St. Augustine
Fulton Co., Illinois
Feb 8th 1830

A. Baldwin

Dear Sir,

I beg to ask your influence in behalf of our Democratic friends in this vicinity, for we want to know why our petition for the removal of the St. Augustine post office now in Fulton County, Illinois, cannot be moved to the St. Augustine station which is in Knox County, Illinois, one mile from where the office now is kept. It is an unanimous think! But it appears that the department is not willing to grant to the citizens their wishes for them agree ever so well.

The manner in which our office is conducted...
Almighty God and our Lord, if we could have an office conducted as it should be, we would be content to suffer some inconvenience. All business is done at the station. The old town is entirely for clerks as regards business. What a year not to influence the church. But the manner in which the mail is handled. Postmaster Conduct. Our office does not suit our denomination at all. We think he is in accordance with the law. He is a man that does not tend to his business at all times. By the station is ever at the office. The office is in an old blacksmith shop and as a matter of course we cannot get mail matter when he is not in attendance. I was once told in some, he said not one hour ago that he could not find any. If one had letters of importance to send by mail but could not find him, consequently must be disappointed in his business. Matter he not having time to go to another office. When the press 'emacumbs' changes the mail himself which he often does. He will lay around the station from an hour to two with the mail and in some other instance. He has signed and delivered mail. He always has the key in his pocket, as has been seen to exhibit the key to others. Sometimes, when the door is not changed, the mail himself handles his boy. Some nine or ten years old. When he comes every thing comes in this way. He has to take a job on the mail bag. Do not know as anything the mail bag around small trees injures them in the contents. Much has the citizen thinks it close. The office will not flay. It is an occasion why it should be attended to. Has not want you to inform me what is the reason that we cannot get our office when we want it. And if you will oblige us as much as to put us on the right track, we will be ten thousand times obliged to you and
Will ever be mindful

Dear S. A. B,

I have written the letter to your democratic friend also mine as a democrat. But you will find by referring to the petition that my name is used for Post Master. That is my objection; I have to it. I do not want anything to do with it; but shall confess I suffer them to use my name to be placed in the petition. I believe the petition is for nothing, but the truth is it did then exist and does still exist. I must complain a little with the rest I take the Daily Globe but cannot get them for want of some one to attend to the office. I have waited for them number of time and could not get them when they were in the office at the time. I call for them often has been so with other papers; they were of no great importance then for I did not mind it. Will you please inform me what disposition can be made of your most obedient, A. Baldwin.
Mr. B. 

Feb 8th, 1858

To S. H. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

Your letter was duly received last evening, and was highly appreciated. The Members above are to look for such documents, as are not necessarily unconstitutional, as far as their constituents are concerned. They have got their heads, and they seem to think that their constituents at large are above their notice, and not worthy of particular mention of their time; then it is Democrat in particular, in the place who have been more for the doctrine of the Democracy in the District, than any other five persons in the district, and all the others. They have received, your hand speech you sent them on the 10th of December, 1857. Republicans are dining receiving demands from their representation from all parts of the union, but the receipts of Democrats, are like Angel, in the hand and for between, we are much pleased to see the decided stand you have taken on the Decennial Constitution. The question is that, well known to national and state. That Constitution in not, we expect our representation to vote against it. For I do not believe there is 3,000 Democrats in Ohio, who support the Administration in his present Kansas movement, but all in mass and unanimously, disapprove of his policy; and if that Decennial Shall fail is to be denied, then the threat of a helpless and prostrating people, there is humbled, ye thousands of
The free Democracy of Ohio, who have stood firm and
condemn it will know the reason why, if the administration would
be merged and swallowed up by an overwhelming opposition, why
let them pursue his course a little further, and then the next
election of Representatives for Congress shall pass in Ohio. We will
see as well as others how their suit succeeds, that Ohio will
not have a Lincoln Representative in Congress to support this
principle. Our Representative knows the sentiments of the people
of Ohio, and will act accordingly; if not, they have better
have a million men about their speck and cast into the
sea as ever to attempt a rebellion. The Democracy of Ohio
have already been whipped to a point, and need to be whipped
in a few more years, and not the point off, without giving
as a base possibility of ever regaining our strength, if such
is the fact, they will most assuredly have the pleasure of
May presume who ever broke out of anything else.

Your kind regards and regard,

Mr. Rosser

Charles Robinson
Char Baldwin
Mt Vernon Ohio
Feb 5 1888
Politico
New York.
Feb. 8, 1858
Geo. Boweroffs.

