Chicago 23? Jan 1850.

My dear Sir,

Your letter of the 12th inst. is just received. I was very much gratified to learn from a friend of yours that you had already introduced me to the State, and promised that you would send me the papers you desired. A few days ago I heard from Mr. Davis that such a paper had been prepared for me. I am glad that the difficulty is now removed, and now to set the new paper this time. There will be a meeting in the Senate, and with our delegation united in its support in the N.Y. and New England States, it ought to pass with no great effort. The direct interest of the southern Mississippi of the Mobile, Cairo, and all the importance to the East, particularly N.Y. and New England, in drawing railroad to the lake of the Shen.
of which, a part of, my view, property in this or the mail office, I intend going to, to Va. My family are in Jefferson Co. Va.

I have the impression it would be advisable to get up a meeting to consider of the general aid road law stability, so in the additions introduced for the purpose to show that in the matter of roads across from V.C. to Gen., when they interested shall agree upon the statute, I have been advised that part is interested in that, might appeal this power grant because they have not been able to accept that all the work with one legislation, so I find obvious come in for its fair share of blame. It is to create this ministerial feeling that the meeting place to get up. I have been too busy to discuss much about it, but I think to induce, he does not favor it, says he "can not send upon this matter or such." I have no doubt, yet I now have many opportunities to this grant which might be meditated by some build timely action. You know whether it.
action is important or delicate, if so, I wish you would make the suggestion to Lord 
Shank, as your own accord, that they get up a meeting for this purpose.

No time should be lost.

With highest regard,

Hon. J. A. Douglas, Sir, you

W. S. Harney.  J. Wright

How does Mr. Norlin stand affected

Although this measure?

I have seen parts of

his appointment.

somehow how he is in favor

that he was against it. As char of Con and

as Mr. Dade, he could not do a good deal.
Washington D.C., Jan. 4, 1850

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I owe you an apology for not having complied with your request to send you some names of prominent men in my county and district. I will now name the following:


Noting to hear from you occasionally.
I subscribe myself with great respect to
your Esteem,

Wesley Brown

Mr. B. If it should at any time come in the
way, please say to Gen. Shields that you
have received a letter from me and that in it
I took occasion to say, that the Southern Illi-
nois, advocate by no means reflect the senti-
ment of the people in this Representative dis-
trict in respect to him. I have not met with
a single individual who opposes, of the very
undeserving cause pursued by Terny towards
him—As for myself, it is true, my preference
led me in another direction; but after he
received the nomination, I voted for him as
cheerfully as I should have done for either
of the others.

W. S.
Washington

Salem, July 3

Know you
List of names
Londonderry, Illinois
January 6th, 1850

My dear Mr. [Name]

I write under the liberty of a stranger to address you. My letter is one of business, and without further encyphrasing I came at once to the point. I have the honor to be the Editor of the Londonderry Gazette, a fine paper publishing Democratic paper. The Gazette has been published now for almost four years, and has received sufficient encouragement from the Democrats of Old Union County to assure me that it will long continue to flourish. I shall send you the Gazette regularly, and in return, I shall expect you to send me through any public deeds, papers &c., that may be of your business or will assist to keep me informed. The Gazette willnest be referable to military affairs. By doing this you will very much oblige many of your constituents in this county, as well as myself.

I am very respectfully,

[Name]

[Signature]

[Name]

[Signature]

[Date: January 6th, 1850]
Mr. Willy
Editor of the Gazette
London, &c.

Dear Mr. Willy,

I have received your letter regarding

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

June 1st

[Seal]

Tunbridge Wells
Macon, Oct. 9th 1850

My dear Mr. Lincoln:

I am in receipt of your telegram, and am truly grateful that you are in good health and of your past, as you are fully aware that their looks to you and depend on you.

