From: J. D. [illegible]
To: [illegible]

Dec. 17th, 1844.

As it is our intention to live in a mining district, and not bring in high favor with them at that time, they neglect to furnish us with documents. Not being miners to fall too far behind in the times, we appeal to you. It was our pleasure to give you our respects when in this district. And I hope that you will feel a little interest in your sphere, our great men and just passing off the stage. Who shall succeed them? You have all the elements within yourself to gratify with the great of earth. Preserve—be constant—and prepare for the high destiny that awaits you.

Very Respectfully,

[Signature]

P.S. If it is not asking too much, please remember & save me of this place.

[Signature]
To Mr. Stephen A. Douglas, M. C.
Washington City, D.C.
Mr. Stephen A. Douglas
Dear Sir

I have a recommendation in the Message of an appropriation for building the “Ball Proof” iron Frigate projected by Robert E. Stephens. You may have observed some time since some experiments in England demonstrating completely the futility of the plan of this Frigate. Successive layers of wrought iron were perforated by ordinary sized shot with as much facility and certainty as the same thickness of wood. It has also been demonstrated here that Stevens’ project fails of its object. An experiment was made under circumstances most favorable to it and resulted in ignominious failure. Capt. Stenton is an intimate friend of Stevens’ and would not perhaps be inclined to volunteer testimony against the plan of this Frigate. Nevertheless he has demonstrated its entire fallacy and his testimony of brought out by reference of the subject to a special committee would completely lay the scheme on the shelf and save the government $200,000 dollars

As you “go in” for “glory,” I have deemed it likely you might be glad to “Check Mate” this scheme of personal profit the minuscule nature of which I will advise you of if you think profit to move for it.

Yours Respectfully

[Signature]
Mr. Stephen A. Douglas
Washington
D.C.
Dear Sir,

 Permit me to say to introduce upon your kindness, as to beg of you to favor me occasionally, with a document, during the present session, for which you will receive the unfeigned thanks of your very humble servt.

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 Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

 P.S. Direct to Fayette, Green County Ill.
Mr. A. Russell
Fayette
Gran Co.

Greensboro City
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Hon. J.A. Douglas
Washington City
D.C.
Philad. Dec 8th 1844

Dear Sir,

By the Washington paper, I perceive you have returned to your arduous duties, and as I have a favour to beg of you, I hope and pray you will not think it amiss. After a hard fought battle, our cause has triumphed, and as it will and ought to be, those who have exerted themselves to accomplish the same, are entitled to the benefits to be derived therefrom. I beg of you to use your influence in any behalf to either obtain for me in Washington a clerkship in some one of the departments (an easy berth) or else should you think it more advisable, use it if you please to obtain one here; there will be some vacancies here in the Custom House, one of which the Deputy Store Keeper I have spoken to Mr. Holt Tyler about; he told me his idea was that they and it were pretty much for-mired and should it be so, he and you together could obtain me something in Washington, a letter from you to him on the subject or an interview with him the next time he visits Washington, would be of some service; you will be kind enough to inform.
me in regard to this matter.

We are at present perfecting an organization in each ward and district of the City and Co. and forming benevolent instru-
cements to assist our friends who have and
may be discharged from employ by our foes
for having voted as they did, in their judg-
ment, though not for the whole Country — it is
my humble opinion that this system of perco-
ration adopted by the Whigs, while we manage
case, we cannot do by the means of our ot-
taining over them here our fall as great a
victory as our most languishing friends else-
where would wish, time will prove whether
my conjectures are right.

Your state has done mostly, sure we all
are as we ought to be proud if she has still
continued her farmers in Sec. Walker
as well as the Macphels she has always at-
thed for the Whigs and every man in the
State, many of the principal parties put in
a double number of hands the Whigs have
employed & so clever to obtain their vote
with the intention to keep them no longer than
while the election was out, and then discharge
them, but it would not do to the Demo-

pore hundreds have been discharged, and
the Whigs now say such would not have
been the case had Clay been successful,
but I assure you, had he succeeded they
would have done just the same thing, as
they would have had no more for them.
As then your views aggravate them much
that with all their deep laid plans, to en-
trap the Hamilton Democracy, and all
their expections of money, that they could
not succeed in electing their "great-
embody" the "mill boy of the planters"
and therefore are more freely disposed
than they would have been had Clay
been elected.

