Ponora Ill. Dec 2d 1844

Mr. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

In the hope that you may be instrumental in obtaining a Postmaster's appointment in Rovia that will be acceptable to the late representative party and the citizens generally, I felt it my duty to communicate my humble thanks to you and to communicate information respecting the present situation. And I don't know as I can do it better than to copy the following letter which I wrote in October last to the Postmaster General. But for reasons that I can hardly tell myself I did not send it. Besides it was for fear of making an enemy of Mr. Fielden. For that I have no personal dislike, I only dislike him politically. He now says that he is going to give fight for the office under the 6th. That he is going on to Washington at the inauguration and expects to secure friends enough in Washington to secure him the office in spite of the wishes of the people at home. You for myself I know may be one of his favorite friends. Be that as it may, it will do you no harm to know him as he is.

Ponora 11th 1844
Hon. S. A. Wickliff

Dear Sir: Resuming that you feel a lively interest in all that appertains to the interests of the Postoffice department and also with all those who are engaged with you in the administration of its duties. I have thought proper to suggest to you the propriety of making a change of Postmaster in our place for reasons that I will mention. I say nothing of the present circumstances but in the present policy in Postoffice. (Which was notorious at that time.) I think it would be sufficient reason for a change when I inform you that Mr. Fielden is frequently to absent himself from any business. Much more of important business as becomes the duty of a Postmaster at this place, the circumstances and time under which he was appointed together with the present state of the political parties. I may safely say is the reason why the
Citizens of this place and petition almost to a man for his removal. For I may safely say that this is the reason why he is insolent to remain in his connection. But that is no reason as I can conceive to justify the head of the Department to continue it to possible a man to the Community in Office. When they know him as the is. In actuality to his total incompetence I would say that this insensible business arise from the Post Office. As it may (as on all things) a book or shop and the inconnection rate that he takes and treats it is very disgusting to hear.

For the correctness of what I have written I would refer you to any Citizen in Picos. And I must mistake you sir. If you continue such a man in office—until the 1st of March next!! Yours!

Such my dear sir are some of the characteristics of our present Postmaster and I hope you will consider them and bear them in mind. It is a general fact that the US Postmaster at Deyton cannot deal it in Money. With my best wishes to you and a strong thanks to see you in My Holle Friend, I am yours,

Your sincerely,
Sam. Dimon

If I really wish you would answer this at your earliest leisure that I may know that you have received it.
Sam C. Cumon
Roria M.

To: Stephen A. Douglas M. C.
Washington D.C.
Salem, Dec. 2, 1844
My Dear Sir,

Richardson was nominated to-day over Parvin for Speaker. The election of the officers & Senate will at once take place after the organization of the two Houses.

No Northern man will be elected, and I had great confidence in the election of Temple. The first ballot unless your name is forwarded—your friends are it seems to me anxious about your claims for the Senate. Your election now would necessarily be at once a hostile attitude toward you and endanger your claims. While Mr. Mason now has the temerity to question the long leg. You know Judge that for the short leg I am for Temple. First heat and all ways. For the deception you are my child and the choice of all my friends. The only danger to Temple is the combination of Conkling and Taylor's friends; but I am inclined to the opinion that your course cannot draw off Temple's Northern friends.

Now, Judge in regard to myself I have or to say that there is no honorable opposition to me. I stand by John Tyler as long as he does my support and to use he will ever. People as I always support my friends. Politically I stand by the same devotion to principle, that is,
[Handwritten text is not legible due to the condition of the page.]
Hon. S. A. Douglas
Washington, D.C.
Springfield Dec 30 1844

Friend Douglas

I hasten to inform you that our esteemed friend Mr. A. Richardson has been this day elected Speaker over Farrish by a vote of 58 to 21 in caucus of 73 to 36 over Sogaile in the House. The Hon. Governor made some show for Houlton, I made promises to this, requiring of me that he must have some pledge from Stock or his friends that he would not pack committee on him. I told him he had better not ask it of Richardson for he was sure not to get it, he saw there was no chance to defeat him so in words he concluded to fail.

I tell you as a friend there will be the more devil kicked up here when the election comes on for U.S. Senator, Taylor is figuring largely, a part of the North are out loud and long against him if one of Scamplers' friends told me to day that they were determined if Taylor was forced to be strong to turn once as you say to your old friends if they did not get for you they would not go for you 2 years hence. You
I may be prepared to hear of almost any result, but most probably that S. A. D. is elected. For the reason that my friends and determined friends shall not be elected. 

I will keep you advised of all changes in this game from time to time.

Now I may be amusing myself too much to my heart's content, but I know old age is not pleasant, and I know that I know who will be a sufficient apology for the state of affairs at this time.

I am in a hurry to go into the post immediately for several of the officers of the House.

Be sure and tell Mr. Biddles is very anxious for the appointment of the Master here.