I am, as I hope, that you are fully prepared, and I know you capable of administering to the spirit and the solemnities of the times. I am aware of the fact that the Union is in great danger of destruction and soon they are yielding to their own sense of the necessities of the present labor for a restoration of the glorious Union - even now are we, and our Whip Representatives, who in the Camp of this district have the honor of speaking for his seat in Congress, now that he has found out that that very Legislature is pregnant with evil and it must be brought to an end. The Union must cord and strong in its decline. Eeating of the end of the own effort with those of his Whip and abolitionists.

May it be that the President can put this Union back again, and nothing, I think...
I can discover a species of policy and
gayety of the storm, which is to
burst on the heads of the guilty persons
in this letter, and that the danger
I do hope will make them for a change
and bring out in bold relief all of
the enemies here, and hold up to the
face of all ridiculous people. Their
temptable and base course in allaying
power, arms, their iniquitous and
abuse of their power, in violating every
promise to every person, but the British
influence and capabilities, allied to
Europe and America.

Will thank you to aid me in pil-
ing a Stage Route of A horse-post Coaches.
Have been every week from Picardy
as Major to Lee, and Major, for a
petition of passions, will be Lemet
To you or to Major Harris, Col. Huber
son, and Col. Beter from the different
parts of the Route, you will in the
summer season in all a very serious
ending but place some letters away
and stating objections. By your way,
we will help you some and by helping
you do ourselves some annual good
in having you for our State Senator in
the Congress again.

Yours Friend

James Campbell

Will thank you for any thing of
the proceeding of Angus and you may
As we the favor to lent you.
S. A. Douglas
U.S. Senate
Washington City, D.C.
Carnie Jan 8th 1830

Dear Douglas,

I am about starting to Sharshee town, and have only time to give you a list of some names to which you asked for when I saw you last.

Have not forgotten what I said to you at Springfield. I always redeem my pledges.

There is a reaction among the Whigs here on the President & slavery question. They hold ground against every thing that tends directly or indirectly to weaken the Union. The People will oust them.

Respectfully,

J. Bowden Hayes

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Washington City
Henry Haykendall
S. M. H. Bacon
A. B. Kelley
R. G. Evans
Dr. P. Stein
L. S. Christie
J. S. Martin
Mrs. Matthews
W. D. Jones
Dr. Hugh Reynolds
Theo. T. Hankes
O. T. Hankes
D. W. Mitchell
J. B. Ready
Geo. Smiley
R. Ruckle
A. Ross
R. Lowry
Geo. Lowdy
H. Robinson
Dr. George
S. P. Powell
J. E. Banks
J. M. Vining
A. W. H. Lensford
Benj. Rice
H. C. Powers

Hallipaton

Baugsville

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Duncanton P.O.
Near Fremont, Yagwell County Dix, 8th January 1835

Dixon

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Last winter I had a recommendation from the Whig Delegation in our State Legislature for the office of Surveyor Gen. of California. I also had later recommendations from a number of gentlemen of standing in the State. These papers I handed to the Hon. A. Needles, but as there was no definite action had by Congress on the California question, my claims were not pressed, or probably not presented.

Now Sir, from your uniform kindness towards me since our first acquaintance, I take the liberty of requesting you to use your influence to procure me an appointment—Surveyor Gen. of California—or any good office in California or Oregon—in the event that cannot be affected, a ship's job in Washington City.

A large number of your personal & political friends here would be pleased should you effect anything in my favor. I would be pleased to hear from you when you can have a leisure moment.

With sentiments of respect and esteem permit me to

Substitute myself, Your Mt. Humble Servt. John Smirtion.
Byron, Ogle Co., Illinois, Jan. 8, 1850

Hon. S. A. Douglas

At our districts, in the absence of a legitimate representative in Congress, allow me to claim your consideration in the distribution of Congressional Documents, particularly, in the President’s Message 1st Accpt. document, with the Report of Committee of Patents at your earliest convenience; and such other matters as may conducive to a diffusion of correct Democratic intelligence. Our senatorial representation as at present organized, must, I must say that distributive justice has fallen upon one who justly merited the scorching rebuke of an independent and enlightened community.

