Dear Sir,

Allow me to occupy your attention for a little while with the presentation of a subject which is one of great importance to this part of the country and to which I am persuaded you will not be indifferent. It is the establishment and endowment of a Female College at this place designed to afford all the facilities for acquiring a thorough education to young ladies which are afforded to young men by the University. The citizens of this place and of the adjacent country have subscribed about $12,000.00 for this object the most of which has been expended in the erection of a College building. The building is 115 ft long, about 50 ft wide and four stories high and is a very commodious and elegant building. The work is nearly done with the exception of the...
The school is now in successful operation and
in order that you may have some idea of the
plan of operations I will send you a catalogue
of the Trustees and Faculty with a circular in
the same mail with this letter.

I will write you again in a few days.

I was pleased to receive your letter of the 3rd inst.
and am very sorry to learn of the death of little Henry
and the passing on of the faithful teacher, Mr. Howard.
That the two of the prettiest daughters in all our school will
survive the loss and that she is well pleased
in all that goes on. Your country we are trying in one of the
prettiest sections in the South containing also
many beautiful and healthy woods.

The school will be in session the entire month of February
from the Montgomery to West Point School
Road. When you are passing to your place
in Mississippi I would be pleased if you
will call and see us provided you are willing
to take old fashioned $2.00 cranberry sauce
or I belong to the old school Democracy.

But best of all, my dear, I will close with the assurance
of highest regards and best wishes for your health.

Yours truly, A.C. Howard.
W. A. Howard
Tuskegee
23 Moh 32
 Ala.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Washington
D.C.
Pittsboro, Halifax County, N.C., March 23, 1857

Honorable Stephen A. Douglas:

Dear Sir,

Some time since Mr. Meado, editor of the Raleigh Standard, wrote to me to send you a barrel of Suphernose wine such as I deemed superior — the uncommon cold weather and consequent danger of the wine receiving injury by freezing induced me to delay forwarding it soon as I would have done otherwise — I forwarded about 2 weeks since a barrel of my Suphernose champagne, or a blend of Suphernose and most highly approved by various gentlewmen in different parts of the Union to whom sent. I forwarded it to my agent at Petersburg via Mr. Rehder, White Davis & Co., instructing them to forward to you, and settle for the wine cost of this kind 50 dollars per barrel, 12 dollars per gal., and 20 per cent of per cent.

For greater safety, as I am about to do, I broke up the barrel, and at the corners I put several bottles of other favourite sorts of Suphernose and other wines as presents. Having the wine safely please to subscribe myself your humble servant, Sidney Fielder
Sidney Weller
Brinkleyville
Cullah 52  N.C.

[Handwritten text on the bottom half of the page.]
Private

Milton

Mr. Stephen A. Douglass

London 12

I write you a hasty note to say that you must not fail to be at the Young Men's Base at the Maryland Institute, tomorrow evening the 3d. You know I have some reputation for a safe judgment in these matters; and when I tell you I will be more explicit. Be prepared however that I am not wrong. Give my regards to my friend, Fletcher of Illinois, and say to him that I place my command upon him to come. Both of you must come on upon this occasion. I must certainly entrust it.

Best regards

Your friend

John McGavock

Batty March 2d. 1832
Washington, March 3, 1850

Dear Sir,

I enclose you a letter which I received from my friend W. James A. Donnell of Portland, Maine. It is not a private letter and my reason for enclosing it to you is to show that you have friends in Maine, who are exerting all their energies in your favor.

I have had some conversation with Mr. Hamilton, since I last saw you. He said to me that he was decidedly in your favor, and that he and all his friends to secure the Maine delegation in your favor.

I have seen a letter from Mr. Clapp, he单一 that you would be his first choice. I will call upon him to confirm what the Senate I shall leave this place for Maine in a few days.

