Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,
U. S. Senate.

Dear Sir,

You will recollect meeting me at Coleman's Hotel in Washington about two
weeks before the opening of Congress. I intended having some conversation
with you on political matters before leaving it, but was prevented by a sudden call from home.

It will perhaps be proper to allude to myself and my position
in the Democratic party before touching upon the matters
of which I wish particularly to call your attention. Formally,
a citizen of your own state, recognized in my own county
(Winnebago) as a warm and active Democrat, I removed to
this state in 1842, was soon after appointed judge of this,
Scholastic County, have been twice put in nomination for
important public offices, in which I was afraid by the
Anti-Rent movement, to occupy a well-defined position
as one of the leading conservative democrats of this county.

As much for myself known to matters of higher import,
A state convention will be held in Albany on the 26th
inst., in which if necessary I shall take a seat, theensible
object of that convention is to make arrangements for the
election of Anti-Wilmot-Davis. Alleges to the Baltimore
Convention, in reality, to agree upon a candidate for the
Presidency to be supported by the N. C. Conservative Democrats.
You can keep clear of a too decided commitment on the issue at hand.

I have at present nothing more to say. In my opinion, the chances in your favor are sufficient to induce care and action. As your personal friend and an old citizen of Illinois, I feel a deep interest in your success. I trust you will write me on this matter in the full assurance your confidence will never be abused. I am ambitious on one point. I wish you to recognize me as your friend, as I believe in your sincerity, your faith.

When I grasp your hand as President, I may, for we all consider men a little in selfishness, bring to your remembrance this letter, in the mean time believe me,

Most truly,

Your friend,

N. J. Appelo.
Pethel, Morgan C. To: January 8th, 1848

Sir, Allow me to congratulate you on the success which has crowned your efforts both politically and personally during the last year.

It affords me a source of pleasure in doing so, from the fact that I have been one of your Democratic supporters since I came to the State in 1843—and it also gives me pleasure to think that in supporting you, I have aided in placing a Northern man in a situation where he might make a practical demonstration of the old adage, "Use a Southern man with Southern views in Southern counties, which gave birth to your better self, has claim on one, which, with all our best wishes, for its success can never be discarded."

I have watched your course since I was introduced to you by John Evan at Milton Pike Co. If I hope you will not think it flattering, when I say, it has met my heart and approval.

I would be glad to receive some documents occasionally from you, in order that I may be the better able to support the cause of Democracy, in old Morgan county, one of the free counties of the State, which is strongly tainted with Modern Whiggery. You will discover by this letter, that since I saw you in Jacksonville, Nov. 14th, my address is changed.
By the way, there is in the course of interest, a building for the reception of the unfortunate prisoners of war. State in New Orleans—I would be glad to obtain your influence, in order to obtaining the situation. I propose to the same. Proposed names. It is, after all, not justly, the request. That would not follow in my private practice. It is better that you, either know all about the matter or are holding correspondence with those. I do not know if you would be willing that you would communicate through this medium or of the firm, about it. I am unacquainted personally, with our Public authorities. I had correspondence in connection to communicate matters, so early in such matters, but they are considering it. Further, the extraordinary efforts of Mr. Dyer, will be deemed sufficient authority.

S. R. (signature)

If the former be required, please refer to the Medical Department of the University of Penn. As Professor of the Faculty of the University, and as a different Physician, of note in the West.
Bethesda Free  
January 15

The Hon. S. A. Douglas  
Washington D.C.
Ellisville, Jan. 9th, 1845

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Permit me to call your attention to an old friend that early in the Session, and while I do so I must confess it is with feelings of diffidence growing out of a knowledge of my unfitness to approach you, and because of the many and worthy friends you have to communicate with, connected with the arduous duties you have to perform, which I am well aware must necessarily consume most of your time. But still we have met, we have formed an acquaintanceship, we have exchanged thoughts and may we not again, last mail day I received the President’s Message from my old friend Col. Richardson (for which he has my thanks) and must say to you that I think it an able Document. It speaks the mind of every American, especially upon the war. Whigery stands mute, not knowing which horn of the dilemma to take, but the honest portion say Mr. R.  Scott is right.
I speak with much interest upon the action of the Democracy of the Union assembled at Washington the present session, for upon your unity of feeling and action depends the success of our principles and measures for some length of time. I hope to see the Mind of the leading Democratic men centered upon a man who will be true to principle and who will be unexceptionable, if Buxton I fear will be a heavy drag, will it not be Dallas, or Whigery come any speed against him? If you have time I would be glad to hear from you upon this matter, what will be the action of Buxton in relation to the bill, and whether your Territorial Bill in relation to Oregon will be able to become a law at this session. I notice by the Brum your Election as Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary nothing gave me more pleasure, it was just what I wished to see. But I am residing upon your time and patience, you know my feelings in relation to Oregon any information you can give me upon that subject will be thankfully received, you remember we had our talk at Ellisville last summer. Give my respects to Bruce Richardson.
J. L. Miller

Ellicottville
Jan 12

Hon. S. J. Douglas
N. Y.
Washington D.C.
Saturday night
January 15, 1848.

