My Dear Sir,

Where you are in this place on your way to Washington, you may kindly prepare to aid me in any application I shall have to make to the administration. I was very much delighted with your kindness on this occasion last spring and am induced to write you. The Electoral College by this vote and the Democratic members of the Legislature have recommended me to the President-elect for the "Majors & Chiefs." The post would be a very desirable one to me. My health is not completely broken down in the campaign of 1844 where I took the Stump in more than half the counties of the State. So that I am not able to practice law and was compelled to give up a lucrative and growing practice.

The Governor with some of the Mr. prominent men in the State are conferring themselves in my behalf and I have written to you to be advised as to the best course for me & how to make the application. I shall not expect to be called upon to speak at prior, and enter an assembly for the office. Such a course would certainly interfere with me. I have felt my
I am surprised if you were not as much as I to be done as to proceed. Of course, my dear friend, you will aid me to the best of your ability in everything. This is another matter on which I have very few your very confidential. The question of electing a Senator from a certain district under the Governor of appointment, I hope you think of it. I am greatly favored of having Mr. Smith in The Senate. I think it can the North West could not a letter in the next Congress, but could be transmited.

Whatever may be the merit of my present views, I beg you will consider me one of your warmest friends in the State and consider me as I hold myself ready to make a more thorough case it may be advisable - I feel that a mistake has been made in the last preliminary in the State in over estimating Mr. Buchanan's strength. Had he loved your name I am well agreed a majority of the district would have sent the delegations instructed for you. The work has accomplished to some injury after the going by in sort of delusion. You will find Mr. Smith within a most esteemed gentle man and he need
... give to the Senate a gracious distinction and popularity.

Let me hear from you at an early period as your communications will be read by my servants to your lady. I am very truly,

Your friend etc.

W. M. Blair

Washington

Nov. 20
Weston House, Morning 1st May 1842

Dear Sir,

I write you by the hand of Mr. Toddley.

The message appoints me to carry on the electoral vote of Helvetica, and in the letter and your opinion in a subject that I think subsequent events will prove you right. That was right.

Deliberate to go on the subject that prepared of these more intimate views.

The whip party by the severe defeat of Mr. Scott, but more by the death of its two prominent leaders. Prepared as virtually deserted, as the two great men before all have been, the party is visibly

weakening.

If I am correct? What is the proper course to pursue by the dominant members of the dominant party? To set up the worst engagement but to persevere in the hope of their annihilation or consensual more constant with their policy by a course of imprisonment of other leading terms of capital time, and then by the all probable how a successful rescue from those sentences can be.

No man in the Nation can set the

motion more easily than yourself, and that one's thought for several years is more concerned that it be long done.

But to the point. Was an old victim.
But have a young man, in the employment of your friends, and when I think you are about to enter to the most liberal terms, if talked of with the same object as those on many accounts I feel the deepest reluctance.

It is M. Capone, the favorite of the New, a nephew of Mr. Senator Bell of Tennessee, and the same young gentlemen, who spent the Winter of 38-39 with his parents at their home. He is now in New York and Philadelphia.

M. Capone being deficient in taste, as I desire that he may be in an officer's post to be received or the appointment of post is not for the benefit of Montana. He has a large and fine family and is the brother of Tennessee. His wife is a native of Louisiana. Mrs. Bell is a native of Tennessee. She thinks his appointment to this office of great value to him and to an act of becoming prevent in the part of the other. I am aware that under the usual circumstances you are not opposed to this. I have previously suggested it.

Hope of you the three to be responsible.
seriously, and if it meet your approbation, then to take the course that will effect the object
since the plan shall be your own
My present seat being of the Sen. Clerk
and the Hon. J. R. Stithman of the Senate Clerk
jumps it. Enr. me, as I have already been the judge
— rate in the object therefore
If you see any errors, please correct
an occasional line
Dane with congratulation of my highest respect
my friend —

Dear Mr. Lincoln,

With all respect,

U.S. [Signature]

To Stephen A. Douglas — 3
Dear Sir A. Douglas

Washington City

Enclosed please find my message which will be delivered to the General Assembly by one of my men. I wish you to read and tell my friends what I have done. I am a little green, but I am sure the good opinion of my friends. We had no great trouble yesterday in electing the new first ballot. The idea, even to his last game, was to co operate with the Democrats. We were all invited to a round table and I think in all proper time for you. I went back to make my pitch and your memorial and rehabilitate friend. Sir of Springfield.

Your obedient servant,

J.A. Matton
New York, Jan. 8th, 1853.

My dear Sir,

I believe you and I had some conversation once, about a letter written to me by the late Professor Moses Stuart of Auburn. In looking over some desiderate papers I happened to lay of it. I found that it was lost. Let it should be again increased, and possibly lost. Unfortunately, I cannot give it to your care, believing that you will be a safe depository of it. Would be no account, part with that letter of an old and highly esteemed friend, now no longer, once it not that I have a recollection more from the same source.

