Cleveland, Ohio
Aug. 18th 1857

Dear S. A. Douglas,

I have been as practical in my doings to Minnesota, with a view to settling there, though I locate in a given town. I shun in connection with a friend of mine, who is competent to the task, that a paper for the advancement of democratic principles. The perseverence of resistance to Minnesota, lancers are of the Whig party, Indian allies, hence the necessity of a little famine, in their midst. Any resistance of yours was made. in the way of documents pertaining to Minnesota will be gratefully remembered, and shall be done in time for the coming contest 1860. Hoping our present day and trusting in God we place succeed. Yours truly,

Henry J. P[iseley]
To Mr. J. Bishop

Cleveland, Ohio

Feb 13/57

Says he is going to Minnesota and start a paper.
Atlanta, Georgia Feb 15th, 1857

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

My Dear friend,

Will you allow me to draw upon the short but very agreeable acquaintance I made with you when at Washington City on my way to the Cincinnati Convention, you recollect, I laughed together with my friend Hon. Robert Toombs. While at the Convention I made the acquaintance of many of your Western friends, and from the manner in which they stood up to and advocated your claims there, together with some of our Southern Delegates, I must conclude that there is more than ordinary cause of speaking some word. If you would confide with them in reference to the fort taken by me, I would then feel free to say to you that I would like to get out West some while near you.

I had written my friend Toombs on the subject of my request.

It has occurred to me that there are some fine openings in the west for making money. Would not a land agency say well and succeed if not made something of it? I suppose you and acquainted with all the openings of that.
Get, and if not all the money now it will pay.
I am in very moderate circumstances
and would like some provision that
would pay, and if I could get it.
If there is nothing of that, but that
will pay, perhaps there is something else.
Will you please write me, fully,
on that subject, and all that I can promise
in return is that so far as my field
ability will enable me, you shall have
in return good measure passed down
Akin together and running ever.
I am very truly your friend.

Mrs. E. M. Douglas
Washington, D.C.

Rob. Howard
Atlanta

Georgia
Robt P. Cowart
Atlanta, Georgia
Feb 13, 57

Political
Green Bay, Milwaukee and Chicago R. R. Co.  

Supervisor's Office, Milwaukee, Wis. Feb. 13th, 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir:

Upon the principle—what I believe is soundly democratic—that a public man is never annoyed by being informed of a change of residence of a political adherent, provided he is assured no change takes place in the rule of the adherance; and the further doctrine—equally sound—that a politician is willing to serve his friend in some things, provided they are ever ready to serve him in all—I beg leave to hand you my enclosed law card, and to ask you to lend me any document bearing upon the case of Judge Humboldt's admission to his seat. I believe you voted to admit. I think his case is not analogous to that of Doolettle just elected (?) in this state; but I, with other Democratic friends, desire light on the subject.

If not entirely convenient, excuse me for bothering you; and accept my thanks for similar favors heretofore conferred. I hope you will be able to recollect me as a young "Douglas man," of Racinal Que. N.Y., from which heretical locality I removed to dear Milwaukee.

Believe me, as ever, yours respectfully,

Edgar W. Dennis.
Edgar M. Burns
Wichita, KS
Feb 15, 1857

[Handwritten text]
Dr. Sir:

Referring to your verbal request of yesterday, I have the honor to enclose memoranda relating to title of land in "College Grove", Ill. — especially referring to the alleged government lien on the premises in question.

I am informing these memoranda will afford you a knowledge of the material points bearing upon the question of the validity of the Government lien. If however you deem it of sufficient importance to investigate the matter more thoroughly, I shall be happy to acquaint you with all the details of the information which I have acquired from an investigation of the case. I shall be pleased to command you.

With gr. respt.,
Yr. ob. svt.

J. V. Knapp.

Hon. J. A. Douglas,
M. D. S. 3.
J.W. Knapp
Washington D.C.
Feb 13/57

About some property in Chicago.
My dear Judge,

I enclose the Treaty of the last year and hand marked the one to which you will refer. I send it because it is suggestions I made to you yesterday evening a copy of the Herald containing the proceedings of our first meeting.

