Morristown, 12 July 1837

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Sir,

You will do me the favor to communicate this letter to the President.

Mr. Buchanan's compliments to you.

By my son, Mr. Fisher, I might have the honor to call.

Yours respectfully,

Samuel R. Finley
Petersburg July 1st 1857.

My Dear Judge:

I have been writing up to this time so as to be able to communicate something definite in regard to my matters in connection with the next Congress, and it is with most satisfaction I now write that matters have received some various {@author} of the South such assistance as put my success for the place which with a tolerable cooperation on the part of the N.W. beyond doubt. In this contesting arena will be made clear. Mr. Nelson will support him consistently as will nine tenths of the South. I have seen Mr. Hunter within the last four or five days and spent much time with him. He warmly approves the arrangement and will do everything in his power to carry it out. Mr. Moody will act with him. With totals management we can take the chairship and the printing of both branches of Congress.

Mr. Hunter wants to cooperate thoroughly with you in the ways and means. That there can be no jealousy between me and yourself. And that it is of the highest importance in view of theARENAS ASSOCIATION OF OFFICERS their men occupying the position of myself & himself (there)
friends, speed their work to anticipate you. I will send them every thing you could wish in the way of clothing, and such like articles to date from the time of the receipt of this at Fort Leavenworth.

The remainders of the 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st days, I have despatched with the advertisement. It is the wish of the regiment to express the sincere desire of the various divisions of the regiment to do their part in the present, too, having been accustomed to live a life of ease, unburdened with the like of men from the South in their brave ranks.

This is all in terms.

Walker in the regimental 1st Brigade, I have often told you that a love between times, elements, and such like, can work in union with a Democrat's principles. Nothing comes at home without

The answer of the Southern Army friend Walker,

There is one flattering consideration, however, which I know willWG

In conclusion, I have a request to make. If we which of Cincinnati give you credit for a short term on my country, I think I will let you know. We understand the name of the thousand dollars which I will keep for myself to return at the end of this year. I will not

He must address me of the contingency of which I will return

For the time in my life, perseverance. I am sure that I am loyal which way I am, to the ends of my life. If you consider the whole of your relations. Will I answer towards giving a conclusion in your
Washington, July 7, 1857

My dear Sir:

Excuse me for calling your attention to my new work the index of which I send you. It is got up to facilitate stump speaking & Editorials in the discussion of politics. It makes its first appearance to-day. I enclose your first report on Kansas Affair is that on Duns Amendment, a detailed history of the Kansas Nebraska Act & your letter on Teenage duties which is thus made matter of record in a standard work. I have had this work stereotyped at a tremendous expense & am anxious that it should meet the encouragement of those interested a gentlemen as yourself.

I am Sir,
Your Friend,

Mich. W. Clustey

Hon. S. H. Douglass.
My dear Sir,

In favor of the 3° is at hand, with draft in hand for $329 for which I am authorized, to receive my thanks.

I hope to have the pleasure of your Company at Saratoga this Summer, I have to day to exhaust the Spring.

Yours truly,

Isaac Cook, the Reliable Supporter of Virtue for

Pete B. Danday
J. R. P. Davidson
Albany
New York
acknowledgment of receipt of check
Louisville July 9th 1857.

Mr. S. A. Douglas

My dear friend,

Dr. S. E. Shepard of

the City of New York, has accepted a posi-
tion in Christian University, a splendid
Institution, which I have long been expecting
and endeavoring near Central, Lewis Co., Mo., 10
miles above Quincy, and 20 miles below
Kedzie. An Edifice is completed and 2
young men graduated at the Commencement
last week. The Institution, will accommodate
500 students, and is said to be the best
University edifice in the valley of the Missi-

Dr. Shepard is preparing to sail for
Europe about the 1st of August in company
with his especial friend, Alex. E. Putnam
and Mrs. Isadore Smith of this City. This object is
to make a thorough exploration of Egypt,
Lybia, and the continent of Europe. They will
make selections of rare curiosities for the
Cabinet of the University, and in Egypt will
possibly make more art and scientific studies.
Dr. Shepard will devote more on
Egypt and Lybia, and his ability as a writer.
and his familiarity with the ancient languages and especially Biblical history and literature, will give him an decided advantage in preparing a valuable work for the people of this country.

