St. Paul, August 19th, 1857

Hon. J. A. Douglas,
Present,

Dear Sir,

We were this morning appointed a Committee by the Canons of the Democratic Member of the Constitutional Convention, to wait upon you with a view to ascertain if you would, during your stay here, meet them as individuals, at such time as may suit your convenience, at the Fuller House in this City, and partake of a supper with them. It is intended to avoid all publicity on the occasion, and we trust you will do the Democrats of the Convention the honor to accede to their request. We regret that you were absent when we called.

We have the honor to be

Very respectfully,

Your friends,

H.N. Fisk

Charles E. Handseard

W.C. Alves

My dear Sir,

I received your favor by Mr. McFallen and when I go South I will ascertain the value of his land and try and adjust a just arrangement between you. I advised him to buy 500 acres adjoining his tract, 200 of which has been in cultivation. This will furnish enough cleared land the first season for all your field hands.

As your too will be without land at the close of the partnership I
Think it right, he should have the privilege of buying one half or all the land if he chooses to do so, and I shall therefore reserve that right for him; leaving it optional with himself whether he takes the land or not.

Wm. Hutton writes me today he has bought the 500 acres and the buildings will be commenced forthwith. There will be land enough to work two hundred hands. I will go over to Pearl River & after placing a fair value on the negroes & also on Wm. Hutton's land will make what I conceive to be a just arrangement.

Will you have Douglas be over to the Fair? It will be a blessing.
R. J. Mars
Derrydale
Aug 19/57.
JOHN MILLER COUNTY ILL.
August 25th 1857

Sir,

As I can not make it convenient to deliver the enclosed personally, and as I wish that you should know how the liberty to enclose them with a letter from the Hon. J. R. McClary and one from Mr. P. S. Cutts. I hope to be able to be in Chicago in a short time when I purposed to myself the pleasure of calling upon you.

With great esteem I remain,

Your olst. servt.

C. M. Hackett

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Chicago.
To ACKLEY
At Stetles
of Florida
Aug. 24 57

Sends Letters
of Introduction
Minotka, Grundy Co., Ill.

Aug. 20th 1847

To the Hon. S. A. Rush, etc.

We, a few of the many Democrats of Minotka, avail ourselves of this opportunity to have the bearer Mr. J. Kinsey, one of the deputation who waited on your honor at the last monster meeting at Morris, lay before your honor the earnest wish of the Democrats, not only of Minotka, but of the whole county of Grundy, Ill., to have that boiling hot red Republican & Sucker removed from the P. O. at Minotka, and our worthy Democratic friend Geo. Sommerford, appointed in his place.

In the month of April last, we sent a petition to that effect to the P. O. Department, with these words signed:

Signed by the following: Mr. Monis, Gentleman; Mr. Fisher, J. M., and J. P., of the Buchanan Club; Mr. Ashley, W. L. S., and others, and by the following: Mr. Gillett, Gentleman; Mr. Elwood, J. P., of the Buchanan Club; there and Mr. Yearley, J. M., and a Confidential
A Petition
Where the
P. Wust, at
Minneapolis
removed.
August 20/31
Ottawa Aug. 20, 1857

Dear Sir Douglas,

I am requested by the gentlemen who signed and witnessed the application, to send the same to you to be forwarded to the Post Office Department.

I have no doubt the matter will be granted.

I am very truly yours,

William Reiddeck.
Return to the Sent to the Post Office Dept.
To the Post Master General of the United States

Sir,

Your attention is respectfully solicited to the following statement and petition of the Post-Master and the inhabitants living on and near the Road No. 1396 in the State of Illinois from Peru to Pontic. Said road crosses the Illinois River at Peru by ferry, and during the past season, on account of high water and ice, the people along said road due without a mail for the space of five weeks, during all of which time the said ferry was inactive crossing the Railroad bridge near said place. The only bridge there while the ferry was impassable. The remainder of the route to Pontic is not difficult, and we therefore petition that the said mail route be so altered that it commences at Pontic on the Ill. Central R. Road, 10 miles south of Peru, and thence to Pontic, as at present. Thus avoiding all of the above-mentioned delays.

