Mr. S. A. Douglas

Mr. Friend,

Will you please to let your clerk send to Mr. John Fleming for
Allegheny City Section Ticket to for
Perry's Expedition. I am an old Democrat and one of your warmest admirers.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

[ Seal ]
D. M. Pass
Pittsburgh Post
Feb 10, 1852

Trust you to lend a helping hand in the Expedition to Japan.
Meigs, Feb. 10, 1857.

My Dear Sir:

I have seen Mr. Burton in relation to the bond, and I think there is no doubt but you can get it from the lot of bills to the last of October and the furniture. I could not say to him positively you would take it, but if you will authorize me to say so I can don't him from it for you.

It has not much more importance now. An armistice in circulation here that a certain faction of the Democratic party have stated that they have certain letters and other written evidence from you in regard to the last affair here while they intend to me against you unless you comply with their wishes. It is, and the same faction are endeavoring to strengthen Gen. Mathews for your place in the Senate. I have no nothing about the authenticity of the memos, and give them to you as they have reached me. I also understand the same memos are in circulation at Springfield.

Some of our friends here are in favor of an entire change of Federal officers in this City. I have a line of policy should be determined upon, the friends of Morgan S. Keith will press his claims for the Collectorship of the port. Keith would undoubtedly make a good officer, and...
in that position could render essential service to the Democratic party. His appointment, too, would be entirely acceptable to the Mercantile Community.

It is to be hoped that nothing will be done by any formal appointment until after your return home, and a full opportunity to satisfy yourself about things here personally.

After a windswept wintry snow we are having returned cold weather. Mrs. Col. is still here, but the front-room is kept very warm.

My best to you.

E. P. Norris

Yours truly,

E. P. Norris

Yours truly,

E. P. Norris
E. N. Cooper
Chicago Ill.
Feb 10, 1857

Private
Chicago, Feb 10th 1857

Hon. L. A. Douglas,

Washington,

Dear Sir,

I write this to inform you that there seems to be some difficulty with the title to your Cottage Grove property. You will see that the whole of it is advertised for sale on the 25th of this month.

As I understand the matter, the Government got a decree in the United States Court against J.W. Russell, for a large amount due from him to the Government. The Cottage Grove property at that time stood in the name of Russell, who bought the property of Hubbard, gave a mortgage back. The mortgage was foreclosed and the property went back to Hubbard. Now I understand the defect to be that the Government was not made a party in foreclosing the mortgage. They therefore have a right to come in and eedem. I have just heard of the matter will employ counsel to look after the case for you until I hear.
from you on the subject

Your brother-in-law, Mr. C[...]

on me. When he became here, I was much pleased with him, and concluded him a very promising young man.

Very truly yours,

The Date.
That, said
Chicago, Illa.
Feb 10th 1847

About Cottage Grove
property
Kalorama Feb. 10, 1857

Brow A. N. Douglas

Sirs:

When the war of 1812 was raging between England and America for the possession of Oregon, I occasionally addressed you letters on that subject to cheer you on, because your bold and bold defense of the American right to it was. The time may yet come when the cry will be “Reconquest of Oregon!”

I have now a more humble theme to write a few lines about, but yet perhaps, not less national. I allude to the bridge over the Potomac river to connect the North and the South. To hold the Union is my private opinion, one of no value, having no political power. I am opposed to the extension of the Negro race into the West at any rate, but I am in favor of keeping that race in a condition to be the white man’s equals. I should not like to see black men rule over us; neither should I like to see an insurrection among the negroes, but such a thing may happen. What we want is a nice road bridge across the Potomac so that the men of the North may pass readily to the assistance of their brethren in the South, if at any time their life is in danger. However much they may dislike the institution, I have faith in the young men of the North that they would be among the first to fly to the assistance of their Southern fellow citizens whenever danger threatens. It would be a wise provision for their future across the Potomac. A few hours delay in changing from steam car to steam boat might be of serious consequence to the country.
The River to civil engineer who was appointed by the government to make a survey, I have thought made his report to recommend the site of the Aqueduct as the most suitable place for crossing the river by a railroad. If any officer will be of any value I can add anything to this, I have written some articles for the last two years, allow a great deal to be done there, more of the testimony, some of the result, I am told, that the report was entirely the work of Mr. Wilson, and that the work was very good. I have already done a great deal of work on the project of constructing an aqueduct of that aqueduct. I have now only to ask, are there any objections to the bridge, will it be one of the longest in the country? It is a great improvement to the capital city, to the great business of the nation.

