[Abbrev Oct. 1858]

How are things.

My dear Sir,

I have at last succeeded in getting a letter sent to your friend - which fell into the hands of his wife in Boston. I gave her some pencilled scraps. In as much, I did not wish to show my colored friends or even my brothers. But I wrote just the letters. In closing please judge The letter so much has been done about.

Thank God, I am safe.

I shall not be known as its written. I shall not be known as its written. That you may not in this last part as you want. But I writing I may meet you there which I shall arrive if I can. As I prefer living as yourself as wife in Chicago. If now can you without letting my brothers know the interest I take in you to give me pleasure
I will explain all to you, I am sure, in a manner that will convince you of the correctness of my fears. If there were power in my name, I could not do wrong, or harm to another. I shall be far from you in all things. But this is my most sincere and best hope to meet my brother, any of them, or Mr. White or any person whom you have the most exact idea of your influence or interest in the public. It would be a great comfort to the family if this letter has been written by the greatest patience on my part, coming to the point and clear understanding. I have done all as I have my best browns and friends. 

But what is your conduct? I do not mean to say I do not love you. I write to you in your interest. I trust you will not make me feel regretting or regretting in behalf of the people I shall be with. In the other channel——Which shall agreeable in your person——

Yours truly,

[Signature]

The only wishes left the greatest interest in your declaration regarding all in their power to effect the same.

[Signature]
Office, Illinois Statesman, Blooming Monday,

[Oct. 1858?]

Dear Sir,

We are making as extensive arrangements as the time will permit to give you a gratifying reception on your visit to our city on next Friday. The entire programme of arrangements has not yet been agreed upon, but it is our desire that the reception ceremonies be arranged to suit with your speeches which we wish to be at night. If you have any suggestions to make please let us know at once.

Yours truly,

W.O. Moniman
Dr. O. Herriman
Bloomington
Incl. new articles.
Judge Douglas.

It will rejoice the hearts of our Democratic friends to learn that Judge Douglas will be in our city on next FRIDAY.

He will arrive here in the 3 o'clock p. m. train, Chicago, Alton & St. Louis Railroad. His arrival will be announced by the firing of a national salute of thirty-two guns by our spirited volunteer corps, "the Bloomington Guards." The programme of arrangements with regard to reception, committees, speaking &c., is published in another column. The demonstration will be one worthy of the occasion and the gallant Democracy of McLean.

We hope as many of our friends as can come in from the country will be here to participate with us, on that occasion, in giving our noble Senator such a hearty and welcome reception as will not only gladden his own heart, but will awaken and rouse up the Democracy of this quarter to a wholesome degree of energy and enthusiasm. Let the Democracy of McLean, on that day, come up in their strength, and fling out their banners to the breeze, for we anticipate a great time!

The Judge will remain in Bloomington until Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, when he will start in a special train for Springfield, where the most extensive preparations are being made to receive him.

He will be escorted from Bloomington to Springfield by the Bloomington Guards, having a band of music and a six-pounder piece of artillery.

Arrangements have been made for all persons who may desire to go down to Springfield to witness the great demonstration on Saturday morning, to go and return the same day, at half the usual fare.

The special train and escort will stop at Atlanta and Lincoln an hour each on their way to Springfield. Let as many of our friends as can possibly do so, go down to Springfield, for there will be a mighty gathering of the hosts of Democracy there on that occasion, and a scene that will do their hearts good.
ARRANGEMENTS TO RECEIVE

JUDGE DOUGLAS!

Committee of Reception, etc.

