Chicago, Ill. March 1757

Wor. S. A. Douglas,

S. L. I.

I have been speculating the day in Chicago. Lord! John has been nominated for Mayor by the Black Republicans and the Democracy are down. Skiddo & Co. took Chopstake & I saw Mr. Keable this afternoon & he concurs the election of the insubordinate. Chorong Lord John & asked what had become of his candidate Mr. Turner, why he kept him before the people, & whether he would accept the office. He said Mr. Turner would accept if the Convention had not been packed. To defeat Mr. Turner that being the case he would not allow Mr. Turner his friends to be insulted in that manner. There was no help. Now long John would be elected.
I have just seen your book, "Pride and Prejudice," and I must give up its field to you. What a success it is! They will announce three or six copies at the Map Meeting to be held tomorrow at two o'clock. I do their best to promote your own book, but they charm any other. I managed to show it through the window to your husband yesterday. He was very pleased, and I think your son is interested. I heard him talk to my wife. I saw your copy of the book. He wrote this letter, that you would like to know how that goes. I saw him at Douglas.

To Mrs. D. Douglas.
Chicago
March 1837

Dear Sir A. Douglas,

I wish to give you a brief report of our proceedings to-day. We have nominated B. F. Cameron, cashier of Illinois Bank, at the mass meeting to-day and he has accepted the nomination. We have a multi-action meeting this evening and shall try to elect him at this late day. Have a celebration after the meeting is over to-night. Long Pegs has been in all the clubs of Beer Saloons in town and has got the start of us. There is great excitement, but no longer do there is a chance some hopes.
If we had three days we could
beat live certain but you
know the time to short it
will require due diligence
and they have started the
Cong among the Railroad
men that I do my nomination
before the Pothel, I fear
they will all take a hand
in for that Dry Wentworth.
Carrick is not known
sufficiently among the
foreigners yet. I hail
We have regularly committed
for three weeks ago his
election would of been
shivered. I want to be
in late if well
is Victorious. I will
telegraph at one tomorrow
We are proceeding all we
can. I shall have you one
pected. I want you will 
To see. I trust 

Lord
I. Earl
Chicago, Ill.
March 1907

Private
Mr. S. A. Douglas

My dear Sir,

You will confer a great favor on me; by sending to me some of the speeches of the present Congress.

Yours truly,

J. S. Antisworth

Meriden, Conn.
March 1, 185
I L. Blumeth
Montauk NY

Mounts Speckles
Curt
Dear Sir,

I enclose you petitions asking the appointment of John Short as postmaster at Bristol, Kendall County, and W. B. Pynne at Pawlins, same county, in this State, and beg leave to suggest that the changes asked for most desirably.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

The S. A. Douglas.
James W. Sheahan
Chicago Ill
March 3, 1857

Encloses some papers for the removal of the Postmaster.
Albuquerque, New Mexico
March 3rd, 1857

Honor. S. A. Douglas,
U. S. Senate,
Washington D.C.

Sir: I arrived at home here on the 1st. Ulz, from a review of the
Supreme Court at Santa Fe, that convened on the 3rd of Jan. The mails across
the plains had been interrupted and uncertain
the past winter, I wrote to you at Santa
Fe, but the mail did not arrive there
in time for that State by the early winter
day to reach me, and you will please
accept one, for enabling you with news
as it may reach you, should another
misunderstanding, I sent to you by the Feb. mail
what I supposed was sufficient evidence
of your case. I have consulted on public
arsenal here, and the my appointment,
was asked by all parties and classes
of people on the Territory, Bypass that mail
reach you the matter will be fixed, and
I shall hope favorably. A continuance of another
four years upon the Indian Affairs would on
so great many ways advance my own as
my family interests, and I may be allowed
to hope the said intiret of the Territory also. If any person at a political account have violated this or direction to discontinue, it cannot be an renewal of my Commission. I have given renewal of the 3d of April my powers will expire, the Delegate will thereafter serve a short period Postumous and may sometime the Court will begin the first Monday of June and continue four weeks. My Nephew pays have denied me to tell the same to the charge of preparing for publication the acts of the Supreme Court of this Territory, and to send the same under your care in the publishing. The Court at its last adjournment made an order appointing me to the duties of Inspector to those besides my five month Debt to Bank duties with the Chancery, Presidio, Chamble, and the Supreme Court, due to prepare the case for the publication of these so that language and is of great importance, these papers contain much of the same in one hand but susceptible to only a few persons. The papers must be delivered to a person for state payment, and there are many reason of justice and paying why any person should be liable to their Territory, your measure will be seen directly but of sec. as much equal to that position is of any right moment. It has been no part of my going to be an account with any of the disappointed here but I can say I have no time for the dispatch matter I colin at the cost of deal interest, for I by some in the discharge of these duties. With, is indeed, upon what very dollar the commission as a party and hoping for the time when they should have enough to leave with and to turn her back upon these people is unjust to be heard from in this Territory. But if it is not, all Americans to account, friend, because it binds to you fully upon the appointment of men and perhaps I will in time. But they have no meeting you at any time, through that my own interest we go on to be kind very much I can tell the time that the Senate have your letter and pursue of the Territory than yourself. The population and condition are now able command attention at Washington for any home and you friends are now careful to see that the inhabitants are interested as to who you are and the justice supplies that are paid you. It shall be glad to receive all early day as I am to the House of the Congress.
O: A fine, caused two days ago to search for the remains of Captain John House, Indian agent, and son of the Indian. They have been found near the place where he was last seen, about 30 miles S.W. of the village of Zenoa. To find new active American here by some means of disease! or entirely mule. - Soup was captured and killed while hunting by the Cayutee, a member of the Indians. He killed a small dog and struggled like a bear now with his "harness on." He is now under the care of Mr. F. C. Deftones of Anacostian 1558 crew prepared to march among these people. Col. Bonneville is command in person.