I have myself to be present at the opening of the line, I was invited to sit in George Town on the Virginia line of the railroad, and I am on my way to Richmond. The existing state of affairs could be improved by this measure — I look upon it as a great improvement on the railroad. I hereby give written notice to the chairman of the railroad committee, but I have not acquainted with him, therefore I concluded to write to you. If you have time to see him on the subject, you may forward this letter if you think proper. I am too the discussion comes on

Respectfully,

Charles F. Fletcher.
Charles R. Butler
February 10, 1887
House of Reps.
July 10, 1857.

Dear Sir,

Allow me to introduce to you, Mr. C. Foster of Illinois, who desires to make you acquainted with Mr. Foster having letters from very prominent gentlemen in my own state, recommendably due to my confidence.

He will make known to you the object of this introduction.

I am very truly,
Very respectfully,

[Signature]

J. Hiller

Hon. S. A. Douglas
of the U.S. Senate.
J. P. O. Fuller
Capt. of B Troop
And Introducer of the
Forty of Maine
Phil Feb 10 1857

My dear sir,

I have just seen Mr. Buchanan.

There is a miscellaneous about recommending either Colli or Walker. I recommended Reckendorf alone. Now you must take him endoming Walker. He wants to applicant Walker to engage for endorsement. I got along with the matter by telegraphing you. You said you wanted to "Do it in the name of" you don't he write to me so" and "Oh! probably he and all the rest here because the mail, are some of them yours or few days back."

Now it is the very best.

Try for it. Let it be right beside, that you write Mr. B's. iff. Davis asked clean like to the resemble.

I went all day yesterday with all B. I never did any one learn another with the letter instructions.

With much resembled

Your truly

[Signature]

[Signature]
S.W. Johnson
February 10, 1857

Private
Terre Haute, Indiana, Feb. 10, 1859

Honor and dear Sir,

I had the pleasure of an introduction to you when you were sick at our place. The object of writing is to ask a favour not for myself, but for a worthy friend of mine. The Democratic party has always been trusted in this state that they were the true friends of the Irish people. Now I have a request to make to the Department, and indeed not an unreasonable one. It is that they appoint two of Irishmen to some office, say give them a mail agency on the Railroad. I propose Mr. James O'Neal of Montezuma, Lar 12 County, to be a gent.
for the mail from Terre Haute to Indianapolis as soon as the mail will be carried by rail road. And Mr. A. White of Terre Haute on the Alton route, I put this into your hands and I request you to obtain them that favour and it will be a point of honour to our people that the D. party has friendship for them. They are often told by the other party that all that you care for is their votes. You will pardon me for the liberty I thus take to intrude on you. I know your good feelings for our people and I am convinced that you will do your utmost to procure my request. Yours truly

Simon P. Salmonier
Lector of Terre Haute
To the Rev. James Salamour
Terra Haute Ind
Feb. 10, 1847

Wrote two of his friends appointed as mail agents.
Post Office
Cleveland, Ohio
July 30, 1857

Mr. S.

I am a Clerk in this Office. Would like to obtain a copy of the "W. L. mural Astronomical Expedition to Chili. Volume." If you could send me one, I would be very greatly obliged. I trust you will excuse my freedom in addressing the Name.

Very Truly Yours,
Stafford G. Lynch
Clerk.

To the
Rev. J. H. Douglass,
Senator,
Wash., D.C.
Stafford P. Young
Cleveland Ohio
Feb 10 1847
Wants Yell's Report
Feb 10

My Dear Sir,

Beck will hand you a report about the inferior post office matter. I do hope you will be able to see the necessity of the instant that has brought about a result conducive to the discovery. Here I am so far if you will, without anything else. Hoops in the mail I do hope you will do so. It is, and will continue to be difficult to explain to the "chief" why the assessment report was set aside, with you supporting it. True the matter has been misrepresented at the department and there duty work practiced, but it will be hard to make the course of events on our side believe that such a trick cannot be done. We are just as the
find here where we can wage peace from this enemy, and it will not be to his credit. And some of the party have believe that, as we are acts, our interests are indifferent to the interests of their friends.

Have the custom reassured and the report of the communication instantly, and place me under eternal obligation.