I remain very respectfully,

Your friend and old friend,

[Signature]

To,

Stephen Douglas.
Bircon Retreat

New Mr Stewart

1653
Private

St. Louis February 12, 1833

Hon. S. N. Clayless

SIR:

I am your assurance I know you a series of resolutions passed on the 1st inst. by the freemen of this city. They are cut after the Benton pattern, and passed by a company of his personal and political friends, amounting in the aggregate to perhaps 15 persons inclusive of the opposition who were merely looking on at the sight. Mr. Kauffman was the chief manager, together with Blennerhassett, and the whole affair was prepared several days before hand and the necessary officers selected to declare every thing carried unanimously in case any opposition should be manifested. The resolution striking at you and Hon. Atchison, I have marked to save you the trouble of wasting through such brainless stuff as the learned and intelligent democracy of St. Louis City & County be pleased to present to an admiring world on the great anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans. While an gratified audience, at Washing-town City, was giving thanks to the gods, a contemptible little squad of Benton's lackeys, was inciting to those
not upon your experience, and that two or three avenues of the line of policy pointed out by Butler himself. The fiction is too rich! The natural democracy and the real democracy are two different things. What you call democracy, all at the same moment! The true political leader will be carried in this state for the last two years under democracy in its usual meaning, should begin to be removed the obstacle to harmony from this stage to another. You will perceive by the names attached to, and prominent in this meeting of the 18th, that, though some of them are members of the old Whig party of 1840, the names of the principal officers there are advisory.

I am in the act, let it be known, it might injure their prospects for the distribution of political honors at this place. It is said among the faithful that Butler has received a very full and satisfactory assurance that all things will be carried out agreeably to his wishes in the interest. Hence the absence and neglecting to appear in which the proceedings of the meeting to hold, and which, to any other man, or to any gentleman, would be abhorrent in the extreme. But to his decided mind it forms a necessary parenthesis that he can scarcely live without.

I must distinctly state that old Quixote will not be in the ascendant in Pierce's cabinet. If it be, most unfortunately, will be in the party. In the party, for many years, has been centralization. The Democratic principles of the party have become, in a measure, the creed of the self-interest of the old men, and he for leading and many of them would gladly see the party prostrated rather than successful with younger men at the helm, who hold, and believe as in a faith, in the progressive and rejuvenating spirit of Democracy as preserved by the old lights of the party, now no more. These men are but fellows in the young, and vigorous ranks of democracy, and ought to be the distinctive mark of the party. Good day.

The people will sustain the movement of men sincerely and boldly. Let the, meet with properly from time to time and on all occasions for which kindness and backing toward in doctrine as they ought, with men. Respect and contempt from all shades of political opinion.

I congratulate you on the overwhelming evidence of the party which your constituents reposes in you, by the recent almost unanimous re-election to the Senate. The opposition in the part of the whip amounts to almost nothing at all, at all. It was a very bitter pill for some of the clique in this city, bow now, but I trust that, in a future according they will be forced to swallow a much more bitter one, while, in the same ratio, it will be pleasant for your friends.

Very truly,

[Signature]
Executive Office
Montgomery, Ala.
May 15th, 1853

Mr. Stephen A. Douglas
Washington

My dear Sir,

I see from the proceedings of the Senate, that notice is being taken of the Clayton Treaty, particularly, of the notes upon the construction of the treaty that appear between Mr. Bulwer and Mr. Clayton excepting the clauses as to dependencies from its operation.

I never could see any good that could result to our country from this treaty. There is one thing to which I wish to call your attention, in connection with this matter. Judge Hile of our State who represents our Government in Central America during Mr. Polk's time negotiated a Treaty with the authorities of that country, directing to us the right of way across the isthmus, in fact giving us every thing we could have asked in that quarter. This treaty negotiated by Judge Hile was forwarded to Washington, and was in the possession of the Executive department at the time.
The Clayton Treaty was made - the government of some come unknown is applicable (to me at least) to this treaty and never no notice of this treaty to me. So don't this be made known. This matter is not to be made known. While he is not in an instance whilst Mr. Clayton was in office. It being considered to call for the treaty and the correspondence connected with it. So would how that whilst Mr. Clayton was in office the treaty with Mr. Bulfinch in which our right were seriously compromised and the treaty was a treaty actually made securing us everything we could have asked. In the revised treaty our government which the people to send to the Senate that is a matter the country should know, and more in the time it should be brought out as by our democratic representatives in the Senate and from our official this Clayton treaty and was presented to the Senate through the present Senate this treaty (the information which is in your resolution for the remnant was not given) and the need of looking your attention to this matter and hope you will give it such

consideration, as the importance of the subject demands. I would be pleased to see this whole subject brought before the country it would make it known that those in power to the time were generally the best interest of the country. I understand that two of the original executive copies of this treaty were left with the department of Washington. Judge here for more in his report an original executive copy of this treaty. There soon read the treaty - excuse the liberty taken in troubling you about this now. There is time to be sure you join

JW Dorrill
Rutland, March 15th, 1853.

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Sir,

In the discharge of a duty made obligatory upon us by the Calliopean Society of Union University, we proceed to inform you of your election as an honorary member of that body, hoping that you may find it compatible with your feelings to accept.

Yours most respectfully,

W. G. Riddle

W. T. Conn, Corresponding Committee

George B. Harris