At a meeting of the Democracy and friends of Judge Douglas, held on Monday evening last, for the purpose of making suitable arrangements to give our worthy and distinguished Senator a public reception on his visit to this city on Friday next. Dr. E. R. Roz was selected to make the reception speech, and the following gentlemen were appointed as a

COMMITTEE OF RECEPTION:

Allen Witters, Chairman.
Asa H. Moore.
Thos. P. Rogers.
Thomas Taylor.
Col. W. P. Boyd.
E. H. Ditckes.
R. W. Dunlap.
Wm. Batin.
O. Wakefield.
Daniel Kelle.
John Fincher.
M. X. Chase.
J. L. Rice.
Gt. Samuel Price.
Thomas O. Perk.
John M. Stillwell.
Robert Parker.
Capt. P. Markey.
Wm. Kassl.
A. D. Abbot.
James B. Price.
James C. Orendoff.
Geo. B. Walker.
James H. Smith.
James O. Barnard.
Wm. Clay.
L. H. Sasser.
Isaac Vancestrand.
Wm. Dulaney.
James McFarth.
Joseph Pitts.
George Kenyon.
James Kennedy.
Samuel O. Dent.
John P. Healy.
M. Marthetance.
Hosell. Manuell.
Jacob Smith.
R. B. Williams.
F. J. Dickerson.
A. E. Sorenson.
A. A. Lamb.
John Boyd.
J. R. Hart.
S. B. Hance.

The following gentlemen were appointed as a

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS:

Z. D. Hoover.
Wm. McGlaugh.
George Henshaw.
Neha Spen.
S. W. Weisnifee.
Walford Wyat.
W. W. Miller.

The Committee of Arrangements will prepare a full programme of proceedings for the occasion, which will be published on Friday morning.

It is expected that the Reception Ceremonies will take place immediately on the arrival of the Judge in the afternoon and that he will speak in the evening from a platform erected in the

PUBLIC SQUARE.

The yard will be properly illuminated, and comfortable arrangements made to accommodate the ladies.

Music, fire works, &c., will be provided to enliven and give diversified interest to the occasion.

P. S. The Committee of Reception are requested to meet at the Counting Rooms of this office on Friday morning at 11 o'clock.
Cincinnati
Oct 2, 1858

Sir: S. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir:

I thank you very kindly, for your letter of good will in reference to my case.

Let me assure you that I desire that you may succeed, and that it is the wish of my constituents, as I well know from the responses to my own expressions to that effect. I have just returned from appointments in the country, and when at leisure shall be pleased to write further.

Very respectfully,
W. J. Todd
Winston Lewis Co., Oct 3, 1838

To the Hon. A. B. Douglas

Sir,

It is with respect and esteem I address you for your Manly and Conservative Course in advocating the principles of the Kansas, Nebraska bill in the last session of U.S. Senate, when black Republicanism and Ultra democracy unfurled their banners against you; and when even the bull dogs of the federal government were let loose against you, it was then you proved yourself a loyal consistent and Conservative democrat when extreme Radicalism ran wild without a shadow of reason now almost stood alone in advocating the principles of effete sovereignty against the fanatics of the North and the fire eaters of the South. It was then Sir that all Conservative men of all parties and the flower and chivalry of Jefferson Democracy applauded your course. [signature]
the course to be pursued by all true lovers of their country. I had often heard it said that when Randolph, Calhoun, Clay, and Webster died, that patriotism and unflinching integrity were gone, but sir, in your present campaign against Lincoln, Stenmark, and the house of federal officials, against your own party, you have shown yourself a patriot, gentleman, and a loyal Democrat. With the best wishes for unbounded success to you as a gentleman and politician, I remain your obedient servant.
Rutland, Vt
Oct 4th, 1858

Honor S. A. Douglas
Dear Sir,

The Rutland “Young Men’s Association” (of which I am Vice President) are very desirous that I should write to you and ascertain if you could make it convenient to deliver a lecture in this place at any time during the approaching Winter. We have a very large town hall but know we can fill it, should we be so fortunate as to get you to consent to visit us.

Allow me to congratulate you on the prospect of a successful campaign in Illinois. The eyes of the whole nation & friends are watching the battle. Would to God we could aid you.

Your obst. Ser.
John Cain
John Harris
Milwood Vt.
Oct 4 / 55.

