Senator Douglas

As I am not personally acquainted with any one of the United States Senators, I write a few lines to you, take them into consideration or throw them aside as you see fit. A, I was well acquainted with many of the soldiers who served their country in the year of 1812 and 14. And also with those who volunteered and helped drive the British from Plattsburg and save that part of the country from destruction and ruin and knowing their minds and feelings after receiving their bounty lands as we all have which more than satisfied us for all we have ever done for our country and more than we ever expected. We take this time to return to you a general government our sincere and hearty thanks for so great a reward hoping it is no more than they are able, and knowing it no more than they willing to do. Now understanding that government is about making an another present we would say to the President, Senate and House of Representatives that we have so short a time to stay that we can possibly get through this world without any more help from government. But many of us are blind derided and unable to do any kind of business and too old to work much and have wives in the same situation and what would look small to men in your situation would look large and be of great service to old men like us in swathing the remaining days of old age for which we should be very thankful.
Though we do not wish it without it can be with little or no inconvenience to government. Pray Your Honors we are for equal rights and justice hope you will take this into consideration and answer the Questions we shall ask by your action on the Bill which is now before your Honors or has been otherwise disposed of. Support a young Man in 1812 when Wages were low and hard pressed enlisted for one year near $400 Bounty and $9.00 per Month Victualled & Clothed Paid promptly every Quarter. Perhaps not in Battle in the war and then Discharged and now receives a Pension. Another Man stays at home on a farm with Wives and Children pays Taxes to Support the War if called he is in the Militia to be called for at any time by order of his Country, if not called for until he Wounded. Cannon at Plattsburg on the 6th Day of Sept. 1814 when he left his Wife, Children, Home and State. Rode to Plattsburg with all possible speed to defend his Country and save his Country. There he stayed living on his own farm except a little hard bread and poor meat until the 11th. Then was Marched up the River Senack into the woods to defend and save the York Militia which was done by killing some making Prisoner of some and driving the remainder across the River to their own Country where they were willing to stay and seek for peace. The next day was Discharge as allowed to go home 40 or 50 Miles by bearing his own expenses. And the only pay he got was the Honor of driving the Enemy from and saving our Country from British Cruelty and Dishonor. Now it is for your Honor the day which of these two Men and Soldier are entitled to the largest Pension or Present. Please give the above a fair investigation and match able to your humble servant. A Soldier from the Northern part of OH in the War of 17. 14
Anonymous, in reference to the Detroit Free Press.

Nov 1858.

The enclosed paragraph can be verified by the following prominent Anti-Lecompton, Anti-Douglas, Democrat, Whig men. They are: Mr. F. N. Latham, Democrat, Hon. A. H. Anthony, Judge. Mr. J. D. Elwood, Ely, etc.

Since the success of Douglas in Illinois, the Free Press, which basely deserted him and the Anti-Lecompton issue, in his hour of greatest need, at the dictation of the President, aspiring to the position of his organ, and to show its fitness for the job, has volunteered to defend the villainous apportionment by which he secured a majority of the Illinois Legislature. But we have it from good authority that Mr. Douglas has no confidence in the honesty of the Free Press—that he considers it a traitor, and will have none of it. He sees through the motife which prompts it to crawl back to his support as soon as he has triumphed, after having deserted him so basely.
Morris Grundy Co. Il.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Sir

While bringing again to your notice (as you advised) my application for a Lieutenant in the Army, I would like to remind you also of the fact that I presented to the War Dept. during Mr. Davis's superintendency, a similar petition signed by the Penn. Representation, asking for a vacancy in one of the regiments that were subsequently raised to quell the Indian troubles in the Western Reserve, which petition would have been successful — so Mr. Davis told me — but that my hopes were as yet under-graduated.

With the hope that you will soon put an end to this "boring" on my part, by causing to be sent to me a notice from the War Dept. to proceed to join the Army at any place of having full confidence in your power to do so, I leave the matter entirely in your hands, believing that from the promises you gave me, you will use your best endeavors to further my wishes.

