Chicago Jan 14 1857

Hon S A Douglas

Dear Sir

You will except my thanks for your letter in answer to my two communications. I have no doubt you are very much annoyed by applicants for office, but I will be modest and trouble you very often. Our Charter Election is approaching long. John Wentworth would like to be the Republican candidate, if we succeed in getting Walter Gurnee out as our candidate we shall carry the City without doubt. I am doing all I can in the different wards of the City to get our party men to work, then as a reaction going on here in our favor among the Germans, every nerve will be strained, by the Democracy to carry this City. The Republican leaders have made their bags of the number of illegal votes they pulled last Fall. A more corrupt party never had an existence, but we must beat them.
Them, by putting our Shoulders to the Wheel and in the Language of Gen. Jackson push on the Colossus, I have good reasons to believe that Over One Hundred Thousand Dollars was paid out, to Carry this City and Cook County by the Tremont party. My Friend C.P. Rose will be the Leaves of some Letters to you, when he goes to Washington, I was an Applicant for Local Mail Agent four Years ago and Wentworth beat me, I was then recommended by all our leading Men in the City, Yet I was not well used in the Mattoon, it was at a time when you was absent from Washington, That Wentworth got his — Man appointed, Capt. Kelley now holds the Office. I think now when there is a Change in the Administration it is not presuming too much, for me to ask for the place, as Capt. Kelley has always been looked upon as imported from Cleveland and to fill that Office by all our leading democrats, my time will be out as Capt. of Police the first of March, Consequently you will pardon me for pressing my Application, at this time. Believe there is but few men in Chicago that you have known longer. Make Myself, I was a Member of a debating Society, in Canandaigua with you and George L Bates, and Love Knobel have ever Twice.

Years ago, When General Jackson run the last time I was at the Old Town House in Canandaigua although but Twenty Years old peddling Votus for Gen. Jackson. I hope I shall succeed at the proper time in obtaining the Appointment. Except My best wishes for your Health and future Prosperity. Well I remain as ever Yours

with Much Esteem

John W. McConnell
Capt. Chicago Police
John W. Comett
Chicago Ill.
Aug 26 1857
About Chicago Politics

My dear Sir:

The name of Hon. B. Pike has been put into the Senate for confirmation as Collector of Salem in the place of E. F. Miller whose term of office has expired. It is supposed that Gen. Catons may possibly raise some objections to Pike's confirmation, on regard to Miller's father's landed estate celebrity. If it should be so, will you bear in mind that the Collectorship of this port has been in the hands of Gen. Pike and his sons thirty two years - that they have received nearly a hundred
I should like to have you select them to the Senate as sufficient reasons for a rotation in the office.

I regret I call on you—but I am entirely conscious of a disposition & from you at any time, that I feel encouraged to place you in the same relation myself.

If there is any trouble in the case will you please inform me that I may if possible remove it? Have the honor to be

Mr. A. Douglas,
Respectfully,
T. R. Loring.

And these facts for you, & the, in case, it is necessary, and if you have no objection.
To J. O. Stevens
Salem Mass
Jan 26/51
Ref to the Collector
at Salem
Washington, January 26th 1857.

My dear Sir,

The great effort of the cotton growers of the Mississippi Valley, is to sell the Consumers of Europe by the cheapest channel and mode of transportation. The Consumption of Cotton in Europe is mainly on the Continent, which requires the staple in the shape of ‘twist’ or ‘yarn’. The Cotton of the Mississippi Valley now leaves the plantations of the grower, and while in transit to the eventual Consumers in Germany, France, Spain, Austria, Belgium, Holland, Prussia, Russia, it pauses awhile in England, where it is changed from its condition as the raw material original Cotton, into twist or yarn; and thus altered is re-exported, or rather sent forward by the British Nation as the great intermediate factor. The export tax on the growers under this system is enormous, being fifty per cent; or in other words it costs the Planter Fifty Dollars out of every hundred to get his Crop to Liverpool in the raw condition. It is evident therefore that the great interest of America is to ship yarn instead of Cotton. And here is the point of interest.
Mr. Douglas: Be it known.

If you will consult any book you will discover that the North and Commercial route for the Cotton trade of the Mississippi Valley is up stream, through the West, finding a new Atlantic outlet at Baltimore, Philadelphia, or New York. The great elementary difficulty in the way of this, is the excessive cost of raw material, the artificial prices, of such a bulky article as Cotton. The solution of the Mather, is found in the manufacturing capacity of Illinois and Indiana. Instead of sending our raw Cotton there, let us send it in the Mississippi and make Care or Liverpool or great interior depots. The West would become our factor, or re-producer, or re-exporter instead of England, and the Cotton thus saved in the cost of transportation, would, coming into the interior, have to rise, and enhanced in value, would be sent forward on your Rail Roads to the Atlantic, and thence to Europe! I am sure, that Cotton grown any where along the Mississippi, and re-processed into yarn or Cloth, can be sent forward at paying priceless, and yet so low, as to drive the British article out of the German and the Continental Markets. This trade is worth our Thirty Five Million Dollars annually to the English Spinners!

Plans at Manchester are in active private correspondence with yourself, or a other prominent gentlemen, to carr with my knowledge of the subject in its foreign and domestic real importance, develop this great element of industrial power to the West. And this effort has a double range of effect. It centers in the alliance between the Great West and the North, based on Mutual Commercial and industrial interests, social conventions, and political destiny. As a states man, Sir, I hope this view will not escape your quick and comprehensive mind.

There is another interest which I think should interest you. As the Agent of the United States. at Manchester, I could I believe, demonstrate to the great Manchester leaders of England, their error in assignment,
Stable goods, to one Monnett. I could direct their attention to the importance of routing Consignment to Cincinnati or Cairo, or Memphis, and thus lay the foundation of a direct import trade between Europe and the great Interior of America.

