Henry Chase
Sycamore, Ill.

May 14, 1858

Sir:

It is proposed to have a magnificent celebration of our national anniversary next 4th July, and many of our best citizens, irrespective of party feeling, very much desire that our independent senator might be the orator of the day; and by them I am requested to address you upon the subject, to request to inform us at your earliest convenience, if we may expect to listen to you on that occasion. Of other places I cannot speak. I am sure your presence here, at that time, would greatly conduce to your already much growing popularity.

Very respectfully yours,

Henry Chase
Mt. Vernon, O., May 14th

Mr. S. A. Douglas,

Sir,

Would you have the kindness to forward me the 3rd vol. of Foreign Relations, by doing so I would confer quite a favor upon me. Any other documents that you can forward would also be very acceptable. Hoping someday to be able to return the favor which I have of you.

Yours,

John A. Crawford

[Signature]

Oct. 2nd.
Hankuku Oct, 14 & May 1858

Honn S Dargle

The tone & spirit manifested in the last two No. of the Hankuku Dem. I am inclined to think that Bristol, its Editor, has or is about to fell himself out, to Cook, Tuck & Co. And in return for his Treachery is to have the PO at this place. Therefore I herewith Enclose for your inspection a letter addressed to the PO at PO. You will please Frame the Contents of said letter & if you deem it advisable cause the same to be delivered to the PO Deputy. Otherwise destroy it. I am exceedingly afraid there should be no change in our PO as this would be sure to get up a spirit that would be impossible for us to heal. If Bristol fails in getting the PO we shall have no difficulty in controlling his paper. Otherwise we shall be under the necessity of starting a new paper. The Democracy in this Town & County endorse your course, as well as the rest of our Delegates in Texas on the English proposition. 

Your Obt. S. McIlroy
To Huling
Kaukauna City
Wis.
May 14, 1858

Adviser of the
Editor of Hulin;
In the Office
of Postmaster
Where I Am
Political Relation.
Very Respectfully yours,

P. O. Dent.

Sir,

I have just learned that the Sick Carpenters &c. of Chicago are endeavoring to effect the removal of our Poll. If this be true the removal has not already been effected. Allow me to make a few suggestions setting forth the reasons why our Poll should not be removed.

Geo. Longfellow is a sound, efficient National Democrat well qualified to discharge the duties of his office, and has given entire satisfaction to all parties doing business through his office.

He is in every sense of the word a working Democrat devoting his whole time, besides, liberally expending his money for the benefit of the Cause. While Longfellow went into the Pol. there were very few Demo. News papers circulated through his office. On the other hand we now have the largest circulation to be met with in any town of its size in the State.

The circulation of Demo. Papers has been increased more than ten fold within the last eighteen months.

While in the same time the Ref. News papers have fell off more than one hundred per cent. This Change in a great measure, has been brought about by the
outstanding occurrences of our Pub.

At the Presidential election in 1836, the Democratic party in the County polled 207 votes only. While at our recent Charter election we polled 310 in this Town.

Election is not the sole test, and the test is not the sole election, of the most striking political contests since made in this State. Our party was not always confined to the Town, but we made large gains in other sections of the Co. And we now feel confident that all in a very short time will revolutionize their dark corners of Abolitionism. Only the whole power and patronage of the Government should be used to divide and distract the party in this State. If this has been the policy of the Administration, then truly our chance of success are small indeed.

And I would add the same in behalf of all the Southern States. Nor am I the only one that will carry all the Swestern States. Nor am I the only one that will carry all of them. I know that we are bound to. Then these Southern States will no longer be any hope for the Demo party in the free States.

In this County, we have been able this far to avoid any spirit of dissension, and since the passing of the English Bill, and the removal of their resignations from the ranks of Congress. Nevertheless, the Bill did not meet the wishes of a very large majority of the party. Still there is every reason to hope that all divisions and dissensions will be speedily reconciled, the removal of Longfellow from the Pub would greatly improve the Demo party in this Co. And at the same time be an act of cruel injustice, towards him. For the reason that he has invested every dollar he has in the world in the erection of a Pub for the accommodation of the public.

And I might further add that he is incapable of any laborious service, having wit with the misfortune to have his thigh bone fractured with a musket ball at the Battle of Buena Vista. From the effects of which wound he has never entirely recovered. His wound has been pronounced incurable by the best surgeons in the County. I have been induced to make these remarks solely for the benefit of the Demo party in this County, and I hope to meet you before many changes in the Pub. You will soon see the Demo party in this Town, and as I am confident there cannot be found in this one Single State who is opposed to Mr. Longfellow, really that person should be an abject foe for the oppr. Very Respectfully,

Your Old Servt

Truman Kellog
Winston Co.

Winston Co.
Chapel Hill, N.C., May 14th, 1855.
Hon. J. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

Assuming the liberty to ask your advice relative to the study of law, as I expect to follow that profession and being confident of the great benefit that might accrue from the teachings of one whose teacher is experienced, I do hope you will allow me the pleasure of appreciating a letter from you on that (as to me) interesting subject. I shall finish college in a year but expect to study law the while at school as many of the opinion that our study cards another. Hoping to hear from you soon,

I remain yours respectfully,

John Herring
Chapel Hill

[Signature]
Jno Fenwick
Chapel Hill, N.C.