Always yours,

[Signature]

S. A. [Name]

P. S. Not to be the President of the Society I have for hearing only to you, return to be present - I am the President in the business.
E O'Neil
New York
Feb 13/37

About the meeting to be held this month
Pension Office
February 15, 1857

Sir,

That part of the letter of James Van Pelt, of Stephenson Co., Ill., which relates to the services of his deceased father in the Revolutionary war, has been considered.

Mr. Van Pelt does not give his father's name, nor does he state where he served. He says his father died in 1838. If he left no widow no pension amends are due his children. If he left a widow, the dates of her marriage and death should be given. The other portion of the letter will receive immediate attention.

I have the honor to be, Very truly,

W. S. Senate, Commissioner.
George O. Whitney
One of Prisoners
Feb 13 1807
About the Van Pelt Prison
Mr. Campbell regrets that a previous engagement will prevent his accepting the polite invitation of Mr. Douglass to dinner on Thursday the 26th inst.

C. Street
Jan. 14th
Judge Campbell P.R. 

Regrets that he cannot accept 

invitation to dinner 

Jan 20/37
The Honble.

Winchester, Va. Feb 14th 1859

S. A. Conflag

US Senator

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

Dear Sir,

Respectfully Col. May of the Army having been placed through the kindness of Dr. Smith and his friends in your hands, I have been enabled to call your attention to the case of Ex-Sen. Johnson, whose health and life has been threatened at the hands of the military committee. May I say that the uncle of Gen. Lee, a man of the name of Gen. Johnson are familiar with the merits of the case, and I should be greatly obliged if you would call on them on the subject. It is a case of such injustice as I am sure will not
fail to meet with your honorable and valued support.
with high esteem and regard
Samuel H. 
my truly
your obedient ser.
Samuel H. 

[Signature]
Loganville, Me.
Feb 14th, 1837

Hon. J. D. Douglas
Gov. Whig.

If the office of Sec'y. of State in this State is not desired, it
would be under many obligations to him of present
your Request.

Respectfully, J. P. Reynolds

Col. of Mt. Auburn, Augusta, Me.
J.P. Kepper
Taylorsville Ills
February 14th

Wants a Mail Agency
Encloses a recommendation to that effect.
Waylawnville, Ill.
July 11th, 1857.

Dear Sir:

Herewith, please find a recommendation for Thompson R. Hopper, Esq., to be appointed an Agent for the U.S. Dept.

It affords me pleasure to say that he is an unswerving Democrat, an honest, energetic man and Contrast. The March to the Success of the Cause in this Section of the Country, as in the State at large. He is the man to fill the position that would command the people. His influence would tell in the next election.

If the Office for which he is recommended is one of his teachers, it would gratify his many friends to have him appointed to some other position under your care. I am, Sir,

Sincerely, your friend,

[Signature]

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The recommendation is signed by many of the Democratic members of the Legislature.
Cincinnati Ohio, February 14th, 1857

My Dear Sir,

If you will send me "Perry's Expedition to Japan," you will greatly oblige your friend and old servant.

A. W. B. Walker

Hon. S. A. Douglas,
Washington City
J.W. McLean
Cincinnati, Ohio
February 14, 1837
Wrote copy. ‘Snap Expedition’
Gardner's Ferry, July 14, 1859

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

This will be handed you by my friend Charles W. Hall of this place.

He is a gentleman worthy of your confidence and you can rely upon his assistance to an equal.