John Brown
Charleston, S.C.
Chas H. Laughlin
Springfield, Ill,
Feb 10, 1857

About this Lot, to
Dear Judge,

It appears to me from the State of the political Market that Indiana is going to have a Member in Mr. Buchanan’s Cabinet. If so, Illinois cannot get one, Fleeming upon that fact, what course does your future require you to pursue between the two aspirants from Indiana? I think your course is clearly indicated. You know Bright well. You are aware of his duplicity at Cincinnati; he not only betrayed your confidence, but contributed largely to your defeat. For Bright, you are aware is your personal friend, and is not an aspirant to the Presidency. True it is, he came to the Constitution the friend of Mr. Buchanan, but he was driven from his post here into that position by understanding and believing that God Bright was your friend and pressing your claims for the Presidency. I had a long interview with one of Mr. Wright’s intimate friends, who knew his attachment to you. This man is also your friend, he coincides with my opinion that you ought
To make a prompt movement in favor of Mr. Whig, if it is clearly understood that we cannot get a man from Illinois, which I think now clearly out of the question — if Whig and Jones seem to go into the Cabinet you would at all times have the substantial encouragement proper against the aspirations of Mr. Bright.

Send you a letter from one of your old friends, John Mefford, who would be glad from you, the East Sally the Dairy of Rail Road to Can, and the Japan Expedition.

Yours Truly,

James M. Cole

[To: Hon. Stephen A. Douglas, Senator of the U. States]
Sam W. Cook
Washington, D.C.
Feb 10/57

Political
Dear Sir,

I received last mail a bundle of most acceptable documents, for which accept my thanks, as well as for the brief acknowledgment of my note to Judge Douglass. The Judge I now expect to hear from, and immense as he is in public affairs, I have followed him for twenty years with regard and interest, and regret exceedingly he was not the nominated at Cincinnati. The time, however, is not yet come, but come it will.

I first met in Chicago when that city was a village, as young Chap, he running for Congress, I playing the savage in looks and habit in removing the Indians from the vicinity of Chicago, and from the spot where Milwaukee now stands. Here I am still a savage, or very near one, as most of our army officers are. But July, I had the pleasure of being with your son several days, on a Court Martial, or Pat Dequinn. He is fat, ugly and hearty, always in good spirits, and a most acceptable member in our social meetings. He, with the rest of his, look with interest to approaching
ment of Congress in the hope that our pay will be increased; and we given a retired list somewhat corresponding with the Navy. As much as the Navy gained, the Army generally would be expected to have such a Bill. By it, our Army would be benefited too, if the 3d's offer would gladly accept of it provision at the same time the Younger men could be discharged, and occupy positions now filled by the advanced in life, who acknowledge themselves their inability to discharge the varied and exposed duties. As to pay, we are much up on what every month. If to Army her friends, it is to be hoped the coming session some steps will be taken for our benefit. We do not know yet who is the next President, but having the utmost confidence in God's bounty and Providence, and in the love and avowal the warp and twist of the Democratic party, I have no doubt of the entire success of their ticket. With many thanks for your attention and civility, I am with much respect,

Your Ob't Servt.,

David McClellan Esq.,

Washington City, D.C.
Feb. 10, 1857.

Dear Sir,

The Chairman of the Judician Committee requests that you will inform him, what is the mode of conducting an election for US Senator in your State.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Hon. N.A. Douglas
Of Ill.
Gentlemen:

I am to inform you that the mode of carrying the Electric US Senators on the Illinois line is not satisfactory. I shall accordingly instruct Mr. [illegible] to proceed immediately to Cairo and confer with the Engineer in the matter.

Please accept, gentlemen, the assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signature]

Oct. 10, 1837.
Princess Annie Somers County, W.  
February 10th, 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglas  
U. S. Senate.

Dear Sir,

My father had some land in the State of Illinois in Pike County and I am anxious for myself and the rest of his heirs at law to get some one to see after and attend to it for us— I send enclosed the list of names of practicing attorneys at Briggsville in Pike County which I got from Livingston's Directory. I will esteem it as a great favor if you are acquainted with either of them or any other person there who is reliable that you would suggest the name by return mail.

Please also do me the favor to say in your letter what the effect of a sale for taxes is in Illinois and how it can be redeemed and how long before limitation bars— By so doing you will very much oblige yours truly.

Rufus M. Parsons

Nicholas Baylies  
D. S. Coffey  
John Crow

P.H. Hon. James A. Stewart from this District will inform you who I am.

