Belleville, Illinois, Jan. 23, 1859,

Mr. S. A. Douglas,

I have labored and toiled here the whole long year, and more not a red copper. Further than the opposition of having done my duty, I do agree with the Democratic platform. This return of Illinois to the Whig cause in the campaign, and I am sure every one else knew that we should all have to make sacrifices, and we all have done so well. And among them—I particularly. I think I am not very able to help me or he would. We all expect that you would help some, and you so tell me. Some of our Democratic press are of the same clear of all obstacles, but to make it so, I am personally to see several men and I do not want to see a poor man and my family cut off there by. How can I do? Will you help me a couple of hundred dollars? You understand my position, am not at least here of my choice, but therefore I need to do more. Send me a draft or in any other way that may suit your feelings and greatly obliged, a true friend to

S. A. Douglas, your sincerely,

[Signature]
R. J. Brooks  
University Mo.  
Jan. '39  
notifying you of  
your election to  
membership U.L.S.

Union Literary Hall  
University of Mo.  
Jan. 13th, 1839

Senator Douglas:  

It gives me  
great pleasure, as corresponding secretary  
of the Union Literary Society of Missouri University, to inform you of your  
anonymous election to an honorary  
membership of said Society. We  
deem this but a feeble testimony  
to you as an orator and patriot  
statesman; but we tender this as  
our highest mark of appreciation for  
you as the great constitutional de  
defender of our country. By accepting  
membership, you will much oblige  
the body which I have the honor  
to represent. You must accept  

R. J. Brooks, C.E. Sec. U.L.S.
Bucyrus Jan 18th 37

Dear Sir,

Although in humility I permit me to congratulate you, upon your return to the Senate of the American people, with a token of respect for your patriotic services. May you serve the people of Illinois long, as you have served them faithfully. You have friends there you have also friends in Ohio. My native county has been with you through all your struggles in the defense of those first great principles of Democratic Government. As is the moral power a statesman wields, that wins him
a place in the hearts of his
constituents. Still pure from that
wane of moral force, so lately and
so brilliantly displayed, in defense
of the rights of American fellow-
citizens in Kansas; on whatever
question may arise, and you
will see a Nation as lately a
house rallying to your support.
I belong to Judge Halls district,
but have not heard from him
this depion, and only hope so
when another English Bill
shall attract his attention.
Please send me some of your
speeches; if not asking too much.

Tender the liberty I have taken
and I remain your humble adheres
with J R Anglas,
Dave Bohill

Post office address
Bucyrus, Crawford county
Ohio
Northern Point, Jan 13th 1857

To Mr. Li,

My Dear Friend,

I beg to enquire, and perhaps more particularly to obtain the Patent Office Report for the year 1857. I should, also, for myself, be glad to get a copy of the Report of 1856, if there was one of that year on hand. Will you take the trouble to forward them and oblige your truly, with the greatest respect,

Very Respectfully,

Mr. Li.
Nathaniel Chapin
Eliza H. Stoddard
Cyrus Reed
Perkins
Jan. 10, Ill.

Asking Patent
Office report
Costa Rica, Nov 13th 1859.

Sir,

I have an autographed album and regard it incomplete without your autograph. Hoping to receive your autograph by return I remain your respectfully,

John J. Dorrance
Lm. E. Torrance
Cazenovia
Jan. 13. N. Y.
Ashleyanthoaph
Aur.
Tallahassee Jan 13 1859

Hon S. A. Dough,

Dear Sir,

I wrote you to ask that you willfrom time to time as it may be convenient to send me the patent office reports upon Agriculture and any other matter pertaining to Agriculture or horticulture. Also send me when you can seeds for distribution among the farmers and at the patent office bind out.

I ask this of Jane Editor of the Agricultural Department of one of our papers issued in Talladega. By doing so done I am to place ourSS. great obligation.

Yours truly,

James F. Hooker
Jan. 13
Carlinville, Ill.

