Chillicothe Dec. 3rd 1853

Mr. Stephen Bronch Douglas.

I am informed that you claim that land on the east side of the Michigan railroad joining the Pikes river on the north. I wish to build a small shelter if you have no objections if you will allow me to build on your ground and plant some potatoes which I will not remove but allow you to keep. That you have a cabin in Chicago but it does not make this same nor where he lives and so I have to settle you if you give me leave to build I shall pay you a reasonable rent or if you give me the whole that you have on that side for ten years when I pay the whole in same years and try to satisfy you some how that kind myself to take good care of your wood as I need it for the people have and are now chopping it off on the south side of the river for they think you live a great ways off and the yard that your land has do not care he thinks that.
if he says anything to his geermens associate
that he might make enemies with hat
& should like to have any part of him the
these days had the biggy best winter they
... as of the death but the laws hard
if you will let me have the privilege
... a little i would like you to give me a pass to show that i have
44 weight to drive all person out of your lands
and send me the section lines and townships
and range this i don't of me gause to do
if you have no interest here and if you want
... it is worth more when it is broke
up and in some grade than in wild forest
and if a man ditches through it to make a
if they and it will want some fence with it will start on it write to americas
... for the people are commencing to what
... and as the plans are begin
and if i see how long you will let
me have it or if what want
... he neither i can build it a little in
the good solid and make when you time.
... say that you may buy it if one for
what is a farm want if there is no
Martin Ketron
Hope Station
Cook Co.
Illinois
Dec. 7th 1803

Asking permission to
build a house on the
Federal Land - east side
of Michigan Riv. & a
Hon. Wm. S. Harney,

Au Quarters, Camp:

The Hon. Abraham Lincoln.

On Tuesday evening the 8th of July for Mobile, I left the Hotel at 3 o'clock. I daresay you will be too civil to allow your Church folks time to attend my funeral, but I shall arrive there at a quarter past 11 o'clock. I am in hopes the night will not be too stiff. I found you very influential in the development of the influence of the United States. I am in hopes you will not fail to write and have your name carried by me. I am in hopes you will not fail to write and have your name carried by me. I am in hopes you will not fail to write and have your name carried by me. I am in hopes you will not fail to write and have your name carried by me. I am in hopes you will not fail to write and have your name carried by me. I am in hopes you will not fail to write and have your name carried by me. I am in hopes you will not fail to write and have your name carried by me.
R. Geddes
Mobile
Dec. 7
Also
Asking you to
visit Mobile
offering your services
in steamer there

W
Greggsville 22 December 1857

Mr. Stephen A. Douglas,

I wrote to ask you to use your influence to place the Post Office in our place in the hands of a good reliable Democrat, it is now under the control of the Black Republicans, altho there is nominally a Democrat at the head, yet his deputy and all the hangers on about the office are Black Republicans. We old Standard Democrats are taunted on the streets by these Republican underlings, that they have got the upper hand of us and mean to keep it. I understand that the Republicans here have assured the P.M. that should they elect the President in 1860 he need not be afraid of losing the Office for he shall not be disturbed. It is very galling. Judge for those who worked like I did faithfully and hard for Mr. Buchanan to be thus outvoted by our enemies & by Buchanan's enemies. I have never asked anything of the Democracy I have always as you know always refused any personal advantage from our victories but I as ask as a personal favor as well as for the benefit
of the party here that you continue to oust the present occupant and place a reliable Democrat appointed in his place. I have written the Hon. J. A. Morris on the subject and hope that you will accede to this request and don't neglect any means to accomplish the object and you will greatly oblige.

Yours very truly

Charles Gibb

[Address]

July 4, 1868
Boston 7th Dec 1858

My dear Sir,

In behalf of the Young Men's Christian Ass'n I beg to solicit the favor of a few of your autographs for the purposes of the Post-Office at our Christmas Fair, of which the enclosed circulars will give you full particulars.

We should like each on a sheet of note paper, if entirely convenient, preceded by an appropriate quotation or sentiment, and sent to the writer on or before the 20th inst. Mr. Everett's others of note have already contributed.

Trust, for your sympathy what your duties will warrant your kind compliance.

