Hon.

Stephen A. Douglas

Sirs,

I have promised you to write you in relation to a petition of a certain person. Though it has passed the Senate in February last winter, I suppose it must be brought again before the Senate if it is to be considered. I cannot do this without your support and assistance, and I will consider myself under many obligations to you to communicate this to all our delegation. I have written to General Whipple and sent a word on the same subject. I am writing in my name of what prospect of success there is, and what I expect.

I remain, with respect,
Your truly,

[Signature]

Hon.

Stephen A. Douglas

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Hon.

Stephen A. Douglas

U.S. Senate
Washington City
D.C.
Pittsburgh
Dec. 18 1850

Hon S A Benton

My dear Sir,

The more a rumor is afloat that the Senate may presently reject Webster forward who has been nominated for Delaware. If the Democratic Senators will to crush the Democrats of Delaware, with their heads downwards, they ought to do this thing. The gamblers and political thieves of the Whig party desire Mr. Knowlton's rejection because they know his influence with the people are what he can be persuaded to use it before an election. They want him to work and get no other reward but complimentary resolutions. The Democrats want him out of their way do not want him sent back among us rejected by Democratic voters.

A ridiculous story has been gotten up about his educating a negro for the slave to the servant of the Democratic
Hearty of Pennsylvania. The story as told to me by gentlemen of the Senate in Baltimore and originated with some Whig friends, who desired to prevent the election of time and by means of us. Allow me to say that I do not believe there is a democrat in Western Pennsylvania who desires the favor of this election as if the thing is brought about we shall suffer infinitely more than it is done by democratic votes. In God's name do not suffer to get at a churches to be committed.

Your obly faithful

Sam 'W Black
Chicago, Jan. 18, 1858

Dear Sir,

I am really glad to see that you have already made a move in relation to your affairs, and have commenced putting things upon the subject of the land warrants. You are aware that the present system bears very hard upon us, by depriving us of our commissions at an ordinary cash sales.

It is needful, perhaps, for me to inform you upon the subject of the Public Revenue as in operation have been already conversed with you upon the matter by telegraph, and that you will do all that can be done.

No duties and responsibilities are given, and the pay comparatively nothing, as our friend sign can testify. I am obliged to receive the deposits of the Daniell, Chicago, Wisconsin, and New York Land offices, to pay all Treasury drafts on me & send weekly reports to the Secretary of the Treasury, for which I receive no slightest compensation. The only allowance (land and lands, subject to com- pression) is for depositing at St. Louis when we have accumulated on hand $50,000, which is seldom the case, the drafts upon me keeping it below that amount. I am required to give bond as Depository for $50,000; as Receiver for $75,000 and as Register for $50,000 and as Register, Assistant to pay contingencies...
expenses of the Revenue Office) $2,000; in all $4,000.

The appointment of Mr. ——, who discharges a portion of the same duties, receives a salary of $2,000, besides clink hire and office rent, while his bond is $20,000. It is only lately that I am allowed a contingent sum of $500. In a word, provided my salary does not exceed $2,000 per annum!

We look confidently to you for a favourable change in these matters. You must remember that what is to your interest, may derive a change now, and be enjoyed by some friend of yours. When I am going to retire from office, you know the General has recommended a change to the Sub-treasurer, which affords a favourable opportunity for the suggestions you may have to make.

I hope you found Mr. —— very well, and the little sickness with which he is troubled, but with whom I shall be most happy to hear from you at your leisure. That seems to me to be C----. Do you, Mr. ——, say.

