Pella Nov 5th 1856

Judge Douglas
Dear Sir,

We are not up in Old St Claire Troubles & myself am beaten, it is our own fault, but our defeat is nothing to that you are going through from all the new men. I mean by our fault: The Democrats - they had it in their own hands if they had played it out. Can't I have made at Chicago a pair pair of Extra large Boots for tinder just, I'll pay an Extra Price.

The mail is just in and I see a dog hate up in the air, it is enough. You are sand.

Accept my regards

Respectfully yours

[Signature]

J. W. Chandler
Indiana, November 5, 1858

Dear Sir,

Permit me to congratulate you on your recent glorious triumph over your combined enemies. Your friends of Indiana have observed with intense interest the different phases of your political career in the past century, and have alternately supported or opposed it, as rumors of your probable defeat or victory would reach us and you may know. Dear Sir, we well imagine the emotion with which the glad tidings of last night were received. We now feel confident that the "Recompton fraud" has received its death stroke, and that the true democratic doctrine of "Popular Sovereignty" has received another unqualified sanction from the people. The flag which so gallantly spread to the breeze in '54 and '55, we are confident your will in '56 will carry to another great triumph. Your friends in this State have
thought it proper not to trespass upon your valuable time. After the smoke of battle cleared away, I should be pleased to hear from you.

By Respectfully Yours,

[Signature]

Mr. Elliott
Mr. S. C. Elliott
Indianapolis
Ind

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U
Fredericksburg, Va. Nov. 5th, 1838

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Permit me although a stranger to you, to send from the Old Dominion a cordial, heartfelt greeting at the glorious success which you have achieved amidst all the efforts at home and abroad to defeat you. I have felt the deepest interest in your gallant struggle and when the news of your victory reached here, I could not repress the desire (although a private citizen) to add my congratulations at the result of the endorsement of your policy by the Democracy of Illinois. I regard it as but the first echo of that mighty war breaking at your feet which will in the contest of 1860 carry you on its waves in power and dignity to the Presidential Chair and as it is with unfeigned pleasure that I can assure you as a Democrat of Eastern Virginia, that it is to you and to you only, that the great body of the People of this State look as "the Man for the Hour" with undaunted Courage. Your determined Perseverance. Your
great sagacity as a Statesman I allow all your honors. Many, course, resolutely
of determination to carry out fairly the constitutional
principles of the People's rights and your steady adherence to the old
land marks of Democracy, all have made your name
due to the calm, thoughtful People of the state. the old Whig party of the section long
respected with a large Majority of the
Democrats are with you and Virginia is
as sure for you for the next President as
any event can be in the future.
I hope Sir you will pardon
my enthusiasm which prompts me to say that
I hope to live to hear you read from
the east front of the Capital your inaugural
address to the American People on the 4th
day of March 1861.

I am very truly
Your friend
James B. Frickley
Lincolnville, Nov. 5th, 1855

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir, I have written your campaign in Illinois with intense interest and am so pleased with the result that I cannot refrain from congratulating you upon the splendid victory you have achieved. Not alone for yourself and State, but for the future welfare of the nation. Democracy, I can see the national climate growing in the future with a steady monotony of the perfect and comprehensive of the ground being the only question left is when to wind up the rallying cry? When is the time for you?
friends to suit the flag from 1860, with your name imprinted upon its folds to stand in full by the sound and truthful platform upon which you have achieved so great a victory, the people are all with you, the only thing is to connect the current. When, will be the proper time for our papers to boast your name? we are nearly here where the signal is given. If old Brack continues his confounds the democrats, he will make John Tyler's cabinet restoration grow respectable. I never heard a crust from the day you took your position in the Senate last winter, but what

you need night, and that the people would sustain you. We had come through on your ground, left out one of the most desperate battles ever fought in this election. Poor Miller and some others, tryed to upset these town and the commissioners. Our town meets here. I have no doubt but what will be a bust at Christmas, for you. God grant that the nation may be the same. Please accept my best wishes for yourself and family. Truly yours,

Mayall Grindell

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,
Belfast, Maine, Nov. 5, 1838

[Signature]

I have been requested by General Jackson in this State, in 1828, and since that time have been observant with some attention the political events of this Country; but have no recollection of any instance in which an individual member of the democratic party has whipped out a democratic delegation, except the entire opposition, at the same time, until your case, I congratulate you upon this remarkable achievement and extend my wishes for the success of the many members of the democratic party of Maine, which I think may be manipulated in the next democratic national convention by the State delegation. I judge that the most efficient of the Buchanan supporters have renounced the idea of his re-nomination, and regard him in fact as "wise out," and I trust that his person is beyond, and to the lasting benefit of the party and persons, less have concurred.

