Platts, Hall & Co., 1837

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Washington City

Dear Sir,

My acquaintance with you is somewhat limited, but having heard the desire to continue orientation is the reason I address you. The citizens of Wisconsin R. I. are very much in need of a Post Office in their town, as they have to come to Providence and have their mail opened by their local Postmaster for all of their mail matters. Therefore, I am inclined to believe this is to proceed for there is an Office and with this letter I am about to make December to ordure. I would like to see the Office at that point. Having the department to give appoint me. I have written to the department in regard the establishment of the Office. Those letters just indicate to step over to the department and have it attended, you will very much assist.

Very respectfully,

[Signature]

[Handwritten location]
During April 17th 1837.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed I send you a letter from Col. Davidon, of Monmouth, in relation to the office of Marshall, which is the second one I have received from him on the same subject. It appears that Mr. Roy, by a trust which I regard as highly dishonorable, is endeavoring to deprive him of the appointment until only by sending in his resignation to take effect at that time, and this having to himself the best part of the business for a year. I hope Sir that you will take the balance of the delegation will at once act efficiently while this movement by leaving the Davidson commission etc to pass to him. It was certainly the understanding that this should be done without delay.
Considering the party should not be thwarted by a piece of trash as contemptible as it is dishonest. Please drop me a line on this subject and let me know what is done as will be.

I notice by the papers that Mr. Walker has been appointed Governor of Kansas. I predict he will prove a failure. It was some thought have received the place, but with the West under the Administration and particularly Illinois, besides the previous one, is to be triumphed over. Can nothing be done? If no rest of you can undertake I will do it though I confess to you it goes against the grain.

I hope to be able to come your way and I will consult my advice to do so has never been half as strong as at present. I speak to you our next President and to effect this place that he may be maintained in Kansas and his affairs properly managed. Will stay the course. Unless I am mistaken

There are troubles ahead which will grow out of Mr. Walker's knowledge of Western character, and his desire to make it a slave state. The emigration to that territory this Spring from the free states is immense. Nothing like it was ever known in this country before except perhaps the emigration to California in 1849.

Let me know what you think of Mr. Walker's appointment and what is said about it at Washington. Stand where you are on the principle of "Cigarette Brightness" for what is right.

I have not heard a word from the Post Office department in regard to the appointments of mail agents while they were to make the next day after I left. I fear "out of sight out of mind" is a maxim which I observed there. If I ever get back I will not leave them until they are done and my District justice. The affairs they will hardly let unwritten little editor at home. Write soon.

Yours truly,

Edwin D. Morgan
Monmouth March 28th 59

Dear S. H. Harris

Dr

Sir

I had a letter from a friend at Chicago last night stating that his was an amazing event and could not sustain himself in the office of Marshall until early as any person with a view to further effort. When you & Mr. Heathcote wrote me I supposed that the thing was all settled but it seems that perhaps I do not understand it as my friend says he is very languid in his scheme of anything further. If anything further is necessary for you to do will you be so kind as to attend to it at once. I trust I ought to have
have the matter settled a
letter from you to head
quarters might fix the thing
at once if there be any
cause. You can assume
Mr. Buchanan is any
recommendation for public
that I could give him. The
name of every demoral
in this midst beside a large
portion of the apposition
please attend to this at once
and write me by return
mail. Very truly,

Edward Davidson

Hon. J. N. Morris

Burney, Ills.
Monence Apr 15th

Mr. O. P. Bonfield Esq.

Dear Sir,

In compliance with a line you sent me a while ago, I would recommend for the appointment of Post Master at Sherburne Hill George S. Sweet Esq., who stands well tried an unflinching Democrat & a Friend of the Administ. The late post Master resigned a short time since & I recommend to the Department Henly Dodge. Mr. Dodge I am informed was once a Democrat but left his friends and went over to Freemant Mr. Sweet stood by in the hour of adversity. Should Mr. Sweet would like to be represented.
To the Department before Mr. Dodge should get the appointment by Mr. Britain Recommend Lodge

Yours Respectfully

Locum Wilber

Kanawha city, 3d
April 1st 1837

L. W. Shearer Esq.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a communication to me from my friend Locum Wilber. Mr. Wilber seems a true & tried Democrat & one of the 10 in that Town. I would recommend the appointment of Mr. George Sweet as Post Master of Charitonville P.O. in this lot. I am not personally acquainted with the gentleman, but any person Mr. Wilber recommends, I have no hesitation in saying is a fit person for the place.

Yours a

Thomas R. Confield.

G. Longspelbor, M.D.

at Kanawha CO
Lucum Wilber
Thomas G. Bronnfeld
H. Longfellow
Kau Rattee Ols
April 1/57

About the appointment
of Mr. at Thibruen
Hill. Ols. re
California April 1st. 4th 1857

To Honorable. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Having important business in your State that will require professional examination and investigation and being desirous of obtaining counsel commentate with the importance of the case I have thought it best to write to you setting forth the circumstances and nature of the case and that you would be better prepared to give it your consideration and should you think favorable and willing to undertake the case for us you will please write to me immediately informing me these conditions you undertake the amount for your fees etc. Also give me such other information in relation to a legal course for me to pursue in order to enable you to proceed with the business. The following is the case respecting:

In the year 1834, my Father C.C. Vanhout of Bollet Hill County Illinois laid a Preemption Right, or a float of a preemption on Eighty Acres of Land which is now covered and is in the City of Chicago, the title I suppose is good there already.
all in Chicago. Subsequently my father died in July 1854 leaving his widow and several children in Arkansas. It would be well to learn in due course to obtain information in relation to the heirs of my self and my other brothers who came to California in the year 1850 from home and appointed Mr. C. H. H. K. as attorney. But it appears that there was some misunderstanding with the heirs or some defect in the probate, so there was nothing done as understood, and at present of much importance a payment of pecuniary interest involved. I have no doubt but if you will take the trouble of it that all the heirs will agree to what you can do. Having been informed that there could be a large sum obtained on a compromise, should you feel willing to take the case proceed as your proposition may be agreeable to your purpose and what will be necessary for me at this time will do to enable you to go on with the case.

Direct your letter to A. Vanhorn
Brookeville California
In the meantime I have the honor to be
your most obedient and humble servant
Abraham C. Vanhorn

To Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Chicago April 1st, 1857.

His Excellency,
James Buchanan
President. United States.

Upon the solicitations of my friends, to offer my name to Your Excellency as a candidate for a situation as Consul to some port in Germany, it is with the highest appreciation of the responsibilities of that office and its interest obligations, should Your Excellency be pleased to confer on me the honor of that appointment, that I undertake to address Your Excellency.