I hope you will give these hints but well matured suggestions the benefit of some reflection, and thus be induced to give me your support in such a way as to Command success with Mr. Buchanan.

With great respect,
Your Friend,
C.S. Baylor.

Mr. S. A. Douglas
[Senator]
from Illinois
Portugual Jan 24th 94

Mrs. Douglass dear Sir I write to you with pleasure and you have my best respects for the favor I have received from you, I want you to grant me one favor if you can, I want you to send me the Mechanics Patent Office Report for 1858 Vol. 12 and the President Message and the Dec. 4th. for 1854, if you obtain them if you haven't got them I wish you would speak to your Capt. and see if he can get them, if they can't he got send me the President Message and the Dec. 4th for 1856 as far as they are out, if there has been published any maps of the
Derejic read made I wish you would send me one of them to write to you, because we have no Democrats with any sense from this State, but I hope we shall have yours. Most Respectfully,

Silas Farley
Portageville
Wyoming Co.

[Signature]

[Signature]
Secompton Re: J.
Jan. 26, 1857

Dear Douglass,

I am more than half sick and scarcely able to write yet I must not let tomorrow's mail leave without writing you. I know the necessary solicitude that you and others feel in regard to a modification of the laws of Kansas, and I write to inform you that our territorial legislature has the subject in hand with the determination to do all they think required. A letter recently received here from Mr. Otis of S. C. states that information from Gov. Yeager leads to the conclusion that nothing will be done by the territorial legislature, and that Congress must do what is required. I know more about the intention of the legislature than a thousand such men and more than a month ago I told him to write when he chose at Washington that the laws would be modified here and to request as a peculiar favor that they should not be touched by Congress. I presume the information alluded to above...
By the result of my request, there are no men any where more anxious to aid our friends in the free states by modifying these laws and more anxious to preserve your Tract of Country. The principle, of the organic act, there is a sound by the old law and other party in this territory. Since there has been a general sentiment favoring the party that lead to the conclusion I expressed to you, long ago.

In not the power of the Council repealing all laws and repealing the existing law nation. The one dollar field try law was operative but for a year and has expired by its own limitation. All the laws which any but an abolitionist could object to were repealed by the Council and will be almost unanimously by the Legislature. The only law which will remain for an abolitionist to object to will be the provision in relation to the protection of slave property. This will remain as the same of 1855, when it was first established. If I had to testify my own wishes in this matter as a friend, I have been more law and justice in the way of Pat. Your wishes in this matter as a noble man, have been more law and justice than all things else, and if you should have observed any other defects a suggestion from you would be more

for its removal than could be done by that whole force of the administration. If you will examine the matter immediately, upon the receipt of this, in connection with Whitfield, and in a kind way suggest any further course in relation to Mathias, you may be secure that a true man and good servant; there is no doubt it will be attended to.

I knew it was obvious to me by the President, and probably by others, that I provided at a prelating meeting in the place some two months ago. There has not been a prelating meeting held in Newra in the last year. I know of one, and the meeting attended was strictly a law and order meeting. As I have spoken unmeaningly through the things affecting my official conduct, I feel much less interested in being able to maintain myself in this place than before. But I would like to do so, but if any public or party interest requires my removal I am ready. This I leave in the hands of my friends to be judged as they may think proper. I am confident you will be judged justly at the proceeding of some late constitutional Convention if you can find time please write me. The it is probable I may be in Washington before it would reach me. Yr s mo res

L. C. Morrow
To Calhoun
Cromplov N.Y.
January 26 1827

About territorial matters
Lincoln Douglas County, Jan
vember 21st, 1857.

To the Hon. Stephen A. Douglas.

Dear Sir,

Being deeply
interested in your independent and
brave position, upon the Kansas
and Nebraska issues, and believing your
recent speech in Congress to be the finest
Senatorial effort of your life, besides con
fessing the only true principles upon
which the Kansas difficulties can be,
or should be adjusted, and also desir
ous of keeping myself well posted in
the leading events (of which you are
yourself, master and leader) as they trans
pire, I beg the favor of a copy of your
Kansas speech, and also one of Mr.
Walker's reasons for resigning his po
action as Governor, should the same be published as soon as at hand.

Taking pardon for this abrupt intrusion upon your valuable moments to the country,

With distinguished regards,

I am

 Truly yours,

[Signature]
Mr. Hackett
Capricorn Douglas Co
Wis.
Dec. 26, 1889.

[Signature]

Copy of

[Signature]

[Seal]
Memphis, July 26, 1857

Sir:

You will please take notice, that a
Bill of Exchange

Drawn by

J. Knox Walker

for 2,000 Dollars,

and endorsed by

you and Riggs Co.

dated July 23rd, 1856

and payable Six months

after date was this day Protested by me, for non-payment, and the
holder thereof to you, for payment thereof, with interest, costs and dam-
ages thereon. Done at the request of the President, Directors and
Company of the Union Bank of the State of Tennessee.

the holder thereof.

Wm. Rose.

Sr. A. Douglas Esq.

Notary Public.
Notice of a Process on
John Walker
Note due Paris
23 1857

To S. J. Douglas
Bailey Thomas Jr.

Having understood you

as an applicant for the appointment

of inspector of Coal to the U.S. Government

am the pleased to have the pleasure of recommending

you to the notice of the proper authorities

for the same believing you to be fully

competent to fill the office both with

honour to yourself and interest to the

government as I am well satisfied your past

experience in this branch will prove

beneficial to the public good.

With Respectfully,

Benj. Franklin Ho

Whitfield St.