I shall be most happy for my friends to have another home

Respectfully,

[Signature]
Chas. W. Wright
Indianapolis Ind.
Feb 14/57

Introduces Chas. W. Hall

2212
1857
Springfield 15th Feb.
Senator Douglas
Washington

My Dear Sir,
I have such inducement in getting a bill passed for the improvement of the Illinois River as a solvable good one at that time. I think will obtain the means our friends here think it will be too late before a copy could reach you that you would
I must be able to do anything in Congress this spring and I suppose your time must be occupied in office making and fitting up the Government offices for the next four years as well as preparing the White House for the young White House the following four years all of which I hope you will do to your own mind and taste and believe me Sir your friend in the highest sense. Prankly

I would like to have you with me in your organization Gen. Scott has been here and will take a lively interest until all is underway he proposes to hunt first in Alton in order to get that City interested fully in some 30 Days will you be able so as to attend write me on receipt of this always yours Prankly
Madison, Wisconsin, Feb. 13 1857

Hon S. S. Douglass,
R. R. Stiles,

Dear Sir,

Some two weeks since I addressed you a note, the object of which was to ask you, and in the hearing for me the place of Visitor to the Military Academy at West Pt. I attended a meeting at the same time in Naples Bridge Mills of my state paper was put into my hands, signed by the Central Democratic Committee, by the delegates in the Free Convention and others, which I sent directly to the Secretary of War. The truth is, I have the confidence of all sections of the Democratic party in this state, but such is the state of things that the recommendation of one party is no recommendation at all, the man with the other. I thought
it must be stated that the paper of which I speak directly to the Secretary of War, and not to Senator Dodge, lest from those names (which really constitute the strength of the anti-party) he might suppose I was that especial man.

My wish is this, that you would call the attention of the Secretary to me as entitled to that consideration. I think I stated to you that I formerly served on the V3 from Ohio.

I have no reason to doubt that both our Democratic Representatives will recommend me. But I wish, if I can do so, without too far tempting my friend, to make sure of the place.

I have the place in mind of certain university matters, especially the purchase of books for library.

With great respect,

Your obedient servant,

Manuel Reed
Daniel Reed
Madison Ms
Feb. 15 1837

Wants to be a Visitor to
First Point Academy
this year
Washington
15 Feb 1857
My dear Sir,

I have your of 7th inst. with Mr. Gathins letter to you. Iride
the fact pleasure in presenting your name to the President in connection with
the fellowship at Yale. It has been most
cheerful testifying to your recent
fitness for the office. But I want to
our personal attachment to
state frankly that after the exchange
of opinion with Mr. Benjamin Seward,
I declared to him, I felt it solo
be joined in another direction. Shall
Be careful in presenting your menu to the President. Be accompanied by letters with 3000 6000 9000 9000 9000. You can judge of the sincerity of the satisfactions, friendship, and the advice with Mr. Pierce. I will not trouble the day which has been wasting torturing the home or the other.

Believe me very truly,

[Signature]

[Signature]

Logan M. Knight Esq.
New Haven
Chicago, Illinois, February 16th, 1867

My Dear Sir,

The factions hold their convention on Friday, February 24th. Mr. Wentworth and Ed. Hadden are the two prominent candidates. Wentworth will direct his wishes to the convention, if so. The Democrats can elect their candidates for Mayor, providing they once organize, and work to ensure that result. It is generally supposed that the latter is opposed to holding a convention, but I propose that the Democrats combine.
Walter I. Hurney as an independent candidate. This may be why but I fear for the result. If the Democrats fail to organize and hold their convention, there will be any quantity of independent candidates for that office, and the main offices in each division. LaRue is doubtless in favor of a convention holding the same to receive the nomination for mayor, but we can easily defeat him and nominate Mr. Eummy as a Democrat and win him as such and I have no doubt but that we can defeat him. We can at least present the appearance of an organized party. Hoffman is talked of as a candidate for mayor by many of the late

Remember, but Lean on me will distance them all. We will receive the nomination but it will make an awful job in the Canvass. It is therefore that the Democrats in this city do not go to work once, by proper management we can elect one candidate, for the majority of the Germans are now with us. There is evidently a dead enemy existing between the rival candidates for government offices in the city. All the time is seemingly no fellowship or harmony, yet the disappointed candidates write personally to you friends, with these lines the Oliver proof and form an alliance with your enemies to defeat you for the U.S. Senate.