A native of that country, since fourteen years a resident of the United States and for long years a citizen thereof, what could be more gratifying to me, than to be enabled, by Your Excellency, kind consideration, to represent in the Land of my birth, the interests of the country of my adoption and its Govern-
A person by birth my aged parents not living far from Amiens, I would most respectfully request to be by your Excellency appointed to the Consulship of that place, as it would be placed in not be great a distance from my aged mother, who for more than two years on her sick bed would receive consolation from my near presence. Your Excellency however best knowing where my services may be most useful, if desired, I place the same to your Excellency's entire disposal at any other place in Germany with the hope that my petition may meet your Excellency's approbation.

Very Respectfully,

Augustus Fichers
Rural Land Office
April 30th, 1837

Sir,

Edwardsville duplicate receipt No. 27294, bearing with your letter of the 27th ulto. has been filed with the certificate of purchase and if no valid objection should appear, the Patent will be issued and transmitted to you.

I am
very respectfully,

Your Ob't. Servt.

[Signature]

Commissioner

John Wright
Carrolton
Illinois
U.S. Land Office
Jan 20, 1837

Sirs,

Edmondsville duplicate receipts No. 27326 and 27327 incurred with your letter of the 23rd of March last, have been filed with the Certificate of purchase and if no valid objections should appear the Patent will be issued in regular course and transmitted to you.

Your very respectful,

Thos. Oldman
Commissioner.

John Myatt, Esq.
Vandebilt
Green County
Illinois
General Land Office  
Mun. 23, 1831.

Sir, Edwardsville duplicate accept no. 37973 and  
Vandalia 15389 received into your office of the 30th of March  
last have been filed with the certificate of purchase  
and if no valid objections should appear the patents  
will be issued in regular course and transmitted to  
you.

I am,  
very respectfully,  
Your friend,  
James Arnold  
Orrgin Semin.  

John Wyatt, Esq.  
Carrolton  
Franklin County  
Illinois.
General Land Office,  
June 13, 1837.

Sir:

Your letter of March 10th, containing the following duplicate receipts, has been received: 27,213, 27,218, 27,230, 27,234, 27,233, 27,234, 27,287 (erroneously numbered 27,233) and 27,271 (erroneously numbered 27,237). They have been filed with the certificates, and the patents when issued will be forwarded to you.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Thomas Adjourns
Commissioner.

John Wyatt, Esq.,  
Carrolton,  
Greene Co.,  
 Ala.
Letters from the Land Office about the Myatts' Patent.
Washington, D.C. April 2, 1857.

Dear S. M. Douglas,

In compliance with your request, I have the pleasure of forwarding you a list of prominent gentlemen in Wisconsin, Democrats, who would esteem it a great honor to receive public documents from your hand.

Very respectfully,

[Signature]

J. D. Regnart
P. D. Reynolds
of P. O.
Washington D. C.
April 27

Encloses a list for
Necessaries to send
Nov. 5. 410
Wisconsin:

H. H. Houghton, Plymouth, Sheboygan Co.
F. W. Horn, Cedarburg, Washington Co.
J. Taylor, Milwaukee
M. C. Ceko, Hartford, Washington Co.
A. M. Strong, Milwaukee
J. Vollman, West Bend, Washington Co.
O. F. Maxson, Green Bay
R. W. Phillips, Menomonee, Manitowoc Co.
I. U. White, Ozaukee
H. Harter
C. E. Jenkins
H. C. Jones
J. Fagan
R. P. Mason
Geo. H. Walter
W. D. Blair
J. D. Foy, W. R.
Hummell (K. Cunningham), Clark, Butte
J. Armiton, Winchester, Kitimat Co.
J. A. Snyder, North Prairie, Kenosha Co.
P. D. Conley, Appleton
J. S. Pyrnn, Milwaukee
W. Thompson
J. O. Humphrey, Milwaukee
J. W. Webster
Aunt Hale
Rev. A. Ayre
Edw. Bailey
Johnproper
Chas. Knudson
Pleasant Prairie, Knosha Co.

Dudley Cap
John Tuttle
Haynes French
P. T. Briggs
John Price - Paris.

Ole Hey - Norway Racine Co.

Haynes Anderson Co.
Gabriel Bjornson
Martin Knudson, Madison

H. B. Page, Racine Falls
Thomas Knopf - Scandinavia, Racine Co.

On my return to Wisconsin I shall make out a more complete list and forward it to you.

H. Rasmussen
Washington
April 2, 1857

My dear sir,

I want to see you a moment about our friends Pierce and Quincy.

For a day or two back I have wished to call at your home, but I have been pressed so much that I have found it impossible. Will you do me the favor to make the first time you come in the office to go some way to call at the Department?

Before 12 o'clock, so that I can talk with Tuck I can talk with you.

I am yours,

[Signature]
you? after that hear for? after that hour I shall probably be at the President's

Your humble

Yours

No. R. A. Douglas
Andra Office, Marion Co.,
Indianapolis Apr. 3rd 1857

Hon. J. A. Douglas
Dear Sir:

You would oblige me very much if you put my name upon the list of those to whom you regularly send documents. For some reason I am neglected in this regards, by the Indiana Senators.

Things in Indiana are all topsy-turvy. Disgraced by a legislative mob and a corrupt Governor, the Democracy of Indiana, I fear, will not be able to triumph for a year or two. If the party can repudiate a few corrupt politicians who endanger its organization by their support, it will rise with the strength of a lion by 1860. But now I regret to say, all is dark and uncertain.

Very truly your friend,

[Signature]

[Handwritten signature]
Austin H. Brown
Indianapolis Ind. April 31, 1857
Prishes to be remembered in the way of Doc.
Lodi Station
June 25th
April 8, 1857

S. A. Douglas
To Sir

Through your Kindness I was appointed postmaster at Lodi Station. I am not situated so as to attend to the duties of said office. I therefore, through you to the P.O. Department respect fully tender my resignation.

W. Dawson
I. Douglas

You see

the resignation of

Mr. Brown. Jacob

M. Armstrong is a

suitable and proper person

to now the appoint

of P.M. in place of

Mr. Brown—attend

to this at once.

When I was at

Washington I recommended

a charge of P.M. at

Burlington. This should

be attended to delay

is hurting us. Also

make the charge I

spoke to you about the

Burlington House to P.O.

duties. Let John Elliston be

appointed. Hope to hear

from you soon. I want
One more to urge the importance of action in these cases as always.

Your friend
A. Whittington
Receipt Office
Springfield April 3rd 1857

Geo. H. Douglass

My dear Sir,

I have just received a letter from the Comptroller's Office saying that the No. of Lot No. of Run Sec. 25
Tow 87 containing 182 1/2 acres Anted
5 0th to $456 100 at $2.50 per acre was entered
by you on the 7th day of May 1855 in Chicago
City of Purchase No. 30048. I'm receiving receipt
that the area 173 acres Anted to $433 5/35,
And instructing me to notify you to make
payment of the balance of $22 50 for
nine acres. You will please send
me the Amt. and I will forward you
a supplemental receipt for the same.