Philadelphia, Jan. 26, 1857
Elkhorn, January 26, 1857

Mr. S. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir—Believing that the establishment of a fearlessly and ably conducted public journal in Kansas Territory would tend greatly to counteract the influences that are and have been brought to bear by papers at the North respecting the state of things in Kansas, and believing that justice is yours and the present and incoming administration demand it, I have thought of establishing such a paper in the Territory, if it could be assured of the countenance and support of the administration as far as would be consistent and proper and as the cause of the paper would merit.

Respectfully, as to the orthodoxy of
my Democracy, could be procured in abundance; and, though not personally acquainted with you, I may refer you to the Galena Jeffersonians from the time of its establishment until Aug 1832, during which time I was editor and publisher of that paper. The Jeffersonian was sent to you regularly, I believe, and if you have taken the trouble to read it, you will be enabled to say at once whether the views held by me at that time, on the various issues growing out of the questions of Slavery and intervention by Congress in the domestic affairs of States or Territories, would meet the views of Mr. Buchanan or yourself. It would be my purpose to publish the Territorial Administration paper, and if you should think the matter worthy the time and trouble, please write me.

Considering your views on the subject,

I, as one of your constituents, in public life, am, would be glad occasionally to receive such public documents as would serve for reference and argument in the battles that are yet to be fought with our political enemies.

Respectfully Yours,

[Signature]

[Name]
Charles Sweeney
Ellinville Ills
January 26/57

Ref to the Establishment of a good Democratic paper in Kansas and your views
Office of Montgomery Ledger
Pottstown, Pa., Jan. 27, 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglass

I am anxious to obtain a copy of Capt. Perry's Japan Expedition—first vol.
If you can procure it for me, I shall endeavor to return yours; whenever opportunity may offer.
If not to be had now, please let me know when or whether it can be had at all.

Very Respectfully,

L. H. Davis

L. Ed. Montgomery Ledger
Pottstown, Montg'y C. Pa.
L. H. Davis
Pottstown Pike
Jan'ry 27 1857

Marti's Prom. Expedition
Detroit
July 27th, 1851

My dear Sir,

I am this for on my way last. My family have been sick & the Doctor Dr. notified me that I must go to the Sea Shore for their health. They are now doing very well & I could hardly stand on her feet when we started two days ago.

We are staying at the House of Judge Cupp by his special invitation. His wife General is all right & seems to understand things well & is perfectly reconciled to them. I shall stop at Cleveland two or three days to visit a relative & some friends & then go to the Falls to stay about a week.
Office of the Syracuse Daily Courier,
Syracuse, Onondaga Co. N. Y.
Jan. 9, 1857

Senator Douglas

Send me the document. I have left my old home on Staten Island and come to the relief of our friends here just because they wanted someone to take up the battle for them. We have an awfully dark hole here to work in. Give us your aid and greatly oblige.

Yours ever truly,

R.H. Magdorn

Mr. S. A. Douglas

Washington

Send me the Cong. Globe, just as far back as you can conveniently.
F. L. Hagadorn
Syracuse N.Y.
Jan 27 1857

Notts and for his Paper the "Courier"
Racoon Lake January 31st 1857

Dear Mr. Douglas,

I would earnestly ask you to use all your influence for the import of a Bill, to confirm the title of the 67 lands as called for the following reasons - in the first place I was Register of the land Office at this place and I am pretty well acquainted, as to whom purchased these lands, and can safely say, that a large majority of said lands went into the poor men's hands of the County, and can further state that many and great many of the purchasers have not the means to go on their lands and make the improvements as is required by the late instructions - it is a thing well understood that those who would if they could would make the improvements, many of these persons have large families and are a living on rented lands.
and cannot go in the matter without some means to support their families. They have been petitioning me to assist
them in any way I can. They say there is little piece of land in their area that is truly beneficial and do hope that
you will not proceed upon the recommendations of the Poor. Many of those people thougt because I was Register that I could confirm
their entries. I see no good reason why such lands should be confirmed all the entries or nearly so made in the
backwards district have been taken up by the poor men of the County. And as many as could have you on their lands,
I fully believe that their is a general feeling to simply with the time. I would further state the Bills would be popular as long
as doing a good to many poor your old and devoted friend

Mr. I. Douglas

Capt. J. Rowan makes me to remember him to you. You
will be pleased to answer me at the earliest opportunity and if
a petition would be necessary for you as a means to place your
action upon the same can be had in large numbers. I am with profound respect

Mr. I. Douglas

Washington DC

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To O. Roberts
Kaskaskia Ills
Jan 27 1837
Rel to Same Suspended
Entries in the Kaskaskia
District
Laconia  Belknap
County N.H. Jan'y 27th

Hon. Stephen C. Douglass
Sir: Will you
Please look through and see if I can
obtain a copy of the Pacific Railroad Survey
at the Patent Office. The engineer's reports! How am I to get the elect
Can you get a decent man and

"My Respectfully,
Superintendent
Your servant
James D. Dixon."
James Dixon
Lacona W.H.
Aug 25 1857
Muto Pacific Rail
Road Survey

Honor [illegible].

Hon: Brother Freeman.

No. Cobb is my first cousin; and if he could become with Col. John Billings of Athens, Ga., one of law to prosecute me along with the Hon. Stephen A. Douglas, with lands less to raise too, with a view to have a work full and arguments on Trigg— he would be had in remembrance. That you, he, or any Magistrate at the Capitol would refresh my journey and learning with a sight so to invigurate! Time only can prove. That I write what is worth reading is to be hoped with an interest amounting to the actual! That Buchanan will relieve me from obscurity and make of me some Cabinet Minister, and that the President would entrust me with dispatches to convey to China or to Europe, is a dream... But that you, Cobb, and Sunday will help me by a contribution, is not improbable.
I think politically these times are pretty good provided we keep our country free and prevent reasonable plots in duty and trust to Providence.

