Mrs. DeWitt regrets that medical politics will deprive her of the pleasure of receiving her friends this evening.

Monday May 20th
Mrs Dickery's Report,
Portland May 20th 1857

Mr. JA Loughlin

I understand that a Petition is now being circulated by a set of John Shinnies, for the purpose of removing me from the office of Post Master at Shinnsville, the appointment of a Black Republican. I am only stopping at this place for a short time & have left the office in charge of my Deputy, who attends faithfully to the duties of the office. Should I have that occasion permanency I should be glad to remain for a suitable person to hold the office.

Your very Respectfully

Per – Scudder
Mr. Beardsley
Portland 1865
New York City, May 20th, 1859

Hon. A. Douglas

Sir:

I have the honor and the pleasure to inform you of my appointment to the 4th Infantry, which is in Oregon.

I was informed by the Adjutant General that in a week he would order me to report to Gen. Scott, when I shall endeavor to obtain a short leave that I may see my friends, and pay you my heartfelt thanks. It may be that I shall not succeed here, and when I attempt to express my thanks to you, and I will not try to do so by letter.

Hoping that my friends will by a faithful friend remember you.

Remain your ever obedient,

Servant,

Elihu E. Camp
Elisha E. Camp
New York
Washington
May 20th 1857

My dear Sir,

My conversation with our mutual friend "Capt. Stille" I express to him the desire I have felt since being married of once more and finally becoming a denizen of the West. I think the chances of promotion here dull, and in fact do not as a matter of choice prefer remaining in Washington. At Stille's suggestion I therefore ask of you to forward to me a letter to Sec. Cobb. for an appointment which I understand properly belongs to you. That of Inspector at large for North Western Division. Should it conflict with any previous arrangement on your part, I do not request it. Should it not, I know that you will not hesitate to do so.

Believe me ever your sincere friend,

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Chicago Ills.

Chas. F. Webster
Oberlin, September 21, 1810

Henry W. Dennerts

Mr. Webster:

I was in attendance at The Cincinnati Convention, in the capacity of Chairman of the National Democratic Committee for the State of Michigan. And urged your nomination.

I thought it best, as a matter of policy, consisting of one year certain of Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, with your name, than Peru with Mr. Buchanan. The result last November hand help them to office, and that your election would have been certain. I thought of it but...
the nomination belonged to you as the endorsed candidate. The principles of the Democratic Party that would be attacked in that campaign are the principles of the late Hon. D. M. Menefee, of Chicago. I have no idea that I would interfere in such a matter unadvisedly and also feel that the fulminations of two such humble individuals as my brother and myself could be of no importance to you. Yet I can not deny myself the privilege of expressing my views, the tenure looks too short for those who have labored long and tried, and I do not consider my brother's being willing to give up his office at this time as the means of any of his friends. From the town to the farm.

R. T. Hennings
Mr. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

It is with regret that I again trouble you with a letter but knowing the underhand deceit that is being practiced by some few unprincipled men who since the Democracy is triumphant are trying to impose upon those who are not acquainted with them by representing themselves and their friends as good, sound, and reliable Democrats, but who were before the election as mute as mice when they were watched. I merely write to put you on your guard lest you might be imposed upon. In the first place, there is a person calling himself "Col. James Robinson" whose character and standing in whatever place he ever lived in can be established by asking any one there, and if he enters one word in his favor as a Democrat, as a man I will say no more. He is a man fond of notoriety so much that he cannot pass through any country place where there is a paper printed but he has inserted that "Col. James Robinson has arrived here on his way to Washington on some important Government business." Here lately he has gone to Dubuque and has inserted in the new Editors of the North West and had inserted in that paper that "Col. James Robinson the Reliable Democrat has received the appointment..."
of Indian agent in Nebraska. Have you a letter from the former? I believe no such notice would have appeared in that paper.