And moreover we respectfully petition that as this route is through a very sableous Country, and daily becoming more thickly settled, the petition for a mail twice a week, from Pontic via Tollhouse, Eagle Point, Reading, Aurora, Long Point and Brooks Camp P.O.'s to Pontic (the present route), the present mail route. And as the present carriers are aged, is a very aged man about 70 years of age, and unpalatable to endure the inclement of the weather at all times, and has also expressed to A. Wallace, Esq. at Long Point, his wish and intention to give the business on account of age and ill health. We therefore request you to appoint in his place Mr. George Brown, at present of Peru, Contract, and Carrier, on said lines a local post.
Mr. Brown is a reliable man in every respect, being industrious, honest, energetic and prompt, and formerly ran the present weekly route to the entire satisfaction of those interested therein. He proposes to carry the goods twice a week from Tonica to Pontiac and back for the sum of Six Hundred Dollars. Yes, and as we the undersigned are familiar with the route, we, in case it is expedient, propose to the Department, the following as a tentative schedule: Leave Tonica at noon on Monday, arrive at Pontiac at noon on Tuesday. Leave Pontiac at 3 o'clock on Tuesday and lay over at Reading, so as to arrive at Tonica on Sunday at 11 o'clock. Leave Tonica again at noon and arrive at Pontiac on Saturday at noon. Leave same day at noon and lay over Sunday at Reading and arrive at Tonica on Monday at 11 o'clock. All of which is respectfully submitted to your decision. And we may further state, that we are not aware of any opposition to what is here petitioned for.

Amos Edwards, Post Master at Pontiac
Herbert Hallman, do.
B. J. MacNutt, do.
J. F. Green, do.
E. J. Pauling, do.
John Duff, do.

Rook's Creek
Long Point
Arcona
Reading
Earls Point
Floodway
Tonica
Argus Office  
Rock Island Aug 20th  

My dear Sir,  

I notice a telegraph, from Washington  
to Col. Tacony’s Posse, that your are going  
to New York and Washington as soon  
as you return from Minnesota.  

It is unnecessary for me to say that  
I regard the fate of my case as  
entirely in your hands, and that I feel  
sure that Gen Tacony cannot resist  
a decided demand, and one so reasonable  
from one  

I have heard nothing from Gen  

The Colonel  

Very truly,  
Your friend,  

Hon. W. P. Danforth  

Hon. A. Douglas  

Ill.
Belvidere, August 21st, 1857

Dear Sir,

Mr. John Van Hoesen is a candidate for the Post-Office at Hastings, Wis., and the charge that Mr. Rice is the ablest of the two, if not the more likely to succeed, still he advised me to watch for the result, as it is a wealthy, forested, capable, and influential man, and one of the few residents of Boone County, Ill., who stood by you when the Nebraska Bill was in its darkest hour, any other than you can constantly give him will confer a favour on me individually.

Yours, etc.,

G. A. Molony

by Mr. Doct. Douglass.
R. J. Maloney
Belvidier

About the Post Office,
Webbville Ste. Ton
Aug 2nd 1857

My dear friend,

I am too much here in such a hurry that I was unable to write for the pleasure at this time. I am in the very midst of heavy work and haven't time to leave for a day, would be impossible.

But my dear Jane Thrice a hair of my own is good for you and that Douglas of the is bett you need it ever more. I hope

I will not make one happy for a whole year. To come back because of good days with you in old style and will be here at home.

Love to all.

[Signature]

[Stain on the page]
In this territory, where you will have your own way in every manner, the battle has been hard and if you do not well only one place I trust once our pleasant trip at my little house I will more than one of the brightest days in any calendar. It is not far away from where I have been but a week or ten days at least. I think it the only place in Tennessee where you will be surprised in perfect the peace and quiet.

Your friend,

W. M. Bridge

Mr. C. W. Douglas
St. Paul, Mo.
James Shales
Faribault
Minne. lotw.
Annapolis Aug. 31st 1817

Gent: Douglas

I addressed you a letter a letter, asking your co-operation in behalf of my brother Bhd. Spencer, a citizen of several years standing and a great democrat of your city, in pursuing a friendship in the Army. I have not had the honor to hear from you, and hence conclude that by some accident your letter had not reached me.

Allow me to say, if you were committed to, or have a preference to another, I have every reason to believe that your presence can be gratified. Permit you man it in your honor to
advance, by a letter to the Navy Department, the claims of my brother. I shall readily obtain the appointment.

And respectfully,
M. H. Storer
Ewing, Mo. August 22d, 57

Hon. J. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

At the request of the following Democrats of the South part of this (Effingham County) State, I am writing in relation to removal of a P.M. or Mason (somewhat late P.B.), the local's of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. The removal of the present P.M. Mr. J. L. Vanderweer from office, it is the wish of this fellow Lodge. And so are the working LODI.Unfortunately, it seems the rest of the text is lost or not legible.
Last Sept., when I was in his Int. at the Champaign House, and while you were in Illinois, I met with your son, Mr. H. N. Davis at Quincy, who said he was in your favor, and would esteem the Earl of Effingham, if you would be so kind as to give him an introduction, and not to fail to write me what you intended to do. I assure you that Mr. Davis is well known to me, and that he is a man of integrity and honor. I have no doubt that he will do you justice. I have been in constant correspondence with him since he has been in the House, and I am satisfied that he is an able and diligent member of the House, and that he will do you all the honor and justice which is due to you. I shall be happy to see you at your earliest convenience, and to have the pleasure of your society.

