Springfield, Oct 23

Dear Lucoo,

I took particular pains, as soon as I got home on Friday morning, to speak to the Governor on the subject of politics in Bloomington, and as I expected—the story, told us by Dr. Hower—was all true. The Governor was so annoyed by my report, that he immediately telegraphed to the head of Messrs. on the road— and I am more than satisfied, that the doctor, had an object of his own—in misrepresenting
the thing to us. I know that I found, one of the few men the 15 said was against us, advocating your cause with great zeal, after oneConvict ior and I have seen no doubt; but the 12 the U.S. men, who form in the foir i the fiekm of you in the first of the Campaign, are still heartily with us and will be to the end. I heartily concur in anything I sworn. At your wish.

D. H. Hunter
J. B. Curran
Springfield
Oct. 13
Ill.

Political
Augusta, Ga., Oct. 23, 1858.

My dear Sir,

The deep interest I feel for your success induces me to write again, merely to give you courage and confidence in what seems now to be an inevitable result, and I now predict again, that the members of the Convention from Georgia, to the next meeting in Flintridge will be “Douglasite Men,” and unless the Convention changes, it will require no effort to produce that result, as the Democracy are being enlightened as to the true causes of the fury being made against you, by the Federal organs throughout the country.

In the beginning of the contest last year in the Senate, you had no paper here to threaten you, but few, very few friends, but now our Chief most influential paper the “Constitutionalist” has fallen into the right line it is doing service that will tell and show its mark in time. In what is better still, the whole mass of the Party seems to be returning, and having a strong fight for the “Delegates,” and with such leaders as are now committed success will be
It would be of advantage, and has been suggested by many here, that a visit to or from Washington would add much to your strength. If you can arrange it at any time, to pass by here, I wish to know in time, say a few days only. We can have an audience without difficulty, and will give you a warm and hearty welcome. What is better, the vote of the State when the time arrives for electing delegates, I will add my best wishes for your success in the present canvass, and my certain belief in the results of 1865.

Very respectfully,

Geo. W. Cameron

P.S. It is reported I believe, that Brown & Stephens are out for you & will hold the field in future time.
Gilman 25th October 1868

Hugh C. Meachin Esq.
Chicago

Sir,

I am instructed to inform you that at a regular meeting of the Douglas Club of Gilman held on the 25th Instant, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved "That Hugh C. Meachin, Esq., of Chicago, having on the occasion of Judge Douglas' recent visit to Champaign, presented this Club with a small earthly National Flag as well as a large number of smaller decorative ones. The Club to mark its appreciation of his generous donation and the same Douglas feeling that dictated this act now instructs the Secretary to convey to Hugh C. Meachin, Esq., its heartfelt thanks for his munificence."

It is needless, Sir, to say that the Flag will be looked upon as a monument of your adherence to the most popular political doctrine of the State of Illinois and we only hope that years will give strength to the banner which will spread these doctrines like healthful seeds, incalculating every State now advanced to them

Sincerely yours to be

Daniel Suggs, P. B.
John Mahan, Treasurer
Adelina P. Lyne, May Count

"A. Obert Tipton"
Chairman
Mayor of Douglas Club, Gilman
Hon. S. A. Douglas
My Dear Sir,

I addressed you while living at Alsea Station near Chicago in regard to Calumet Post Office and having me with good success at that time. I take the liberty of addressing you again although on a different subject however.

My object now is to request of you if you think proper the honor of placing my name upon your list for the distribution of public documents during session of Congress. Such a favor from you would be considered one of the greatest honors I could meet with. I had the pleasure of receiving many from you while living in Illinois. I also have a friend in your Ticket Office of this road who is an active warm friend of yours.
Who wishes me to include him in my request for the same favor. His address is: O. W. Dawson, Toledo, Ohio.

The Democrats in this vicinity are all warm friends of yours. I might include the Office holders, Dr. W. S. Marshall, T. T. W. By perhaps it is not proper to do so, there is a genuine good feeling among the Democracy here in regard to the Anti-Seccession victories in this and other States. The Democrats are united here but are universally in favor of your re-election and are opposed to the opposition. You and the Democratic Party of Illinois and all other States have to meet with in your efforts to maintain the right & defeat the wrong but all your friends are quite confident that the Democracy of ill will meet with success in the coming contest against all opposition. United please let our all liberties as well as all imperfect things & felicities be your olive branch and well wisher.

Wm. B. Martin, Jr.
Pointe Coupee
Oct 26th 1858

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Dear Sir,

I write one page just to assure you that thousands of Democrats
sympathize with you in your present contest—while many of us differ with you on some point
yet we cannot question your patriotic democracy. I for one
know the course of the “Union” and I pray God to prosper your
cause—your defeat in Illinois ensures the defeat of the material
democracy—

I am in humble life—a planter sugar planter
and nothing more than a member
of the Louisiana legislature. It is
true I take an active part in the poli-
tics of the state but am not consci-

uous enough for my name to have
reached you— notwithstanding they
hope you will accept this letter as
evidence of true regard & high admira-
tion for

H. L. Claiborne
Dear Sir:

We have at length received the recent coals intelligence, that the Governor, yielding to that spirit of political intolerance which characterizes his official conduct, has inequitously given your competitor. Mr. P. a certificate of his election as a member of Congress for the District.

Your friends in this portion of the District, have been with unrestrained indignation the recognition of Mr. P. [illegible] election by a majority of about 1500 votes over you. While they are all convinced, have received a majority of more than thirty votes over him.

Under the firm conviction, that a majority of the citizens of the District have been cheated out of their rights; and believing too, that in Republics the majority have the right to rule; the essential feature in our Government, we consider it recommending you to contest Mr. P.'s seat, in the next Congress. And hope with that view you have taken the preliminary step, by giving notice within the proper time; if any such are necessary.