I am

Very Respy Yours,

C. D. Kellogg

57 Water St.

Mr. S. A. Douglas
C. S. Kellogg
Boston
Dec. 1

Here's an autograph for a pair of Christmas lips held Christmas
Bath Mason County Illinois

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Sir, you will confer a favor by sending me the No.
of the Senate Exploring Route for
a Pacific Rail Road from

W. J. Odle
P. M.
Dear Miss Southworth,

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Dear Miss Southworth,
Lawrence A. Henry 6th
Dec 7th 1858

To
Hon. A. Douglass,
Sir,

I should be much pleased if you would send me the Patent Office Reports for the year both Mechanical & Agricultural and also any other interesting books or matters that may come into for distribution, and oblige

Respectfully,

C. O. Walker.
E. D. Walker
Lawrence
Morgan Co.
Illinois
Dec. 7, 1858
Want Patent office Reports 1858.
W. W. Washburne
N.O.
Dec. 7
Request your visit for your likenesses.

Reminiscences Dec 7 1878
Judge Douglass
Benj. L.

It will be
Convenient for you to
Call at my Hotel and
Stay for your likeness
while in N. C.

It will give
me great pleasure to add
your distinguished face
to my Collection.

If you will
come or please state.
at that time will be most convenient for you. I will return you here in a few minutes.

Very respectfully yours,

H. H. Ashburn
1472 Canal St.

No
E. S. Williams
Morris
Grundy Co.
Illinois
Dec. 7 1858

Dear Sir,

Last year you kindly sent me the Mechanical report of the Patent office for which I am thankful, and will you please send me the report for of the three vols of the Mechanical as well as the Agricultural report and much obliged yours
e

E. S. Williams
Dear Mr. Drum,

2d U.S. Army

Fort Monroe,

Virginia

Dec. 8th, 1868

Sir:

A bill will be presented during the present session granting a pension to the widow of the late Major-General P. H. Smith, for which I respectfully solicit your influence. My position with General Smith gave me opportunities during the dai

...
E. M. Dawner  
St. Mary's  
Hancock Co.  
Illinois  
Decr 8th 1838  

St Mary's Dec 5th 1838—  

Hon. S. A. Douglas  
Washington  

Sir,  

After presenting  
My best respects to you, I will say  
that I sincerely hope you will maintain  
an independent course towards the  
administration, maintaining the great  
principles of our government, unawed  
by president's dictates. Your position  
will (I think) give you the control of  
the legislature of the present Congress.  
And I assure you, your constituents  
will feel happy if you wield that  
power for the good of this whole nation.  
I thank you for your kindneess;  
in heretofore sending me public documents  
I hope you will again place my name  
on your list. I am for sir  

Yours Truly,  

E. M. Dawner  
St. Mary's Hancock Co. ILLS.
Mr. J. Douglas

I write it

stated in the public prints

that you intend visiting

New York City on January

5th Washington, and

knowing whether the public

generally will be informed

in advance of the exact
time I am to do

about 100 miles from

New York will you be to

kind as to write me and

a few days in advance

when you will probably
to be here?

and quite anxious

to be present on...
At occasion
Ann Only
Wool

[Signature]
Suwanee Dec. 8, 1858.

Hon. C. A. Douglass
Washington, D.C.

Very dear sir,

I need not say, that I am delighted with your triumphant success in your late campaign in Illinois. Of this you need no affirmation from me. I witnessed your triumphant reception in Chicago, and have been delighted from time to time to hear that Illinois is still true to those who had placed her among the most brilliant stars in the constellation of our glorious Union. Your return to the Senate is certain, and your nomination for the next Presidency is equally certain. I think, and as I once wrote you, no one of your friends will rejoice more than myself, to see you the chief magistrate of this nation.

In this, I am unselfish, for I have no fear to ask, no ambition to gratify, within the sphere of man to bestow. You alone can give the honor I seek. But I love my country— I love my friends, and I honor joyfully the noble intellect, the brave and honest heart, who stand in true honor and dignity a statesman and a patriot.

