or reported as Clerk to the Department.


Third. The elder of the said referred to, is in the constant practice of handling letter and paper packages and letting during distribution, frequently placing letters in wrong boxes, thus delaying the delivery of letters. On Saturday 28th inst. the store of said H.P. Henning being in the hands of carpenters for repairs, was left without the presence of either C. Do or H.P. Henning, one of the undersigned found both said C. Do and H.P. Henning engaged in handling and maintaining letters in various boxes at pleasure.

Witness: H. J. Caniff, S. Burr, Mr. Dewy.

Rev. J. Several of us have taken papers printed outside of our county and subject to postage, and have never been charged with or asked for postage on the same.

Witness: J. D. McDowell, others.

Fifth. Postage in full on letters to Germany.
has been paid at our office to points of delivery in that county, and subsequently, found not marked paid, and payment made on delivery.

Witness John Ray.

Sixth. A letter containing a note of hand for $500 was received at our office and detained outside the owner's box for one or three days enquiring having several times been made and its delivery denied.

Witness Joe F. Hallister.

Seventh. A few days since, renewing the P.M. opened and read a letter addressed to Enoch Darnell, supposing it came from a lawyer in Chicago, containing information which might be useful to himself.

Witness, Enoch Darnell.

Eighth. A few months since, a letter
adversely to Josiah D. Clark, containing a certain sum of money, was opened by J.B. 
Heining, and without the knowledge of 
any of said J.B. Clark, an amount due by 
said J. B. Clark to said J.B. Heining, was 
therefrom, the balance returned to the 
letter and said letter delivered to its owner. 

Witnys: Josiah D. Clark.

Other matter might be mentioned, 
but we think we have instanced enough to 
secure your attention to the abuses of which 
we are the unwilling subjects, and we do most 
respectfully request your intervention in the 
premises.

We very respectfully recommend the 
appointment of Daniel W. Eldridge Esq to 
to be our Post Master.

Place: Kendall Co., Illinois 
March 31, 1857. 

H. J. Cazenave, M.D. 

D. C. Lincoln 

John A. Hollister
E. W. Whitmore
H. O. Bullock
J. A. Pocock
J. A. Tomblin
S. A. Tenney
S. A. Tomblin
Leedieh Lincoln
W. G. Lincoln
Pely Jones
Henry Berry
E. L. Hardin
Archibald Isaac
D. M. Van Alida
John W. Tomblin

May 23, 51
Hon A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Our Postmaster has resigned his position and the post is sought by the friends of Col. J. H. Wright as he owes for faithful services to this party as for his entire fitness for the place as a man of executive ability and of high integrity.

If consistent with other duties I should feel greatly obliged to you if you would render him the aid of your name and influence in this behalf.

With respectful recollections for Madame I am very truly,

Your friend

E. J. Hodge

Boston May 30, 1857
E. A. Hodges
Poston Press
March 30, 1857

Ret to the Post Office
Newton Jasper Co. Ill.

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

March 30th, 1857

Dear Sir,

I am at your pleasure before this time an applicant for the Situation of Mail Agent between St. Louis & Cincinnati, and several of my friends have promised me to interest themselves in my behalf (among others Hon. Aaron Shaw, Hon. James A. Allen, Hon. M. O'Keen & the Hon. Trustee Poll of Mo., from whom I received a letter a few days since on the subject.) the friends from our district can inform you something about the device that I have undertaken to the cause of Democracy during the last campaign.

I have been driven to this by the misfortune of having had my house & contents entirely disturbed by fire in this place in February last, a total loss, leaving me with a small family to support & almost broken up. Disliking to continue to much of
Your indulgence of time I will only add, that any assistance you may think to give me in the hardships of your heart, for this or any other appointment that will yield a support for my family, will not only be ever gratefully remembered by me, but will meet with the fullest satisfaction of your constituents at this distress.

Hoping to hear something favourable from you shortly, I remain with the fullest respect,

Your Obd Servant,

James O. Howard

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P.S. General friends have suggested to me to say that this is the first story of the kind that ever grated (Baker) has ever asked from the Party.
James O. Proctor
Niuotow Steer & Co.
March 30th

Wants to be Route Agent
on RR from St. Louis
to Cincinnati
Milwaukee, March 30th, 1857

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Sir,

Permit me to present to you the bearer of this, Mr. J. H. Mansfield of Belvue Walworth County, this State. He is one of our active, energetic, consistent, reliable National Democrat, and has rendered much valuable service in support of Democratic principles in the locality where he resides.