[Signature]
by the recent demonstration in Illinois & Iowa, and that hence the war party will be substantially of the influence of a man who, all his life, has been a stranger to political or personal integrity, securing his political assent, and they claim
stratify that a graduate of the Hartford Convention School makes but a sorry
democrat.

Please receive this letter as the expression of an humble individual who has known
our American cause for years, and who with your issue has been of the quality of kind and
heart that you have so nobly displayed. The recent Carnards in Penn State,
and by whose teachings a result they have produced to which it is the highest well
serve as an admonition at least, both

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Signature]
Mr. S. J. Jenette
Belfast, Me.

Answered Nov 12.
My dear Mrs. Mullins,

I am quite well, thank you. I have been thinking of you often and hope to see you soon.

I have been working on my novel and am making good progress. Congratulations on your recent triumph! I do not know how you manage to juggle your public appearances, travel, and your writing.

Jane Eyre is a wonderful book, and I am looking forward to reading it.

With kind regards,

[Signature]

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Affection of your friends, but all who are not
able to be your friends,

The law, Sir, of State and Senate
cannot but rejoice that
upon his own table
in the Executive of
Executive and Elected
in the Constitution,

September 3, 1861
Baltimore
Chicago

1865
Nov. 5th, Geo. N. Lothrop, Detroit, Mich.  

Dear Mr. B.  

There is a more  

abject desire among the  

true Democrats of this city to  

state that you should on your way to Washington visit this city. I should be glad to give you a place  

admission to a special reception  
in any other form most acceptable to yourself.  

The manners of all the  

state do not meet with universal  

entertainment at the great  
your distinguished friends  

and they have followed  
your gallant efforts in  

their minds to their benevolent  
supporting. And I hope
you will accord to any opportunity to see you wish to express to yourself.

May I wish I were away from this place, 100 years in honor to celebrate your great triumphs.

Let me say in conclusion that I hope you will give an opportunity to me to express my sentiments in due form as you indicate, and I beg to say that the most acceptable words will be forwarded to you upon hearing from you.

I have taken the liberty to take this occasion to utter the sentiments of what I consider as our democracy.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
Concord, N.H., Nov. 5th, 1858

My dear sir,

I congratulate you upon the triumphal and glorious victory of the enduring democracy of the great State of Illinois.

With God blessing the great west shall have the next President of a united country, A little Vermont shall see her full share in placing an alert Western leader in the chair of State.

Hence forward an rallying cry will be Strength & Victory, and with such a leader we cannot but triumph.

I can not for the result of elections in other States, it is different.
for the present that Illinois has given right & that you are to be elected to the Senate of the United States.
You have richly earned the Crown & know where to appoint its value & appropriate your future services to the maintenance of the integrity of the democratic party & the great national interests of our extended & expanding Country.

With great respect
Your friend
Joseph Low

Hers S. A. Douglas
New York, Nov. 5, 1858

My Dear Sir,

I am proud of you as most thoroughly American. You are the hero of all political battles. Mr. Cooper's 'Little Big Horn' was a great 'feat.'

Please present to Mrs. Douglas my congratulations.

Retire more.

W. H.
Sincerely yours,

Mr. Monroe

Best,

[Signature]

If you have been in the habit of reading it is more than likely.
New York, Dec. 5, 1858.

My dear Sir,

With all my heart I congratulate you upon your brilliant triumph. Illinois has nobly vindicated the dignity and independence of the Senate. The result has electrified the country. It has established the popular heart, and made your nomination by the Charleston Convention a "fixed fact." Whiffy Swamp may wax hot with rage and South Carolina in a body reach a white heat; but on your platform, with you to lead the columns, must the Democracy
win, if at all. The South will, I think, make this discovery in time.

The Administration has achieved a complete victory in this State, as the election returns will show.

Harrison is undoubtedly elected, but his majority is not over 50,000 votes. Many Americans and some Republicans voted straight for Hamble, and the American candidate received some 150,000 votes. Clark's majority is 2562.

There are three Administration men elected from the State, one Anti-Tammany man, who will support the Administration, I presume, and two Republicans who belong to John Brown's

S. F.

Adair's majority in Jersey is 350, and Neubler is beaten 550. - Upon the whole, the 'Locomotion' investment has proved a dead loss, and the Directors will be compelled to declare the Company bankrupt.