A few days ago he put a notice in our little sheet that "J. W. Johnson Union" does not vote with the Black Republican." Why not tell the whole truth that he was not at home on Tuesday of Election, that he was in Wisconsin and not at the poll to vote there. He worked when at home for Washburn; he attended a supper given to Mr. Washburn as a Republican, he does all he could for him. He now says that he has a copy of the letter, sent to have him removed from office, but says that it was through Mr. Washburn that he received it, so you will see that he is for Washburn and Mr. Red for him. He is now presenting James Campbell and a successor in office at Council Bluffs by having false reports in the Douglas papers upon him. He is a dangerous man, a man of means since uses it to destroy his successors. He has with him G. C. Pegram, D. M. Dennis, who needs to be placed out, Mr. Warren one of our best men. If McCollum was not not worthy to represent this administration in the post-office at Council Bluffs, he must be made one to be in favor of this immediate removal.

Yours with respect,

A. B. Brand.
Ottawa Dec. May 21, 1857

Hon. O. P. Douglas:

Chicago — I in the most the recurrence this city is a political document and is associated with prominently men of our past whose wishes are entitled to respect and prompt attention.

I heard I can conceive now it was that the wrong of which they complain could have been done it was entirely in consideration of others who assisted and did.

I am well acquainted with the location with all the inhabitants of the neighborhood and have no hesitation of my appointment the one located with Daniel Dr. New office should be re instituted by nothing more, the one located with Daniel Dr. New office as their business in this place should some of them can deal here. Will I no desire the favor to have that influence to at least reinstate the office and obtain the appointment of Philep D. Dimmick & I should in consequence be much pleased if the paper could go through my hand.

Respectfully Your Friend

Wm. R. B. Athman.
Mr. H. H. Cushman
Ottawa, Illinois
May 24th, 1851

Mr. N. A. Douglas

Dear Mr. Douglas,

I am writing to thank you for your kindness in sending me theStraube's book. I was greatly pleased to receive it and am now looking forward to reading it carefully.

The weather here in Chicago has been quite pleasant. The days are warm and sunny, and the nights are cool. The streets are busy with traffic, and the shops are open late into the evening.

I have been spending my days working on a new project at the office. It is quite challenging, but I am enjoying the work.

I hope you are well and that your health is improving.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
of the government of Pennsylvania on a public
work for the benefit of the community. I hope you will
be pleased to accept my best thanks for your con-
tribution in the important task of road reconnis-
cance, which I shall gratefully remember for
you. I have been much impressed by the num-
b儿 of your worthy citizens who have contributed
colle.

On returning from the meeting of the county
I am not aware of exactly the same polit-
ical opinions as Mr. Porter, but being a
private citizen, knowing him to
be an independent person, I have had a
long experience of dealing with him.
I feel as if I should like something
to report of him. He is a man of
principle, and the embattled ques-
tion.

I remain yours,

Lake Nate.
Washington D.C. May 21, 1867

Sir,

At the request of Commodore Strongbow, late Commander of the Mediterranean Squadron, Capt. Macwood, late of the Cumberland, and a number of other officers who have lately served on that station, I address you to ask your active interference in behalf of Frederick M. Behr, Esq., U.S. Consul at the port of Messina, in Sicily.

Mr. Behr, we fear, in the changes soon to be made, may lose his office for want of a political friend, who will pursue in the part of the Administration an examination at least of the peculiar claims which we think he possess.

I only think it necessary to remind you of the extraordinary patriotism of Mr. Behr, as illustrated by Mr. Behr in the persistence of 1857 to insure your interest in his case. I only fear that he may
be removed, in the great pressure now made for appointments with a due consideration of his case— it is to prevent that we take the liberty of addressing you.

The other officers named are not residents of Washington, and have not been here to act for them. My reply to your letter, proper to make, may therefore be addressed to you.

It is proper to add that no one of us has any other interest in a connection with Mr. B--. The views that arising out of the communications occurring during a cruise. We are taking no part in behalf of any other officer-holders.

Bloudale

P.S. - August 10.
Exchange Hotel May 21st 1859

My dear--

I am much pleased to obtain through your influence the appointment of the Executive of the Post Office building at Newfoulden and I am the more pleased to send you the recommendation of Capt. Smith and mine, and you can have any other endorsesment of my character that you may require. Please instruct Mr. James Atkinson and requesting his aid,

I shall leave to Incumbent myself your obedient servant.

John McCrady.