Political

Sounds well. Refers party. also speech. —

New York. Feb. 8, 1858.

My dear Sir,

We shall have a great meeting here on Friday next. You may be sure I shall do all in my power to give it a right direction, so that we may strengthen your hands & those of your friends in the House. You may judge that I am in earnest, when I tell you I have not attended a political meeting for many years. Pray bid some one —

Yours, S. A. Douglas.
Keep me supplied with all documents I need. I want a copy of Lincoln's Bill, as I mean to refer to it on Friday night, if I can get it.

Yours truly,

Geo. Barraff

P.S. The Virginia Convention which in the summer of 1776 made the first Virginia constitution, constituted themselves the first legislature under that constitution. This is fully proved in the records of Randolph's Jefferson in the Richmond Enquirer of January 14, 1776. The convention after making the constitution sat in the legislature in the autumn, proving the revolutionary character of the movement.

My best regards to Mr. Douglas.
Alexandria, Mo
Feb 8, 1858
Mr. Bishop,

Mark Pacific
R. R. Survey

Alexandria, Mo
Feb 8, 1858

To The Hon.
Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Being desirous of reading the
Publications by Congress of
the recent exploring & surveying
expeditions, I know of no
means of procuring them except
from some member of the Senate.
I prefer making application to
you rather than the Representa-
tives from our own State.

Having been presented to you on
several occasions. One of which
was at the Rail Road convention
at St. Louis some years since.
I hope you will excuse the
liberty I take in making this
application. Very Respectfully,

Mr. Bishop.
Strasburg, Pa.
B. F. Slack
Feb 8, 1858

Pinto Kansas
Speech and area

Feb 8, 1858
Hon. L. A. Douglas

Sir,

Please send me your speeches on the Kansas question, and remember me generally in sending public documents, as you do all your friends.

Yours Respectfully

B. F. Slack
Strasburg
Pa.
Salem, Nebraska, February 8, 1858.

Dear Sir:

As your position in relation to Kansas matters in general and the Lecompton Constitution in particular, as set forth in your late speech in Congress, is not one well understood by the majority as it ought to be, by reason of the scarcity of any printed copies now readily to be obtained, will you, if convenient, send to my address a number of copies for distribution.

Respectfully yours,

[Signature]

[Address]

Washington, D.C.
A A Butler
Mr. Brown
Feb 8th
A few copies
Chicago 12 Jul 8 1858

Mr. Ripley, daughter, Washington, D.C.

I am all at work here and I can assume you look better than ever before. I write home a hard fight for mayor. He chances are about even. You are probably aware that the whole county one with you and I and pray you will not think a hard lot. Yours from administration or as a democratic friend for one in the right. The people will sustain you. The Democracy (English) will hold the convention in Indiana on the 22nd next at Indianapolis and announce to the people a very large gathering. Bright and warm. I suppose I will see this same thing. The “Dissent” troubles formerly as you will hear a great deal in the paper. Editors by Mr. Cameron of Leffert's Le Tour Chicago hands are and will know he write to Carl Walsh and Ypsilanti. Ever to have ever.
Chicago - Ills
February 8/58
B. F. Warren
- Special
Hamilton Ills
February 8 / 58

John J. Lopez

Informing you that our cause has been approved by a public meeting especially by Mr. Powers Ritchie.

Yours,

[Signature]

Hamilton Ills Feb 8 / 58
Hon. J. A. Longfellow

Sir,

I have the honor of informing you that at a meeting of our citizens today your advice in the Kansas question was fully endorsed and more especially by Dr. Powers Ritchie.

Very respectfully,
your obd.

[Signature]

[Signature]
Marin Havens, Esq.
Feb 8th, 1858

New Stephen A. Douglas
Ills.

I have read with admiration your noble speech upon that part of the Meade's which relates to the admission of Kansas under the Lecompton Constitution. It meets with the cordial approval of 60% of the Democrats and I might say more with a warm response from every one who believes in fair dealing. But representative will greatly mislead his constituents if he voted for the admission of the Lecompton Constitution and we will have to answer for it at the polls next fall. He will face to rise no more for ever.

We are flooded with letters from England. I am sorry I cannot answer them all. The field of work is so vast and carefully supervised. Now if you will forward to me a quantity of your paper either the one already made or the next I will see that it has a thorough circulation which will do ourselves
and the cause with which your name is connected, a great deal of good may do, by drawing a platform, a piece which all white men can stand to and you may rest assured that the people will flock to your stand and do with the utmost enthusiasm.