Asking and
Office of the Citizen,  
Murfreesbor, N.C.,  
13th January, 1859.  
My dear Judge: I send to you,  
accompanying this letter,  
don't copies of my paper,  
of to-day's date, by which  
you will see that I have  
left the Norfolk (Va.)  
Block, and am now in  
charge of a political  
journal. You will observe  
also, something pertinent  
to yourself; and I shall  
not lose no occasion henceforth  
when I can prudentely in  
view of a difference of opinion  
among all democrats,  
to say a word of cheer  
to you, and others, as against  
the antecedent doctrine.
put forth by some member of our political organization if you can do anything for our paper in Washington shall be much obliged to you. Perhaps you or some of your friends may procure us a better exchange from a country paper like the Citizen could, possibly, command. Will you please send us public documents from time to time.

I find that my "leader" of to-day, which was written with some hesitancy, gives a doubtless expression of the expected approval of every Democrat in your district, and I have been this morning informed of some alluded to expected opinions of your council in person and in presence of your council in person and in presence of your council in person and in presence of your council in presence of your council and expressed themselves in complete concurrence with the President.

I observe, in this whole section of this letter, that there is, I remember, an expression among the Democrats about Judge Douglas, and but little will suffice to fix them—especially just at the nice turning point—in your favor. This is no inconsiderable opinion of mine; but a deliberate conviction based upon considerable observation with respect to that very point.

My assistance you can form to, there will be quite of use, and while it will not fail to subservio your own interest, it will be the chance of some allusion perfectly satisfactory to me.

Yours truly respectfully,

[Signature]
Char. Henry Lister
Marlborough
Jan'y 12. N. C.

Edin.'s the Citizen
asks documents.
Sental Reynolds
Philadelphia, Jan 13th 1854.

Hon. J. P. Douglas, Sir.

Though I am not a stranger to you, I cannot help addressing you on the subject of the present effort being made in the House of Representatives to increase the pay of the Officers and Chaplains of our Navy. The pay of the Officers is considered low; but why the Chaplains are ignored in the "Marley's bill" I cannot divine. Certainly, for the same reason that will justify an increase of the pay of Congressmen and Congressmen, the pay of the Chaplains should also be increased. It is very probable to present a bill asking for an increase of the pay of the Officers in the Navy and of the Chaplains. And I hope that when it reaches the floor of the Senate, it will be passed. The pay of the Officers is too little, and the pay of the Chaplains is even less. I hope the House will act favorably on this matter.
Again, Sir, Why has not mention been made of Jack T. War never was a common practice and the sailors feared because some consideration taken in an effort to make to suppress our trades. This may lead some ships and stop them with every thing which appears to digging and mining but continue and learn. They will be worth but little as means of protection. Just forget the sailors, Americans do not get sea any more, not because they do not like the Americans, but because they are driven from it by oppression and tyranny near and far. The Americans will consider the Americans are so to sea.

If you will not consider the present state, I will suggest that if the present state be to continue as a matter of necessity, the only way of the Bay of all kinds and the holding of a session at a proper time to the Bay of all (including the place) whether before or after the month. Yours truly,

[Signature]

Philadelphia.
PRIVATE

New York, Jan. 13th, 1839

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the proceedings of the State convention of the Whigs at Harrisburg to communicate to you the recommendation of the committee of all the messengers of the convention, asking you to accept the appointment of a committee of nine men as a full party to the amendment of the constitution of the United States. The members of the convention were carefully chosen by the committee of all the messengers to meet the chairman and the state delegations, but of these were too important resolutions, and the proceedings and instructions were that it would not be wise for them to make any amendments of any kind. The only way to effect such a measure is to be the engagement of a committee of nine men as a full party to the amendment of the constitution of the United States. The members of the committee were selected and feel more important to be the representatives of the people, as is the case with all known. In this respect, they are simply and manifestly committed to the proceedings as bona fide, with which no one can object.
We have to take issue, Buchanan and myself. On the subject of his removal and acknowledgment of our views, we have no wish to press the accommodation. Some who have opposed him to us and our friends have expressed the opinion that it may be carried off with a great show of art. They have only been occupying this matter with nearly all the public press, and some are even now trying to place the idea that the accommodation is being carried out.

I see they could have been prevented as well. Because of the accommodation, we are up in arms and are taking every possible step. It is to be hoped that the public press will suppress this matter altogether.