Mr. Mansfield is one of the kind of Democrats who will not condescend to become the agents of the Black Republicans in circulating the New York Tribune or the paper of a similar character. He would like to be appointed Post Master in the Village of Belvue, where he resides, if you will do me the favor to make him favorably known to the Post Master General. You will greatly oblige him and place me under renewed obligations to yourself.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,

[Signature]

F. Hadley
O Headley
Milwaukee, Wis
March 30, 1867

Introduces W.H. Mansfield
of Delavan, Wis
Belleville March 31st 1857

Dear Sir,

I have concluded to trespass on your time and patience for a small favor which I hope will not add to the multiplicity of cares and obligations that cluster around you. To the point! -- it will pass the last Congress appropriating fifty thousand dollars for the erection of a Post Office & Custom House at Cairo. I suppose the work will be immediately commenced if I desire to be appointed "Disbursing Agent" at that point. I presume the compensation is good, it will add me materially in winding up my
broken fortunes I hope in you will give your personal attention to this matter as I presume there is no other deserving the position.
Your early attention to this will very much oblige a devoted friend.

Yours truly,

P. B. Turner

Yrs.
J. A. Douglas
P. B. Hunt
Belleville, Ill.
March 31, 1857

Want to be discharging
Agent at Cairo Ill.
112 Dearborn Stree
Chicago March 31, 1851
Hon. S.A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I beg leave to take this opportunity to say I love the principles of the Political Party in which you have the honor to occupy an important position. And would also say that I expect to be out of employ the 1st of next Mo. and hope you may be so very kind as to assist me to find business of some kind.

Thank I should like to assist you on some of your Plantations. Have also thought I should like to oversee your large Tract of Land in Kansas to take up.

J.H.
Cultivate DC: am almost sure that I could manage so as to make it an object for some master than to employ me. I am now engaged for W. C. Davis commenced for him last April and my year will be out with him the 1st of May next. I came from the Town of Conway, Mass. and refer you to my present employer as to my character, and in particular to Gen. T. S. Whitney, the Superintendent of the Armory at Springfield, Mass. Mr. Whitney has known me for the last 15 years by business at Davis' Every Stock also At Lyd.

Farmers Produce, my age is 20 years, am without a Family. If you don't want me to try me in case of these things think that you may be able to get some place at Washington for me as a Porter, or something of that kind, where I could have the privilege to acquire a better knowledge of Politics etc. You old L. A.

Robert H. Show.

P.S. Would also say that I am very fond of Books on Politics, or Agriculture and should be happy to receive any from you.

Your most Obd S.

Robert H. Show.

C. B. Oct. 27, 33.
I want about $500,000 in Gold, and my Bond, and an indenture. I am confident that any man of funds to lay out in Kansas would make a large profit at that. I am persuaded that I could plan for a large farm as well as the best to be found in this Western Country.

Please excuse my brevity as I am one of the few open-handed in the West.

I am most obedient,
R. H. Stout
112 Dearborn
Chicago

[Handwritten note at bottom]
Chicago, Ill., March 31, 1857

Mr. A. Douglass,

Dear Sir,

I wrote to you from New York relative to the Legation to Lima in Peru. If you have the least objection to giving me your influence in this matter, please write to me to that effect. I will endeavor to bring others to my support. If you will lend me your influence you will confer a favor by writing me to that effect as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

Jo. W. Bell
Post office Lake june eight Lake Co. Il. Mar 31st 1857

I am, being one of your constituents and a true Democrat, having been in the ranks of the democratic party for the last 25 years and a resident of this place for the last 15 years, I am requested by the patrons of this office particularly the Democrats of this place to state the case to you and let you know the particulars. At some time last winter I saw a man by the name of (Daniel Martin) came to reside on the opposite side of the lake and by some means or other he has got the appointment of Post Master at this place... a man that no one knows what his politics are or what he is himself... we have a number of weekly papers that comes to this office and the largest in number is the Chicago Times I venture to say the club will compare with any club in Lake Co. according to the population... now six we are with in half of a mile of the town of Cuba... the town of Cuba has without a Post office and by removing this office on the opposite side of the lake carries the office just one and a half miles further from the town of Cuba... and the ranks of our enemy as I said before we have a club of the Chicago Times and what is most singular fact there is not one of them gone on the other a East side of the lake... enclosed you will please find a rough sketch of the town of Cuba & Cuba with the different P. O. roads and distances marked there on. I shall let the matter rest until such as I hear from you and if you think we would be heard by the department I would set up a petition as I am confident that I can get three signers to their one for the office to be on this side of the lake.

Respectfully yours,

Obedient Servant

Alex Fortune

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Alex. Hume
Lake Linnch Etc
March 31st 17___

About the Post Office

Important matter
Henry Rice Mar 31, 1857

On Titus Esp.

Dr. Lii,

Runner this many says that a secret plan is in foot to effect my removal from this P.O. Office & that through the influence of Mr. Titus Esp. of your place I can hardly believe it nor yet can I believe that Mr. Titus would go to such lengths. I am not sufficiently acquainted with Mr. T or I would write him thus far from my what acquaintance with you I thank the liberty.