My dear Sir,

I take the liberty to enclose the accompanying to you in the hope that it will be acceptable to you and many friends in your State. I did not anticipate its length when I commenced have written it in great haste, with many interruptions, and have not had time to correct as I would wish, nor even to read over the latter part of it.

If you should deem it worthy of publication anywhere or at any time, I beg that you will not permit it to be done here at present: it might induce the belief that I wish and设计 to show myself, the I have studiously kept as much in the rear as possible, as I did in the Battle of Buena Vista.

Truly your friend,

[Signature]

Hon. S. A. Douglas.
Washington.
The instructions letter sent to Ath
no 14, Baker's March
13 - 1848

C. S. Churchill
Mr. C. S.
Vandalia, Illinois
January 15, 1848

Dear Sir,

I am advised by the printed proceedings of Congress that the bill from the Senate for disastrous affairs, has been referred to the Senate a bill providing for the admission of ten new States to the Union of the United States. I have a great desire to go to Mexico in the event of the passage of that bill, and I have but little doubt it will pass. May I be allowed to ask, that you and Mr. W. H. Admanson, from the President, under the provisions of that bill?

Shall my request meet your views and I sincerely hope it may—your aid in this matter will greatly oblige.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. S. T. Douglas
Mr. S. Edwards

Washington City
J. R. F. Amenon
Concord, January 12, 1848.

SIR: I. A. Douglas,

Dr. Sir,

If Congress should order an additional no. of Regiments to the Army, I suppose the officers of the same will be appointed by the President. In that event, I wish the privilege of receiving a Company, or to fit the appointment of a Command to one, or some appointment in the service, as I should like to go to Texas, &c. I hope you may feel at liberty to take an interest for me in this matter. I may be able at some future day to repay the favor, and not be indebted.

We have a meeting called to give an expression on the subject of the War with Mexico, the proceedings of which will be forwarded to you as soon as it comes off. I should be glad to hear from you, &c.

Respectfully yours,

[Signature]
McCombsville Ohio
Jan 12th 1847

Mr. S. A. Douglas,

Sir,

I take the liberty of writing to you to inquire what the law of Illinois is in relation to the admission of Attorney, who have been previously admitted in another State.

What I wish to know is what residence is required and whether applicants are required to undergo a new examination? By furnishing this information, you will oblige your truly.

S. W. Love
Home S. A. Douglas
Washington D.C.
Yaco Jan', 12th 1845

Hon J A Douglas

Dear Sir,

My Brother Addison Ramsey learns the appointment of Assistant Quartermaster in the Army. He is anxious to investigate himself in Mexico; he has the promise of considerable influence in the matter, but should be pleased to have your advice. We have had no appointments from this part of the state yet. in the Army. I think we should have done, if you could consistently urge your friend. I will be considered as a favor I believe we are as good Democrats here as in any other part of the state. I suppose as it is customay, I might wish you much prosperity & happiness. Since you have changed your position in society, I should be pleased to hear from you occasionally. I get a public document.

Very Respectfully yours,

[Signature]

[Handwritten note: Dear Ramsey]
Plains Jan 13 1845.

Hon. W. A. Douglass

Sir, Allow me to request that you favor my application for the appointment of Surgeon in some of the Volunteer Corps that have been or may be raised for our war with Mexico, provided it should meet your view. I will remark that I am of the unanimous recommendation of the officers & men of the 11th Va. Regt. commanded by Col. Baker, 12 months ago last Spring. The matter was forwarded to Hon. B. Pierce he returned them stating that they arrived after the appointment had been made. I procure also the recommendation of the then Gov. of the State 1st and all the Officers of State at Springfield with the most influential citizens also. I am known to you as a physician—allow me to say that I profess which may be regarded as principal evidence of qualification, diploma from some of the best Medical School and boards in the Union, I am known to Hon. A. Lincoln, Hon. W. A. Richardson & others to whom I propose addressing a similar note—I desire much to go to Mexico—my own health is the principal reason, and without it be in your power to draw in this matter. I am sure can for a most material benefit upon a needy and afflicted friend.