It is the fate of men individually as Nations to experience shocks and trials.

A thousand parties in multitudinous shapes, will assail our Union, one after the other. But if the two great parties maintained their distinct integrity, no other could overthrust the Government. Every patriot therefore must hope for the continuance of the Whig and the Democratic.

Of these two parties, the one is neutralized, even, become a fact, that and only them, toward the Union experience its hardest blows. But a still harder is the reverse in the distant future. As present, flourishing upon us, are the abolitionists and abominations which are more or lessensible into the lowest factions, the yet unseen sfervices of dissension, Tories or aspirants for Monarchy, and bold ambition's sons who wish to seize and reign over the faces of our Republic.

At present, for accommodation and devotions the desperate portion of the people more or less disposed in the term villains and enemies hostile, and they are as a shower of their helles motives, the most dexterous for their country, and more of the better classes wishing and of abolitionists.

Let trouble make question imminent and these vile wretches will show the clearer foot with a vengeance!! Or in other words, should the God of our sires foretake the country, some槃heinius Philip, Caesar, or Napoleon will make this Republic an Empire—Reap, all of them were!—New York, I have said not a still harder blow as in revenge.

Sir, help us and all good men would help me and some money to start my work on Palmy Egypt, (which the U.S. President says he won't serve for less than 2,000) the Mormons will become for miserable in time enough to take that "Constantinople" Washington City from the country. Uncle Sam allows this way, man in time will wish to be to Utah—and the Mormons...
in past are now desperate, there and to be victorious, then the deal show any other position. Need me. Let me take home in heart and defend a wise regulation of wines, as well as a wise moral rate, and no shall suffer no thing from them. Disgrace is one will be our country's ruin! And I am that with you, to let or any other man, knows any thing in full about the merits and demerits of Polya gym. Tell you to read my book or between 100 and 500 pages. It is a complete chain of facts and arguments, bearing the subject Religion; also; Legally and medically; as many different chapters being devoted to the question. Be help and you won't regret. I will reimburse. You have shaven.!! Why the beard is sacred to Jupiter, and no woman has a right to compel man to cut away what she hasn't! But I must close. I was going to write you a dissertation on beards and want to carry the knowledge up the influence of beardless men on the Constitution of this government, but having at Partition consumed my pallet. If you wish to hear my views on the beard and its effects, I will write me and I will continue, very truly the State of J. K. [illegible]
P. P. Sturkey
Near Athens Georgia
January 28/57

Political
So. Kansas Territory
May 28th, 1857

Mr. Stephen A. Douglas
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

Your kind promise to give me your support for the office of Att'y Gen. for this Territory induces me to presume at your goodness in assisting me for a position which I have no doubt you can procure me by recommending me. I want to receive the appointment of mail agent over my papers has again went into successful operation (a copy of which I send you) and as I am about travelling throughout Kansas, I wish to be included in the first act for it would be thankfully received. Will you get it for me?

During my visit East I had a casting of your favor and will ask permission to use it but the favor at a time shall be furnished with an immediate answer.

Most respectfully yours,

P. R. L. A. D. B.

Private
Gov. Geary's letter to President Pierce is on file for reference.
E W Garvey
Popeka AR
May 29, 1857
Private
Kensha, Wis., Jan 28th, 1854

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Washington
D.C.

Dear Sir,

I desire to beg your indulgence for a moment to lay before you a matter in which, as a leader of the party, in which I am pleased to be a co-laborer, you cannot but be interested. It is needful for me to tell you that this is a benighted section of black-republicans. This you already know. I desire to tell you not what extent this is so, but more particularly to what class this is confined. (And wi' Doug it I beg to submit the following):

Early in the spring of '56, almost a year since, I assumed the editorial duties of the Kensha Democrat. Subsequent to my assuming these duties, being a St. Paul Democrat, and a supporter of the Nebraska bill and its author, I penned an article on
your distinguished self, which was afterwards published in the Chicago Times. This was prior to the Cincinnati Convention. Modesty will not permit me to quote further of this article, but I say this brought down upon me the most bitter persecution by the Republican party in this vicinity, of which it has been the privilege of a newspaper editor to experience anywhere within my knowledge. All the business men of this city, with barely one or two exceptions, are blue-staters; and in three days after its publication every advertisement of value was ordered out and near two hundred subscribers were suspended from my establishment. All patronage of any description was withdrawn, and both friends and enemies looked for the death of my paper.

This took place both to make me popular among the Democrats and to make my paper influential among them; but they comprised a class who, while their votes counted for their poverty caused puny little support, and thus there was but one of two alternatives — either to have no administration organ through the Campaign or else I must shoulder the bulk of the expenses. I chose the latter, in doing which I have spent, beside my labor, an individual outlay of between five and ten hundred dollars.

Now it is essential that the administration should have an organ here, and that that organ may be held, feared, and understood, it must have support extraneous from what the Democracy can possibly give. And so be brief what I desire is this: I propose to keep my paper here an administration organ pending I secure the appointment of Gen. Meade, or if there is any who has better claims (and I certainly do not believe there is any one with better) I think I have a right to expect some thing by which to indemnify my own losses. I write with propriety, that it is the desire of all those Democrats with whom I have talked on the subject, that the appointment be given me.

Mr. Paul, the present incumbent, secured his appointment solely on the
grounds of his having Carried the
same paper through the Canvass
of 1852. It will be seen I have
not only Carried the paper through the
Campaign but I have also in doing
this work about $600.00.

Pegging pardon for this extremis in
the length of this Epistle and assure
you that any favors will not only
be duly appreciated, but will be cheaply
secured. I am, with profound respect,
Your Very Respectfully,

[Signature]

[Address]

Thomas N. Holdner

Henderson, Ky

May 28, 1857
J. Thomas King

Dear Sir,

I have recently heard you would be an applicant for the office of Anthracite Coal Agent. From my knowledge of all kinds of Anthracite Coal, you would be eminently qualified to discharge the duties of the office.

