Sir:

Our many friends in the region were glad to hear of your arrival at first, about Washington, and in the time, they expect to hear from you on the floor of the Senate. The abolitionists have started off with new activity and enthusiasm this season than I have known, viz., that the House of Representatives has been so active, and our hopes are not for naught. They have bought all the Senate seats of the State at the annual session. I have just seen Mr. S. H. Sanford in New York, and of Mr. Phelan, Haines, and others. I think they will probably carry off a portion of the Senate, especially those who came from the State in 1848, and those whom the men of the North have turned out. The Chief Justice's arguments must be strong, and the abolitionists have many more friends than they have ever had before. The Senate is in the hands of a radical Whig, and they have lent their support to the administration and helping hands to the administration. I think the time is ripe for:

Your truly,

[Signature]
Your letter to  [illegible], and that is a general impression that
you will not see as it is long when the whole is
true, or an adjutant to send as yourself
This shall be a quick answer to
"Farewell to the "beauty of the identity of Milton"

Know nothing, and shall not,

these are for such an instant, and for all if you

place, and a mice of

in the garden, call a friend in

language, and distribute them at the Congress.

publish, I have a friend at

and the law, grants the French, Italian, English

in the German language.

I have in mind exorcize from

hope to Chicago. Some might not be with,

in their mind, and far from

some speak, we had to debate, it cannot

during the campaign, and attach the German

of all the new places, settlement in Iowa,

and Illinois.

I hope you will think of this

suggestion, and know the duty, than better

to making them.

Your ever truly,

Edward Johnston.


I must add one thing more. I dont think it proper

to conduct myself as I am, of Mr. Dunn's, co-administrator

for the President of. Then an instance, who called

light in any manner, but the purloin will not do so.
Mr. Monr. Feb 22, 1856.

Hon. S. A. Douglas.

My Dear Sir,

In reference to your position as a Statesman at this critical juncture of political affairs, it has occurred to me that a frank expression of views coming from one of early school boy acquaintance, without political pretensions or aspirations, and dictated by none other than the sincerest of motives, will not be distasteful, or unacceptable to you—though they should fail to meet your acquiescence.

I have under the belief that misinformation prevails generally—at least at the North—in reference to your real position on the much question of Slavery. You are regarded by foremost among those most active & desirous to extend the institution of Slavery to the New Territory. The misinformation—false: from the fact, that through influence powerful, not more than to that of any other man is
attributable the repeal of the Atjorni Company

For my self I am sure have been able to see
or admit that it necessarily follows that the
inhabitants of that soil, or the same evidence of design
towards or retarded slavery - nor have I believed
that with an open field and a fair land that
such would be the result - in its practical effect
I have not ceased to believe that in
the consolidation and part of your bill, your leading
section thus now and do result from a consolidation
or to what might be its effect rather to induce
or admit slavery, as of inherent political and
constitutional rights - Regarding the principle
of popular sovereignty, as of vital importance in
harmony with the the White theory of land lying
at the basis of one free government, you will con
train, to embody it as a leading feature in the
organic law of the Territory - For this which I
approve to be the lead & front of your Senate;
you have received from the Northern people
indiscriminately customs & accommodations and
have not excluded the honors of Magnificence in
affairs which you have not forgot have been con
trast in the moment where this cause great
benefit -

May you have thoughts and along the same
direction to that of Ex Gov. Johnson of the state on adj
fect your - the Governor then; a Tennessee man
and of high moral tone, was among others by
transients then for his acts of a prohibitory enactment, on the
ground of constitutional objections, while the banner Union
clapped him on the back until them I called him their
mean. Nothing or not wishing he was obliged in any object
to stand forth on their representation of the consequences
nor he was known when the wrong side which proved
fatal to them -

In little co-owners have and then men
Public around you and any quadrate from has
been that you would in all African be driven
own entirely to their - What I should deem
equally fatal -