Please don't take too much of
valuable time let me hear from you.

Hon. Elias Boudinot Your affectionate
Washington
Thomas Graham
Washington 25th Market St.
Philad a
Morgan

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Washington, D.C.
House of Representatives Dec. 8th 1844

Dear Friend,

I read your letter of the 10th inst. a few days previous to my departure for this place. I did not reach here until the house was organized and officers elected in consequence of sickness in my family and the loss of one of my children. I suppose you will see the officers of the House announced in the House papers before this letter reaches you. Our friends appear to be in fine spirits and well united. There is some manoeuvring at this time with to U.S. Senator, in addition to Gen. Sibley & Col. Taylor, Mr. Trumbull is on the track. I should not be surprised if he should break into the parts & lots arrangements very considerably. You need not be surprised to hear of his election of some other person who has not been thought of. Many of your friends may go for Trumbell if they are satisfied that it will not interfere with your future prospects. Trumbull says he is for you now & will go for you if your friends bring you out.
The election comes on next Monday. Let me hear from you as often as convenient. I will occasionally give you items of what is going on in your city. [Signature]

Wm. [Other Name]

[Signature]

Rev. S. H. Douglass
Springfield Dec the 10th 1844

Dear

In the Election of united States Senators has you off this day it terminated in the Election of Gov. Temple two motives influence my action on that subject first Temple is a good man and worthy of the confidence of the party and of the situation as hence it was every way right.

Secondly the Eye of the people of my section of the State are turned on you for that station at the end of two years do not think it better to place you where I say to you as many of the papers and publick men have said that your talents are second to no man in the Nation.

Consequently it will shortly be

Stephen A. of the west instead of Henry of the west I sent to the Camp

O, Oergren the claims of John Scott my father for a lost horse and equipage last in the Revolutionary War I wish you to get it up again and press his Claim
The victory achieved in the Presidential Election was glorious and will produce a glorious change in the affairs of this Nation. I fear that we may meet with many disappointments as to men but I hope not in measures. I mean in relation to official duties. I find that many recommendations are now pending here. I have never presented my name for any office within the patronage of the President, some friends have spoken to me in relation to this. Hatred for all I feel so deficient that my humble abilities without my attempt writing these few lines of intimating your feelings, I always wish to be understood that I do not seek pay for the act which was my choice to do. True you might say to President Dolley that Dunlap was the kind of my nature. There were my infant feet steps it is Pauly true that I have all my power to exert and secure his election. But it is Pauly true that I do not seek for pay by any of the offices duties at the time — you have been long acquainted. With me and you know my unflinching love in the Democrat Cause. I do not make this appear to your knowledge of these facts to vacate the place or the office of office. Later disposition under it should be of Democrat character as far as possible are concerned.

I am apprised that there are a number of applicants for this station, who will not approach you in person but by the great many of the state. If you are my friend I must I will speak to you and of this. I have not the State would dispose of me as you may.

This letter is too long above and because I have not time to continue it and have wrote in two separate

Yours truly.

James W. Scott
Jack Scott
Springfield
Il.

To Mr. [illegible]

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

H.R. [illegible]

Washington
City
York, Decr 11th, 1844

Dear Mr. Douglas,

I suppose you will have received already, I informed that Temple was nominated in Canada last night, & that he has this P.M. been duly elected Senator. This result is said in all kinds to have been foretold by the party who had influence sufficient to generally support, & effect the withdrawal of Taylor, so that may destroy the opposition to Temple.

I understand that it was supposed that your name could have been used, & do not doubt but that you would have been elected. The Northern delegation were not very well united on Temple; but that the influence of some of the more prominent members of the opposition was finally brought to one end. Amongst others Arnold of our County was quite strenuous on behalf of Temple, particularly after it was ascertained that Ford desired it.

In other matters things of course remain in status quo. As to the present political system, the Govr not only wishes upon its being continued, but
also upon the election of his nominees. By the
call, Mr. Caton & Mr. Thomas, of course these will all have
been done.