It affords me much pleasure to testify to your integrity of character and devotion to the Democratic party, and your strict adherence to its principles. From our first acquaintance, which is of recent standing, you were not only devoted, but you have always had an abiding faith in the success and invincibility of the party, and in no contest more less than the recent struggle of...
which you took a very efficient
part. I am very respectfully
your ob. D. B. James
family of James Kent, Gen't.

Philadelphia Jan. 20th 1851
Preston Randolph Co 166
(Jan 28 - 57)

Hon S. A. Douglas
U. S. Senator

Sir, we forward to you, wishing to know what will be done in Congress in regard to the lands sold under graduation act will Congress confirm the sales without the compliance with the requirements of said act. We notice that Hon. Lindsey of Mo. has introduced a bill in the House to that effect but have not learned what disposition was made of it by the body. You will confer quite a favor by informing us of any action on the subject. Address as above and oblige.

Your most obedient Seru

R. E. Mann
R. C. Mann
Boston II
Jan 28, 1857

Make sure about the graduation act.
My dear Senator,

Mrs. Mother, Livingston. 

This day, my wife and myself had an interview last evening with Major Wood in reference to the propriety of expressing an opinion to the Post-Elect, touching appointments that would have a political bearing upon the State. The result of the meeting was that Major Wood, Livingston, Bedgwick will have here on Friday for Washington, and will take an early opportunity to confer with you in reference to the object of their visit. Mrs. Livingston sent a letter yesterday from Mr. McDean in which she states that he had been urged to go into the Cabinet, after conferencing with Gent. Cap. Who he appears to think will be a Member, he wrote to ask that three of the Gentlemen named visit Washington with a view in part to further the object.
Major Power has consented to go but with his distress under standing, that his action will be controlled by whether the selection of Mr. Median rule or not. I am favored with Mr. Wise's assurance that a candidate be placed fully bound to support him in preference to any one else. Even Cap is likely to be in the cabinet, and there is even for the general friends he has. This I am aware of. The city of New York is Mr. McLean on the present 14th. Dec. After.

Yours very respectfully,

[Signature]

[Address]

Hon. A. N. Douglas

January 29, 1857
Isaac Townsend
New York
Jan 29 1857
Political
Richmond, Va.  
Jan. 29, 1857  

My dear Sir,

I wish to enlist your kindness and oblige services in a cause which my wife and myself have very much at heart. It is, moreover, a sort of family matter in which you are also interested. My wife applies to you for the in the strong ground that you or herself are first cousins by marriage J. Kennedy of the E., now in Paris, her brother-in-law is your first cousin in his mother being a Douglas. This joint interest I proceed briefly to state the object of my addressing you—My wife has a brother-in-law here in Rome, Mr. Stephen G. Thompson, an artist of very great merit. We are very anxious that Mr. Thompson should have an order for an historical
painting to decorate the exterior of the Capitol at Washington is off. As to the merits of Mr. T. as an artist, I request you to speak to Gen. Rae and to Mr. Buren, who have examined his several of Mr. T.'s paintings, and to my little pail and she was kind enough to promise us that he would speak to you on that subject. The Joint Committee on the Library is the one who now controls all the matters in the Senate - the Senate and House of Representatives. I am also interested in having your kindness to ask you to see those gentlemen and try to prevail on them to give an order for an historical painting which, I feel convinced, will
do honor to the country and at the same time benefit a highly talented and meritorious artist.

My wife writes with the kindest regards to Mr. Douglas and yourself.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]
Mr. J. Hutchins
Richmond, Va.
Aug 29 87
About some French vs.

[Handwritten text not clearly legible]
Custom House, New York, Collectors Office, January 29, 1857:

Dear Sir,

During the past week trouble has been attributed the office of Surrogate to Scalise, to a dozen different men at least. May I ask you to request generally a suspension of opinion?

A man named Shaw known in New Haven as a directed political friend of yours, will likely apply to that place and as yet his name has not been mentioned in reference to the office.

With entire respect,

The friend of C.N. Braintree

Hon. S. J. Duglass
Washington D.C.
Confidential
Confidential

Mr. Shibley.

Jan. 27, 57

Judge Douglas,

I do not certainly know what is to be your relation with regard to the incoming administration, but from all that has occurred, the endowment by Mr. Buchanan of your great Nebraska Moor, your withdrawal at this time, in his favor (which was wrong I fear) &c., I take it you will be consulted in the formation of the Cabinet. Should such be the case, I would most earnestly and respectfully beg to present the name of Judge Williams to Naptown as a member of the Cabinet for Missouri. I believe you know that I would prefer to see Judge Wheat of Illinois in the Cabinet, to any man in the U.S. but I have learned from Judge D. that he does not desire the appointment. Such being the case, Judge Naptown is the man for us, if we are to have any one. The Character of Judge N. as a jurist is well known in the west, and as a political writer & philosopher he has no superior on the west bank of the Mississippi. In addition to the Judge...
other qualifications, he thinks very much so, I do, that he would prefer a successor for President in 1860, to any statesman now known to the public. I think you know me well enough, and have confidence enough in my unchanging political attachment, to know to believe that I would not address you upon so important a subject, did I not feel that I was discharging a duty to the whole Democracy of the Country. As I know you will receive letters from most of your immediate friends, in Boston, upon this subject, I will not trouble you with any further reason why we so much desire the appointment in question.

As I never ask any favors for myself, I feel the same at liberty to urge the claims of friends. Will you visit Boston this coming summer, if so at what time?