I am sorry to say that many who once I at one time thought to be your friends
am now writing to accept your
letter and to say to you, that Mr. Ex-

for Madison is working hard to
take your place in the U.S. P.

Carpenter appointment has caused
much talk. I send you an article
clipped from the "Democratic".

The breach between the "Free-
time" and "anti-time" factions is
growing wider every day. The leaders
of both (so-called) factions are
bad men. Take them to-gather,
they will yet break up what
now remains of the Democratic
party. Upon your return I hope

to see you. I did not have an oppor-
tunity to see him. I am now
boarding on the West side, first
ward and shall do all in my power to prune this
Sir,—What I desire of the Democratic party in the next contest, we have had considerable rain within the last few days. We know in the ground as present, we nearly all out of the time. I am here to go on to Washington and after the election shall have saved fifty dollars, all debt which I have to you of one sort. My income be indefinite fluctuating, hope to be able to obtain the debt at once that I may pay from my own earnings. I feel that I can truly say to you that I have been steady temperate and economical since you obtained me the place in the "Custom House." I have done as I promised you I would and I feel better for so doing. As I told you where last I had the pleasure...
Of meeting you, I am determined
to do right, the confidence that
you may feel cherished to place
in me shall now be extended
what ever place you may feel dis
favored to obtain for me. I there
most thankfully accept, and do
my best to discharge the duties
that may devolve upon me.

I trust this may find yourself
and family enjoying the blessings
of health.

Very truly your friend,
& ott servant.

Charles P. Bouton

Hon. S. L. Douglas
W. L. Lancaster
Washington, D.C.

S.L.

[Handwritten note at the bottom]
was not anticipated by many and I fear
I may make trouble to P.B.
DISBURSING AGENT—We learn that Col. R B. Carpenter, late of Ky., but now of this city, has been appointed disbursing agent of the funds for the construction of the new Post Office and Custom House buildings. The salary is $8 per day.

The Colonel, like Dr. Leib, was one of the most effective campaigners on the strictly Democratic Buchanan side during the late election. He was the man who always was ready to take the place of Judge Douglas on the stump, when the bronchitis of the latter was particularly aggravated. Like Dr. Lieb, the Colonel was the mark at which the Times faction aimed its most deadly stabs, and again like the Doctor, has the gallant Colonel risen superior to them, and his enemies to-day stand discomfited.

It really looks as if hostility to the Times faction was the passport to office at Washington.

What is the next best abused opponent of the Times to get?

Ed. of Democrat—We should like to know whether a City Sealer has a right to seal sealed office during the
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**800 COILS MANILLA ROPE,** 1 to 2 inch
- 100 coils cotton Rope;
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- 75 doz clothes Lines;
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Lecompton, Ks.
Feb 16th 1857

Mr. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

As a member of the Kansas Legislature I take the liberty of introducing myself and a peculiarity upon Kansas affairs to a casual notice.

Your suggestion come to hand too late to receive our action; and as all the principal points referred to have already undergone a general passing of, nothing occurring and repealing as the case might be we have not thought it advisable to fix any thing futher at this late hour.

We have amended the slave law repealing the 12th section altering the 13th section doing only verbalizing of the plain principle of the common law. It desired to repeal it last for that any reason the offence maintained the point and it was not broken out— I am sorry but cannot help it.

That how in reference to office of voters, officers and attorneys. As all been repealed the only qualification under the old law; for officers and attorneys is its support the constitution and the organic act.
and for voting — a residence of three months in the county or shall registered his name with the Tuesday, the officer at least 30 days before the day of voting the register will be to be published and if an abolitionist can point a flaw in the weights of any color — why, let him do it.

