Washington D.C. April 17th 1857

My dear sir,

If you have not already been notified on the subject of the Post Office building to be erected at Springfield, it for the construction of which I am the successful bidder, I hope you will be able to make it convenient to do so before you leave for the west.

There certainly can be no objection to a conditional contract within the appropriation, with the understanding that only such materials (Rubble-stone, Brick & Ashlar) as can be used in the construction of the building can any plan for which Congress may make further provision shall be procured during the recess. By pursuing this course one year would be saved, which in my judgment, with other cogent reasons, I will urge for the prosecution of the work to that extent before the sitting of Congress. Very respectfully your obedient servant,

[Signature]

Hon. C. A. Langloss
C. F. Cluskey
Washington, D.C.
April 17, 1857

Ref to the building
the P.O. & Post Office
in Springfield, Ill.
Bloomington, Illi.
April 17th, 57.

Hon. S. A. Douglas:

My Dear Sir,—The Democrats of Bloomington and vicinity are exceedingly anxious to secure the appointment of Col. Pike, of the "Flag," to the Post Office at this place, and to that end have already forwarded letters to yourself (if I mistake not) and to the Department. The propriety and necessity of the appointment are conceded by all who are familiar with matters here, with the wants of the party, and with the deserving of Col. Pike. For twenty-five years he has been doing vigorous battle for the princ
plus and more of the party, and has never sought or received any reward. He has been with us and for us at all times and under all circumstances, as well in disaster and defeat as in success and prosperity. He has never wavered, no matter how rude the storm or storm the trial, but has always been equal to the exigencies of the times and the demands of the party. If any man is entitled to a acknowledgment of long and arduous toil, to some compensation for yeoman service in a cause in which his whole soul is enlisted, Col. Pike may justly lay claim to not only a respectable, but lucrative appointment.

ment. Two years since he came to Bloomington, and amid a thousand discouragements, established the "Flag." Without means, and without wealthy and influential friends, he has kept it in existence and given it a circulation and influence not to be despised. But it has not renumerated him for his labor, on the contrary has only afforded him a scant livelihood. Located in a strongly Republican city and county, with no extraneous aid, it is matter of astonishment that he has been able to sustain it at
all. But he has done it, and hopes still to do it. Within the last year, however, his health has failed him, and the struggle to maintain his ground grows harder as he grows older. Is it not right, then, to extend him and his paper a helping hand? to place the "Flag" on a permanent basis by connecting the Post Office with it? Such is my conviction, and such is no doubt your own.

I have no private or mercenary motive for addressing you on this subject. I do so, because I feel deeply anxious to...
see the "flag" sustained and an old veteran rewarded. I trust the intercession of Col. Pike's friends will not be disregarded.

It has, as you are aware, been customary to confer the Post Office appointments at all the principal points throughout the country on the Editors of Democratic journals, as much to sustain their papers as to reward them for herculean labors. Gray, of the Cleveland Plaindealer, Austin of the Quincy Herald, and scores of others, have recently been appointed on this ground and
for this purpose? May not Col. Pike?

I am your dear sir,

Yours very truly,

R. M. Jones
R. W. Jones
Wilmington Del.
April 17, 1857
Says he did not suspect to be appointed P.M. at Bloomington.
The Carries Indiana

April 17th, 1851

Sirs,

Stephen A. Douglas

A joint commission was instituted at the last session of Congress for drawing the boundary line between Washington Territory and the British possession North. The two commissioners were appointed: The Hon. Allen Taylor of New York, formerly a member of Congress; and Professor Bache of Cambridge resigned. The President (Pierce) made new appointments. Archibald Campbell, first clerk in the War Department, and Capt. John G. Blake of the Army, are now the commissioners.

I have a son, James (age 18), talented, well educated, seven years of age, active in disposition, born a good houseman, good health, who feels a strong desire to engage in maritime adventure and public life, for a few years. He was promised a situation in the first commission as an attached, and would have one with the commission if they had not resigned. He is a "heirloom" to the family. I think he would be of great service to him, though it for a few years. Before he enters the arena of life. Now what I desire of you is to make a personal application to the commissioners, if possible, and ask that he be attached to the commission in any place in situation they may select. What he goes with them, and they will take some care of him. The expedition. I thought you might have some influence in getting him a place with the commissioners.
in late autumn, I wrote a strong letter to them urging his appointment, and my friend, Mr. Smith, Commodore of the General Yard Office, has taken a keen interest in his behalf.