Please answer this speedily.
John M. Leely
Want the Super
Intendence of
A.T. Building
at Springfield
Chicago, May 31, 1857

Judge Douglass

I am informed (not officially) but credibly, that there are to be three removals of Post agents on the Chicago-Alton & St. Louis road, and that I am one. I know not what my sins are, unless it is for being too strong and rabid a Democrat. You have known me since you first ran for Congress. When I printed a paper in Ottawa—my character, politics, andstanding is known to Chicago Democrats, such as Gen. Stewart, Col. Hamilton. I cotr, and I would refer you to Mr. Lincoln, etc., and any one connected with the Chicago Post office. Now I have done my business.

I think Mr. Sherman has a hand in this. I called there yesterday to see you but you was not at home—I go to St. Louis this morning which disposes me of an interview, which I much regret. If I am to be decapitated I don’t want my gray hair dishonored. By paying attention to this you will oblige your friend

D.R. Smith

I will see you some time next week.
Oscar Smith
Chicago
About mail
agency.
Alton May 21st 1857

Dear Judge,

I returned from Minto, N. D. early this month. I hoped to find you at home. I saw you again to-day. I am going to stay for St. Paul. May remain there two weeks. I intended to return by your City. I see by the papers that Dr. English's brother, of Louisville, Ky., has been succeeded as Collector of that Port. He was as I suppose a warm friend of yours. Do you anything of the cause of this change? Our friend English here, feels bad about his brother's removal, and does not know but efforts may be made to remove him. I do not suppose that any change will be made here without my knowing something about it. Dr. English is a good, true friend of yours.

Yours &c.
My friends also & I would be long to hear that any Democrat would move any more against him should your home times I would be pleased to have you write me at St. Paul. Please present my kindest regards to Mrs. Douglas & the Children.

I am in haste,

Very truly,

Your friend &

Oak Lawn

Robert Smith

Mr. A. Douglas

Chicago
To Woodstock May 21st, 1857

Dear Sir,

Being at variance with the black Congressmen from this state on account of my opinion, which I take no pains to conceal, I request you to send me the Cong. Globe for the 34th Cong. 1st session. Should you be pleased to send it I promise to peruse it faithfully, and endeavor to use the information for the cause of State rights and National union. Asking your pardon for the intrusion I remain

Yours democratically,

J. P. Trimly
To Woodstock
J. R. filming the N. Woodstock, VT.

Wants Congress round globe 34th Congress.
The text on the page is not legible due to the handwriting and condition of the document. It appears to be a letter or a note, but the content cannot be accurately transcribed.
Washington May 22, 1857

Sir,

The foundation of your house was laid today, and the work will proceed steadily as the weather seems by
the settled. The laws to open Hill Street, t2, t3 will be
handed today. They have a few one boards. A. Day is finishing
up his squares and they are working through your back yard as
fast as they can. I presume the house is going to stay in the
Large & Asten are preparing to break ground at the face
of things as changed since you saw it.
There is quite
a few about list. I think of you could sell the
extent of all the lots on the north side of Queen St. on 1st,
they would sell well; it would be a good time to sell your
own back square lot, if you wish to do it. Lots long the
last prices at 50 cents. Mr. Evans is hard at work.
The stage back moves like a large body—indeed.

Very truly,

M. Cullum

Hon. S. A. Douglas.

Chicago.
Washington D.C., May 22, 1857

My Dear Douglas,

I have had an interview with the President, Floyd, Lewis and Thompson on affairs of Utah, and find them ignorant beyond comparison. Mr. Bynum is here and Cordially agrees with me to also deem Judge Williams of Iowa, but still they have the idea that less than one thousand men would be amply sufficient to enforce the laws and also coerce the Mormons into compliance with this idea to be ridiculous as to call down my pity instead of bitterness upon the cabinet, but certain it is that nothing of value will be done, hence it is to be a demoralizing question for us to keep for years to come, and participating in the next presidential campaign, I see a desire to place some responsibilities on you because you are chairman of both, on the such shuffling and hedging will and ought to be done by men and part by God so that notwithstanding the newspaper reports, I must point out to the President that I was not an applicant for any office unless it be first but would ask formally I publicly make the point in his Address as to the despotism of affairs in Utah, how many letters and how long your arrival all of which compelling show that the most reasonable state of affairs now exist in Utah, and instead of having men off as one to relieve and protect the Mormon men in Utah they will delay along until it is too late to reach them. This I view I think these will put no appointment last commissioner I shall meet you in a few days to compare notes. I see the Indiana Democracy is a little alarmed.
Post Office Department,
Appointment Office, May 22, 1857.