Yours faithfully,

James Swan
Macomb Ill. Jan 9 1857

Dear Sir,

In this mail I enclose to Col. Hickenlooper a petition numerously signed by the people of Macomb praying Congress to establish a Post Route from Petersburg Ill. via Farmington, Fairview, Illinois. Virginia, Dunningfield, Macomb, Argo, Princeville, Fountain Green, Webster County, Chillicothe, Menard to Decatur in Adams County Ill on which to be connected by rail; three times per week in a four horse post coach, horse launced at certain regular post routes of communications from the main post offices via the lakes, canal and Illinois River & the St. Croix river, Western & Southern part of Iowa, below the Des Moines Rapids.

You will do me a great favor if you will use your influence and friends to obtain for while I

Yours most esteemed friend,

[Signature]
To S. L. Douglas
(U. S. Senator)
Washington City, D.C.
Springfield January 16 1835

Hon. J. A. Darcly

This day of the 30th came to hand this morning. I am sorry to hear of its vacancy. I am sure the friends who has been flattering friendship at Washington will have by this mail written you the letter as you think best. I am sure I can do any good of which can be done, I will do it. Mr. Bloom has written letters by this mail to Mr. Dunwoody & Mr. B. They are refused to you. If you can't have them I will help the matter off till I can hear from you. I can render any assistance you feel for in all kinds efforts where ever you can. I want him back soon.
He is at Washington for the purpose of assisting in sustaining Lincoln's Administration. It seems to your true friend, [signature].
Springfield January 16, 1850

Dear S. A. Douglas,

I am from the action of the two prominent parties of the nation, in the selection of speakers, at the organization of the House of the present Congress, I am convinced that an impropriety has been practiced and the President (that I hope will not meet the opposition of either Senate or the President of the Senate). If Cassedy informed me allude to the appointment of the two Senate offices at this place they are made with the view to debase the attention state to the Whig party in this Congressional district.

I am convinced that the President never would have made the appointments if he had heard Cassedy informed upon what grounds he was making said appointments.

Now Sir, you may be some what surprised at hearing such a communication as this from one who has been actively opposed to all your political movements since first you came into the State of Illinois—but while I have
While I have thus acted and told I aim to have any exercise a privilege granted to every American Citizen - you have triumphed over the efforts of the party which I have so long led and with which I was expected to act - you are now my representa-
tation in the Senate and as such I act that the Matter may come up
upon the Consideration of the appro-
nanties. If the two great parties are
willing to submit to it by their Notes, I
feel that I have done my duty. Shall
our act, with my party as heretofore but
I am now to be known or amalgamated
with the allegation party,
I am as yours with great

Perfct

[Signature: William Butler]
St. Louis Jan 14th 1850

Dear Sir,

I wish to forward the remainder of the remittance of $100 to you as gratefully as possible.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

[Location: St. Louis, Missouri]
Dear Mr. Douglas,

Hereewith please find a petition to Congress for favoring the navigation of Ohio River.

People in this section are looking up to this b Nearly and a large amount of settlers will go forward from the latter region.

The people of this City know great confidence in New Madison an effort to carry this Measure through.

It is the Measure of all Measures to the latter region. Nothing conceivable is of so much importance.

New York has decreed her growth and greatness from the Erie Canal but the has rebound upon the West. Not by their five Million annually has the West paid West in century shape for passing the property of forty West through to the State. It is a luncheon that our ever so large basin and I trust you will use your best exertion to get open to in the rival want to Market so that Eastern Shipping may carry winter goods to the door of the Caroline out for return by land home by canals. Money and goods of the Caroline without having large to pay tribute to Western Towns East Mud -

The Richmond
Ann Arbor Jan 15 1830

Hon S. A. Douglas

Sir,

You will pardon me for the liberty I have taken in addressing you at this time, as my object is to renew our old acquaintance formed at first in Canandaigua. I did not see, after your return from the St Louis Convention, played up my Packet Dec 5, at Chicago, and am now spending the Winter at this place. I shall beg me a situation in Ottawa in the Spring, as I respect to be employed on the Canal another year, and it would give me much pleasure, if you would make it convenient, to take my Packet. I shall be very much obliged to you for documents, and would like to speak to Benton on Missouri Resolutions. Except my best wishes for your health and happiness.