Yours Truly,

[Signature]
C V B Curtis
Marne Priue
Feb 8 1858
Political

Wants number of speeches.
Brownsville Sinking Co. Ohio July 8

Hon. J. A. Douglas,

Sir,

I have been informed that some of our good Republican friends in this town have been appealing to the good nature of some of our Democratic friends and ask them to keep the Democratic members down and be as well as the rest of the Republicans about the time we were a trying to elect our Democratic members done all they could to keep us down and now they say the next to be next forever of our members when I know this man Fluke and he would like not to have them try to get one of our members as their friends but if none of such democratic friends as that. There is enough of the genuine true friends to make your progress to the place and please don’t read your document to such notorious black balled Republicans as to now you have him you can act accordingly.

Please answer if you hear.

Yours truly and Democratic,

[Signature]

To New

[Signature]

[Handwritten note: "S. A. Douglas"]
W.C. Hon. Stevan A. Douglas Washington City D.C.

[Jul 8, 1872]

[Handwritten text]
Philad. Feb. 8th, 1858.

Honorable A. D. [illegible],

Mr. If you will

and I dream of an international question with them you an unacquainted

be pleased to receive a printed copy of your speech in reference to that portion

of the President's message relating to Mexico.

That speech and any other you may

be pleased to send will be forwarded to

pleased by one who admires your noble

and purely efforts in behalf of popular

[illegible]

[Signature]

[illegible]

Dr. 14 18 3d of April 1858
J. P. Fierce
901418 No 16 21
Phila
Feb 4 58 PA
Speech
My dear Douglas,

Can you not have

James B. Sheridan appointed Clerk
of Harris' special committee. He
is one of the best shorthand writers
in the country. He is a very estimable
young man. You will remember
that he was turned out of the
Custom House here for standing
firm with us. Try to accomplish
this for me. I shall consider
it a great personal favor.

Your truly, J. Morton

Oct 7th
Phil. Pa
Feb 8 18-8
J.W. Farmey

Wants Mr Jas B. 
Sheidah at 3rd 
CLerk of Major Harris
Special Committee.
February 31, 1838

Dear Sir,

I have read your letter, and am writing to inform you of the circumstances of my father's service in the Revolutionary War. He served as a private under the command of Capt. John Clarke, Maj. Clarke, Capt. Michael Tracy, and Lieut. Brooking. There is no proof now, only my own belief, that my father was part of the 4th Company, as all records being all lost. I request you, therefore, to please inform me whether you can get any information for me,

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Direct to Vermont, Rutland Co.
Iles 3/8th 1838.
Vermont, Fulton Co.
Andrews
The United States
officers, de land,
particularly & shows
what you
can do for here,

Peter Log... not on
Ill will, more
information, state
wanted.

Return to map
Pongap with
your answer
Gow
ans. Sent April 6th 1838

Buchanan
2d Apr 1838
Kingsville
Feb 8th 1838

How Sir,

I am anxious to obtain a copy or copies of Patent Office Reports for the year 1837. Will you, sir, please to favor the same to me. If so, you will much oblige your obedient servant.

Address H. C. Grover, 46 & 47, Kingsville, Ohio.
H. E. Grove
Kingsville
Ashland Co., Ohio.
Feb. 8, 1858.

Reporter.
Hagerstown, Md. Feb. 8, 1858

I would thank the Honorable Senator Douglas for a copy of his speech to which many conveniently send me.

With respect,

Mr. S. Hardee

P.S. I amincerely obliged.
New Bern xv, Feb 18, 1858

Mr. Steffen at St. Louis, M. S.,

Dear Sir,

Mr. King of Penn has asked me to show you that you sanctioned the omission of a clause in the Loomis bill requiring the submission of a constitution to the people, and because it was not included in the bill the people of Kansas would not have had the right to amend the submission of the constitution for their ratification or rejection. Without admitting the truth of Mr. King's argument he can be turned against him himself. With this view of the Loomis bill Mr. King must have voted for and sustained it, and he tries to support this view of it now if he does not support this view of it. Now he cannot blame you for not supporting it now, but he does endorse this view of it now and he endorses the act of the legislature of Kansas wherein they appointed a time and place for the election of delegates to a convention to form a constitution without in that act prescribing that the convention should submit the constitution when framed to the people for their ratification or rejection. If he does not endorse this act of the legislature of Kansas why then does he blame the people of
PS Mr Garrett B. Adair, along of all the Democratic Brethren from New Jersey, has
The Courage to oppose the Ansonia Scheme.
I nominated him for Congress at our
primary meeting instructed delegates to
support him in Convention at Somerville.
Was it only a short time ago that after a
defeated struggle in our own County Canvass
we gave him the nomination to Patterson and
Then be acclaimed as a standing vote of the
Convention other Whigs who nominated Co.
also opposed to the Convention as their nominee

Mr Adair was elected by a large Majority
Our Nephews being a number of E
Black Republicans & Know Nothings.