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5-14
May 14, 1860

Sirs,

Mr. S. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

I am very much indebted to you for the information you have furnished me concerning the patents applied for in the United States Patent Office. I have, therefore, written to the Secretary of the Navy, requesting him to furnish me with a list of all the patents granted by the United States Patent Office from the year 1850 to the present time. I suppose that you can obtain these without any difficulty, and if you can, I should be very much obliged if you would send them to me, but at the same time I do not wish you to put yourself to any trouble. I am much pleased to see that you are still laboring to further the advancement of science and art.
in the right cause, and only regret that your efforts in the Kansas matter were defeated.

But it may be for the best and may be the cause of placing you in the position envied by all ambitious leaders by the Presidency.

I hope and trust it may if I can be of any service to you. You have only to call upon me and I will harness myself for the emergency.

Thinking that your family as well as yourself are enjoying good health,

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Palermo

Sant Agnello August 20, 1855
Springfield, Illinois
14th May, 1858.

Dear Sir:

I came to Springfield yesterday have seen and conversed with Tauphin, Carman, Dorem, Robert Dr. Van Dusen and very many other of my friends in this part of the state. From all of these of my friends, with whom I met, I found but one opinion as to the policy of your matters. Springfield your head quarter during the coming summer — The very fact of its being would stimulate your friends and at the same time intimidate the enemy. You should immediately come to Springfield where you will be able to meet some time to amic the people of Sangamon, Logan, Mason and other Counties of the Central where the only fight is to be made touching the political
Character of the incoming Legislature — The entire South as well as the Military tract is regarded by all as safe beyond all question — The prospect is for gain of three members two of the house and one in the Senate from Madison — one in White, Tazewell — a member of the Senate from Cole with fair & reasonable prospect for gain of two in Sangamon one in Logan & Mason, with chances for loss of one in Saint Clair & one in Monroe & Stark — I will write you often, in the mean time let me hear from you. When convenient, Very Respectfully re

[Signature]

P. D. Preston
F. H. Preston
Springfield, Ill.

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New York City,
14 May 1858.

Dear Sir,

The interest I have in the cause of science, and the absence of exact knowledge on the subject to which I desire to call your attention, are the causes prompting me to make of you the following request.

And what would we not give to know of Homer, Demosthenes, Clay & every other great & glorious man, what I now respectfully request of you?

I desire,
1. Is Your exact height.
2. Measurement round the
I have received favorable answers from all to whom I have written. If it meets your approval, please present the same in the form of a letter for publication.

I publish the "Gymnast" a copy of which I send with this, which it has a large and constantly increasing circulation. In the next No. will appear the letters from the Hon. Dr. H. Sewall to Prof. Elias Loomis.

I am, Dear Sir,
Very truly yours,
Stephan J. Sedgwick.
Elyria, May 14th, 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Dear Sir:

To-day I mail you The Grant County Eagle, the Democratic Paper of this County. The leading article I have marked; it was written by myself and I believe speaks the sentiments of the democrats here. It is also approved by the Republicans here. This fact I know as I am a Republican, and know what they say about it.

I am a friend personally of B.B. Chapman—a friendship formed while we were fellow democrats. Allow me to say that for four years past, I have said all I could against you before our people
honestly believing that you were the special advocate of South ern propaganda and in the defense of the Missouri Compromise plan designed to come to the Slave Power an advantage. Against my inclinations, these considerations to modify my opinions and decry your efforts. In the future I shall become satisfied if my greatest mistake. If that time arrives, I shall hasten to make reparation.

Respectfully,

L. A. Sheldon
J.A. Sheldon

Hyde

Fayette Co., Iowa,

May 14/38

Enclosed, political slip from newspaper—was offered, now expects...
St Louis Mo. May 14/55

Sali: I have paid return

from Macoupin. And agree
to say that things are not as
I once have wished. I find
that Burks is not the only
man disposed to be busy. On
the contrary. Others my best friends
there are following after Luis. I
had not yet to see how he been
away. I have never exerted myself
among others. I had to take
the guise that there was
no need new spiritus between
you and the administration
that all difficulties are suited.
The despatch did not arise from
any justice towards you, but from
that party notion of the administration of
the nature of which, you
are well aware. The conduct of
be at once - In the midst
of the last blank expressed in
our party by December - Congress
are being James - I barely
shy and that will be trust to
some to come. The Republicans
are decided against you - but with the
Americans - everything is to be
accepted. I trust the word of
promising that you
would make one of you find the
Church in Macunsey - The Americans
told me they wanted to see you -
I should assist the Democrats in
securing the largest barn of the
village - The church. You friends
are in a decided majority in the
public - but all except no running that
the Administration is running out
on December but because your friends
are unwilling in finding a place within.
If peace is really desired at Was
Criston - I should be all the more
-
claimed. I found that my announce ment of it acted like a charm.

I saw Capt. Port of Decatur — a Congress man from a Unionist district. He has been
killed in Egypt. He says
there is no unionism, there.

All are for you — and with unusual enthusiasm. The difficulties
are only to be seen when your
Republican friend.

I start to
Rams. This evening I will return
to Brookfield as soon as we have
fixed the day of Election. I have
actually read a month in advance.

Please nudge me to Congress
if you will give the Macombs
a talk of 200 — to make
them understand — for God's
sake the importance of the vote. There be over
clutter as the house has representative
shall decide the course of society.

With the utmost respect,

Wm. Meer.