The Home of the Camp — holding the actions of Congress over us as a rod of correction will hardly answer as the border. We know our rights as well as the other or as any other and that threat can wear causing it to be left as the Natural Right. Congress has no more power over our Statut lands than over those of a sovereign state — We are children 21 years old and our interference with our lands will be contested to the very last — We have attempted to keep right upon the record and will do it if we know how — If you see any thing wrong or have any thing to suggest, drop me a few lines at Dunlap's Hotel, opinion I value every much.

Yours in trust T.B. Driscoll
Providence, Feb. 16th, 1857

To Mr. T.

I have been instructed by a committee of the Providence Literary Union, to request of you to deliver a lecture here at such time as would be practicable, before the above society.

I have been apprised of your intention of delivering a lecture in New York on the 25th, and we have thought that to gratify the desire of the people to hear you, and that your endeavor would be a benefit to the above named society, might induce you to extend your visit to this city.

Please answer,

Charles H. Harn.
Dr. 275
Providence, R.I.

I have only to form one with an immediate answer.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully,

Cha. H. Harn.

H. H. Kane
Providence, R.I.
February 16th

Invites you to deliver a lecture before the Providence Literary Union.
Pine, Iowa, Feb. 16, 1857

My dear sir,

I take the liberty of enclosing to you an article which I cut from our Village paper, the "Timber Democrat." It speaks I think, the general sentiment of the democracy of this section.

The election of Mr. Buchanan was a most emphatic endorsement of the Kansas Platte Bill, for which you received so much abuse, of the Border ruffians history of that measure. I never had any doubt, and I now think it has most effectually settled the slavery question, and that to send a Paris which earnest of renewal, to any sphere abroad in the future.

Yours,...
The feature it seems to me has a bright future, and we aim to commence a brilliant era of progress and advancement.

In 1860, it seems to me the democracy will rest upon your methods for a candidate for the Presidency. Of right it will rely upon that principle, and I think it will. This will be much in favor, as it is the best candidate for us. But it is hardly time to speculate much on the subject. Yet, your
time cannot be lost by a fair presentation of the facts as time and opportunity occur.

I hold for a peaceful, constitutional administration for Mr. Buchanan. He has but firmly grappled with the question presented in the Congress, and we are in the Constitutional position. All will be well. The

Truth is that the Republican Party is defined to be 1860 and shall have an opposing party in some form, and shall have a very strong one at last. I am yours truly, D. P. Ogden.
D. A. Ogden
Pitts Pa. N.Y.
Feb 16 /37

Confidential

Chicago, Ill., July 16, 1857.

Dear Judge,

I wrote to you some days ago when I heard of the appointment of Col. Easter as Superintendent of the Custom House. Soon after I heard of Carpenter's appointment as Inspector, I have nothing to say in addition about either case; you know all that I do touching both offices and both men. As, however, Carpenter has said that he would not hold the office if he is unsteady to you, if I may say that as it were in no way interfere with my business, I might not decline it. Eight dollars a year is not like breezes at what impunity by a pen editor.

With respect to the case of Sturell, who was removed from the first office at Kannakee, he has shown me documents proving that those who conspired for his removal acted most shamefully. They have all signed a recommendation for him as Cuyuna Senator of Kansas, in which office he is an applicant in which he will in person as your applicant.

If you make any change at Kannakee, after seeing Sturell, you will judge whether you ought to do so or not. I recommend that Mr. Fuller, the Editor of the Democratic Paper there be appointed. Also I would urge that in all cases, there is a
Convincing paper published in a time that the vote be made justly visible. It helps the paper right, and if the office be with anything, will present the paper having into possession hands. Of course, Chicago is not included in this recommendation, but your letter has been for some time a candidate for mayor on the "anti-slavery" issue, I need not say to you that it is vitally important that he should not be elected. One mayor with all the patronage, he would corrupt our party; that is, he would appoint no officers but Irish and Democrats. He must destroy our organization, I have the way for a triumph in the legislature two years hence. He had no candidate, and have none now. I am not knight fororn, Burnie, but he will only be a candidate if John is. The Republicans have postponed a nomination till the day before the election. I am sure our situation. Burnie is the only man in Chicago who can beat John, and yet, when speaking, there is no other man who dislikes to see candidate, the fact that packed an evasive look pile, an akimbo to be the same thing now, and defeat Burnie. Who they bite nominate I do not know, but left some not be surpirsed if Cook or Ashton be the man. I see nothing for Burnie, and was bent with no candidate would prefer a defeat than a victory, but the risk of Burnie's election is too terrible to quarreled over Burnie's first cause. In this extremity I have opened one on Burnie to drive him from the field or force the Republican to reject him. If he be not nominated, I will claim that as a victory, I wish them elect who they please.

