New Madison, Darke Co. O.
January 11th, M.D. 1859.

Dear Sir,

I thus take an opportunity of communicating to you, in request that you would send to me a copy of each of those documents that you may have for distribution. And of those reports of explorations, and charts & maps, and the Patent Office reports, &c. &c. &c. Any thing that you may feel disposed to send to me will be gladly received.

P. S. sir, very respectfully,

Your obed. servt.

D. P. Bowman.

Hon. S. A. Douglas, U.S.G.
Washington, D.C.
Jan. 4.

Dr. Bowman
New Madison
Darke Co.
Ohio

July 4, 1859,

Wants books

[Signature]
Dearest Brother,

There has been no change in the Almaden trophy since last May, but shortly I understand a modification of the order will be asked for so as to put a Receiver in possession, but there is no probability I think that the mines will be worked to any considerable extent at least Judge Moffat informed me some time since that he would never consent to it. He states that the Circuit Judge from the purchasing of the mine I expect in the coming months to conclude the matter.
Last night Judge Field of our Supreme Court being in conversation with me, the subject of the most importance to the State of a decision upon the several rights of grand juries was mentioned. In his remarks on that subject he said that it seemed to have entirely exhausted the subject.

By the way, Mr. Van Bryce seemed to send me a copy of his brief. Please send me a copy of it, if it is to be decided here.

I was sorry to learn of Mr. Irwin's (as I understand it) misadventure. I hope that the boys have recovered.

Love to Miss Jones and to all, and I remain yours truly,
[Signature]
The patent in San Pedro business yet ben sent out, I am now writing about it. The law of the Interior exam now and the matter five months ago caused it to stand some time when you are in Washington, please en the letter I send him about it at any time he in difficulties please to send it out.

LDW
Hon. S. A. Douglas

Sir: I am desirous of obtaining the 7th lot of the "Pacific R. R. Road Exploring Co." and accompanying documents for 1857. I anxiously solicit therefore of your kind assistance in the matter, hoping that I shall be able to return the compliment in 1860.

Yours,

Isaac J. Hamilton

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Isaac G. Hamilton
Cumberland
MD

[signature]

Ashley and
Charleston, Mo. Jan 4, 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglass
Us Senate.

Sir,

Allow me to congratulate you upon your success in Illinois. I rejoice at it. Also permit me to assure you that I still labor occasionally to promote what I consider the cause of trust. Two of my recent efforts I take the liberty of inclosing to you. Four months ago I was entirely alone—"at war with all the politicians of the place; now, however, I find the most violent keep quiet, while many others declare they always believed you were right.

There is at present no regular newspaper; I would start one if I could, so as to meet my other pecuniary engagements. An office costing about $1000 would be sufficient for this place. My property is valued at some twelve or fifteen thousand dollars. This, I am aware is a small matter, but I could make it do some good. I am well known in this part of the State and have some popularity. I have been
frequently solicited to start a paper here. I should be able to pay for such a printing establishment in 12 to 15 months; but I do not wish to broach the subject here, because this, my well-known anti-slavery views, it would be well known what cause the paper would advocate. I have no doubt efforts would be made to get in a press ahead of me. I do not know how extensive your arrangements may be; neither do I know who, in this state will come out in your support. Mr. Rust I am aware has declared himself. Col. Burrow used to be your friend—but he is now I am not acquainted with. I thought I should have seen him a week or two since when I intended to have something written on the subject. I am 

very respectfully,
Your Old Friend,

Jas. C. Manley.
Jr. E. Manley
Clarksville
Eminett, Ark.
Arkansas politics
Propose to start paper
Metamora 4th 1857

Sirs

I hope you will excuse me for troubling you at this time. I understand you last year on the same subject last year when you were at Metamora last Sept there was no opportunity of conversation my business is at home fifty years gone by another Mr. John Horton a Whire's Brady now at Washington is living but a large tract of land their known as the Carver tract Carver was a native born and many others Mr. Victor Horton made purchase of him.

I have understand that Congress had ceased their title to be good as emotion you before I am the Noyan Grandfather's estate by my mother which he kept in Indiana County N.Y. on this farm is a little village Easter Morning pleasant of people ready at family as to these things which are some consequence to me as I am a cripple at present and at like Places write me as I have no other home in Congress or make to address years.

