Mr. Merchant, a gentleman of irreproachable private character, a firm, decent, and a patient and dispassionate of splendid abilities, was rescued from the Court of St. James, by the vote of a few friends of his, in the U.S. Senate. He was subsequently elected to the Residency of the U.S. States. With change comes upon the Sim disability and with abilities of a higher order.
By a Majority of the Representatives of the Senate, in the United States, as Chairman of the Committee on Territories,

The people in at a proper time, will take this matter under advisement, and give under a decision alike worthy of the President's Statement, and of their own gratitude for adhering to their cause.
Cortland Dec 28th 88

Hon J. A. Douglas

If you have leisure, and will send me the reports of the Coast Survey, you will confer a favor, for which you have my thanks.

Direct Cortland Deball Co.

Respectfully yours

Hon J. A. Douglas

M.W. Jordan
Mr. W. Jordan
Catland
De Kalb County
Illinois
Dec 28th 58

Grant Coast 5 1/4 April
Liberty, June 24th, 1839

Mr. B. H. Meagher,
Washington,

My dear sir,

Your letter has reached me in the course of my hourly intermissions among the many occupations of public business. I was in the midst of considerations of grave importance, and the information you have so kindly communicated in your letter has thrown me into the highest degree of praise of your liberality of mind and your strong attachment to the principles of the Constitution. I am proud to have such a friend as you, and to have received your kind letter.

The idea of your coming to this country is most flattering to me. I have always been anxious to see you, and I am happy in the prospect of your visit. I shall be honored to have you as a guest in my house.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

P.S. I have been informed that you are arrived in the city, and I shall be pleased to have you as a guest in my house.

[Signature]
My dear sir,

The urgency of the matter and my wish to make my position clear have led me to write this letter. I am sure you will understand the necessity of my words.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Comm. James Barry
Lemuel Lewis Boley
Liberty Corner
Somerset Co.
New Jersey
Dec. 28 th 1858
Political apparatus
Galveston, Me.
December 28, ’58

My dear Judge,

I congratulate you heartily upon the successful completion of your campaign in Illinois and upon a result so far-fought with vital consequences to the political history of the country. To this good, true, national reborn in this country your success is a matter for earnest rejoicing. There are few men of those most hostile to you who are not forced to do justice to the genuine, energy, fairness and magnanimity of your course during the whole progress of the canvass.

To those who, like myself, have long been your warm personal friends, your success is deeply gratifying. I cannot deny myself the satisfaction of assuring you of my deep and earnest sympathy with you in a result which places you at once in the front of the party to give you a sense of authority hitherto denied to no man in this country.

I heartily and earnestly congratulate you.

Your ever faithful,

[Signature]

S. A. Douglas
Washington, D.C.
John B. Bee
Galister
R. M.
Dec. 25

Congratulations
answered
April 3.
Guttenberg  Clayton Co Iowa

Mr. A [illegible] A. Douglas

Dear Sir: Will you have the kindness to please see and add your list for public documents & papers? Have been a citizen of the State for more than twenty years & take a strong interest in the principle you advocate. By doing the above you will much oblige.

Yours truly,

Alvah C. Rogers
Guttenberg  Clayton Co Iowa
Prairie City, Ill. Dec. 28th 1858.

Dear Sir:

Agreedly to your request I herewith send you the names and direction of a number of reliable and prominent Democrats in different parts of Fulton & this county.

We here are not at all surprised that your enemies at Washington have succeeded in not having you appointed on any of the important Committees. It is what we to be expected. The "Trifl authority" of the Buchanan dynasty is fast drawing to a close, and its last struggles we must not be surprised if things outrageous and unwarranted, particularly in regard to yourself, should be done. Of one thing rest assured the career pur sued against you at Washington is making you hundreds and thousands of friends.

Remember I sent you the names of people to whom to send document, franked and in blank to be distributed by them.

Your friend,

Charles Strong
Charles Lowry
Prairie City
Illinois
Dec. 28th 1838

Sending list of names in Fulton & his county to whom document will be sent for distribution.
Franklin Grove Lee Co. Ill. Dec. 29 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Thankful for past favors I would solicit a continuance of the same when convenient.

Yours Respectfully,

John W. Bell

P.S. Particular your Speeches touching National Parties
John W. Bell
Franklin Grove
Lee Co.
Dec. 27, 1861
Enrol. speeches
New York, Dec. 29 1858

Honorable Sir,

While you are in the city would you favor us with a sitting for your Photograph for the purpose of engraving for one of our leading Journals. We are enabled to give a perfect likeness as we transfer the Portrait directly to the Engraver's block.

If at the same time you would lend us a short sketch of your life to accompany the engraving, it will add to the effect.