Very truly,

[Signature]

[Signature]
Dear Sir,

You doubtless received a letter from Hon. C. G. Atherton and myself some time since, calling your attention to the subject of the confirmation of Alfred Gilman Postmaster of this city. My object in writing you at the present time is to make known to you the shameful course that has been pursued towards me by the Taylor organ of this city "Courier" in attempting to stigmatize me as a defaulter. The article referred to, was, I have no doubt written by Alfred Gilman, for the sole purpose of securing his own confirmation, by affixing appellation to the character of his predecessor. The article is so falsely worded, that I believe it cannot be considered libellous in a legal sense. Nevertheless, it has been copied into the Why Papers for & near, and the impression given that I am a defaulter to the amount of $1,000 to government. It is true, that, about ten days since, I had a draft presented to me in favor of the P.O. Department for $619. Payable to Mr. Hayden P.O. Boston, that was paid at sight, it being the amount in my hands due subject to their order, as you will perceive by reference to the Boston Atlas of Jan. 11th wherein this base slander is contradicted by Mr. Hayden himself.

Mr. Gilman was the only person who knew that I had a draft and is alone responsible.
for this column, he as I believe having the control
of the Bourns in a great measure and being a
constant contributor to its columns.

I hope that when Mr. Calhoun's appointment comes
before the Senate for confirmation that the shameful
and unjustifiable course he has pursued, without
the slightest affection toward his predecessor, will
be duly considered.

Hoping that you will favor the
liberty I have taken in addressing you upon
this subject, I subscribe myself

Very Respectfully
Your Ob't. Serv.,

L. L. Sary

Hon. S. A. Douglas
U. S. S

Washington

D. C.
Chicago, June 20, 1860

Dear Sir,

It is with pleasure I sit down to write in answer to your kind letter. I am very glad to hear your family is enjoying good health, and hope we shall have the pleasure of seeing you visiting with your family in Chicago next summer or when Congress adjourns. I can assure you that your enemies here are few, far between. There may be a few political demagogues that would undoubtedly try to injure you but the masses of the people are sound in feeling.

I do not think it proper to honor you. I want not the small praise in the Chicago papers if they should do so; they fall like hail and one no more after the storm has shown her face. Just so with your noble self; when you are present all they have said or can say I will vanish like brighter stars than before will be seen in your onward path until it reaches the highest pinnacle of fame. Then I shall have my pride and ambition satisfied. The honor of our State redeemed and placed among our sister States as first in talent and second in agricultural and richness of soil. Beauty and wisdom will keep honor on our State house.

Write soon and let me hear from you. Yours truly, F. P. Cook.
To the Hon. Stephen A. Douglas  
U. S. Senate, Washington  
Chicago January 21, 1850

Sir,

You will permit the undersigned, once a humble member from Chicago to the Illinois Convention who had the pleasure and fortune of traveling in your company, to introduce himself thru the few lines to you.

Having had the misfortune of being burned out by the late fire here, and being thrown out of business, and deprived in this hard times, my means of living I would therefore most respectfully beg of you, trusting myself of your known willingness to help everybody of your all mighty influence if it is possible to procure some little place in any part of the U. S. or California where I could earn my honest living.

I would not have had the boldness of addressing myself in that way to you, would it not have been for the reason that you kindly offered me your assistance (in going down to Iowa) Should I come in circumstances of needing it.
I write also respectfully request that I can give the best of references for how my moral conduct has been.

Hoping that you will forgive me for my lapses, and hoping that you will pardon me with an answer, I remain most respectfully your obedient servant,

[Signature]
North East Winadago, Illinois.

January the 23rd 1830.

Mr. Douglas Dear Sir,

I have taken the liberty of addressing a few lines to you and to state a few facts and points of our lives and friendship. My father served nine months in the 19th regiment of the New York volunteer corps in the War of 1812. He was in the Battle of New Orleans and the Battle of New York. He was present at the Battle of mobile and the Battle of Pensacola. He was a brave soldier who did his duty and was brave in battle.

My father was a farmer and my mother was a housewife. We were poor but happy. We had a small farm and a few acres of land. We lived in a small house and had little money. We were content with what we had.

I wish to thank you for your friendship. I am grateful for your kindness and your support. I hope you will continue to support me in my endeavors.

I have always been grateful for your friendship and your kindness. I wish you all the best in your endeavors.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

P.S. Please write to me at the address below.