WW
Mrs. J. Swaner  
Middletown  
Vermont  
Oct. 4, 1858

Yours ever. [signature]

[Address and date]

[Signature]

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

Clerk S. C. Douglas

[Address and date]
Dear Sir,

I am very much obliged for the present and hope you will be pleased to allow me to know what is the next step towards my being established on my property. I am particularly anxious about the measurement of the land and I trust you will see the propriety of not losing a day by this important business.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
San Francisco Oct 11th 1858

My Dear Sir,

Our mutual friend Messrs. T. Truett, your house by this Steamer, on a visit to his family and friends in Illinois, and that you may be more particularly posted on political matters in the State, I have requested Mr. Truett to give you in person a detailed account of our position.

And McDougall wrote you about the time of the election, that Bradenell and McKibben had gone outside the democratic party and allied with the Republicans, to defeat the regular democratic ticket, and while a large majority of the people of this State endorsed your position on the Kansas question, they could not afford to ally with the Republicans for the purpose of expressing themselves, especially as the question stood for the time being stated.

All your most prominent friends, Hope McDougall, Truett, Tatham & others, agreed before the convention, to throw down all attempts at a split in the party on Kansas account. Bradenell & McKibben having previously given notice, that they would
I have a Convention of their own, independent of the regular organization. When your name was attempted to be used here, by the Ballot McGregor for the purpose of making them political capital, you moved with one voice denouncing the Convention, and told your cause in Illinois to sustain them. I pray in the gallant fight you are making in my native State, and hope to God you may be triumphant. The only fair chance we will have to test "Our right and interest" in this State, will be selecting our delegation to the National Convention in 1860, when you can rely upon us. Mr. Lincoln will give you a full history of how are stand, which and of course be much more satisfactory than any thing I could write.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

[Address]
Illinois
Galena October the 4th 1858

The Honorable Senator A. Douglas

Sir, I take the liberty of addressing you with these few lines. Hoping you will be so kind & Condescending as to act affrined to us in this Western Country. I wish a few more men have been working at the direction of this Customhouse and Muron hospital and have been grossly cheated out of our hard earning which was the means of our support. There is no use for a poor man to go to law that cannot raise a dollar to pay an attorney.

Sir, I have being informed that another man who was cheated in the manner have recovered his money by Mr. Washburn Interceding for him in Washington and stopping it out of their pockets but Mr. Washburn is a man whom I don't want to ask any favor if as he belongs to the adverse party. So I hope sir that you will act as kind affrined to us as Mr. Washburn did to his. By so doing we shall feel for ever obliged to you your Respectfully John Ridg

These are the names and each man amount due.
John Ridg. $87.75;
Anthony Coon $27.50;
John Welsh 13 dollars.
John Reidy
Salem Nov
Oct 24, 1838

No. of Custom House

10
Black Forrest
Oct 5, 1858
Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Would you be kind enough to favor me with a copy of your speeches and very greatly obliging.

Yours most respectfully

Elias W. Hale

Please direct to:

Elihu W. Hale
Care of L. H. Fisher
Black Forrest mill
Jenney Shore
Wyoming Co.

Pennsylvania
Dear W. Hale
Black Forest Hts.
Wyoming Co.
Pa.
Oct 5, 1858.
Dear J. A. Douglas

I am writing to you presently in order to say to Mrs. Masters that you wished to make her receive in the letter, that you held in my hand, I did so at your desire. The letter was written to instruct your agent. I saw him a few days since and he requested me to write to you and to say to you that she would be pleased to accept your proposition and to ask you to come to see her and bring your wife with you to see her. I left her in a boat. Her husband died. Her brother died. The balance of our family is as well as can be expected. Mrs. Masters is well as she is few came to see me.

