Brooklyn, Decr 30th 1858.

Hon. A. Douglas
Dear Sir:

To your practical statesmanship, energy of perseverance this nation is indebted for the Kansas and Nebraska bills, or for the authentic decision that Slavery is no national, but a mere municipal affair. But congressional acts are mutual things. I have not the least fear that as long as you, Sir, are in the national councils, a change of this juggling theory will be carried through.

Still while we have a thorough organized Anglo-American anti-slavery society, and moreover the Republican party, and their organs are keeping stubbornly by the slavery sanctions alone, it is the duty of every citizen to fulfill that no detriment may happen to the community. From this view partly, the enclosed book has been written. Another object of it is to spread information on that what is exactly political business, about which not too publicists, not too government agree.
and lastly to arouse the general attention to a more perfect organization of the judiciary which in its present state is a main cause of the frequent putrid corruption. A book of this kind must necessarily treat of certain individual interests, and is therefore not attractive to any party. Still on the whole a second book will center in condemning some of the first men of this State, the authors state it in the hope that patriots will patronise it. While you doubtless accept this

The Municipal Act to I told you

of my great esteem. May you spend long your friends life

With great respect,

James Minor

The author of

The Munificence
Libertyville, Lake Co., Ill.
Dec. 30, 1858

Stephen A. Douglas

As one of the sovereigns of the United States I insist that you be, and appear, at your post, forthwith, in the Senate of the United States now in session in the City of Washington, D.C. — As one of said sovereigns, I protest against paying you for non-performance of duty — Altho you have as a general thing represented Illinois, yet you are hereby ordered to your post — You may fail not. At your peril —

John M. Price
one of the sovereigns of the U.S.
Philadelphia December 30th 1858

Mr. Stephen A. Douglas

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that at a meeting of the councils of the city of Philadelphia, held this day, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, by the Select and Common councils of the city of Philadelphia, that the site of the "Hall of Independence" be tendered to the Honorable Stephen A. Douglas, Senator of the United States, in which to receive his friends, when he passes through the city, on his way to Washington.

In the hope that your engagements will permit the acceptance of this tribute of respect from the City.

We are,

Very truly, Your Trly,

[Signature]

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[Title]
Wm. H. Small
H. C. Leisunrih
Clkts Connels
Dec. 30, 1857
Phila.
Resolution today was Independent Hall in str to receive
my friends.
Dear Sir,

Although troubled with numerous communications, excuse this which like many others is to request you to send me certain works published by order of Congress.

Without any desire of egotism, permit me to state that I am the brother-in-law of John A. Logan. I also have the honor of being the "Originator" of the "Illinois Nat. History Society". I am devoted to the study of Nat. Hist. and am endeavoring to work upon the Invertebrate animals especially Insects of Illinois. And to aid in this wish to get you to lend your assistance to procuring some of those works published by Government, that will aid in this matter. Prof. Baird of the Smithsonian Institute will give the names.

Sir, any of these works you send will be thankfully received, and when I have done seeing them, I will donate them to our Nat. Hist. Soc. or one of our colleges.

Sir, Egypt desires not only to show herself right in voting, but in Science and Education, and she is making rapid strides in that direction.
For the purpose of being exact as to my wants I will again state, that I desire those works most likely to aid in studying "Insects," and secondly ("Cryptogamic Botany"). But I wish most particularly to study our "Insects" and other Arthropod Animals, as Crustaceans, Arachnida, &c; and so on.

If you send me any thing this winter please have it directed as follows:

"C. Thomas",
"Marion, Williamson Co."
"Illinois"

I will be in all ways until April.

I may add that Dr. Logan's family are in usual health. W. J. Allen has taken to himself a wife. Your friends here have hardly got done repining yet.