Address: 7th Street, Detroit, Wisconsin.

Rock County.
No of you. I went acom-n to a store. I will send a number of the first editions on the place yours.

E. Goldner
Hon. Mr. Douglass,
U. S. Senator,
Washington,
D. C.
Executive Chamber
Jackson, May 26, 1850

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your bill to provide for a geological survey of the state. The subject is now before our legislature, and the information that you are engaged in promoting this valuable object is highly acceptable. Accept my thanks for your communication, and add to them by urging one of any favorable step which may be taken by Congress on this subject.

Very truly,

Your friend,

[Signature]

Hon. S. A. Douglas
U. S. Senate
To William

With regards,

Geo. Washington
Gin & Sandy Office
Jan 21, 1850

Hon. S. D. Douglas

Sir: Will you do me the favor to procure from the Secretary of the Senate a copy of the Pension Laws, as published by order of the last Congress.

I received a letter during the summer from James Maraun (now Judge) requesting me to procure him a copy. I should like to have your frank on it.

Respectfully yours,

[Signature]

A. M. Lucas
To Mr. A. Douglas
U.S. Senator

[Handwritten text below]
I was much pleased at reading your bill, writing by rail to
Dubuque with Red River of the North.
This is a masterly move—and
must eventually lead it speeding by popular
 Probably you are not unaware that an
extensive settlement exists; this is near
the British line. At one time this settlement
was thought to be within the British posses-
sions—but the establishment of the line, now
otherwise there is being an extensive trade
carried on between the Red River County
and Minnesota. Many were astonished last
summer at the immense trains, bearing the
productions of the north, to a ready market
which may found in Minnesota.
A large number of 'trains' came through
this winter when the snow.—This trade in
a few years will be quite extensive—and will
Continue to increase for coming centuries.
This road must pass through five (5) beau-
tiful & rich Counties of Iowa—and after entering
Minnesota, it will pass through as beautiful
a country as the Sun ever shone upon.
Please send me your remarks. I hope you will favor me in
returning a prediction: it is this, that
the Senate, at present, is of the views allocated to would grant his President of the
Mr. S. This opinion, however, I have entertained for some time
I had the pleasure of introducing to you, at Springfield, some years since
at which time I heard you "speak
from the stump.
I am not one of Chief Wayla's "inacapaci
tated" P. Martin. But a "reformer" by the
present President's policy is no disgrace the old
I fail to fight the half civilized Indians,
pretty well, or as the %abb-x men or Shields
Scott, Huntman, Worth, Allan Harveys No. Above
it is "known" for him; but the old chief
himself (our President) is made as a cord
And his promise made to High Nelson and
the people are in deep trouble! He is a "rat"
head for his design Cabinet — but I am di-
Some please remember the Nineteen 3
A. 1. 1. Dodge & F. W. Jones. Two worthy statesmen,
I accept for yourself my fervent wishes
for your present adoring public, future happiness
are, I hopeful.

[Signature]

John King
(Senate Chamber)
Washington, D.C.
Chicago, Jan. 28, 1850

Hon. S. M. Douglas, U. S. Senate

Dear Sir — I am looking for a residence a few days since I chanced to go into your house on the North side of the river, thinking from appearance that it was unoccupied — but I found two or three German families there who could not speak English enough for me to understand, but I concluded from their appearance they were not tenants for a long time. I understand that Mr. Tho. Uff is your agent, but he being absent at this coast I have thought proper to address you.

Your house is being injured very much by the frost, leaving it up where exposed to the cold so as to rack the walls & doors badly — some of the logs placed endwise to support the sills are decaying & also cause the house to settle so much as to require considerable repairing. It seems a pity that so pleasant a house should be suffered to go to decay, as it evidently is at a rapid rate.

If it is your intention to rent the place, I will take it at a moderate rent & put it in repair & keep it so for a term of years. Or you can repair the house yourself after you have seen it — I only making it habitable until then.