Respectfully,

W. J. Senate
Washington
Sam. F. R and Washington
2 Mich
Chicago, Ill.
Mr. Lincoln
March 3, 1852.

Hon. J. B. Conkling
Mr. President
Dear Sirs,

Some two months since I forwarded to Mr. Schuyler, to be handed to Mr. Peirce, a plat and description of your two parcels of land on the lake three tenths of Chicago, accompanied by forms of relinquishment of right of way.

Not having received any return or information respecting that business, and apprehending that the papers are lost sight of amid the press of engagement, I hope to day to write to Col. Peirce on the subject. Will you confer better him. I have requested Mr. Dyer, the agent Washington to mention it also. If the plat and papers have not been forwarded, I will send them.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Mr. B. A. T. A.

P.S. The分成 divided in June. Candidates for Gov. 1. Osborn. 2. Vehrs. 3. Denny. 4. Hayden. For Senator Douglas, Stanton. Douglas without a doubt, if you are nominated, the thing to stand off for three candidates in Illinois. And the chances of that event appear very day more promising.
M. Dreyman
Chicago
3d. May 32

He states refuses to come
not come to house. If fall
now will treat. Byer is here
but has no authority to
contract.
Albany March 4th, 1852

Sir,

The undersigned Committee of the "Hibernian Provident Society" of this city, are charged with the pleasing duty of inviting you to participate with them, and other friends of Ireland here, in the celebration of St. Patrick's Day, 18th inst., by a public supper.

We are instructed to say to you Sir, that the friends of Ireland in Albany feel highly complimented, and are deeply grateful for the liberal and generous sentiments you have so eloquently expressed towards the exiled Patriots of that unhappy land.
and for your able advocacy of the cause of Ireland and Irishmen, on every occasion which requires it.

It will afford your friends the great pleasure, if your Senatorial duties will permit your uniting with them on this occasion. We have the honor to be

with great respect,

Sir,

Your mo. Obd. Servts

John Leffigum

James Weldon

Patrick Grady
Monticello, March 12th, 1852

(Dear Sir), Having been selected a delegate to the Democratic Convention shortly to assemble in Nashville & to appoint delegates to the Baltimore Democratic convention to nominate candidates for the Presidency & Vice Presidency. And being an admirer of your Statesmanship so far as my knowledge of opinions extending I would avail myself of this opportunity to become thoroughly acquainted with your views. Believing as I do they are such as will secure you the Delaware.

Do you believe Congress has power to abolish slavery in the District of Columbia?

Are you in favor of the execution of the Slave Law Against its modification or repeal?

Are you in favor of the Compromising Measures as a final settlement of the exciting questions of the day and that they should never be interrupted in Congress again.

Do you believe in States Sovereignty?

The citizens of my State are as loyal to this Government as any People. But they can never be brought to support a man for office of trust who repines or refuses to let them know his sentiments. We of the South have been imposed on long enough and the
Any who come see Shone know the Views of those who may be mention for our support.
An early answer is solicited as the Convention met on the 30th of this inst.
(This must be strictly private.)
Yours Respectfully

Thos. R. Minter
F. B. Minto
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9th
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Aug.

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Hammond Street
New York March 15th

My dear Sir,

I trust you a line to see if you receive this. I wrote you a line last week, did you receive it? I am not sure if you are well, and I hope you are. I am in great wants of your opinion and advice. If you can find time to write me I should be very glad.

Please direct the letter to 

R. Ham. Dier

NY
R. Van Dier Meurkis
9 Mch. 52
Anw.
Morris Grundy Co. Iu.
5 March 1852

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Sir,

Permit me to request you to favor me with a copy of your Speech in Chicago on the Fugitive Law, and also of your Speech in the Senate on that subject — if in print; having only some extracts from it. And further, if I do not burden you too much — I wish to obtain the Patent Office Reports. I have been in receipt of them heretofore — until I removed to this State two years ago, and should there be a report of the last census for general distribution I should be glad to obtain it.

I hope I may not be unjustly charged with impertinency in forwarding herewith a No. of the Savannah Sentinel printed in N. W. Missouri containing some thoughts suggested in a letter to my friend the Eds. upon the subject of the next Presidency, claiming only that it is an expression of sentiments sincerely entertained by...