Yours very respectfully,

J. W. Ellington
Brattle Oct. 5/1858

To Mr. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Allow me to congratulate you on a report circulated at Rochester last week that Douglas had fallen ill. If the report proves to be not true, I congratulate you on the course you have taken from the very moment the Administration affixed their position in regard to the Kansas Nebraskan Bill. That withstanding the corruption of the Administration, the so-called Democratic Party of this State have struck it down and killed it you'll see to last Tuesday about sun down when they expired from its effects. Now I intimate a prediction (which I fear is to your) that a Douglas's triumph in Ill. will resuscitate a purer future in the party, so that in 1860 it will lead as a bright star reflecting light to all nations of the Earth.

You may consider my compliments some wish...
Informing this may be so but when I tell you that I have ended my reputation (Politically) & Money on the result of your labor I trust I shall be excused. I have always for twenty-five years voted with the Democratic Party until this Fall with many others voted for the A.M. Ticket and am still with you in prosperity or adversity it will come to right.

Book Keeper attended a Party in New Ulm last evening last time after my return from Dakota you in rather fell found them answering making your arrival to know the result from A.M. The report was in favor of Douglas you may imagine for one moment the scenes. Republicans began to construe Democrats entered to break. Even the Ladies were just to give an opinion as for myself I felt resolutions in saying nothing.

C. H. Matz
Lexington, Ky. Oct 3rd, 1858

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas:

Dear Sir: I can not longer contain my admiration for your gallant and noble battle you are making for what you believe to be the right (State rights) against Dover, Patagonia and Republican combined. My prayer to God is that you may succeed and from what I would learn as I came from Minnesota the other day to my old home in this vicinity, Death seemed to be the anticipated result. I will add I believe the heart of this State is with you in this struggle.

It is not that I am a blind and bigoted follower of yours; it is not that I am a zealous hater of Republicans so-called nor an enemy of the present Administration and with its downfall. It is because I see or think I see it engaged in carrying on the paternalism of the federal government in an election campaign, calculation and exclusivity of State concern. And the State in any sovereignty left may be served with under the Constitution or any identity or independence...
Ramifying of the Central Government.
If they have stood so long will they be suffered to continue to enjoy these communities of the Union?
The Administration is pursuing in Allen's view to allow the power it possesses to the States as much as to have no voice? Not suffered to have any political opinion of their own? Are they by central influence over national patronage, from instant means to be delivered from the choice of one of their citizens to represent them in the Senate of the Federal Union? Does it not, to me, that the Federal government has lost it's constitutional powers altogether, and appear to have forgotten that the Constitution contains a number of provisions which seem as well as upon the States, that the States themselves are sovereign in power and independent in action, to act and only as far as they have for certain purposes, as it relates to delegated specific trust and authority to the Federal Government, and for the benefit of the people of Illinois could have administered a union subservient to Federal enforcement and for that reason and with you in this right.
My own opinion is, if you succeed the people of Illinois will have a management of their own, and the Union and I with you in this right. My own opinion is, and has been for some time that the State as a foreign power of the Union are in danger, that they are likely to be defeated by mere force of numbers and from various causes existing.
Their prominence, power and identity in our system by the over theft of Illinois and continually increasing authority of the Central Government. The National Executive has already far too much power, and by many assumption which seem to me extreme or to be daily deteriorating more. I want to be the assumption worked upon. I am not one of the right with regard to the Federal Union. More than that, the power of the States are the representatives serving the Northwest. More than that, the power of the States are the representatives serving the Northwest. I want to see this idea the Constitutional principle be properly into the Democratic Creed. It's necessary to preserve the tree tone of the Constitution between the Federal and State governments. But I am not time now by the patience of all those who had to deliberate this subject earlier.
Task beyond the surface of present politics. It seems to me, however, to be a most appropriate subject for you to present to the people of your great State. And having thus inaugurated the idea in your State Can you see its transition to The Next National Democratic Convention will be easy, and it will take well in the South. As it should in the North.

AsKings Pandix for this feeling
I remain your friend

B. B. Cleeve
Homelville, Oct 6, 1858.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Dear Sir:-

I take the liberty, although a stranger to you, to express the pleasure it would afford me to be instrumental in some degree in your election to the Residence in '58.