Remains Sir
Your Old Sert

Almed Bedford
Monis Edmunds
C. 24th Nov 1868
Mrs. Bedford
Applicant for a
Promotion in the Army
and Mr. Bradley to Washington and the deeds were left with him. I have understood that the government ceded the title. My grandmother lived and died in Hunters Cedent. My and his farm is now built in a village called Corning and I am heir to my mother posterity in his estate and if as you go to Washington and perhaps you extended Bradley I will give you one half of what you obtain, I have done before this all a man can do by pen knowing your influence is such they may pay some attention to you.

Sir, please write to me and allow your friend

H. D. Horton
Sir, you may not be a little surprised at receiving these lines from me if I understand your pedigree you were born in Pomona Rutland County Brandon you are a son of Capt. Stephen Douglas your grandfather was Benajah Douglas and was brother to my grandmother Sarah Holton and as to blood it matters not to me Sir it is my object. My father, Doctor John Holton, and Thomas Beadly of Washington purchased a large tract of land on what was known as the Carver tract they married Sisters and Father went back to Vermont.
The undersigned agree to pay the sum of Five Dollars for the purpose of tendering a Public Dinner, to be given in the City of Baltimore, to the Hon. Stephen A. Douglas, in honor of the Signal Democratic Victory achieved in Illinois, and his long and faithful service in the cause of Democracy.

Baltimore, November, 1858.

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Dr. Joshua M. Nolen
Shawville
Harford County.
San Francisco, Nov 13 58

My dear Mr. Longfellow,

I have just received word of your friend Mr. Brockman's arrival after a

day of labor took him to the city of San Francisco. He was precipitated down an embankment

and is severely injured and expects to be hospitalized. It is rumored that he

is unable to meet your friend in council tonight. It is unlikely he will

be able to travel tomorrow night and will not be able to attend with this letter. I

cannot close this
Letter without troubling you.
My sincere wishes, in your friend's honor and trusting, this is but the
one of the day. These little things in one whose claims are
some of a triumph are enough as pleasurable as they have
been unceasingly and earnestly
May the joys we more dear-
ly in this world

Your old servant,
Lona O. Edwards
Buffalo, Nov. 8, 1858.

My old friend—

It may give you pleasure, and therefore I state that, remote from active politics as I am, your triumphant success to day will give me sincere pleasure, and your defeat great pain. But, if defeat should come, rely upon it that it can but add to the respect & kindness with which you are regarded by.

Yours very truly,

W. Clinton.

John S. A. Douglas.
Demopolis, Alabama Nov 2nd 1858

Mr. Stephen A Douglas.

Dear Sir,

I am, My Office duties and wars have been, and since the day of Andrew Jackson, I have voted for the Democratic for President your course I have long advocated and I shall cast my vote for you for next President of this United States, and hope you will succeed in your election to the United States Senate and at the nomination for President and be elected. Our country needs a leader and the opposition to your last the people are for you for doing to the nearest your having been forewarned and abuse but for your and all will be well you can and I have no doubt will be the President of the Nation and not of a party. No man can honor a nation like you who is bound in party shackles and fear to do right.
Mr. North and the South are quarreling with each other, and seem to have forgotten that there is a great debt that one and all owing them, both, you, until I hear from the right hand, and I hope no doubt your name appears upon the circle. I have heard that the pleasure of hearing from you in the South, and before the people here, and fully satisfied you are a better Southern man than Mr. Bache, a better Northern man a better Eastern man, and a better Western man, and I think all agree specially to make a man fit for President.

Please excuse this letter; I write it because I feel what I write. In my younger days, Mr. Robert Martin of Washington, North Carolina, was one of my best friends. I met him in my boyhood, and knew him well, and am glad to know it is in my power to serve one whom he respects. Nature has been my home for many years. The air

Political leaders are urging the people to be for your health and success; I am truly yours,

Mr. B. Lyon

P.S. I add this P.S. to say my letter contains nothing but well done. Mrs. Smith a faithful servant. If you are very busy, just make the best answer and send home all

Mr. W.
At a Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Friends of the Hon. Horace F. Clark, on Thursday Evening, November 14th, 1858.