While I remain

Respectfully yours,

Capt. J. Bracken

Ann Arbor Mich
How S. A. Douglas
U. S. Senator
Washington
D.C.
Hon. S. A. Douglas, Sir: I see it stated that there is a resolution offered in the Senate calling on the President to report to the Senate the process of removal of the Czar. I hope in all fairness it will be adopted as I am one of the 2000 who has been removed all on the account of some charges preferred to them if our Democrats have refused largely the President may know it if not guilty the House might, when we by the Constitution may be removed if the facts made known that it was on the of our being Democrats — I suppose I ought to remonstrant to A. H. the son of Chicago. I hope the Senate will remove him. I am told no Democrat will vote for him that wants the Democracy of Lee Coto to vote for him. We are a democracy. The law making the nomination too direct that is made, if the nominee is to fill the office on the account of renouncements of their Predecessors as it was promised in renouncements for opinion sake. I would be glad to hear from you — yours truly,
Hiram H. H.
Reidville, N. C.,
January 16, 1850.

My dear sir:—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th ultimo. Aunt Mary thinks that it is already a sufficiency of cleared land on the place and therefore I have not seen Mr. Holmes further on that subject.

On Thursday last I called and dined with Aunt Mary and found her and "little Douglas" pretty well, tho' the latter did not look as well as I have seen him, owing perhaps to the fact that he had been teething. It is cruel for such a fine little fellow to be separated from father and mother. — You ought to have him in Washington, else, I doubt not Aunt Mary attends to him much better than you both could do. But enough of this, as under the circumstances it is perhaps all right.

The White or Dickpatrick case stands for trial on the fourth Monday of February next, and I went up to see if I could find the receipt and other papers referred to in the memorandums you gave. Aunt Mary gave me all the papers she could find, but I did not succeed in finding any thing on the subject. She thinks you or Cousin Martha knows the papers or can inform me where they are.

I have received a letter from Mr. Love in relation
to a claim which it appears John M. Breach, of Virginia, set up against the estate of Mr. Martin, and he informs me that if it is not adjusted at February next he will bring suit. He states that he has Mr. Martin's receipt for 2880 dollars, and also for one waggon at $50.

But you think Mr. M. did not owe Breach a cent, but that Breach owed Mr. Martin. But I did not succeed in finding a single paper in relation to any transaction with Breach. Set me here from you about these matters.

I am gratified at both elections as Speaker of the House; he has peculiar qualifications for that station.

Our relations and friends generally are well; among the deaths that have recently occurred are Rev. Zachariah Kellogg of Batavia and the Hon. Dr. Ruggles of New York. Our neighbor Major Wright is very ill, and not expected to live long.

You ask me for the specific: I will give you all I have and I would have forgotten that but I received it in such a way as to leave a decided impression: As I returned from Aunt Mary's, Mrs. E.—a relative is saying the wished to see me and came down to the gate. She then stated that Dr. J—I had told her that Mrs. J—I had informed him that I said that some time since when I called at Mrs. E.—no, the (Mrs. E.) was abusing Dr. J—I at such a terrible rate that I became disgusted and left. She appeared much excited and distressed at what the heads heard, Mrs. E. said Dr. J—I never suffered any one to talk about her without letting her know what they said; and that she had heard of divers things said of her by her relatives that were inoffensively-pricking. Not being disposed to take on myself any thing more than I got, I did not take inquiry whether she had been informed that I had said these things or whether she had heard they had been said by some one else. I was charitable enough to myself, however, to infer from her conversation that she had been informed that these things had been said by another or others. Because me for this paragraph for it is such a one as I have never before written. It goes far however, on my opinion; to confirm what I have before believed about certain persons.

When you have time give me something in relation to the war current at Washington particularly about the sectional subject on which we had the last conversation.

I know in the opinion you express in relation to the Message.

