Belvoir 17 July 1857

My dear Sir,

Last evening he returned on arrangement for 23d February dinner
- Martin Seligman - Isaac
- Donwain - James Dagen
- Wenzley Mary and Sir Busby
- J. T. Brady in li
inside - We are generally
knew that you are to
be present - in consequence
-
With the best of wishes...

Mr. [Name]

---

Hope Mrs. Douglas will accompany you. Let the horse be kept tight.

The room will be yours. Can you

Just bring her with you?

With respect.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Mrs. [Name]
Claymore, Mo.
Feb. 17, 1857

Dear Douglas,

This will be handed to you by Mr. J. W. Clarke one of the best democrats and best fellows in Kansas. He has every respect for a gentleman and an honest man. I will esteem it a great honor if you will show such attention as will make it possible for me to visit Washington agreeable. He has been somewhat notorious as a "lender of suffrage" and you have unquestionably heard of him. I hope to go to Washington soon.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
P. Calhoun
Carversville, Pa.
Feb 17/57
Introduces M. S.
Clark

Geo. Robinson

Dear Sir,

C. A. D.
Ottawa, Mr. July 17, 1857

Mr. D. C. Douglas
Mr. J. G. Johnston
Washington, D.C. — I am, &c.

Mr. Secretary, I have the pleasure of knowing that I have remembered your two amendments to our public documents. Having reviewed, I feel a little hesitation in addressing you, but of course as no good I seem as no harm. My principal object is to state my opinion in favor of the interests of the Democratic party in this vicinity, which is merely to say that those who sacrificed their time & money in the last contest should be so noticed as to enforce respect from the community in which they reside, & as we are not represented in the House, we ask you as our Senator to look after our interests & to allow of no more except such as will come through the friends & benefits those who are in our consequence from our interests. I regret, therefore, to undoubtedly acquiesce the vote of this County from 1,000 to 2,700 Democratic votes by one letter and care no small item in the 10,000
Dated which occurred the State of Arkansas to sheer effect. 

A few years past me perhaps there occurred the cause of the cause, they could not be trusted to lead being a steady character. Then on record are those who should be greatest. A person who should be greatest. 

As a result, they read this, but perhaps it is not the best place for one to be. 

I hear was reason to consider for the people during the late Company. This is always greatest, and if it had been a strong for office and such then become an elector. 

I have one interest in two friends. 

In regard to the appointment of Marshall, for this, District the usual end. My name reversed as far as this appointment. They also informed them to be the appontee. In the manner I believe it to be the first case as his Deputy, in the place. 

He never read, which is appointment, alone for his removal. July 1811 appointed. The he near the town, from motion this can be. 

I was one of the nearest to. 

Respectfully yours. 

Wm. H. Earhart
Elkton, Md.,
February 17, 1857,

Dear Sir:

Pardon me for thus addressing you, but it is on a subject in which I feel a deep interest, from the heart, approval of the great principle contained in it. I have reference to the Kansas Nebraska Act.

And my purpose in writing is to beg of you a copy of the speeches you made on the bill when before the Senate. Any other speeches on the bill will also interest me, whether for or against the measure. But I particularly desire
your efforts for it. The magnificent principle of allowing the people of our territories to be the arbiters of the form of government they prefer to live under is the true, proper, legitimate one too little understood by the mass.

Yours truly,

Jno. C. A. Jones
Hon. S. A. Douglas,
U.S. S.
Washington
D.C.

[Signature]
Hagerstown, Feb 17, 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglas.

Dear Sir,

Will the Kansas Land Bills pass this session so that the officers will be opened in the spring? If so how many officers will be opened & who has the appointing power of Recorder and Coroner thereof?

My object in moving these inquiries is, that I intend going to that Country about that time.

You will therefore excuse my impertinence.