I am your he respectfully

[Signature]

P.S. You will perceive that I have changed my residence from Springfield to this place

Francis W. McNeill

To Sir

Should Congress comply with the suggestion of the President in his late Message, and authorize the raising of an additional Regular Force to serve during the War with Mexico, permit me to suggest the name of Capt. Horatio C. Roberts (of this city) for the appointment of Major, Capt. R. served eleven months in Mexico as Commandant of Company (A) 4th Regt. (Capt. Baker's) Ills Volunteers, and acquitted him well with much credit. I know Capt. R. well, and have no hesitation in recommending him as being amply qualified for the duties of the Office to Which he aspires. Any aid you will render the Capt. in furtherance of his object, will confer a singular favor on him, as also,

Your Obt. Servt.

S. H. Anderson
To: S. A. Douglas, U.S. Marine
Washington City, December 6, 1845
Ferry, Mo. May 15, 1845.

Hon. L. Douglas

Sir,

Accompanying this letter, find the application & exchange of George F. Lane for a soldier, for which he wishes to procurre a land warrant.

If you will take upon yourself the trouble of attending to the business, you will please from the Treasury Department the proper documents & send us, or shall have our evaluation signed.

Your truly,

Jno. H. Meckinaw
I hereby certify that Geo. McDermott, Private of Company I, 2nd Regt. US Volunteers, is unfit to perform the duties of a soldier, and therefore in the opinion of this command, the interest of the service requires that he should be discharged from the army.

McDermott, Lieut. Col. U.S. Army

Cross at the Island of Rossio, St. Jorge, Texas Jut 30, 1846

Private lieu M. Lane of Captain Brown's Company 2nd Regt. U.S. is discharged from the military service from June 30th, 1846.

A. Cole & R. D. Com. 1st

The above named George M. Lane has been provided with transportation and fare from this place, to Cincinnati, Ohio.

New Orleans Augt 8, 1846

A. P. Belzer

A. W. B., Capt.
State of Illinois,
County of Illinois:

On this fifteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty eight personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting Justice of the Peace within and for said county and state. George Blaine whose being by the first duly sworn according to law deposes and declares that he is the identical George Blaine who was a Private in the 1st Rifle Company Commanded by Captain Bruines in the 2d Regiment of Ohio Volunteers Commanded by Colonel Morgan that he enlisted at the town of Belleville in the County of St. Clair in the State of Ohio in the month of April (the precise day he does not recollect) in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty eight for the term of one year and was discharged at Vicksburg in Mississippi the thirtieth day of July in the said year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty eight by reason of illness incurred in the course of service as from the Certificate of the Surgeon of said Company. And the Certificate of discharge here to appended and made for which he will more fully appear. And further says not.

STATE OF ILLINOIS,

PEORIA COUNTY.

J. William Mitchell, Clerk of the County Commissioners Court for said county, do hereby certify that the foregoing certificate was on the day of the date thereof an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid duly commissioned and qualified as appears of record in my office and that, as such, full faith and credit are due to all his official acts and that this signature is above is genuine.

In testimony whereof, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court at Peoria, this fifteenth day of January one thousand eight hundred and forty eight.

[Signature]

Clk.
STATE OF ILLINOIS,

PEORIA COUNTY,

ss.

I, William Mitchell, Clerk of the County Commissioners' Court for said county, do hereby certify, that Dennis Bailey, Esq. whose name appears subscribed to the foregoing certificate, was, on the day of the date thereof, an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid, duly commissioned and qualified, as appears of record in my office; and that, as such, full faith and credit are due to all his official acts and that his signature as above is genuine.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court, at Peoria, this fifteenth day of January 1848.

William Mitchell
Clerk.
Fremont Douglass,

I now want your attention for a few minutes.
I have written to all the Democratic Members of Congress from Illinois, asking them, if they feel free to do so, to give me their support for the office of Surveyor General of Oregon. If Congress should pass the territorial laws recommended by the President, I presume there will be some consultation between you on the subject of the appointments to be made by his Excellency, and if it should appear that I cannot possibly get the Surveyor Generalship, I trust I may be honored with another station suited to my capacity. It is probably yet impossible to say what officers will be wanted in Oregon—Indian agent or custom house officer may be among the number. I would esteem it a great favor, if you will, on the receipt of this letter, advise me candidly whether I can probably get the Surveyor Generalship or another appointment of some consequence in Oregon; and if there is a fair prospect of my success will it not be best for me to visit Washington before the appointment is made? It is desirable that I should be informed on these subjects, as arrangements to emigrate must be made in time to accompany persons going from this county next spring.