Believe me, yours,

John S. Halle.

Hon. S. P. Douglass,
Chicago, Ills.
"To Hon. S.C. Douglas"
Metamora Woodford Co. Ill. Aug. 22.
Dear Sir,

You may think it impertinent for a stranger to ask your assistance, but you were introduced to me at my Father's (John Pay) when you run for Cong. in this district, and I formed too favorable an opinion of you to believe for a moment you will not use your influence where you believe it is right and proper to do so.

We are without a Post Master at this place (G. A. Clark late P.M. having left, and located himself at Des Moines) and if you should think it proper to do so I should be highly gratified to have you recommend Edgar Babcock for P.M.
At this place I think you were introduced to him in Peoria previous to Present Election, he has been Co. Clerk of this Co. for 8 years and could have it longer but will not consent to run again, I have been wanting him for P.O.M. for a long time but he would never consent to have it before, he has I think more influence than any other man in the Co, and is more feared by Anti Democrats than any one else, he is well posted in political matters and at all times will boldly defend democracy (not excepting the Kansas-Nebraska Bill) against the assaults of all, whether political office seekers or political clergymen, and about all he is honest, faithful, and well qualified to fill the Office.

I am Security for the late P.O.M. and am also an acting

As A.Dt. P.O.M. at this office, I have written a statement of the matters to the Department and shall consider myself under obligations to you for assistance in procuring the appointment of Mr. Babcock.

When Mr. Clark left here it was expected he would return, and after he located at Council I expected he would never have written to the Department tendering his resignation, but I suppose he has not or there would have been an appointment made to fill his place.

Most respectfully yours

J. W. Daye
Pacine August 22? 1857

Sir

S. A. Douglas,
Chicago. I dear Sir enclosed
I send you a copy of our County resolution
you will please notice one written for
Yours, Fraternity

Norman Warner

I sent the same to Chicago Daily Times
for insertion in that paper.
Here's manner.
Raneous Mr.
Sends Resolutions.
Steamer John Potter,
August 22, 1857

Sir: I received some time ago your speech delivered at Springfield, Ill., upon Kansas, Utah, and the Dred Scott decision. I can only say I think you are on the right track to go ahead. My good fellow. Please accept my thanks for the same and believe me your friend and humble servant.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C.

P.S. My respects to the Douglas family to her I will call upon her if I should go to Chicago. If not I shall do so when she is Mistress of the White House at Washington city.
John Simpson
New York
August 22/57.
Sept. 22nd, 1857

SIR,

I addressed you a letter a letter, asking your co-operation in behalf of my brother, B. H. French, a citizen of several years standing and a sound democrat, of your city, in securing a pension in the Navy.

I have not heard the name to hear from you; and hence conclude that by some accident your letter has not reached me.

Allow me to say if you are connected to, or have a preference to another, I have every reason to know that your preference can be gratified, will I you have it in your power to advance, by a letter to the Navy Department, the claims of my brother. Illinois can readily obtain two appointments very respectfully,

W. R. [Signature]
M. A. Spencer
Annapolis
Md,

Grants his Bro-
the a Gft,
Burdon in the
Navy,
Salisbury Aug. 24th 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

Mr. E. Barney

And myself were up to Chicago a few days ago, for the purpose of seeing you relative to the establishment of a National Democratic paper in this "bastion of abolitionism" with proper efforts we believe this "infected" district may yet be redeemed, and we think it is very necessary to meet the enemy on their own ground and to have an organ here to fight them with. We have a stock company who have subscribed about $1500, and we think we can make it $2000, and the friends here are very anxious that we should have our interview with you and advise with you upon the course we shall pursue, in starting the paper, as to Editorials etc., we want a good paper, with a bold, fearless and talented Democrat at the helm, my object in writing you at this time.
is to have you drop me a line
upon your return, home
stating when we can have
that interview with you,
and Mrs. Brown, myself and Judge
Stanphire will then come
and see you. We are anxious to do
something in the Senatorial and
we know that any measure which
promotes the advancement of
true national democracy will
meet with hearty approval. We
have confidence that you
will assist us by your advice
and every other way in your powers, in behalf
of the few but true Democrats at
this black republican city.