He said once to me, &c. to believe that I do not stand as well with one of our Statesmen, as you might at first apply to that quarter.

I am asking this favor at you kindness if any apology to you is necessary for doing. I would say that Mr. Price, as a favorite at Washington, and Mr. Smith, had a claim whom he desired to appoint, and I am sure he would be in a moment in sending any aid he could to procure it.

With great regard,

Your friend, E. S. Smith

[Signature]
John Law
Vincennes Ind.
April 17, 1787
Wants something
Monticello Ila, April 17th 1857

Hon Stephen A. Douglas

Respectfully your friend,

Enclosed I send you a Petition from a number of citizens of Piatt County, Ills. Petitioning for a Post-office in the Northern Part of Piatt County where a post office is greatly needed and for the Mail Route from Monticello to Centerville in Piatt County to extend on to Rantoul to Chanute Grove where it will intersect with the Mail Route from Bloomington.

We hope you will do your best to get the Petition as it is greatly needed. It takes longer to get a letter from that section of Piatt County than to get one from New York. We have a Printing Office in Monticello. We could get a large number of subscribers from that section of the County if the mail could be carried to them. Please help us if you can.

I remain yours very respectfully,

James H. Atchley.
Enclosed please find a copy of the established duty list for the 80th Regiment of Texas Volunteers.

The [illegible] April 11, 1867

John Q. Adams

May 14, 1865
Heirlishburg April 17th 1857

Dear Sir,

Our postmaster has resigned or is about to do in favor of Joseph Hardy. The person so nominated is in every way worthy to fill the office and is deserving of the same no less as being a thorough-going democrat and in support of Democratic principles.

The signature of the party sign his recommendation, if any other petition is in, they are from the opposition. If it should be necessary you will confer a favor by speaking for Mr. Hardy.

Very Respectfully,

John C. Peeples

[Signature]

[Address]
Buffalo, N.Y., April 18, 1857.

Hon. S. P. Lewis,
Washington City.

Dear Sir,

Some five weeks ago I took the liberty to inform you of my contemplated trip to Europe and to request the favor of some letters of introduction to a few of your friends on the Continent. Not having received an answer and supposing that you had had no inclination to comply with my request, I concluded not to trouble you any further about the matter. The Rev. Mr. Richardson, a Judge Shinn told me that their letters to you had lately also remained unanswered and that probably you might be absent from Washington. Not finding you at Chicago, I desist.
and while seeking rest from the fatigues of my journey, to inform you—hoping that you may pardon the liberty—that I am now on my way to Europe with 2 of my children, and that I shall sail from New York either on the 30th of April or 5th of May. A telegraphic message or a letter, directed to the care of S. A. Harte 162 Fleet Street, New York City, will promptly reach me.

Notwithstanding the value of your time, I do,

Terminal to be as brief as possible, which brevity I claim as the only merit of these lines.

Having to hear from you prior to my departure, I remain with the greatest respect,

Your

[Signature]
Dear [name]

Of Renuy Pls
Buffalo N.Y.
April 1871

Please send letters of introduction to Europe.
Washington 18 April 1857

Hon. Judge Douglas

Sir,

I had an interview with the President and Cobb. They are most favorably disposed. I mention your names to them they requested me to get a letter from you saying at same time it would have much weight with them. You will oblige me by giving me a letter such as you may deem best without naming the office at same time. Say so far as I am concerned the appointment would be gladly received by the connection who love me of high and honor bearing.

Truly yours at St.

[Signature]

Hammond Iglauer.

P.S. I will be in the City again on Monday evening and in the case I am not hear direct it to me. H. H. H.
I remain, Your obedient
Montgomery, 
Washingtoniae
April 25, 1817
Bel to Town expost
ment
La Misilla, April 18th, 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

I am late in getting intelligence from Washington. News of the bill to organize a new judicial district here did not reach us. We received information that it was on its passage in the Senate. It probably passed the House and is now a law.

