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Chicago
February 9th, 1856

Hon. S. M. Douglas
Dear Judge,

I have been in deep thought since I wrote you yesterday and you will believe me when I tell you and you know some of the fact yourself. I have taken great pains to assist Mr. Sheehan ever since he has been in the City. He stood in my Rooms for months and then his family which you know he now lives in the House I bought on the Lot in Dearborn Street. And I pledge my honor he has never asked me for one dollar that I have ever refused. When any money was actually wanted by the Clerk for the Paper it was
given weekly as the books will show. You know how it was last Summer when it was pinching times with me, you had help, but you never got credit from him for doing half as much as you have done. The cash you sent this Winter the largest part he used for his own purposes. On the lot that he called his, and nearly all the water he gave where thousands to my Order and I have paid them and held them now.

How can a man that you and I have treated so kindly not in this manner, and the way I have treated him unkindly, and that you have not done half as much as you should of done. I think this is cool. If you knew the Black-hunter that I have heard. It would surprise in the Electoral Chain. But think...
he has carried the City Election, my time night day with money nothing of his importance he thinks he should be the City Printer and not the Firm of the Times. It is consummate impudence and no body but a Black hearted villain would of dared to have suggested it. I have a letter from him stating that he shall dissolve the Times. Copartnership and go on his own hook, and that the three shall leave the Times and any circumstances. I told him if he left my name off of the Times as one of the Proprietors that his Editorial Authority would be at an end. I never have heard of an instance of the same kind before with law and common sense against him there must be something. Rating him up to it he is a snake in the grass. Four True Friends.
Executive Office In War Department
Olympia March 9, 1858

Hon. S. P. Crockett
Senator in Congress
Washington City

Dear Sir,

This letter will be placed in your hands by the Hon. Charles H. Marvin, Secretary of the Territory of Washington and acting Governor for the first three months of our Indian War. He has repaired to the city of Washington to lay before the President, the Department, and Congress, the deplorable condition of affairs here, the necessity of calling out the whole available force of the Territory, and of prompt measures of relief in the way of appropriations by Congress.

On the Sound are from thousands of Indians. The hostile numbers from two to three hundred, the great bulk of the friendly Indians are on reservations.
where they aredaily removed. Our settlements are a frontier, anywhere they may be attacked, and the Country our forces have to operate in, is worse than the Everglades of Florida.

At this time, our people are in Block House. It is not safe for people to travel except well armed and in Companies. Our trains are all guarded.

The Mail from the Columbia River comes here on Friday escorted by 14 men.

One half of our able-bodied men are now bearing arms, and our people have generously placed at the disposal of the authorities their wher available means.

Not only is the regular force entirely insufficient, but I have been obliged to strengthen the volunteer force on the Sound by ordering one Company of volunteers from the Columbia River.

A Band of hostile, have their home around within twelve miles of the place and within twelve miles of the Garrison at Steilacoom, yet no answer to my request for action on the Commanding Officer of the Garrison, not a man could be spared to move against them. The whole available Regular force was at the time operating against the main body of the Enemy in another quarter.

To meet the exigency an additional force of some 140 volunteers and thirty friendly Indians was raised and sent into the field.

You are perfectly aware of the importance of this distant Frontier, and the Citizens of this Territory consistently rely on your feelings, and those of all friends of the Territory on Congress to help us in our hour of need.

Mr Mason will be able to inform you minutely of our condition from whom you will learn how truly Mr Ford has misunderstood the difficulty and the complete folly of his Course.

I remain

Very Respectfully,

Saml J Stevens

Genl Dir of War.
Mr. J. P. Stevens
New Washington Territory
March 7th, 1856

Relate the affairs of the Territory
Amherst College, March 16th, 1856

Sir,

Will you have the kind ness to forward me a copy of your speech on the Central Amer ican question.