Yours Respectfully,

Geo. H. Douglass

Edward Conner
Receiver
Edward Connors

Received Springfield Ills
June 3rd

Calls on you to pay a balance on a piece of

Lena. Important
Memphis, April 3, 1857

Non, Stephen A. Douglas

The citizens of Memphis, regarding the union of the Atlantic Ocean and the Mississippi River, by the COMPLETION OF THE MEMPHIS & CHARLESTON RAILROAD, as the inauguration of an ERA which should be made the subject of national rejoicing, have set apart the FIRST AND SECOND DAYS OF MAY NEXT, as an appropriate period for an expression of the general sentiments of satisfaction.

The undersigned Committee charged with the agreeable duty by the Corporate Authorities, and citizens of this city, avail themselves of the opportunity of tendering you the HOSPITALITIES OF THE CITY, and they may be permitted to express the hope that the influence its promises is exerted in promoting agreeable social intercourse and establishing valuable commercial relations will be regarded as considerations of such importance as will ensure your attendance.

Respectfully,

ROBERTSON TOPP,  DAN'L SAFFARRANS,  A. WRIGHT,
W. R. HARRIS,  R. C. BRINKLEY,  F. TITUS,
B. F. DILL,  W. T. BROWN,  J. P. CARUTHERS,
J. H. McMAHON,  A. H. DOUGLASS,  C. M. FACKLER,
JAMES ELDER,  J. KNOX WALKER,  J. P. Pryor,
W. A. BICKFORD,  DAN'L B. TURNER,  JAMES PENN.
Several Gentlemen of Memphis Demand you to R.R. Gaffney on the 18th day of May next. Dated April 3, 87.
Middlebury April 3, 1857

Dear Sir,

I beg you will excuse the liberty I thus take to address you, and no doubt you will do so when you see that your constituent has an interest in the subject matter of my letter, which is the appointment of Post Master in this place (Middlebury) Doctor W. P. Russel, a gentleman whom I think you will not fail to recollect, when you were here in '56, (and as politicians are now a suspicious class) will venture to say that he is a Democrat of the first class, having an application to the President for the Post Office at this place and I believe there is no objection to him except the present incumbent, and Sir allow me to explain why that your constituent is interested in his removal, Amaran by the name of Reed leaving his wife and child in Middlebury emigrated to your State, and was engaged in the rail road business as a track layer, I think it was in Henry County. While there he managed to gain the affection of a young lady by the name of Wheeler and they were to be shortly married but the Father had suspicions that all was not right, he having heard that Reed had a wife in Middletown—
- Best of this Country, in intelect as well as behavior, and from my honest regard I wish you both a long life and much joy and happiness should be glad to see you here this summer. Mr. & Mrs. Parker have their usual health.

Will you have the goodness to tell the Commissioner of Pensions that Widow Harris and Widow Douglas is one and the same person, if you will just explain to the Pension Department relative to that application I have no doubt as to the result, as the evidence is all there of first importance. I have the honor to be very respectfully your Old Servant.

[Signature]

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

- (which is the case) Nioca endeavored to satisfy the Father and daughter by ensuring that his wife was dead but the Father not wishing to give his daughter to a celibate and to satisfy all parties the Father annexed a letter to the Post Master in Middletown making the inquiry of Nioca was a wife in Middletown 1720 but our Post Master instead of informing Nioca of his intelligence to have left he wrote to Nioca that if they wished to employ him as a lawyer and even to send a fee from three five dollars he would take the trouble to hunt up the matter for them, in consequence of the delay Nioca married the girl before they could get the necessary information, but when it was obtained Nioca was arrested for the crime of Bigamy taken to Chicago where he made his escape from the office. I have seen the letter that our Post Master wrote to the Father of the Girl. I having been sent back to the Penn. consequently I am enabled to speak positively in the matter. There has been a memorial sent by many Coligny of this praying for the his removal and understand that a like document has been sent from Mr. Henry C. Mrs. Penshing that in your leisure moments you might think of the welfare of Middletown. The stamping of your youth has induced me to write on this subject. The document above named you find at Washington. I have read with much satisfaction your second marriage I understand and I am so convinced here that your beautiful Wife is the-
Kathaniel Harris
Middlebury
April 3/5
About the P. Office
Des moines IOWA
April 30 1857
Strean A Lang Fer
Dear Sir

I wish to submit to you the several instructions of the Commissioneer of the General Land Office relative to survey and disposal of lands first his circular of Dec 1st 1855 granting the Dividers of contesting second his circular of Dec. 11th 1856 in relation to what would be required of the contestants. Third his letter of Dec 1st 1856 in reference to locating. I also took his notice for contesting and in accordance to his instructions I have over 44,000 acres under contest and have 14,000 acres large a amount of money on the 30th of March. The Commissioner decided that congress that a law which decides the right to contest. Upon this matter I ask your opinion for which I will I am willing to pay you a liberal recommendion.
You will confer a favor by reporting to me as soon as may be practicable. If the Commissioners remove can be set a title and the contesting one through with I would like to secure your assistance if you can't attend to it. Please send me the name of some one that I can get to assist me in the matter.

My address is 1250 N. S. Road, St. Louis, Mo.
J. W. Hedge
First Annexed
April 3, 1877
Abraham Pelham Kauld
Matthew 20:12
Anslavills, Apr. 3, 1859

Mr. S. A. Noyes,

Dear Sir,

The only excuse I can render for trespassing upon your time and attention I can offer is probably the very best one that could be given -- I need your services. As you are doubtless aware, I have been living in this city for some years, waiting for practice. I get a very small share of all that comes, but the whole practice, for the last two years, is constantly dwindling and would not refresh the destiny of one lawyer. I am too poor to remove my small family even to a better place, and wait the time to run the risk of a start in a new place.