Henry evicted Kansa a few times at the time
of the first section of delegate to congress - I know him
they from personal observation, the respect to the Territory
There is the character of the Penn concealed in the com
flict - The Southern from the Eastern as middle who
are not the throat out of his legs families who
remains travel influence but as a close combine
asможно intelligent & in tendency or to be found
in any equal number to found in the power
formed part of the county - They are termed men
and many of them have gone with their families
from the land. Anile lands of New England
Leaving a house mainly for the thorough of boiling
Their conditions when they might find a more
generous soil and genial climate encouraged
Perhaps I should say excused by that law of Congress which guarantees to them a voice in the laws by which they are to be governed and a hand in framing the Constitution of the State—but they have been overawed and borne down by non-residents, mostly from the neighboring State of Illinois by violence and fraud. They have resented the control of the ballot-box of the government dare not even consider it to impose a code of laws contrary to the wishes and wishes of satisfaction to the fulness of a large majority of the actual inhabitants of the territory, and to defend property and with form of arms from the Territory. Barked by the President, they have a fair prospect of success. Will not the moral sense of the country be shocked by such outrage? such monstrous perversion of the doctrine of popular sovereignty?

Under these circumstances, have not a favorable climate arisen wherein in justice to yourself as well as the great interests of the country, you may prevail upon the ground against the invasion of the rights guaranteed by that act of Congress to the actual settlers of the Territory, I renounce their actual settlers of the Territory, and renounce their actual settlers of the Territory, or lower the assenting to subjugate Kansas or lower them as settling to subjugate Kansas or lower the assenting to subjugate Kansas.
not add for any other purpose.

Are I in error in supposing that
such a step would not be in consistent
with your former course? relying upon
the justice of merit of your cause—might
you not safely trust to the better judgment
and good sense of the people of every section
of the country to rally around, and sustain you?

In offering these suggestions
at least I have little faith in that class of
politicians whose "occupation" is maintained by
agitation. Even I must admit in supposing
that the mean wiser may have the wisdom
and ability—and I know of no one more
competent than yourself to undertake that
task—to bring order out of confusion—to
restore harmony to the country, by assisting
the structuring aspect of territorial affairs, in
a peaceful adjustment so as to protect the just
rights of actual settlers, will be a national
blessing. Address the gratitude of his
country?

In concluding permit me to
express to you, my very sincere regrets
at your recent serious and protracted illness—
hoping that you are quite restored, and
congratulating you on being permitted to return

...
Your duties at Washington & taking many kind remembrances of you at the old Read... any at Canandaigua, from my sister. Your old friend and old friend. 

Ben. Hackett

I have seen you from time with your sisters in Philadelphia from the Common Council's Citizen of Chicago upon the committee of 1880. Also your speeches in debate on Kansas & Nebraska bill. Would use a few of them to good advantage.
Pote Vly Co. 216
Feb 23, 1856

Hon. Aaron A. Douglas
Sir,

This will be presented to the Post Office Dept.

a petition asking for the establishment

of a new post office at Buffalo Grove, which will be less than one mile

from this (Pote) Office. The petition

was gotten up by the most bitter opponents

to the administration that we have in

this Section of the County, and though

they may have a grudge against the office, it is
to be remembered one of the most

honest abolition

men had in this section of the Coun-
try. There would not one tenth of persons

who have signed the petition yet their mails

at that office if they should get one.

There is no more call for a post office than there would be for the establishment

of the three offices in Chicago—former

only to favor by returning the favor to

the Department.

Respectfully yours,

E. T. Wad
P.C.
George D. Read
Owensville, Ill.

Protests against the Establishment
of a Post Office at Buffalo Grove.
Waukesha, Wisconsin
February 23, 1856

My dear Sir,

S. A. Douglas

I am glad to see by the public prints that you again occupy your seat in the Senate. And now, I hear, that your long illness is over, and you are now commencing our political campaign. And I hope you will give me a good account of Indiana, both in the State and National Elections. I sold nothing at the Convention on the 8th, although I send you my account of the South. The only two Democratic representatives in Congress are from the South.
from the State to the National Convention at Cincinnati.
I was unanimously reomn-
mended by the only two Demo-
cratic districts, represented
in Congress, but there were
reasons, as well known to
me as myself, why I was not
selected. I am however fully compensated by the
fact, that the Democracy
here were more ignorant
than I was at Rich and are
better disposed of their native
"Wimpets," I will be there
any day.