Very Respectfully,

O. Bradford

Hon. S. A. Douglas, United States Senator, at Washington
P. Bradford
Amherst College
March 10, 1866

Prude's Speech on the Central
American Question
Lynchburg, Virginia,
March 10th, 1856.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

Being empowered by the Constitution of our Society, to elect to honorary membership any or all persons conspicuous for their literary attainments and classical education, and deeming you as embodying these qualifications in the most complimentary manner, you have been duly elected an honorary member of the Philosophic Literary Society of Lynchburg College, Va., and are hereby notified of said election.

S. J. Forman,
W. L. Corbin, Committee.
E. W. Forman.
TO: Benjamin F. Ferree, Esq.
Secretary of the Society of Lynchburg, Virginia

March 10th, 1850

On the 10th day of March, 1849, I was elected a member of the Society

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Re: a due to cash
My dear Judge,

I presume you have heard of my marriage to Mrs. Iowa, married in Dec. to a Dr. Washington of A. C. S. (now the dist. rep. by W. Ruffin). I have purchased a fine estate within a mile to half of Hamilton and am leading once more the life of a J. A. gentleman of the old school.

During the fall while you were so unwell, I was very ill myself, but I have written to express my relief at your condition and that I noticed the newspaper and closely noted your gradual improvement with great pleasure.

But to the particular object of this letter.

Some time ago I had a conversation with one of the editors of the Richmond Examiner in which, if you should mention it to the next P. M. nomination, I believe almost identically the statements which have recently appeared in their editorials as distinctly except as to the fact that you would be damaged at the hands of your friends or the leader of the party. I am willing to believe that you or your friends would be influenced by abolition clamor. That editorials being put in the paper for the Singleton's letter, which places you so far as any one but yourself can do it in a view and more flattering position.

I do not think you have been able to profit by the delay which occurred without mentioning your home in connection with the Cincinnati convention, or the contrary, I incline strongly to the opinion that it has been of service to you. But
The time has now come when it is highly important that your position & the distinctly known within the next district, all the aid possible & here to hold 4 appointed of it be perfectly understood that your donation the act of your name before the common. I hazard nothing in saying that a majority of our delegates may be & from among your friends — the Son of Solomon who lies in the head & beyond, the Mountain, you are particularly strong. It is for the sake of help, to secure from this district needs be the 24 of next.

At the earliest possible date your name was entered in connection with the Council's action denoted a desire of assistance. As a delegate of the convention, it is reported that the expression of my wish presented my attendance.

If you think with me you had better write letter upon the subject, placing yourself, Washington shall I write but before the 24th public in time to effect the object in view.

I hope to have the pleasure of communicating your at any time during your visit. I wish to hear you before other public.

Very truly,

Your friend,

[Signature]

[Date] 1856

Mr. A. [Signature]

[Office]

March 14, 1856
John C. Peyton
Staunton, Va.
March 1866

Political
Brighton March the 11th 1854

To the Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

It is probably by this time you have received communications from the Editor of the Chicago Daily Times concerning the Post office at this place the petition will be mailed with this letter to the Hon. A. Hall thinking that would be best. The man (J. S. Lee) is a strong Anti-Nebraska that now has the office and we ought not put a civil in our Enemies hands to break our own heads with. The joint Morgan & Lewis that is recommended for Post Master is qualified in every respect for the office and a good Democrat he and myself hates the Chicago Weekly times we are the only ones that takes it at this office if you will call on the Hon. A. Hall and assist in getting the appointment for Lewis you will confer a favor on about 20 old line Democrats whose names are in the petition.

Yours with respect,
A. Tiller
A. Miller
Brighton PLS
March 17/56

Ref. to the P. W. at Brighton
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Chicago, March 19, 1860

Hon. J. P. Douglass,

Dear Judge,

I am informed by the President of the Illinois Bar Association that the Circuit Attorney of the Chicago Bar, J. W. Throop, has published a letter in one of the newspapers of this city, which I enclose in this letter. It has been done for a distinctly patriotic purpose as you can see by the last line:

"Let the right hand hold the sword and the left hand hold the plow." — Gen. J. H. Varnum, of Texas.
some was the same with
skebraska.

Mr. Devoe Barclay and
his said before Mr. Slocum
and others that he couldn't
had been elected on the ticket
caused without my opinions
and still told me the
same day, when he saw
this list till in the Chicago
times and said be shot off
Mr. Slocum in regard to it.

