Uniontown, Penna.
april 28, 1857

Hon. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Can you recommend me to a good and trustworthy atty at law in Warsaw Illinois? If you can, I will be obliged to you & do so at your earliest convenience. I now desire the collection of a claim at that place.

Very truly yours,

D. Kaine
Dras' you to "Commend"

Some trusty Attorney

in Warsaw Pbe.
Buffalo April 28, 1857

My dear sir,

I take pleasure in making you acquainted with an old and valued friend Capt. Lassen, of the army, who visits Washington after an absence of three years in New Mexico. Should it be in your power to send him it will gratify many of your friends here and especially your friend

Mrs. A. Searcy

Mrs. J. A. Douglas.
Mr. A. Seaver
Buffalo, N.Y.
April 28th
Introduces Capt. Masters
Dayton, April 28th, 1857

Dear Sir:

The Books (Japau Expedition) which were put up for me while I was in Washington in March, have not yet arrived. Will Mr. Vedder be kind enough to see about it and advise.

Yours Truly,

[Signature]

Dr. G. A. Douglas,

Nash, D.C.
Hon. J. Tallmadge
Nayton, Ohio
March 24th

Hunt Robert Brown, said to have been sent to him
"Upon Expedition"
Hartland, April 28, 1857

Hon. S. N. Denfield:

I understand that an effort is being made to delay the enrolling my commission at Washington. I received the official notification of my appointment on the 16th and forwarded my bond the same day. It is time the commission is here. I rely upon you and any other friends in Washington to go to the Department and see that they attend to it. I think David is at the bottom of it, although he professed friendship when I was there. He did not like my refusal to be controlled by him at business. I went there as your friend and I never paid for the men at a time.

Will you take the trouble to look into the matter? My kind regards to your worthy lady.

Your friend,

[Signature]

Hon. S. N. Denfield, Washington, D.C.
A. T. Walling
Koe Hei Storn
April 28/57
Says his commission
has not arrived.
Nashville, Ill. April 38th 1857

Hon. C. A. Douglas

Sir,

Not knowing anyone in Washington, to whom the enclosed certificate of entry, could be sent, I take the liberty of send them to you.

Will you be so kind as to receive them and call at the proper office; get the patents and send them to me as soon as possible at Nashville, Washington County, Illinois.

Will you permit me also, to ask the favor of you, to put on your list of names, of your constituents, to whom you send Pub. Docs., the following to wit: "Nashville Library Association, "Nashville Washington County.

We have formed an Association, bearing the above name, for the purpose of procuring a Public Library at this place, and any favor from you at any time...
will be thankfully received & gratefully remembered.

Permit me to express my earnest desire to hear from you in regard to the two patent leas for Herewith. Can I be of any service to you, in any way? If so, command me.

Respectfully yours,

Abt. Secr. Amo. Watts,
Amos Watts
Nashville
Els
Washington April 29, 1857

[Handwritten text]

At the request of [name] I concluded to write to you about the improvements on my land and the questions of the present. The improvements are going on well, but the ground is not so well. It is extremely difficult to get the corporation to put the proper notice on the land. I have some difficulties with the corporation, and I think they should take the proper steps. I have written them about the matter.

P. B. [Name]

Mr. [Name] has also taken some land of [Name] for which he refuses to account. I have written him about the matter, but I have not received any answer from him.

I have another matter for you to consider, which is the matter of [name] and [name]. If you would write me how you understand it, I would appreciate it.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

F. F. [Name]
J. P. Callan
Washington, D.C.
Aug. 29/57.
Hephaestion, N. C. A. 1837.

April 29, 1837.

Dr. Sir:

I am collecting a volume of speeches for binding for my own private use, and would thank you most sincerely if you would assist me in increasing my collection.

Truly yours,
Silas N. Fitchburg

Hon. S. A. Douglas,
U. S. Senator,
Washington, D.C.
Silas Ketchum
Hartford, N.H.
April 29/59
Wants some deodors
P. O. Department
Appr. Office,
Apr. 29, 1867

My dear Sir:

You will see that the
appointment of Howard at Galena
has been made. I expect that
the case of Jacksonville was in
another budget, which the Sec. Gen-
eral did not open, which I pre-
tume is the reason it was not
acted on.