Knowing your devotion to become and remain a supporter in its advanced stage, I am the more readily encouraged to ask the favor of placing in the hands of Dr. Shepard from the first leaf of state, such correspondence and papers, as may enable him to have access to the various literary institutes in Europe, and to the authorities in Alexandria. Cairo, Constantinople, &c. 

Will you therefore, please write to him, and ask him to furnish Dr. Shepard with every thing he may need, and forward it to him at New York. Address "Dr. S. S. Shepard, New York, N. Y.; 350 Broome Street, Bible Union Rooms." 

Shall I have the pleasure of hearing from you in answer to this, and that I may add another form to your old friend.

Dr. E. Kinder.
United States Patent Office,
Washington, D. C., July 9, 1857.

Sir:

By mail I have forwarded you
20 Caps of Vital Wheat
from Teesary.

Please to inform me within 10 days from the date hereof, whether received or not.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Charles Mason,
Commissioner.

[Signature]

Chicago, Ill.
Woodstock, Ill., July 9th, 1867

My dear Sir,

Agreement to your request I write to notify you that our old Democratic friend, Wilson Randall, Esq., has not yet been reinstated in the Harvard P.O. in place of its present Black Republican incumbent, Soave Mason, I enclose a line received from Randall yesterday to your P.M., Dr. Johnson. Allow me again to suggest this change should be made without delay. Let the Commissioners for Randall be sent to Dr. O.S. Johnson, P.M., Woodstock. He will be sure to get it done otherwise it is doubtful.

Very Respectfully,

E. W. Smith
Clover Hill July 10/37

Dear Cousin,

I arrived safely home and found my wife and little ones all in good health. We have made up our minds to go to St. Paul with you, provided you do not go until a week from next Monday. Do not hurry me. One moment upon our account but if you do not hear from us for that time, we will be with you. Mrs. Wilcox has gone to Bedford Spring but if they return in time will go also. Tell the judge not to be jealous, as I intend to do all his correspondence & mine in future with you. He sends amori.

S. A. Douglas Truly Yours friend

B. F. Whalen
O. D. Rhodes
Cleveland, Ohio
July 16th, 1857.

Ans. by Telegraph
July 17th.
Washington July 10. 1857

My dear [First name]

Shurely of 30 June - I know it will be all

ought correct about Judge Blackwall's payment. We are progressing

with the grading work of the buildings I have removed 10 feet of the entire

ground bank in the opposite street. The houses are on the second story, the

truck building under roof of the building began to show above the hill

indeed they look well for the Capitol. The ground on 1st Avenue is

progressing & some filling in the northeast side of the north square. The weather

is now good for car work & I hope to have the face of things materially

changed & under fence before you see it. Remarks at 87


Very truly,

[Signature]

[Name]

St. Paul

MT
Albany, July 10, 1887

Dear Stephen 

I will gladly do me the kindness of informing me where the late James Shields is at present residing.

I am

With great respect and esteem,
Your humble slave

Edward D. Forest
Edward De Forest
Albany
New York

July 10th

Wants to know
when you started
us
Springfield, Illinois
July 10th, 1857

Dear Sir,

I have recently been to Kansas, and whilst there I saw a petition in the hands of Mr. James I. Barbee praying for the relocation of the Land office for the Southern District of Kansas. The petitioners pray for the removal of the office from Fort Scott to Leesville, the County seat of Allen County. Fort Scott is in one end of the District, being only 4½ miles from the Missouri State line. Leesville is situated on the left bank of the Neosho River about 45 miles east of the Missouri line. The Neosho Valley is the best portion of the whole territory, and can support the most dense population, being well supplied with timber, coal, excellent clear water, and the first quality of land. It is populating very fast at present. The Verdigris Valley some twenty-five miles west of the Neosho, can now boast of several hundred families, where there were none, last September.

Mr. Barbee is now on his way to Washington with the petition. If you can in any way assist him by letter to the President or otherwise, without doing violence to your own
feelings or sense of propriety, it will be thankfully received not only by the petitioners, but myself also. I do not wish to deceive you by apparent disinclination. I am interested to a certain extent in the town of Cofachique, and may have looked upon it in a light quite different from what I was in it; my interests lay in Fort Scott. In this regard you can make due allowances. And lest for the public good and I shall feel the better satisfied. Remember me to Mrs. Douglas and accept assurances of my constant esteem and respect.