Sir:

Sustin Leady the Postmaster at Pomerfield
County of Peoria State of Ill
is asked to be removed to High
Lands & John P. Sheahan are recom-
-mended for appointment =

50 citizens representing themselves
as members of a Democratic
Club protest against the removal
of Leady.

Before submitting this case to the Postmaster General, I
have to request the favor of any information you may possess, or be able
conveniently to obtain, respecting it.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully, 

Hon. J. A. Douglas, IL

Hon. J. A. Douglas,
First Assistant Postmaster General.
Horatio King
Washington D.C.
My Dear Sir:

In reply to your note of the 16th inst. I have to inform you that in order to constitute an office Presidential, it must have yielded $1000 or upwards, compensation to the Post Master for the year preceding the 30th June. The compensation of the Post Master at Aurora, Ill, for the year ending 30th June 1856, appears by the books of the Auditor to have been $973.34. Though the office is not now Presidential, it is presumed it will be at the close of the present quarter.

I am very respectfully,

Your old Servt.

[Signature]

Nov. 5th, 1856

Chicago.
Celanaun Walworth Co. Wi. May 22 1857

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Dear Sir,

On the 9th day of March at Washington I presented you a letter of introduction from the Hon. J. Jackson, Judge of Milwaukee, asking you as a personal friend to get me the appointment of postmaster at this place. I stayed but 2 days as my business called me to New York to purchase my spring goods. You said to me on leaving that you would attend to the matter, knowing that you had a great many from your own state who were anxious to get your influence for different offices. I concluded that you had forgotten my name in your busy depart from Washington. I would like to have you write a letter to the Post Office Department if consistent, upon the subject. The present post master, Mr. Cotton did vote the Republican ticket this spring.

Being one of the first in this County, I think the only way to protect the Kansas-Nebraska bill, I claim that I merit your confidence and influence. My business is such affecting my goods that I am unable to leave, so I should come and see you personally. Will you be kind enough to answer this, and oblige your obedient servant

James N. Mansfield
Celanaun Walworth Co.
Wisconsin.
Philadelphia,  
22 May, 1857.  

Horatio King, Esq.  
First Ass'nt P.M. Gent.  

My dear Sir,—  
The enclosed application  
for a change in the office of  
Plano,  
Kendall Co., Ill., was sent to  
one, I presume, on account of  
my personal acquaintance with  
Mrs. Eldridge, who is recommended  
for Postmaster.  

If the Department shall  
decide a change to be necessary, I
Have no hesitation in recom-
manding Mr. Eldridge.

I enclose you a note
from the Postmaster of Sharon
Springs, N.Y. to me, upon the
subject; and cheerfully endorse
all he says about Mr. Eldridge.

Very truly, your friend,

George Hitt
May 2 3 3 7

Have the kindness to send the Mr. Eldridge.

I am to hear from you.

Please bring your answer.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
May 22, 1859.

Sir, Stephen A. Douglas.

My dear friend — I
wrote you just now to ask you to
give me a strong letter to Buchanan.
If consistent with your views please do
so — send same to my address —
Mrs. W. returns to your letter
compliments for the picture of
yourself, but insists that it will
hardly make up for the fascination
that Mrs. D. has worn her husband —
you will please present my
compliments to your amiable
day, and say that Mrs. W. taking
up matters for me in the past was
not very flattering in the recollection
of your amiable daughter.
Ad to Politics, speaking of the recent Presidency. I think Pennsylvania will do with you without any doubt, as we have such a little what women of Kansas. I think there free soil men have the majority, as if they paid to vote as they do with the men of their principles. It is their own fault. For which we are chargeable and themselves. They are too jactitious by belief, senator Allen of Ohio (a mere fossil) is making great efforts for a foreign mission. I am told that he is interested in your enemies. If so, he must be departed. If possible, old Buck must be framed against this appointment. I do not know that the Administration seriously contemplates using this thing. Then I think it need to have a little in advance

I am for Richardson going to England and when I become President you can just continue here.