Very respectfully,
Horatio King

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

P.S. Mr. Price's bond has come to
light.
Horatio New
Mustard Market
April 29/57

Inform you of the appointment of
MR Howard
R A at Yarm
Salem, Meado April 29, 1837.

My dear Sir:

A word from you now the first quarter may be of service to me at this time. Mr. Bartow of this city a man just out of Congress, has gone to Washington to open his office. It will never do to let him have it. There is not a good man in town, one of our friends by & by, at the proper time. We shall need the place for future operations.

Have written to Quincy and Appleton. Can you say a judicious word for me?

Respectfully Wm. H. Smith.

Mr. S. A. Douglas. I. B. Long.

Washington D.C.
No. 13

Salem, Mass

April 27, 1807

Says that U.S. Barton

(which has come out from

Know Nothing) has gone
to Washington to get his
place and says you to,

Say a word for him in the right quarter.
To Hon. S. McCook

Dear Sir,

You favor came to hand this day and I was much pleased to hear that there would be no change made in the post offices at Henry & Loramie, as it is wise, and as it should be.

In regard to the dep. post master at Brumfield, I can say I think the present incumbent ought to be removed for he has been inefficient in discharging his duty to the party and has given aid and comfort to the enemy during last campaigns to the detriment of the party in Brumfield township. As to Mr. Sheehan being appointed post master at Brumfield I would most certainly object for he is a resident of Duboce township and not of Brumfield and I do not think it would give satisfaction to have a non-resident appointed to fill a place which a resident is capable of filling. I certainly would object to such a course and I write the department in this instance will not be gained by it. Mr. Sheehan is a good man and a Democrat but not such a strong one as would justify appointing him our own the time, and from Democratic (Hugh Sears) has been recommended by the Democratic Club at Brumfield to fill the place of Mr. Oddy. I wrote you on yesterday in regard to the action of the Club at Brumfield and I will repeat what I then said that Mr. Hugh Sears
is in any way well qualified for the situation, and that he has always stood firm and unflinching where other quakers would flag. I learned to see that Bart's lady had gotten up a petition for his re-
mayor appointment and that he had gotten some members of the Republican Club to sign it, but what few of them so far, have signed, it is feared, are not efficient dena-
crat Postmaster, and not one who came was for the opposition when the vote was taken. I think of his act and the fees he has received, much the amount of not having the postmastership. I say, to him, from the class to have his lady reappointed.

In this case I think the department will give the most satisfaction by carrying out the wishes of the Demo-
cratic Club of Brimfield, and say no attention to any other applicant. The Club was called together. I have spoken of selecting a proper person for this office. Several days notice was given to the members which were posted up in different parts of the town. The active working members of the club met according to the date, the friends of Mrs. lady put their nomination at that meeting; another withdrew his name because he was not a member of the club, and had refused to become such during the last campaign. Some of the family members of Mr. Sheehan were also there, and the club unanimously declared that Hugh Sears was their choice for Postmaster at Brimfield. I heartily approve of this decision, and hope the department will ratify the same. Mr. Sears is the most active and energetic dem-
ocrat in Brimfield, the chairman of the select committee for that township, and a man who can be relied upon to build up the party and work for its interests, of course on that position, and at the same time faithfully dis-
charge the duties of the office. Such a man will always have influence among the leaders of this and the opposition will be likely to have votes. If I can keep out of room I do, I would be no more than I would expect. It is not out of moment that the Republicans are or will be pleased with the appointment of Mr. Sears but it is important to such ease as Brimfield that there should be certainty in the Postoffice, and be something for the cause of the party, and Mr. Sears to be the best man. In this respect, I saw of going in this place, and therefore would be pleased. He is a part of his appointment. Mr. Sears had the official spreading which I suppose he had on hand the department. It is a request that Mr. Sears should be appointed, and when I suppose he has done according to his promise. If they have not yet reached Washington, I shall be glad to hear of it. It is successful as that of Henry and Laura and well as pleasing to me, I have wished them most prosperous years in health.