Yours, if truly,

C. Thomas
C. Thomas
Murfreesboro, Ill.
Dec. 30.

Asks for scientific work published by you.
Dear Mr. Henry Coe

for J. A. Douglass

Your sir plce you

have the kindness to send me the Patent Office

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Henry
McDermott Co.
Illinois.
Dec 30, 1858

Grant Patent Office
Report.
Indianapolis, Dec. 30, 1858

Dear Sir,

Last night the mournful hand dealt, and led away with two legatees of your sincere friends, and as change with them a friend of several years. The trust is the noblest product of the Cigar, long seduced to a, each because of my personal acquaintance with you. What I write comes warm from the heart, of cultivated character, harmonious and

I have heard the denunciations of political Chivalry, the discussion, covering together, backed by the 43

unanimous, how to place you on a position where to back in their opinions, you could not encroach without losing the confidence of the Democracy of the free states, by entering your own house, at the idea of the President, or otherwise because it trend to the foreigner of the people accorded portions of the same party in the South, by adhering to your already of power, opening to the enemies of the North, in spirit of the North. I have this without desiring, believing that without any treat to address except a little in manner, you would join
In this we have not time to append. The intelli-
gation you have received is correct. In no other way to get us out we have no choice but to
simplify your affairs, and to conclude, in your
interests, to continue our efforts to secure your safety. As much a protection of the enemy, as our
interests will allow. If Council and Council
agree to decline any call to Council at. I am
sure you did that they have proven. And then
the law from there have failed that in any of the court.
You have to pay to pay. Having based on one of the
council, I sincerely that the interest of
decision which has failed to continue efforts to
bring down. Accept 1. Adverse to a level with
three scores of building. If I the other hand, and
in the effort to enthrone your personal, increased
attenuation. While we have confided
peace in your cause in the immediate we
will attend to it. Should not the event
such as you, and to see the dividing or not take
the many. To secure from which they shall not or
Cape without being the Northern armed,
by accepting or being or the trend of the
Northern. I have just by declining to do others.
I can tell where to go. What will you come,
you any. Middle of the others can do or say?
you have left them. They have taken, or one
to bring them last last. At you. Each is declared
to become Contemplative. In time almost
it appeared that last at your presence.
Keep your explanation yourself. I demand none of you to
end in, and into all others than it will
causing to the present trees cautiously, that by
discourse you are right to refuse until the day
God gave you, so to back that of another
andcovers your protection to avoid all pro-
donal Controversy, except that of a self defen-
due Character — self defense in both a
legal or humane present of peace.

Think you think that I have seen as I was
would place the unnecessary, corrupt and
march new models, or the profession of our
true increased, when I was forced to stay
now by Christianity at least to their persons
on a level with the — or to their place publicly
or their very being, in the city or the streetly.

Saw right wicked, but when not traveled, and
at a stop what to do, I knew even I were best
by the direction the seeds to the bees of my God
In my last, I mentioned the spirit pleasured your hold
help at Memphis, of your countenance them with your
self in Illinois had given me. I can now say that
what you gave at New Orleans is just right in both
manner of manner. 

Stephen A. Douglas! you
know now got the damned tassel. Do not let
them get you. I will join with now in the blame
writhe. I send respects to you & Mrs. D.

N. H. White
New Hartford, Illa.
Dec. 31

On V A Douglas

SIR, I take the privilege of addressing you this note as I am desirous of obtaining the Patent Office report for 1887. I received one from you last year at New Salem Pike, Ill., for which I tender you my thanks. You will oblige me by sending me the other document and to Mr. Henry Benson and L. M. Brown also to New Hartford. Any other document will be thankfully received I would like to receive.
Reports of some of the other departments if you can make it convenient at the address as this dotted from.

Yours very truly,
D. C. McDade
Dear Sir,

The Executive Committee of the American Union for Inventors, Manufacturers, Mechanics &c. respectfully call your attention to the enclosed circular, setting forth the objects of the Institution they are acting for their compliance with the spirit of a resolution passed by the Board of Managers to the effect that you should be solicited to address the Mechanics, Manufacturers &c. of this City in behalf of the American Union; they must earnestly but respectfully request an early answer to this, their application in which answer, should their request be complied with, it is hoped you will name an early day or evening on which you will deliver the address.

Very Respectfully,

Your obt. servt.

