To the Hon. A. Douglass
W. Austin from Illinois

Jan. 7, 1825

We the undersigned
would respectfully recommend to your
favorable consideration our mutual
friend, L. H. G. Peirce of Springfield,
Illinois, to leave here for Washington on business.

Any favor you may extend
him will be considered personal.

During the late heated contest he
always acted and voted in such a
consistent manner as to justify the
great care with which you are its able and efficient
champion.

Springfield Oct. 28

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Freeport January 17th 1859

To the Honorable Steen A. Douglas U.S. Senator.

Sir: I wish you to speak in favor of the bill for a pension for the Soldiers of 1812 as it has passed Congress and it depends on the Senate whether it become a law or not. I take freedom to write you because I have taken notice to you, that what ever you under took course as that what ever you under took you went through with it.

There is a great many of us in the north that volunteered to go to Fort snip the Lakes in the fall of the year and after the Lakes in the fall of the year and after the Lakes the company went for six months and was discharged in about 2 months and now we are all and poor and needy. If you do something for us now we shall never forget you your humble servant.

James Loughary.

Mr. A Douglas
U.S. Senator.
James Longley Prescott
Jan. 1839, Ill.

Asking you support
Pension Bill
Mr. Low
Albany
Jan. 17

Asks autograph

Albany January 17, 1859

Dear Sir,

Will you have the kindness to send me your autograph? By doing so you will much oblige.

Yours Respectfully,

W. S. Low

Drawer 141
Loudon Jan 17, 1859

Mr. J. A. Douglass

Dr. Sir,

I address myself to solicit from you copies of all speeches or papers which may be published for the use of the Library of Middlebury College. I write respectfully, ask that you would have Middlebury College send upon your list that all may receive copies of all your future speeches which may be published as well as written public documents you may feel disposed to send. If you comply, direct to

Middlebury College

Loudon, Ill.

with great admiration for teaching ability which you have displayed in your public career during your stay at

S. L. Denison

Librarian of Middlebury College.
Capeol City, Ill.
Jan 17, 1859

My dear Sir,

I wrote you a few lines on the subject of the death of S. F. Rock—my brother-in-law—of property by reason of an attack by the Moave Indians on the Colorado River in New Mexico. I suppose you were in the south at the time. Upon my receiving the memorial of Mr. Rock, as he desired to make a presentation to Congress, forwarded the same to Hon. W. W. Lowrie of Colorado, who presented it before it to the Committee on Indian affairs. I would appreciate it if you would urge that committee early and favorably action upon these claims. I regard it to my mind at least, clear, that a law of Congress now exists guaranteeing the peace after one year of peace, that treaty exists with these Indians in Brisket Compromise U.S. Dec. 14, 39, and that the case may be found in U.S. Statutes at large Vol. 4, page 29–31, Dec. 17.

MR. Lowrie informs me that he is reconciled to the idea of Mr. Mr. Rock for the settlement of the new military post at the Colorado River.
Agreed by us about $20,000. We will remain all this. I was at Springfield on the day of your arrival. I never breathed the name of your majesty during the whole of my stay. The smiles disappeared. Pardon me for this frankness. The next day I was not yet there in the capital. I have a word to say about the Charleston Convention, but this letter is too long. I will reserve it for another.

Accept my regards and believe me your friend.

[Signature]

To Dr. [Name]

Your suit is now at the Supreme Court as to the act of 1861. I hope it will be successful, as I am here in Washington, D.C.
H. R. I. O. Melbourne
Central City
Jan. 30
Dr. Ross claim
Randolph, Catt. Co.
New York, Jan'y. 17, 1859.

Hon. S. A. Douglas
U. S. Senate,

Dr. Sir,

I should be very much grateful to receive from you a copy of the Pat. Office Report, or any other Pub. Doc. that may be convenient, but make no claims even for that. My principal object in writing was to request that you would favor Egbert W. Scudder, Oneida, Knox Co. Ill, with such Pub. Doc.'s as you may wish disseminated in that portion of your state. He is my son, is right politically, but is in a hot-bed of Rep. Rep. fanatics, I send him two papers weekly from this state, Dem. under Douglas color, I shall be very much obliged for any favor in that direction. You, very Respectfully,

Sperin Scudder.
Spencer Stretch
Randolph

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Asking Patent Office
report.
Freepost, Illinois
January 17th, 1857

My dear Sir,

I have the kindness to send you copies of reports of the Exploring party to the Pacific across the Rocky Mountains, more particularly those that would embrace that portion of the country near the line of the proposed Southern Central Railroad, Santa Fe to the Pacific.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

[Name] Stanton
I. Stanton
Reprint
Jan. 18, 1861
Wants copy of your
Mr. J. Sabin
St. Joseph's College

Jan. 17, 1859

Elected honorary member of the historic society.

St. Joseph's College, Perry Co., Ohio.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas, Dear Sir:

It is with exceeding great pleasure that I write to inform you of your unanimous election to an honorary membership of the Phil-Historic Society of St. Joseph's College.