In the State Convention that will meet in 1859, I will see to it that Douglas men are in it from the Western part of this State. So that distinctions will all be right for delegates to the National Convention. This is looking ahead, but it is not too soon. I have been the danger of waiting until what is called the "prophet time" too often. I need not say that I will be glad to learn from you.

Your friend & servant,

Edwin D. Wilson
Astor House
New York, May 23/57

My dear Sir,
I have heard from Mr. Rhea in reply to the letter I wrote from your house. He says he will see you. I trust you may make an arrangement with him.

While in Washington I joined some of my Missouri friends in recommending Genl. O. Clark of the stake for the appointment of Gov. of Nebraska. At the time of doing this, it was not understood by me that Genl. Corwin of the State would be an applicant for said Office. Now if you are not committed to any one for the Governorship of that State, I respectfully solicit.
Dear Sir,

I wish you to accept my assurance that you acted in behalf of me, C. C. Coon, an original Nebraska man, and that the bill was

with great ability, the appointment would be very gratifying to your constituents in Wisconsin and would

reflect credit on the able administration of our Democratic party.

My very best wishes to you.

W. H. Borden

As I A. Douglas,

W. H. Meekin will be a

state before the next Presidential

Election. Come my friend,

and yours also.

7
Senate Folding Room,
May 23d, 1857.

Hon. S. H. Douglas

Sir:

I send to you by this day’s mail one bag containing 112

Decisions in the Red Scott Case

which I hope may be received by you in good order.

Yours, with due respect,

Jos. Neidick
Superintendent.

P.S. Your share is 300 shall I send them all?

J. Neidick.
Joseph H. H. Drinker
Washington, D.C.

Yours truly Doc
May 23, 1857

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, 
APPOINTMENT OFFICE,

Plains

Kendall County,

Appointed Dec. 27, 1853.

Proceeds, $ 
Compensation, $
Bond.

Postmaster,

E. T. Jenning,

Candidates.

Daniel H. Eldridge.

Recommendations.

Citizens complain of carelessness, in that the P.M. is assisted by two boys respectively 6 & 8 years of age; that he permits unqualified persons to handle mail matter; complains he does not charge postage on newspapers.

State that P.M. has opened letters addressed to person within his delivery; in one case, opening a letter & taking from it a certain amount of money due him from the person to whom the letter was addressed, giving only the balance with the special letter. They ask his removal on the application of Eldridge.

P.M. Sharon Springs, New York needs Eldridge.

Geo. P. E. also needs Eldridge if a man is to be made as a reliable democrat.
May 23. 1857.
Plano, Illinois
Kendall County
Post Office
Postmaster

$300 bond.

Improper conduct.

Appoint Daniel W. Eells in place of Jacob Stearns removed.

A. H. B. 27 May
Fullton May 23/67

Sir,

It is with deep reluctance that I address you at this time in regard to our recent appointment here. But I have seen Col J. Denau and Col Thos. Hallett and they think it is my duty to do so. I said Col Hallett yesterday and he informs me that the appointment of Mr. Geo. Phelps as I occurred in consequence of his being recommended by Col. Charles Denau. I further said Col Denau to me yesterday that if this or Charles name appear in any petition for probate or other reasons for P.M. that it is a fraud or forgery. So at some time before Easter
E. J. a petition for Phelps' appointment as post agent but nothing more. And in view of all the circumstances in the case and the fact that the late Phelps is not and never was a Democrat it comes rather hard to refuse to set down bruntly and as one of few occupy places that belong to persons who were born Democrats and have ever proved true to the party.

And it is exceedingly annoying to see the Blackest of Republicans chuckling and laughing at us at the idea of our standing our ground and insisting on them to receive the Reward.

In the cause I can only say justice that the many Mr. M. & A. Much who has been deceived

To Geo. is always was a friend thorough Democrat and was our among only some three or four in our town to uphold the Kansas'锄 Marsh act and its author while the very Geo. Phelps Raider out against it as strong as ever did Mr. Lord Farnon. The facts in regard to the Seyg how the petition can be obtained from him he knows I am to meet. This letter were not so terrible about any particular Tracy although some would sell in both them. W. H. Miles but we do wish to see the office filled with some Democrat.