I subscribe myself,

[Signature]

Geo. W. Ford
Geo. M. Ford
Galesburg, Ill.
Augst 24/87.
Syracuse, N.Y. Dec. 25, 1857

Hon. J. N. Douglas:

Under no circumstances can permit the charter of the Utica Improvement Company, recently passed by the legislature at this session, to receive the approval of Congress. We are all aware of the public meeting is to be held by the people along the river, and that the measure must receive the support of our lost hope, or the project of our plans. We will send you the proceedings of our meeting, and in the meantime the charter was received by us.

S. W. Read

J. D. Russell

Jacob Gale

Peter S. Mirrlees

[Signatures]

[Handwritten notes and signatures]
Dear Sir:

When I saw you in Chicago, I understood you to tell me to write you when I got my paper started again and perhaps you could assist me in sustaining it. I have, last week, commenced its publication again, and have forwarded you a copy, which I trust you have received.

If you would loan me $250.00, it would enable me to keep my establishment afloat, in something like independence, and I will repay you at the earliest possible day.

I will come to Chicago if you request, or if you will send a draft, I will operate a draft and send it to you.

With great respect,
your old friend,
Magnus Müller

Hon. St. A. Douglas
U.S.S.
Chicago, Ill.
Mr. S. A. Douglas
U. S. S.
Chicago
M.
Madison, Wis. Aug 24 '57.

Hon. J. A. Douglas,
My dear Sir,

I see it stated in the N. Y. Times of Saturday that the President is about to take up the naval cases, and that the decision will soon be made known.

You can better than myself judge of the propriety of addressing the President a note calling his attention to the case of Ebenezer Reads, as one in which you feel an interest. Every member of our family scattered in several States feels the mortification of the atrocious injustice done him by the Retiring Boards, and ardently desires in removing the effects of this injustice, will be forever appreciated as the greatest
benefit that could be conferred upon us.

The effect of your visit here has been in every way good.

Yes truly.

Marine Read
Murphy's Landing, Ill.
August 25th, 1857

Judge Douglas

Dear Sir,

When I talked with
Mr. M. Rice, on Sunday evening last, as to
who was to be agent of the school, he told me,
that he supposed one was appointed,
after you left St. Paul. Yesterday, I had
a conversation with Mayor Bullen, in which
he stated to me, this, that he did not know
or believe there would be any appointment
made until he would be consulted,
and further stated, that it was his wish that
I should have it, and that he had grown out of that
the fact, that it was the wish of the Indians, as
well as the whites, up there, that he should witness
my course, and have the best opportunity of knowing
who would suit, and be most likely to quiet
the Indians most. Which you are aware,
has how during this season, a very disastrous
affect upon all kinds of business, as well as turn
the tide of Emigration to Nebraska and elsewhere.
I thought I would apprise you of it. Mayor
Bullen says I have been badly treated by the god,
and he is anxious to see justice meted out to me.
he as well as count, my experience with the
I had a little with him, and I saw him, if it
I want to see him, and he is not in this, and I can't get
I want to see him, and I can't get it. I want to see him, and I can't get it.
get my accounts settled, but with govern-
Get he started he would go and see them
last night.
- The conference committee can not agree.
- The Republicans has stated that the Democrats
- Constitution, and all other things they want is the same
- But I think it still well make one thing that is being accepted, and that is
- Bills of the House to adopt their States
- Constitution. Please write me soon.

Frederick Douglas
Chicago, Ill.
R. G. Murphy
Murphy's Landing
Mississippi
Prosperity, Texas Aug. 28. 1887

Mr. Stephen & Douglas

Dear Sir,

You will excuse the liberty I take in addressing you. I have a land suit in Gonzales land and wish to engage the services of a good responsible Sawyer of your city. Will you be kind enough to give me the name of such a one and oblige

Very Respectfully,

[Signature]

Address:

Prosperity

[Signature]

Brenham

Texas
Hastings, Aug 25th 1837

Hon. S. A. Douglas,  

Scudder.

There is a change granted in the post-office department in this place, and an old friend of yours, and a tried and firm friend of the present administration, Thos. Van Hosen, formerly from St. is the choice of the people here.

When I saw you at the House of the Hon. H. M. Rice, I designed to have had some conversation with you respecting the matter, and then solicited your influence to obtain this appointment, but our engagements in conversation upon other topics pens such that it escaped my memory.

I now write to say, that, through the Hon. Mr. Rice, an application has been forwarded to the proper department at Washington for his appointment, and it will be a very great favor to the people.
hen as well as to myself personally
to obtain your influence in any way you
may think proper to me it to secure his
appointment.

I am

Very respectfully,

Your O. Stent

A. M. Storke