And Mr. Slocum said to see
me all most every day before
his nomination to get Mr.
Sheath to with them from
being candidate for mayor
which I did as often as
the delegates were elected for
Mr. Sheath, and he second
two thirds of all the

votes on the canvass, told
then the Slocum come to me
and asked me to go and get
Mr. Sheath to with draw as he
said, did other one could get
him to do it, but me. I
spoke, and got his consent, and
give his designation in writing
to the committee when they
called upon him, and before
that Mr. Slocum was nominated
with unanimity without any
bottler taken in the convention,
I hope looked day and night
truth and for him, and
spent my money freely, which
very early is aware of him as well as
Mr. Slocum. There is no
use of disposing this matter the
facts and word before you.
I would sooner die then the
disgusted which you see is the game to be played on one. The Chicago Democrat by a scribble published on me that I spent the money of the bank to elect the ticket for the benefit of Douglas caused a run on the institution and a suspension, for a few days. Now she sheehan is trying to add insult to injury. But thank God I lived there 21 years, and she got little over one. My mind has been my bond through life out I never have directed a friend or lost one by my own act, and I think it but just to let you know the facts, as it is improper for me to bear.
I should like to hear from you on receipt of this letter in trust to give me

I hope this letter will be of use to you.
Amherst College  
March 12th 1857

Dear Sir,

Will you be so kind as to favor me with a copy of your speech on the Central American Question.

Yours very respectfully,

Malcolm W. F. Dana
Amherst College


Washington, D.C.
Malcolm W. J. Swan
Amherst College, Mass
March 13, 1856

Wants speech on Central American question.
Brooklyn, N. Y. March 13, 1856

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Dear Sir,

Having read in the New York Herald of this morning a report of the Report of the Committee on Territories as presented to the Senate, and being fully impressed with the soundness of the able and what appears to me the unanswerable views and arguments therein contained, I have to beg of you to do me the favour of transmitting a copy of the same when printed.

I hope and trust you will excuse the liberty of an humble individual as I am thus taken in presuming to address you, whose time and talents are necessarily very much engaged with matters of importance and weight to the whole country, but as I know of no other source from which I can obtain a copy of said Report for future reference and study, I have determined to request the same from you even at the risk of incurring your displeasure.

With great respect I am your Hoomble and Obd. So.

Wm. Russell
Wm. Russell
1920 Rhyne St.
March 18th

Wants Report on Kansas Affairs

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My dear Mr. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Will you please favor me with two copies of your able report as Chief of Correspondence on Kansas affairs— one for an erring friend who sticks fast in "free soil;" the other I should esteem as a noble effort of one who have honored the democracy. I trust there are higher honors in store. As the hills of the "old Granite State" are tossing back the waves of fanaticism may I not congratulate you on this auspicious sign of recurring democratic triumphs.

Yours in the faith—

O. Gilbert

Schenectady, N.Y.
March 13, 1856.
J. Gilbert
Schenectady N.Y.
March 13 1866

Numb 2 Cozen Report
on Kansas Affairs
Harpers Ferry March 13th 56

My dear Sir,

You will confer a favour on me by sending me Gilsps Expedition to Chile. It is a work that I would much like to have by giving of your attention. You will much oblige your friend,

Thomas Russell 2d.
Thomas Russell & Co.

Washington City, D.C.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
U.S. Senate
Washington City, D.C.
Williamsburg, N.Y.
March 13, 1856

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

My dear Sir—As our Congressional district (the 5th) is at present represented by a Member of the R. N. Order, we neither receive nor do we ask any political favors from him, and are therefore under the necessity of calling upon our friends in other sections of the country. Should you therefore have any public documents to spare, after supplying your own State, & which you think would be interesting to me to read or calculated to promote the interests of the Democratic Party, I will thank you for any that you may think proper to send to my address, either for myself, or to be distributed to others.

I am Sir, with great respect,
Your obedient servant

James Murphy
James Madison
Williamsburg, Va.
March 19, 1856

Print, Document, &c.

