Washington, D.C.

At the close of last session I disappointed a large number of members in consequence of getting their orders late. I am very anxious not to be in the same position this season, and shall feel obliged by your indulgence as early as convenient if you wish one or more copies. In order that the Imperial Photograph may be largely distributed over the country, I am prepared to make to members of Congress a very liberal deduction from my usual price.

I am,

Sirs,

Yours Respectfully,

M. B. Brady.
Respected Sir, please exercise patience while curiosity may lead you to examine the contents of this letter. I am a man 68 years old lately crippled from my youth with the rheumatism. My occupation is cabinet making. I am a son of the youngest of three brothers, John, Thomas, and James, my father. They were sons of Richard Brink, a descendant from Holland. They were all revolutionary soldiers & served directly under Washington. (The names of the under officers I do not recollect.) They were drafted in the old town of Wallpack, Sussex County, New Jersey. My father served two drafts. At near the end of the last I think peace was made & he discharged. Whether it included six or nine I cannot say. Soon after the War the three brothers with their families moved into the Wyoming Valley where they suffered many perils by the Indians having often to flee to the Fort for safety. I also mention by water I will mention. My father & his brother Thomas lived near each other on the upper end of the Shawnee flats at the time of the noted ice flood. Late in the evening the water rushed into their houses & they retreated to their chambers. When the water came into my father's chamber the family which consisted of two old people (Peter Chambers & wife) with mother who got on a bed. My oldest brother then two years old was placed on a pile of broke flat. While Father killed water from 6 to 12 inches with a pole in his hands to ward off the ice from lodging against the house, a board being knocked off for that purpose, soon the chimney fell when Sehuen was exited. My Father spoke loud enough to be heard by his neighbors now we go, it again now we stand still. Soon my land house started also a broth drifted to the lower end of the flat, where they were with difficulty rescued the next day. A few years after my Father
Moved up the river to Shanghai Point. Now the pleasant City of Binghamton. Where there were 1000 White families, where I was born in 1770. When the Indians were my Father's nearest neighbors, some 1 year after, I moved down to Allegany where his brother Thomas then lived. When I was fifteen years old he moved in what is now the Town of Pike where I worked so hard to obtain a home for him that it crippled me for life. My Father died in 1811, my Mother died in 1833. Well it look too much like egalism for me to say that the above named brothers were esteemed as honest brethren & contented to get a living by hard toil. Their children have partaken largely of their disposition. I thought it was too bad like beggin to ask Uncle Sam to help us take care of Widows & Orphans. But we thought different since it was too late. Time is gone since while I was living at the Great Bend Susquehanna County, Pa. I was visiting my relatives in the Scioto, Bradford Co. Pa. When the conversation came up that our Fathers were Revolutionary soldiers & we met as well had pension money as then I said some notion to try yet when some offer to give me their rights. The report of Thomas Brinkerhorn asked if I remembered the names of the Officers under whom our Fathers served. I said I did not, he said he recollected distinctly. He gave me their names, I returned home & stated the case. Lawyer Mitchell of Great Bend who thought I was entitled to pension money advised me to employ a Lawyer at Montrose who was attending to that business. I made my statement on paper & sent it. He sent back word that according to the statement I was entitled to money. But it would be attended with considerable expense & trouble, Poverty then kept the car & I went no further. Near three years time (having been very unfortunate) I was under the necessity to leave my second wife with whom I had lived four years, for to go & stay with her eldest daughter who married a son of Judge Littleton on the Delaware river. While I came west with my only son in hope of obtaining a home of our own, but we have not succeed. My old crippled frame is now giving out & my son has a slender constitution & all the kindness of men he is illly prepared to take care of a crippled Father. I have thought proper to make this statement of facts to send you hoping that all the time has paid that we should have made application to the Select & Honored men of our Nation who have of late manifested such kindness. Soldiers will consider one extrem case & grant me relief seeing (in all possibility) it is the last call they will have from the Revolutionary department & the more to because I am a poor cripple & the only one among all the children of the three brothers above named. The question may arise can you make any proof of the truthfulness of this narrative. I can obtain any amount of corresponding & corroboration testimony. There is in this County quite a number who have known me from forty to fifty three years & some of them were also acquaintances with my Father & his brother Thomas. If a petition would be of any avail any thing I can get any amount of signatures we have supposed that according to the former acts of Congress we were entitled to what would have been our Mothers before her death & the intestate since, but I have no way to substantiate such claim except my Father's name & time of service can be found on record. I have not the means to
examining or ascertaining, I therefore leave my case with
the worthy Members of Congress who have manifested
such kindness to the soldiers of the last war.
I have wrote this narrative conscientiously as one that
fears God & expects to give an account for what I do
and if it is judged unworthy of notice in Congress
or if any information is wanted write me to
that effect & greatly oblige your humble servant

Milledgeville, Carroll Co. Ill.