Guthrie's friend and colleague, Washington.
in the state of New York. He and her friends were unable to make agreement with George Eldred. If I can still get any just measure, I will pursue him. He has kept a store and second-town, but the waxen nature of the Masons' House is yours, friend. I'm still rude. Indeed, he was in a place at all. I shall not venture more than your will, as you desire. I respect all your opinions, including the Jones's case. Feeling unable to address you, accepted,

[Signature: J.B. Barzaza]
C. S. Jones,  
Wash'D  
Jan. 13.  
Wishes to select furniture for North end Extension  

Hon. P. A. Douglas,  
Dear Sir,  

As the subject of furnishing the north extension of the Capitol is now regularly before the Committee on Public Buildings I most respectfully suggest that an appropriation for the purpose may involve the appointment of a proper person to superintend the purchase, transportation and delivery of such articles as may be required. Of course the style of the furniture will be after designs determined upon by the Committee on Public Buildings.
or by a select committee charged with the disbursement of the appropriation, but there will necessarily be a great amount of business detail and active supervision which may be entrusted to an authorized agent, but while a committee of the body cannot possibly attend to. Especially will this be case during the ensuing long recess when Senators will prefer to be at their homes. It is a duty which I have thought might for very many reasons, with great propriety be confided to an officer of the Senate, and therefore it is that I respectfully present my name in connection with it for such action as the Committee may determine on, assuring them at the same time that if assigned to me the task will be performed with fidelity and in a satisfactory manner.

With great respect,

 Truly yours,

C. S. Jones.
Doorkeeper U. S. Senate.

Washington Jan 13th, 1859.
D. R. McILVAIN
Nov. 13th

meet Saturday
[Caucus on Cuba in Message]

Sen. Chamber
Jan 13th '59

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Sir: You are
requested at the retiring
room of the Senate, Saturday
morning at 11 o'clock AM.

Respectfully to
D. R. McILVAIN

Ser. At Arms
S. H. S.
0 January 1859.
Nov. St. A. Douglas!}

Senator of Ill.

Dear Sir:

Please keep the confidence
of the following Proposition confidential.

My dear sir:

Allow me to induce to you, a Proposition for to
establish a German Democratic Paper at Washington
namely: an organ of such true Democratic principles as
you have advocated so long.

A such Paper in particular, warmest in dependent
of Religion, cannot fail, to make, not only its own
existence, but to do also a good Business; and I propose to conducted so, that it will obtain
a great influence all over the Union:

In particular, I propose to organize German-Classes,
Luxe Clubs, among the Mechanics & Laboring Classes,
I have a large acquaintance all over the Union
for the main purpose to exist you in different ways
for the next Presidentency. As you are already the
choice of a large major, etc. of said classes,

