Peterboro, Jan 2nd 1817.

My dear Judge:

I hope to hear from you by the next mail. I mean to do the best I can for Virginia. If you can be of service to me, I shall be obliged to you.

The news from here has been rather sad. The President has not been well but he is now a little better.

I hope you will not be tempted to come to this place. It is not a good place to be.

You see the course it is taking and the people who are against it. They are trying to make it look as if it was for New England. But it is not. They do not care much for New England. They are such cowards.

I will come immediately to see you when I reach Washington. I shall be in a day or two.

Your friend cordially,

A. D. Banks.
Confidential

A. D. Banks

Richmond, Va.

March 1st, 1858

You know nothing of

Me, without a second.
Metropolitan Hotel

Jan. 2nd 1859

Yours, S. A. Douglas

To Sir

Being on my way to Washington with important commissions from the Petities on the head waters of the Platt, the newly discovered Gold regions of Kansas and Nebraska, and wishing your advice upon some important steps to be taken before I leave here, I wish if not intruding too much upon your time to have an interview with you before you leave the city. If agreeable please name a time if I will meet you to explain.

Yours Truly,

Wm. S. A. Douglas

Philadelphia
Rock Island Jan 3rd 1859

Hun Stephen A. Douglas
My Dear Sir,

If you remember
I informed you when you was at this place
in November last that I was one of the
Preempts to the Island of Rock Island—I am
informed that Mr. Hendricks, Commissioner
of the Real Land office has decided that the
Preemption claims have rights to be respected.

So these are Contesting Claimants to each legal
Subdivision of the Island—commonly called
Here the Lindsley Party & the Brackett Party
I belong to the Brackett Party—I am told
That District Attorney Hetch of Chicago has
been paid by Lindsley to advocate this party
interest with Senators in Washington—
J B Danforth Jr has from the beginning held
himself with Lindsley—both Hetch & Danforth
I learn are now Political Enemies of yours—
The Lindsley Party are trying to prejudice me
& others of my Party with near at Washington
by making False Statements as to our character
& design—Judge M. Blair is our Counsel.
at Washington: & both Fitz & O'Shaughnessy have agreed to him to try Virginia & Claims. Mr. Blair writes that he was not to be turned aside from the duty he had undertaken of our age & counsel by what they had said to him.

If you could assist me in the party ascended by Judge Blair in securing our rights by friendly censure to him & to suit the judgment that the obligation will be amply repaid to your big paddle.

Friends & Republicans

Henry M. Adams.

P.S. I am to inform you that the way home was expected to see the procession pass the Island city today on the 3rd of September last. Mrs. Adams desires her kind regards to your self & Lady.

H.M.A.
H. [illegible] Adams
Rock Island
Jan. 3. 87. Ill.

In reference to preemption claims
on N. Pi

Amended
Upper Alton

Jan 3d 1859

Hon. Steven A. Douglas

Sir: I take the liberty of writing to you if you would be so kind to send me the Patent Office Reports for this Session or some other documents will be thankfully received as I have no other person to apply to since the Election I was a strong American to this Ball but the source you have taken has got you a great many friends in Upper Alton and Madison County generally. The most of us being opposed to Black Republicanism.

Yours,

John Adams

P.S. Direct Upper Alton.
John Adams
Upper Alton
Madison Co.
Dec. 3 - Ill.

Acting Patent of
Report.
San Francisco, 3rd January, 1859.

Hon. A. Douglas,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

Having changed my place of business and being desirous of learning of your progress and hopes for the future, I have again thought proper to address you, that I may in the future, be favored with receiving your published speeches.

I was at St. Louis the day the election took place in Illinois, and was well pleased to learn, the morning after, to learn, that all was right, and that you, despite the efforts of the administration were again to represent Illinois in the United States Senate for a term of six years, unless as I desire, and the people invite to make you our next President.

After leaving St. Louis, I journeyed through a portion of the Southern States, and there found but a few dissenting voices against the Union and the people invited to make you our next President.

The question of Nebraska and Kansas Act.

Here, where official patronage is so great, that almost every third person is in the employment of government, it is not strange that they...
are bound by former advice to oppose you.

In conversation with W. Newton, Register of the Land office here, also Mr. Bradford of the Stockton office, I found them both firm friends of yours; but Mr. Rauh in recently from the great Democracy, unwilling to say less, giving his fixed "vice" I found very better, and I would write him in a better condition than here, providing the Hon. U.S. Senate write proper to confirm his appointment.

The confirmation of the proper officers will have need to do with your coming contest for the year 1860. Therefore I would advise that you do not be with your where they could be the thinner heads may be chopped off in season.

Be kind enough to forward through the ready to my address the latest published document with maps of the surveyed public lands. No strong hopes for the future for these. I am very respectfully,

Yours, 

[Signature]

Albert L. Collins
Alfred L. Collins  
San Francisco  
Jan. 8, 1853  
Cal.  

[Handwritten text that is not legible]  

Amended  
March 27
Prang Station P. Office C. to The Princ. Of Orange & N. R. Railroad

Jan 3rd 1868

Mr. Stephen A. Douglas

My Dear Sir,

As a warm personal friend and a supporter of your views, I enclose herewith the report of the Richmond Enquirer.