Yours truly,

T. H. Wilco.
A. H. Miles
Hagerstown, Md.
Feb 17, 1857

Ref. to His new Land
Offices in the District
Boston, Feb. 17, 1837

Friend Douglass dear sir, I cannot address you as Judge or Senator Douglass from Illinois but Stephen A. Douglass of Brandon at Uncle Ned, cow at an old home in Dedham thirty years or more gone by not that I have awaked at Rip Van Winkle did out of such a place as your history is concerned for I have always read a Daniel has told all your publick acts and you have not forgotten there was such a living creature as my own dear self for you have a different thers sent me publick documents for which I thanked you at the time of receiving. Stephen I think I have sympathized with you in affliction as I have followed two lovely wifes to their silent paces and like you I have a good wife now and a pleasant home now Stephen can you assist me to some very
humble birth in President Bush health my habits are good my nervous embly for which you should universal propensities are improved think me fitted I will name some first Fort Montgomery Post Martain the Champlain Steam boats or the Cars or the Edinburgh Rail Road or a Deputy Collector all such are here near by Fort Mont gomery is my choice but I will go any where and do any thing my abilities allow I have formerly been acquainted with Senator Foot and J P Merrill Father Hammond I know but I presume he dont know me give my best respects to Juliana and Sarah and when you go to a from Illinois take the route and stop at Nocorrs Junction and see us and be sure living Ada along and the little boy now Stephen as for a democracy is concerned I never was accused of casting a Whig vote I find my device to serve in the army when it was increased and was well accouned for I have always enjoyed good
Dear Rhodes,

Moore, WY

Feb 17, 1857

Wants something done for him by the next Administration.
Dear Sir,

I am most grateful for your kind offer of a

great assistance and of considerable

evolution and subject. I shall be honored to

have it in my hand.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Smith

The situation is a great cause of

great frustration and considerable

evolution and subject. I commend

herself to your kind.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Smith
Chicago, Ill.
18th February 1857

Hon. Stevan A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Having arrived in this city three weeks ago, from the city of New York, with a view of making Chicago my permanent home, and knowing the influence you profess with persons in the several Public Departments here, I take the liberty of bringing the following under your notice, with a view of soliciting your kind patronage in my behalf. In the year 1852, I had the pleasure of meeting you in Cleveland, Ohio, when I was engaged as agent of the then "Democratic Review" of which my lamented friend, the Rev. Mr. Long, was Editor, while acting as such agent I strenuously advocated the claims of Gen. Pierce to the Presidency. Later, I acted as Bookkeeper on the New York "Citizen," a paper (as you are aware) started by Mr. John Mitchell and subsequently as agent t. Thomas Francis Meagher's "Such A life," during a portion of the late exciting campaign, which paper strenuously supported Mr. Buchanan. Meanwhile life here being conducted on different lines from New York, I would feel grateful for an introduction from you to Mr. Cord (Post Master here) whom I have no doubt would appoint me to a situation in his department.
My reference, in addition to the
already mentioned, are John Savage, Literary Editor
of the "Tribe News" (Brother in Law of J. R. Sanders Esq)
John McLoughland, Present Editor and Proprietor "Olyra."
P. S. P., Editor, "Yale American." &c.

Hoping for your favorable consideration
Shew the honor to be

Yours truly,

J. Hennay.
I [illegible]
Chicago
Jan 24
Feb 1857
New York Dec 15th 1857

Mr. Stephen Douglas
U.S. Senate

My dear Sir,

I have just learned

that the Submarine Telegraph Bill has just passed the House, with some slight amendments. I am sure you and I, the obligation we are already under to you for your efficient support, by accelerating its progress through the Senate, as the Cable is nearly ready, and we desire very much to get the vessel assigned, before the Czar's of our incoming admiral, 

- tration postpones it to too late a day. Mr. Livermore, Mr. Thurlow, and all of us feel very much indebted to you for what you have done, and do not intend you shall have the obligation made any less binding. Major Sandford is quite well now.

truly yours,

Abram S. Hewitt
Hon. Stephen Douglass.
U. S. Senate.
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Douglas,

Yours truly,

[Signature]
New York Feb 18th 1857

Nest hunter A. Douglas
Washington

My dear Sir,

We have just heard of the passage in the House of our Submarine Telegraph bill, which you did so much for when before your heart; amended in some small particulars their amendment are so new objectionable to the company, and the spirit of them would have been carried out, or if not incorporated in the Bill.