The object of this society, as you will perceive by its name, is the promotion of historic research as well as the cultivation of eloquence.

This Society was organized 3rd Nov., 1853, since which period it has, by the liberality of Honorary Members, and the zeal of active ones attained a marked notoriety among the literary societies of the west.
Our library has at present one thousand volumes, and is yearly increasing.

By honoring us with your name, and wishing a “good speed” by contribution or otherwise, you would confer upon the Phil-Historic Society a lasting favor. Hoping that you will favor us with an early response.

Yours truly,

Thomas J. Tobin

Jan. 17th, 1859.
William Wallace
Adeline
Ogle Co.
Dec. 17 1859
ask for Pat. Office Reports.

Auburn Ogle County Illinois
January 17, 1859

Senator Douglas sir. I wish to
confer a favor on you as one of
your best friends to send me
the Patent Office Report on
Agriculture and Mechanical for
1857 and such others as you
see proper to send.

By so doing you will
oblige me. William Wallace
A good Douglas Democrat
Carrollton, Kentucky,  
Jan 17th 1859.  

Honorably STEVEN A. DOUGLAS. 

Words are wholly inadequate to express to you my 
unbounded admiration for your course since the 
Lecompton contest last Winter, unprecedented as it is in 
the histories of ancient or modern heroes. Who that has 
a mind rightly to appreciate loftiness of purpose, and 
daring action untrammelled by fear or favor, did not 
as a heart to thrill in responsive echo to noble 
deeds of patriots, did not watch you though that 
feeble struggle with burning interest? The first book 
given me for perusal in my childhood, were the history 
of my own country, and the lives of the immortal heroes 
whose names illumine her pages. Never can I forget 
the wild enthusiasm created by the story of my 
country’s wrongs, and her brave resistance to oppression, 
or the delicious gratification that filled my heart when 
I remembered that this glorious land was my country, 
endear’d to our hearts by the blood of her patriot sons, 
and the free institutions they had left us as a legacy. A legacy 
far richer than ever kings or emperors of old_beguished their
danger denounced the cherished institutions of your country.

3. I believe the threat to our liberty, the liberty of the free, the liberty of the traveler, the liberty of the mind, is more serious than any threat we have faced in the past. The threat is not just from abroad, but from within our own borders. We must be vigilant and stand firm in the face of any challenge to our freedom.

4. In conclusion, let us remember that democracy is not just a system of government, but a way of life. It is a responsibility we all share, and we must work together to protect it. Let us honor the memory of those who have fought for democracy, and let us be the generation that brings it to all.
This is not the foolish sentimentality of some low-sick
school-girl dazzled by your splendid Triumphs. I know that you
are married, nor would I wish it otherwise. I know that your
wife is young, beautiful, and talented. I know she joys in
your successes and excels in your fame. But I would crave
your interest in behalf of one dear to me. I would ask you
to give him a situation near you where he might profit by
your example, and be of real service to you. He is unfortunately
circumstanced; yet he would scorn assistance from you, or any
other man living, did he not believe he might some day
return it. He does not know that I have written to you. I
doubt if he would believe it. It is even probable that he would
be angry did he know it. My heart has been my only
adviser in this appeal. My intense admiration for you, has
made me wish that he might be devoted to you and your
care. Let me give you an impartial statement (if I can)
He is a lawyer by profession, and I think obtained his
education solely by his own endeavors (for he is an orphan).
I do not know that he possesses great brilliancy of intellect,
but I do know that he has a clear head, a sound judgment
and a pure heart, in which ingratitude could never find
a resting-place. He was for sometime clerk of our court,
and if you are willing to assist him, I can give you

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reliable testimony of his honorable standing. Some members of his family, if I mistake not, are your personal friends, though political opponents, and he has ever belonged to their party.

All that I ask on his behalf is, that you may put him in the way of an honorable competency, and I am willing to leave the location and the calling with you. Mr. Douglas you are powerful but even the great cannot number too many friends. Should you confer this favor, you will win a friend whose future life will attest his devotion.

If you desire his name and further particulars, address Mary Willard Carrolton, Kentucky.
J. W. Winchester
Bedford Taylor Co.
Jan. 17
Iowa
Asking speeches
Yours

Bedford Taylor Co.
Jan. 17 - 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Sir: I embrace this opportunity to ask a favor of you. The post office department in all Southern Iowa is in a desperate condition. An atter letter from San Pedro came to aid as they should. The post masters do not attend to their duty as they should. We put letters in the office and that is the last we hear of them. And papers that we should have had in Oct., last came to us in Dec., last, and this is the way that matter goes. And I am the representative of the Douglas Democracy of Taylor County, Iowa. Ask you to intercede for us and
Put the postal affairs in Southern Iowa in a healthier condition by having men who are not red month abolitionists and Kansas refugees. We have a postmaster in this place as of the above tribe and very seldom attends to his business as he should and for this office I would recommend J.J. Cathcart. A descendant of the right stripe.

Remember me to friend J.C. Allen of Illinois.

Yours respectfully

Hon. Douglas M. Woodruff
District Columbia Washington City