Judge Walker wanted me two years ago to apply for a judge ship in one of the territories, but and all the lawyers...
democratic & opposition offers to sign
the necessary recommenaving in making these applications; besides, I
although I have been an active hard-
working democrat since I became
of age, I have never asked an office
from the people in otherwise. Now, though,
I need one. The practice won't afford
a living. I have had the best of
the paper to far rather than it sup-
port me, and now if I could get
a place which would give my wife
food, board & lodging a little over, I
would only feel grateful, but would
be change its duties to the very best
most of my abilities.
I understand that I'm known to about to resign his post, that if
it have enough to support a small & economical family, or the Reco
final of a small office, in a word any
thing that I could do, that would give
me a start, would be acceptable.
Chicago, Illinois, April 4, 1887

Mr. S. A. Douglass,

Dear Sir: I am anxious to hear from you in relation to any prospects we regard to an office in Champaign. The appointment are utterly unsatisfactory. I am satisfied with the help I now have, and would have been better for our party to have had them all stay. I must say for District Attorney, I think Harrington is a young man without experience, and as such am not sure in the best interest of the party. I would have taken the office had it been otherwise. I am happy to have seen you.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Your warm friend

[Signature]
New sir all democrats feel that they ought to have their favor from the administration to at least they think they are at least but they to spare on to the going into a constitutional of the kind. The time of Henry Clay's 1824 assassination sent him to the president to be appointed to the other side. The democrats to him are more others than that 1824 could be the same good. That Madison Rogers did not hold any office at head of the administration to be divided would not please him. Madison Wrong in 1848 to well a Parson Clinton in 1848 to well that forty years of Statemen this 1848 was a Candidate for the President. Why for the great error of this administration was the appearance of men to offer with the few less prominent all such men are in market and with help of to the electors that time.

Since I came home from Washington I have made a list that you will be the next candidate for the Presidency and to be the next President. In order to be made there old times must your cashl and figures to the present administration for say that you may your man can be elected upon that has been under any circumstances works with all for the enemy. After it trade one looked to abandon the idea of going out offices in the horticulture almost sorry for it could take to see that Secretary and has done humble parts in the form of the country for that is the field in this time. This brings of one beloved county are attended to be fully the knowledge of populus. Mighty air crew base truly I do I should try April May. If I cannot get an offer to Chicago I will go there
Please answer this at your earliest convenience, but don't lay in written words or actions Allen is a Democrat and wants help in this party. It's clear of any offer or any offer. Then for party say strength them this must be finding time with agreeing for vote and what lasts in true country.

Yours truly,

Mr. Douglas

N. Allen
Harrisburg, Pa. Saturday Morning

April 14th 1857

Dear Sir,

I wanted to say to you before I left that God, after all, is the only impediment in the way of my appointment. He has not only filled a strong position for Spencer, but has beyond a doubt made it a personal matter with the President. He evidently offered a seat in the cabinet to the Potomac, and is willing now to be paid off in petty appointments in that region of Ohio where the Plain Dealer most does circulate, where he, for some unaccountable reason, is least appreciated.

The claims of certain parts to other appointments. The man who commands Spencer do do do. Ramsey, District Attorney do do do. Geo. W. Marshall all Joth Men. Of course, all Cleveland appointments & recommendations by an anti-Nebraska, semi-fudger gentleman, living some seventy-five miles away from the locality & that too against the commands of the Senator & the two Democratic Members elected. Standing in said judicial district against the wishes of the entire democracy in that portion of the State, it is said there was once "man in heaven"
A missive from a certain gentleman (an attempt to mention names) intending himself into another silent party of friends, said gentlemen if an occasion were pitched over the ballasts made a hustle into the fort below & the climate said: "Don't have his right!" That was the first with Schermaa gentlemen we have any accounts of. Staying into your society disposed in the heat & strain, & odds got their father that of his illustrious prototype on my name, ain't Michael. The part of his dancing with The Queen of Brazil without affecting the legitimacy of her government is too small a virtue to come him. The case might have been different had the Washington Style of ballasting been in fashion in that Country.

Mr. Douglas, you have done more for me than I have any reason to ask of anyone. But if it is proper for some God, one anthor, a brain, for God to make a happy Democrat, to make appointments away from his local, personal matters with the President, why is it not proper for you, the man who made the other for the late campaign, now a Presidential Candidate journey, without your harmonious party to make the old stand. But let it be a condition to do more for his Administration than ten thousand odds. Why is it not proper for you to make such matters personal with the President? You & I ought to be patient enough in that Senate...
J.W. Arey
of Cleveland, Ohio

Nashboro Town
April 4, 1857

About F.O. Mathews
Cleveland, Ohio

Respectfully
Washington D.C.
April the 4th 1854

Hon. S. W. Hoagless

It has been some 16 years since I was acquainted with you in Ills. when I was raising them we all looked on you as our giant & where our one trap he still remembers you. I have one request to ask of you and that is to try and I know when you try it will be done. Mr. M. Murphy stationed at Louisville my special agent has been under Mr. Price and I will assure you the has gone entire satisfaction through out the count. I have been a contract from Louisville to Shawmut Ills. to do known if his making some of the most important changes in the mail affairs that has been ever done in that section she has been always to His Pratt or at least the people say so and I do think that it
His Remonstrance would be as

He greeted with a cool reception you know that my love went far

Say much for all men all for you and the Doctor was a

Dangerous man and he went on and on and I know that you understand this case you

Know. Know all Kentucky thought that a Major Parker

I know him once and heard to day as heard it for 2 or 3

Days that he would be turned out they have him the Doctor

Say nothing I do not suppose he thinks this will hurt. I can

Pretty well convince if you he must reach forth with strong

Band & stay proceeding he is gone

Your Love

John McKinney
John McLean
(of Ill)
Washington D.C.
April 4/02

Prays you to use your influence in obtaining
Dr. Murphy as mail agent at
Louisville, Ill.
Sir:

You are requested to attend a Blank Shad dinner at the White House Pavilion.

On Saturday, April 11th.

Messrs. Coke & Co. will furnish the dinner and refreshments. There is a Ten-him Alley for those fond of that amusement.

The Steamer Thomas Lally leaves Washington at 9 o'clock, and Alexandria at 9 ½ o'clock. A. M. Coaches leave Brown's Hotel at 8 ¼ o'clock for the boat.

SAM'L BACON,
MARSHALL BROWN; Committee.
WM. T. DOVE,

April 21st, 1856

FOLKINHORN, Printer.
Paul Bacon
Marshall Brown
Mrs. Dove
Con.
Washington
April 4 1803

Invite to a sleigh dinner at White House Pavilion
Pettitrig
April 4, 1857

Dear Sir,

It having been stated in the newspapers that Col. Lawrence M. Black of this city is likely to receive the appointment of Governor of Nebraska, the people, the managers of the Democracy of the part of the county, western Pennsylvania, are exceedingly anxious that such appointment should be made. I confidently believe that the appointment of Col. Black would elicit more support from the managers of the Democracy, than any appointment the Administration could make for any office, and if it should
In consideration that you were instrumental in securing the appointment, I have no hesitation in saying that it would greatly add to the already strong bond you have upon the minds of the Democrats of this section of our State. I sincerely hope you will aid in carrying out the wishes of the people that look to Black as an 

May I indulge the hope that you will lend your aid. 