P.S. I hope this matter may be attended to.

Wellsboro, Dec. 18

[Signature]
January 24th 1837

My dear Sir,

I received your favor of the 20th a day or so ago, and am obliged to you for it. I trust that upon your arrival in North Carolina you found your sons convalescent.Binding and dealt has entered your family as well as mine and put us both to severe trial.

Upon your return to Washington I have no doubt but you will proc the appointment here and just entitled to. Illinois has been short as long enough and I was rejoiced to hear from.
You mentioned, whose
time a few days ago,
your continued atten-
tion to carry out the
decision of the delegation to "ask nothing that is not right and submit
without that is wrong.
Richardson should have
a foreign appointment.
I hope you will be
able to get something
for Dr. Richmond, while
letter to one. I send you
and hope you will find
time to read it.

The road from Albany to Galveston
Robert Burton is very anxious
to come on it as he would
prefer to be at home here
and the labor is light. I have
written to the Department to
have him transferred, and
sergeant M. Clarke, of the
company, brother-in-law
of R. A. Head, appointed
on the route from Bern-
dinton to Chicago. You
will attend to your return
to Washington. I hope you
will see to them immediately.

W. D. Wilson of Macon
having declined the appoint-
ment of post office agent on
Andrew Wooton, water agent from St Louis to Keokuk and appoint James Harrison. We all recommend Mr Harrison to Gov. Polk & Mr Green both agreed he should have the place. Wooton is an Iowa man & Mr Jones of that state was sustaining him. Mr Green said & so I thought that the way & not the through mail is entitled to the agents & consequently Wooton has no business on our route. Beil & so from all I can learn he is just fit for the place. I feel a great interest in Mr Harrison's success and you cannot do me a greater favor than to get Mr Brown to reconsider the matter and appoint him. He is a brother-in-law of one of our good friends But Bower & John Steinagel, cut John gave way to him & there is no appointment of the same character. I feel half
The interest in - I do hope you will leave it made and I know if you make the point it is bound to come. It is clearly our right & also James should not object to it. Be sure to write to me what is done - if they refuse me now I shall not give it up.

I trust Barton will succeed.

I indeed know you will do all you can for Illinois men - and let me assure you sir that I am as hand to serve you in any way in my power to the utmost of my ability. I trust I may be able to advance your interest.
let me know when you will be in Chicago as I wish to meet you then. If you have them to spare I should like very much if you could send my boys Edgar & Lucien, each a copy of the Japan Expedition Dr. Kane's explorations He-- Dr. Hedger promised to lend them but I suppose although you would not like to spare them nothing new here. If I knew exactly what time you would be in Washington I don't know but I should meet you there.

Your friend
A. McAlpin
Mrs. J. A. Douglas
Chicago, April 29, 1857

Dear Sir,

John E. Kimberley, of this city, son of Dr. Kimberley, has made application for a lieutenancy in the Revenue Service, with a hope to be located on Lake Michigan or near the Cutter that will be assigned to Capt. Mitchell.

Mr. Kimberley is a young man of good physique, ability, sound health and capable of the greatest endurance. He has already had experience on the Pacific Coast as commander of a vessel in the merchant service. He is a brother-in-law of Col. J. M. Donnelly, and his appointment would be gratifying not only to the Democratic party in this city but to hosts of personal friends of all parties.

Allow me, most respectfully,

[Signature]
to urge my warmest wishes that you may have it in your power to obtain her appointment for him. I trust that you will oblige us all, the friends of Mr. H. of his father, by doing all that can be done in his behalf.

Illinois with a commercial marine equal to that of nearly all the other inland states, certainly may look for two years in a service destined for the protection of that commerce.

I do not believe that any man from this State has asked the place, but whether one has or not, I hope that Mr. Hooker may obtain the place.

Instruct.