With my regards to and congratulations for Mr. Douglass, also, and the hope to see you both in New York soon.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Clay, M.D.

Hon. G. A. Douglass,

Chicago, Ill.
Galesburg, Ills., Oct. 5th, 1858

Mr. Douglas,
Chicago

Dear Sir,

Though you are doubtless overwhelmed with congratulations, I take the liberty of adding mine to the number. Permit me therefore to congratulate you on the consummation of the greatest political victory which I have yet had the honor of witnessing.

Though one of the most distasteful to your friends in this county, I have not been inactive. And I assure you we are here in a hopefully attitude to extend the same cordial reception to those whom we consider the triumph of these resolutions.
of our more fortunate neigh-

bor. The vote Cast in this
City on the 2d. ins. was 10,739,
for W. Grant and 276 for Rep.

a major of 113 over both of 1856,
about to 26.

Please address these small
portions.

I have not yet had an
opportunity of voting for President.
Which I do not regret as I
hope to Cast my first for
Mr. Sago in 1862.

I think with the Liberty of
addressing you another letter
of congratulations. Upon your
election as President of the
Charleston Convention. Until
then I shall cast again hopes
upon your patience.

Yours truly,

A. P. Meyers
Macon Ga. Nov 5th. 1858.

Hon S.A. Douglas

An humble member of the Democratic Party send greetings on your triumph in Illinois. The Electric Telegraph, which flashes the glorious news has been to me as a swift-winged messenger of glad tidings.

My dear sir, hear your triumph with a joyful voice, and let your thoughts turn to the future. How to those who persecuted you in moderation and magnanimity. But above all things, with your friends stand fast by the National Democratic Party. So making your cause, you will become the power in the Council of the Democratic Party.

When recently assailed in Georgia, my command from Washington city and South was pronounced in vain vindication. My nephew, who edits the Augusta Constitution, with the leading Democratic Rep. of the State, has sustained you with all the power of his great talent and strong position. I mention these things only to justify me now that victory is yours, so soon in the lead. Pray, my dear friend, our friend Hon. S. A. Stephens, I knew, is prouder this day at your triumph than ever before in his political life, though I have heard nothing from him. Yours truly,

James A. Nesbet.
Nov. 5, A.B. Payne,

G. M. [illegible]

Amended Nov. 2

Cleveland, Nov. 5, 1858

"Stay to bed in the thickest,

place on earth ever

My dear...

Exult and rejoice.

If one could have occasion
to dwell on the present, what

a magnificent victory! how hu-

mably we write won! Again, what

peaceful ends. Under what

dispensation and yet with what

diligent, laborious, and

conduct! You have taken my

uttered and felt a sentiment that can

cause a single regret. The "Whoa the

flesh and the Spirit" are all now fair.

Hope at your best. The Republican

council with confidence. the mas-

terable burden in utter constant... I

then arrested courage with shame

a burden in obligation! To gain...
encourage your brother here soon. I'm
taking the boys to visit the
friends. Of course, the party on
your return on
by the railroad station for our
attendance.
I'll talk of reservations in
case of need! You'll call on me! The
people were most great. Last night
they fired a salute. Saturday evening
we went out to see the celebrations
organized by the Republican Club and
other organizations. 1860 was a
desperate year. A came, and he announced to
invite you to visit Chicago.
We must have the fun of all
events. We want a grand event
so that Western Ohio can enjoy
a great day. Can you possibly
arrange to be here on the 24th?
so I can write to you where you can be then the
invitation can be shown
accordingly.
New York
Nov. 5 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Dear Sir,

I take the liberty of enclosing you a leader from the "Atlas & Argus" of this morning. This coming before a verdict of popular condemnation comes too late from such a source. The Buchanan party (?) will soon be a unit; for there will not be but one in it.

If you stand by the principles held by the people of New York, they will stand by you, and they have never swerved from the principles of which you have always been the representative.

Yours Respectfully,

Henry S. S.}

[Note: The last line is partially legible and may be a personal note or additional content, but it is not entirely clear due to handwriting and wear on the page.]
I am much obliged,

Yours,

[Signature]
Bret in Jan 1858

Sir,

Can you, without too much inconvenience, furnish me with copies of any of the speeches made by you in the late canvass? Allow me to congratulate you on your brilliant and victory after a hard fight.