I have a plan in my mind, which I think would materially advance this object. I think if a step could be put in operation in San Francisco, or in Sacramento, California, without unnecessary delay, it would result in returning to you the electoral vote of that State in '58, and also strengthen the noble stand taken by your friends there the present season.

If means can be furnished me to start a few classes paper in either of those places, or wherever else you may deem it advisable to do so, I hold myself in readiness to take the post of responsible Editor.

I have been connected with the press of this State for a number of years, and for the past three years have been the Editor of the National American at this place. I am yours, 

[Signature]
The election of Mr. Fillmore in 1856, and you can refer to him, Hon. Daniel Allman of Wall St. New York, Hon. Erastus Brooks of the N.Y. Empire, New York, and to the Hon. Hale. Hale and the Hon. John P. Hale of this place in regard to my qualifications and fitness for an undertaking such as I have alluded to above.

I have relatives of standing and influence in California who would record an undertaking of this character, and I feel partial to locate myself permanently in that State.

If you feel willing to suggest aid in this behalf from the proper source, and have made up your mind to stand by the only brand of your party entitled to recognition as Democrats, it will afford me much pleasure to hear from you soon.

Should I go out to California it is my wish to go as early as the 20th Nov. or 5th Dec. ensuing.

Every true and righteous man in the Union is looking forward to you as the man who can unite the masses in 1860. Your pathetic toast in the Senate last winter, in defiance of Mr. Buchanan and his toots has endeared you to the people of the whole Union, and your success in the approaching contest in your own State and in 1860 will continue to be an object of interest to them.

With sentiments of the highest respect, I am your very obedient

[Handwritten signature]
O. M. Harman
Homestead
Oct 6, 1853
Political
Petersburg, Oct 17th

Mr. J. A. Douglas
My Dear Sir,

I write from Richmond, and I ask you to send your order for Miles & Eagle's ice to Mr. Waller. I have never seen such a good leader in my life. For three weeks I have been in Richmond, but nothing will go. Miles but for they are close to quit. The book for him.I think too after leaving the convention having just declared himself an independent candidate. Eagle has been willing to do everything and make any other offer consistent with fairness. The indignation is so strong against Major Miles that if the truth were known he must stay, as it is. He has been willing to do it.

But have no fear. We shall carry the district certain. I entertain no doubts of it. It is an election off Miles friends until I leave. He will not let more Democrats than a public man - Eagle will, cast just the black candidate or this county. He can too hundred at last. This is the beginning of all our friends. I think I can...
Safety — have no fears if Can I can —
I shall give every effort possible to making
it really sure.
My health is very alive or I could
do more — but I shall lose the while of it
to secure success.
From all around the news is good.
From Quincy — Lyon — from New York — from Kansas — a letter came to me full of confidence —
You are making the perfect canvas ever done by Mortal — for while you are
waging your own state, you are
waging the whole country. Your triumph I do not doubt. But whether
may be the result, you have fourfold
your national reputation.
Ever yours your friend.

Mrs. J. Harri}
Wor. L. Harris
Peterburg 1853

Anomdo

[Handwritten text]
Manteno Ill.
Oct. 6, 1858
Hon. W. M. Cutts

Dear Sir,

I had some conversation with Hon. Steven A. Douglas concerning some duplicates in my possession. He directed me to send the papers to you assuring me that a patent for the land named in said duplicates would be sent me by your assistant.

I am willing to remunerate you for your trouble if desired and thank you besides; for I can assure you it will be a great
Solomon Noble
Montana, Ill.
Oct. 6, 1858.

...accommodation to me as I
have so much trouble concern-
ing the land already.
This little land is all
I possessed and I am now living
on it. I told Mr. Douglas
how much I desired a deed
and he very kindly assisted
me by directing to you.