[Signature]

[Handwritten note: Wm. Brink, Milledgeville, Carroll Co. Ill.]
Murfreesoe E. Tennessee
Hon Steven A. Douglas
Dear Sir,

Please send me the report on the decision of the Supreme Court on the Dred Scott case, and of your Speeches on the different questions of agitation in Congress and oblige yours,

[Signature]

[J.D. Cate]
J. W. Tate
Misty Creek
E. Zern.
Feb.
2nd Sunday
Girard Macoupin Co. Illinois

Feb. 1859

Dear Sir,

Permit me one of your constituents to ask, if in your opinion the so-called Homestead Bill now pending before Congress will during the present session become a law.

We of the West feel much anxiety on that subject. I perceive in the public journals that the bill passed the House by a large majority, will the Senate endorse and thereby enable the poor men of the West to secure for themselves and family a portion of God's footstool that they may call their own. The word home carries with it a charm that to the poor man is music.

Respectfully,

S. F. Clark
S. T. Clark
Grand
Feb.
Home and till
1859
Daniel Bash
Limestone
Penn's Co

To Hon. L. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

if Congress are not designing about the location of the Pacific railroad I propose a route or routes that must suit the views of all parties, let these be located on latitude thirtyeight or forty a double track railroad by the General Government not further south than thirtyeight nor north of forty degrees of latitude, let these be located for the extreme south a route on the sixteenth degree of latitude and for the extreme North a route on forty ninth degree. Let the Government give every otherwise town for twelve or eighteen miles on each side of the two last named routes. The title to the lands to remain in the Government until the roads are completed to prevent robbery & speculation. Of the further to insure the completion of the roads the South or the North can have no objection to this plan, as it will give the South a railroad to the Pacific for
A single track railroad will serve all
the Commercial purposes the Southerner ever have, under their present institution
as Slavery are not the population that
advance Commercial enterprise
now—my dear Sir I am going for self
a little I am preparing a library for my
family among my books I have Schoolcraft
Indian tribe of America if I am ever
to Government has just published a
other volume of the same work or rather
a continuation of the work and I would
like to have the whole work, if you can
help me to it, I will be glad, or if it is
published so that I can obtain it. If
the printer please let me know
I should like to have you speak
particularly your great National speech
at the South Mobile or New Orleans,
I forget which

Yours tr.
Daniel Hash
Limestone Peoria Co
Illinois
Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

My Dear Sir: I take this occasion to say to you (although a personal stranger, though not a stranger to your name or fame) I wish for a copy of the last "Patent Office Reports" and why I ask this of you at this time is because New Hampshire has not the Honour of a Democratic Member in either House (I hope we shall choose at least one next month (John A. George)) I think your will send me the reports and Very Much oblige

Yours truly

T. R. Hoyt, Jr.

Goffstown Centre, N.H.

Feb. 1859

Mr. S. A. Douglas, J. U.S.
Lombard, University, Salemburg Alber
Hon. S. A. Douglas.
Respected sir,

allow me to address you on what
will appear in the following
statement. During the year of
Mr. C. D. Ingeo, applied to the
Patent Department of our
Government for "Letters Patent"
on a "Weather Strip", but failed
to procure a Patent on the same.
And, the reason given, by the
Commissioners, for not granting
him a patent is, "for want of
novelty. The application was
made through the firm of
"Munn & Co." N.Y. City."
It is our candid convictions that the invention has not been thoroughly examined, and that the utility of the instrument has been entirely overlooked. For these and other considerations we wish to have a re-examination of the case. Hence our object in addressing you at this time is to ascertain whether you are so situated as that you will take our case in hand and see that a re-examination is made. We have in our possession the correspondence of Munn & Co. on the subject, which we can transfer to you on short notice. There is a model together with specification on file at the Patent Department.

Model, marked "C. D. Segré.

We have also the statements of many of the first mechanics and merchants of the State, testifying to the importance and utility of the invention. Hoping that you will respond to our request in the affirmative,

I am Sir your fellow Citizen G. W. Clarke
For C. D. Segré.

Hon'ble S. A. Douglas,
Washington City, D.C.
Feb. 27
In relation to a Patent
Answered April 3/57
Renault, Monroe Co., Ill. Feb. 1859

To Hon. S. K. Douglas.

Dear Sir,

I am under obligations to you, for past favors, by receiving documents &c. While I was Postmaster at Hamburg Ill. 4 or 5 years ago. But having moved to Renault, I was some two years ago, appointed Postmaster at this place.