It must again pass the ordeal of the Senate, and I would beg of you, if not asking too much, that you would again give us your valuable cooperation and a favorable opinion passing it.

We desire very much to have the prosecution of our Government, in laying down the road and by a process of the Bill, to see that it will be given, as the Senate of evidence that it will be done, in an effort making no arrangement with other repeating the adjoining ships in land, it is very desirable therefore that the Bill pass the Senate at an early day as possible.

Relaying upon your kindness in forwarding our wishes I am Very

Truly yours

[Signature]

July 28th

R. W. Sands

July 28th
W. W. Lawber
New York City
Feb 18, 1857
About the submarine telegraph
San Francisco  
Feb 18, 1857

My Dear Judge——

You will remember my friend Drexel & D. Coleman who during the last session was connected with the California press at Washington also with the local press at Washington——I think he addressed you that he was an applicant for the Consulate at Honolulu (Sandwich Islands)——He will have the support of Col. Miller and I am very desirous that he may succeed in his application——

This is a matter dear to the State, and one in which I suppose I may legitimately take a part. I wish to help him in behalf of my friend Coleman and in my own name to give him what aid may be consistent with some few relations and duties of a duty——

Yours truly

Hon S. D. Woolworth
U. S. Senator

Judge Younglass. Or live pursuit your
on the 5th January asking your assistance in my behalf. Demand of necessaries and gums in a petition signed by one of the former members of your party in this State urging my appointment.

I suppose that Mr. Peters' uncle and the one to whom you mentioned me to his influence, notwithstanding I suppose his unpopularity, Col. Miller.

My Alexander Reportation in my request you will express the favor with which I have received your communication.

I am respectfully yours,

[Signature]

D. Graham
James A. M. Royal
San Francisco (Cal)
Feb 18 1882

Recommends dear Ed
Coleman as Consul to
Honduras
Springfield, Feb 18, 1857

To Jacob Salt

Dear Sir:

I suppose you have by this time heard of the passage of the Illinois wine bill. I fought it to the last. Sunday I made a speech against it one day and voted for it the next. André of Chicago spoke him over. The Republicans under the leadership of Mr. dome came up as a body against it. Senators of the party came to or join the democrats with him and thus the bill was passed. André called a meeting of the party, Mr. dome in the presence of Mr. dome a conference, professing unity to meet those of us who were friends to the West. Steering offends of the bill Tuesday was present. And. Ocean, to agree to Chase. And. I President was to withdraw. And. I President was to withdraw. He was shadowed down so as not to materially affect the future of the corporation. As having at first...
un or plausible, what Mr. — me
drew, seeing open to the pursuit of

deed, and what many of us,
announced by Mr— that all opposi-
tive was withdrawn, the one
who has not been accused since
that was for the cause as well
at the bar, has a right to make
a case. But there is no other
of all the time approdi-
g the bill, receiving today, needs
for the announcement or vote
against the bill, but when Mr.
and was clearly enclosing to
represent the interests of the city of
San Francisco, or whatever else
is the bill, there being off the same
and having no interest in the matter
then age to be voted against it, and
that the mayor, who represents the city of
San Francisco, which has so far
his interest in the matter, nor is it far
from the necessity, so that the
That he states, that all opposing has
been removed and 20 a small
majority it was passed, I may have
been long in his opposition,
but I acted conscientiously in
the matter and believe this

The bill is one of the most fatal measures ever
passed by the legislature of this state. It is a
great injury to the state, and the
hand of pure speculator, who has no
interest for the interests in the state. The
measure is nothing but a,
Mr. Chatman for a perpetual period
They will again be taken. They set
ready, they will at some time during
the session, if the legislature does not see them
writing out the bill. Before the conference, I have allowed
It was held there was a majority
in the house, approved it, and has
the opposite of the bill held ever
that they have been entirely defeated.