There is a bill in
which M'Hale and Rep. exist,
and his constituents, and
some of you along the Wabash,
feel a deep interest. It is
to reestablish the Land

Composition Court at Vincennes
The act of 1854 July 12th
such a Court, but confined
its operations entirely to
Indiana. The citizens in
Illinois along the Wabash—as
well as those on the Ohio—hold
under the same compacts from
the Government, Courts, and
acts of Congress, printing demesne
and for military service
and settlement—but the
act of July 12th 1854 only
confined the survey, as to their
rights to patents to those on
the East side of the Wabash.
I return to say there is not
in Vincennes County, for instance,
a single patent for a Survey,
location, or patent—and
there are at least one hundred
claimants, in that County to
The Composition Court.
Land office
he his Rep to the prmt
Congress recommends the
estabishment of the Comission
with his report. Allen in whose
district these claims are situated
also feels an interest in it he
has written me. See him
It is proposed to introduce
the bill in the Senate. If so
please give it your aid

Your friend
John Law

25/3/1800
Governor of S.
Chicago Sunday,
Feb. 24:

Dear Judge.

I enclose a letter for Strausby with
mending some p. o. changes. They are all right. I
have refused all applications for such things unless
they come sanctioned and asked by such men as he
is.

The changes asked are:

That Peter J. Ellis be appointed 1st m. at Jackson
p. o. Stephenson Co. in place of C. Van Brockling.

and that Jacob Edley be appointed 1st m. at Rock
Run. 1st o. same Co. in place of Samuel J. Davis.

I am too new enough to have its own pets. I could be glad
if before you make any changes, you would let us know
of any that you have. I hope you will have headquarters
restored at Wilmington, Hill Co. and Dennis at Albany
Whitehead Co.

The fight goes on vigorously. We yield not a
breeze of our principles. I accept the issue made
by the enemy. I am not quite sure sanguine, but
will be much mistaken if we do not have a
victory. I will telegraph you the result, but fear it
will not reach you till next day. The letter of
Hill will not reach you till next day. The cry of
the enemy is “anti-Douglas,” and will beat them
with their own words. Mr. D. is perfectly furious. His letter
is just in its impotent madness. I want you to
ask Harris to have my article on Woodman on the cream to
"Our member," anyone is doing glorious service. My arrangements with Cook are not perfect. My time is tight. His necessities alone induce him to listen to anything. He will not allow me to speak in his place.

I have no time to write one. He earns seven shillings a week now, so that needs all my time.

I still claim for copying.

J. W. Shipman

Do oblige us with a letter. I must you and write one that I can show you, and write one that I can show thinking the noble fellows who are with us in the fight. Tryne, Mr. Reichen, Carpenter, and all others.

Lyne

February 24, 1866
Clerk's Office Kane Co.
Feb 25th, 1856.

Col. Richardson:

Although not familiar with your immediate condition, I hope you will not deem it indiscreet in age to ask of you a favor. There has been considerable trouble about the Burlington Post Office in this county, and it is charged here that Hon. Col. Douglas has recommended the removal of the present incumbent and the appointment of John Greene in his place.

Will you be kind enough to accommodate a friend and ascertain at the Department whether the petition for the appointment of John Greene, city to be post master of Burlington, Kane County, Illinois, has been received, and if so, what action has been had on it, if any? Mr. Doug.
Lab has been inquired into my office to day about his situation in the matter and I joined to defend myself but to no purpose. I mean how is full of business having no associate with long to B. while & we will drop you on this matter. You not trouble the memory of Abigail or the late of Woodworth Will you to have you time to look to this. 