I have heard you speak several times, with much pleasure and instruction, but regret that I did not have the pleasure of hearing your speech at Waterloo, last fall, but saw yourself & lady pass on the following day "en route" for Chester, which partly compensated for not hearing your speech.

Will you please to send me the Mechanical Patent office Report for 1857, and any others you may have to spare.

I wish, now, to call your attention to a Society in this neighborhood, which is called "The Renault Reading Society," was organized about the first of December last, and purchased a library of upwards sixty volumes of the most valuable works on Agriculture, Histories, Travels, Arts & Sciences, &c. &c. Now we wish to increase our library from time to time, and would respectfully solicit your aid in sending to the society such documents, as you may think proper. you may direct
to the Society, in my care, or to Lewis Church Esq., the librarian. This I write by the request of the Society, all of whom are your friends, and admire your sentiments, politically.

Please to send me some seeds, if you have any to distribute.

Respectfully yours,

C. A. Wiggins P. M. O.
Richmond, Va.
Mecklenburg County
September 7, 1857

My dear Sir,

I am much obliged to you for the kind notice you have taken of my application for an office, and I trust that the Senate will feel disposed to favor me again, as I have no other idea of my pursuits than the study of the law. I would be very happy if I could be made an Undersecretary of the Patent Office, and if you would state to the Senate that you might send the papers to this Office, I would be much obliged if at your leisure you would forward me all the Patent Office Reports on Agriculture and Mechanism, for which I am much under obligation to you. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

Benjamin
Burlington
July 1, 1859

My dear sir, although I had
sent you three letters which
received no acknowledgment, I
write again believing that
your silence arises from
your almost overwhelming
public cares; but I am not
from any indifference to an
old friend—besides justifying
beneath some records you
are reported to have read,
in secret. I know in the tenth
a few days since, perhaps
how they felt; but receipt them, as
they were all directed to Chicago.
I can hardly tell you
that I mention with interest
accurately your glorious battle
in Illinois, came reposed with
great joy at your signal and
timidly triumph, one all
combinations at home and
abroad.

Men know State election, executed to general
and health all interest, or the
result gives much communal
date fiction to the leaders of
the American people, as the
recent one in Illinois.

The great majority of the
officials holding, men, and whose
head the word of democrates
was sustained, therefore only
trusted to speak in a whisper
among for their lofty rejoiced at
your success. It must know,
core seem better reflected to
to the places that lie their stations, 
who have abused, and are 
abusing, their brief authority. 
The others have retired in 
folly. 
The best doctrine is on the ball, still ready 
they tremble, when they remember 
— for the fate of Human life 
contemplated. 
Now, the people are 
the successors, true sons, and 
children where they please.

The Democracy of the 
lore, I think, now, soon enough 
comes in your favor for the 
Presidency in 1836, than they had 
been in favor B. C. One, and 1836. Now as a few noted 
trickssters, who are fiddling, but 
they have little influence, and 
are becoming tainted. You 
are as strong with the democracy 
of the country to-day, as social
with West of Illinois. I think the
reason is nearly this. I believe the
party will use the N. E.
lean states, except Connecticut
(about which I know very little) and
I am convinced if delegates are
appointed at this time to the Chicago
town convention, select your friend.
The same thing is true in most
of the counties districts in N. Y. But
about the city, you are better
influenced than I am.

All sensible men, in this host of
the occasion, aged, that wish to see
any other clear candidate is, we shall
be satisfied. Perhaps there is some
great change in public opinion/it is
able to talk if successful, but
very other clear candidate, etc.
though it be for your friend. The
reason is for you, and very justly
connected the treasurer. The course
something is done, how can the
money be obtained to carry on the
fight? A national debt
accruing
secret to the American people
the principles of the Democratic
party. If our debt continues to increase
largely until the next party, having
placed the present Administration
in power, will be held responsible
for it, whether justly or not. I
suggest these questions for your consider-
ation.

Let us take the question of
the President's talk about hiring
his, at this time, is childish, or foolish.
They once said, "Redeem 35 Million dollars,
is only a joke to Congress, to help him-
self." The North meant to use, as
much as the South. But how to get
it, is the question. Congress is not
the present position of affairs, by insisting
there, by the offering be a single
what she undoubtedly cleaves the
new set to it.

Gen. Thos. Hooker,
Gen. Theseus, would be a good
second to me if the President had the
curage to take advantage of it—see the Island, I negociate for you—
no such thing known could be done by a timid, life long Mr. Nelson. 
for as for the course of
present, there must be a
ity, a single vote for a dissent
 protests to the it.