Aug. H. Wheeler, Sec.

W. S. Tisdale, Dir.
To A. Riker

Dec. 31

Objects of American
Union of Inventors,
Manufacturers &c.
Editors of papers are requested to publish the substance of this Circular gratuitously, for the benefit of the Inventors, Manufacturers, Agriculturists, and other industrial classes of the Union.

FAIR
OF THE
American Union for Inventors and Exhibitors,
AT 620 BROADWAY, N.Y.

Inaugurated by the Exhibitors of the late Fair so disastrously terminated, by the destruction of the Crystal Palace, together with its valuable contents, by fire, on the 6th of October, for the purpose of exhibiting their Inventions, and again placing before the public, the productions of American Ingenuity, Skill and Enterprise, with a view to the immediate establishment of a National Inventors' Institute.

The Board of Managers are happy to announce, that the Fair of the American Union, will be held at 620 Broadway, New-York, and will be opened to the public, on the 6th of December, 1858.

The building is now open for the reception of Goods.

Parties desiring to enter Goods for competition, after the 25th of Dec., must notify the Union previous to that date, stating what articles they intend to exhibit. The Floor Committee will locate and arrange the articles for exhibition.

The Exhibitors of each class of goods or articles on exhibition, may appoint two judges, who shall appoint an umpire; the three to decide upon the merits of all articles entered for competition; but in case the Exhibitors refuse or neglect to appoint the two judges, or the judges refuse or neglect to appoint an umpire, it shall be the duty of the Board of Managers to appoint the same.

Diplomas, stating the degree of merit each article possesses, will be issued by the Union, in accordance with the decision of the judges.

The managers will insure articles deposited for exhibition, at the request and expense of their owners. The premium to be refunded at the close of the Fair, out of the nett proceeds of the exhibition.

This exhibition is intended to embrace new and useful inventions and machines, works of art, manufactured articles of every description, together with agricultural, horticultural and mineral productions.

The managers desire to state for the information of exhibitors and others at a distance, that the location of the premises selected, is central, being in the heart of the city, is easy of access, over four hundred omnibuses passing the door daily. The building is a substantial and imposing structure, situated on the east side of Broadway, adjoining Laura Keene's Theatre, extending through the entire block, with a front on Crosby-St. and containing 80,000 square feet of floor and wall surface. It is well lighted, handsomely finished, and is, in the judgment of the managers, eminently fitted for the purposes of exhibition.

An abundant supply of steam power and water will be furnished exhibitors.

The boilers are placed upon an adjoining lot of ground, and for the greater security against loss by fire, steam pumps, with hose attached, communicating to every story of the building, will be so arranged that they can be set in operation at a moment's notice.

Goods should be protected by glass cases when they will admit of it.

A police force will be in attendance to protect property and preserve order, but the managers will not hold themselves, nor the Union, responsible for the safety of goods, unless by special agreement.

Persons intending to exhibit articles at the Fair of the Union, will please inform the Managers what article they intend to exhibit, the space needed, and the amount of steam power required, if any.

N. B.—Care should be taken to give the Post Office address of the Exhibitor.

All parties offering articles for exhibition, must present the same to the Reception Committee, at the Crosby Street entrance.

All Business Communications in relation to the Fair of the American Union, should be addressed to JOHN L. RIKER, Director of the American Union, 620 Broadway, N.Y.
The following spirited movement made in favor of the Inventors and Exhibitors, who had deposited their productions in the Crystal Palace, will convey some idea of the great interest felt by all classes of the community in the affairs of an Industrial Institution, then in its incipency. Since the Institute has taken a tangible form, some alterations have been made in the management, &c., but the original plan of the Board of Managers designated below, will be strictly carried out.

New York, Oct. 12, 1838.

At a Mass Meeting of Exhibitors and others, assembled, pursuant to public notice, at the Cooper Institute, on the evening of the 12th instant, they unanimously

Resolved, To continue the Fair as prematurely terminated by the destruction of the Crystal Palace, by fire, on the 5th instant; and to unite for that object and the establishment of a National Inventors' Institute. The organization to be known as the "American Union of Inventors."