My friend,

[Signature]
Für Kennett
Marie Phililette Ma
dagu 27 1857
Confidentiel
James D. M. Pherson
Ripley Brown & Co.
Jan 29, 1837
An old friend,系統
has just appointed me
a cadet at West Point
Ripley Brown City Ili. Jan 29th 1857

Judge Douglas,

Dear Sir, I perhaps have too long neglected to write to you claiming as I do of being the oldest acquaintance now living that you have in the State of Illinois. You landed at Naples in the winter of '34 or '35 and though I know where I was living and what doing in the precise year I have forgotten but one right there you came home with Izaie Ethel of Bethel who if living would be your first acquaintance of Illinois. Willis Ethel took horse and went with you to Winchester.

I was teaching school at that time at Lyninnville and Charles Ethel was coming to school to one and the evening you came home with the Old Squire I had come home with Charles. You stated in that frank and disingenuous way that I shall never forget that you were a lawyer by profession but running your hand in your pocket you held in it palm the small pattianne saying before I can practice law I must do something for the present and my knowing of the vacancy at Winchester shall aid you to the first place in Illinois where you began that career that I could more truly speak of to another Have you forgotten the Old Elm tree in Bethel and your first run for Congress with John J. Smart When Pab Wilkinson insulted me by calling aing you I have raised a Whig but that speech of yours upon the Sheriff made me a
Democrat from that day to this. The old log cabin you first slept in Illinois is still standing and I hope it will stand till I shall have the honor of being a personal acquaintance of the occupant of the white-house. Give my respects to Mrs. Douglas whom I highly esteem for your sake though I have not the least doubt but upon acquaintance I should esteem for her own sake. Give my respects to our friend Old Dick tell him his friends are still as proud of him as ever.

My son S. T. Douglas McPherson is proud of his introduction to you at Rushville and I should have been glad myself to have seen & heard you. How is Illinois represented at West Point who have you there. I should be glad if it met your approval to have my son Owen J. McPherson as a Cadet at the Academy he is a boy of good Mathematical attainments and desires me to name it to you. I have never seen a boy last I am Surveyor of Brown County and would be glad if you would send me a copy of the instructions of the Surveyor General to the Deputies of Kansas as they cannot be obtained only from him. I am living with my second wife the first had six & the last five children seven boys & four girls so that if it do not inscribe my name on rolls of fame it will live to a thousand generations.

Respectfully,

James T. McPherson
Edison Jan 29 41 1857

Hon. S. T. Douglas

Dear Sir,

 Yours of the 21 instant was received this day, enclosed was the letter of T. W. Harling, in answer to the Dundee P.O., the first charge is that the P.O. took little interest in Election & if all I can say in this to that is that he was the Stanley man that took any interest in Election so far as I can learn the 2 charge is that he was a manly man in 1848 that is true, as to the Campaign, I must see, for the papers, & the D.C. Agent refused to take one of them to pay 25c for it, as for the newspaper matter, he sends money for any book or for any paper but that he permits the circulation of such times that is simply satirical from the least shadow of truth, as to the business of Dundee all I can say is that at least 4, upper left of the stores & shops is in the west side of the P.O. is on a prominent corner. Under the circumstances I will be pleased for referring directly to their D.C. Agent that Mr. Harling refers to. He left this City about Jan. 1, 1856 & went to Dundee. During his residence in this town I never knew him fit with the Democratic party nor any other party except the Know-Nothing & he boasted that he was
one of the leaders of that set of Cut Throats, perhaps it would be easy to inform you who this young agent is that has stolen here, etc. He is none other than A.M. Holster, the Gentleman that gave me the information in reference to Mr. Holster, the President of Boston.

P.S. You ask me who the President is. He is the office in charge. I would answer the last question by saying that I believe A.J. Holster the present incumbent is the proper man as to the location it is now in a short time, the center of the village of Lake City. Something to care for the mail from the office to the office gets. I think the P.O. would rather pay the extra hour than hold the office another.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Wm. E. Frankel
Philada Jan 29th 1857

We take pleasure in recommending Sally Thomas, Esq., for the post of Arithmetick book agent under the Government. His experience in this has been extensive, and his competency beyond question, and his appointment would reflect honor upon the authorities and be a just recognition of the services of a deserving Democrat.

Sharpe & Biddings Co.
Coal Merchants
No 70 Walnut St Phila

Philadelphia Feb 6th 1857

And I cheerfully respond to the above recommendation.

J.G. Park
of the firm of LeFevre Parke & Co.
Philadelphia, July 17, 1851

And I cheerfully subscribe to the recommendations on the attached paper.

Michael Wartman
Min of Michael Wartman
Sharpe,
Stisenring Mo
Jan 29-1857
and J. P. Parker
Burlington
January 24, 1857

Dear Sir,

I have this morning received from President Pierce a note tendering to me in the kindest manner the appointment of district judge of the circuit court, in place of Judge


This was considered by me, or so far as I know by any of my friends, therefore the more gratifying.

I have concluded to accept the office, and can quite certain that it would be the desire of a large majority of the Democracy of Ohio that I should do so.
the President upon this subject, I am instructing the Judge to go to Wash-
ington next week with his family, subject to determined their wishes of the 4th of March. The reasons which you will readily see and appreciate, I would be able to have the matter fairly disposed of before I arrive there. If that be the case, the question should be met by the Senate, and it would be better if I can act upon it at once.

I believe our political opponents think we will act very generously, and as well as you know that I do not think how any-organized party have been higher than the Constitution and laws of our Government.

Secretary. The President from other official cases being present, the matter to be done for a time, if it does not come before the Senate as early as Mon-
day will you please immediately call his attention to it. I have
written inclose you a copy of his letter, that the firm is in his own hand writing. I hope this further

be instantly forwarded by such politicians on the bench.