Dated July

William C. Billard
Springfield May 23, 57

Mr. A. A. Douglas
Dear Sir,

In a very few days I expect to leave here on a short visit to England. I may spend a few days in London and as Parliament will be in session a visit to the Queen's Legislature might not be uninteresting.

Will you favor me with a line to Mr. Dallas, as I would call upon him for a ticket of admission in the event of my visiting the Parliament House.

Very Respectfully yours,

John Moore
E. M. VANCIL
Attorney at Law,
NASHVILLE,
Washington County, Illinois,
Will attend promptly to collecting claims and all other business entrusted to his care.

Charles, Pr., 67 Main st., St. Louis.
Nashville, Illinois.
May 20th, 1867

Honor. J. H. Ragland,

Dear Sir,

At the suggestion of the Hon. Albert Smith, whose letter I enclose, I have been induced to solicit your aid in securing an appointment to some position under the present National administration. I was directed to announce to the friends and associates of his late father, the desire of a position to those of my friends who may be able to interest themselves in my behalf. I know positions are much at trouble than formerly are influenced at Washington. If I have a preference, it is that I might be selected for the position of the Secretary of the Navy, which might be procured for me, if I am acquainted with men in Congress who can enable me to effect more for the Church of Jesus Christ, the Tithing than I could possibly hope to elsewhere.

My claims upon the administration, if indeed none and claims are too small in the field of energy which I betted with in the struggle and in the struggle for democratic principles & democtocratic principles during the recent
Alton May 18th 1857

My dear sir,

Your letter of 12th of April had not reached Alton when I left for Minnesota on the 13th of the month, and on my return I found it with many others demanding my immediate attention. In relation to the object of your letter, I will say that it will afford me sincere pleasure to render you all the aid in my power to secure an honorable position under the new Administration. When at Washington in March I learned that there would be but few appointments or Changes made until June. I hoped to be able to go on to Washington early in June, but I now fear that I cannot leave till until July. Should I learn of any position

That I think you would like that I could aid you in pressing, I will act promptly in your behalf. I would, however, advise you to inquire into the matter of vacancies or places to be filled and make a selection of such as would please you best and I will do all I can to aid you in obtaining the office. You would not require any endorsement as to qualifications for any office you would apply for so far as I am concerned it might honor me of service if you at Washington, to bring to your aid all the old political friends you can. Your services in the late campaign entitle you to the favorable consideration of the Democratic party of the present administration. It would be well for you to write a line or two to Judge Douglas who still I know, and you

If he can I will be pleased to hear from you at all times to learn from you where in my power to do so. Please remember me kindly to any of my friends you may see.

I am (in haste) very truly,

Your friend V.O.T. Smith

Ernst Vance Ely
Nashville
Ill.
Emory, My., May 25, 1857

My Dear Sir,

Papers showing the action of a majority of the Democrats have now been sent you. Two leading papers have been sent to Washington. At one I have more than for home. There was left with Mr. Chapman to the time to be returned you as you arrived at Chicago, but I am surprized to be adviced that probably not one of the second paper I have met come age. My car all supplies & other time can at last by this means I speak but cautiously when I say that I am endeavoring to make one not a single word to interfere against it. I am Much mistaken.
is at least 3 out of 4 own Democrats, including 3 of those prominent with that a single exception of one man to bring the motion to a division, which ample notice can enable the members to join in time to an occasion for it. That only from most gentlemen opposite to me has the motion been heard in favor of my motion for the present in favor of Mr. D. Anderson. My thanks your favor.

S. C. Brown

John Brown

Dear J. A. Douglas

This day
F. J. Browley
Freeport IL
about Post Office
Waukesha May 25th 1857

Honorable S.G. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Allow me to trouble you with a few lines in behalf of Capt. W. Phelps. The leaders of the Democracy are anxious that there should be a change in the Eight House in this place. I think it would advance the true principles of the party. As I have been an old resident of Lake Co. I feel an interest in the party still as I had in your favor in thirty-eight. I have been in the Co. twenty years and am confident the feelings of the majority of the Democratic party are in favor of the appointment of Judge Phelps. I am ask of you to use your influence to further such appointment and oblige your friend,

Michael Drabant
Michael Salant
Manhegan
Monticello, Pitt Co. May 25th 1857
Hon. A. Douglas

I have learned that there was only 2 Democrats signed the petition to turn me out. It was circulated by the most prominent Whigs & got up & got 3 them.