Capt. Kansas Report
To J.A. Douglas, Senator

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With great love and esteem,

Your friend,

having a hard battle to fight but one of good cheer.

Very truly,

Albany, N.Y., March 17, 1837

J.T. State Lc.
J. C. Davis
Albany W. Y.
March 14 1886

Wants Report of Kansas Affairs

Best
Sarnota, Near Apache, Nov 17, 1856

Mr. L. Douglass

Dear Sir,

I have noticed a disposition on the part of some of our representatives in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives to do great injustice to our friend Col. Wheeler, the Drummona resident here. Senator Wilson makes him recalled and a full senator sent in his place. Also I do not see what can be accomplished by such a change and I trust our friends will defend him whenever he is attacked for I am satisfied from what I have been during my short residence here that he has accomplished as much if not more than any other man could have done in his position. I find him exceedingly popular among the natives and he command the respect of all foreigners. His house is the general rendezvous of all Americans and he is equally popular with them. It is admitted by every one that he has performed his duties faithfully and with considerable benefit to his country. For the interests of the United States,
I trust that his valuable services will not be withdrawn from Mexico.

The Mexican Government is a safe port and all the Central States combined cannot come near out of the country. The American States are disposed to trouble none. Particularly Costa Rica, and even some Northern American States on the borders of that State a few days since. So has been declared by Mr. Seymour against the United States, and Talley are marching at the head of his army to settle what Republic in a very short time.

If this is not an evidence of a Government desirous I do not know about it. Seymour is at peace with his own people and is sending an embassy to the neighboring State, and will be soon to bring it to terms. With such assurances before the British States how can our Government refuse to recognize Seymour? The coming of Mr. Seymour to the United States is in effect to settle the question of what the American people and important interests.

As he has a headman to look after his own affairs, and no one has a headman to look after his own interests. As one who could carry on his affairs. As a strange Government exists in Mexico at the present time, than for thirty years.
John P. Kirby
Anuada Nicaragua
March 14/56
Rel to Col. Wheeler or Muster
re o
Princeton, March 14th 1856

Dear Sir,

I am aware how often gentlemen of your standing are pestered by foolish communications, and therefore feel some hesitation in addressing you. I am a student at Princeton College, from Georgia. I have derived so much pleasure from the reading of your "Report of the territorial committee," published in The Herald, that I take the liberty of requesting that you will send it to me in pamphlet form, in order that I may the better preserve it. I would not make the slightest demand upon your valuable time, but if you have leisure and will transmit me the above, with your autograph, you will, dear Sir, much oblige your friend and admirer,

Geo. A. Mercer.
Geo A. Mercer
Princeton W.D.
March 14/36

Read Copy Report
House Affairs

Yours,

Geo.
Harrisburg, Pa,
March 14, 1856.

Dear Sir:

You will pardon one who has not the pleasure of your acquaintance for thus trespassing upon your time to ask a favor. Will you be kind enough (if convenient) to forward me a copy of your speech upon the Kansas-Nebraska Bill in the U.S. Senate in reply to Senator Douglas, together with a copy of the Bill itself?

Yours respectfully,

Geo. W. Minor.

Hon. J. A. Douglas,
U.S. Senate.
Geo. W. H. Minor
Member Legislative House
Harrisburg, Penn
March 14, 1856

Wants Speech on Future of Nebraska
Bell

Sent March 28, 1856
Yonkers, N.Y., March 14th, 1856

Hon. S.R. Douglas

I wish to be put in possession of one or two copies of the Report of the Senate Territorial Committee. I will feel much obliged if you will cause one or two to be forwarded to my address.

Yours Respectfully,

J.W. Mitchell

Yonkers, Westchester Co.

N.Y.
D.W. Mitchell
Yorke 6th March 1876

Wants Copy Report on Kansas Affairs

Part 2
Boston, 14 March

Dear Sir:

can you favor me with a copy of your rebuttal to Kansas affairs?

I have

Geo. W. Bearl
To: W. Seale
Boston, Mass.
March 14/56

Please copy Report on
Kansas Affairs

- [Signature]

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