When I wrote to you relative to the necessity of a measure of this kind, I also stated that I would like to be appointed judge of the new district. As you are aware, I have been the U.S. attorney here since the administration of President Pierce, and am well acquainted with the country, the people, and their customs, the Spanish language, and the nature of the business. If the appointment is not already made, will you do me the favor to see the president in my behalf? The recommendations from the people here have been forwarded.

Very truly your friend,

W. Lowander Jones
La Biscylla April 18
W. Claude Jones

Judge of the
Nor District
Boston. April 18th, 1859.

Hon. Mr. Douglas.

Dear Sir,

As some of Mr. Brown's friends are about making an effort in his behalf, for the appointment of Minister at Constantinople, and believing you to be one of the number, as you are most fully acquainted with his position there, than almost any one, I take the liberty of soliciting your kind assistance in speaking for him to Mr. Buchanan and the Cabinet.

Mr. Buchanan was, when that of State, very kind to Mr. Brown, and it is to presume aware of Mr. Brown's faithful discharge of the duties committed to his care. Two other gentlemen in a similar situation, have received
promotion, and I ask it not that it is a principal of my conduct, but because Mr. Brown had never failed from the performance of the duties of either of the four offices of Minister for Chancery, Secret, Legation or Consul, since committed to that care; and through his long residence in the East, and familiarity with the customs and modes, and experience in Diplomatick skill, a strong tie of friendship had been formed between the two countries, and the latter of the East had been made acquainted with the principles of this Book, and led to respect it for its superiority.

Mr. Brown's popularity is well known to every American who has visited the East, and all agree that he deserved the position of Minister. In thought at the time of this decision upon the latter affair, that it should either break or break him, but it had been neither. President Madison said at the time, that he ought not to be promoted, but instead of promoting he did not even have the credit for the promotion.

Knowing that your influence would have some weight with the President, I hope you will think favorably of my request, and beg you
Mrs. Mrs. A. P. Brown

Boston Mass

April 18, 1857

About Husband's ship

for Ausmatiske B. &

Construction ple
Washington, April 18th, 1837

Sir,

Allow me to inform you that this morning news was received at the Adjutant General's office of two vacancies in the Sixth Infantry.

There are now six vacancies in the Army.

One in the 4th Artillery, one in the 1st Infantry, two in the 5th Infantry, two in the 6th Infantry.

If you can prepare the necessary for an appointment to be made out and given to you otherwise the case may be unsuccessful. Believe me when I say that it will take a long time for myself and friends to repay your kindness to me.

Believe me to be your alt. and Ever E.'s.

[Signature]
Elisha E. Camp
Washington D.C.
April 1857
About his application for a Lieutenancy in
the United States Navy
on an expedition of fifty thousand dollars will not be manantage to be in snow. That a much more costly building would in a few years hence. The Square it is owned by this brother is well situated and central.

Yours truly,
A. W. Edwards.
A. W. Edwards
Lans. Ills.
April 3, 1857

Draws the appointment of Dr. Mills G.
Edwards as one of the Commissioners to build the stage road to California.
Hon. S. H. Douglas

Frederick, Md.

April 13th, 1857

Dear Sir:

On looking over my file of letters, I was greatly mortified to find that one from Dr. W. H. Bolzgill of Chicago, was unanswered. I shall therefore be under many obligations to you, if you will be so kind as to inform me whether or not the Surgeon to the Marine Hospital at Chicago has yet been appointed by the new Administration.

Dr. Bolzgill desired me to write to you in his behalf, which I most willingly do, with this explanation, however, that I do not presume to interfere with local appointments beyond the limits of Maryland, and in this instance wish to be understood only as bearing testimony to the personal merits of Dr. Bolzgill. I have known the doctor from his childhood, inasmuch as he was born, raised, and educated within a stone’s throw of my residence. He is an intelligent and honorable gentleman, and would do credit to the appointment asked for.

Yours most respectfully,

Wm. J. F. Dent, Jr.
Mayor of St. Louis
For E. Love Lowe
Indianola Med
April 18/37
Written in behalf
of Dr. Batchellor
of Chicago Etc.
Sir,

Since my arrival, I have examined the Bill for constructing six Revenue Cutters for Lake service and find in Sec 3 of 34th Congress, that the Secy of Treasury of U.S. is authorized to appoint either as Captain of the First - Lieutenant - Comdy. A.C.

and I am to express to you my grateful acknowledgment for your courtesy and attention while in Washington.

