at some length at Quincy, in regard to our being considered for first lady of U. S. from Illinois. In regard to various matters supposing it possible that you may have here enclosed the letter I adjoin you a copy. Will you advise me at your convenience whether you have received the letter. If not, I will write you the substance as it is again.

I start for Springfield tomorrow. Mean to keep on my important business. I shall be very happy to hear from you occasionally if out travelling. Your love much.

Your truly yours,

[Signature]

Ann R. Arnold
Chicago Nov 26th 1861

Mr. A. Douglas

Mr. Congres.

Washington, D.C.

Very much obliged,

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

[Seal]
Jervis, Illinois
23rd November 1844

Sir,

I have just received a communication from J. Clifford Expd. dated 12th inst. at Dixon Ill, informing me that he had assigned forwarded his resignation of the office of Post Master at this place, and recommended me as his successor.

I regret that I was not informed of Mr. Clifford's intention to recommend me, as it might have saved this Department from delay in filling his vacancy.

I am at this time Registrar of Land and Office at the place, with which I am content, and do not desire the change contemplated.

The office of Post Master here is of much importance, and one in which the public and local interests are involved, and as the fact of Mr. Clifford's resignation is now known, I presume that a suitable person to fill the office will be recommended as soon as practicable.

Very Respectfully yours,  
Post Master, Gen.

Wm. H. Flood

Mr. C. A. Wickliffe
(Confidential)

[Illegible]

24th November 1824

Dear Sir,

I was sorry I did not see you when you were in London last. I called at your room one a time but you were absent. I had much to say about smaller and things in general.

Your letter in relation to the removal of Mr. S., which I have received and considered on my previous opinion, that you knew nothing of the removal, previous to its taking place, and it gave me much pleasure that I could, upon your authority, put that smaller right in your apprehension that the removal caused much excitement and speculation as to the causes leading to the result.

And such was known to be an honest and faithful officer, and of course whatever charge of official misconduct might be made must fall upon you.

It is hard to see the end to be accomplished by the removal just at the termination of this administrative. The incumbent could hardly be permitted to retain his office, and the event appears to undue the circumstances of this case.

Like you I am inclined to believe that the removal was affected by the officious intermed-
The Hon. John H. White, Esq.

United States, Post Office Department

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of the Treasury to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd December, in which you state that you have received the announcement of the removal from the office of Post Master at Petersburg, and that you have appointed Mr. W. H. Brown to fill the vacancy. I am also informed that you have been appointed by the President to be Post Master at Petersburg, and that you have already accepted the appointment.

I am directed to express to you the thanks of the Government for the services you have rendered in the discharge of your duties, and to say that the country deeply feels the loss it will sustain by your departure. I am also informed that you have been appointed to the office of Post Master at Richmond, and that you have already accepted the appointment.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

[Note]: The text is a letter from a government official to a postmaster, expressing recognition of service and regret at the appointment of a new postmaster. The letter also acknowledges the appointment of another postmaster and expresses regret at the departure of the recipient.

[Handwritten Notes]

'By the same letter of the 3rd December, I am informed that Major Washington has been appointed for me. He is one of the best and most experienced officers, and I have every reason to believe that he will make an efficient officer. I have accordingly instructed Mr. Brown to arrange for Mr. Washington's appointment.'
my interest.

I shall be quite anxious to hear from you as soon as possible.

Very Respectfully,
your friend,

William S. Flood

Hon. S. W. Douglas

We the Democrats are employed here at this election of Mr. Polk. While the Whigs cheerfully take,
festivities. It is too bad they drag to have consented
man in the clay but beg some in man as the
Polk. take! The party I think will decided
and go with the abolitionists another states.

You will in a few days receive recommendation
nations in regard to the Post office.
Savannah, Ill., Nov. 23, 1844.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,
Dear Sir,

Allow me to beg the favor from you to put me down when your list of persons to whom you send now other public documents, checks, etc., I am greatly anxious to have me closely with any thing in that may coming from the approaching session of Congress, and may trouble you for an occasional favor. Grant me this, if agreeable to you,

And greatly oblige,
Yours, etc.,
O. B. Parke

(Handwritten signature)
Henry IV. 23d, 1844.

To


Dear Sir,

Enclosed I send you a copy of a letter addressed by me to the Court of the General Land Office, on the 23d ult. Its contents will suggest to you my desire that you should call at the Land Office as soon after your arrival at Washington as possible, and attend to the business of cooking after my purchases. I do not know that I can add any additional facts which would be of service to you in defeating the claim of the Trustees of Warren, except it is that the application was not made in the name of any person or persons living on the land but simply in the name of the Trustees. Their application should have been in their corporate name in Trust for the use of A. B. V. & Co. living on the land. It is however useless for me to suggest any legal points. They will naturally present themselves to your minds on inspecting the land.

The application of the Trustees is in direct opposition to its whole tenor and effect. To say nothing about that application not having been made in legal form.
There is also another claim which I desire you to look after. Mr. Bester of Santa applied before the sale to enter the land by a purchase out. These floats are entitled to no more credit than a prior injunction of the land was not automatically subject to prevention if for no other reason than the fact it is situated in the incorporated limits of Manassas though it is not nor has it ever been occupied as a Town Site. But I am unprepared to answer objections to this report of the Register. The Receiver sent to Washington and filed in the office there you will obtain a correct view of the whole case.

In conclusion allow me to say I have had the land line off and plotted as an addition to Manassas and should I continue to hold it of which I have no doubt I will as a compensation for your services in this matter forward you a deed for a portion of it which will handsomely compensate you.

Respectfully yours,

[Signature]

Hon. U.S. Douglas
Washington City & Co.

My health has partially recovered since I saw you.

F. W. N.