Res. Yours O.B. Servent
Solomon H. Noble
Consulate of the U.S.
Glasgow Oct 6 1858

My dear Sir,

Allow me to take the liberty of addressing you and informing you of the valuable aid you have long been such a change in the salary of the Consulate as well as other.

The salary was $4,000 per year but in anticipation of placing a Consular ample since it was raised to $5,000 in 1856, 1857 at the same time in the was placed here as the House of Representatives justly declined to make an appropriation towards their salary. I say it was put for the law which created the people that there were under the jurisdiction of the chief of the office but he was in a measure independent of the Council. The salary so increased was deemed it necessary in my case to desire my client and because all the office duties my self in order to meet the
or peace on this most expensive plan—a plan. And this also presents an item of performing all that is required by the general instructions which have been from the Department for instance, I have the honor to offer to whom I have the best information about the changes or alterations that we may see in the commercial regulations or laws which have been made in the Constitution of our country. Having at one time, the establishment of new branches of industry to suggest what would lead to the maintenance of these branches and the establishment of new cities, with a view to the promotion of the commerce and navigation of our country, and the interests of its citizens, all of which are made in the Constitution of Congress. To effect that purpose we have assisted in this manner, and in this manner, we are expected to make both without delay. I am aware that the Department desire to have some change made in the laws, as we have the Consulate and it is here that the change is to
The State of Louisiana

The State of Louisiana
Appeal Office,
Memphis, Oct 8, 1858,

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

It has been publicly intimated in this section, that you have expressed your intention to abandon the Democratic party after the present canvass in Illinois and league yourself with certain persons who are anxious to honor the prestige of your name and use it for the overthrow of the only national party of the Union. Such a rumor has gained some currency from a recently published correspondence between Hon. Henry D. Sotoe of this city and Hon. A. Dixon of Kentucky, which, though not directly assuming such a position, is yet calculated to mislead many into the belief that, as they claim to be your leading friends and supporters, you too must coincide in their sentiments. That correspondence, we doubt not, you have seen in
the newspapers. Hence, we transmit the contents of the Daily Appeal letter to our correspondents, and we beg their indulgence to call your especial attention to our denial of any such evidence from a correspondence which we regard as being gotten up and published with a declara to that effect upon the public mind. In our judgment, it is necessary that you should, under your own signature, repudiate the construction which many of those friendly to you as a Statesman here will be applied under these circumstances. The journal of the Democracy will never support or aid in any manner, any movement of any kind, or what they may call services, who shows the least inclination to secure from the maintenance of the usage and principles of our long-honored, just, and logical organization, and we entirely concur in that sentiment. We understand your position to be emphatically in favor of maintaining the organization of the Democratic party. And we regard you as being pledged to that cause.

We therefore ask respectfully, whether or not this is not your position, and whether, in private conversation or otherwise, you have ever given reason to us, the editors, that you have embarked or intend to embark, as a participant or leader in the formation of an antagonistic organization, designed to overthrow the National Democracy.

We are, very respectfully,

[Signature]

[Signature]

Leon, Nowdall

[Signature]

Editors Memphis Appeal

P.S. You are aware that we have taken position in favor of your re-election to U.S. Senate, and hence we have assumed the privilege of addressing you freely. I frankly touching this matter...
From Editors
of the Memphis
Appeal
Venue,
Oct 1788.
Newton N.J. Oct. 8, 1858

Dear Sir,

Permit me to introduce to your acquaintance my friend, Bernard St. Thomas Bell Cap of this county, a member of the bar, who desires leaving here in a few days with the view of pursuing his profession at the West. He has very few acquaintances here, and if you can aid him in any way by letters of introduction, or otherwise in selecting a good location it will be a favor to me personally.