I am...

Hoping yours truly,
Washington Henry A. Mitchell
At Your House
Saturday A.M.

Dear Judge,

For fear that I may not see You to-day I judge to state that I have seen Thompson and think, with the proper management, that an appointment for Survey or Edge of New Mexico may be obtained for W. Cole. Thompson is to see W. C. and myself on Monday morning at 9 O'C, and I pray you to strain a point and accompany us. Let us put this matter if you are delayed a day from your home. As your friend and partizan, the note of yesterday I assure you that the recognition of Cole will do more
than any one thing to strengthen them for it. That truly,
Hon. C. A. Douglas
Alex C. Morton
at home.
Alexander C. Morton
(of A. C. & Co.)
April 1867
About the appointment
of Surveyor General
of New Mexico
Osceola, A. Y. April 18, 1859.

Hon. Stephen O. Douglas,

City of Washington.

My dear Sir,

The enclosed letter, which explains itself, is from George C. Morgan, Esq. of St. Mary's County, Maryland, a gentleman of talent and worth, and of strong influence in the politics of the State. He is one of the 'Old Whigs,' who refuse to follow the 'New Whigs' in their relations with Negro abolitionists and Black Republicans.

His brother-in-law, Dr. Bultzell, of Chicago, as you will perceive from Mr. Morgan's letter, wishes to be appointed Physician to the Marine Hospital (I presume it is) at that place. I knew Dr. Bultzell when...
he was a school boy, and his habits and character were unquestionable. I have not seen him since he grew into manhood, but have always received an excellent report of him for intelligence, industry, and devotion to his profession. His own family is influential in Maryland, and he married a daughter of Judge Johnson, who is a leading man in the Western country.

If you do not commit him to the D.C. postmaster at once, I will ask you to send young Bally to you, as I believe he is the best young man and attached to you, an influential social and political circle in his native State. Neverland. Should it be that you are not able to present the claims of his brother-in-law, I would suggest that you write a civil note to Mr. Mor, you on the subject. His post office is ______ Leonard Town, Saint Mary's County, Md.

I hope to get as far west as Chicago this summer, in which event I shall, of course, call upon you. But if I should not visit your residence, I shall not fail to keep you advised as to the plans and plans which may be selected on to defend your great State for the Union of the next House of Representatives.

Yours ever by yours,

S. H. Clay Stanton.
Mr. Clay Mudd
Clarkesburg WV
April 1857

Endorses a letter from Geo. C. Morgan about Dr. Baltzell of Chicago Ill.
Post office

Stark City, LaSalle Co., Ill.

April 18th, 1837

Dear Sir,

I was this morning informed, that John N. Etterle, of this place, has sent to you a petition for my removal from the office of Post Master of this place, and asking for your influence in securing the appointment of himself or some one else in my stead.

Having no knowledge as to the contents of the papers or the representations made (the petition having been executed privately and not among the business community) I have taken this liberty of writing you, and to ask the favor that you take no action in the premises until you have learned the whole fact bearing upon the case.

J. R. Etterle, the Author of the petition, (as I am informed) of this petition is a Semi and a Democrat, But Strange to say he has few friends and little influence among his fellow Countymen and
Among the Americans, it is to the responsible and respectable I have held the office a little of three years. During that time I have given it my personal attention and as a general insist upon your satisfaction. I am now building a new house the better to accommodate the public.

Do you want to purchase a house from me? I am considering selling my house in the county as well. I have always been a part of this community and I would like to see it continue to thrive.

I would also like to introduce you to John Smith, a former chief of police in this area who also resides in Portage City.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am always available to help.

Yours truly,
John Smith
F. J. Tripp PM
Sankt Peter Mo
April 1837
Abode his Removal
 ever e
Chicago April 18th 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Sir,

I send herewith a Day of the real Mountain Dew of Scotland which I brought with me on my return from a short sojourn there. Which I beg you will do me the honor to accept.

