Evanston, 12 July 1837

To S. A. Douglas

My dear Sir,

I have just received the press of your speech at Springfield, sent to me under your seal. I cannot refrain from thanking you, for the pleasure and gratification to personal acquaintance I have received from it. After I had finished reading it, allow me to say, not that, I could help exclaiming, as if I were the second Father, aid, after the personal favor shewn at
Chicago. "Well, the man, who under the peculiar circumstances of the case, could deliver such a speech and make such an argument, has a clear logical mind and must be a great man."

It is not improper for me, now, that he has gone, to repeat to you, a compliment, which coming from one, politically opposed to you, to the last, is more praiseworthy by me and whose feelings of affection, to those with whom such principle had been strengthened by a life of almost four score years, I consider as most a compliment, as I never have or could receive.

I am rejoice, that, I have had the opportunity, of hearing a carefully, alone by itself, the able and convincing speech, two or three times, since you delivered the speech, I have had it cast in my teeth, by several of the former old political friends in this county (who have gone after change both in the Republican and in the Camp)
"That you too, had abandoned, the great Democratic American principle, next to the able expounder and advocate of popular sovereignty"—in that same speech. I had not read the speech, but I took it upon myself to contradict the slander and most notably is my contradiction sustained by the speech—

Accept my congratulations and that wish, for the health & prosperity of yourself & family.—

Please present my respects to Mr. Douglas, I remain until the early Spring.

Giles J. N. 1849
Pittsburgh
July 12, 1857

My S. A. Douglas de lie.

Allow me to make known by any friend of the S. Harper, my best wishes for hisacked up, and family of this city. I am not for him.

man kindly regard. He is a gentleman of excellent education and standing in his profession. Besides he is a clever "on the day is long." He may perhaps owe much to me. If he does, I am sure he will meet with that generous and warm heartedness towards Southern good things. You may do as him I will not forget, I am sure.
Samuel W. Black
Pittsburgh, Penn
Feb 12/37

Recommends Mr. Harper to your Best Consideration.
Washington July 12th 1867

Sir,

Douglass

Dear Sir

I take the liberty of writing to you that I am a candidate for your support of the House of Representatives of the Thirty-fifth Congress. I hope to gain your support as I am not very well acquainted with you; you will be inclined to come to you with letters from Capt. Hubbard & the Elders from New Lebanon & by Mrs. Sparks. Speaking to you about one of you know you would do all you can for. I got a small flood here now. I ask through friends your support & hope you will consider me as providing a sure vote. You will look well to the Democratic Rule.
It will give you good assurance of my satisfactions when you return to the Seat of government as manager, and am of opinion that your letters in that capacity will be of much, and I wish you success. I think it best to wait for some good friends at length. I wish you success.

The part of the thanks in helping me to the position of being able to carry the trust of you in so wise and if you think me worthy of your assistance, I have the honor to be

Beverly and July 30th

E. W. Campbell

To the Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

E.
Ottawa, Ill. July 13th,

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Chicago, Ill.,

Sir: Enclosed I send you the certified statement of a number of most respectable inhabitants of the vicinity, which has been deemed a post office. I think, from this construction of the position of the late office and the one at Vermillionville, both places require an office to accommodate several miles above and below their locations upon the banks of the Vermillion River which is passed with difficulty, and is not fordable at times for several weeks, but at intervals which would not maintain a steamer. The statement enclosed sets forth the true state of affairs, and hope the office will be reestablished. Milton, who is a genuine Democrat, appointed postmaster—very respectfully yours,

Mr. Colman,

M. C. Urnan.

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[Signature]
P.S. I would like Mr. Douglas to write me an answer, informing if he will render his influence in this matter to favor the measure even I have arranged to suit the wishes of those interested — as I wish to communicate with them before I leave for Jamaica. Respectfully, an old friend.

Petition to the Post Office Department, 1823.
STATE OF ILLINOIS,

LA SALLE COUNTY, 

I, Samuel W. Raymond, Clerk of the County Court

DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that Chester Bryan Esquire,

whose name appears to the annexed instrument in writing, was at the time of signing the same an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said county, duly commissioned and qualified, and, as such, full faith and credit is, and, in right, ought to be given to all his official acts.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my Hand

and affixed the Seal of said Court, at Ottawa, this 11th day of

July, 1857.

[Signature]

C.W. Raymond, Clerk.
The undersigned residing on the mail route running from Ottawa to Washington Illinois which route runs through the village of Lowell in LaSalle County, they was acquainted with the facts herein set forth and state that these should be a Post office at Lowell for the following reasons:

1st. That an upland of eighty families that would be much benefited thereby.

2nd. That the village of Lowell is a place of considerable beauty, being a store, barns, mills, mechanic shops in the place, with Fleming mills and large coal mines in the immediate vicinity.