The Constitution will take care of after I get to W. H.

Very truly,

D. D. Bradley

Nov.

J. A. Dodge

Washington
D.C.
Washington
January 26, 1857

Dear Sir,

J. H. [name]

had been at

end except by

outset of the death

of [name], our friend and

preceptor. But un-

der recommenda-

tions in favor

of Judge Redfield

Mr. Pick as his

successor.
Dear Sir,

Hoping to be able to make the appointment on at least a temporary basis, I submit the for your acceptance.

Your friend,

Franklin Pierce

Dr. E. Bradley
Burlington
San Francisco, July 30th 1857

My Dear Friend: (for I think from old associations I may call you so)

Although I have never reply to letters I have written you, I cannot think I am entirely forgotten by you, and we only attribute your silence to the "press of business," which I knew you constantly have before you, while in Washington.

I presume you are in correspondence with San Francisco in this country, who keep you posted in regard to the growth and prosperity of San Francisco. If the little time, or I should say "chance" around letter than I could describe them, were to try, but it is surely a great country. I arrived here in August last, and immediately with a New York company, as Puiser, in a boat nearly ready to run. Called the "Erastus Cornish." Commanded by Captain Lewis McLane, formerly of the Navy, and brother to the Hon. Peter McLane, at "Congressman" salary and no fear to pay, which has brought me in "business contact," with those of whom I have obtained, and compelled, "in part," statistics of the mining operations here, which, perhaps, may be interesting to you and others who are friends of California.

Nothing can more strongly aid the sudden development of Commerce in this part of the world and the gigantic arrangement of want to promptly made for its extension, than the steam fleet, now navigating the Coasts and Rivers of the North Pacific.
enumerate the Ocean Steamer sailing from the port of San Francisco to the southern ports and terminus at Panama, also the Ocean steamers navigating the North Coast, and terminating at Portland, by Oregon, and finally, the fleet of Steamers navigating the Cities of Japan and California.

On the whole embracing a fleet of 68 steamers large and small, measuring 2,700 tons.

The statement regarding the consumption of Coals is the result of a very minute estimate made by Mr. T. M. Maclean, a coal factor, living in this city, and may be relied upon as approaching to accuracy.

The Inland Fleet consists of 48 steamers large and small, of these there are seven, whose owners import their own Coals, leaving the remainder (41 in the most part small vessels) dependent on this market for their supply, and from an accurate investigation it appears that during the month of July, 2,000 tons, due allowance being made for such as are withdrawn for repairs &c.

The consumption of the Ocean steamers for which Coals are imported is estimated at 1,000 tons monthly.

The total consumption of Coals by the River Fleet is 2,500 tons monthly.

The Steamers of the Ocean Steam Fleet and a portion of the River Fleet are importers of Coals for their own use. Occasionally, however, low prices may induce them to become buyers, and high prices, if their stocks permitted, might induce them to become sellers.

The monthly consumption of Coals, dependent on this market, may be estimated at 2,700 tons.

The steamer "Athenea," the remaining two thirds being "Athenea." The latter, however, from present appearances, is likely to displace the former, as it is the exclusive consignee for domestic purposes.

### The Ocean Steamers at the Port

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markets 4th June in Panamá: 350 tons

markets 5th June in Panamá: 820 tons

markets 6th June in Panamá: 450 tons

markets 7th June in Panamá: 600 tons

markets 8th June in Panamá: 520 tons

markets 9th June in Panamá: 420 tons

markets 10th June in Panamá: 300 tons

markets 11th June in Panamá: 200 tons
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Correspondence of Marland Bros.

and W. A. Seaver.

In relation to articles in
Harper's Magazine.
Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 30, 1857

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,
Washington City

Enclosed is a letter from Church at Yale of this City who I understand is acquainted with you. I ask you to certify that you are acquainted with him, and that confidence can be placed in their statements.

I have been a resident of this State for the last 34 years and am about to engage in the land agency business. A letter of recommendation is all the capital I have, which will enable me for the liberty I have taken, I would refer you to the Hon. Lewis, Treasurer of the State, of whom I expect a letter. I have had the honor of his acquaintance for the last 34 years and may I expect the honor of your letter at your earliest convenience.

I am, very respectfully,

R. J. Park
To all whom it may concern:

We, the undersigned, of the city of Grand Rapids, State of Michigan, do certify, that we are acquainted with Robert L. Parks; and have been so, for several years; that he has been actively engaged in business, during that time, in the section of the State; that he has much experience and particularly in the surveying of a new Western country; and that in the selection of lands in such a country, we should place great confidence in his judgment, that further as a good citizen and a man of integrity, Mr. Parks is entitled to our recommendation.

Grand Rapids, Jan. 31, 1857.

[Signature]

[N. P. L. C.]
Shiloh, January 30th, 1857

Mr. Bailey Thomas

Dear Sir,

It affords me much pleasure to hear that you are an applicant for the office of Coal agent. From your extensive knowledge of all kinds of Coal, you would be well qualified to discharge the duties of the office.

Yours very respectfully,

A. P. Selzer

firm of Selzer & Miller
Hamilton & Lang 30th 1857

Hon. A. Douglass,
Senator,

Sir, I shall be greatly obliged if you will forward me, "The Pacific Rail Road Report" your kind attention will accommodate me,

Hon. Rex.

C. A. Smith.
C. H. Smith
Hamilton, Ohio
Paul 30/37

Wants Copy Pacific Rail Road Survey
Hamburg 30 January 1857

Mr. S. A. Douglas
Washington City

Dear Sir,

I am David Agden, one of a committee appointed by the merchants of this city to go to Washington to present a petition the passage of a bill now pending before the House of which is considered as seriously affecting the interest of ship owners. I beg to introduce Mr. Agden.
to your favorable notice
hoping that if he succeeds in
convincing you of the inappropri-
ity of keeping such a title (the
detail of which he is ignorant)
that you will lend him your
appliance in defeating it
when it reaches the Senate
he remains your

Isaac Burson

Edw. C. West
E. W. Mat
New York
Jan 1852

 Introduced David Ogden
Post Office Morrisville, Vt.