You know my devotion to the
Caus'd of Christianity and education. Nor to have honors
and improvements had been sacrificed for their
Tague the Southern Pacific Rail Road
at most comfortably conducted under Christian
and education. The early completion is of vast
importance, opening up to the Christian Alpinist
fields of labor of incalculable interest. China
and Japan and the Isles of the Sea, full
to the flourishing of knighthood, and now
in our hock and planks firmly in their hands
and bid us lend the hands of life to them. The
subject is eligible with interest to the philanthropist
and Christian, and to you do I make my appear
as standing in a position where you can most
properly wield this good result. We stand
convinced on this subject, and good views are
large and about. I hope they still remain the
same. I had examined this subject with much
care, and I deeply regret that now and then
a middle to the middle route. But you and
your committee to make than our route, and
that to your mind, allow me to direct your attention
Mr. G. I understand from some of his best
friends, it appears to be a road speedily to the
Pacific, and part of it we prefer to our
route. Indeed in the minds of some of the
northern members, induced here to go for the
30th paralleled, which would thronk enough
wont his bill through the denot. We
speak want in you to, and as is for 2 or
more routes, including the Southern? I ask it
as a personal favor, I ask it for the Country, I
ask it, because there can be no doubt of the fact
that the Southern route is shorter, and easily less
travelled, and now interfered with by none or
that you interest yourself, and your faith
of dwellers in miles, giving equal chance to Captive
and energy to Centennial work as individual
Capitol may need. Do not pass a bill to endorse
after, at the appear of the public hearing. We
are willing to contract with the Government to
carry the Mail to our roads of murder, of mu-
and only, to pay, for what we do. We ask for
our lands, for money, not a dollar, like one-
be built. As fast as we build it, and Carry the
mail, and the Congress, give us Pland, or
rather pay us back after our services and their
Mail for services. Our Road to El Pass is 800
miles long in the State of Texas. It is from
El Pass 100 miles to Fort Yuma in the land or
near it of California. Let the Government build
the road in the Territory, if it prefers, leaving
Texas and California to complete what is with
their states. I request this, that the heaven
of our nation, need not be drawn upon to longer
get a road to the Pacific. If the other route
emphatically the more for rapid transit it
it seems to me, that is the main of energy.
a Bill can be found and agreed upon, that will settle conflicting interests. Private capital will build the I.P.R.R. and I.P. lines, costing the government nothing. This ought to have great merit with our Representatives in Congress. You can form a Bill, and you can with your will and ability pass it, embracing this route, with others, placing all on an equal footing for capitalists to let hold and build 3 routes, if necessary. If Congress will confer equal privileges on the different routes, then surely, no one can object, unless they object to the last route, and then which will do the most good. The Southern Pacific Road, will be out of all its difficulties 40 days or less. We shall have the money to extricate it, and 50 miles mud of the road is now let out and we will finish it in 12 months. St. Louis capitalists are now in with us, and on the 15th Jan. all will be paid off, and hands on the road at work, pushing it with vigor. I speak with confidence, for I know. My position enables me to know, and I hope you will take the lead in the movement this winter. It is the great work of the age and the nation. Please write me your views, and advise me what is likely to be accomplished. I hope you will pass on this long letter. Present my kind regards to Mrs. Douglas, and accept my kindest acknowledgments.

Your old friend D. H. D. Henderson.
D. P. H. Henderson
Louisville, Kentucky
Decr. 8, 1808

In relation to railroads to Alabama, particularly to the southern Pacific.

[Signature]
Athens, Pa.
8th Dec. 1858

My dear Sir:

I am aware that I take a great liberty in addressing you, but trust you will pardon me.

I have for a long time been engaged in collecting autographs of distinguished Americans, and it would give me very great pleasure to add yours to my collection.

If you would have the kindness to send it me in, or merely frank the enclosed envelope, you would confer a great favor.

Very respectfully,

Your most obedient servant,
Edward Kernick Jr.

The Honble.
Stephen A. Douglas.
Dec 5 1858

Blandinsville McDonough Co

'Mr

J. A. Douglas

Sir

I want you to do me a favor if you can

J. W. Smith late Post master

hear Reside in my favor

D. Martin the traitor is

trying to have me removed

and to put in J. W. Harris.

