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Hall of the Northern Liberties Fire Company.
March 14, 1851.

Whereas: The Hon. Stephen A. Douglas of Illinois, while efficiently attending to the interests of the State he so well represents in the Senate of the United States, has not been inactive of the interests of the City of the City of his official residence, and whereas at various times by the influence of his position, and by generous contributions he has conferred lasting benefits upon this, the Northern Liberties Fire Company; therefore,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Company be, and are hereby tendered to the Hon. S. A. Douglas for the kindness and courtesy which have marked his attention to its interests, for the liberal manner in which he has contributed to its material prosperity, and for the consequent enlargement of the sphere of its usefulness which this and former Company has enabled it to make.

Resolved, That the Hon. S. A. Douglas is hereby declared to be a life Member of this Company.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Company be requested to transmit a copy of the above resolutions to the Hon. S. A. Douglas.

(Signed) J. J. Wallack, President.

Attest: J. C. Canterwell, Secretary.
Brown Ave
Washington, March 18, 1837

Hon. J. B. Claypool
Washington,

Dear Sir: I have heard repeatedly since my arrival in this city, of remarks you have made respecting me, that seem and politically so much personal hostility towards me that it has occasioned me deep surprise. I cannot account for it except that you have been eagerly supported where by some one. I am not an applicant for any place from this administration, and hence were nothing have here been a political friend for 18 years, and am in conscience I have done you any

friendless agency. Several acts of kindness and am not aware that I ever have upon any occasion solicited or received any favors from

under these circumstances I respectfully re-
grant you, verbally or otherwise, to advise me previous to my leaving the city, which will be in a few days—what I have done & that has induced so much bitterness on your part for adherence.

Towards you, there were some other signs indicating a wish for your personal and political prosperity. I have however no favor to ask from you and it may be too humble to have been so great, but the understanding and explanation of the cause of your hostility, that is due alike to you and myself. It may possibly be the means of preventing both of us from being involved again in a quarrel. I am respectfully yours. H.H. 

J. A. Barlow
Mr. Bronson
of Philadelphia

March 18th

About some personal

Matters
Confidential

Boston, Mass. 18 March 1837.

Dear Sir:

The object of this letter is to present to you, George F. Emery Edgr., of Boston, Mass., now Appraisor General of the United States. I have known Mr. E. for several years past, as a good Democrat, and warm personal & political admirer of yourself. Being a New England man and an old friend of the late President, he very naturally desired his renomination, and his efficiency & sagacity in labouring to that end gave me a high idea both of the constancy & value of his friendship. His official position, calling him frequently to the different large commercial points of the Union, enabled him to be of great service in concentrating the action of those whose wishes accorded with his own, in reference to the Cincinnati nomination. His political tendencies and personal preferences all lead to a cordial cooperation with those who, like myself, consider your elevation to the Presidency indispensable for a proper vindication of the principles of our party; and his fidelity to an old friend is only a guarantee of the value while his friendship will have for your political supporters. His acknowledged excellence as an officer may prevent any attempt to induce the present administration to deprive him of his office; but I consider
his continuance in his present position of such importance to your political friends, that I am
here to ask for him, in case such an attempt should be made, all such support as you may
feel yourself at liberty to extend to him...

I remain, Dear Sir,
with the highest respect,
very truly yours

Thomas C. Reynolds

To

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas...
Washington March 19th 1857

Hon. John A. Douglas

W. S. Harris

I regret that business compels me to leave for New York without an interview with you - I desire to give you a very full and correct statement of Nicaragua affairs - I am advised by all friends of Nicaragua to advise with you before leaving an interview with the President or Cabinet.

I expect to return in a few days with our Minister and wish to consult with you the propriety of his presenting his credentials - will you do me the favor to obtain the views of President Buchanan to that effect on our arrival we will know what course to pursue = (99 out of 100) of the citizens of the United States are for us and the result of the last Presidential Election.

Yours Respectfully M.E. Readley

C. W. Wall et al 7575
W. E. Bradley
Of Central America
Washington D.C.
March 19, 1857

About Central American Affairs
Blumington Ills
March 19, 37

Hon. J. A. Breckinridge.