The house ought to be raised by screws, & the
ills examined, I understood with a good will of

You will be good enough to answer this as

soon as possible—mentioning your lowest terms.

At Wentworth will no doubt satisfy you respecting

my promptness in the payments, & in any general

I undertake

Respectfully yours,

[Signature]
JAN 22

Hon. S. H. Douglas,
U. S. Senate
Washington, D.C.
July 29, 1850

My dear Sir,

I know you to be a man of integrity, and that you will execute this office with strictness. The commonwealth needs every Democrat in this part of Pennsylvania. I feel deeply anxious that in the recent contests decided by several of the ablest politicians of Pennsylvania, against those Cooper, who deplore others, and Democrats who have been removed from office, they shall if possible receive no aid from Democratic leaders beyond what is strictly their own. The James is, figuring the very elements to secure his advancement, he has been able to use to increase influence from distrustful Democrats. He has increased the law of offices in the Customs house, and builds the power to influence elections of his own private purposes. Each state is now one of the parties, and these, they have the power to contest under, in the manner.
and of health and of us in every important election, without adding the
means which would result from your confirmation.

And knowing I write this Congress, as a member, and having one in the illustrious
ranks, though not personally acquainted
with your liberal opponent whom I have
learned from Earl. Coggs or Earl. tilt
from the character of your constituents.
are the very character here that cannot
be sustained if passed. I am a liberal,
by necessity, who has served long, and
the truth is that in not be long before he made the
the other side of the question. This influence
is great and if we can fairly get it, we
to be confirmed.

I am to the very particular
of all kind.

Yours etc.

[Signature]

John C. Calhoun.

From Judge Douglass.
Hon. Judge Douglas
U. S. Senate
Washington City
D. C.
Ottawa, January 29th 1850.

Hon. S. A. Douglass,

Dear Sir:

We were happy to receive some Indian town papers and other documents from you, and hope hereafter to hear from you frequently.

I understand the Indians have forgotten us. It won't do for him to forget his old soldiers as soon as this.

One bad, though I think about right, does not suit the latter in the North. His speech was a good one as far as reported by telegraph.

We have no political excitement here of any kind—since the president's message and the election of Greeley in the House, party distinctions have all but most been forgotten.

The death of Judge Pope however has started a few of the hungry. And it is said that Dickey in Chicago was out with a petition for his release 2 hours after it was announced by telegraph. Dickey of Ottawa, I understand will be an appointee.

Poor Peters (old主任) is laid on the bench instead of being allowed to take his seat there. He is an unworthy fellow.

I notice the president recommends that a year's legislative and meteorological surveys be made of California. As my constitution is not adapted to the limiting business, and I shall be obliged to abjure...
done it before long, I have thought some of applying for some subordinate place in this expedition should Congress see fit to have it organized. I have been out on several expeditions of the kind, and have always found that kind of life will suit to my constitution.

If Congress should do anything on the subject, and you could do anything for me, I shall feel myself under due obligation. If you can find a breeze moment I would be happy to hear from you in reference to this matter.

I am Respectfully yours,

Moses Edmond

To 

Francis D. Doolittle

U.S.S. Washington
Dr.

To James a Short, Agent as Special Agent to examine
Land Offices in Illinois, as follows:
From 21st July 1849 to 8 March, 1850, incl. 16 days.
   " 24 March " to 21 April " 28.
   " 20 May " to 9 June " 20.
   " 27 June " to 30 June " 4.

68 days $3.00 per day $208.00

To Milago as follows: From Washington D.C.
via Cincinnati, Pittsburg, Cincinnato,
Indianapolis, Savannah, St. Paul, St. Louis,
Faraday, St. Louis, Edwardsville, St. Louis, to
Emma Township, St. - 1640 miles at 10 cents/mile $164.00.