The following Resolutions were offered by John D. Kellogg Esq. and Unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the triumphant re-election of the Hon. Horace F. Clark, as the able, eloquent, independent and incorruptible Representative of the People of the Eighth Congressional District of this State, is just cause for the congratulations of the Friends of Popular Liberty, throughout the State and the Union, and that the rebuke thus administered to the National Executive, who had not hesitated to descend from his high position to thwart the known wishes of the People, is as strong and decided, as it is just and pointed, and that we trust, that it will ever remain, an evergreen guide for all future Presidents, who may attempt to sacrifice a Great Principle, for temporary expediency.

Resolved, That the plain and distinct issue, involved in the recent contest, between
Resolved, that a Copy of the above Resolution, duly certified, by the Chairman, and Secretary, to his Excellency, Mr. Clark, with the request that he will forward it to Senator Douglas.

John S. Bradley
Chairman.

Charles W. Baker
Secretary.

Resolved, that the Hon. Judge Stephen A. Douglas, one of the friends of the late Hon. Judge Stephen A. Douglas, and the friends of Popular Sovereignty, could not have been more deeply interested, to the Senate of the United States, after a contest unparalleled in our Political History, for bitterness, and personal invective, is received by this Organization of the friends of the Hon. Horace Jr. Clarke, with feelings of the most profound satisfaction, and that we hereby tender to the distinguished Senator of the West, through our Representative, our sincere and heartfelt congratulations, that his invaluable services in the Senate, and his own State, have been appreciated, and that his great talents have been acknowledged and approved.

Thomas B. Pearson
Acting Chairman.

Acting Secretary.
Resolutions passed at a meeting in New York in favor of Mr. H. Clarke, Nov. 4, 38.
Rochester, Nov. 14th, 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

My dear Sir,

In common with thousands of true Democrats, I rejoice to learn, as I do by special dispatch of this date, to the Union of this City, that you have triumphed over a corrupt Administration, and the Black Republican — the People are with you, and you must prevail — I trust, that your present success, is but the precursor of your victory, upon a more extended field, in 1860 —

Faithfully Yours,

Washington Gibbons
Louisville Ky. Oct. 4th/58

Hon. Sir,

It gives me great pleasure to hear of your health. May you live a thousand years and may your sons and grandsons have a similar life.

With high esteem,

A. D. Henson

W. H. Green
Harrisburg, Pa. 4 Nov 1858

I have just heard of your glorious victory at the recent election. I cannot express in words the joy of this splendid triumph. We shall take such action in this state as your favor for the next Congress and I shall do all in my power to assist you in the noble work and in the election of John 1858.
Minneapolis, Minnesota
4th of Nov. 1858

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Dear Sir,

We who are up in this high latitude as yet have not heard the result of the election that has just come off in your state. Yet we are anxiously looking to and hoping that it has gone right. Rest assured that let the result be as it may - nothing has been wanting on the part of many here that could have been offered. We notice with much pleasure that Torney is engineering on the proper track. And sincerely hope he may hold fast to that which is good.

I am young in the cause of Democracy. I am no man for politics. Yet I want to see right and truth triumph. I hold to "squatter sovereignty" in the fullest sense and hope the time is not far distant when the scales shall fall from the eyes of some of our otherwise useful men.

We have had some strong and strange pretensions right here among us and this with no cause except simply saying "the people ought to rule"
I also write with much pleasure that many of the prominent southern journals are following in the wake of a good example. Being from the South (N.C.) myself I naturally look back to see how the land of my nativity marches on the road of true patriotism.

My desire to hear that you have won the day in Ill. must be my apology for penning these few lines to you and hope they will be received in the spirit in which they are sent.

Where can I find a copy of the true Democratic platform. I mean such as you promote and endorse. What I am doing at it is to know whether my views are consistent with that platform to act "let the people rule" a tariff sufficient to protect our manufactures and internal improvements as the country requires?

With my best wishes for your future success I am Respectfully Yours B.F. Mendenhall.