I have & c. & c.

Geo. W. Read

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Chicago
Mrs. Geo. W. Kearls
Boston
Mass.

Answered
Nov. 10

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Iowa State Reporter
Iowa City, Nov. 5, 1855
Hon. J. N. Douglas
Dear Sir:

Allow me to congratulate you upon the returns which reach us today, assuring your friends in bringing your election to the U.S. Senate. Glorious has been your fight, and glorious will be its results on our future history.

Ever Yours Truly,
R. St. Gaudens
Ed. State Reporter
Plymouth, N.H. May 3, 1828

To the Hon. Mr. [illegible] of the U.S. Senate.

Permit me in my feeble way to congratulate you upon the success of the Free
Catholic Party of Illinois in all that is good, to decide these great questions by
your noble and earnest and true heart. Stand on the clear principles that form the
very core of the true
Content and Meaning of that platform, the true Content and Meaning of the Kansas-Nebraska
act. That we owe all our success for if you
had even vacillated for a moment in the last Congress, the Democracy of Illinois would to day
have to suffer what Illinois is not willing to suffer.

But I hope and trust that the people may see the light in the statement of his foolish folly. In
place of trying to work his petty spite by
trying to crush his best friends, that he will
turn his attention to the interest of his
States, the Union, to preserve the unity of the
States to the harmony of the Democratic
Party to try to make amends for what he has
done. Permit me to say that I have been
in the midst of the battles of Canvases, Clayhens,
also in the fray as a Chieftain in Mexico. When
over we all Equally and to try that we gain a
great battle I have never rejoiced more than
at present in the triumph of Illinois,
and your Returns to the United States Senate.
From all that I can learn, we have carried the state ticket in the tenth, fifth, and seventh congress. districts from 1810 to 1819. We have elected Leve Harris by from 1810 to 1820. We have elected everything on the democratic ticket in the whole district except in Henderson Co. Which county I have not heard from. Jabez Davis single vote in Henderson County, of which number he got 1st in the town of Hardin. Poor Jabez is politically few Judge Atburn will carry Judge Dunham a Wheat is done with him. Hoping to hear from you when ever you have time. I remain your devoted S. J. Gannaway.

[Signature]

Handwritten note on the right side:

[Signature]
Had only one majority, I was at the polls when they began to organize for business and proceeded through the day and thought I done about that I must say I think some of our men were very sincere in some parts of our county. If all the lies a man ever listened to those told on the day of our recent election here in the world, our sheriff in refusing our candidate for sheriff fell behind 18 votes, now division came out and I have not yet learned, nor have we heard anything definite from Presidio. We did get a report yesterday that Presidio had given 2100 democratic majority. I hope this is so and that the loyal has given us more majority. We will not much trouble with the council if they continue with administration men in our town and not one vote was given in our precinct and only some 8 votes in Tulon, town. Mr. Prine promised no vote with us, but I think all of those who professed to be of that class they proved to be our worst enemies. When they could not get persons to vote their ticket, they would get them to vote the abolition ticket or else split their ticket. They were brought upon 500 Republican majority in our county.

At our polls they went and cut a lot of receipts, but Mr. Brown (who did good work) got the list of them and destroyed them. At Presidio Mr. Andrew got up a lot of receipts with our regular nomination except our representation and in place of those the renegade Conolly, a man of intrigue, put all un-nomination east to the four winds. I think we may now count and the adjoining counties have done just better than ours, I do not know what the leading newspapers about. I have heard that they will report, but from some whom they have perfectly known in our R. M. give as a reason that until they just vote their ticket was the bad treatment he received at our hands at Tulon, it beguiled that it was. Mr. said he not a man gave me an introduction to judge Douglaston, I should have given him only a dozen introductions if I had. 
supposed it would have made a better man of him. He was a captain in the Mexican war and thinks he is somebody, but I can assure him he is now in very bad company politically speaking. The day of our election there was miserable rain and muddy but people turned out in earnest except a few administration men who remained at home and whose company we could get along without. They all desire the election of Lincoln but I hope and trust they may be defeated in this. I do hope our State will not disgrace herself as to send such a man as Lincoln to the U.S.

If you could have been somewhere and had a fair view of him as he appeared on the stand at Boston for about 10 minutes before he commenced speaking you would have had a good laugh. He sat on a bench with his long legs thrust up and his head drawn down between his shoulders like some huge sleeping toad and the expression of his countenance I shall not endeavors to describe and only say that the features plainly showed that I do not expect effort was going on within. I mean now written right as I intended and trust you will forgive me for thus trespassing upon your time.