The charges against me are of a political nature as those of voting for Rainsley for Judge and not voting for Bill Gallagher. The man that would make this charge against me has at home would be let down for a human or foot or both the 2 couples I have beenvoluntary together within may their Democrats in supporting a Democratic Candidate Gallagher and that too for the reason of his left-handed support last face when we needed help do much more than Mr. (Gallagher) manifested an interest.
a different state of feeling to what he had since the struggle is our true Democracy is all and all in the name of all that is good. Why did he not work with us and for us against the common enemy? I will tell you. His words were plain. Somewhat doubtful what he held us in his war. In the cornfield, the field in Johnson's Cornfield papers to the wit, the time, to my knowledge. What hit me that this fell heavily on the shoulders of a few— As for myself I took them and a New York copy of the New York Times which has beenStricken from the public, and the two letters from the gallant friend of his in the North—

My dear Sir, I am very sorry in misgiving you is the ascertainment of any about such rumors as that I may have a chance to play my part, to join my Democratic friends at a distance. I read the certificate to him at home for I have stood near him and that too. But the first of all things against the Democracy. What I was and now is a matter of fact that there was only a group of Nebraska men in this town. Galatia, not them included but more than two hundred in behalf of true Democracy against the High Huns. This is fact.

Why do they not give for their charges but an end at home and if my Democracy is denied by any but then they or the one by fifty Democratic lawyers to a strong one for my removal from the State, for this is my Democracy. In the Galatian hand over the first an ultimate Adair in this whole matter for the first place he must not. Will you know was not filled for the field of Politics. I am so that I would be about but his filling the Democracy itself of this County and the White Thing is not kept it. I have heard that it can be seen through at a glance. If I take to him before moving in this matter (or if he has any electrostatic ideas) to investigate it and come at the South, then let him not find hence he may be the act of the public to us that has now for the rise in the cause of Democracy. The office of duty is nothing but to be removed by electrostatic means. Is the sentinel of the integrity.

Please answering me at your earliest convenience. And let this be known. The charges are of any against me.

Nelson

Not for publication
Department of State,
Statistical Office  March 31, 1857

Dear Sir:

At the commencement of the late Administration you were kind enough to write to Geo. F. Bailey, and other friends in an effort to obtain for me a position in the Dept. Of. Dept. Subsequently Mr. Clay appointed me to a clerkship in this Office which I now hold. One of the letters you were kind enough to give me at that period—just 4 years ago, I believe, and I now send it to you, for which I shall ever feel grateful if you will consent to judge Rosenbauer's letter (enclosed), which I am pleased to consider most proper.

My health during the past 12 months has been such that I have been induced to apply for the Consulate at Havana, Cuba. The employment would be about the same I now receive, but for the reason above given, I have not yet obtained accurate personal information for a volume on Cuba on which I have been for some time engaged (secondary, of course, to my official duties). I found myself in the position, the duties for about 2 years. The Kelly of New York made the application, backed by the leading Democratic Editors in Georgia & Va., and Mr. Buchanan gave him every reason to look for a favorable result.

Yours, your most obedient Citizen

H. C. M. Langhorne

Ben. J. A. Douglas.?
W. M. Leaithune
State Department
Washington D.C.
March 31, 1857

Wants your influence to procure for him the Consulship at Havana.

[Signature]

[Date] D. J. [Signature]
March 31st, 1853

Mr. James Constable
Port Montreal, April 3

I understand that the
immediate friends of Mr.
Mr. Compton of the Alexander
are now presenting his name to
you for a suitable appointment in
your department. He is well quali-
ted and personally looks to his
appointment with great

Very sincerely,

[Signature]
Clarkshik

Hon. S. A. Douglas of Illinois

Steerage Passage

in favor of Mr. Mc.

San Francisco.
Williamsburgh, March 31st 57

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Cousin,

Allow me to introduce to you, my nephew, Rev. Daniel Morrisin Jr., who visits your city on business.

Any favor you may confer on him, I will regard as shown to me. With kind regard to yourself and family, I remain

Your very truly,

Esther Romeros.
Jackson, March 31st, 1857

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Sir: From a recollection of former acquaintance I take the liberty of addressing you on a subject which I will be the recipient of a favor. I shall be an applicant for the appointment of Receiver of Public money in the District of Land Subject to Sale at Jackson, Mississippi. I have a recommendation signed by gentlemen well known to the department, two of whom have served as Register, J. H. Allen eight years and Franklin Cannon four years both of whom do most cordially recommend me. I will receive it as a great favor if you will ascertain and let me know when the commission of Mr. George Beallie the present Receiver expires as it is very important that I should know that before I forward my application. I had a short interview with the Hon. Samuel Canuthers who I think favors my appointment from your long acquaintance with me. Illinois I shall ever feel grateful to have your influence in procuring for me the appointment I need not express to you my fidelity to these principles which (to your honor) you have borne so conspicuously apart and in defiance...
of needless particularism. By complying with this
you will confer a lasting favor on your
friend and abiding friend.
John A. Turnbaugh
John P. Turnbaugh
Jackson Mo.
March 3/5
Wants to be a Good Officer at Jackson
Mo.