Permit me to assure you that in your present gallant, pious, and precented contest you have with you the warm sympathy of the great Hops of the N.J. Democracy. I have resigned my seat as judge of the Superior Court, and am almost daily making speeches in favor of Dr. J. B. Rippy, who is running in this District as an independent
Democratic Candidate for Governor: The present incumbent, John Beverley, voted for Leavitt. Our Convention will be held on the 11th inst., if he be re-nominated. I think his defeat certain. They feel that, to now talk of his decline, is a new man being nominated on our platform. Even than I believe we will beat Dr. Rippe. This County (Lupin) for Buchanan 1800 majority, & had over 2200, but we will now carry it for Rippe by from 170 to 500 majority.

With great respect,
Your friend,
Martin Ryness

Hon. J. A. Douglas.

Please inform me how soon I could have my Bill for
May 18th, 1859.
Carington Ky Oct 7 1855

To A. Douglas

Sir, I interrupt you upon matters of small importance compared with most of your duties, but to me if some consideration. You may recollect that last fall you sold to me (Philip C. Rush) two lots on Arnold Add to Chicago. I paid you cash and you gave me a bond to release and have recorded the incumbrance. I have written four times to Mr. Brackett and cannot here anything. Will you write me what you will do about it? I cannot tell you release the mortgage.

Write me to Carington Ky.

Yours Respectfully

P. C. Rush

Let me have something from you if you please.

P.C.
R. J. Bush
Corinth NY
Oct 9, 1851
Business and needs attention.

Answered
July 11, 1851.
New York
Oct 10th 1858

SIR,

Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I drop a hurry note to congratulate you upon the increasing chances for your triumphant success. The entire American Party of New York are now looking with earnest hopefulness for your return to the Senate. They are anti-Lecompton to a man, and will never become pacificized by the Republicans.

Our doubts [are] over this effect, and pressure brought to bear upon the late American Convention atSpiro. I make the issue clear, and宣传 it boldly. And shall
Continue to do the same thing during the Campaign. We must not consent to be left with the Black Republican party. Can I hope our American friends in all will stand by you in this battle. They ought by all means to do so, but truly place themselves in the same line for a National fight in 1866 against the spoils of bitterness.

I think myself held up the lone banner of Americanism. Though the state in behalf of Burrows Benton. So feeling and knowing, that while we may be instrumental in electing Parker Jr. he will be least object. Morgan, and hold at least one hundred thousand votes he remains for a National fight for the Presidency instead of dragging them into the Republican ranks, ready for another.

Payment fight
This is my object, other my hope. I hope the refusal to face him, will aid you in your work at home and our friends there, will like the American party here, think their vote when it will tell most against the Republican party. I feel this to be the winning party and with one, it has almost become a religion.

Hoping again that you will prove thoroughly victorious in all combinations. I remain

E. O. Perssine
Toledo, Oct 10/58

Man S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Being the Democratic nominee for Atty. Gen. of this state, I have been actively canvassing for weeks past in every part of the state. We hope that our state ticket will succeed though it is involved in much doubt. My only object in writing is, if you will allow such a liberty, to offer you a word of encouragement. Everywhere among the people I have found the interest manifested in your success. Among the rank and file of the Democracy of Ohio, (and I speak after wide observation) they...
is no difference of opinion; they are unanimously for you. There is here and there an expectant or a recipient of executive patronage who thinks it his interest to manifest indifference to the result of your struggle, but every one watches your progress with eagerness and devotion. This must I have felt it my duty, acting by the request of thousands of plain, honest, constitution Democrats, whom I have met at my meetings, to say to you in your hour of struggle and peril. If you succeed you will be hailed by the rapturous shouts of millions and if you fall your fall will not go unavenged, but you will fall only to rise again still higher than before. Tomorrow night I close the campaign in Cincinnati. Payne, Stedman, &

Edgerton are here with me. We have thought much of sending out a delegation of sympathizers to aid you after our election is over. But of course we wish to follow your direction in the matter. Dr. Payne, or some other friend whom you know better than you do me, will doubtless take your advice about it. If it will do you any good we can pour into your state any number of our best speakers. If you do not wish it let some of your friends know.

Very truly,

Durbin Ward