You will remember that before New Years, when I was under the impression that Cook was to be removed, I said that if you wished a good officer who would to whom the salary would be a benefit in other hands a firm man, that McKeach was the best one who had been named. I do not change my views. I also stated that if you wanted a man whose means must enable him to spend his salary, that Price must eminently as Dyer, and that the objection to Dyer and McKeach hold not apply then. In short that formally he was unsatisfactory. I think as still, but in order that I may not be involved in this matter, I wish to be understood as recommending neither one in preference to the other. I may add that I think the selection of either Price, Dyer, McKeach, or Hamilton would lead to no unhind feeling upon the part of either.
of the Thir. Carpenter being out of the way, there is no
fearability of a storm. He has rumors that Herr-
ningten and Holmby are candidates. Dear Judge
if you go out of Chicago, allow me to suggest
that you go down to Egypt. Willis Allen would
be a thousand times preferable either.

Then when at Springfield Snowhod told me a few
hints in some secret manner here, which I think is the
illuminating continuance of a letter. The programme
is, as far as developed as follows: Immediately after your
return you will be denounced publicly as a liar, and as
a man unworthy of confidence, & in proof of these allegations, can
be made public to you, or it will be known by someone that you stole
money Carpenter the post office, & then did not give it to him;
that you promised Cksh he should not be removed, and yet me
your return to Washington you put no file in the Department
a request for his removal, a copy of this request of yours is
shown, (Snowhod says he read it) and that he that Cksh had
a friend Sw. Matthew, who started in, and the Department
or the President having more confidence in him than in you,
or the President having more confidence in him, than in you,
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Snowhod added that he was invited to refuse your request. Snowhod added that he was invited to refuse your request. Snowhod added that he was invited to refuse your request. Snowhod added that he was invited to refuse your request.

I give you all this exactly as I heard it. I know nothing of any of the facts, or business, but I would
not hear further as to the particulars. I give you all this ex-
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Yours truly, J.W. Sheridan
Treasury Department
Controller Office
February 16th, 1857

H. S. A. Douglas
Chairman of the Committee on Territories
Senate of the United States

Sir,

A letter dated the 11th instant, with papers enclosed, has been received at this office from Nicholas Vedder Esq. Clerk to the Committee, saying: "By direction of the Committee on Territories I herewith transmit the Memorial and papers of Samuel A. Lane, asking Compensation for services in Copying and superintending the printing of the Laws of Kansas Territory under the direction of the Legislature thereof, for the purpose of investigation and obtaining your opinion as to his claim, and whether further legislation is necessary also that: "The information is desired for the use of the Committee at their next Section on Wednesday next."
In reply thereto I beg leave to submit the following report.

The claim submitted to Congress with the memorial and other papers is as follows:

"United States

To Samuel A. Lane

1856

Jan. 1st For copying laws marginal notes, headnotes, superintending the publication, and correcting laws of Territory of Kansas 100.00

Fees as Assistant Clerk to House Rep. of Kansas Territory per Account appended 104.50

f 5.404.50.