Hoping to hear favorably from you.

We remain,

Yours Respectfully,

A. Culver

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Boston Dec 29th 1858

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,
My dear Sir,

I have the pleasure in this note to extend to you an invitation to the dinner to be given here on the 18th of January next, the anniversary of the birth day of Daniel Webster. You will from the fact itself at once understand of what character are the gentlemen who propose this celebration. They are of the friends of him who knew but "one country, one constitution, one destiny." They were personal friends to him living, and they are the firm supporters of the great National Sentiments which he bequeathed to his countrymen.

You have never visited us. You have many friends among us and we should be glad to see, on an occasion such as this celebration will afford, so
distinguished a man as yourself, who, though differing on minor points with the great man whose memory we rever, yet holds equally with him to those great Union Sentiments by which alone our Country can be preserved. Mr. Bushing will preside at the dinner; Mr. Throes will be present, and, permit me to say, a more favourable opportunity for allowing us to make your acquaintance will hardly soon again occur. I need not assure you of a hearty welcome from all quarters, and trusting that your engagements may permit you to favor us with your company,

and yours respectfully,

Elton Harrow
Peter Harvey
Boston
Dec 29, 1858

Invitation to
Anniversary Celebration
of Birth Day of
Daniel Webster.

Announced Jan. 15, 1859
Washington City
January 15, 1859

Sir,

Accept for yourself and the gentlemen of your committee the appearance of my profound regret that it will not be in my power to avail myself of your invitation to the dinner to be given on the 18th instant. The announced celebration of the birthday of Daniel Webster would be an occasion, when with you I would respond, as would I trust, all North, South, East and West, to the noble sentiment of the illustrious Webster—

“One country, one constitution, and one destiny.”

My duty here will however detain me here. Meanwhile with renewed assurance of regret, I accept for yourself and friends my thanks for your kind invitation.
Boston Dec 18th 1858

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Washington City, Dec. 24, 1858.

Dear Sir,

Your kind invitation to Judge Douglas to attend the dinner to be given at Boston on the 15th of January next, the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, reached us here in the absence of the Judge, who, now in Havana, lacked some little rest and recovery of his health. I think he will arrive in New York about the 14th of next month. It may be necessary for some other reason that the "End of the Road" which sails from New Orleans for New York will leave Havana on that day.

Thus I would advise you to write to New York to learn the exact details of your letter inviting him to be present. I hope to invite a delegation to arrange of all arrangements which, if in his favor, he would doubtless be glad to make.

Yours respectfully,

Peter Harvey, Esq.

Boston, Mass.
Peter Harvey
Boston
Dec. 18

[Handwritten text that is not clearly legible]
Boston, Dec 29, 1858

Dear Sir Doug.

My dear sir:

I had the honor some days ago to address to you at Washington a letter of which the enclosed is a copy. Within a day or two I there send a note in answer. From Madison Burt Esq. a complimentary is meant and informing me of your expected arrival. I need not again make the point of your absence from New York about the 14th Nov. He further says that I had better send you a copy that might reach you there.

I now now a Memorandum all my life till in this to you a Nelson Whig of the Whigists sect. That great name a great patriot has gone——but our our institution of good yet remains in this original integrity; but now long they will survive in time forever truly.

Time only can determine——certain it is that it is the duty of all to cherish & defend the glorious inheritance of freedom. Liberty should with all our heart and all our hands.
Your very devoted, in my judgment, have been
and are doing your share of the work,
and I hope and trust the time is not very
distant where your countrymen will place
you in a position to exact a little more
benefit for you.

With my accorded
wish you continued
all I feel to wish.

Sir, I will say that the account
is which I write yours in one of all others
the most honorable for you to read the
New England Meteorol. (You will think only
yourself) and the account will allow you
to choose what topics for debate as could not
be had to your satisfaction, to all: I hope
your cat does not only, look for your own
state of all your friends hence (you are
away) some days. You will not fail to come

With great respect,
Your truly,
Pro. Hayley
Peter Harvey,
Boston
Dec. 29/56
Inviting you to
Webster dinner
Jan'g 18. 57.
Near Augusta, Dec. 29th, 1808

Mr. Attorney-

I take the liberty of addressing you and asking of you the utmost degree of rigour I have a charge that has been of long standing before Congress and the Court. It has been met with every favour to me the prisoner and has removed the difficulty. I am in a state of leisure. I state to you that Cooy has removed an adverse report.

I have not seen the report. I hope your will be pleased to make yourself acquainted with the case and then the wind I have that justice done me. That is done to a citizen. I am pleased to comply with your request of your kind regard to the case. With your abilities your attention to this subject will be highly appreciated.