Solomon Parsons  
Attorneys
Rufus M. Parsons
Prince and Me
February 10th
Rel to some land
belonging to his father
m. Deane
Resident Physician's Office
Blackwell's Island
New York City
Feb. 10, 1857

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Dr. Sir,

In the frankness of a democratic heart, I thank you, Mr. Lincoln, for sending me by Ed. C. Watt your letter. It has the appearance of being an honest, sound democratic Constitutional face. I shall, when it is framed, place it where I can at any time detect the least unconstitutional wrinkle in its sensible moral proportions.

I could now go on, I suppose, almost ad infinitum, and tell you what a good Douglas man I am, have been, and intend to be—but I shall do no such thing. I shall only say that I made up my mind in 1849 that the man for the Democratic Party to nominate for the Presidency in 1852, when that time arrived I held the same opinion, and it sort of grew on me up to the time of the Chicago Convention last June. I started for that Convention as a delegate, but resigned and went into the fight on the outside for Seward.
...Andavored to bully as hard and talk as much in favor of my candidate as drink as much whiskey (God forgive me) as did any other man on the ground. I flatter myself that I succeeded particularly in the latter, or whiskey part of my labors. I must say however that in my opinion Major Arnold Harris and I on West drank more and measured whiskey than I did and consequently fought much more fiercely for you than I did or could. As in 1842 so in 1850 there was the usual "chelang round the wheel" and you were not nominated. We did you then an awful fright, though!

Well the during the summer fall and winter I have continued to be a "Douglas Man" (they are my party now, never have been in my party) and I am a Douglas Man still. How long I shall continue fellow I can't say, but thank God it has become a Chronic disease with me. At any rate there is no cure, like that of whiskey (a true political operation) ad. Ditto ditto in Charleston, S.C. for 1860 and Sec. Warren will be there.

In the meantime I hope that soon whom I have for you many strong friends, will have the good sense and prudence to take one of your friends from the highest to the lowest and to the fullest extent I simply don't want the other...

...Stephen A. Douglas to remember how he sided in office have worked against him. And that the policy for the future is to smuggle as many Douglas men into office now the lowest administration as possible. Your friends of course do not want office merely for the sake of office but that they may be where they can be of future service to you. Plant as many "Marched Batteries" as possible. Your enemies have done so well do it again. Your friends have done some of this great third venture. Finally the table can be all the friends you can draw the night four years that they may be enabled to take care of you in 1860. Be pleased to understand that I am not looking for an office from Washington nor to place any friend in one. I only write to inform what I believe to be a sound general political principle "at this stage of the game." Your May, and probably will think they are independent, better, I shall agree with you. I have said to you what I believe to be the truth and if you will promise to forgive my impudence I will agree that it is to Washington when you are President. "One" year for an office, you had better close with the office and have yourself a dignity of trouble. Remember me again...
Thank you for theALMS. In all probability I shall not have the honor of making personal acquaintance, but for this great kindness on your part will be doubly appreciated than the honor to be, Sir, your friend,

W. W. Sanger
Rev. Physician
Black Rock Island
New York City

Respectfully,

[Signature]

A. P. Lincoln, Illinois
Jackson Mahoning County Ohio Dec 11/57
Hon Stephen A. Douglas

Sir a few of us Democrats living up here in this county and have got to be represented by old Sue as he is generally known of course do not expect to receive any favors from you are therefore obliged to solicit favors from men of our own party though strangers to us we hope therefore you will pardon us when solicited a favor from your hands we would like to get a copy of the Patent office report and if this request is not asking too much from your hand you would confer a favor upon us by sending one or two copies.

Yours etc
Peter Willcox

If you have some of these please send us some other public account we would also be thankful for some of your speeches
Peter Walker
Jackson Ohio
Feb 10 1857

Bento (patent office) Report
Chicago, Feb 11, 1857

Hon. Y. A. Douglass,

Dear Sir,

While I do not propose to interfere particularly in relation to any appointment for the State, I will say to you that I have been well acquainted with James L. Home of Clay for a number of years. He has resided here for some 20 years, has been at Marshall and Al Lehman for a long time in all those positions he has sustained himself well to this satisfaction.
of the public. He is a faithful friend and a man of energy and I believe he has always been a reliable Democrat true to all those who have put trust in him in every relation of life and I believe he would if appointed make a good U.S. Postmaster for the State and would be glad to see him appointed.

Very truly,

Your obedient servant,

R. L. Wilson
R. W. Wilson
Chicago Pls
Feb 10, 87

Speaks in high terms of Dan'l C. Crow