Mr. McCormick is one of them. You will see that all the old Democrats have signed my petition. I hope you will use your influence in my favor. Respectfully &

J. Johnson
J. C. Johnson
Monticello
Confidential

May 25, 1857

Dr. Judge

My long acquaintance with you and my sincere friendship which has never been impaired in close personal relations, will be the only apology I have to offer in writing to you on this occasion—your continued success has been to me a heartfelt satisfaction as a party man and one I have ever looked upon as coming near my standard of true Democracy. Hence whatever affects your

Guardian Course I have the last 18 years tried as far as my poor abilities would allow to remove and have ever been for your election to all the offices to which you aspire. It is true on one occasion before I knew of your wishes, I committed myself to another but when that engagement was fulfilled I was then for you. By my friends and without a great parade of my friends I have in front of all in Cali for nearly two years there never omitted any suitable occasion to bring your name forward for the Senatorship. Though I considered you not worthy for that distinguished office—But if a man's friends will not bring him forward, I talk for him. Talk down of the long. Who will? Your unsurpassed success has greatly

me exceedingly. I felt proud of the a dry Missouri Democrat and my long and dear friend. I knew too that placed as you are. Instead of representing themselves your friends would be clamoring around you for office. And not wish to embarrass you. Though they have been times within the last 12 years when I have
While embarked in the real estate business, I was in a situation where there was many paupers, and I had to relieve them. I am told that the change has not been such as you might have expected. Where I could have assisted it in a silent manner, I considered it as the expression of principle and the friendship of my former constituents. However, my position as the member for Congress and Computing I was in the position.

In Congress, it was a time when the enemy was for this. The member I have come out to do my best and being a candidate of the party, I am.

I have an issue to accept. I wrote to a friend a letter the other day but knowing that I knew how to frame a letter or mine and he knew too. They in course did not in the mail. By the time I got to the post office, I was in the agitated state. I am not sure if I have been a candidate of the party or not.

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most the part table. His brother a younger way my particular friend in College and his family survives and some of them now live near us in New Town going and all together I always since I took any part in politics had a favorable opinion of him. I thought he was somewhat wrong about the tariff once and paid for him in a play on kepler which he laughed reply if in way that ought - now he considering settled now and he would not get so serious or write to that effect. I can do anything for you to aid in accomplishing that. Have at least your elevation in 603 but in back ward in telling me for you ought to know that your fame is felt in my country could not there be a short biography with some anecdotes of your best speeches on the for circulation among the common people? I had one anecdote you the Jackson taken from Jackson life published in the papers last year and that fine speech ought to be copied and have a wide circulation only suggest tell me what the democracy can do for you and it can be done without your appearing in it there are men in our part who could get up a good biography and to your taste if you think it best. Someone should write it how well or the thoroughly your Published history. The common man ought to be an interest in a man like you or Clay or Jackson who have made your way in life by your own. Energy. Talent they go along with you feel for you say we call show that your energy of Mr. Lincoln or the Jackson fun in any will and do not feel an interest which they never feel for moderate men. No man can be a favorite with the American people who is suspected of friendship to England. And as we are willing tangle to submit to national indignities but I am carrying early to New Market. I am telling
To one that understands the popular pulse much better than ever I did or can. Please this gap to another, and will close this dismalitory letter. I am glad you tell Mr. L. Frankland are again friendly. I learned this from Mr. Dunlap, who is now your friend. Do want him, all Democrat, so few of the true friends of the country, such as Pick-Boileau Frensham. How don't you go? If there any hope of working along John to silence him against you? Don't write with a letter some 14 years ago, and to always profess to treat me with friendship. If you think his silence or moderation will be any advantage to you, as his pen is always at work when he is a man example, will do anything to bring it about which I can't in reason or fairness. Without Compromising you or himself, if you think he is past refutation or that his papers will do us harm, then let him go. I will come to Chicago, spend some time to effect anything for you, if you think it advisable. Have a clue to him that you may not know of and as he is what? You know, so I will not say only he is long your time. I told him in my letter, he ought to cease his spuriousness at least confine himself to truth for building of me. He ought to remember your kindness to him in the hour of need. That in gratitude no man politician or not should have lightly laid at his door. He treats me quite friendly both before after, had seen you at Chicago. Make your particular lie avow after you whom I told him I only to call and see. He will say he would that any evening. They all said I not knowing how far he lettered to you stand.
I shall be in Paris about the 15th, if you can possibly come down to the Valence region. Why not in the first part of July, if you can come down to the Valence region. Why not in the first part of July—then you will make some friends in this quarter where the Abolitionist have representatives. 