Yours truly
James Hemingway
All of war & Co.

It may not be more proper for me to say that in any opinion different or of the present incumbent John Elliott & the appointment of E.R. Green is demanded no less by the interest and safety of the government, the interest of the Democratic Party.
James Harrington
MR Hare Co Illinois
Feb 23/51

Relative to the appointment
of a Post Master at Burlington
Illinois

Will Judge & look
into the matter &
see what it is

Pl Colburn
Sir:

John Gray, the Postmaster at Miles, County of Cook, State of Ill.,

keeps no mail for J. Nooner.

Suspended.

Before submitting this case to the Postmaster General, I have to request the favor of any information you may possess, or be able conveniently to obtain, respecting it.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully, &c.,

N. D. Douglas.

Mr. N. Drake.

First Assistant Postmaster General.
P.O. Dept.
the P.M. at
Niles Ill. ridg.
Feb 28 56
Pondie Jul 25 1836

Hon. S. A. Douglas
U. Senate
Washington, D.C.

My Dear Sir,

I am aware that you are troubled very much by your friends asking favours through your influence. I have not troubled you much heretofore. But under existing circumstances, I am compelled to call on you for a little of your personal attention and influence. Ever since I have held the office of PM at this place, I have had to contribute (to sustain the Democracy) so that it has almost taken all the income I have received from the office. I have been keeping the office in the basement of the Pondie House at a small rent. My lease will expire the last of December at which time I will have to leave. They are about building on the house so it will ruin my office. I cannot get an office in any convenient place in the City short of from sixty to eight hundred dollars.
for year, to pay the amount and fix it as pay clerks and other con-
stant expenses and contribute what I will be compelled to do in
the next presidential campaign
would take more than I would
receive from the office. I think
the Department should make this
office a salary office as it now is
the Department more than any
other office in the State except
Chicago. I herewith send you a
statement of the last quarter
I think with this before you
you can judge what the revenue
would be if this office were
made a salary office and
you to attend to this in person and
I will reciprocate in any way you
may call on me. I have for the
last year attended to the appoint-
ment of P.M. in this part of the State
you can rely on me as any of these
matters. Will you please attend to
this the first convenient moment
as I will have to leave this office
the last of March.

I remain your friend
and most oblige
Peter Sweat
Peter Smart
Prizes O/AL
Feb 28/56

Endorses an ale with his
Post Office Department
Rev. for first quarter April 1st 1855 110.19
Dr. " Second Dr. July 1st 1855 118.72
Dr. " Third Dr. Oct 1 1855 671.52
Dr. " Fourth Dr. Dec 1 1855 725.72
$2834.70
Rent of Office last line and all other contingent expenses for the 12 months above $1293.76

You will see that the net income for the last year was 1294 dollars and I received paying 200 dollars rent for office and I have to pay 500 which is at least as I cannot get a good office and will only entertain the people I will only leave me net 494 dollars. I cannot get through the re-election Campaign with that amount. I am the only person that holds any office of any importance in this Congressional district. Therefore I have to stand various claims as it is not outrageous to make a man work for nothing and find himself not even a little glory but many cursed. I have strong confidence that you will get this office a salary office as the Department are getting quite a revenue from it.

Your friend and most obliged,

P. S. McDermot
J T Drury

Roth & Co.

Brooklyn

Dec 1856

Strictly confidential

Monroe House

At York

Feb 26, 1860

Dear Sir,

I find that the Buchanan men proper to be thoroughly posted in regard to Virginia.

My claim that the delegation from that State will be for home. Whether being able to detect the precise grades I am nevertheless skeptical that some influential equals in Virginia are at work for Buchanan and my auscultations tend to fail. In view of these facts it will be well to call...
The attention of both Houses will be directed to the condition of things in that state so that they may be prepared to defeat the movement. Broadhead will be effective to that end with both of them.