Yours as ever, James M. Thomas
Soular, Stark County
November 5th, 1858
To Mr. T. Douglas

Sir,

Since the Election

Is near and the families being so few here

Only giving two votes for Douglas I wish

In the County I have understood through a

friend going to make an effort through the

Look to remove me from the Post Office

at the place and place it in the hands of

the Republicans I wish to get up a remembrance if you think

it is necessary or believe we can have any

effect upon the Post Master. George

I wish to get up a remembrance if you think

Whatever we do must be done quickly if

The Administration is governed by book

So the office properly is put so

Much to be as it is that it should be
March of your friends and the
Democratic Party of the Commons
should get control of the Senate
here at pretty soon. Them men in the
Massachusetts Senate and
the Potomac Matter the same
made remarkable wrongs upon. The Reform
at the election 
the North Carolina
sent more with the Opposition the election
more so than I thought when you 18
the Law and made the Nation
much more and the Border men
whipped in.

[Signature]

P.S. Fully yours.

Elizabeth Turner
Nov. 5
Benz. Turner
Tulon,
Ill.

An. Nov. 7
Mr. William Swan
New York Nov. 5th 1858

To
Mr. Stephen A. Douglas

Sir,

Though a stranger to your private life I am far from being so to your public career which I have watched with much pleasure and gratification. And though to yourself a stranger I am, anything but that to your principles, which I always have and ever shall esteem, and when the proper period for the expression of that esteem arrives, I shall not be found wanting, but shall thrust an honest vote into the ballot box and shout long live Stephen A. Douglas! And, however, it extraneous, let me now to the object that prompted this intrusion upon your notice.
First then I would request that this communication be held strictly confidential, and relying on that I will proceed. In connection with several of my friends I have organized in this city a private club known by the title of "The Douglas Platform,", organized by the views of the platform, which are those of "The Flag of Freedom and Douglas Banner." This I trust will meet with your approbation, and with every man at his post, with Douglas and Freedom for his watchwords, and the welfare of his country and the progress of her institutions at heart, I for one, have no doubt of the grand result of 1860. Now a word of myself. It may seem strange to you and doubtless does appear inexcusable in me to address one to whom I am personally an utter stranger, but I must plead enthusiasm in extenuation of my offence and trust ...
The plea will be accepted and my mission be taken as good part.
My name may not be familiar to you having figured but little in the political arena but to the people of New York and Boston, to both of which I shall refer you with pride; it is well known.
My only motive, as I have pointed this embarking in the approaching contest is purely a love of my country and the noble hearts that rally round her standard, battle for her glory, and uphold the rights and liberties of her people.
With many apologies for my intemperance and hoping for the favor of an acknowledgment I am, sir,
Most Respectfully
John W. Walker
John R. B. Walker
or
John R. Walker
39 Wm. street
New York

Nov. 5th 1858

Formation of the "Douglas Platform" society - and the publication of a paper to be called the "Flag of Freedom & the Douglas Banner".
Seaport, Nov. 5, 1858

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Dr. Sir! I congratulate you on your success in the late struggle which you have just passed through. The eyes of the whole Nation are upon you and especially the majority of the Democratic party—and when the news reached New York that you had triumphed over all opposition, especially that in the thronze in Washington which has sought to crush you—Then we knew somehow that the struggle and travail of this land & I say it sincerely, every Democrat from Maine to California to think that you have triumphed over the combined host who have sought to crush and destroy you and the Democratic Party. I have thought up to the University of Illinois and the Principles of Popular Sovereignty, which you have so nobly vindicated and maintained in the late struggle in your State. New York is lost to the Democratic Party for this year and so is Pennsylvania. New York Ohio! But what are these losses to be compared to your success. Nothing in the future for I believe they will all be regained and in 1860 the West will vote.
Son will be the Standard Bears to lead
The mighty host on to victory— But Sir pardon
me I am a stranger to you, but you are not a
stranger to me. I have known you long and
watched your career, I stand by you now
and all is well. You have triumphed

Duncan and his Minister counselors
They are powerless as was Samson after he
was deprived of his hair. Sir, please pardon me
for addressing you, sir, a stranger as I am. But I feel
interested in your cause and I am a Democrat
and I wish to see the Democratic Party maintain
the principles of Democracy. The Administrators too
dare not to crush you. But thank heaven you
are beyond their Power. The common expression
among the Democrats was that they hope you
will be the Nomine of the Party in 1860. If so
New York is yours to win. Sir, please Pardon me
for this sing song, but maiden affection is my heart.
And give Oblige Yours truly,

G.A. Mathews

Hon. Sturgis A. Douglas, late Post Master of
Chicago, Illinois.