Jan 31, 1857

Hon. S. A. Dugle.

Dear Sir,

I am aware that the Democrats have now

 favored in Vermont, we have now above

 documents from our friends in Congress

 for our names are not known

 at Washington, it is all a taken

 of Calhoun. There is some as good

 Democrats in Vt. as any at the front of our

 Union, but it has been all ignorant

 at this place but there was a few

 good sales here we had a Buchanan

 play the last Champ

 but it was taken

down by the blacks none but the few

 here had a good time after the 4

 of Nov. It made the Democrats how a

 long prays they had made all calumets

to move this Post Office but it is all in

 vain it seems one should like to hear

 from you by the way Tom Books leads
 on any other way I will give you also

 names of our friends in this town I

 write you again as you to Jack Loomis,

 tonrow
Han T. W. Nathan in Lady Falls 84
L. A. Adams, Dykerent 14
Win. H. L. Bingham, Stone 23
C. J. Benjamin, Holcomb 19, one of our Elders
A. S. Whaley, Morrisville 72
B. H. Hunt
B. B. Haws
A. C. Hanna
John Blane
G. H. Johnson
F. Fuller
G. T. Wilson
A. T. Gilman
D. Gilman
Hephas Pitt. Morristown 27
James Olds
C. W. Lyman
The above are all True Names. I always write the names, that I may have the best record, and that I may be able to recall names. The year was about 1856 when I was in Iowa. The Comet's Homed only has 100 names.

Yours truly,
D. Gilman

My age is 60 years. Always enter the right date.
D. Gilbert
Mornville Ht
Aug 31 1857
Enclose a list for
Doc
To the Hon. Post Master General of the United States, we the undersigned citizens and inhabitants of Ten Mile Grove, Vermont, B.D., and its vicinity, and within the P.O. delivery of said place respectfully protest against the removal of the said Post Office from the above place, and also against any petition that may be before your honor for the removal and change the name of the same.

Dated at Ten Mile Grove, B.D.

January 31, 1857

[Signatures]

William Whillet
Daniel C. Kuder
Milton Kinelmerk
Joseph Perry

[Signatures]

James Stewart
Josh. Wall

[Signatures]
At the Hon. Post Master General of the United States, R. Forsyth, Washington, D.C., on the 25th day of November, A.D. 1837, I, Robert Langen, do solemnly swear that I will, to the best of my knowledge and belief, faithfully and truly perform the duties of the office of Post Master of this Post Office, and will not receive or accept any obligation, name, or favor for the name of the said Post Office, nor make or receive any return for the same, and will faithfully perform all other duties required of me by law.

Robert Langen

Dated: December 19, 1837

Hon. S. A. Douglas—
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

Permit me to give you another sketch of my affairs here in Chicago.

Since eight days I have opened my campaign, i.e., my polemic against the States Filing. The effect of it is so far visible in the 31 new subscribers here in this city, during that period. The Filing hardly deserves itself, and its own friends are dissatisfied with it. I would have commenced sooner, but I wanted at first to get more acquainted and more familiar. Our prospects in regard to the next municipal campaign are very good, and there is not the least doubt that Gurnee will be elected, if he should be nominated. It is said that John Wentworth is to be the candidate of the Republican party. I would like it very much, as the war would be easier.

But, let us have something more to touch upon. I seriously fear that by some unknown machinations I have lost your confidence. I have written to you three letters, but have not received any answer, which puts me into the greatest embarrassment. It is unnecessary
and not becoming to me to say that I have done my duty. The next campaign will prove it, provided that the nominations are of that kind to make a victory possible.

My position at present is really difficult. When I took the management of the paper, there were not $3000 but more than fifty thousand dollars debt. 3000 dollars have been paid, and the rest has to be paid. You may imagine my situation! I have had very great expenses in moving the office and firing everything in the new locality. It will amount altogether to over $100. The business was formerly too hastily managed and now a day brings some new proofs, some new losses. But that was to be expected. My establishment costs of course money; we have to pay the same for paper, hands, etc., for the Times. How much has it cost to start the Times? not how much for the Democrats! If it was summer, Duerr would give me any amount of money, but at present it is not possible. I never mean asked him for the purpose of keeping up my position.

Now votes are due, other things have to be paid—now I have not the means to satisfy, and that all about before the election. The Times has been hard against me. Cameron came every day for the money due to him, and I finally had to give him a note of $800, due on the 19th. But I must take the money from, and do not know. You shall take the money from me, if I do not know. You, perhaps, be unwilling that I wrote about the Times's course; I may have been wrong in doing it. But I stated nothing but the truth.

Just whilst writing this letter Col. Davis and Capt. Rose came to my office, introducing a Dr. Howarth Smith to me, who wants an appoint moment of seven years in the United States. They desired me to put down my name on his petition. I did not refuse, but they insisted so hard that, the more the letter is addressed to you that I finally yielded. I doubt like them things, and if it had been addressed to any other person but you, I would not have done it. I give this as an explanation for the purpose of avoiding many serious things. Mr. Smith was President of the democratic Mid-Stake Club.

When I was last home in Washington I mentioned that I would be there on the 30 of March. But that is impossible at first. We have one election on that day, and then I cannot enter the present moment St. honor mean my paper.

I beg you now most respectfully not to
forget me, and to believe that on my side there never shall be any reason to be dissatisfied with me.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Louis Schade

Chicago, Ill.

July 8th 1861