A Black Republican in my

place he is a man with bad

habits such as drinking

and swearing if you and

more can defeat them

it will be a great

victory hear for the

Simon Pure Democrats

Yours Truly

E. R. Jones

One that Never

Scratches his ticket

so I hope he will
E. R. Jones, P.M.
Blandineville
The Donough Co.
Illinois
Decr. 6th, 1858

Wishes to be retained
as P. Martin. &
represent the accept
of a Black Republic.
Worthington, Armstrong County, Pa

Mr. Douglas

Dear Sir: If you please, I shall be thankful for your favours and hope that friendship may continue with us. If there is any books for distribution, this decision please remember me and yours, Gentlemen and any thing that you may please to lend me will be received with thanks.

Yours Truly, Samuel Scott.
Dear Judge,

On my return home I found Col. Forney entirely satisfied with your letter. He is devotedly your friend and I feel sure will follow any advice you may give him on your arrival here. There is a feeling of dissatisfaction in California. They are strongly for you but with Haskin and Forney are inclined to a fight outside the organization. The people here are almost unanimously with you. Your Memphis speech has greatly increased the interest in you. You control a powerful class, not much given to hero worship, which generally selects and votes for that man who is most likely to be honest and do what is right without respect to party. Forney and the rest say that you would lose this strength, which they consider necessary to carry this and other states, if you put yourself in the hands of any party. The black republicans are nursing one people with great tenderness. They hope to win them over and while denouncing you and insinuating suspicions as to what you will do in the future applaud Forney, Haskin &c. to the echo, and are very fond of using the pronoun "we." Bartingame & Washburne, Ill. called on the Colonel on their way to Washington. They
carry the administration forces for you. I was at a supper party the other night at which were present Gen. Schenck, Attorney General Rice, Gen. W. H. Hardee, Judge A. J. Venable, Gen. Stuart, Judge Grady, Gen. C. D. Thompson, Gen. R. S. Todd, Maj. Gen. Brown, and others. Politics of every hue when your health was prepared to receive it was drunk with the greatest applause by the whole company. Gen. Hardee is now in Washington. We shall have there. They are all prejudiced against organization and in my poor opinion, from what I have been & seen, it would be well for you to take the ground at as early a day as possible. I am glad to see by the papers that you are enjoying great receptions both north and south that I was not able to accompany you. Well, if my father to return home alone my mother would have no concerns. As it was she was very angry with me when she received my letter telling her that I intended going to New Orleans & I would be ready to leave for Cleveland & join you at any time you telegraphed. On my way out I plan to stop a day at New Orleans, to see your friends in Missouri. Please give my kind regards to Mr. Douglass and the children, & tell them that I am all well. I remain, Truly your friend.

Chicago, Jan. 9, 1861.

Jas. B. Sheridan

present. Washington did not stay long but left Rutland, Vt., where he gave us a narrative of his fight in Massachusetts saying that he was indebted to the Douglas Democrats for his election, and that he had made his fight on what "we consider the strict Democratic platform." He then wondered what would be done South, as it was said that you would not stand firm & we must resist any attempt at any party yielding. I told him that he might rely upon me that you would stand firmly by Democratic principles and fight black Republicanism to the death. In answering the Colonel he learned that it was his opinion that the Republican party was dead and that your principles were bound to triumph in 1860. Bucanan spent several days with the Colonel here and the two had good camaraderie in their company one evening. Bucanan took occasion privately to put Torr in the way of your support, & when he said that he knew that the first man you would strike down would be Col. Torr. All the attempts of the black Republicans to alienate people from you and the Democratic party will prove nullifying. Torr can carry the organization in the state for you better than he carried it in 1855 for Buchanan. The whole administration was against him then, but the time comes he will be able to
I. Marquis Simms
Louisville
Kentucky
Dec. 8th, 1808

Want to be "Private Secretary," when made President.

Savannah, Dec 8th 1808

Mr. Douglas,

Reverend Sir,

I have every reason to believe (from the present aspect of affairs) that you (one in whom I have the utmost confidence - and whom I admire both as a man and as a Statesman from my youth) will be the next President of the United States.

"In view of which fact I (in time) beg of you to remember me as one in whom you can place confidence, well and fully qualified to be near your person in the capacity of Private Secretary.