I hear from Chicago that great efforts are
making to organize an opposition, to Mr. Stewart
& to endeavor to take the control of the affairs
of the district and of his hands at Washington.
I do not doubt that you have yourself made the
confidant of some of their designs for they
will attempt everything in order to secure your
assistance, it being pretty generally conceded that
Mr. Atherton at Washington is one so far as this side
is concerned, and that the West generally,
paramount influence importance. There nothing
I say as to their efforts, they may all be corrected
for ought that I have to say, I can only remark that
they do not meet with my concurrence, nor do I
believe that they will be in union with the wishes
of the great mass of the party in the Congressional
district—thinking so, I have thought on my part
for me to say so to you—

should your absence allow. I should be most
happy to get an occasional line from you, and to
hear of Chicago things. There is in the course of
expecting a letter. Keep well & think of me.

[Signature]

[Name]
M. Connell

To: Hon. Stephen A. Douglas of Illinois

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,


Your sincerely,

Henry M.
Springfield Ills

Decr 11. 1844

"To: Mr. A. Langhaf

Dear Sir,

I regret that Mr. Sumter

had acted a very bad part in this matter

by letting his name be made a candidate for

the US Senate. It was all very well

until his name was mentioned. That made

some confusion and drove some men from

one or the other. For I came anxious and

his friends thought Sumter and I went

off for my Senate. Many of my friends

at the Convention, I think, are all well

and I left the town at 8 between Mr.

Sumter and Mr. Sumter is a very great. I think

I want to have written Mr. Sumter easy of

way I had keep out of the way,

I will explain all things to you in private

somehow or that old. I think you will trust

and all of our minds.

O G. Taylor
To Mr. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I congratulate you on the late presidential election and wish you give my respects to that man who the others did not favor before the election but it seems from the returns he had a general acquaintance with the dear people now. I am about asking a favor of you and in doing so I feel a little I have one friend who is an applicant to the Marshals office and I ask you as a democrat to think of him and if you should I shall not attempt to plead Service to my principles and party. I am satisfied to leave it with our friends hoping it may be favorable. The election for United States Senator came off yesterday, I presume was carried the whole State of Government influence was against him at the start it was thought he had no chance but he won them all out of water, I observe one thing there was a wish manifested to lead you into the field with no good intention towards you. Dally Goodridge and your humble servant met it by stating you where no candidate now but two years hence we probably would not say, so it was at the heel of the hunt and in probability you would have been beaten. I thought so did Dally and our other real friends that it was to injure you make a scramble and bring out a new man from the north which would be an obstacle two years hence as the public mind has it seems settled settled down on that there is nothing but death or what I hope never will. Take place that a question of your friends can prevent it. It is my advice.

It is the wish of all of your real friends that you remain where you are, I shall not discuss the time and just let the time for the six years of your term in the Senate expire my admonition is what you think in my best esteem J.B. Blood is quarterback and gave me assurance he should serve one if he don’t yet in his bank notions there are other applicants and they got the—
Start of me for until the election was over
I would say nothing about it to my friends
nor your old friends as far as have seen me
well generally and we all hope you may
enjoy the same blessing as I remain
your friend
Springfield Dec 12th 1844 Robert M. Farland

To write soon to Delhi — A. Douglas

J A Douglas

Pet Douglas

Mt. Douglas M B
Springfield, 12th December 1844

Dear friend,

I wish you to use your influence in getting for me the latter Office of Pension Agent of Illinois. I need know that you are aware of my qualification. You know them as well as any man living. I think it is best to get a recommendation to send to you. You know me. We have lived in the same state, county, and almost door neighbors in the same town for several years and that in terms of friendship. The present incumbent is Colo. John Lawson.

If I want to get the office at present, I do not think any of the friends here would make any effort to turn me out. When our Democratic Chief James 16 folk comes into the tree ditch as Chair on Thanksgiving. Next I only want the office for a year and half. My intention is to go to Oregon next May. A year and a half of the time, Oregon, in as a Tuesday this winter and make a judge for the circuit there. You may hand my name to the President for appointment to the office of Marshall. There will be nothing made of the office, but I would like to have it.

And my old friend I want you to do for me a favor. Think Lawrence and Candace will dictate letters to you at the agency of Pension. I write you as long a letter as there is any chance you, if not, will you go for me after the 4 March next if can. I go for me. I will not trouble further.

Respectfully yours, James F. Beck
From

Mr. J. A. Soule

No. 6,

Washington, D.C.