R. D. Horton

My family are not well at present please inform me by letter.
A.D. Norton
Melissa
Jan. 4
Ill.

In reference to a
track of land known
as the Cherry track.
Clinton, La.
Jan. 4, 1859

Dear Sir,

In accordance with your request I have awaited your arrival in Washington City and would now again desire of you that you would send me the "Feliciana Register" with public documents, letters, papers, etc., as would be useful to me in my capacity as editor of a Democratic journal.

Your respectfully,

J. W. Rees

Hall S. A. Douglas
Washington City
D. C.
Hickman St. July 7th 59

Respected Sir: This will inform you that I have forwarded to an Hon. Member of the lower house of Congress a Petition for a Marine Hospital at our place. And I now in the name of our Citizens claim the fulfillment of your promise to us, i.e. to use your best endeavors to obtain the passage of a law granting our request. Our Petition sets forth the truth impartially. Please see gentlemen and read our Petition. Might not a bill originated in the Senate be more certain of success than one in the House? I hope however, there will be no opposition to a measure fraught with so much good to the people of the State. Should our Petition be granted I would like to be appointed the first Surgeon. Physician as I am the father of this move and have been laboring for five or six years incessantly and unsuccessfully it is time to get this thing effected.

I hope you and Lady arrive at the seat of government in good health and fortune.
lost of many friends to greet your arrival.

Upon attention to the matters referred to will be properly appreciated and gratefully remembered by not only the people of this— but by the travelling community throughout the West.

Yours most respectfully,

E.J. Rice, M.D.

Hon. J.A. Douglas.
E. M. Price, Esq.
Rockman
Jan. 4th

Refering to a marine
injected at Rockman

Claims prompt

Annered
Warren, Jan 4th 1859

Hon. S.A. Douglas,

I am a little anxious of doing something to keep alive the few Democrats that are here in our County, & thought that it could be done as well by distributing to them such documents of both branches of Congress as will from time to time keep them posted in the political questions of the day. I send the purpose I enclose to you a few names with their post office address with the request that you will from time to time forward to each of them such documents as you may think advisable if you can do so consistent with your feeling & duties.

If in the course of human events there should be a change or a change in the past master at Warren please let some of your friends know so some of us would like to be heard.

Yours truly

W. J. Earls
List of Documents

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List of Democratic State & Ill.

Fort Hill P.O.
J. M. C. Ili.
J. M. Witt
George Kimber
Fred Kimber
E. Donley
James Kappel
Robert Wilson
L. D. Marble
Saloman Marble
Jason Consue
Washington Consue
J. S. Smith
J. A. Herman
Daniel Armstrong
A. V. Smith
Henry Bart
Joseph Hightown
Darius Grover
W. H. Rankin
Lorrance Smith
Barnum Sanger
George Bazz
D. H. Shuman
James Bay
D. D. Marble
R. O. Chambers

L. J. Slocier
John White
John M. White
Abraham White
Elroy Gilbert
Christopher Sibber
George Thompson

Milburn P.O. Lake Co. Ill.
James Moran
John Moran
James Moran
Michael Hanlon
Patrick Rafferty
John Bolhar
Mark Daily
George Heelberger
Phil Uttermire
J. Uttermire
James Moran
Michael Noon
P. Gray
I. Hearrett
John Mc Car
S. Shehan
Father John Connelly
Petit Mount P.O. Lake C. Ile.

Andrew Baker
Benjamin Baker
James Hanton
Carson Jones
Darragh O'Shea
John O'Leary

Nicholas Luce
John Luce
Lo. Shee
Dermot O'Keen
Malin Ames
St. Anne
Philo Divine
Mr. Kent
Michael Heilry
Andrew Knoll
John Dermitt
Patriot's Corners

Dr. McIlchon
John Dickson
M. Hagan
Charles Cot
Robert Murray
Paul Hryan
Lewis F. Selym
Editor & Proprietor
"Boston Post"
Boston, Mass.
Jan. 4, 1855

Dear Sir,

Please accept a copy of the first number of the "Boston Post," a new Democratic paper which I have just started in this city.

A glance at its contents will be sufficient to satisfy you of the fitness of its editor, among the distinguished Democrats of the Union, who may be brought forward by their friends as candidates for the Presidential nomination.