Mr. Lincoln tells that I wish the war because of me to some of the young ladies or old widows with whom he met, for "am bent on marrying." Please present her kindest regards and best wishes and accept the same for yourself.

With high consideration,

Yours devotedly,

David J. Recht.

[Signature]

How: S. H. Douglas,
Washington.

P.S. Mother, father, and sisters; request me to remember them to Cousin Martin—yourself in terms of the kindest consideration.
John H. Albee
February 1858

[Handwritten text not legible]
Morris (Grundy Co. Ill)
16. Jan. 1850

Hon Mr. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

When in October last I took a seat in the Convention at St. Louis as a delegate from Andrew County, Mr. I did expect to become by this time a constituent of yours. But the whirligig time has brought that event about. You may possibly retain a recollection of my countenance, for I am told you seldom fail in such recognitions, but let you should not I wish respectfully through you to request Hon. R. Atkinson of Missouri to transfer me from the list of Missouri to that of Illinois. I say transfer not indorse for so far as secularity institutions with some of their appended doctrines are concerned, he might not choose to incur the responsibility of indorse or possibly you might not accept the guaranty.

In seriousness, Sir, I wish for the benefit of being placed on your list of citizens to whom, under your favor, such public documents as you should judge interesting here may be sent, and who may take the liberty of asking of you the favor of procuring documents which are accessible to Senators.

And to begin I wish to ask of you the favor of subscribing for me to the "Union" for one year — I mean the Weekly. If it is necessary to advance the day — I will forward it at once on being advised— either to the publisher or to yourself or to such person as you shall designate in Chicago — in current funds.

I am in Respectfully Yours, 
R. M. Asherton
My dear Judge Payze, I hear, and for the love of God and country, I must tell you of my project to establish a daily paper at Chicago. It seems that I have such a wish in the Pennsylvania, and that if it produces any result in the way of the right sort of editor, you shall be notified. He is your decided friend, and desire to cooperate with you in the project. He seems to have the heart and skill in it, and I don’t see why it can’t succeed.

I regret to inform you that the feeling here since the election of Campbell is very bad. It could not be worse. I have lost all hope it may be better, and will do all I can to bring the people to a common. I am in the true state of things. My position is an altered by this act of the Senate; but it is far from more difficult to maintain.

Do you know Mr. Portland, thin in the cause. an imitator? If you do, you will oblige me much, and serve a worthy man much, by recommending him. That Mr. Carr, Esq. of New York, as a capable book binder.
Dear Sir: Your in Washington, and will, 
no doubt call upon you. It is my 
pleasure to inform you of the 
meeting, now if this is done, 
Gobine will come of it. I am 
announcing for the binding 
and a splendid fellow, now in 
the Senate at St. Louis, 
and a member of the Senate in 
New York at the last election. 
I am to Summer and 
Hunting 
for him, and you are 
now under great obligations 
you.
I hope you will not forget 
to give dear a lift.
Can it with me a good 
letter, and your news on the 
date you. Take a look at the two 
last Pennsylvania ones.

Your truly,

Hann S. Douglas

Proc. May 16, 1850.
Westmorland N. C.  

Jan 10th 1850 

My Dear Sir: 

Once more, I take pleasure in letting you know that your little boy is in good health, and is as sprightly & gay as one need desire. All who see him agree in the best looking child, take him all in all, that they ever saw. It is easy to judge. He, indeed, seems to be a child of more than ordinary intelligence; whose intellect, to say the least, is crowned in innocence & beauty. Nor do I say so to flatter you. You have seen him: he can answer for himself. But lest I be guilty of the "extravagant excess" of aiming "to build refined verse to paint the lily, or to throw perfumes on the violet," I will, for the present, say no more about him. 

Mrs. Martin, still, has an occasional attack of an old nervous affection, with which she sometimes suffers a great deal. But these attacks are generally of short duration and soon pass away. she gets along with her overwork much better — under
all the circumstances, than it was expected. Please present my compliments to your lady.

Wm. H. James.

Hon. J. A. Douglas.