Dear Sir: I hope you will not consider me capitvus in writing you this letter -- since for fear this may have forgotten me to introduce my self into your notice; I have from Madeson Co. by this engaged in the practice of Medicine since for 8 years and wrote to you, perhaps you may have seen the political canvas for President also during the Congress at New Lebanon your home and State. I also met with you in Seneca the upper several assaults. I moved to this place in December, and it is the rumored birth of the Democratic party of the town. The Rev. Edward Baker is appointed as my友. I have not written for you, but think it important to sustain a Democrat before the Administration and run up the
To the Department:
The President

Instantly I hope mine recus will be completed. I cannot express your kindness. The secret of peace
by real peace to the common people. Please let me know from you early to proceed as convenient
success to us.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

John Smith
[Mar. 19, 1857]

Senate Chamber
Washington, March 19

The Committee on Foreign Relations will meet on
Tomorrow (Wednesday) at 10 O'clock
By Hon. J. W. Marcy

Hon. A. Holland

Hon. Mr. Douglas
Isaac Holland
Secretary
Inform you of the meeting of the Com. on Foreign Relations
Attorney General's Office
20 March 1837

Sir:

Will you have the kindness to furnish this office with the address of Williams Weer the newly appointed U.S. Att'y for Hawaii.

Also the address of Elias S. Duriez, appointed Marshal for the same Territory. I am

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

Very respectfully,

J. S. Black
J. S. Black
Attorney Genl
Washington
March 20/57

Want the P.O. address
d of Mr. Geo. & E. G.

Drum's

Attorney Genl
Reformed March 21/57
Custom House, Chicago,
COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.
March 20th, 1857.

My Dear Sir,

The excitement in regard to Federal appointments is on the increase. I thought I would enclose you an article on the subject clipped from this morning's Times.

The appointment of Mr. Price as Post Master will certainly give general satisfaction (to the mass).

 Permit me now to say that Mr. P. was the only leading Democrat (with the exception of Candidates for Municipal offices) who used his best efforts to ensure a democratic victory in this city on the fourth of November last.

The "Custom House" seems to be "Head Quarters" for the new House of this city. Ex-Mayor Opye is around occasionally, seemingly anxious at all times to have a private conversation with Mr.
Corly. Conscience and others also occasion-
ably drop in, and by their constant 
putting, and practical advice, cause him 
no doubt to feel at ease. Still I am 
confident that he has done enough 
to keep his own counsel. He feels that 
what ever disposition may be made 
of the "Constitution" calls for the 
best. That you are his friend and 
I know that his confidence is unbounded 
and that he is patriotic and friendly 
your friend.

I saw Mr. Cork this morning, he does not like Mr. Price, yet he is 
believe pleased that he (Mr. P) should 
become the appointment. There are 
who doubt this true applicants 
I do not entirely believe that Mr.
Cork is your friend. I fear that I have 
reason to mistrust this. His antipathy to 
Mr. Sherman has led him into many foolish 
sins. As (Mr. C) has always been kind to 
me and in my former has now claim 
to speak of you. The man in the highest 
turns of condemnation and I do not believe 
that he has expostulated with any. The 
resolution seems to have been to keep 
Mr. Plot William the emigration of his 
Committee no longer. I now am agree with 
a good number of the best of feeling. 
towards yourself, I do not believe I would 
be a difficult matter for him to co-operate 
with you, in any way you might prefer 
to unite against the different factions of 
the party in this city. I fear you do not 
know the bitter animosity which now exists between 
the leading member of the two factions of the 
Democratic party in this city. They hate and 
the bitter, and so long as this feeling prevails 
Chicago is in the hands of the Republicans to 
with the opposition. Mr. Price is certain 
to make his administration popular with the 
masses. His appointment are good ones 
and of a good position in this city. 
He has made appointments from the German, 
Irish & Americans of which I the people are delighted.
One word in regard to Mr. William (yourself). He is working to obtain a place in the legislature. I am with you. younger things have happened than these two men working in to each other's hands. I believe that I can see the drift of things in regard to this matter. William thinks that he can obtain the influence of Mr. Coxe and his friends. I hope truly to beat you in the next contest. Westworth will not show his hand at present.

Excuse me if I have written on that was offensive. I feel that I am actuated by pure motives.

Weather still quite cold.

Very truly your friend,

Charles F. Pinion

Sr.

Ann S. A. Douglas
W. S. Senate
Washington, D.C.
Custom House, Chicago,
Collector’s Office,
March 21st 1857.

Hon. S. A. Douglas
U. S. Senator
Washington

Sir,

I had the honor to receive your telegraph this evening, stating that you had placed my resignation on file, and that my successor has been agreed on.

When I sent my resignation I was under the impression that the President had come to the determination of making a change in all the offices in this city. I shall learn, however, that he is willing to make no change where the Commission are not expired. I feel fully confident that you are unwilling that I should be removed, but I will know that circumstances have brought to bear, in order to effect my
remove which it would not be prudent
for you to approve, state that you
without consent was given solely for the
benefit of the Democratic Party, already the
March destination. And now, gentlemen, Speaker,
Quincy, then I would most cheerfully submit
my own personal feelings, when my deeming
could be any way to avoid could
difficulty with which you might be concerned.
I am however ever anxious to that
my affair, for here I will endeavor at this time
it would be very hearted to my feelings to
you as presuming benefits resulting therefrom Dye
because I care for little.