And I think it safe to say that a large majorty of the Democrats of Massachusetts entertain the same feelings; although not a strictly Democratic paper, in the state, up to the 1st of January, had approved the smallest degree of joy over your splendid triumph.
in Illinois. It was on that account
nothing short of a crime to make an
honest living out of the enterprise. The
"Boston News" was started.

I may also say that
I have commenced publishing, in the
meanwhile, some editor or pro-
and, holding an office under
the Federal Government.

With admiration for your
great abilities, and distinguished public
services, I have the honor to be

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

[Name]
Independence Hall
Philadelphia
January 4th, 1859

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas, Sir,

On the occasion of your reception in the Hall of Independence, in consequence of a recent indisposition, I was unable to obtain an introduction to you, until you were about to retire; therefore, had not an opportunity to manifest that kind regard that I entertain for you, and the principles that you have so nobly maintained. I therefore as Superintendent of this place, transfer to you a copy of the records that I have made of your reception in this sacred Hall.

Copy.

January 4th. At 12 o'clock, His Honor Mayor Carey and numerous members of the Select Common Council, were ushered into the Hall, and a few moments afterwards, the Hon. Stephen A. Douglas in company with Mr. W. E. Lehman, and a committee from New York, and Mr. Jas. W. Liddy, Chairman of the Committee of Reception of Phila., entered the Hall, with some private friends. Mr. Lehman
Mr. introduced Senator Douglas, to Mayor Alling, and
the Mayor, in turn, to him, the hospitablest of the City of
Philadelphia, on an neat and appropriate speech.

Senator Douglas, responding in a dignified and well-delivered address, directed to any political
or patriotic feeling, and strictly in accordance with the
principles promulgated in the "Declaration of Independence" by our forefathers in 1776.

At the conclusion of the address, the cheers of the Hall, were shouted, and the public conceded the
beauty of the opportunity to come in and shake hands with
the Honorable Senator. They numbered between 6 and seven
thousand.

I transmit this to you, as it only found
as the custodian of this place, as we intended that your re-
spection, has been only recorded in the archives of this Hall.

Hoping that this may be acceptable to
you, and believing that you will preserve it, as an evidence
of my kind feeling for you on this occasion.

 Truly, Your Friend,

Win Moraw Sr.
Mr. Moran
Jan. 4 Phila
Copy of archives Independence hall relating to your reception in Phila.

Answered
Fairmount Lake, near Albany, Oct.

January 4th, 1857

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Glory be to God in the highest,

Respectfully yours,

J. B. [illegible]

Thornton
J. L. Thornton  
Springmount  
Lake, near  
Kleinburg  
Jan'y 4. O. L.  
Congratulations  
Answered Jan'y 27/7
Kansas City, Mo.
Jan. 5, 1859

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir:

I wrote a letter to the "Richmond Enquirer" (Virginia), in which letter I spoke of your position amongst the western people, especially of Missouri. The letter is signed "Diogenes."

I wish you to know who your friends are. I do not expect you to answer this, as your time would be wholly taken up with writing letters if you should attempt to answer but a small portion of them. Yours,

Jacob S. Bowman
Jacob J. Boreman
Kansas City
Jan'y 15 1859
Mr. Amano

Political

I...
Mr. Harter
Fridenick Co
Maryland

Hon. J.R. Douglass
April

 Permit me through a stranger to present you my congratulations upon the very cordial reception that you have met with in your recent tour, and accept my sincere wish that it may increase. At the same time if I can serve you in the way of distributing any documents or speeches in our district, you will please command my services, and if not I will be pleased personally to receive any letter or speech from you at any time, and in conclusion permit me to renew to you my best regards for future success politically.

William Downey
Wm. Torney  
New Market  
MD  
Jan'y 0/57  
Congratulations &  
asking Davis
Hon. S. M. Douglas

Sir,

I herewith take the liberty of requesting you kindly to send me the
Mechanical Pat Office Reporter for 1857.

Thanking you beforehand for the trouble I have been the cause of,

yours very respectfully

Cyrus A. Field.

P.S.

To avoid error regarding the direction you will please send it to

Physician P.O.

McHenry Co.
Hon. S. A. Douglas.

Dear Sir:

Will you be so kind as to introduce me by a few lines to Mr. Morris, as I like to converse with him about the propriety of publishing his late speech in the German.