Mr Adair's own Brother Robert
is working for the Appointment of
Minister to Robson's (sic) was
Told me a few weeks ago that nobody
he had to "Secessian Bob" but
Still he could not would not vote
for Lee Canopy.

Yours respectfully,

Hon. R. L.
New Brunswick
Feb 24 1854
H. E. How-

"Political"

Sustains you,
down on higher,

"Tooned Rite to"
To Stephen & Wycliffe M.S.
Washington D.C.
Mansfield Ohio
Feb 8 38

Dear Sir,
Please be so kind as to send me the specimens of London particularly yours on the London ground.

Yours faithfully
B. O. Hudson

Ann. J. Douglas
Springfield Review Co.

Feb. 9, 18--

Mr. S. A. Douglas, M[anof].

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

Will you do me the favor to send me the following?

Patent Office Reports
Mechanical & Agricultural

By confining the favor you will very much oblige.

Yours truly,

J. G. Lane

Will any other be you send will be thankfully received.
P. H. Law.
Braefield Iles.
Feb 8, 1858.
Want Post Off Rep.
Bellevue, Hi July 8th 1878

Hon. U.S. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

I have a few days since a Bill Resolved in Congress giving pensions to the soldiers of the war of 1812. I hope the soldiers of that war will not be forgotten. It seems to me we all that tendered our country some good service and should be included in the bill.

Please keep an eye to this matter and much oblige one of your constituents.

Your truly,

[Signature]

I hope that you will attend to Mr. Deming's request, for certainly no discrimination against the soldiers should be made, if a pension should be granted to the soldiers of 1812, who fought in a devoted political party of yours, and are one of your first men.

your truly,

[Signature]
Lett Frukins
Belvedere, Ill
Feb 8. 1858.

Pension to Soldier
War of 1812.

Wants attention
to the bill.
Cortezville Feb 5th 1838

Dear Sir,

Will you please send to my address some Congressional documents of the late acts of Congress.

Yours truly,
Thos. Mahon.

Hon. S. A. Douglas, Senator

Address: Cortezville, Mahoning Co., Ohio
The M. Seckin
Cottville
Mahoning Co
Ohio
Feb 8 1838

[Handwritten text]

[Further handwritten text]
Rochester, Illinois
February 8, 1858

Honor Stephen A. Douglas
Dear Sir:

Sometime since

I wrote to His Excellency William P. Baker, Governor of Pennsylvania asking for the appointment of Conor of Deeds for that state at this place and offering him to yourself as a personal acquaintance, and the only one known to his Excellency who could give the information as to my means for the deposition which you know is not a libertine one but one that saves much time and trouble in matters connected with the acknowledgment of Deeds and the taking of depositions.

Should His Excellency require from you such a service you will know to use your influence in this matter. But allow me to ask your pardon for using your influence without your express leave. I presumed upon a personal acquaintance knowing that you have many such letters to answer.

I am, Sir,

Respectfully yours,

[Signature]

[Handwritten Signature]
Drury St Rect
Rock Island Ills
Feb 8 1837

Wants to be Cons of dead
for Pennsylvania

Comm to proceed
Pluto him in
May.
Mr. Washington
Essex County
West Newbury Feb 8th 1858

Respectfully Sir,

I have taken the liberty to ask you to confer with and admonish (congressional) on the question of Territory.

I know this because I believe you are better looked after and headed up on that subject than any other member of Congress.

If I should make the same request to Mr. Wilson our senator,
I should probably get back in one direction of it.

Now the public domain is to be disposed of, and by whom, defined territories are to be governed, and also in the powers exclusive sovereignty (it may be a minute sovereignty) is not compatible with the best administration of our government up to the time of admission or States.

Do you mind the question for your or the last administration? In addition.

Mr. Buchanan seems to have no definite idea. No definite plan or direction. It is a subject with destiny. I have looked at it as a private matter, and not as one holding office or duties. Sincerely, yours, John A. McAll.
M. Newell
West Newbury
Effort to Mass
Feb. 8, 1858,
Want specie,
approves your case.