$372.00

Mr. D. Reutic.onto Special
Agent to examine Lands Office in Illinois

Hon. J. A. Long, is hereby authorized to receive check or warrant for the above sum.
Paris, Jan. 27, 1850.
Mr. D. Reutic.
Paris Dec. 29, 1850

My dear Friend,

Your kind letter of the 16th inst. was at hand— from it I learn that you wrote to me on the 28th of Oct., enclosing a letter from the Sec. Treasury, in reference to my case against the Rainbow. That letter has not been received, and I was, for the reason that I had not an answer to my letter of the last of Sept., and I wrote to Mr. Young, desiring him to go over the matter and see if it was not overlooked. I think it was a few days ago a letter from Mr. Young informing me that he had a conversation with himself, and that it appeared that my papers were lost, and that it was now accepted of me to state my case and send in the vouchers necessary to substantiate it. As I have not received your letter of the 19th of the Sec. Treasury, I am completely at a loss as to what was required. I have, however, from Mr. Young the substance of the correspondence between the Dept. of war and us in relation to this matter. From your last letter by the letter of the Clerk, I see that it is the last statement of my case which is missing, and that they require that the case again to be presented. I enclosing to Mr. Young a blank of paper and from the facts stated in my letter to you, I wish to present, and either draw the money at the Treasury, or get a draft on the Secretary at Louisville. If you draw the money there, you will please return the amount that I owe you— I don’t know how much it is, but you can guess at it. My impression is that it is between $30 and $40. If you get a draft, you can perhaps get a remittance for this and send me at the Treasury, and send me a draft for the balance, or Louisville—
Do much as it please - I will only add that I hope I may not be compelled to trouble you with much writing in future - It is unnecessary for me to make long professions of gratitude to you, for anyone part. It is but a few weeks now, for I thank you know me well enough, to know that merriments as have been the case and transgressions of my past habits ungrateful to my yellow man. For that I have been ungrateful to it, I wish James goaby has not been found on the last catalogue.

You know not my true mind, the feelings with which I view the cloudy part of your letter. My heart swells with gratitude to God, and I feel like exclaiming with Isaac when longest to see the face of his beloved Joseph, when he supped. I have been said, "It is enough." This human emotion is as much characterized by the occurring as by the destruction of its duration, and there is intermingled between me and Isaac, as well as innumerable, nothing but life, the most bitter and proceeded by the invisible, and while there is not the least cause in want in being involved in doubt and darkness, and still subsists cause for consolation when we are in the face of our finding in Comfort; just as long.avored by the first and principal concern of a wise man to endeavor into his nature, his duties, and his expectations, it sustains the weight of doubt, when it is encountered, and when it subsists; and there assumes necessity that knowledge and contemplation of the Subject of Religion. What are your future expectations? - I hope back the young man, by prudence and economy, to housekeeping at Eunice. And what there? - "That the wise man may have a kind successor."
there & their trust in Christ (not your own good works) for

Do you have a devout and pious friend in the Lord? Whitcomb! Who I regard as one
of the most pious men, with whom I have ever met - I
was in Goshen meeting with him once, just before I left Make
ming to I was delighted with the experimental knowledge
of our holy religion - but perhaps I have already
written too long a letter on this subject.

You desire to know how I am getting along in my
"new creation" - I can only say that I am trying as
best I can to bear onward the banner of our Enmanuel.
and to point Sinners to "the Lamb of God that taketh
away the sins of the world"; and I cannot express my
own feeling while engaged in this work better than

"Happy is he with my latest breath,
I may but grasp His name,
Reach thine to see, and cry in death,
Behold! Behold! The Lamb!"

May hearts do I

May God bless you! to your friends as to yourself. My heartfelt prayers have long
bored around the hills of the Lord in your behalf, and may be
assured that for time to come, when "I order my own cause
before the mercy seat," they will I implore the hallowed of
my Lord to vest in you, not but my friends you must turn
for yourself. I know you shall give your whole heart to God
and shall you know that His love has power on earth to forgiv
sin. - Our little babe is quite safe - I fear dangerously.
Your name, and Anne are well. - I hope to hear
from you soon, I remain

Your Faithful,

M. D. Tuttle.