With high regard,

Your old friend,


M. Gros.
M'rops.
Washington City
Jan'y 3, 1860.

Permit an introduction to Hon. Mr. Keating.
Lexington, by Jan 5th, 1858

Mr. Stephen A. Douglas,

I am a stranger to you but not unknown to many of your adherents. I was an original Whig, nothing springing from a true Whig & none more an old line Whig. I am now an American & have read carefully and with great satisfaction your very able and condensed New Orleans Speech. I concur with the great body of the Southern Conservative Men of the South that it contains the true & philosophical and only solution of the slavery question consistent with the honor & interests of all sections of the Union. And if you are not the real President of the United States some man will the who represents American

Very truly yours,

Robert W. H. Lee
Jan 6. R. W. Hanson
Leavington, Ky.

Answered

XXX
Fairport Jan 7th

Hon S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I have very anxiously to obtain Reports of Exploring Expeditions, and of the Pat. Office. I trust that as a Constituent and Supporter of yours, you will not overlook my request.

Respectfully,

A. W. Sawyer
A. M. Lawrence  
President  
Ill.

Mails Reports  
Answered

[Signature]

D. W. Elliott
Olympia, Washington Territory
Jan 5th, 1877

Hon. Steven A. Douglas,

Dear sir, it affords me great pleasure to hear that you have in the late canvass secured your seat in the Senate of the United States for another term of six years. That was a most glorious victory over the Black Republicans, that must be appreciated by the National Democratic Party, in every State in the union. I as an old uncompromising Jackson Democrat do most ardently desire to see good feeling and harmony existing once more in the councils of the Democratic party throughout the Nation. The times look ominous and fearful. To my judgment nothing but the goodness of God can appease and calm the troubled waters. To him we look when viewing the scene. To save the Nation from the fanatical zealots whose aim seems to be to cast poison and death into the very vitals of the Nation, could one so humble as myself be allowed to confer freely with those in high places. It would be to advise, unanimity of action and feeling throughout the whole party in every State and Territory, with
a view to a preservation of the union of the states and of the Democratic party, let zealots and bad men rant, and flame out their own shame. But let the Democracy of the Nation, stand firm as the Rocks of Gibraltar, let us stand peaceably, shoulder to shoulder, with the constitution of the united states, written in the heart as handed down to us by our Fathers, and if needed be, defend it at cost. 

In regard to matters here at home, the interests are of great and vital interest. To which I would call your attention and ask that you cooperate with our friends who are at Court. The Hon. Isaac I. Stevens in the passage of these measures by Congress. First, the payment of our war debt is a matter of the greatest importance to our people. It matters not if some of our people are bad men, it is undeniable true that our people were murdered our women and children massacred by a Savage Joe, and nearly the whole people were driven from their homes and fire sides and took shelter in Block houses for nearly one year our old men women and children thus coopered up, and the young, as well as old who could leave volunteered their services in defense of themselves and families. They fought the battles of their country, like men. I wish that I could say as much for the regular army, our people have been standby in the columns of the New York Tribune and other papers of like ilk. But we trust that all reasonable men will consider the source from whence those charges came out.

The interest in the Indian treaties, and the question of the Superintendence, are of great importance. The appointment of the Hon. Win. Whipple of Olympia to the Superintendence, two thirds of our people desire it. He is an old personal friend of years from Springfield, Illinois, he is one of the very best financiers. He is able, is capable, energetic and honest, and last thought not least he is a sound, reliable National Democrat. A qualification necessary in these days, he is not one of those upstarts without qualification who want to go to Congress do often met with in this Territory.
It affords me great pleasure to be one of the numerous tried friends of Gov. Stevens the deservedly popular delegate in Congress from this Territory and it is gratifying to see that his renomination as the Democratic candidate for delegate is admitted on all sides and his nomination secures his reelection by a very large majority of the votes to be cast. Any communication from you to me will be duly appreciated. My residence is Oakland, Saukamish County, Washington Territory. Very Respectfully,

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
U.S. Senator
Washington City
D.C.
Mt. Bethlem Lawrence Co. Pa
January 5th 1857

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Sir,

At a meeting of
The "Mount Bethlem Reading Association"
held on the evening of the 3rd of
January you were unanimously
elected an Honorary member of
said Association

Most respectfully yours,

P. E. Nesbit.

To
Hon. S. A. Douglas
Mrs. Secretary

Washington City, D.C.
J. C. Restif
Mt. Jackson, Pa.
January 3

Notifying you of your election as a member of the Mt. Jackson Reading Association.