The measure has not been
from the opposition of the bill has
been passed of its friends. The
legislature will adopt it, and

Mr. Chatman
Dr. Mellenbeny
M. Shalbourn
Springfield Ills

[Handwritten letter content]
Honorable
J. A. Douglas
Mobile, Feb. 18th, 1857

Washington, D.C.

It affords me great pleasure to introduce to you my acquaintance and friend, Capt. R. W. Shepley, formerly of the Navy, and for several years past connected with Mobile, and the business of his visit to Washington he will explain to you. I have given my friend the subjoined letter to Dr. John Fitzpatrick, but I rely upon you for personal acts of kindness to be shown to him, as I feel it essential that you should know that it would qualify me to give you in any way in my power.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

P.S. [Signature]
Honoré

Stephen A. Douglas

Washington

R. W. Shufeldt
No. 29 Wacker.
Feb. 16.
My dear just,

I have just

read the City of the

Herald of Feb. 56.

The dinner will

be advertised and

the tickets, the theater

prices, we are already

at a premium.

We are discussing

that the a Committee
Would meet you at Philadelphia, but you have omitted to drop me a line stating when you intend to be at that place. I was to go in my last point. Please do so by Autumn post.

Expect a sheath, a real sheath, from Mr.

Always yours,

Cheol West.
Ed. Greet
New York
Feb 18/87
About your coming
to New York
Mr. Ida, Feb. 19, '59

My dear Sir,

Permit me to ask your kindest civilities to

Hon. W. Austin, Esq., a highly respectable citizen of

Roxbury, Mass.

Mr. Austin is a distinguished member of the profession of law—but has retired from practice, to cultivate the soil.

He is a democrat of the Jackson School; firm, active, & uncompromising. He is prompt in peace, & brave in war—& just the man to inspire the Democracy with confidence in their principles. He is worthy of all confidence. I remain,

With great respect,

Hon. J. A. Douglas,

Your friend &

Nahum Capen

Washington, D.C.
Nathan Caffee
Mr. Dela Mass
Feb 19 1857
Introduce Mr. Austin of Roxbury Mass.
Chicago, February 19th, 1857

My dear Judge,

The city of Chicago seems to have taken a new start since I was here last, but I do not yet see any visible marks of political change. The papers here are still as fanatical as ever and rather personal than argumentative. In this way, nobody is convinced or converted. The German paper here is dull and heavy, with occasional polemics but no steady, daily recurring exposition of principles such as allow one to make converts of Germans. The news department is lamentably deficient. I have some to be wanting an editorial head to give character and uniformity to the paper.

Koch is about to quit the establishment and Schade, I understand, acts as financier with elegant lecture. I shall see Birney.

I do not think Lenthworth after all will be nominated for Mayor. I heard something accidentally last night which precludes me of the contrary. So far, so good.
I had no idea Chicago contained so many applicants for office as it has; but his name is legion. I was quite amused with little Jesse Hannum urging me to support his claim for the post-office. He is not an honest man as you know, and some to have no knowledge whatever of the politics of the state or province.

Another candidate for the Consulate at Hamburg, Germany, is Mr. Braid, a jovial fellow enough, a clerk in an insurance office and formerly the financial man of the American Bank. Mr. Braid has taken a part in politics, either by word or writing or otherwise; but claims the reward which Dr. Nellermuth's money forbids him to ask for. I say you will not forget poor Nellermuth.

As to myself, I do not wish to try any prize. If Mr. Buchanan thinks I can do service abroad, very well; if not, I shall not depend on any one place that any body can fill as well as myself. I have not come down to Washington, to influence my presence or my vote, but feel as though I must manage very well to live here as a citizen of Illinois.

