Limerick. June 20th. 1854

My dear Sir,

Many of your political friends and neighbours in Limerick will be glad to hear of this movement of yours. I am writing to ask you, if it would be consistent with your independence, for you to take this stand and address the people of this city at this time during the coming campaign, and for what would be the advantage of yourself, to come and I hope that you will be able to accept our invitation to the election. The people in this section, are anxious to see you and have you address them. I am yours truly,

[Signature]

W. M. Kennedy
Knight, Casey & others

Jan. 25, 1865,

An invitation
To visit Jersey
Vills, Jersey Co.
Dear Sir,

Your friendship has pleased upon my desk (under your [illegible]) a copy of your remarks on the "State of Parties in Illinois," and for which, I am much obliged.

Very Respectfully Yours,

Elisha A. Boyer

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
U.S. Senate
Washington D.C.
Illinois State Agricultural Society,
Office Corresponding Secretary,
Springfield, June 25, 1858.

Hon. S. A. Douglas,
Washington City.

Dear Sir,—The officers of the Illinois State Agricultural Society respectfully invite your attendance at their State fair, to be held in Champaign in September next.

Respectfully,

S. Francis, Sec.
Ill. State Ag. So.
Davenport June 26th 1858

SIR: S. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir: "This has been a proud day for Iowa. Its Democracy all still found bearing aloft the banner so gloriously emblazoned with the motto "Principles and men". In State Convention of the Democracy of Iowa, we nominated "Douglas or Anti Lecompton. Men through. Our Candidates for Congress, Hon. W. E. Lippincott of Leipsig, is an avowed Anti Lecompton democrat; and the resolution offered in the State Convention, endureing James Buchanan and Hon. W. Jones was tabled by a fifty major. Iowa has spoken in thunder tones against the treachery policy of James Buchanan in sacrificing the principle of the Kansas Bill, to please the South. We feel proud of our position as Democrats - you may be assured, sir, that the longer and the more vigorous the Administration goes upon you, the weaker it will become. Yours truly, 

[Signature]
To: J. P. Douglas
Washington, D. C.

From: [Signature]

Washing [illegible]
June 22, 1865

[Stamp: U.S. Post Office]
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Baltimore June 25th/34

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dr. Sir

I have it would seem shamelessly
The few past days been spending

time and money and labour
industriously cautiously and
conscientiously in a good cause
and can assure you I had no
sordid motive to actuate me

I said or done anything after I seen you at the Rail
Road Station before I consulted
several near friends of yours
who encouraged me to do all
I did and encouraged me to say all I said so far as you
are in any way implicated.

Indeed I was cautious to go
no farther so far as you are
concerned than I was autho-
ised by you. I say you
authorised me to say to the
friends of the Administration
That there is no difficulty now bringing about a reconciliation of the leaders of the Administration will sustain the ill-natured insinuation of the unfortunate disagreement, and that I told you distinctly that I do what would be in my feeble power to induce conciliation. Therefore I felt well convinced that your language was unquestionably and unqualifiedly sincere. So much so far as you are concerned. I have done and more. As our interview was short, and the subject of our conversation of high importance and as I took an active part in a disinterested friendly manner advising you promptly, I felt it due to me that you should advise me as to your approval or disapproval in reference to the use I made of the few words you spoke to me at the Washington Station.

I can assure you I submit that all I wrote to you (before this letter) to Swann of your true
friends of all I wrote I can say too that I consulted several of your own friends in every mode I made so far as representing your language to me. Some hours after you left and after I had seen Gov. Riggin and a few other leading gentlemen from whom I thought I learned enough to convince me that if it was manifest that you seriously desired to conciliation and unanimity in the democracy of the Union you had it in your power to effect it. I found all your friends in favor of it and found too that some influential men who are not warmly attached to you who through policy would not dare to oppose Conciliation but would not encourage it. Then (late the evening you left) I learned that your Father in law was near you when you were taking time — I got a hack to take me to see him that I might learn from him first whether he understood your language to me as I did and second where letters or dispatches would reach you. Your Mother in law who seems to be a Lady of superior qualities handed me one of your speeches which I read the high day with pleasure I wrote my first letter to you before I read your Speech. With what I had
learned with what little you said to me together with the conciliatory tone of your speech I felt inspired with hopes humble as I am that I could set the ball in motion that would efficiently tend to do the much for good Causes of Natural democracy I have been working in my humble sphere for the cause Thirty five years or so. Since I was able even to raise an embryo Consequently I felt bound as an honest democrat to do what seemed in my power to do honorably I know that your acquaintance personally with me is limited. You may not unreasonably regard my active interference as long letters humble advice unwarantable and it may be but I have the presumption to believe that you would allow me a liberal margin
If you will acquaint me with some design in interference and was admonished by several of my democratic friends who I know are not your supporters that my interference would involve the displeasure of several of my friends it do no good.

Notwithstanding all that I done enough and learned enough to pretty convince me that it is the amiable desire of nearly every intelligent democrat in the country to have the hatchet buried.