In the first day of February 1856 Mr. Lane called at this Office and informed me he had a claim for services rendered in the behalf mentioned, and which he had not then made out in form, but which he afterwards submitted in his note of February 6th, as follows:"
United States

1856

To Samuel A. Lane, 2nd

Jan. 1st, For Copying laws of Kansas Legislation

per Concurrent resolution 765

1000 pages

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for 317 Laws page 765

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8, of an act Concerning the Statutes

and legislative proceedings, page 471

$25.00

$6,100.00

It will be perceived no charge was there made

for services as Assistant Clerk to the

Legislature, and for certain other services

and expenses amounting to $204.50 as prepared

in his Account presented to Congress, and in

which
which he refers to his "account appended". The items in this charge will be noticed hereafter. The question touching the charge of $5.00, "For Copying Laws, Marginal Notes, Head Notes, Indexing, and the Publication of "Acts of the Congress of Kansas," were examined fully, and I came to the conclusion at the time there was no authority conferred on the Organic or other act by which this payment could with propriety be made from the appropriation for Legislative expenses of Kansas, and there may no other appropriation applicable in any degree there to. My opinion was communicated to Mr. D. B. Reade, verbally, who informed me to consider, the matter to Congress.

In reference to the appropriations for legislative expenses, I may remark that two appropriations of $20,000 each, or a total of $40,000 have been made for Kansas, viz. one by Act of August 4th, 1854, of $20,000, the other...
10 Statutes at Large P. 557, and the other by act of March 5th, 1855, Iowa Vol P 655.

The first appropriation was exhausted in paying the expenses incident to the first Section of the Act, and the second appropriation has been advanced to the Secretary of the Territory, with the exception of a balance, for which he has made a requisition, and which will be expended I doubt not for the expenses incident to the Second Section which commenced at Leavenworth on the Second Monday in January last.

I have to state here, in connection with the matter of the claim, and the ground of charge, that it has been held to be the duty of the Secretary of a Territory to copy and prepare the laws and proceedings required of a Territorial Assembly, for the printer.

In the present instance I refer to a clause in the 21st Section of the Organic Act, Rec. 10 Statutes at Large P. 284, defining the duties and
powers of the Secretary—viz. "That there shall be a Secretary of said Territory, who shall reside therein, and hold his office for five years, unless sooner removed by the President of the United States, he shall record and preserve all the laws and proceedings of the Governor in his Executive Department." I also refer to a clause in the 2nd section of the Act approved August 29th, 1842, which is prospective, as well as retrospective, sec. 305 P. 540, which is as follows: "And it shall be the duty of the Secretary of each Territory to prepare the Acts passed by the Legislature for publication, and to furnish a copy thereof to the printer of the Territory within ten days after the passage of each act." I quote another clause in said second section: "And no payment shall be made or allowed unless the Secretary of the Treasury shall have estimated therefore, and the object been approved by Congress." I apprehend
Under the practice obtained, and in connection with the Act of August 29th, 1842, it will be considered the decision given in the case was correct.

On this point it is proper I should refer to, and quote a clause from the 8th Section of the Act of Kansas, see page 473, which in connection with other sections in said Act was referred to by Mr. Love in the bill filed in this Office, and by which it would seem to be certain that the Legislature itself was of the opinion it was the duty of the Secretary to append his certificate to the same, viz: for by that Section: "The Secretary of the Territory is required to certify to correctness of the copies of the several Chapters of the Statute to the said person to appoint: and he (the person appointed to supersede and the publication of the Laws) shall certify that the printed Chapters and Acts contained in the volume of the Statutes are correctly published from such certificate."
Cohio. An exception is made in the last clause of the 8th Section, which is also copied viz. "with the exception of such corrections of clerical errors and mistakes, as are by this Chapter to be made." Sec. 79, "which certificate shall be preferred to the said Statutes to be read in evidence in any Court of this Territory. Leaving out of view however the section quoted from the act of Kansas. I have to state, I do not dwell but that certain services appertaining to "copying laws," marginal notes, head notes, wherein the publication and correcting law of the Territory of Kansas" were performed by McSorly, for which he may be entitled to be compensated, from the Territorial Treasury or by enactment from the Treasury of the United States, but whether he should be compensated to the full extent of the charge in any event, it seems to me should be the subject of
investigation. The certificates of Secretary Woodson, and John T. Brady, Public Printer, go to show, that the services were performed by Mr. Love; and as his services were rendered not in conformity to any act of Congress, makes it clear to my mind, that there is no authority at this time vested in the Department to "audit" and pay the claim or any part of it from the National Treasury. It is incumbent upon me to state, so far at least as the Organic act of the Territory is concerned, which is printed in the Statutes of Kansas, that errors of a grave and important character, and which in some instances, entirely change the principles of the act, have crept into the reprints, to whose faults these errors are chargeable. I am not able to state, I merely refer to the fact, feeling it to be a matter of duty. By a comparison of the reprints in the Statutes of Kansas with the organic act, as printed in the Statutes at Large, these errors will be discovered. Respecting items
Items comprising the charge of $304.50 I have to state them in detail as furnished for the account appended by Mr. Lowe.