This is a great want of these, but I hope God will provide in good time.

B. D. Wood. Most likely will bring the state of this state to Washington, and is also an applicant for the office of something together with many others, but I think I will have enough besides other wants, and will be there by the 4th of March of this year.

I will see any good, please write me one.

I must say before I close that Mrs. Richardson is well, and also the children, we have had the misfortune to lose our only son. 

He was born in 1852, but he had not been long in the land of the living before he was named as above. And the hour has arrived for our meeting of necessity.

I trust, however, in this letter, there is nothing much new, and if you can read this I will do better next time.

I am Sir with great respect your sincere friend

[Signature]
Mellander

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Member Congress
Washington, D.C.

[Seal]
Monday evening
5 Dec 1844

My Dear Sir,

as I mentioned last evening Richardson has been elected Speaker. Bird clerk of house and Donald of Sandalia as at clerk — to fill that Moore for clerk of Senate no as at yet appointed. Noah Johnston evidently intriguing Clerk for Senate — and So Mor Murphy Sergeant at Arms. Dick got 52 votes in Caucus and Parish only 21. This astonished the gubernatorial folks very much.

Yours E.G.
Free

Honble S.A. Douglas M.C.,
Washington City
Dist.of Columbia

[Signature]

[Handwritten Notes]
(Confidential)

Marina Dec. 22nd 1868

Dear Douglas,

You are aware that some time since I received the appointment of Receiv. A. Loan I had intended to accept upon the date of the office. I have filled my Bond to amount of $75,000 when I was called out of town for several days to dine at the scene. Look for one or two others containing a certificate of origin in order to issue a subscription for five appointments by telling them that I had declined the office (long before I had thought of asking it) obtaining my nomination to it. Politics the reason from Mr. Green who said he had reason to believe that you were actually opposed to my appointment. We were pledged personally by him in the fall of March not suffering that I had lied don't at. I am so

Very sincerely yours,

P.S. I have been directly inquiring you can not get such an appointment. I do not know where to turn to get him the post office. After having been abroad for a year for the party at a loss & sacrifice to myself of some $200 (for which I am called) I think,

The greater portion of the Democrats of Albany think that I have been shrewdly
Treated I know the difficulty of your situation, I think you see, and wish to do any thing to influence your election to the Senate, I fear, hence, I would suggest that you either seat me an applicant for the sitting offices to which your past services have been nominated for the past office be a sort of midnight Canons of which it will be sent to you as the proceedings of a long disordered meeting where I pledge you my word with none. Few words are in the house of the Democrats of the views of the second meeting to be held in none but a few hours of Rogers your election. I will write again soon.

The Legislature has just organized. I asked Dick Richardson speech to raise a small amount of money to give to the sitting one sitting in place of the Senate in favor of last year. I am doing all I can to reach it as I know you are not much players. What is the matter as you will be done by it at the end of time? I will make an effort to let Richardson speak and keep up your election. You are in so fine a foot he can tell you point of place but I am in hopes he will not accept your strongest friends. I am trying to elect him for your friend.

Yours very truly

P. H. Thompson
E. Thompson
Springfield
Ill.
Springfield, Ill, Dec. 2nd, 1874.

Dear Sir,

Will you do me the favor to subscribe for the Daily Globe and have it sent to my address in the city for 3 months. I will settle the bill with you on sight.

We have just made our nominations for officers of the house of representatives. Col. Richardson and Mr. Parrent were candidates for Speaker, and the former succeeded, 53 to 27. Mr. Cloud has received the nomination for Clerk and McDonald (friend) national. I find that Mr. Taylor is not unlikely to make a strong pull against Judge Temple. Many of the members of the legislature think that Mr. It. wants a good chance to be elected to the Senate instead of the Judge.

Judges Thomason, Eaton and Shields, from present indications, are likely the three to the judiciary of their respective circuits.

I shall be much pleased to hear from you occasionally or as often as your convenience will allow time to write.

Very respectfully,

[Signature]
Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,
Washington
D.C.

Mr. President, I am
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Pavia, Ill., Dec 5, 1844

Dear Sir,

Since writing you before I have learned that it has been said here that it is proposed to move to Springfield to secure influence for the Post Office. This is totally mistaken. I am satisfied when I am. The community are satisfied with the management of the Office now. Now why should I be sacrificed? If you say to applicants no change will be made, I as far as my influence among could be used in the late election it has been so near. Can I rely on you, if anything is required by any of influence here, I can obtain it. I dislike this pursuing me for an Office. I obtained fairly & by Democrats too.

I shall anxiously wait an answer, I trust you will aid me in this matter.

I am respectfully yrs.

[Signature]

[Address]

Mr. S. A. Douglas

Illinois
Anon. L. A. Douglas
M. C.