Joseph Leslie

[Manuscript note:]

Mr. A. Douglas

Chicago, 21, 3
Terre Haute, Alton and St. Louis Railroad,
GENERAL FREIGHT DEPARTMENT,
St. Louis, July 10, 1857

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,
Washington, D.C.

Dr. Sir,

Having conceived the idea of going to Indiana, to engage in Railroading, providing it could be made profitable, I have been induced, through the recommendation of Col. E. J. Dumic, of Sandfly, to write to you for information, as I suppose, you are well acquainted with the Country, and personally known to most of the Officers of the Central Illinois & Missouri R.R., and could give more reliable information than any one in the State.

There are two or three considerations the one is money to be made by it, the other the young man between the ages of 20 and 21 years, and will be acquainted with most branches of Railroading. I am now employed in the越过 department of the Terre Haute, Alton & St. Louis R.R.,

I understand that Maj. A. H. Pown, formerly of the A.Y. & E.R.R., is at present Chief Engineer of the Great
St. Albans, Montana, April 1873,

Sir, 

Many American states employ labor for the work, and you want to return to your friend Major Brown, knowing you have recently been in that country, and we do not wish to wait too long as it would take to receive a reply from him. If you think the chances are good at the present time, for returning you may find 

in that country, it appears necessary for us to take such steps as to secure ourselves and employmen in this as well as what follows. I would be necessary to take with you the proper 

Also mention 

of suitable plans if you are posted regarding to this. Hoping you will so far oblige me in answering this, I remain your most obedient servant. 

Asst. Postmaster.

O. M. Martin

Please don't write our
at St. Louis, Mo.

M. R. Postmaster.
Pensacola, Ohio
July 20th, 1862

Dear Sir,

I very much fear your have come to the conclusion that it is useless to rely on me for information of events transpiring in Chicago. I beg you for not writing in that but little portion of Illinois of interest to you that has not been published in the papers since my arrival. I have made it a point to see as many members (etc.)
The convention to frame the constitution as circumstances would permit, and all with whom I have convener to approve the plan of this passing of the Negro question. I arrived here too late to go into the convention, but do not regret it. I think I can do more outside, I doubt very much if both Walker will adopt it, so he in all probability will be anxious to gain the credit of suggesting the course of the convention on that subject. This is but natural, and he only a man of rare ability, he will not advocate a residence of six months for a voter, but thirty a shorter term better. As I said to you, I have no doubt of the plan being adopted by my friends, but fear me may not get a sufficient understanding. The Black Republican leaders are using every effort to drive Northern Democrats from us by presenting us as nothing but the old Bourbon party under an assumed name, and take the...
ground that there are no such person as "Free State" Democrats that there are but two parties here, the pro-slavery and free-state. Thus they continue that a man cannot be in favor of a free state and be a Democrat—all northern men must be Black Republicans. They say they will vote down any constitution that may be formed by the convention, no matter if its terms should make Kansas a free state, and even if the
Convention should adopt the Lecombe constitution. They have a split in their party, which shall continue, will render them powerless. These will, in all probability, be three candidates for Congress. Hanson National Democratic, Paree (self-styled) Free State, and A. Damber or Phillips of the Robinson party. The split arose from a disposition of some to abandon the Lecombe movement, and a determination of the Robinson party in insist upon it. They are to hold a convention the 15th inst. to nominate a candidate for Congress. The Robinson party are in a minority, and largely so if any number of Northern Democrats go with the other branch. I think our convention acted wisely in nominating for Congress, as it shows sales by Northern men that we are not no distinction between democrats of the North and those of the South. Our party must go for him, almost to a man, and I see no reason why young men from the North should not. I say to see.
the hostile spirit of the South toward Mr. Walker, particularly at this time, as it may inflame the minds of some southerners here, and render them less disposed to act wisely and prudently in the convention, and on the matters of its deliberations. I in addition to the Georgia resolution. I have received a letter from a gentleman who was attending the State convention recently held in Mississippi, which states that a resolution was
afford, assurance into my mind, and that his conduct was with "universal rebuke" I don't know that the resolution passing, as it would propose to be amended, 200 to embrace the Protestant, and the ground that. There was an entire concurrence of opinion between them, but the failing of the members, who that he should be so called, I fear harm will result from all this. It is too late to sing me several copies for the sound set, and press resolution. The lead utterly neglige.
I have not seen Mr. Calhoun, he has been expected here every week since my return. I will be much pleased to hear from you when not urging. With my regards,