I am figuring at the Catalogue of your pictures and will send it in my next letter.

Present my homage to Madame and believe me very faithfully,

Your friend,

[Signature]

Francis Leavitt
Francis J. Grund
Chicago I11.
Feb 27 1857

Political
New York Febry 19, 1857.

Hon. S. A. Douglas

U. S. C.

Washington.

Sir,

Observing in yesterday's news from Washington that the new Tariff provides that all wool costing under 16 cts. over 50 cts. per lb. will be free, importation paying 50 cts. per lb. we have taken the liberty to send you a sample of coarse Russian washed wool very inferior to anything that is or will ever be produced in this country, & the importation of which would be entirely prohibited by such a measure. In the present high prices of wool the limit of 16 cts. does not cover the whole ground of common wool. We might have sent you samples of many other Angora & Spanish wool which would be similarly affected. They cost in their respective countries from 18 to 14 cts. & the last London price current quotes them from 10 to 11 1/2 cts. per lb. or 20 or 23 cts.
Their woods are largely used for tarpotes & their exclusion from our markets would considerably injure our manufacturer without any possible benefit to the wood growers. Their high prices are not accidental: the history of the wood trade is the last for years show conclusively that the consumption of the wood is far a head of the production.

The reduction of duties on France has given such an impetus to the manufacturing of less excellent wood in that country, that it is believed sufficient to keep up prices for years to come. We thought the correspondence might prove of some interest to you & we hope you will be kind enough to excuse the liberty we have taken in thus trespassing on your time.

We remain,

For your most obliging,

[Signature]
F. Cuming Co.  
New York  
Oct 19 1857  

Relative to the new Tariff.
Washington Feb 19 154

Sir,

I have a land claim in the name of the heirs of Santeine which is now in the hands of Mr. Benjamin who is trying to report and pass the claim. Please assist him in getting the action of the Senate thereon and oblige your friend at least

Mrs. David

Please instruct Mr. B as to when he expects to be ready to act on said claim and let him know if you please that you will assist him in getting it up.
John L. Daniel
Washington D.C.
Feb 17 1857
Has a Land Claim
in Tennessee, wants your
Assistance.
Saluunge Grain to Ohio
Feb 19, 1852

Samuel A. Douglas
Sir,

I live on the "Western Reserve" in the state of Ohio. I am a young man not yet arrived at the age of majority. I took an active part in the last campaign. I exercised all my powers of mind & body (which are weak) in defending the great National Democratic party & also the prominent actors in the political drama from the injurious & scurrilous attacks made upon them by the opposition. Although we could not carry every vote, we labored with a zeal worthy of success. During that excitement, all the elements of commotion & discord were set in motion. But if this you are informed I have been saved from libel by one of the basest of the opposition in this town & am to be arraigned before a court of justice to answer to the charge. As I said before
I am a young man & have just been introduced to public things. I do not intend to be a candidate for any office, & have no intention of opposing my friend, [name cut off], for the position of the Representative. I will not advise you to go out of my friends or the people. I have not asked for the position of the Executive nor have I declared my intention to fight the whole insidious mass of "Gruenenthalites" about before "giving the ball." You must be aware that you are the principal target, & which the whole opposition, as their last resort, I have defended you. I must now say that my whole trouble is growing out of all these "conspiracies" where your conscience was not troubled. For this reason nothing but our willing heart will be as efficient as your advocating your claims to the presidency in 1868, as I have been so many times now. What in your counsel? What shall I do? If you will write one you will greatly oblige.

Your faithfully,

E. L. Johnson
E. G. Johnson  
Da Grange Ohio  
Feb 19 1837  

Want your advice on  
Some matters pertaining  
to a legal suit
London 20. Feb. '57

My Dear Sir,

Allow me to present to you, as eminently entitled to a Cordial personal welcome, the new representative of Her Britannic Majesty at Washington, Lord and Lady Napier.