Allow your mind to wander back to scenes that are past and gone and you will remember the proven

I. Marquis Simms
Washington, 8 Dec. 1858.

Dear Sir,

It is understood that you will not be here for some time to come. Uncertain whether this understanding is well founded or the contrary, I must ask the privilege of troubling you for a moment on a matter of business. Judge Brodie informs me that upon examination of the Florida claims, you became satisfied of their justice and expressed a willingness to support the bill of the Senate Committee. It will pass the Senate very largely. The parties interested desire, and confidently expect, the Senate to dispose of it before the end of the present month.

Now the favor I have to ask of you, is either to write some of your friends in either House, stating your opinion of the claim, or to adduce such a letter to me, in order that I may have the benefit...
of your judgement—to justify my course, in appealing to those who have unbounded confidence in you. I hope you will not consider my request as in the least degree injurious. I ask only a just expression of your opinion upon a matter of individual right.

In your present triumphant position, when every body seems eager to yield the homage which brilliant success always commands, I need hardly tell you how much I rejoice that you have thought the five-eaters to your feet. Only keep them there, and the country will rally around you, north and south, as the men for the crisis.

Very truly,

[Signature]

[Name]

Mr. S. A. Douglas, Chicago, Ill.
T. R. Stanton
Washington, D.C.
Dec 8
Florida Claims
Jeff

I have just read your Memphis speech. I like it, and your first speech and write me down these "Muff sed." You have hit the nail on the head, exactly as it was done, and now out, a declaration, by the great John C. Calhoun, in a long private conversation with Howard of Virginia and myself on July 1840, at Mr. Calhoun's lodgings in the old Congress House, and I very hot night between 9 o'clock. I saw that his ideas were the same in the case of the Constitution, the case of right, the case of the equality of States, the case of popular right, and the case of Nature. Mr. Calhoun said that Congress had no power to sacrifice the slavery of a slave to a Secretary of War's law, or a Secretary, and read the last clause of Sec. 1, Art. 4, to show that it was not as it ought to be.
but that it was a case of great concern to the Country, for which there was no remedy proposed. The increased national agitation would in some instances prevent their being in agitation from exciting just fears for the protection of their property. Therefore, while they would strenuously resist the unlawful people.

He also took up the 10th Amendment said that the State could not delegate to an individual or an individual, a power (except by law of credit) whereby they were prohibited from exercising the power. That Black states and cities lack of credit, could not insist that, cut a quarter of a century, the 10th Amendment I moved to consider, and in sustained ways the leaders would be ready to consider the judge with counsel. The conception was of Mr. Calhoun's backing and, in earnest, national, and

interesting, and I hope, when I am a Cal

learned man in which I am yet thousand more than that seemed not commit himself to me, or himself to know, in favor of the 6th Amendment.

A. We can answer any of them, in difficultly, in themselves. All count now about the first political moral courage and your views will become the heralded views of the Democratic Society, and the leaders.

Now too old, and too just to every year, and do, from my earnest heart. I can, congratulate you. And the Congress, in justice to my own feelings, I hope now to buy a declaration of the admission of all the Ten States and the

requests. I cannot believe you express strong sort of respect your mind or difficulty. Send James to young any years that my life, I am living among the 20 of my age, 18th, and in the great battle in which you are engaged.

Read not. You will win the battle. An old and tell you so.
Note. While Mr. Calhoun stated that the constitution conferred any powers upon Congress to protect slaveholding rights in the territory, he asserted the moral duty of territorial legis- latures to do so. The legal duty of the county to enforce levied, or to incur necessities against any one interfering with the free cons- ervation of the right. And turning to the story, I heard (said he) the gendarmes new will have us; for the leadership and the irresponsible alone will do the work. He also threw out the idea that the wrongs to slaveholders growing out of the Ca+

We, too, poverty, or the Constitution, would be very limited, for the reason that the major would glide into slaveholding, when once they, the state to succeed where it permitted.

Our only gain was Alston, I suppose, in favor all this would be practically understood. I am assured that the American people were destined to settle every important and federal preamble, at the end of an agency to which he intriguingly applied.