[Signature]

Jack P. Hale
Mr. Sheahan
Chicago, Ill.
April 29/57
Rel to Mr. Kimberly
Son being appointed
1st in Revenue Service
Brooklyn April 29th 1837

Dear Sir,

In a recent conversation with the President, his Excellency expressed himself disposed to gratify the City of Brooklyn (my district) with the appointment of John Cooper (an officer) as Superintendant of Public Planting. I have the third City in the Union in population, and at the last election gave almost decisive votes according to the population, than any other two. We therefore must something.

The President is well disposed to give me this appointment; but as there will be considerable preference from other quarters, I wish to strengthen the matter.
As far as possible, and with thank you, most sincerely, for a letter in Mr. Judgement's behalf - he is well qualified as one of the hardworking democrats - an important element in the Federal Administration.

With great respect I am,

Your obedient,

[Signature]

If you can accommodate me, please forward your letter to me.

To,

Mr. Stephen A. Douglas.
Honr'd Mr. Taylor
Brooklyn N.Y.
April 29/87

Desires you to assist Mr. James Cooper of his Distirct
Willard's Hotel
Nov. 30th 1837

To the Hon. T. A. Holcomb
War Sink.

A few days ago you kindly gave one a letter to the Hon.
John B. Floyd—on arrival you will receive
it. I will see to exhibit a careful ins.
small portion or ICT: in consequence
of this indisposition, I have not yet been
able to write.

I expect soon to visit Indep.,
and wish to get recommendation of any in-
tention, from some of the Foreign Ministers,
to their Governments, and I take the liberty
to ask if you, a nice of introduction to
Hon. Rods, that through the State Depart-
ment I may get letter the Minister of
France, Russia, and England, and to other
countries where theRottement ought be adopt-
ed for use in the Army: or if you can
yourself favor one with a few lines of intro-
duction to any of the Diplomad Personages
you will render greatly to help
Your Very obedient servant

C. B. Ewing
Dr. C. W. B. Brum R
Pella Hotel
April 20, 1857
Wants a letter of introduction to Fray Luis.
Clara, His April 30/57

New S. C. Rayfield
Washington, D.C. My Dear Sir:

Having been here from abolish, visiting for some time and becoming acquainted with the leading Democrats, I have found Mr. J. N. Mansfield one of the leading and most active and energetic among them. He has devoted much time and money to the success of the party, and his appointment as P.W. here will gratify the largest portion of the party.

The present P.W. McCotten is decidedly of the "old soy" school and except a single vote is perhaps of no allegiance to the party, while Mr. Mansfield is a constant worker, and sustained the flag amid even the Black Republicanism of
this place.

All of the "Young America" class—
the fearless and energetic workers of the
party that I have conversed with, desire
the appointment of Mr. Mansfield, and
it is much to be hoped that they will not
be disappointed.

Anything you may do to assist
him, will I know be remembered by him,
and confer a favor upon

Faithfully yours,

[Signature]

Charles E. Upham
Mr. H. Bushnell
Delaware
Mrs.
H. A. Van Derwater* Whistler, Fitch
Portsmouth, N.H.
Apr. 30th, 1837

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to hear that you will soon return to New York, and I trust you will find the time to write a few lines to me.

I am now employed at the Board of Engineers for Examinations and admission into the Corps, which consists of about forty officers, and I am at the moment without the means of paying my expenses. I therefore respectfully request you to allow me to be under still greater obligations by transmitting me a sufficient sum for that purpose. I am not unshone of your favor and kindness to me, and I am now to be able to liquidate in part the many favors you have had the goodness to render me. When I left Washington in the 'Natchez,' I had expected to return in time to draw from the Bureau of that yard, who keeps my accounts sufficiently to meet my expenses in getting for Thos. O'C. I would not thus trust you on your kindness, yours,

H. A. Van Derwater

* Whistler, Fitch
Portsmouth, N.H.
Aurora April 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Dr. F.

This will be handed to you by a neighbor of mine, Dr. J. A. W. Brox, to whom I beg leave to introduce to your kind attentions.

Dr. Bronk spent the past winter in Nebraska, engaged heavily in his real estate operations, has expected to return again to Nebraska this summer and now visits London on business. Committee with his landlord interests, any attention or assistance shown him will be gratefully remembered by both himself and your own.