I am, with much respect,

Your Old Friend

Meq. White
Hanover Academy, Jay Township
April 19th, 1857

Honorable Sir,—I have the honor to inform you that at a late meeting of the Concord Literary Society, at Hanover Academy, you were unanimously elected an Honorary member of that body. Be assured that we esteem it an honor to have so distinguished a name enrolled upon our records, and I feel proud to state that this testimonial of the Society's regard has resulted from a due appreciation of your invaluable services to your Country.

Very truly, your obedient servant,

J. E. Heath

Committee "C.L.S.

J. E. Heath
J. Basing
H. N. Fleming
M. Head
J. S. Hanks

St Paul Sept 19th 1857

My dear Madam:

Mrs Rice desires me to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter & to say that she will so far avail herself of your service as to trouble you to get for her a Cashmere or Muslin de lain dress

dark colors for a house dress. You will also oblige her by sending it to me by Express.

Mrs R also sends much love — the boy has been very ill & has kept his mother constantly in bed — or she would write (as she says) —

We are just getting into the political campaign, and it is boiling hard — I am of the opinion that the Democrats will carry the day by a fair majority.

By the papers I learn that Mr Douglas is in the interest of the State, wishing him success.

I am very truly yours,

H M Rice

Mrs J A Douglas
Chicago Il.
Billings House
Nevada City April 28th 1857

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,
My Dear Sir,

It is some time since
I have had the pleasure of seeing you on
board the Steamer Buckeye that came from Buffalo
to Detroit, having become permanently located in
this rapidly growing. I took this occasion to let
you know of my whereabouts, so that by my
own negligence I should not become erased from
your books, nor kind recollection.

The great principle of the Nebraska bill
has still occasionally to be fought, and its
friends receive the bitterest opposition of wandering
and disorder minds, in no place have I
seen it so fully carried into effect, than it
is in the abuse, the severest attack made upon
by treacherous Democrats, upon one of the trust
we lean in this Community A. T. Walling Esq.
who has just been appointed Post Master for
this place. Mr. Walling is true as steel to the
principle of the sound Democratic party, for
his unflinching course he is represented to be
any and everything but a good Democrat.
by a class of men too, who will sell their party and its principles, for a petty preliminary consideration. The warm and true friends who have any part in the fortunes of the Administration, look upon the attempt to injure him in Washington as being hopeless; and we trust it may be so.

Fearing that it may not be forgotten on your list and restatement,

I am Respectfully,

[Signature]

I. E. [Last Name]
Lebanon April 20th, 1857

Senator Douglas

Please send me a half a dozen of your Great Speech upon the Nebraska Bill.

Yours truely

W.D. Masterson
Lebanon
Illinois
W. D. Matterson
Lebanon Bls
April 20th
Maute Speech on the Nebraska Bls
April 20, 1857

My dear Sir,

Mr. Jas. Lenhart, of Charlottesville, Va., expects to visit Europe, & a letter from him would be of service to him abroad. There is not a more perfect gentleman in Virginia than Mr. L. in character, in learning, in abilities, would make him an ornament of any society in any part of the world. This is the testimony, not of a partial friend, but of all who know him. By giving him such a letter as I could desire for him, you may confer a great favor on him, &
well as on his friends, & especially in you.

Head & Levenet
A. T. Bledoe.

Mrs. Stephe & Douglas,
A. T. Badger
University Va.
April 20st
Introduces Dennis
Southall
Chicago, April 20, 1837

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir:

You will pardon me for writing you again on the subject of the Local Mail Agent for this City. I am extremely anxious like all applicants for Office, to have some action taken upon my application for the position last for which I was defeated four years since when an applicant for this place, by Long John. I then had a letter from Gov. Matteson likewise a letter from W. J. Brown of Indiana, and a letter signed by all the Democratic Aldermen of this City. I am now backed by all the Democratic Aldermen of this City, with the exception of P. Connolly whom I presume it would have given me his influence had I asked for it. Mr. Shean has given Paul J. Dennis a letter. Mr. Dennis has been a resident of the City about three years, renounce you a letter, signed by sixteen Demo, including Alderman Drumlins from the 7th Ward, Loughlin from 10th Ward, and Kennedy from the 4th Ward. All elected.
This spring I sent you a letter from Major Clary and Col. Davis. Hugh Magruder told me he would talk with you on the subject. I never was in the City, Washington, and consequently do my business by writing and will now leave the matter in your hands, and will not write any more letters on the subject, but remain with much