The following gentlemen were then unanimously elected a Board of Managers, with power to carry out the above objects:

Henry Whinfield, Secretary.

Daniel P. Tiemann, Chairman.

Extracts from Minutes of Board of Managers.

On motion, the following Officers were unanimously elected:

President, Daniel P. Tiemann.

Vice President, Henry Whinfield.

Treasurer, WM. H. Reef.

Secretary, WM. V. Kenn.


Gen’t Sup’t and Agent, John L. Hiker.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to receive the amounts subscribed, and deposit the same to the credit of the American Union. Carried.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed not to disburse any funds unless directed by the Board so to do. Carried.

Resolved, That all monies received for subscriptions shall be deposited by the Treasurer, until a sufficient sum shall be collected to fully warrant the Managers in energetically prosecuting the objects for which they were elected, &c., &c.
Fair of the American Union.

No. 620 BROADWAY.

COMPLIMENTARY TICKET.

Admit

Hon. J. A. Douglas

and Family during the season.

JOHN L. RIKER, Director.
AUG. H. WHEELER, Sec.

H. WHINFIELD, Vice Pres’t.
WM. S. TISDALE, Treasurer.
Dear Sir, Dec. 31, 1858

Hon. S. M. Douglas

I take the liberty of addressing you, and congratulating you in sustaining your political principles and to tell you our national affairs at Washington, you were meeting Bell & Clay on the Kansas question. Now Sir, although the Buchanan men are down, yet they are the only mass that can carry a slave State of Mason and bubble; you can carry Pennsylvania, Indiana, Illinois and possibly Ohio with the vote of the Southern States in 1860, you will be President at least I hope so.

I have always been a Clay Whig of the strongest dies but now am for Mr. Douglas.

May all hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,

W. C. Rutland
W. O. Rutland
Perryville, Tenn.
Sec. 31
Political
Send Document
Son, Stephen A. Douglas—

Sir,

Once more permit me to trouble you, by asking you to send me the agricultural report for 1857—also the mechanical report and some onion seeds.

Yours respectfully,

William P. Staples.

Sidney, Champaign county.

Dec 31st. 1858.
Wm. P. Staples  
Sidney  
Champaign  
Dec. 31, 1866

Asking payment of fire report.
Benj. T. Wells
Wellsburg
Dec. 31 1837
Political

Wellsburg Dec. 31, 1837
Hon. S. A. Douglass
Washington City, &c.

SIR,

My Daughter Elizabeth tells me I have become a little more familiarly acquainted with You, who has just returned from the far west and telling me she had the pleasure of an introduction to You at Seneca Falls, and Your politeness visiting upon her from the hall to the supper table and back, and also the pleasure of dancing with Your Hon. gives me a degree of confidence in You which I have repose for the past ten or fourteen years. I have always been your friend, and introduced the bill to remove that line of compromises established by that sage Thos. Jefferson that slavery may come thus far and no farther. I feel it Concordia in My prior
opinion. You were unworthy of the high position you occupy. The (even God) likely to occupy, but this opinion I kept to myself, it still remains within my own self. My opinion has materially changed since the passage of that bill, and I am today of the opinion you would have but little legislation to perform in regard to that. What absurd question. Slavery had that well been broken down. Now again, I have in my observation of things appeared the more you persecute a part of any kind the stronger it becomes it itself. Consequently the more friends it has the more friends it gains for the time being. That is as long as it is opposed when that ceases then (if possible) it dies out of itself.

I don't know that our correspondence will be of any benefit to either of us. Except you come aboard the American people for their superlative. For them to listen when they think highest gift them & may 10 of some help to you.

And as regards my benefit it is in your province to listen upon me a great deal more, but in any other one thing, our chief John M. Parker East XXVII Long. 7th district has been very thoughtful towards me, and I consider him a little above the common level. Man.

With high esteem and true regard I subscribe my name as one you can depend on the platform that now leads me.

Benjamin H. Wells
Wellington, Long Co.

1854.