Herewith you will receive my letter of recommendation. I will thank you to take them in charge and present them to the President at such time as you may deem best, or most favorable, to secure their object.

I confidently trust you will do for me what you
can. My desire is to emigrate to Oregon. I have long been engaged in editing and publishing democratic newspapers—working hard and living economically; yet, with a large family and a business far from being lucrative, I see no encouragement in the future for myself and family except by directing my energies in another channel. If I go to Oregon I may at least become near a home, and if the President should honor me with the desired appointment it may pecuniarily assist me, and I flatter myself that the opportunity of rendering myself serviceable to the country will not be abridg.

I am sorry to say that our democratic friends here, Mr. Phelps of the Post, don't get along very well. They entertain the notion that he is an abolitionist, and his editorials, on the slavery question, have given offense to many of our leading democrats in that section. They have warmly solicited me to assume the publication of the paper, and they think it will be impossible to carry it back in Feria while he is the publisher. You already know why I cannot accept their offer. Perhaps he will act out— I have heard that Brooks (I don't know which one) has made inquiries, and its office within a few days.

Let me hear from you, as above requested, soon as you can conveniently do so.

Very respectfully,

John S. Gleeve
New Orleans Jan'y 18th 1848

Dear Sir,

Send you by this mail a file of the "American Star" up to the time I left the City of Mexico. I have spent upwards of a year in that country. A friend of mine who lives in Mississippi has made an application through the Hon. Jeff. Davis of that State to procure a commission in the Army for me. I would be under many obligations to you if you would assist in procuring me one. I am at this time in this city and will remain here for some time.

I remain yours,

[Signature]

P.S. My address will be to the care of Waters, Compson & Co. 102 Prytania St. New Orleans.
January 19, 1835

My dear Sir,

I have sent to New York by a vessel which came from St. [illegible] a few days ago, a box containing three dozen bottles of the very best claret wine, one dozen of which is sent as a token of my feel for you, and another dozen for Robert Walker. In the same box is also one dozen for Earl Davis of the Senate, sent by his family and friends. I think the dozen intended for Lord Derby, are marked "Havana." I think the dozen intended for Lord Strickland are marked "Windsor." Walker, was ordered to be marked "The whole of this is," but I do not know what it was done. It should have been, and I have been disappointed to my harm by misunderstanding, from which there has been suffering for the past few weeks. The President is ordered to be marked "Now instructed," and

"Perfume"

I have sent also a few boxes of oranges, one of which is intended for Mr. [illegible]. You had better write or get Dr. Walker to write to the collector at New York to have the box of wine and oranges returned. I am sorry to have been in such a hurry of the other, which I was obliged to leave unopened. All other charges I have had paid and including freight.

I am happy to say that I am getting better through their kindness and am happy to learn that I have been well in 1820.
from all and friendly opposition. I have therefore, most honestly, and with the sincerest manifestation of intent, and from the King and his officers, and with many other of distinction in this city. The British are not fools or weak-minded English, and I cannot say much of their actions, but I am in close consultation as person of much worth. Of course, I am to be on the defensive in that part; and if our government will suffer any treachery to be committed with the aid of any of the Britons, I shall not be so ignorant and uncivil the administration of public affairs. Mr. Adams knows another and better way during the war, and if that is not to be improved by the preceding inaction, before, and after, and the British government would secure the policy of last year, and take measures against exterminating the insurgents, I am afraid, probably be defeated and not off. I do not think but that most would at present suppose the war to be of longer duration. There is a fear of any kind, and I know, that, of late, the British are very active in a way of their government, and that you will lose your material advantage. All wars are policy, and this war would probably be more by accident, and I doubt not it can never amount to more than a mere war. I have no reason to suppose that the British would see in a manner the British, but many of our Britishmen have been openly and with all sorts of recriminations, and no one more so on any subject.

I am sure, my dear sir,

Your truly yours,

Washington.

P.S. I have the honor to say, that a box of oranges, in one box of oranges, was sent to New York, and another box to Baltimore. If the box of oranges was to the person to whom they were sent, it will not be sent by any means, but the box of oranges was sent to New York, but the box of oranges was sent to one that was sent to Baltimore.