Before I got any farther, allow me first:
to give you, a near introduction of myself
namely: my name is John Ort, a native of Bavaria
German. I have received a Merchant’s Education,
and past the Military College at Munich Bavaria.
I Emigrated in 1840 to the U. S. St. arrived from
1840 to 48 and from 53 till at present in Clayton
where I carried on 96 cfs painting from 1848.
to 1852, I was mostly employed as a "local editor and collector for different American papers," also editor of the Mechanics' and Laborers' Unions (a German paper) and in the year 1852 to 1855 I traveled as emigrant agent for different New York and West Coast cities, between Christmas and New Year 1852 to 53. I had the honor of being cordially received by Senator S. P. Chase, and you invited me to your House, altho' being so far from the city, I was not at the time to attend the invitation. My business on the West Coast was, to say in Congress would not pass a bill for the protection of Emigrants against the extramural Protection of Establishments in New York, Phila. and Baltimore. I left a Memorial to that effect with the Committee of Commerce, which motion I move shall be their in any possible form. In the year 1852, I advocated all as democratic principles, and were not in any degree opposed to any of them. In the race of 1852, I supported Buchanan, the Democratic candidate. Who, notwithstanding you as a "knight's cap" and smile pretentiously in your face afterwards, therefore, please, do not get declamatory, but have any information of me, know I have had a conversation with the gentlemen before his race, and I am satisfied to have nothing to do with such a paper as he proposed. On my return home to make the proposition, namely, as I have all my means invested in real estate, and the times and chances to hard to sell, I was needed to be assisted by your self and friends by a stock of about $5,000. to be diminished at about $5,000. to be Presses and Types could be cost. The work I can't recommend, in vain time, particularly, if you and your friends assist me a little in getting the "1852," as Speakers of Members and other Government Print in the German Language (with my compatriot) the direction of a law past under Pollak's Act, be to adopt for all, published in German) the other $8000 or should be used for sending Trating Agents (to obtain Subscribers) by paying Hands, Printing Paper, and Printing Material. And I may or may not have your friends in my name that the next not to be agreed in the understanding, as I assure you that I consider me as a local telegraph to most or papers. Said Buisiness in the most, most, and, in particular of the Co. (you may organize) allows me to have my way; according to circumstances from time to time.
The Management!
The Paper should be only a "Weekly" for the present
Name we will consold about war Scoon (?), the Price
from $1.25, to $1.30. An unm pay able in advance
this Price would enable every Working man to
subscribe for, and the Amount of the Rate
is so fish only, not only to subsante the
Buisness, but to level also a handsome
balance as Provit,
my self would Superintend the Whole
Buisness, with the assistance of one Editor,
the Translator, one Bookkeepper, and
one Treasurer! Who properly should be
a Share holder of the Co. and the balance of
cessary hands, I obtain from time to
time.
Sir: Should this Proposition meet your Approvel
you damn would like to learn under what
Condition I undertake this proposed
Position. I would answer, that for the first
year, I ask a fixed salary of $1,500. or $2,000.
and pay my Expence train travel fare
on R. R. or Steam boat not included,
also an annual dividend of 5% of the Buis
ness, which we will settle on having some
hope to receive a early answer, (as said Paper
should commen to before the 4th of March) I remain
very Respectfully your most Obdt Humbl Seveand
Add. John of Batsto, 6. John Ort
March 15, 1869

Wm. W. Camp

Mayor胞

J. B. Wrenn

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Forward Court

March 16, 1869

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J. N. Reid

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Jan. 13.

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Penzance, Wexford Co., July 13, 1859,

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Sir, sir, a very meritorious young man enlisted in the army some time since—perhaps a year or 18 months since. His parents are old and need him very much at home. His mother, a very worthy woman, is shortening her life by fretting on account of his absence. The young man is now willing to return and remain with and take care of his parents in their old age if he can be honorably discharged. His parents and more particularly his mother, have applied to me to get him discharged. I scarcely know how to commence the business or whether it can be done at all. Will you be kind enough to inform me whether persons enlisting are ever discharged in this way and if so how the application should be made and to whom. The father was a soldier...
in the Mexican war. He is old and is now having a good deal of trouble with his business and is almost
and is almost unfit to transact business and if the son were at home he could assist him a great
daly prolong the life of his mother. I am very respectfully yours,

J. H. Reid

Please be kind enough to answer as soon as convenient.
Hon. J. A. Douglass, Sec'y

If you are not already

overburdened, I would be pleased to receive

public documents any time during the present

session of Congress. I am a former

Yours respectfully,

Thos. W. Robinson
To Mr. Belden
James 13
Asking documents
D.
Sirs and Rebs.

Augusta, Jan 13, 1839

My dear Sir:

Mr. Chadbourne will have you this letter. Mr. Chadbourne is a democrat, who believes in a government of the people, and is a gentleman of great force of character, strict integrity, and perfectly reliable in any statement he may make.

He understands the clergymen and politicians in Maine as well as any man in it. He is altogether the strongest man of the great County of York on our western border.

Any attention you may bestow on him will be very profitable to me and greatly for the benefit of our cause. I congratulate him heartily on your success.

Your friend,

[Signature]

[Signature]
E. H. Smart,
Aynata
Jan. 14, Me.
Introductory
Salem, Jan'y 18th 1859.

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

Sir,

I have met the honor of your acquaintance, but take the liberty of addressing you, for the following reasons. Yesterday, Mr. Geo. W. Mulatto was discharged from the Salem Custom House for being a "Douglas” Democrat.

Mr. Postmaster Living, and the Collector, Mr. B. Pike, are the ones that caused his removal. Who knows, but that before another year has passed, those persons will be shouting for "our side."

I am with great respect your Obt. Serv't.
Charles Upton.