Very truly, 

Your friend, 

[Signature]

[Name]
LT. J. Le Compte
Pittsburgh to  [illegible]
April 4, 1867
Ref to the appointment
of the Gov. of Nebraska
Washington, April 4, 1859

Dear Sir,

From all I can learn of the application I have made for the appointment as Judge Advocate to one of the additional Courts of Inquiring Charity to be called by the Secretary of the Navy, I find it necessary that some one of the influential and leading men named take particular care, if possible, a personal interest in the matter of my appointment and urge it as such. I want the place. I want it as a stepping stone to further professional advancement. Did I not feel that I was perfectly qualified to perform the duties of that office, I would never have applied for it. Having done so, however, I do not like to be unsuccessful. It is all that I have or intend to have, to ask of the present
Administration. I am disappointed in this.
I have no other requests to make upon
the good will of the President. If my
services in the party, my personal
sacrifices, and my moderate share
of ability, do not entitle me to re-
ceive this favor, then no other adopted
citizen can ever expect what is errone-
ously styled a claim "to office."
As you might well know, I
do not stand among spot-shine politicians.
- My writings for years are proof of
this. Hence I deeply regret that persons
who had ample opportunity personally
to form an opinion of my services and
their value during the late campaign
should, though full of fair promises
before the election, seemingly refuse to
remember them after it.
Not relying upon others, then,
whose former promises I have found
to be not much more than a hope
I ask you, whether, if you know my qualifications and trustworthiness as a democrat should permit you to do so, you would as early as possible — (the whole matter is to be settled by Monday as I hear) — Lee Secretary Jour, and Mr. Buchanan, and ask of them my appointment to the place I seek, as a personal favor. If either of these engagements should interfere with your kind disposition toward me and prevent you from granting my request, I rest content and, knowing my past experience, I shall let politics take their own course hereafter.

Most Respectfully,

[Signatures]
288 # Street,
Washington D.C.
April 4, 1857.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir:

I learn from the Republican that the Chamber of Commerce of St. Louis have reported adversely to the project of improving the navigation of the Illinois river on the plan proposed by the company which seems to have been recently chartered for that purpose.

I do not know what that plan is, but I presume it proposes locks and dams.

I have long thought of suggesting my reservoir plan for the Illinois river, as one which is very likely to be found approximately to that case — perhaps by making use of the lake of Peoria as a reservoir, by a moderate elevation of its surface level — perhaps by establishing artificial reservoirs upon some of the upper tributaries of the river.
I do not insist at all that there is the best plan for the Illinois, for I have not extended my investigation to that stream, or to that of the Ohio and its affluents.

But I am confident that if there is a company organized for effecting the improvement of these rivers, and they will give me the opportunity, I will be able to satisfy them whether my plan is or is not practicable for the time being, in the course of two months, and for a very reasonable outlay.

I think it is worth something for a company to ascertain this fact — for, if they should, unfortunately, not deem where done most ultimately be done and with, it will cost a great deal of money to change as well as to construct them.

With a view to induce the company to allow me to investigate the applicability of the reservoir plan to their case, I send you a copy of my letter on the improvement of the navigation of the Ohio river — and will be much obliged to you to give it such a direction, along with this letter, under your frank, as will bring the subject to the attention of the company, if there is one organized, or to such other party as may be inclined to look favorably upon my proposition.

I do not ask you to recommend my views, but merely to bring them under the eye of the proper persons.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Charles Allen Jr.

[Signature]
Chas Elliott Sr.
(Civil Engineer)
Washington, D.C.
April 4, 1857

Rel. to Illinois River Improvement and has submitted same
Washington

[Signature]

Hon. Secretary of War

[Signature]
U. S. Genl. Appraisers Office
Boston, April 4 1757

Dear Sir,

As you suggested, I wrote to the late Secretary of the Treasury, stating my apprehensions of removal from office. He promptly replied, but the note failed to reach me till this A.M. Fearing that you may leave for Illinois (where I am told you are about going) before a letter could reach you from this point, I have taken the precaution to send said note to you thro’ my friend Gov. Anderson, Commissioner of Customs, in order to retain possession of the same in case of your absence from Washington. I have requested him to place the said note in your hands, (if he finds you) and I trust to your kindness to place it in the hands of Mr. Cobb, or, if you please, The President.
I leave that to you entirely and shall be very grateful for the service done me. I esteem this note of Mr. Guthrie’s as very valuable to me in establishing my reputation as an officer, and if placed on file will have the weight of your favor and recommendation in my behalf. It will have a powerful effect in saving me.

Regretting the necessity that compels me to trouble you, I remain

Truly yours,

Geo. F. Emery
Capt. 1st Illinois

Hon. L. A. B. Doolittle,
Washington
D.C.
J. F. Emory
Boston, Mass.
April 17, 1867
Rel. to his Office as
General Appraiser.
Chicago, April 4th, 1837

Dear Judge,

Phelan only wrote me to this. He leaves home to-morrow. I have advised him to go down to see you. His removal was unexpected and to him was most unpleasant. Pamela returning home from Washington represented the idea that his removal was the result of efforts made by persons in the delegation from other parts of the State. In a moment of rashness he wrote a letter to withdraw his resignation. He told me what he had done, and I advised him to resign. He told me what he had done, and I advised him to resign.

One word of explanation: Kindness from and deserving. You must have satisfied him that I will now. He is prepared to do anything that you ask him, and he has been from the first. He will be candid on the other. If you can give him any other position, do so. The cry that all the dishes have been removed, has not been without its effect.

I write this at the risk of being intrude, still I think it just. Mitchell's appointment has restored Hamilton it just. Mitchell's appointment has restored Hamilton.

I have no exhausted good nature, 7 that difficulty is over. I am now to know any one that has, in Rice's interest, in no do I know any one that has, in Rice's interest. I am now to know any one that has, in Rice's interest. A German named Cliche is an ab-

Please, I think much good must be accomplished by withdrawing Henry Cliche, the place he has.
I am extremely anxious for your return. In Cameron and myself have both concluded to retire from the Times, as soon as it is practicable. I think it right to advise you of this before you leave Washington, in order that you may, if you know any one whom you would like to purchase it, consult with such persons. The reasons why we leave are so numerous that it is not possible to state them in a letter. You may guess one or two all sufficient ones. Enough to say now, that they are pressing and important ones. It is better that I should leave now, than hereafter to upon the eve of an election. I have not concluded what business I shall go into, but must of course engage in something. There are but few men who have worked as hard for a living in Chicago as I have, who have not only missed the figure, but have so little health remains left to commence the new career.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Chicago, April 4th

[Signature]
DeKalb Centre, Ill.