Benedict.
Jamaica Plain, Norfolk Co, Massachusetts, March 5, 1867

Dear Sir,

It may appear strange to you that I should address you—but I have known you by reading your History and your Publick acts and Speeches, since you became a Publick Statesman and knowing you to be a Democrat of the right stamp. I take the liberty of asking through you a Copy of the U.S. Japan Expedition.

The persons who represent this District of State in which I live are all of the Free Soil Republican stamp and therefore I am unable to be in any of the discomfiture of Publick Demurrer.

I was Post Master in this place from 1833 to 1843, and then was appointed Post Master in 1853, and still hold the Office. If it is in your power to oblige me with the above wish it also with you Autograph I shall esteem it an act of high Endeavor.

Regard,

I'm yours,

[Signature]
I can refer you to no one as an agent of myself. The only person that I know personally in Washington is Mr. W. Austin, son of the former.

Yours,

Mrs. J. Allen Douglas
Ala. State Senator

Robert Leaver
Robert Snave
Pomac Plam
March 237
- Nante Public Joe 2-
Chicago
March 3rd 1837

Hon. J. A. Douglas

Dear Judge

We have just got through voting. The Polls are closed & I think the Dog is a little ahead. He is respectfully Seannor & had one of had 12 hours more & we would of surely beat him if we have not come pretty near it this time. I have just heard the Vote in my Ward. 2° The majority is reduced over fifty-Since last Fall. There has been harder work done in the same length of time this Spring than ever done before by the Working Democrats. The Irish stood up nobly & fought in all the Wards. The Germans when against us in Senate. Mr. Shephard of the National-Democrat done nobly as far as he could but fair there was not time to change many. It is time to give you the Vote as it comes in.
In the first Ward Against us.  

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Deported majority Nebraska.  .63

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This is about the major's report.
If we had of only nominated in time,
We could of beat them over a thousand.
The Fremont vote is reduced over
Five Hundred since last fall,
I think this will be a Lexis to
Mr. Coyne & Sheahan & that
Sheahan will remember as long as
Democrats in this city continue to have
Regular nomination it will ring his name

ever. The party is down on him generally.
I am doing my best and you must continue on the militia
The machine is about closing 17 3/4
In honor toward both.
Warren, March 2, 1837

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

I take the liberty of writing to you in regard to the merits of the applicants for the Galena Post Office, viz. B. Gray, the present incumbent, and B.B. Howard, of Galena.

A simple statement of facts of what I know of the applicants is all I have to say. Admitted you will use your influence in the best interests of our party.

In regard to the antecedents of Mr. Gray and Mr. Howard since the Nebraska issue, I know that Mr. Gray upon the party are paramount to those of Mr. Howard. I am satisfied that in the memorable contest of 1834 that Howard used his influence truthfully to seek Washburne in his election. It is a notorious fact that the Candidates on the entire Democratic ticket received but a lukewarm support from him.