3rd. That the nearest office is at Vermillionville, Illinois which and Lowell is the Vermillion river which is a very rapid stream and hard to cross at all times and at many times impassable owing to high water.

4th. That there have been the discontinuance of the mail route, these offices between Ottawa and Lowell, and we think that at a comparatively small expense of said offices for several years past with show what there has been more facility at the Lowell office than at both the others.

We above named reasons we would respectfully request that a new office be made at Lowell and that with your appointment that this thing.

Names

C. J. Browne
M. W. Rickums
W. C. Herrod
J. W. Kimball
Joseph Stevens
John Riche
Benjamin Wasington
James L. Fanson

Samuel Ball  Leslie
Geo. Stanley
Ephraim Whel
Alfred Stiler
George Tegler

Garrick J. Evans
July 12, 1857

Dear Sir,

Yours of 19 of June was duly received and Mason to comply with your request in transmitting certificate stating your Extra services during Our Campaign at Brooklyn highly in 14 I was very much gratified to learn that there was yet some warm hearted fellow officers that was willing to aid a worthy soldier in obtaining adequate Recognition for Extra service rendered and there is no man living that would be more gratified on hearing of your success than my self. enclosed you will find Certificate at one name together the names of non commissioned officers and few of the privates all that is living in this part of county the first Deuel is dead the second and ensign know not whether living or dead our Col & Maj are both gone to there last meeting place let me hear from you soon and Inform me how you succeeded Mr. Dunning sends her best Respect to you.

Samuel Noah Eggle

Your Friend.

No. Have had the honor to command 1st Brigade of Infantry of the militia of the state of New York for a number of years until age admonished me to resign.

W.C.
Washington Aug 12th 1857

Dear Sir,

The same mail that came this letter carries the Richmond Critic of the 10th instant containing an article written by one同志王柄 for the South. There is one more in it in regard to the action of the Legislature of Illinois on the Indian power but it does not materially affect the state. I have access to two or three other Southern journals and if you approve this, and think it will do good, I will write to other of the same tenor. If a paper of your own under circumstances would better meet me to a share of your confidence then I should be glad to have it. In the summer of 1849 from facts related to me by Murphy (Richard W. Murphy) then Court Agent at ST Peter in Mississippi I wrote a brief biography of you which appeared in the St. Paul Pioneer Minnesota Daily Gazette & Annapolis State Capital Gazette. The Court there resides in the late deceased residence at Cincinnati or familiar to you. If therefore you will let me know your views in regard to
Writing this today and the policy of acting then and act now in a matter of the Illinois resolutions and
your honor then. I act stand if you agree. I shall appear in other question papers. I not
myself if you before the last generation.

but I endured the night a portion and any one
of his Majesty the King. Others to assert
in the Cause and many estates from his peer appear
in the Debra, you believe. And to hear me
hear from you at an early day.

My nephew

(Cover)

If I have decided the case on the
conditional case, he has extended me and the
alleged matter of defending been through the press.

PS. Be not Illinois the free State to render the
resolutions in favor of the Indian power.
Wabash, 12 July
Hon. J.I. Douglas
Chicago.

Dear Sir:

If consistent with your petition, I hope you will prevent the removal of James F. Owein from the offic of Post Master at Woodville, Adams County, Illinois, although formerly a Whig he is now Republican, and votes with the Democratic party. Of this I have satisfactory evidence. Mr. Morris I presume he did not vote for though if the four I wish unrivaled I cannot speak with certainty. Your friend,

[Signature]
W. H. Shinn & Co.

Lancaster,

July 1878.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
Baltimore, July 13th, 1837

My dear Sir,

My brother, B. R. Spencer, who has resided in Chicago, nearly five years, writes me that he has been recommended to Mr. Buchanan for a partnership in the firm.

I have written to him, that without your aid, it will be idle for him to prepare his application, and I wish that you could visit your interest in his behalf. Though he is my brother, I will say there never was a more estimable man in the west, and though perhaps not so much of some of the enterprising people about Chicago, no one would make a more reliable and grateful officer in the place he desires.
You will accept my mention of some personal matters, while I think right to entitle me to your kindness, and I hope your brother.

You are probably not aware that Mr. Buchanan intended to appoint me Select Agent for the State, though I was recommended, say correctly, by nearly every prominent man in the State, and it has been suggested that my rejection was occasioned by the course I pursued at the Baltimore Convention in 1852. When I was the only delegate that voted for you from my State.

The time, of course, to love my country and not you: but I had rarely seen you at this time—had I have suffered for voting for you, (as I am sure I shall always be proud of it) and you think me not unworthy of your sympathy, I should be glad to.
James Thorne Baltimore
July 13, 1887.