To Miss Douglas, believer One Very truly yours

A. J. Grady

Honor S. A. Douglass
Chicago, Ill.
Rev. Walker is just in from Leominster via Lawrence, I learn from him that the inhabitants of Lawrence procured a charter for their town from our late Legislature and after the same applying to this Legislature for one, which they did not get, but they have now declined acting under their charter, have drawn up an instrument of their own which they call a charter, and were to move electing town officers today at 3 P.M. The last
sumb quite indignant, and I have no doubt will act with firmness.

Res.

1891-04-04

F. J. B.
To Col. Morgan, Brig. E. of historian, etc., at 12 to the Post.
Chicago, Ills.
July 21st, 1857

 Halo S. A. Douglas

I have been in the city since last evening, and had no doubt but I would have had time to see you, until within the last 15 minutes. I went to see you at 6 P.M., just returned from the State. I should not at either place a hour & carriage to be had (all out to a trot or on business) which is thought but a small item one of the strongest illustrations of the great amount of business done in your great burgeoning city.

This being Saturday evening, as there is a train leaving for Davenport at 8 P.M., as my business having me home I feel obliged to go without seeing you and feel disappointed in not being able to do so. I had been at small matter to talk once with you of interest to you & your party as well as my self. They are more post office questions, the Fulton city appointment is
the principal on Mr. Phelps the present Postmaster there. I learned from Mr. Wallace was said by you to have been appointed upon the recommendation of the gentlemen worthy in his Democratic party. I will state to you that from my knowledge signed any recommendation for Mr. Phelps to be postmaster at Fulton, but my brother and myself and many if not all the principal Democrats, became to a different person, but we do not complain of Mr. Phelps being appointed. The complaint comes from other sources. But none of the recommendations of such Democrats as I am will make any thing in this particular case. I will be happy to recommend to you a Democrat of Fulton who is a gentle man & sober & his appointment will give general satisfaction to the whole Democracy & White Line. If the popularity of the appointment will hold me, I shall be responsible anyone that will please your self if you have.
John Clement
at Belmont
House, Chicago
Ill.

Marwood
July 19th 1857
lt. col.
Philadelphia, July 11th, 1857.

Elly dear Sir:

I take the liberty of invoking your efforts in behalf of

"The Press,"

a daily, weekly, and tri-weekly journal, which I intend starting in this city, on the 1st day of August, 1857.

"The Press" will, I trust, deserve a large circulation and the confidence of my political and personal friends, especially of those with whom I have been associated for the last 20 years.

I will esteem your exertions in my behalf as a great personal favor.

Very truly Yours,

J. W. Forney.

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I have embarked all my own means in this project, and intend building up a journal that will not only be creditable to our City and our State, but will furnish me an independent livelihood.

A somewhat extensive experience in public life, and many years' connection with Journalism, will, I hope, obtain for "The Press" a favorable reception.

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JOHN W. FORNEY.
John M. Rooney
Philadelphia
Jan 17, 1857

Notice of a new paper
Chicago, July 11, 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Dear Sir:

I have received a letter from the Hon. G. W. Moring addressed to Hon. Wm. C. Cottt requesting my appointment of Second Lieut. on board Revenue Cutter at any Port. If you have not written. You will confer a great favor on me by doing so. I would not send Hon. Moring's letter without accompanying yours.

Very Respectfully yours,

E. W. Dry
Washington City

July 11, 1857

Dear Sir,

I thank you for the copy of your Springfield Speech. I was kind enough to send it to me. I am gratified that you made this speech. It presents a clear and popular view of the two most important points decided in the Dred Scott case. It is opportune — as was your Chicago Speech in vindication of the Compromise measures of 1850, which I think one of your greatest efforts. This speech will do our part great service.

With great respect,

[Signature]

Hon. L. S. Douglas
Chicago, Ill.
Mr. A. Hendricks
Acknowledges receipt
of Breck
July 29th 1857.
Post Office Department,
Appointment Office,

July 11, 1859.

Sir:
The Postmaster General has ordered the appointment of John W. Elliott at Burlington in the County of Kane and State of Illinois in place of John Green, removed.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Horatio King
First Assistant Postmaster General.