On the other hand, I know that Mr. Gray supported the entire Democratic ticket, and openly and boldly advocated the principles of the Kansas-Nebraska Bill.
In regard to the influence upon our party, I know that the Continuance of Mr. Davis in office will have a more salutary influence than the appointment of a successor. In my view, the entire Confederate of those Democrats who stood firm by our principles in the late memorable contest of 1861. If his continuance in office will meet with the cordial recognition throughout Northern Illinois of all Democrats, who have the best interests of our party at heart.

Very Respectfully,

W. Marvin.
M. Manrie
Marru Ols
March 3137
Rom the P.C.O
at Galv. Ols

[Handwritten text not legible]
Post Office Department

20 March, 1857.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your note of this date, I have to inform you that Fairus, Ila., was established as a distributing office on the 23rd August 1855, to go into operation as such on the 1st of October following.

Very Respectfully,

[Signature]

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
U.S. Senate
James Campbell
P.M. Dept
March 31st 1857
Inform you that
Curts meal dated
Distribution Office
Winter 1858
Chicago, Illinois
March 3rd, 1857

My Dear Sir,

The election is over, the polls are closed, the fuse exploded, and John Wentworth, your anointed foe, is now mayor of Chicago. Dismissed and betrayed by his own party, yet he has dashed the cars into his compact, and now by intrigue and position he is the most influential politician in Illinois.

I feel what I write. For months I have watched with deep anxiety the late wrangling of politicians in the city and "Coming events cast their shadows before.

The Democratic party has been broken up, by ambitions politicians who seek only self-aggrandizement. They profess to be your friends, to work for your intents, willing to sacrifice all personal feelings, for party intents, and yet their acts belie their professions. These men have not acted right; they have..."
need no exertions to write and preserve the party. The different cliques have met in secret conclaves, to discuss their schemes, with a view, only to defeat their rivals. The great mass of Democrats, true, loyal, Democrats, have been kept in the dark; they had hoped that something would have been done to unite them together. They hoped in till the last and now find themselves, unorganized, without a leader—broken up, defeated. I had fondly hoped that an effort would have been made to assemble our Irish and German issues. It could have been done but now the breach is irreparable. This is now no hope for our party in this city. Until we can find a man who as our leader will command respect and by his energy and influence, organize and make our disorganized ranks line in now amongst the (so-called) leaders of the Democratic party. A something, hence, of petition which will form base upon

Now new scouts are gone and we are looking forward to the future. The National administration with such expectations of a man of the people, many will be its affirmed. Then they will show their true colors. I trust you will forgive me if I have written in a hurry; and believe me when I say that I speak my mind, I correspond to their evident to none other than yourself. I have spent part of the day at the polls at my ward (the first) and close all I could for Mr. Cannon and his ticket

"We think Mr. Carlisle has been elected in the Ninth Ward. It is probable that we may have elected Kennedy in the fourth. The times will doubtless be able to give the result in time."

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Mrs. W. H. Douglas

U.S. Senate

Washington, Feb 26
Chas F. Britton
Chicago Ills
March 3rd
St Louis March 3rd 1857

Hon J. Q. Douglas
Dear Sir,

As long ago as when you addressed the citizens of our city, you possibly recollect, that I stated to you that the rise and progress of Know-Nothingism and especially its spread, on the ranks of my old Whig party, would completely drive me into the ranks of the Democratic party, as the only national party of the Country. Since then I have wholly acted on that judgment, and shall for the future remain a National Democrat. During the last canvass I was not able to do much, apparently not being a noisy politician, but being a Catholic, in full fellowship here, opposing the Northern Black Republican, centring on Fremont as an anti-Catholic, and having known here, in his relation to the Church, I deemed it both my right and duty to oppose his former position. I flatter myself that the Catholic opposition, which I in fact organized, drove him some harm, both with Catholics and others. See the Reader just before the
Election, leaving me the proud satisfaction of being a citizen of a great Republic.

I must now say you were very justly chosen for the highest honors of this great Republic and the North as well as the South, from this point on as our future leader. You have many strong and ancient friends in Missouri.

Honored among them, both in great intelligence and ability, among all of them, an active friend but now fully engaged with the Democracy, I mean Mr. John Reagan. He is generally stated of as our next President and if I may, I write to you between him and the present President, who is inexperienced. I believe Reagan would get it by thousands, but I suppose these matters will be discussed by others. I only wish to define my position, and say to you I should like very much to be appointed one of the three inspectors of boats at this place, and if you can get me the appointment, I will give you the very best and aid you in supporting my family, which is a very interesting one. The office is a small quiet one.

And I doubt not your intent is to my friends obtain what I desire.