I conceive to that with moderate reasonable and honorable mutual concession. That is due to the democracy of the Nation. The Party can be saved from defeat in 1860. I am under the apprehension that even a few weeks delay of compromise will produce a disorganization and contaminating Collections with dangerous items that will be more disastrous than a one term defeat. I never was not I hope never will be a politician for Sordid interest. I have suffered some humiliation in my interference as far as I have gone in this matter and I can assure you I feel deep humiliation in the shedding I am doing now. I feel as I know the thousand of honest democrats all over the country feel. That this democratic family guard can and ought to be promptly reconciled. I have done and hope will do my duty honorably regardless of the respect or censure that may be awarded to me from any.
quarter I am under no obligations for any kind of political favour and trust I never will be. I hope you will be fully informed of the facts of my whole conduct in this matter and see that your Majesty's inactivity towards me was not merited. Humble as I am I hope you will find that I enlisted a powerful influence to enable you to your desires it to unite the party on easy honorable amicable terms to Secretary Floyd Thompson Brown & Black to the President. I am credibly informed can be conciliated. Bigger can the Union can nearly every prominent democrat in Washington will help if encouragement is given that you desire conciliation. Those who do not desire it dare not oppose if you give your true friends a reasonable chance to put your party and self an unenviable position.

yours James May
Manchester N.H.
June 25th 1855

Hon. J. G. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

Will you be so kind and obliging as to forward on to my address a copy of your late speech on the subject of “Moral appropriation and Illinois Politics.” We feel an interest in all these matters, I am endeavoring to preserve a record of these documents which may be serviceable at some future period.

I am, in
Very Respectfully,

Your friend,

J. L. Perkins
R. L. Parkes
Manchester, N.H.
R. W. Burton
Washington
Farquhar Building
June 26, 1858.

Politics

Washington June 26/58
Dear sir,

A lot of Speakers have gone their way to the office on the
Annual appropriation Bill
debated in the House at May 7/58
you will confirm. A Speaker
you can by yourself at least 200 to
the effort.

The Political way is to
Mr. to Mr.
the first time that
mystery stories a candidate can
for a seat in the Senate.

The Logtown is shown that affects
Spain in the Living City made
his debut in Wall Street at
The Abolition cause at Sheffield
is power for the help of
abolishing

actions may result. Mr. Lincoln
A Lincoln cause was first in getting
the sign of the absence of the stroke of
the United States Bank before the
campaign to stay Jackson which ends the
war
the contest in Tooele will be strong, and if much is not done in it, the
Republican will be lost. Your friends are at work to get a party in Utah to
aid and to cause our Citizens to
Preserve our Constitutional rights. I am looking forward with great
hopes for the future. We shall see how far we shall be able to
enlighten your people as to the
importance of the coming election.
I am quite sure that the
majority of the people in this
state will do their best to
return you to office. The
people of this state are
not as ignorant as some
people believe them to
be. They are just as
able to think and reason as
any other people.

Accept my best wishes for your
success in the coming election.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

R.B. Burton, P.M.
Grand Old Ogle Co. Ill. June 24/38

Honorable Sir,

Being desired by some of the Democrats of this vicinity to address you in regard to distribution of Democratic in this District, I wish you to forward me as many of your Speeches as possible. I have endeavored to stir up the Democrats here, and have succeeded admirably. A good many embracing the Democratic cause. This County has heretofore been pop. Repub. by about 2/5 but if exertions were used I really believe it would end in Douglas triumph. I have always been a Democrat and have fought for the cause from the Newspaper down to Township Organization and have a good many followers in this vicinity. As I feel a solicitude in the fall elections, I hope you will forward the Speeches, and assured they shall be used to a great beneficial advantage to yourself and to those to whom they are distributed. Any further information cheerfully given by addressing me.
Please direct to Grande De Lour Ogle Co.
I remain your most obedient, etc.

Urian E. Gallion

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Rock Island, Ill., June 26, 1858.

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

My Dear Sir,

I would like very much to procure explorations for a Railroad route from the Mississippi River to the Pacific. Would you be kind enough to inform me what steps to take to procure the book. (Published by order of Congress.)

Very Respectfully yours,

O.H. Hale.

(Sent Smithsonian Reports.)
Sons of Temperance
Baltimore

Library Room, Sons of Temperance,
Baltimore, June 26th 1858

Hon. A. Jones
Respectfully,

The Order of the Sons of Temperance in this city, having established a Library for the use of their Members and wishing to enlarge the same, they have authorized me as their Secretary to address you with the humble request that you will be so kind as to make the Library a donation of some Public Documents, and thus aid them in their laudable endeavor. Any Documents that you may donate to the Library will be highly appreciated for, for which you will receive the heartfelt thanks of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

The Order asked the above favor from three of the Members.
of Congress from this State but they have paid no attention to our humble request. Hoping you will confer the favor asked and withhold your best wishes for your health, happiness and prosperity. We remain, with the highest regards, Yours truly,

By order Respectfully,

Robert R. Ross

Be so kind as to direct the documents as follows viz:

To the Sons of Temperance Library, Baltimore, Ind.
Can Cerrona June 27th 1858

Dear Judge,

You will find enclosed the first gun from the "Engenier". Saran having been recently been appointed Post Master had some petition to take ground against those that pretended at least, to be the friends of the administration. Pugh and Vallandigham backed me up strongly in having Saran break ground. Since Capt. John M. Elliott of P. were here yesterday and both swear, that the roar on Douglas must cease. This article from the "Engenier" will insure the certain passage of the resolutions you desire in the Ohio convention.

Remember me to Mr. Douglas and believe us ever your friends

Washington McLean

P.S. I would like to hear from you, and know how your prospects are. I believe you would advance your interest very much by writing this as soon as possible. I must fail to write a kind letter to Saran it will induce him to continue in the good work.