N.Y.
L. L. Mathews
Scipioville, N.Y.
Oct 13, 41

Answered

J. E. Wren
240 7th Ave.
New York

1861

Great distress in the year 1861
The棉花

Our dear family

Emmett
Indianapolis, Nov. 5, 1858

Dear Sir,

Allow an old man (62), who loves you, to address you beyond personal congratulations. In 1844 I was an electoral candidate, in the field all day, for a fortune; before the nomination was made. With our candidate, spoke twice and three

for day, all the day, attending many meetings beyond my District, all over this State; and, of course, because elected. I was more happy when it was uncertain, that Mr. Polk was elected than I had ever been before. Печал, perhaps, personally and politically the worst with me; and when he was elected I slept for joy, as I have no ill. I had talked "Old Buck" as the "available," and promoted his nomination over your, so the people that you had not hearing your before you, it might just then be whipped a little by your fight for the D. R. bills, all but many days

litigious as to the he personal of political Characters.
I was very glad when he was elected; but I had no teams of

expecting for the old half way Jacobins, with a heart too

hard to be ever softened by a Won.--

But no more of these occasions, nor any other sort of

occasion nor I a letter as happy as I was on yester-


any when this news comes from your States.

I was glad for you. Your first effort was under an law
or an influence of the question. Your political
forces, and personal relations connected to it, are
very personal. If you last great effort you always
The light of your side, you were influenced by nation
and political influence on the one hand, and by a hard
vote combination of political parties (Yourself, as)
on the other. And, you, you, you, you, you, you, you, you.

I am sure you are written, and more
because you are a light.

But, all of us, as a patriot, do remem-
beth the late great effort of the General Elec-
tion, and perhaps the last great generation too, has been
futile. It has been declared in Md., Ohio, Ky., Penn., and
N. Y., and will be everywhere. In a century
or so, we will again strive to make a test, but on the
continuity they will steadily go with the platforms and
the people. If we keep on every hand, and free
decently and quietly, they may be made by the govern-
can means. The American people have been tried
in a little pot. They nurse a little correction and
and know how to be wise against Party Doctor.

They will try all for you,

as well as against Political Depredations. I
in these last years. All right. I am glad that you

the two Century Presidents and their flattering

men who have marched, and whose conduct by
the head of power they are taught to make a test. They
may remember James Buchanan was 1856 and
so do not resist, and leave this letter to Congress
and the people.

Sincerely yours, B. F.
I have often the note, and wonder
my way to write a prediction
Some newly inaugurated president
will not his inaugural address quite
promising foundations a purpose to awaken
from the making party, both, beyond those
literally unite by the popular voice,
and to regain when oppressors street
personal attention to the writers of
their stations, and a "total administration"
from dictation or interest, yet with the
production of a strong, united at elections;
much more to vote, and from the influence
shy on the action of Conventions,
and with the selection of candidates.

The names of their President will be
unimportant. They may be the mean.
I believe you will be the very mean.
Newport Nov. 5 1828

My dear Sir,

Among the many thousand compliments which you now pay me, consider mine among the most sincere & heartfelt.

I have watched with deep solicitude the progress of the cause, though near doubting that the success of Illinois would do you full & ample justice.

When will you be here? – Let me know soon days in advance of your arrival.

My regards to Mr. Douglas, & believe me,

Yours very frind,

M. Wood

John P. Douglas.
Nov. 3:
Fernando Wood,
N. Y.

[unreadable]
November 10.
Brooklyn, November 5th 1858

To Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I need not assure you how truly pleased I am at your triumph, as in it I recognize the victory of a friend and the success of true Democratic principles. I have daily watched you in your more than Herculean efforts, and thank God you have been given strength to continue to the end. Either in St. York or Louisiana you may depend upon the true friendship of one who congratulates you from the bottom of his heart. When you return to St. York if you advise me I should be most happy to call on you. Direct—Top 44 Brooklyn.

Believe me as ever yours truly,

[Signature]
J. Wright,
Brooklyn,
N.Y.

Anson

No. 12