P.S. Mr. Adams, are shipped to Baltimore.

I must write in my letter, I have received a bill of lading and certificate of the amount of the goods, which are now on board, the same. I was promised to have the goods put up on several different boxes, and from theチャー of the merchant and of the king, I shall hope to have one of the boxes which I have given it. It will be necessary to inform the President, Mr. Madison, and Mr. Jefferson of the fact that the goods have been sent to them, as I have never written to either of them, but the 22d of February, myself, Mr. Adams, and Mr. Dear, the only person in this city of poverty and wealth, will send the goods to the United States as it is.

1. The United States as it is.
2. The United States as it is.

The United States as it is, where no man is bound and a world defying Continent.

after this, we can come to about friends, U.S.
Syring Jan 26th 148

Honor S. A. Douglas

Mrs. Smith, a widower lady of Nanking. Hancock can wish to get a place for her son, Johnson Smith in the Military Academy at West Point. She is a very respectable old lady, in her son is a smart, active, intelligent boy, has a good test for military life. His father was a captain in the U.S. Army.

If you can give him the place, soon will greatly oblige him.

Yrs B. A. Thompson

We have not got much here. There is a pretty strong move being made of the Constitution.
To J. A. Douglas
Washington, D.C.
To be inserted
S & A Douglas
Washington City, D.C.

Signature
Dixon, Illinois
February 4th, 1848

My Dear Friend,

Allow me, therefore, to solicit the favour of your humane consideration of an application of Post Master of Rock Island, to be Secretary to the Minister to Rome, as you are, I believe, personally acquainted with Doctor J. and so much better able to judge of the qualifications which shall be required for such an office. I feel some anxiety in recommending him, but other considerations, however, justify me in asking the favour of your influence in favour of my personal friend whom I have known as an efficient man in our political campaigns in this section of the State, our party having received much good service from his past activities. I think him as ample to be some distinguished in his profession and as a valuable citizen. I have found him a most pleasant companion and friend, and would feel real pleasure at knowing that it should be agreeable to you to give him your valuable influence.

Allow me to add on my own personal account, my kindest regards and best wishes for your lady, your boys, and to express my esteem and high regard for you.

I return the [illegible] of your family being present in the morning when you were about leaving town. My brother the Town Clerk has been with me but a short time and was but little to gather among the long acquaintance and friends, the last, are you and me; and we are not aware of how much was said to me, but not less, and such an account is not open to question that you.
— and I lay here in town until at breakfast next morning when she found she was too late to make her及时 call for all of this business of you & your good lady to visit before once more and that you give me an opportunity of being at home so that I may do my agreeable duty and afford my self and family the pleasure of your company at our house.

I remain with great respect your devoted friend,

John Dennist.
Rock Island Feb 8th 1848

Dear Mr. Douglas,

You will recollect that in my last I indicated the probability of any asking of you self a favour enclosed. You will find a letter from our mutual friend Col. Deming of consistent with your feelings which I am sure and with your influence Mr. Turner has mercy thus signify his desire to render me service in a matter of the kind.

With best wishes
I am Your Friend

[Signature]

Mr. Dick

P.S. New Mexico & the California are the Watchwords with the Democrats in this section.

Remember me kindly to

Mrs D.

[Signature]
D. Pierce.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
U.S.
Washington, D.C.
Paris by February 9th 1818

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

It is believed that there will be a vacancy in the P. Office in this place in a short time by the resignation of the present incumbent, who intends resigning in consequence of his infirmity rendering him incapacitated to discharge the duties of the office.

I understand there will be application made by two persons for the appointment—Dr. Holt and John M. Williams. This letter is in behalf of the latter—he is a worthy young man and well qualified to the discharge of the duties of the office having served a long apprenticeship under the present incumbent without suitable remuneration—he is a nephew of the present P.M. and the object of his making application for the office is with the view of assisting his uncle in his infirm old age—am I not this I am satisfied that he would not greatly decline the appointment. Dr. Holt is a well qualified physician and no one dependent upon him for a support—having no family but an single daughter who I understand has been well provided for. Knowing both parties and all the circumstances I can with all candour and truth say that in leaning to the side of Charity the interests of the Department will be promoted—and I ask with much confidence your aid in behalf of Mr. W.
I would be pleased to hear from you and indebted for any Congressional document that you may deign me. 

Very Respectfully,

Your friend to,

Mr. Ballard
Am. J. A. Douglas. U. S.
Washington City

[Signature]
Dr. Basker

[Stamp] FEB 9 N. Y.