Monsters with whom and for which I cannot write this long letter and read it at our leisure after a good dinner and over a fine cigar. Havana, I hope you will get through with it. As you know, I will make no apology for its length. One thing is certain, I will write a long letter. I can't say much to you as you are always toasted and no man has half a chance to say anything while in office as I have. I doubt they do even now. Stay away from Washington.

Always your friend,

John P. Pearse

Hon. Th. Douglas
U.S. Senator for
Ill
Woodstock, Ill., May 26th, 1869

Mr. Horatio King,
Post Master.

I would respectfully ask for the reappointment of our present worthy and efficient Post Master, Dr. Orvis F. Johnson, of this place.

Very respectfully,

Geo. W. Smith
C. L. Deely.
Frederick, May 26th 1839

Mr. W. S. Douglas

Sir,

Your note of the 22nd inst.: wherein you call my attention to the arrangement by which the relating claims of Messrs. Bramley and Mr. I. Bagg to the Post Office in this place should be treated and delivering information from me on the subject, has only coming to hand.

I accept, however, as you state in your note, that you have no other means of this matter than to carry out the wishes of the Democratic Party of this place and to get a good Post Master for the people and the Government, and I therefore regret that I am not able at this time to furnish you with sufficient information to enable you to arrive at a footing and correct conclusion on the premises.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

[Address]

[Postscript]

Both the gentlemen, Messrs. Bramley & Bagg, have their respectable friends and have circulared this instruction.
amongst them - but as I have not had an opportunity to examine their papers and now not able, if you please, to do so now (they having been forwarded to Washington) I cannot ascertain the responsible through of the insurrection proceedings clearly (which if they gentlemen, to this course of the majority of the Democrats born their head matter at this office. My own impression is that that's turned to the dishonour created by returning Mr. Kennedy until the Commission differs then by becoming them without good cause. I have been an attending, Debating and Present offices, and has ever been a Headset Democrat - you are an honest among that he is now a member of our State Area Committee. I shall hold myself the leading to give you any further information on this subject which may be desired. I have the honor to address myself,

Your, truly,

[Signature]

[Signature]
J. B. Smith
Freeport, Ill.
Kanhapec May 1857

Hon. S. H. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I write you this to advise that you are about to be visited by a couple of individuals from this place who doubtless will represent themselves to be the embodiment of the depravity of our Town & County. The persons alluded to are no more or less than my worthy monthly successor in the Post Office and his right honer Mr. Furling. Some in regard to this matter allow me to say to you that representation at this kind from these men an as fabricated as their charge against me in the Post Office affair urg.
These men are as far from being influential as John Monticello is from being an honest man. There can be no doubt that the people who have been elected to consider able expense in fitting up a Post Office are that he has augmented the list of the time, even as I remember to you in Washington. I assure you in increasing the circulation of the time notwithstanding the thieving manner he got the office from me, and in regard to the setting up of the office I will give you a history of how and why this was done. If fellow was urged to this by hunting for the sale hunter making an argument in favor to keep the office raising to him and fellow that in case he could not keep the office that he ruling people took the building and pay him for it alone could not build an office under the same circumstances. It is nothing but a plain, banal, express knowing that they have obtained the office by fraud and deception and their only alternative was to make an outward appearance to hide the igno-

mous. Away from some but their disguise will not deceive them and hence where their treachery is known. Enlarge upon this in good faith and confidence.
To caution you against the imposition of unprincipl[e men allow me to refer you to Mr. Everett & Calvin Sprague in this matter as much time have been with me in the political field for the past three years.

Your Trul[y]

S.A. Douglas
Geo B. Howell

Frank M.