Yours respectfully,

R. W. Atherton
R. N. Allerton
Morris
March 52 Ill
Doc. sent
Harrisburgh
March 5/92

Dear Sir,

I am humbly alleging an act on one of the recent Womny Conventions I was on in. In fact, the first day of the Convention.idente priors were given a resolution to the President that the majority of the delegates, and not all, belonged to the district. It seems that the premises of the clause below on the Minutes a General, declaring that they would abstain from the Convention and upon being reminded we have them from our district. Yonder it is true they both held a new debate in me that you want their advice to throw your vote against any of them. And that fifty feet above one of them face in the Womny Conventions it being that the act was not a true one. I go for you, and unless the State vote them least to and be it closer to the end of State. Each State and the State at the will be in the at Balchast. I must come your truly,

Yours truly,
James Leaming

To Whom I was sent

Brice me at Bethlehem Pa
James Connelly
Ranisby
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In pursuance of a previous call, the Democracy of Lee County met in Convention at Dixon, on the 15th of December, 1859, and was organized by appointing David H. Birdsall Esq., Chairman, and A. U. Hazen Secretary.

The object of the meeting having been properly stated by the Chairman, they then proceeded to elect Delegates to attend the State Convention. When on motion William H. Van Epps Esq., and Col. John Demont were unanimously elected Delegates to the State Convention to be held at Springfield, the 4th day of January next, with powers to appoint alternates.

On motion, Wm. E. Sheffield, Dr. N. W. Abbott and Abram Brown Esq., were appointed a Committee of Resolutions. The Committee through its Chairman Wm. E. Sheffield reported the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted.

Resolved—That we still adhere to the principles embodied in the Cincinnati Platform and insist that the same shall be maintained and carried out as understood by the people during the canvass which resulted in the election of President in 1856.

Resolved—That we recognize and adopt the principles contained in the organic laws establishing the Territories of Kansas and Nebraska as embodying the only sound and safe solution of the Slavery question. To interfere by Congress with slavery in the States or Territories either prohibiting or establishing it, and thus we firmly and fearlessly plant ourselves upon this broad American Doctrine, believing it to be the only Constitution, as well as sound law.

That the same legislative freedom should be accorded to the people of a Territory which our Fathers of the Revolution claimed and defended with their lives.

Resolved—That Stephen A. Douglas has by his firm and consistent action in maintaining the cherished principles of Popular Sovereignty, fully demonstrated his ability and honesty as a Statesman and Patriot, and merited the confidence and esteem of the Democratic party, whose leader we are proud to see him so universally acknowledged to be in its "Irrepressible Conflict" with Republicanism.

Resolved—That the Delegates to the State Convention be instructed to use all proper and suitable means to secure the appointment of a Delegation to Charleston unanimously in favor of Stephen A. Douglas as a candidate in 1860 for the Presidency.

Resolved—That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Hon. David H. Birdsall as Chairman, and that the proceedings be published in the Chicago Times, the Springfield Register, and the Lee County papers.

On motion John H. Cropsey of Dixon, Wm. Dalen, of May, Simon Badger of Amboy, Abram Brown of Dixon and Lester Harding of Paw Paw were appointed a Central County Committee for the ensuing year.

DAVID H. BIRDSALL, Pres.
A. U. HAZEN, Sec'y.
A Humorous Description of a Fashionable Church.

The satire of a following extract from a pretended correspondence of a Turk traveling in this country is exquisite. We doubt, however, whether occasion could be found for such bitter irony outside of that Babylon, New York.

On a sunny morning of the first day of the second week of my sojourn here, I requested my young fellow-lodger at the St. Nicholas to conduct me to one of the numerous sanctuaries. He proposed that we should visit the church of the Shining Kaleidescope, and we proceeded thither. On our entering the sacred edifice, the sexton received us quite coolly, as if to say, “What business have you in this establishment?” But when my companion opened his coat and displayed a diamond breast-pin of inordinate size, the face of the official blossomed with smiles and he conducted us to an excellent pew in the central aisle.