New York City as well as Philadelphia is strongly Buchanan. But the Administration ought to have means enough to change this. It is perhaps the best moment to the delegation from that state will doubtless he against him. By delegation I mean both sides of the House. Nevertheless, it is one in the city should be checked and changed at once—because of the effect to be produced on public—Pierce he claimed into an effort to that end. The convention of Fillmore at Philadelphia will doubtless go to the aid of the Know-nothings. The Manifesto of the Silver-Backed Tongs in the Free States—This will be a positive blow to us. It will probably also a notable join as the Know-nothings of the South who otherwise would have been abstained for our candidate.

There will be undoubtedly two or an affiliation between the free beed Know-nothings and the "Republians" and to that extent their strength will be increased. But the enmity of the radical Know-nothings from the affiliation will weaken the combination so that while our vote will be largely reduced from what it would have been it the Know-nothings had avowed an attachment still we are abundantly compensated by the consequence which as in the towns of the "Republians."
The most knows and anticipate that
the Republicans in their convention
will also contend for an ultra
man of their stamp. But of this we
shall see.

To return to ourselves. I find that
the activity of the Buchanan forces
are anticipated as much on any judgment
should be counteracted, and as
counteracted as to make the indecision
of Buchanan's friends so that efforts
be directed to destroy the party long
it.

I wish there were it seems to me
that some other than yourself or
friends should be induced to do
it. Pierce seems to have no
friends either here in or Philadelphia.
Can he not be induced to achieve
operations in order to develop some
strength on these two places? It

Important.

John T. Sidney
To M. W. Harrington
Geneva, Ills
Feb 26th 1876

Rel to PoW at Lodi & Novato Pat. Office Report

Dear Sir,

Two of your friends want to the last patent office report. Please send them to me, and I will see them for you.

How about that manual at Lodi in this county? The good cause is prospering well.

Your friend,

A. M. Harrington
Dr. Hall 26th Feb 1836

To the Hon. Post Master General of the U.S. highly respected
Sir We the undersigned petitioners beg leave to say that we are
Administration Democrats, furthermore that our present
Post Master Samuel Heald is a factionist. Who does not by his acts recognize our political
organization and graphs injustice to our cause by withholding
our votes as agents to all our opposition. And we pray to have him
specially removed and E. Whipple appointed in his stead, and we
faithfully vouch for his fidelity as a Democrat and a responsible
reliable friend.

D. Hall, Post Master
S. F. Whipple, Post Master
D. Hall County
M. Driscoll

A. H. Burt
L. D. Burt

Franklin H. Smith
S. F. Driscoll

[Signature]

[Signature]
New York,
July 26, 1856.

Dear Sir,

I learned today that a gentleman of our city is speaking of a correspondence with you in which he represents you as stating to him that you are a candidate for the nomination at Cincinnati, and a number of other matters which would stamp him as an unsafe repository for confidential communications.

Now my dear Sir, let me say that I have doubted the assertion that you have thus committed...
Yourself, and to add that you came in New York many very many friends to whom you were first after Daniel S. Dickinson. You have reason from the past, to know that I am a true friend, as witness my support of you in '52 when you were not even personally known to me. And allow me to warn you against the many James faced politicians in this State, who turn to election. Some who were your supporters in '52, are not to be confided in now — The Nomination of Fillmore should have our friends to caution.

Respectfully Yours,

J. A. Douglas

Alex E. Morton

Washington D.C.

[Signature]
January 26th, 1856

James H. Thurber

Dear Mr. S. A. Douglas,

You will confer a great favour on me if you will send me your speech delivered in the Senate, upon the final passage of the Nebraska bill. I have had it, but most unfortunately lost it. I have used no such a document, and considering it the greatest effort of your life, could not pass it, if it can be possibly found. If you will do this, you will confer a lasting favour on your friend and admirer,

James H. Thurber

[Signature]

Your truly,

S. A. Douglas.
Madison,
Feb. 27, 1856.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,
Washington:

Dear Sir,

Will you be kind enough to send me a copy of the Globe containing any proceeding of the Senate relating to that infamous measure, the Navy Reform Bill? I will esteem it a favor if you will do so.