Stephen Douglas Bartow's wife, you will find, is very kind, all nice, allow me to congratulate you on a late happy event in your life, with the beautiful lady of your choice. May your Cup of happiness be full to overflowing, and I hope to live to help see your highest ambition crowned. I am, dearest

Yours Very Truly,

Joseph C. Bartow

Mrs. Dugger calls on Mrs. Lamar now in Washington. She is a cousin of my late wife, Mrs. Mary Lane, last Tuesday at Mrs. Chouinard's. Young Mr. Chamber is a son of Mr. W. Chamber of the Army in Washington. I should be highly pleased if you have time to and be pleased to write me. I assure you, you can make a trusty friend here, in any way I can be of service to you.

J.C. 12
Joseph (Darby)
St Louis Mo
March 3rd
Politico
Louisiana 21st March 1857.

Honble. Mr. W. P. M'Connell
Washington City, 126.

I am an applicant for the Office
of Secretary of the Land Office in
Illinois and I respectfully, at this time,
write to have my exertions to
Congratulate him on his promotion
as the President that that Office,
and I personally acquainted with Mr. D.
and beg you to give me a lift
with him. I have been by profession
several years a lawyer and have kept up
my ambition for politics. I am more
adroit what I am called in your
northern cities as 'dodged Russian.'

I expect to live in your city on the
first when I will show you, but until
mean time lay all the books you can
get and you are not slow at that. I am
very glad your

Sincerely yours

[Signature]
June 24th

Please note this. I know Mr. Louden well and he is a good man in the home.

[Signature]

[Stamp]
Saint Louis 2d March 1857

Honble Stephen A. Douglas, W. I. Senator Washington City,

Lt. Sir,

I am an applicant for the office of
Inspector of Lumber of the W. I. in Illinois and Wisconsin at Milwaukee. You may rec
member that I am the defeated Democratic
Candidate for Representative to the General
Assembly of Illinois from Galena. Your
Companion, Geo. Davis and I, from Mount Carroll,
for 30 years I have been a resident of
Galena and immediate vicinity and for
many years was Justice. I have been an
almost unanimous recommendation
from the Legislature of Illinois. But don
personal acquaintance with you dated only
from last fall when you visited Galena.

I take the liberty to refer you for my ability
as a surveyor to my old friends John Jones
of Harvard and Henry Dodge of Wisconsin
and to Wm. A. Connell of Jacksonville.
I also for my General Character
I expect to visit Washington City about the

I. 12th Inst. Should I be unfortunate to leave your recommendation to the President
Can I ask if you are in Washington upon
My health? Those that I am in comfort with you
view that you allow for the in another
and to interest those professions to aid
accomplishment which you may have in an or

With highest Considerations I remain

Respectfully yours,

James C. Bland Jr.
James G. Souland
St. Louis Mo
March 2, 1857
Is an applicant for
Surveyor General of
Illinois & Missouri
New York March 2d 1857


Sir,

Since I had the honor of seeing you at Springfield ILLS, I have been travelling a good deal, and have taken orders for eight hundred guns at thirty seven 3/100 Dollars each, which encourages us to establish ourselves if only we had the means.

My partner, Schmidt, now thinks that if we had $1,000 we could start a gun factory in Springfield ILLS, he himself will put in $400, all he can raise, so there would be wanted $600 more which I don't know where to get, and therefore I take the liberty to ask you if you would be kind enough to lend me against security, the above sum of $600 or if you feel inclined, I will sell you my one third part of the patent right for the above sum including that $1,000 you already have been so kind to accommodate me with, for which I am very thankful to you.

Being here in New York I had several men who wanted to buy my part of the patent right in order to establish a gun factory in New York, but the offer they gave me did not exactly satisfy me, neither did my partner want to come out here. If we had the means we could make money in a few years. I am quite confident that you will help me along a little further, as you always have been so kind to me before.

Awaiting your kind answer I remain Dear Sir

Your most obedient serv.

Hermann Koeder

Please address: 22 Credit St
New York
Month
First to 1st June
1st of July
New York
New York
March 2, 1857

Dear Sir:

Some days since Mr. Mallory presented and had referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs a memorial from one seeking for various reasons that he be placed on increase of pay as Naval Constructor at the Washington Navy Yard.

Mr. Mr. I am satisfied is entitled to the justice of my appeal, and the Committee have not yet been informed by their Clerk. Acting Assistant Secretary of the Navy, according to Mr. Mallory's instruction, is to forward the opinion to Mr. Mallory in objection to a late amendment to the Naval Appropriation Bill which will be up in the Senate this evening.