My attention was first attracted by the decorations of the walls and ceiling. The principal colors used in the work of adornment, were light blue, bright yellow and deep red, each endeavoring to display itself to the best advantage. Their effect, when combined, with all the other tints of the rainbow, shed through the stained glass windows, was somewhat remarkable; and I observed that a portly lady just behind me had, as the result of a play of light, a green forehead, blue nose, yellow lips, purple chin, orange hair, and a patch of deep violet over the left eye. Indeed, I had observed no such sterling style of ornament anywhere else, except in the brilliant restaurant of Mr. Taylor, Broadway. Wonderful, oh my Lybian lion, is the power of association—for such was the influence of this paint upon my imagination, that I came near asking the usher to unseating the aisle.
Naples, 5th March 1852.

My dear Sir,

Enclosed you will find a slip from the Baltimore sun referring to the Civil and Diplomatic bill introduced in the House. Will you do me the great favor to procure a copy of the bill and forward it to me. Since I had the pleasure of meeting with you in Washington some 7 or 8 weeks since, I have anywhere catches the steps of the times which coincide with great certainty your nomination for the Presidency. You may be assured that you have very many friends in this section, and my opinion is that in preference you are the choice of our party. Indeed there can be no doubt of the fact. Sincerely hoping that the voices of the presidential office will be won by you, I am with great respect,

[Signature]

[Signature]

Additional note:

Civil and Diplomatic Bill. — It is said that this bill, now before Congress, cuts down the expenses of all the U. S. Courts, from $800,000 to $300,000. The judiciary committee of the House has introduced a bill cutting down all expenses, and fees, full fifty per cent, and in some cases reducing them nearly to nothing. The bill is some 33 pages long, and terrifies the lawyers who practice in the United States Courts.

The Whig in Naples.
Wm. A. Thurston
Flat Madison
5 Oct 52

Write a Prince Letter
To express my thanks or so
Fort Madison, March 5th, 1832

Friend Douglas,

I suppose you are as usual in circumstances such as these. I am aware of the adage of the fickle hand of fate, but I think you have been shown to your advantage for several reasons. First, I am one of the sovereigns. I am a deep-seated fire of our state convention and my influence shall be exerted to the best advantage. I expect to be in the Baltimore Convention. Be my wishes and those of the great West accomplished in your nomination for the next President.

As I write, I write you in this familiar manner because I am one of our kind of men. I am a practical man and mechanic, and more away the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with yourself and friend. Sure enough, I'll through an introduction of Doctor Kendall, who myself am quite gone on a visit to the Doctors of Chicago, which you can probably call to mind.

So I remain yours with every wish of my heart for your success and accomplishment of your wishes. I am elected by this great Nation their most President.

Yours,

[Signature]
To: S. A. Douglas
Washington City

[Seal mark]
Syracuse, March 14, 1852.

My Dear Douglas,

Allow me to make you acquainted with my brother in law, Hon. W. C. Watson of the County of Onondaga, N.Y. He is a thorough-going republican, but I am glad to see he is coming to receive your cordial greetings and to observe that you are about to take a lead in regard to the future welfare of the State. He is a delegate to the Baltimore Convention and his object in visiting Washington is to promote the interests of his State. I therefore take the pleasure in commending him to your favorable notice.

Sincerely yours,

James Ward

Aaron Ward

John Ling

7 Jlch 52

to introduce W.C. Watson.
Vicksburg, Miss. March 16th, 1857

Hon. J. N. Douglas

Dear Sir:—I am under many obligations to you for valuable documents sent to the "Barreto." I hope you will continue the favor. I have also commended sending you the three weekly "Barretos," which I will continue during the session of Congress.