In regard to the action of that famous Board of Reform, I have never heard, East, West or South, any other expression than that of indignation at the principles manner of its organization, the mode by which it arrived at the results published to the country. The proposed object of its creation being to weed the service of inefficient and unworthy officers, it concluded its inquisitorial labors after a very brief session, leaving unnoticed many notoriously incompetent men in every grade, and furloughing, or dropping from the list, some of the best officers that ever served or shipboard. Very few indeed must be the characters of some of the gentlemen dropped, if other officers, left in the Navy, are worthy to remain in it.

I trust that the Senate will not sanction this ou-
Some act of injustice, and hope and believe you will do all that can be done by one Senator towards a reparation of the whole affair. What would President Pierce have been thinking of when he signed his approval to the finding of the Board?

I am personally interested, through consideration of relationship with an of the unfortunate, in the action of Congress concerning the matter, and will feel myself much obliged if you will drop me a line, saying what are the prospects of any separation at the hands of the Senate & House.

Very respectfully,

Yours,

Alex. T. Gray

Please address any reply you may favor me with to

Uxbridge,
Rock Co.
Wis.
Alexander D. Gray
Madison, Wis.
Feb 27 1866

Wants Copy of Globe Containing the Proceedings of Senate on the Naval Reform Bill.
Confidential

Chatham Cottage near Elizabethtown N. J.
Feb. 27, 1854

Mr. Stephen A. Douglas

My dear Sir,

Since my return from Europe in 1847 I have often expressed my views of the propriety of your being the Democratic candidate for the presidency in 1856. My observation through a period of personal acquaintance of your ability and political course and character has impressed me with these views. Subsequent observation confirmed them, and very decidedly when you introduced the repeal of the Missouri Compromise. I was so much gratified by the pole than talked by you and whom I regarded as an old acquaintance of personal friend and whose political course I had so long admired that I wrote you a short letter briefly offering my congratulations. Not that I considered my approbation of much importance to you, but because it afforded me pleasure to express my gratification.

This campaign of '54 draws near and I do not now despair of seeing my expectation of nearly 10 years past realized. I regard the recent nomination of Fillmore as adding largely to those expectations if your own wishes and efforts accord with them.

If you get the hard delegation of New York admitted (as you can do) to the Cincinnati Convention I confidently believe you can carry the whole thirty-four. If you...
Now is the end of the days of our city. I feel it is my duty to the President and the public to make known to you the necessity of maintaining the peace and tranquility of the country. The great events of the past few days have shown the importance of unity and the need for decisive action to overcome the challenges we face.

Although I have been absent from the city for some time, I have been closely following events, and I feel it is my duty to express my views publicly. I have been advised by my friends and associates that it is necessary for me to speak out. I believe that the country needs a strong leader who can guide us through these difficult times.

Your nomination and election are not only for your own benefit, but for the benefit of the country. I urge you to take on this responsibility with dedication and determination. Let us work together to ensure a better future for all.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

[written in blue ink]
the Editor of
The NY daily
news want a few
from you.
Dekalb 27th Feb 1836

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

My highly esteemed friend,

I address you at this time an account of a meeting (had last evening) of the administration democrats of this place. It was their unanimous choice that I should be appointed postmaster and I am sure I send you the petition to the postmaster you to that effect.

Mr. J. Highland is an abolitionist but he does not in any way attend to the business of his office. It is managed by F. P. Purdy, a rank abolitionist and he called an indignation meeting in November last because I would not let a negro have the use of the school house to give instruction against the wishes of the democratic party and abuse its leading men. The officials also act as agents.
agents for all kinds of fashion papers and refuse or neglect to do any thing for the times or any other administration paper, for the spread of useful knowledge. I hope you will act on your good judgment always.

with my best wishes for your health and prospects.
I remain your
Oft. Hals.

W. C. Wilbur
J.C. Wetmore
DeKalb Co.
February 27, 1856

Encloses Petition to remove
and appoint a Post Master.