Esteem,

Your friend,

J. McConnell.
Dover, Ohio April 20th 1834

Gentlemen,

As this the way we are to be treated for helping to elect Mr. Buchanan President — that among the first acts of his administration, we must suffer our Post-Office taken from us — our democratic Post Master turned out, and a black republican appointed in his stead — a man so hostile to our government, that he even hesitated to take the oath of office, because it required him to support the constitution — is this Democratic patronage — surely, it is worse than labor for ten hours a day as the enemy predicted — it is in fact, taking the children's bread, and giving it to dogs. But not to ensure the administration altogether, for this signal instance of their disfavour — the application for this removal, no doubt, had the appearance of justice — in truth, it was got and presented in a clandestine manner under false pretenses for the better securing of signatures and the accomplishment of their object — notwithstanding I think, the movement would have proved abortive, had it not been, that a certain leading democrat, living without the bounds of this city, and therefore having no occasion to interfere, turned traitor, to some of this
but political friends, and their cause — be it ever so weak, and by his political standing and misrepresentations, opposed some of your, to believe, all was right. Thirdly, inducing you to endorse their statements — which endorsement, in my view, was the very reason why the department ordered the removal — now shall such duplicity go unnoted, or such fraud be practiced with impunity. I trust it was such conduct offends you reason for nullifying the whole transaction and I hope, therefore, that you will unite in entreaty protest against it — and use your entire influence, to effect, a rescission of this decision — by having this renegade incumbent displaced, and the office restored to its former status, and under the control of a Post Master General friendly to the government — and for the good of the cause we advocate. I think a further change should be made — that is, vacate entirely, the Lewell Post Office — then the疑—— will not have it. To say, the Decmillionville office is not central, and that it is too near the Lewell office — how close these two offices are in such antiquity — was it not, because they, under its rule, first got our office, removed to the other side of the river — and upon the return of a democratic administration, we obtained a new office on this side, without disturbing you and now, since they are the same party has succeeded again in the removal of our office, by taking advantage this time, of the very clause by which them I say, them, let them, be otherwise have no such reason to complain again of the removal of the two offices with much of that office entirely — then with our office in central, just midway between the Johnson and South Town Offices — then would all the Post Offices, on the whole line from Austin to Magnolia be equal distance from each other — namely about three miles apart, and they would be as well accommodated. Besides, such a change of the offices would not only restore to us our original privileges, but it would tend greatly to diminish the circulation of the wrong and increase the circulation of the right kind of information in the community — which last consideration, I deem of no trivial importance, to our general future welfare. I hope them such a beneficial arrangement may be consummated — except the liberty States. I mean no distinction but only speak as every one knows all men are for council — young men for war.

Yours respectfully

Isaac Dimmick

To the Hon. Wm. Dickinson
To the Honorable
William Reddick
and others
Ottawa, Ill.

Linc Slummers
New York April 20th 1854

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I shall be an applicant for some minor position in the Customs House, when the new Collector shall assume his duties. I have never before applied for any political position. Although I have always exerted myself to advance the interests of the Democratic Party.

If you will be kind enough to give me a brief letter of introduction to Mr. Schell I will esteem it a great favour, and will seek an opportunity at some future time to repay the obligation.

With great respect I am

Yours truly,

James Keck

3 Ferry St.
James Reed  
New York  
April 26, 18---  
To an applicant for a place in the custom house under the new collector.
Springfield We
April 20/57.

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Sir,

Please ante

to Arch Bishop Purcell of
Cincinnati that you hand
friends who wish you to request
that Dr. Hugh Quigley of this
City, Roman Catholic Priest, may
be continued, here, and that
you hope it be may be
please to continued here.

Yours truly,

John W. M. Eldeman
John A. McClenand
Springfield, Ill.
April 20, 57

Wants you to write to
Arch/Bishop Prence. I
to request him to retain
Dr. Hugh McGuire at
Springfield.
Emily April 20th
1837

Dear Sir,

I have written to and received a reply from Handbury McConnell. His answer is perfectly satisfactory to me, and I shall consider it as settled to put my name among the recommendations.

Drop me a line when you arrive at Chicago as I wish to go there at that time.

Very respectfully,

Your truly,

[Signature]