I enclose herewith a letter addressed
To the President withdrawing my resignation. While
I wish think you to deliver a hint of the earlier moment you possibly can, if you do
then you will consider a great favor on
me. I address this letter under the assumption
that it has not in any way conflicts with
your action in connection with the Minnesota
legislation. By the President should announce
me after with drawing my resignation, it were

This is the end of the document.
Philip Emery
Chicago Ills
March 21 1857

Encloses a letter to
the President re
re
Custom House, Chicago,
COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
March 21st 1857.

Sir: His Excellency,
James Buchanan,
Pres. of the U.S.

I have the honor to present to your Excellency, that I have authorized Smoot Douglas, to file my resignation of the office of Collector of Customs for the District of Chicago, which I at present hold under a Commission which will not expire until the 21st of August 1858.

In tendering my resignation, I was led to believe that it was the policy of the administration to make a change in all the federal offices in this city, and although my Commission is not expiring, I was willing to tender my resignation, in order that it might remove any obstacle that might embarrass the administration. As far as my office is concerned, subsequent events have led me to believe that it is your Excellency's intention to make no
Chicago, March 22, 1857

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

Dear Sir,

I write you on the 15th instant, and as so many reports are circulating in this city about you and your action, I again beg leave to call your attention to the subject of my former letter. One of the many reports that now have in circulation here about you, is that you do not give any correspondence your personal consideration unless marked private. It is stated that most all your correspondence unless so marked is committed to the fire without even an examination, by your Secretary. This report is circulated here by your pretended friends and is doing you much harm.

I regret that indisposition of my wife, and a surplus of business at home prevented me from seeing you again while in Washington.
Washington.

The subject of my former letter being in reference to a position for myself which would take me away from here, you are now aware of the condition of the party here at this time and that I find myself compelled to take a position in the party either with one wing or the other of our party, which might at times force me into the possession of an unpleasant task. I would prefer to be able to get away from here, provided I could run through you a place as before suggested, by the Congressmen, to Munich, in Bavaria, or to the Chapel in Paris, or the Congress to Languer, which is now held by the French,

It is necessary for me to call your attention to the impositions I have made for you and your interests for my many years, no man has been a better friend to you than I have, as well as my Father and Brother. I stood by you here, in trying times to you, but particular friendship was mine to many Gentlemen in this place.

It is not my desire to embroil you and perhaps it will be the last time that I shall advise you on this subject, whether I get an appointment or not, I shall continue to be a Democrat, and give my support to Democrats men and women.

If you should think that I have ever been of any service to you and desire any consideration at your hands as a true and true friend, then I shall feel much satisfaction to know that you appreciate my honest efforts.

I hope to hear from you often the subject, expressing me of your feelings towards me, and as to the chance of such to.

I Remains Stead.

Your true friend,

Samuel C. Hackett.

P.S. Much gratification and dissatisfaction items to manifest itself here in relation to the appointment of this point. Your pretended friends turned the Conduct in their names, it is necessary for me to mention names. S. C.
Samuel Ashton
Chicago, Ill
March 22/67
Private
May 1847

My dear Sir,

I am without delay to reply to your letter respecting the P.O. Mattoon and in your present state of health last night with me assembled friends. George Burgooff [E?] it was thought advisable to show the opinion you that he had written you of the subject.

I am fully aware of the delicacy of your present line to the present incumbent. I also in respect to appointments generally especially those of a local character out of your own State. But, considering this a case [illegible] a general one of all others [illegible] which would lie before your heart if you act for future interests. I have felt a confidence that some fertile means would be

Drafted
to accomplish the object
I am informed from very reliable
sources that the incumbent wore
a coat of so my friends can
by coming promptly to the rally
just one of the consummation
d esi. I am sincerely

d to be wished on your
account as well as my own

or. From Scott, is confident of
any success, but I do not see
if the "little giant" is

regime — Your Breakfast to
giving me time sufficient to
think of me

incident regards to you
Blessing of a wife
always. Thos. Whitaker

Your's affectionately,


Hon. Thos. D.,
J.G.
New York
March 22/5
Confidential
Washington City, D.C.
March 26, 1857

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

Sir,

At the request of the Northern Liberties Fire Company of this City,
I have with this letter a copy of preamble and resolutions unanimously adopted at a meeting
held by said Company on Wednesday evening
March 18th, 1857.

[Signature]

Secretary.
S. O. Culverwell
Secretary of
Northern Liberties
Company.

Washington, March 27

Encloses a series of new
additional resolutions.