April 24th 1857

Honor. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

Some two months since I sent to the Commissioner of Patents for the Agricultural report, and for a package of Chinese sugar cane seed.

Shortly after, I received a letter that the report of Chinese sugar cane seed with a variety of other seed was forwarded.

The report & cane seed have never came to hand. Probably they have strayed off the track. If there should be any more for distribution, please forward.

Respectfully yours,

J. H. C. Boston

P.S.

The people are in want of a mail route from DeKalb Centre due south to the Forsyth, P. O. and from thence south to Waverly Station a distance of about twelve miles; it would greatly accommodate some five thousand inhabitants.

I would solicit your influence for the procuring of said mail route. Please answer.

Respectfully yours,

J. H. C. Boston

DeKalb Co. Ill.
R. B. O. T. Boston
At Ralph's
April 14/37
Mint's Sugar Cove
Secr. E. C.
Chicago, Illinois
April 4th, 1857

My Dear Sir,

The Prince has commenced and his duties at the Post Office. I am happy to say that Mr. Cook treats him with politeness and by his presence at the Post Office his gentleman bearing them there. He knows no ill feeling towards yourself or to Mr. Price. I wish I could say as much for Mr. Dyer and the Confferer but I have no information in saying to you that there gentlemen are dissatisfied with the Post Office appointment and by their manner indicate that they wish it to give general dissatisfaction.

On Tuesday last a report circulated in town that a posting to have been brought by the friends of Mr. Cort to that he should accept his commission as Collector. That he should and hand to Mr. Cort say that it is in the interest of everyone to his favor that he should accept his commission. My advice to Mr. Cortley was to keep thank you to say to all our friends that it was the policy of
The Administration is all right.

As I expected in less than no time the House was re-opened. All arrived to know what was to be done. Now, in case he was removed. He gave them no indication. Remained in his seat. Would you believe it? I spoke to Mr. Mitchell about the matter. He said no. I heard from Martin's agent as I was in New York. I am pleased to hear from you. I am perfectly satisfied to follow your advice in matters of importance. I am willing to act according to your instructions upon any subject. I feel that the last year has made a great change in our minds. My feelings have been good for the better. Your years from this time I trust to have gained some valuable information in regard to political matters of our country. I believe that by reading, I have found to be true principles.

I have heard very little of you, which I intended to be. I am writing upon a subject which I consider to be of great importance. I am writing upon a subject which I consider to be of great importance. I am writing upon a subject which I consider to be of great importance.

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Believe me, Sir, I shall be perfectly content to remain in Chicago if it is your will or engage in any other business if you may suggest. My mother sends her love to yourself and lady. By letter, she thought you were in Chicago. Thanking yourself 2 lady may and safely in Chicago I remain.

Very truly your friend

Charles H. Butterworth

Rev. A. D. Douglas

U. S. Lincoln

P.S.
Charlston
Charleston, S.C.
April 14, 1861

[Handwritten text]

[Handwritten text]
April 7th
N A M.

Dear Judge,

I saw John Floyd this morning. She is much pleased with the plan, and will hand a copy of it to the President tomorrow. I am to see him again, and will write for you fully, without delay.

The ally school thinks the Christian Indians here are the very sample to the lands they wish to sell me, but that the sale should be made by Treaty. The latter will therefore be referred to the Secretary of the Interior.
There are many reasons why the administration should resolve the question at this time, and I will be much obliged if it should be convenient for you to see or have a note to the Secretary on the subject.

I will write a day or two.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
Clare No April 4, 1857

Dear [Recipient],

Permit me to solicit your final and undescribed assistance in a matter of infinite importance to myself. I am about to embark on a venture that I believe the fate of my entire career in business.

I wish to enter the Democratic ticket in 1858. I have the desired connections and will not undervalue the district, but I believe the Democratic ticket in 54. I wish to secure the support of the people. I do not want to be thought harsh, but really think it is important to me.
John McNeil
Olney 265
April 4/37
Wants a Letter
Office
Rockford, April 5th, 1857

Senator Douglas,

Sir: In your dispatch of 30th ult. was duty due to the interests of the party I understand from it that my personal attachment prevailed over established usage. I felt a delicacy in trespassing upon your attention and yet a duty in justification of the Democracy here and of the action of our Delegation, to protest against the appointment. I know the matter of itself is very trivial, especially to you and I felt a thought of letting it pass as fast as I am concerned in silence. But as time advances I find the thought will not be trivial and I beg leave to state explicitly a few facts to you and the other members of the Delegation.

Had anything been lacking to make my recommendation perfect before the Delegation? I had ample testimonials in my possession which the prompt decision of that body rendered unessential, and I therefore retained them. I know nothing of Mr. Humbolt personally except that he accepts the
appointment under circumstances which some of our active Democrats would have deemed the first I ever heard of him was on my return from Washington. He has been engaged here three years in the capacity of Clerk and I am quite competent to say he was not known by his name in this and not by three Democrats to have been of the presented list of the score of orators who stood forth on all occasions to defend Mr. Buchanan and the platform he was set of the number. Each seat at his meetings or the country would have left the President and his Cabinet in that retirement where they could have gratified their generous nature, manifested their personal attachment, and rewarded their private friends at their term proper expense, which act of his mind would have rendered the sacrifice more glorious to the offering more acceptable. Mr. J. did not intend to command any democratic sympathy. Buchanan tendered him the life of Illinois and a &c. &c. &c. to whom such aid, the East. Could the President have listened to the petitioners prayer when a man proud earlier than maladies might have checked his necessity but the echo of their curses would never have suffered him to betray his defenders to their enemies now towering triumph. I can hear of but one pretentious Democrat among his petitioners, and Mr. Justice, such a hero of the country. He was of late the President's employer and is now his right hon. The publisher a while during the canvass stating that he had not made up his mind as to his preference of candidates and subsequently cut the voice of our Buchanan stuff from his copy list line time of political salutes might attach to him or injury to his business. He was somewhat humbled this but now he is rampantly fully araigned.

The Democrats here generally whether my particular supporters or not expressed great disgust and indignation at the appointment. They consider it an uninhibited outrage. We had state rights been recognized and his generous nature been Illinois the appointment would have been surprising and urgent. Our retiring official through the claim handed down unconstitutionally. I do not know how usual such action is. And I do know that the Illinois Selectmen entertained a different view of the matter, I tell my friends that I stand4 absolutely behind the party and shall consider myself unsuccessful only as they may consider themselves betrayed. I hope I may be pardoned if I have shown any unproper feeling in the matter toward one President. I have manifested none to his enemies. Had he been mine Enemy I would have done it.
J. H. Grove
Rockford Ill
April 8/07

About the appointment
of RW at Rockford
January 7

April 5, '57

Mr. J. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I have just returned from my while there I talked freely with politicians and found but one sentiment for the future. I am satisfied that there will be no opposition to you in 1860, if you desire then a nomination I spent two days at Indianapolis, they have a better fight there which will give the state beyond doubt to the Republicans next year. I had a conversation with Fillmore and while he professed much hope for you, he is your enemy. Bright and Ichabod ought to be turned out and let the...
Come upon them. Bright will be heard of no more. I do not see how their case differs from the Iowa case, and the Senate should not have shut themselves up in ordering testimony to be taken. How does this differ from the claims of the Republicans in Kansas? Our doctrine has been that the legislatures are the sole and exclusive judges of the election and qualifications of their members in the State and Territory.