And finally, we shall be necessary for you to go to Washington for that purpose, we herewith seriously pledge ourselves to furnish you such pecuniary funds as may be necessary to enable you to successfully to conduct not only your own individual, but the people's sacred political rights.

[Signatures]

[Handwritten signatures]
Mon. Stephen A. Douglas
Springfield
Illinois
Oct. 27th 1858

West Harford

Dear Sir,

Will you be so kind as to furnish me with your autograph and very much obliged.

Yours with best wishes for your success.

Francis A. Wood

Rev. Stephen A. Douglas

Present.
My dear Sir,

Although it may be a matter of little consequence to you, I cannot refrain from expressing to you now, before the election in Illinois takes place, the deep interest, which, as an humble individual, I take in the result of this election in your state. My earnest prayer is that you may come out victorius. And this is the prayer, as I most ardently believe, of Two Northern Minnesota Democrats in Pennsylvania. I pray as I know you have in the absence of the people of your State, I ought if I have been most especially surprised by the developments, which our late election has brought out! But when this about you may have more license to listen and I to write, hereafter.
Whether may be the result in this war, it will be to you, my dear sir, a triumph. If you succeed, your friends (and you have many) and those whom you have been serving in this country will heartily rejoice. Of defeat, it will only be a slight wound, inflicted by a treacherous blow. If defeated, taught what by such means, will be no defeat. It will be as much for you as a victory. It will commend you more than ever to the war-sympathy and regard of your countrymen, and to none more than your democratic fellow citizens in this State. With the best wishes for your welfare 

Yours truly,

Thos. H. Potter

New Britain, Conn.
Oct. 28. B. Patton
Phila
Answered yours 12
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Shelbyville, Ky., Oct. 24th, 1838

Dear Sir:

Some time last winter when such tremendous overtures were being made to crush you, for your independent and noble stand in behalf of Popular Sovereignty and in opposition to Executive Dictation — when I am sorry to say the South forgotful of your long and eminent services in defense of her Constitution, as might, was so ungrateful as to malague your motives and abuse your conduct — you may perhaps remember to have received a note from one of her most long applauding your conduct & assuring you that you had at least one friend here who would never desert you — myself. “But who are you,” I asked you say — I am no office seeker — I assure you — a plain, unpretending
The great injury done you here was by that false issue. Now that the passions of the people are becoming cool, they begin to understand the true issue, and to evince a disposition to do you justice. Since will fully prove the policy and vindicate the justice of your course on the second

two question. Had the President been true to his pledge and to our party cred, the Democratic party would not have met such a disaster.

The fact is no party can take the position the President did, I live. I cannot imagine how he was ever persuaded to adopt so fatal a policy, unless on the ground that when a man becomes President, he necessarily becomes a

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But I will close. My only object in writing was to say "Be of good cheer." That I truly hope you may be triumphantly sustained in Illinois that our southern people are beginning to return to their old feeling of regard for you. In a word that Douglas Stock is rising in Kentucky and that come weal or woe, there are yet some brave and great hearts who will not desert you.

Hoping you will forgive a "stranger friend" for his intrusion.

I am most truly,

A. S. A. Douglas

P. S. Mr. J. A. Scott M. & Co. from Ky. can tell you who I am. This reference is simply as a proof of good faith. The extract I send you here with is from the pen of your good friend Horney of the Louisville Democrat. Due is my ticket for 1860 "Douglas & Free."
Salt Lake City, Utah
Oct 29, 1858

Hai S.W. Douglas
U.S. Senator,

Sir: Will you do me the favor to forward me by mail to the place of my residence, reports of the newspapers which may be made during the approaching term of Congress which you deem of value or interest. My excuse for making this request is a want of personal acquaintance with any member of the present Congress, and if I may avail myself of your information, it will add an admiration of your courtesy that of any other Senator in the Country.

Salt Lake City is perfectly quiet as is the entire territory as far as I know. The Mormons who are at the face of their religion and firms, refuse to submit to the laws, are generally a sober moral and industrious people, pursuing peaceably and in quiet their various occupations, and as far as possible from disorder and crime as any other equal number of people in the world. I have no doubt that they have been traduced and maligned in many of the reports that have gone out against them, at least the plenteo
not be charged as a people with crimes that belong only to individuals. The only crimes in evidence to my knowledge that I have heard of during the last month and a half—than those of persons transiently in the place or not connected with the people who made them. The offense of the Mormons against law and a sense of morals elsewhere is certainly great enough without charging them with deeds or crimes of which they are not guilty.

With the highest consideration respect,
Sam y. y. Gunn

Stephen D. W.  

[Signature]

[Notes and marks on the right side of the page]
Shamokin
Northumberland Co.
Penn. Oct. 30/58.

Dear Sir—This hole teach you probably, when the election in Illinois is put over.

Virtually always noting the Democratic ticket during my life, yet for some few years, taking but little interest in politics, I conclude not regret my most lively interest in the great contest now going on between the Government and the People, especially as it may affect me personally in Illinois. In common with the great mass of the Democratic party in Penn. I have felt a deep anxiety for your success & I trust under the direction of a true and principled, the victory in Illinois will be awarded to truth & justice & yourself.

Now the Democratic

Mune & heart of the East, North & West is directed to you as the
Next Demo. Candidate for the Presidency & the South is through being
in the same direction - this feeling will not be changed & the rest of
the election in Ill, now if it should be adverse to you
increase in some degree, under
all circumstances, however adverse
I am the whole Democracy for
a more determined struggle
beside there's no to a more
brilliant victory.
If clearest do not be
Americanize your finest victory
is certain. You will triumph in
1860, as true as you live.

Your faithful,
Mr. L. Helfenstein