Washington D.C.
Springfield Dec 5th 1844

Dear Sir,

The Electoral College of this State met one yesterday and voted to-day. The Electors all voted for James R. and not one for D.K. Mr. Wood, Cassius and the others. I presume you have heard of all the proceedings of the Legislature before this will reach you—Simpson, Dick, Paine and Pumphole are Candidates for U.S. Senate. My race is not always in the Light.

Peter Sweat of Peoria is a candidate for the office of Marshall of the State, his recommendations will be forwarded in due time—Until the proper time arrives when the merits and recommendations of all the applicants can be duly canvassed and considered. I hope that the Members from Illinois both Senators and Representatives will keep themselves uncommitted upon this question. Your intimate friend will esteem
It a special favor if you will see the Senator and the Representatives and express your views on the necessity and propriety of adopting this course provided it suits with your disposition.

Very respectfully,
Your Obt. Asst.
M. C. Kurtz
To "Mr. Stephens & Douglass Esq."
Washington City
1863
Brook 5 Dec 1844

Hon. S. D. Dickson

Sir,

Permit me to introduce to you our fellow citizen Mr. Whittmore who is one of our Democratic friends. He has been unfortunate in losing one of his horses and any assistance you can render him will be duly appreciated by your friends.

We remain your friends and
most obediently,

[Signature]

[Signature]
Peter Lorah
Pecora
St.

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Member of Congress from Illinois
Washington, D.C.
[Confidential]

Jacksonville, Ill., Dec. 6th, 1844

Hon. J. A. Douglas

I write this with the intent to inform you of a short time since, in a letter addressed to the Hon. J. A. McClernand & yourself, in relation to the Post Office of this place & an applicant for the same. Now my object in writing this letter is for the purpose of explanation, or in other words, defining my position; at the time that letter was written, I was not aware of any other applicants for the office except J. C. Dickson & J. A. Dushman. And of the two, I prefer Dickson, and in the letter spoken of his capacity & abilities to discharge the duties of the Office, all of which I do not wish to retract. But since that time, one other applicant has appeared, and it has thusly changed the face of things. I allude to M. H. Happy. Whom I believe is equally well qualified as Dickson and whom I believe would give general satisfaction in the discharge of the duties of the Office, now as regards Dickson & Happy, I would state that the former has got a situation in the State of the Center, and I presume gets a fair living compensation, and as regards the pecuniary circumstances of
both of them, I presume they are much alike, both in age. Now if any event is to be tried according to the merits of any individual and the services and sacrifices that are involved unless the good cause, then in that event the claims of Capt. Chaply to his strongly present tie and well may be in making a selection for the place in question. Should Capt. Chaply get the appointment, I believe it'll give general satisfaction, at least as much so as any appointment that Nova can give you an all too short of the appointed that may, that have some that would not be setting. Satisfactory, more particularly those that may the applicants themselves in their particular opinions in conclusion, I must add, that I have reason to believe that the claim of this latter person in order to set myself right in regard to Capt. Chaply can't. Chaply he get the appointment of the office in this place, in case a general is made. It will be a source of infinite pleasure to me, most respectfully yours, Thos. A. St. John.

S. Hockley
Mr. J. A. Douglass M. C.
Washington City
Q. C.

[Signature]
Post Office Department,
Appointmen Office,
December 6th, 1840

Sir,

Benjamin Clifford, Jr., Postmaster at Quincy, Illinois, has resigned, and recommends Mayor William G. Flood for appointment, as his successor.

The Postmaster General will be pleased to receive such information and advice as you may have in your power to give on this subject.

Yours very respectfully,

[Signature]

[Address]

Hon. J. A. Douglas,
House of Representatives.
Burlington, Iowa,
Dec. 6, 1864.

Dear Judge—

I wrote to Judge Bocour by the last mail informing him of my arrival here—The great glorification of the Democracy over the Tech & Labor triumphant, &c., which I now pass to his admiration.

I also renewed the matter of the District Attorneyship of this Territory and suggested a plan for carrying it through with your assistance. I earnestly hope that this business may be agreeable to you and that you will take hold of it with a friendly hand—for I assure you it is to me of the most a matter of life and death.

Beyond the reasons which I have already given you for making immediate application, and the plan which I have suggested for accomplishing it, I can think of nothing further that I can do.

There will doubtless be many applicants for the place if it should be left until Mr. Parker's inauguration. This will place my friend, Gen. Dodge, in an embarrassing position—that of making a choice from among mutual friends—a difficulty from which I am confident to which he, an unerring appointee, would put an end to the whole matter.

I shall leave the balance to your judgment and goodship—depending entirely upon the effort of yourself and Judge Bocour—and willing to abide whatever you may deem best in the matter.

Yours, your friend,

James M. Morgan.
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Rev. A. H. Douglass,
House of Reps.
Washington City
(D. C.)