I should not hesitate one moment about my course and I should not follow but lead the Republicans in this matter, attack them for changing their course of policy. Plant myself firmly upon the ground taken in Harlan.
Alton April 5th 1857

Dear Judge,

I have just received a letter from L. Horsman Esq. P.M. at Rockford in relation to the P.O. there, and after reading the letter, I am of the opinion that if a change has not been made at Rockford, I would not make one until further investigation is had in the premises. If what Horsman says of his course is true, he ought to keep the P.O. If no change has been made & you are willing to suspend action for a time, I will make such inquiries into the matter as will enable me to give you correct information. If Horsman has in good faith acted as he states that he has, it would be bad policy...
to remove here. Matters things are
moving on in Illinois smoothly.
The people are looking anxiously for your return.
Among them, Emigrants are
coming into Kansas. Dennis
hopes me to ask you to send him
a letter to John Walker. He has
gone up to enter upon the duties
of his office, with which he is
well pleased. I leave soon
for Minnesota to be gone two or three
weeks. I hope to meet you in Ill.
on my return.

I am in haste to say
truly your friend & obligation

Robert Smith

Hon S. A. Douglas
Senator
Washington
D.C.
I have just returned from Pittsburgh, and I have told you before I think nothing but to see you the new President and we must have your goods in season, and I want to see you to see Mr. Brown and have James I have Port Master of Pittsburgh. I will show him how the removal can be made if the present incumbent is permitted to remain until the new Commissioner runs out which is next year he will take no interest.
In the State Election this fall he will say I will not spend my money as I have to get up out next year the vote will say they will do nothing as they cannot get an appointment. Then again if this man is permitted to remain until the next year will yet have the office there an the Right section that I warned you about long ago will just be a man of their choice. I hope you will get Brown interested in Barns case and me can have his appointment made over. I hope to see you. 

Dan W. Ross

For some let me say this much for Chicago that I hope you will not do any mutual fund a Philip Connely be removed it will not do in your train.
Confidential

Lincoln, Apr. 5th, 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Just before the late presidential election I solicited and received through your kindness several very interesting public documents for which favours I am most grateful. My sincere thanks. As I now wish to ask of you one more political favour, which probably no other person can effect, I will ask do me this kindness, provided I will furnish you with some of the most reliable Democrats and business men of this city to justify your in your action? I have reference to the appointment of a new Post Master in this city. While for certain reasons and under certain circumstances is demanded by the Democracy and the citizens generally.

The present Post Master has held this office for upwards of 14 years, against the best interest and success of the party, and as there is someone "Black Republicans and "Mongrel Know-nothings," trying to obtain the situation through intrigue and deception. I have thought it right to address you on
on the subject.

You can rely on my honour, that
your name shall not be used in any
manner connected with the certificate
or my correspondence. I shall, therefore,
dereluctantly consent to deliver such certificate, documents and
evidence as I may feel disposed to place
in your hands for the inspection and
consideration of the Postmaster General.

Permit me to say, that I have
been an active member of the Democratic
party in this city for upwards of 30 years,
and have attended most of their meetings
and conventions and have been leader
of the forces of the party in office the last
ten years. I am, therefore, and was
your friend and old friend.

Washington, Oct 2nd

[Signature]

One of the Democratic City Committees.
Monmouth, Mr. April 6/7

Dear Sir,

Will you before leaving Washington, if convenient, do me the favor to call up my nephew (Ezekiel H. Holloway's) application for a Lieutenant's appointment.

It will be but necessary to do so, I presume, that the appointment be made.

Your friend truly,

E. Holloway

New A. Douglas
Washington
R. Holloran
Monmouth Hl
April 6/57
Red to the appointment
of his son to a
Lieutenant in the
Army.
Washington City April 6th 1807

Dear Sir,

Will you pardon the presumption of a stranger in approaching to you for the favor of your influence under the following statement of facts: On the 14th of Dec last I forwarded to the Hon. T. P. Buck my application for a situation in one of the Departments at Washington accompanied by various letters from influential and personal friends of mine. Strongly recommending me, but an accident failed to reach this place in time to meet my benefactor. But, awaiting my arrival, the enclosed letter with another from him and the Hon Mr. Bigler strongly recommending me for appointment, both of which I have since filed with the Sec. of the Treasury together with my application for an appointment in the Department.

What I decried of you is the favor of your acceptation in the shape of a letter of recommendation to the Sec. in my behalf which should you grant I can rely will always to remember it with gratitude and reciprocated with pleasure if it was possible for me to humble an individual as myself to render you a visit — I am now unacquainted...
I have a letter to write to you personally. Personally, I must mention that it would be more agreeable to you as you are like Mr. Clay, in doubt to continue with intercourse of a similar nature. Therefore, my account with you, nevertheless, successful. S. H. W.
Louis G. Wells
Washington DC
April 6/57
Want a Clerkship
Washington
March 25, 1857

Dear Sir,

I have endeavored to accomplish your wish by procuring a clerkship for you but have been unable to do so. The President and cabinet are at present completely over-run by applications for office and will be unable for several days to do anything about clerkships. I enclose a letter recommending you. If you could come here in about two weeks and call upon the head of Dept. yourself it would be your best place.

Yours Truly

[Signature]

Mr. Lewis Shelly
The editors of the "Rock Islander" are from Pennsylvania and very special friends of mine. They have asked my interference in their favor. I hardly know what they want, but I am sure nothing unreasonable—some advertising patronage. I think I receive reports from the P.O. Dept.
I am unwilling to press on your mind or to interfere between you and your constituents in a local affair. Whatever is done therefore should be done with your concurrence if you have any wish or feeling about so small a matter. I ought to add that my young friends are to my certain knowledge among your most devoted admirers and I am very sure will always be ready to serve you. They are sound, reliable and able men. Do you care about this business? If yes how much? and why?