Edward H. Stimpson

[Signature at bottom]
A. Bryant
San Augustine
Dec. 29
Claire.
Prince Frederick, Conn. Calvin County, Md. Dec. 29th, 1858.

To the Hon. S.H. Douglass.
Washington, D.C.

Sir: Be pleased to send me two copies of your speech made at Attam in the campaign of Illinois last fall and was published in pamphlet form in Connecticut with Mr. Lincoln's speech.

Greatly obliged,
Yours respectfully,

T.G. Hutchings
S. J. Hutchins
Prime Frederickton
Calvert Co.
Dec 14th, Md.

Asking Alton
Speech Sent.
Tennessee P.O. Dec. 29th, 1839
Hon. S.A. Douglass
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I am trying to collect a library of various kind of books and any public documents that you might have for granting distribution, and will express to me will be thankfully. I would like in particular to have the Cost Survey, if it could be conveniently obtained.

I remain your friend.

P. Knott
Tennessee
McCullough Co.
J. Knott
Tennassee
McDough Co.
Illinois
Dec 29 /58

Wants Coat &
Report, u other
doc's for library.
Preston Va Dec 29 58
Sohn S A Douglas

Dear Sir,

You will confer a favor by forwarding the Report of Smithsonian Institute to our address.

Yours Respectfully,

R C. Mann
Preston Randolph Co Va
R. G. Mann
Preston
Dec. 27 1862
Resign Expenses
report. lent 1
Washington, Dec. 29th, 1838

Dear Judge,

Your letter in care has just this moment slipped in to my room, and informed me of your safe arrival in New York. I congratulate you on the event.

In all political matters, try and do nothing until you arrive here and consult with your friends. Pursue the same course in person as to all affairs. You will not be able to get the
truth until reach this city.

Fear nothing— all is well.

When will you be over?

In great haste
your friend
J. Miller

Yours J. A. Douglas
John Neal
Portland, Me.
Dec. 29, 1854

Calling attention to, and advocating the "French Association Bill."

To Senator Douglas,
U. S. Senate Chamber.

Dear Sir:

The Bill for the relief of citizens of the State of New York, having come up again, like Banquo's ghost refusing to be laid—damn requested by the sufferers in their immediate neighborhood, whose losses were ascertained as long ago as 1802, to exceed $500,000—bears due to say for them that all they ask is that their losses of their business and of their homes, if they be honest men, is that they will look into the evidence for themselves patiently and carefully—and then judge for themselves. The debt having been acknowledged by the present debtors—France, Russia, and even Germany by our government through their own ministers and agents—they cannot understand why it is not paid. Wishing you a happy New Year, after the long battle you have had with "legion" I am for your health.

John Neal
Hanna Point Dec 29 1858

Dear S.A. Waugh

I now often wonder why some means either public or private have not been adopted to investigate the old fort at Scroodock. If you will recollect there has never been found the magazine. Since it can not be possible it seems to me that the English have held that point so long also it being one of their main points without a magazine.

The whole concern is a delusion and the fact of no magazine is when the Americans took possession of it. The English took nothing away with them. And I know not the least doubt but what there is valuable relics buried at Stattle away in some blind apartment. A few ago I had rum and there was one underground room covered in that was (before unknown). There has been some two or three thousand dollars expended by private individuals, as well as nothing found of any particular importance. And if I was able I would make this proposition to Congress that is of they would appropriate ten thousand dollars I would fire three and in making researches and what two was found I should have one third of it. It might not be necessary to expend that.
Amount. But keep in mind I did spend the fifteen thousand dollars, if it was necessary, I address you for the purpose of calling your attention to the subject. When we take into consideration the circumstances of the fact, we cannot well come to any other conclusion but what there is a great deal of zeal on the part that our country would value very highly if they had these. By giving this subject a little thought at your leisure, it may be of value to generations to come.

The Majority of us up here in this cold region were the glad to cast their votes for the late President in 1860, with a high regard for his services.

To Mr. [Name]

R. F. Russell
R. P. Russell
Stevens Point
Dec. 29.

Gent to give us help
Investigate E. Arnaud
Balloo Ind. 12th. No. 29th 1858

Friends S. A. Douglas

As I am going to spend the Winter with my Cousin in this city, I shall be obliged if you can forward a copy of the Patent Office Reports (Agricultural) please to direct No. 333 West Port St. Balloo Ind. and say, I am doing this with very much oblige any friends. please to keep a lookout for a particular name for me during winter.

Respectfully,

Jno. F. Sneed
John N. Tudor
No 333 Pratt St.
Baltimore, Md.
Decr. 29th 1858

Wants copy of Patent
Office Report of situation.