May I ask you to be so kind as to favor me by persuading Mr. C. mallory to consult his Colleagues of the Committee upon the subject and with their cooperation which can be given can be obtained, insist an amendment be made to the effect that

With high regard,

[Signature]

Hr. S. A. Douglas.
A. W. Ansham
Washington, D.C.
March 2137
Want his Salary Raised
Amendment to Naval Bill.

That the Compensation of the Naval Storekeeper at the Washington Navy Yard be $2500 per annum.
Philadelphia, March 23, 1869,

My dear Mr. Hill Lane, the niece of the President elect is very anxious to have the White House over which she is to preside, as her home, during the next four years. Proper arrangements have been made, as becomes a lady of her rank and beauty. You will have to confer with her and with her friends to see that a similar favor is extended to you and your elegant lady in 1860. Sincerely yours,
Cambridge March 2, 1864

My dear Sir,

I am very desirous of procuring a copy of the Slavonic Liturgy, used in Russia. It is the Service of the Greek Church, translated into the old Slavonic. Some investigations are making here, in which this liturgy would be very important. We have no copy of it in our library. It occurred to me that, as you have been in Russia, and are well acquainted with leading personages of Society in Russia, you might be able to help me in the
In the course of pursuing the business of this letter,
I have met the honor of an acquaintance
with his Excellency, Baron Storch, the
Russian minister, so I avail take the
liberty of addressing the inquiry to him.
When you happen to hear of any way in
which I can accomplish this fortune,
you will render me a very great
service by informing me,
I see by the papers that the extraordinary
illness among the boarders at the Natches
is explained. Being one of the victims,
myself am having not yet quite recovered
from the most repulsive illness, with
which I am now afflicted, I am much
relieved to hear that the cause is now
to bad as I supposed it to be—now
the breaking up of my constitution; but
only to arsenic are dead rats. Mr.
Buchanan was at the same hotel, I
was taken ill at the same time. Thus
he has recovered, and that nothing can interfere with
the inauguration. I have
not vote for him; but I have great
confidence that his administration will
be honorable to himself and a benefit for the country.

Please present my respects to Mrs.
Douglas, and believe me,
Yours

The Hon.
B. O. Fellows
S. A. Douglas
U. S. Senate
C. C. Petter
Cambridge, Mass.
March 2157

Wants to procure
Some kind of a
Book about Russia
Baltimore Met March 21st 1857

Dear Sir,

I have been delayed most unexpectedly in my plans and have found it impossible to return to Washington.

I have a group of people and three children, making a very difficult picture. The family are desirous to possess it, and it will take all of my time this week to complete it. I now ask the favor of you to defer my visit until Monday the 5th of March if it will suit your convenience to wait until then, on the next Monday I will take the last day to finish your portrait, and at the same time arrange my other business with you.

I now take this opportunity of thanking you for your kindness by which I was enabled to obtain a title deed clear of all incumbrances on my lot from Lowe. In conclusion I desire to remain very sincerely your obedient servant,

G. B. Blaine

To-- Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Washington, D.C.
Sr. D. Almanez
Baltimore MD
March 2/57
St. Louis, Mo., March 2d, 1857.

Sirs, Stephen A. Douglas,—

Some years ago, I wrote you in regard to a certain claim for my services while in the Mexican campaign, under Col. John W. Hobbs, of Mo. This claim, in the form of a bill, was introduced in the House by my friend, Hon. Timothy Young, and placed in the hands (perhaps) of the committee on claims (where it is likely to remain until doomsday) and awaits their action; but unless some kind friend should call it forth from its slumbering stillness—like hundreds of others—will still lie, unnoticed, uncared for. Truly, you said, when brought into the Senate, you would push it through. But, who is to do it, I know not? unless it be by my friend, Aaron Shaw, when he takes his seat in that Honorable body.

Of course, I do not expect you to bother yourself about matters
in the presence of the House: yet I have imagined you might condescend to mention it to some one or other of the House who would take it up; for my part, I think, that soldiers of American blood (or any other kind of blood) who may have volunteered in her service, should not be neglected.

My family are residing at Mt Carmel, Ills, where I settled in 1834. Necessity has brought me to St Louis in order to maintain my family.

I remain, yours, truly,

Richard Beck.

[Handwritten note:]

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[Handwritten note:]
To the Honourable James Campbell, Post Master General.