Since I have withdrawn as a candidate for the presidency in 1860, whilst a resident of the Valley, and hence not in the district, I have been at Petersburg. I was able to defend the 1865 report which by its position of the Richmond Enquirer, I cannot elect any man for President in 1860 unless that North and South, who are identified with the administration on the decomposed form of a Kansas, you understand me. West friends are your friends here. I sincerely believe you are the only man to beat the combined years of 1860. I shall not enter upon the list of your friends and admirers.
I had a copy of your speech in the campaign in Illinois with Lincoln.

I have had one letter introduction to you whilst a Senator some years back, which I made in Washington. I am an old line Democrat, there the induced influence of my party with, though no great fortune with the Hunter or Chivalry kind, as they term themselves, an order of gentlemen, that they want, all the officers of the old line, one to do the hard work. They were all ship in 1840 and 1844, (themselves)

I have only to add, I am awaiting your advice in the next fight of 1860. Not having my Post Office at once.

Write me

Handy at Indiana, 8th, 1860.

[Signature]

R. Harris M.D.

[Additional notes]
Whitfield House
Fernandina, Fla.
Feb. 3rd 1857

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Washington, D.C.

I hasten to enclose
a card of my name hoping to favor
should you visit our climate.

Yours,
Hon. J. P. Holley, P.M. Litt
Washington, D.C.

Hon. J. F. Grier, Washington, D.C.

Mr. Raphael 

Yours, etc.

S. W. Corn
Jan. H. McRoy
Fernandina, Fla.
Jan 3, 1859.

Recommends J. W. Holton, should Judge D. come to Florida
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PROPRIETOR.
January 8th 1852
Elkton, Crawford Co., Ills.
Hon. S. H. Douglas
Dear Sir,

The undersigned being your political friends and wishing to keep posted in congressional transactions would avail ourselves of this early opportunity of Humbly requesting you to send us from time to time these documents that you deem of most importance to us.

Respectfully yours to Wesley Park

Aaron Park
John. Lincoln

Hon. Duval Wilmir
John Shaw
Nebraska City. N. S. Jan 3rd 1859.

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir:

Although I wrote to you several days ago, I cannot resist the temptation to write to you by my friend Hon. Samuel J. Black, who is about to visit Washington City.

Besides, the mail is so irregular and uncertain here in the West that you may never have received my letter. I write to you on the subject of legalising the entry of town-site, comprising old present city corporation, of which Judge Black can fully inform you, and I hope you will give this subject your favorable consideration.

Another subject to which I called your attention, is the annexation of all that portion of Nebraska, south of Nebraska river to Kansas — or in other words the passage of an enabling act to authorise the people of Kansas and South Nebraska — or the Eastern portion thereof embracing a territory about
as large as the State of Missouri to show a Constitution and submit it to the people, preparatory to its admission into the Union.

This subject is now receiving much attention in this section of country. Meetings are being held, and the subject is being discussed, on the stump and by the press, and I have no hesitation in declaring that a large majority of the people South of the Platte river are in favor of "annexation." As another indication of the public sentiment I will mention that there are eight newspapers published in Nebraska South of the Nebraska river and seven of these are in favor of "annexation" and but one opposed to it.

We are vexed that you have been dishonored as chairman of the Committee on Territories, but we hope you will continue to show yourself the friend of the Territories and the champion of the people's rights.

We hope and believe that the admission of Kansas—(which may be
effected immediately in the manner proposed)—will heal the dissensions in the Democratic party, so that we may present an undivided front during the campaign of 1860.

Democracy—as recently enunciated by you in Illinois—would triumph in Kansas—and indeed throughout the West.

Judge Black has been put forward by the people of this Territory for the office of governor in place of your friend Gov. Richardson, who has resigned.

If you can do anything to favor his appointment, you will secure the friendship and good will of the people of the Territory; men—truths, at least, of whom I am en favor of this appointment.

Very respectfully yours,

Hon. I. A. Douglas

Philly N. Reeves

Washington City
Willis P. Peers
Nebraska City
N. Y.

Jan. 3.

Nebraska Affairs

Handed March 27
Chicago Jan'y 3. 1859

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Washington D. C.

Dr. Sir
I desire to procure a copy of Gov. Stevens Reports ofNat'l. R. R. route to the Pacific & also of the Reports on the other routes from the West. If you can conveniently put me in the way I am greatly obliged. But if it cannot be done so you need not think for a minute is too valuable.

Yours Very Respectfully

E. H. Swift
R. H. Swift
Chicago
Jan 3, 86
Asks favor
C. H. Haynes.
Memory of "Scott Legion"
Chili, January 3/59

Dear Sir,

The Members of the "Scott Legion" of this city, desiring of evincing their appreciation of your Public career, and testifying their appreciation of your personal worth, cordially invite you to attend their Annual Ball at the National Guard Hall, next Saturday, the evening, where, and when they would be happy to tender you, in a body, the hospitality of the occasion, and afford you an opportunity of receiving the warm and heartfelt congratulations of those, who, although having served in the battle fields of their country, are not unmindful of that gratitude which is the due of the greatest civic champion in our Senatorial halls.

With assurances of profound respect,
we remain

Your Truly,

[Signature]

[Name]
"Scott Legion"
"Committee"
Chas. A. Vicrez
St. S. Phila
Extending invitation to visit Scott Regim
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