I am also to state that I have been advocating the nomination of yourself by the Baltimore Convention as a Democratic candidate for the Presidency. I am happy to be able to say that you are daily gaining strength in the South—and without flattering I certainly think you this strongest man. Should you be nominated we can give you Mississippi easily—and I feel so from every voter also carrying Louisiana. But it is justice to another to state that one of the leading editors presenting your name that has appeared in the "Barreto," was written by a friend of mine. He presents it, and finding just what I should have said myself, he was published as editorial. The other articles were written by myself. I was also the first man in Mississippi to speak advocates you. There are now more than half the democratic papers in the state in your favor—indeed all the prominent ones save the Mississippian—it is for Butler—but will support you if nominated.

If Gen. Cass should happen to be the nominee, which I pray God may not be the case, it will make awful work in the South. We cannot give him Mississippi, do as we will. Should you have any private information that it would be profitable to publish here, let me have it. I continue your favors in the way of documents, reports, etc.

Yours ever,

Jno. D. McConnell
Mr. O. Mc. Donnell
Vicksburg
8th Month 52
Sincerely yours

[Signature]
March 5, 1832

My Dear Sir,

Hearing some time ago, the proceedings of the Senate were near to print "Capt. Stansbury's Exploration of the Valley of Salt Lake," would you be so kind as to send it to me, if published, and if not yet, when it is all probable it will be ready for distribution, and whether I shall be remembered by you.

Yours etc.,

Very respectfully,

[Signature]

[Postscript]

[Signature]
Union College, March 14th 1862

Sir,

Pardon the presumption of a student in addressing you, but admiring your sentiments and reading with eagerness your speeches, I have dared, although you may be troubled with the same demand by others of others, to ask you to send me in your leisure moments whatever documents you may think proper as they will be thankfully received by your humble servant and admirer.

S. Henry, Hargrave
Union College
Schenectady

I would consider it a great favor to NY to receive your autograph if you do not think such things juvenile.
S. Henry Ingersoll  
Union College  
8 Month  
Ann.

[Signature]

Yours faithfully,  
H. Ingersoll
Dear Sir,

I am very much interested in the proceedings of Congress, and be assured I shall be under very great obligations to you for suchRubbi's Documents &c. as you may see fit to send me.

Most truly your's,

J. D. Newcomb

Hon. S. T. Congles.

D.C.

Washington D.C.
J. A. Newcomb
8 Ranch
Elgin
dec. 26th
Warrenton, March 8th, 1852
McHenry Co. Ill.

Sir,

At the request of Capt. Chappell, one of the soldiers of the last war, orders have been made for a pension for a certain man at that time. I take the liberty of requesting the aid of your instructions in obtaining evidence of pension for the old soldier. The papers have been sent on to our Member from Ill. Mclaney, a recommendation with him by you that may be compatible with your feelings on the subject. The claim to a pension will be gratefully acknowledged by the Capt. as well as thankfully received by

In the War
Stephen A. Douglas
Washington, D.C.

Respectfully yours, 4th Genet.

Washington, D.C.
Anem Ipany
Maneng'o
8th Feb
attended to
Philadelphia, March 8th, 1852.

Sir:—

It is customary with Irishmen in every portion of the globe to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, as an anniversary of festivity and social happiness. It is not surprising that the approach of this day should be regarded with greater enthusiasm in this land of freedom and of their adoption, than elsewhere.

This class of Citizens and their descendants, together with the friends of Ireland, residing in the City and County of Philadelphia, propose celebrating the approaching Anniversary on the 17th inst., by a “Public Dinner,” to be given at some suitable place in the City of Philadelphia.

We, the undersigned, knowing the deep interest you feel in behalf of ill-fated Ireland, whose past history shows how seriously she has felt the hand of the oppressor, whilst many of her patriotic sons are now in exile, hereby tender to you an invitation to participate in the festivities of the occasion. It affords us sincere pleasure to perform the duty assigned to us, and hope to be honored with your company on the above mentioned day.

Yours truly and respectfully,

ROBERT TYLER,
CORNEILUS McCULLAY,
WM. DICKSON,
P. W. CONROY,
JAMES McCANN.

Hon. J. A. Connelly.