1. Territory of Kansas

To Samuel A. Lowe

Dr.

For services as 2nd Assistant Clerk to the House of Representatives from 14th July to Aug. 30th 1855 both days included being 58 days at $4.00 a... $232.00.

This is to certify that the above account is correct and ordered to be paid out of any monies in the Territorial Treasury unless paid by the United States.

Affidavit

John H. Stringfellow
Speaker of the House.

James M. Lyle
Chief Clerk.

It will be noticed the above charge of $232.00 was for 58 days service as 2nd Assistant Clerk to the House at $4.00 per day. This service was not authorized by the Tenure of the Organic Act. A clause in the 30th section of which provides "And a Chief Clerk, one Assistant Clerk, a ye...
for each house, and the Chief Clerk shall receive four dollars per day and the said other Officers three dollars per day during the session of the Legislative Assembly, but no other Officers shall be paid by the United States.

Under this enactment a Chief Clerk was paid by the Secretary of Kansas for each house at $4.00 each per day and one Assistant Clerk for each house at $3.00 each per day which rates were allowed at the Treasury upon adjustment of his Accounts.

2nd Territory of Kansas
1855 Augt 30
To Sam'l A. Lowe, apc Dr
For Mileage from Parsonage to Shawnee Man-uel Labor School being 150 miles as recom-mended by report to Keene from Com on account, $22.50.

This is to certify that the above apc is correct and to be paid out of any monies in the Terri-
Jon Taylor Treasury

John H. Stringfellow
Speaker of House

Alfred James M. Lyons
Clk Clk H. Reps
It is supposed this mileage was paid on account of the personal injury to the Shawnee, Manuel Labor School, and charged on the ground of the service claimed to have been performed as a Assistant Clerk, to which he was appointed without authority of law. I may remark in reference to this change, that mileage is not authorized to be paid by the Organic Act to officers of any grade in the Assembly and that none was paid by the Secretary.

2. Territory of Kansas,

1855

Augst 30, For copying & furnishing letter of introduction for the House of Rep's & Council as

According to Concurrent Resolution, $50.00.

Examined and found to be correct.

Jahah Weddle, Clerk, Capt.

I certify the above to be according to Concurrent Resolution of the House of Representatives & Council.

Albert James M. Sibley
John H. Stringfellow
Chief of the Rep's.
I would state in reference to this item, that it is apparent in view of the action of the Committee of a Legislative Body in charge, or that the Committee itself would prefer the letter to stand, before passage thereof, and that the copying in that behalf would be performed by the Chief Clerk or the Authorized Assistant during the Session, and by consequence without extra charge. If the service charged for was performed during the Session, and Congress should allow pay for the service of M. Lowe, as Second Assistant Clerk, he would be entitled to compensation therefor.

In conclusion, I have to state it as my opinion that further legislation is necessary. Touching all the items of charge preferred by M. Lowe, as explained in this communication. The papers received are here... they turned All of which is respectfully submitted.

Most Sincerely yours,
Eliza Whitley.