The undersigned, petitioners, citizens of Clinton Township and county, do most humbly represent that we laboure under great disadvantage for want of a Post Office in Clinton Township, O. R. K. County, Cullings, on road route No. 3355, as known in the name of Maggie Brand. Four miles below the town.

We would respectfully recommend Mr. J. B. Boston of Clinton as a suitable person to receive the appointment as Post Master. He humbly beg your honour will grant us the above described office and commit the above named individual as Post Master, and your petition as in duty bound will ever pray.

March 15, 1857

Abner J. Mitchell
Geo. W. Boston
James Boston
Reuben Potter
David Brand
Silas Potter
Frank J. Reynolds

Wm. H. Miller
of Wor. B. Pierce

M. E. Womack

E. H. Smith

E. A. Greene
E. D. Robinson
J. M. Dr. Billings

A. W. Hamilton
David B. Carter

Henry Smith
W. J. Hill

E. G. Houston
Mr. W. W. J. P. M.
Mr. W. J. P. M.
W. C. Lapham, P. M.

E. C. W. Davis

A. J. H. W. J. P. M.
W. Small for Blaster
1st Dec. 1818
C. C.
Petition for a New Post Office in Clinton Co.
New York, March 1, 1857

Mr. S. B. Buzzards
Senate N.S.

Dear Sir,

Under the circumstances, this begs for some action looking to a depletion of the Treasury to prevent further plebiscites on that incites Capitation. Induced unnecessary interventions in the legitimate revenues of the Country. Sincerely hopes of the House Tariff, and thinks more and upon the whole giving satisfaction to the whole Community. Then the one that the Democrats would prefer that happened for only—rather than have no action in the case. If the Senate bill has a chance Incitation 20 for 23 April 25, for 26 every Extensive figures on the rate of...
Hence Mr. Woodberry at Martindale
Man to the Treasury, thought that
1/5 to be the Revenue Point. 
The Schedule for Consols at Court
Should be reduced from 1/5, if of 13.

I have written a few lines to Mr.
Second also. Who probably
Remember the more readily than
Yours truly, Ih. Frere.

Yours truly, Ih. Frere.

S. Forsyth
Col Townsend
New York
March 1857
About the Tariff Bill
March 1, 1857

To S. A. Douglas
U. S. S.

Dear Sir,

I see that you are on the Coast of Cape Far Receiver, and the Tariff. Permit me to suggest the propriety of importing liquors and wines, in quantities, each bottle to be deemed an original package." This will enable States to regulate the sale of 'Intoxicating drinks' without infringing upon rights of persons or Treaty stipulations. It will close bars and tippling shops, and make the habit of drinking in public, an obsolete one. If a penalty on wines or brandies were
The Bounty will induce the capitalist who knows the science of distilling to come here from France Germany to a country whose virgin soil defies the disease which afflicts the vine in the old County. The volcanic condition of California renders it the best state in the world for the culture of grapes and the production of fine wine.

The People would be enriched by California wine, in twenty years, produce three dollars worth of grapes. That begun and wine than the now close of sold. You will know that the West and South West can do their full share of this cultivation. The Bounty will enable our farmers to import vine dressers and Wine Makers who understand their business. Excuse this liberty and oblige me best.

C. A. Nelson
C. A. Stetson
New York
March 1, 57
Private
Cleveland Sunday  
March 12, 1857

My Sir,

Mr. Robert Parks, the Collector of this Port (who you know very well) visits Washington for the purpose of being retained by the incoming Administration in his present position.

I can from my own personal knowledge bear testimony to his honesty, his capacity, and his Democracy. His purse and time have ever been at the service of that "good old Democratic party," of which (as the Methodists used to say) he has always been a lusty and consistent worker. Any assistance rendered me I will confer a lasting favor upon your friend.

Your truly,

O. R. Love.
D. P. Rhode
Cleveland Ohio
March 1st
About the collectio
or Cleveland
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Binghams Corners
March 1, 1857

My dear Step[en:] A. Douglass,

My dear Sir,

I have been

have been ten days walls off with

illness caused by the bed side of a

illness caused by the bed side of a

sick brother who was left in the snow

She died on Thursday morning, too

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Remember then circumstances

I have not been to gain a political

office, nor is not for the fact

that it is chiefly the great

of the constructive in New,

York, Ohio, etc. in a few days,

and for the further reason that

I am especially opposed

only that the Schell and the
John L. Martin
[Inscribed: Binghampton M.E.]
March 1/37

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