I know that in making these distinguished strangers known to yourself and MR Douglas, I am secuning very great pleasure to all.

Always most respectfully,

and sincerely yr.

G. M. Dallas.
Pittsburgh
24 June 57

Sir,

I am notified of your coming to this city with the purpose of nothing less personal.
I am supposed to have an appointment.

He is a gentleman of education of some
He is a lawyer by birth and at present connected with the affairs of our State.

He is a constant friend of yours &

I am a friend of his. You will be pleased with him, I

Thank

my truly your friend

P. B. Hamilton

Yours
S. C. 

N. S. S.
Ruffsville, Logan County, Kentucky
4th February 1857

To Mr. A. Douglas

Sir,

Mr. John S. Kerr designs to establish himself in the legal profession in the State of Illinois, perhaps he will select Chicago as his place of residence. Permit me to introduce him to your acquaintance and do what in my behalf your favourable opinion. I hope it may lead you to lend him your influence and patronage to further his views, as I believe him talented and worthy.

He was active and efficient in our last contest in which, for the only time in twenty-eight years, we secured the State for the Democratic party.

Very respectfully yours at St.

Eliza Dixon
Mr. Davis
West Point
Introducing Mr. Rice,
U.S. Steam Frigate Wachusett
Brooklyn Navy Yard
Oct 29th, 1857

Sir,

Allow me to call your attention to one fact in relation to the present movement for an increase of pay for the Officers of the Navy. It has been found convenient by Warrant and do not receive commissions under the rules of the grade of Chief Engineer to appoint men who have been appointed by Warrant. All each Office will by the present letter be deprived of anything above their present pay for previous years. Allow me to subscribe myself

Most respectfully,

James B. Yiend
Br. Actt. Eng. U.S.N.

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Washington, D.C.
James P. Kennelly
Tempe, Logan's Island
Brooklyn, N.Y.
Feb. 20, 1857

To the Galaxy of Office of the U.S. Navy
Boston Feb. 20th, 1857.

Hon. S. A. Douglas,
Wash. D.C.

Dear Sir,

I beg to call your attention to the frightful accumulation of coin in the Independent Treasury. In common with the great mass of business men I opposed this system of working the national resources, now but one sentiment prevails regarding it and that is approval. Is it not of vital interest that the revenues be restricted to the expenses of the Government only do not allow an adjustment till this thing is settled.

I remain,

Yrs of Est.,
Sam Lawrance.
Samuel Lawrence
Boston, Mass
Feb 20 1859

Ref. to the thistfull
accumulation of aid
in the Treasury
Florence, N.Y.

July 20th, 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Sir,

Some time since, a committee of the Literary Societies of the Florence Wesleyan University, invited you to address them, on the 4th of July next. Since then, nothing has been heard from you. As silence is ambiguous, you will please inform us by return mail whether you accept or refuse. It is the ardent desire of your friends, that you should come.

We remain, Sir, yours,

[Signature]

[Signatures of others]
Dear Mr. Cook, C. E. Davis, A. H. Garley, Burton Lawncroft, and J. P. Austin, Committee
Florence, Ala.
February 20/37

Again invite you to address their Society on the 18th July next. Let all have immediate answers.
Andrew Mess
Feb. 20, 1857

Hon. Stephen Douglas,

Sir,

If it would not be too much trouble, you would confer a favor by sending me your autograph.

Your humble servant,

J. E. Taylor,

Please direct to

James E. Taylor,
Andrew,
Mass.
Washington D.C. 
July 20, 1857

Dear S.A. Douglas,

Having had a short interview with the Secretary of War, favorably disposed as to my suit, I called to express my gratitude, as also, that of my family for your kind intervention in our behalf. I am honor bound to say, without dwelling upon the propriety of having the whole story before, it is to be of the present administration. I am obliged to bear without asking you to return the return favor, when I hope to have the honor of placing my respects to you and your kind lady.

Yours very truly,

J. Richards

Moore Richards
Chicago Ill.