Hon. J.A. Douglas,
Chicago.
John B. Ellithorp
apt. P.M. at
Burlington Coll
July 11 1757
Springfield, Illinois,
July 11, 1857.

Hon. Judge Stephen A.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your order, I have printed 3,000 copies of your remarks on Kansas, Utah, and the Dred Scott decision in a good and correct German translation and spread them over the different southern counties of this state, so that this excellent document can be found in the hands of nearly all the German inhabitants.

Besides that, I have published on the fourth of July, 1,500 copies of my paper, the "Democratic Union-Flag," containing your
Full speech and have issued to-day the same remittance with the opinion and advices of the Washington Union, Ohio Statesman, Richmond South, Quincy Herald and Louisville Democrat.

I feel confident that a very good influence will be exercised and anticipate the most gratifying result.

In presenting the bill of $95 for the composition paper and printing of the work up to 6,000 copies of my book, the bearer of this I request you most respectfully, fully to let me have a draft for this amount and oblige very much.

Yours truly.

Dr. C. F. Koch.

Editor of the Democratic Union Flag.
Dr. C.F. Koch
Springfield, Ill.

about Speeches
Brooklyn July 19th, 1857

Hon. A. A. Douglas.
My Dear Cousin.

I see that your course must be a very prudent one, in order to secure the next Presidency. I hope you will succeed. Do not, for my sake, do anything to hedge up your way. But if you can do anything for me, without hurting yourself or others, I suppose you will be pleased to do it. You must be the judge. I am told that our Collector, Mr. Schell, will consider all the appointments vacant and will continue only those who are renewedly well sustained. I can assure you, Cousin, that I am competent, faithful. But I fear the outside pressure will remove me from my place unless you can renewedly express a desire to have me remain. Can you do it safely? If so, I wish you would. Please write me a letter to that effect that I may present it to Mr. Schell or else direct it immediately to Mr. Schell. My Post Office is Brooklyn, N.Y. If I am turned out I have no other reliance for the support of my family. Still possibly I might, in case of necessity, turn my hand to something else. The Lord will provide.

From your affectionate Cousin

Charles Pomerey.

P.S. I am Warehouse Clerk, or Assistant Storekeeper in the Custom House.
Madison, Wis., July 11, 57.

Mr. S. A. Bridges:

Dear Sir,

Our University Commencement must take place on Wednesday morning the 22nd inst., at which time myself with many personal and political friends, would be most happy to see you and Mrs. Bridges, in our beautiful capital.

Cars starting, I think, 10½ (Front. des Ter. Road) reach here at 2 PM.

It is a regret that, still boarding with my family, I have not the hospitality of a home to offer you while here.

I am truly,
Your friend and host,

Manuel Reed
Daniel Reed
Madison
July 11th 1809
Miss.
An invitation to visit Madison on Wednesday the 25th inst.
Detroit, 17th July,

My dear Friend,

This has occurred to me. You know nothing was said during the interview with Mr. Cushing as to the relative the paper should hold to wards him. It was, in fact, unnecessary that any thing should be said. But you might say to him that my devotion to his success would have no condition, and that the whole sense of the paper, on every step, was to look to his interest. I think he ought to know that I have thoughts on the matter in this point of view.

Your faithfully,

[Signature]

M. F. Story.
H. O. Story
Detroit, Michigan

Letter to Stewart
July 11, 1857.
Washington D.C.
July 17, 1857

Dear Judge,

Your letter of the 30th and received the 31st instant I have this morning, and agreeable to your request, have sent second copies each of your Kansas Report, as also Mr. Sumner's Bill to restore peace and tranquility in Kansas. At your address this day going out in the same mail with this. On my return I called on Mr. King, Mr. Bent, Mr. cocktails and informed him that you were not well pleased with the treatment of Dr. in the cause of a certain route agent you asked should be removed and another person appointed. I am the reasons for his removal. It worked
like a Chane. The case was taken up
and the man you recommended offered
promptly. I told him it should be
difficult for him to know that you asked
it of him to ask if you would not ask
again. He said yes.

Your in haste

A. Elder

Mrs. J. B. Douglas
Chicago, Ill.
Mr. Vedder
Washington, D.C.
July 11th, 1857
Sends document.