Answered.
Toledo, Ohio,
June 5, 1858

Dear Sir:

The restoration of truth and purity that you were received everywhere at the hands of the evidences of popular confidence and regard given you, during your recent trip, both north and south, gladdened thousands of honest democrat hearts in Ohio. I have watched with deep solicitude, and with more joy and pride than I ever felt in my life before, your triumphal march—your utter annihilation in the opinions of the people, of the Buchanan dynasty, and I may add, your complete and perfect triumph over the bane of political assassins, who are pledged to destroy you.

You have done exactly right:

Treason and more prevalent than all your friends, and placed proudly in a position to render good service to the Charleston convention, certain beyond all lie-giving of doubt unless you were persuaded by some speeding conservative friends, to sacrifice the folly of
withdrawing your name formally. You have now a stronger position than you have ever had be- 
fore. Keep it. Do not discourage the honest feeling 
who will find your nomination unless divorced 
by a withdrawal of your name.

I trust for what I have written 
in Washington that you can keep up the true 
view that if the South makes no candidate, 
join him, and insist upon his nomination, 
it would be wise and reasonable for it. But 
for me to accede. They will not agree. 

McKinley and Huntoon can never offset 
all the old jealousies of the Excise- men and 
Union men will be a mind half a dozen 
adherents will spring up, and division and 
bitterness instead which will result in your 
withdrawal.

In God’s will, if I do not 
write my full about the petty back-biting 
of the Senate in denying you from the 
head of your committee. Since it will 
be carried all the way to the 
against you that since the war the Administration 
has commenced on your enlisting has been 

Dear sir, having given you such strength this 
with the means and purse to live.

I would have been glad to have 
met you in Washington for the friends and 
strength of the Administration have been in 
that I acted falsely to Col. 
But I believe to be in the 
with Mr. Wallace he had shrewd me to without 
the newspapers, that I really felt that 
I needed one honest friend who knew 
was not false.

If I live, I will be in the 
conviction at Charleston to do my duty 
to my party, my country and my friends.

Love and 

Your friend,

Hon. J. A. Douglas

James A. Steedman.
James B. Steedman
Toledo, Ohio
Jan'y 5, 1859

Political

Personal


Camp Floyd Mule
January 5th 1859

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dr. Sir-

In consequence of the persistent and unjust course pursued by the chief of my department (General P. J. B. Camp, Quartermaster General, in the settlement of my accounts, and the unjust and as I certainly believe illegal decisions of the 3 Auditors, in connection with the utter apparent neglect of the Secretary of War to decide several questions which I have tried to bring before him, and while the Army Regulations make it his duty to decide, I am compelled to beg your kind offices in the matter, and ask you to introduce my name to the Camp Treaser, with the request that he call for my accounts of 3 Auditors, and examine and have them adjusted on rules of law, equity, and the "custom of business in like cases", all these rules of settlement have been most grossly set at naught, in several instances. Both in the 3 Auditors...
and Quarte Master General's office in relation to my accounts during the past three years, I feel satisfied in my own mind that there is and has been for some time, a discord of action between the two offices above mentioned, and a mutual lack of action in that of the Secretary of War, greatly to my own disadvantage. I desire to have justice and must's more. Paragraph 1007 Army Regulations provides for an officer to receive orders to proceed to the Comptroller's office for the purpose of adjusting his accounts, and doubt less, if I were a useful friend to the Quarte Master General I might hope to be fared in this respect as some others are; but under existing circumstances I cannot from that source, say, however, if the Comptroller thinks proper to be direct, which I would be glad he would do.

I will be greatly obliged to you for your kind offices in the matter, and to have this letter to the Comptroller be tried. Yours truly, Your friend,
P. T. Turner
P. J. Sweney
Camp Hig.
Utah 24
Jan 5 1867
In relation to this account.
Camden Mills Rock Island Co. II. July 5. 1859

Mr. S. A. Douglas,

Sir,

You will oblige me very much by sending me the Patent Office Reports for 1858. I feel very anxious to obtain the works, and from your known courtesy I take the liberty to request this favor at your hand. By attending to this you will confer a favor on one of your constituents & friends.

Yours truly,

Wm. Young.