I am most truly

[Signature]

J. S. [Name]

6, April 1839
P.S. Black
My General
Washington D.C.
April 6, 1857
Hon. Stephen Douglas

Sir,

I trust that the enclosed letter reach the Senate without delay and not knowing his present address, will thank you to direct it for that purpose.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

[Postscript] by Apr. 6/57
Paul M. Black
Pittsburgh Post
April 6, 1857

Encloses letter to Geo. James Shields and
make it to be forwarded

to him

Sent to Geo. Shields
April 7, 1857
Cumberland, Maryland, April 6th, 1857.

Dear Mr. Stephen A. Douglas,

After I saw you in the "White House" I had an interview with Gen. Clay in relation to my appointment as minister to Austria. He asked me to write letters to the department from my friends and Judge Black suggested that I should get a letter from you. That if you would urge my appointment it would have greater weight. I do not want to be gone longer than two years, and it makes no difference to the government as Mr. Clay said, if a new minister was sent every six months. I want to return in full time for the next presidential contest. If I can go abroad as minister to Austria remain two years and be recalled at my own solicitation it would give me such a position that I could easily get into the next Best convention where I am sure I can do your much service, and it would also put me in such a position with our party in this state as to enable me to exert a much wider influence.

During the last canvass I was selected by the National Demo. Committee to go to Pa. and canvass that state. I went there and remained making speeches to large masses of
The citizens of that state up to the election of the 14th Oct. I suppose, I add 50 more than one hundred thousand votes in that state. And if the reports of newspapers are to be relied on with great effort, I know that when I returned to Philadelphia and spoke to a large meeting at the corner of Front & Race St. That they made both Rights of Col. Jef that I ought to be heard.

Again you may urge that it was my speech in this last congress that carried the resolution of preference for Mr. Buchanan over Mr. Pierce, and for this I refer you to Chief Justice Lynden, who presided over the convention and to Gov. Potter of Pa. who was absent and who both said so at the time.

All I want here is position to give me an opportunity to control. Two years abroad would do this. In this district the Know Nothings are too strong to get into congress. I feel however very confident as to the result at the election of 1866.

It is said here that Mr. Buchanan is disposed to give something to the old line states and that he may give a position to Mr. Bell. This I am solidly sure would be disastrous to our party. Bell is an unpopular with all parties, and besides I am as much entitled to that consideration as Mr. Bell for I was a whig up to 1852. But I have properly stood back till I had some claim on the party. Simpson would give me position. In 1844 when Bell...
Thos. P. M. Kay
Cumberland Md
April 6, 1857

About his appointment as Minister to Canada
please get a copy

[Handwritten notes and possibly a signature at the bottom]
Baltimore Apr. 6, 1857

Dear Sir,

I received a letter from Mr. Phelps on Friday announcing that you would be ready to give me a sitting on any morning that I could come to Washington.

It will afford me great pleasure to give the sitting on Tuesday morning the 7th. I shall arrive by 11 o'clock and come directly to your house.

I remain very sincerely,
Your most obedient servant,

George D. Elmira

To Hon'ble
Stephen A. Douglas
Washington D.C.

I have enclosed a cheque on Rigg's to pay one hundred & fifty dollars in part payment of the money you so very generously loaned to me in Dec.
Gentlemen,

Baltimore, Md.
April 6th,

Encloses a Check for $150 as part payment of the rent let him have remainder.

G. D. Almack
St Louis
Chicago Apr 6th 1837.

Dear Sir,

I again ask you not to consider me obtrusive in writing to you, to remember my application for a Consulship — I know how pressed you are for business & my anxiety for success is my excuse.

Col Monson advises me to go as to W, but I cannot imagine it necessary. I think you must have told me the class of places, one of which I would be able to take — Frankfort, New, Mansfield, New La Chapelle, etc. — Although I have a small income, I cannot afford to take a Consulship that will not pay my family expenses.

Please oblige me by your assistance at the proper time & place & let me hope I may be able to return the part of future years.

With much respect,

Henry H. Clark
Chicago, Ill. April 6th, 1854

Now, Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sirs,

I take the liberty of addressing you with the introduction of the enclosed letter from my esteemed relative Mrs. Ralph Pomeroy.

With this introduction, allow me to say further in explanation. Knowing that through your influence and kindness, some members of Mrs. Pomeroy's family have been elevated to valuable offices, I hope to see you and to bring myself to your notice for similar favors. It seems I have misplaced your address about, for I am here informed you are at Washington. I supposed that after the election you would come to Chicago. I am on my way to Omaha, intending to spend a month or less time in looking out some land on speculation. After which, I shall be glad to locate in any place where my services will command a good salary. I am twenty-seven years old, a graduate of Union College, a good accountant. Should there be an opening at Washington, Phil., New York, Chicago, or elsewhere to which I could go, your interest for me on this behalf will be appreciated and thankfully declined. I suggest, not knowing how accessible or otherwise, a place in the Library at Washington.

I command the above to your notice, with the best respect of my Aunt, by letter, both of which I expect until now to have the pleasure of doing in person. Anything that you may do for me I shall be obliged to have made known by letter, which please address to me at Troy, N. Y. I am already under obligation to you for a letter of introduction to Mr. now President James Buchanan when Minister at the Court of St. James. — Your truly,

Dear Mr. Martin,

Chicago, Ills.
April 6, 1857

Wants a situation
Nebaska Territory
St. Louis, April 16th, 1857

Dear Mr. Stephen A. Douglas,

Washington, D.C.

As a law reqiree, a meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Agricultural & Mechanic Association, the following Resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, that a Committee of Three be appointed by the President to correspond with and invite some distinguished individuals to deliver at the next annual Fair of the Association, an appropriate closing address; also, to correspond with four prominent men of science, with the view of engaging their services to deliver, during the period of the Fair, each a lecture on some scientific subject pertaining to the object of the Association."

The undersigned the Committee appointed under the foregoing Resolution, in obedience to instructions from the Board and in accordance with the general wish of the citizens of the community, have the honor to extend to yourself the invitation to deliver the closing annual address.

We beg leave to assure you of our belief, that the announcement of your intended presence on the occasion indicated would be highly
addressing to the people of this part of the country, and that under the influence of such an announcement thousands, who would otherwise remain at home, would be induced to come to see and hear you. We therefore feel assured that your coöperation with our request will be highly acceptable to the Association.

Of course, the Association will expect to dispense your kindness, and to come to Ryzen for any favor you may intimate in complying with their wishes.

The Day will commence on the fourth Monday of September next, and continue through the week. The meeting and exercises then proceed on Saturday.

Upon receipt of this communication and respectfully request

With high respect we have the honor to be, your obedient servants,

d.

John Hurdwell

S. L. Davis

S. L. Davis
N. S. Shores of this Co.
Saint Louis Mo.
April 6, 1857.

Want to deliver theclosing address before the Agricultural and
Mechanical Association.