I intended to have you
 to Washington this winter, before
Congress adjourned—lest fear
I should not be able to. If you
have an extra ship, as a mere
access cindicate your ness, proba-
ably I should see you. Why not
with your lady, visit your old
home this coming summer,
Thousands would be glad to
see your face. I think a few days
spending through N. England, would
be for your health. Please write
shortly.

With friendly views

D. G. Mully

Mr. C. Scott.
Washington D.C.
Of the present Administration, has many new friends and enemies. They think they were cheated in '60, and are determined they will not be in '68. Hence some present others, it is quite certain that your re-election as President, or some other act, will be. Let the people choose.

Mr. Vickers' recent public declaration of opinion against you, has been particularly unfavorable for him. Mr. Vickers states, having been contacted, leaves a very decided impression when the public received, that the Louisiana Senator is justly chagrined at the sale of the Union and the Louisiana Senator, is justly chagrined at the sale of the Union. Your correspondence with Mr. Hitchcock is certainly satisfactory to your friends, known, at least to this.

Thus far certainly, these
two advanced guards of Jesus the faith, how gained no laurels. 

As for Jones, he is not fit for a march or a campaign. It is the duty of a man of his rank to serve Scourlson in those countries, as a Notat De Chambrel. How he can come into the Senate of the Miss States, I know always been at a loss to conceive.

The greatest defect, the most to be suspected, is the absence of clearly defined, probable the absorbing ones, for the next two or three years. That a revenue tariff is the true policy of this country, I do not doubt. But to connect the present one be so changed as to increase the revenue, it thus offends democratic principles. Protection to important interests, without departing from the principles of the Constitution.

John Boss, pay attention to the importance of print. He is always eloquent—making lofty pretensions—and the facts to above.
Chicago, February 1st, 1859.

Honorable S. Douglas,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

Before you left Chicago last I had the pleasure to speak to you concerning a spirit glass manufactory which I intend to put up in this city. At that time I left with you a specification concerning that branch of business, also a cut glass pattern which has been cut by machinery for which I obtained a patent through the United States as you made me promise to examine the matter as to if I did not have the pleasure to see you again since, it should be very helpful for you to honor me with an answer favorable to encourage me in hope of creating in this city a spirit glass factory which is one of splendid and most profitable business.

Very respectfully yours, D. Comer.

J. G. Geddes.
Princep St.
Feb. 1, 1859.

Washington City.

Sr. I am desirous of obtaining a copy of the Report of the Regents of the University of the State of Illinois for the past year & if you have a copy for dispatch it should be pretty oblige for one.

I am respectfully,
Your obedient,
J. Q. Dooling.
T. A. S.acker
P. R. I.
Smithsonian Report
Sent Feb. 6
Fisherville, Jefferson Co., Ky., Feb. 1st, 1859

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Sir: I have been appointed by some of the most sagacious politicians of our State—patriots, unionists, and lovers of their country—to confer with you on the subject of the next presidency, and to give you some idea (if possible) of the deep feeling entertained here in favor of your nomination and election to that office. Your political views are endorsed here by men of all creeds and confessions, and seem likely, if you be a presidential candidate, to over-throw all partisisms in your support. We hope that you will receive the unanimous nomination of the Chelton convention, but if not, you will rank as an independent candidate; and, be assured in the latter case, the most invincible effort will be made for your election. We can and will give you a majority of twice ten thousand votes over any and every other man. The office-holders are in favor with and of Mr. Buchanan; but the people are for you. And when the contest is between that little band of half-blurred and power-awed hirelings, and the great masses of the virtuous, free-thinking, and sovereign people, the result is not to be questioned. We regard you as a statesman of the most enlightened and liberal policy: enlightened, without ultranism; liberal, without prodigality.

I must congratulate you in having so able an advocate as Col. Forney; a wise counselor, and a stern rebuker of the unfair dealing of this Administration. He did not desert his former friend; Mr. Buchanan deserted him, by pursuing an indirect course which no honest man could follow; he has therefore rightly exposed him, and given him more political death-wounds than the Roman conscriptors gave Cesar.

Mr. Buchanan's tyrannical and revengeful conduct
Time has arrived when it will be considered arrogance in the State of Illinois to claim you as exclusively her own; Kentucky claims you too; the whole Nation claims you, your transcendent abilities an service, as a blessing, a gift, an award of Providence, to her and to the human race.

If you have anything that you desire to be circulated here at any time, by directing to me, it will be largely diffused among the people.

Allow me the honor, sir, to offer you my most distinguishing consideration, and to subscribe myself your obedient servant,

J. W. Hornsby
I. W. Hornby
Rockville
Jefferson Co.
Feb. 1. 1865

Appellate
Office Rept.

Sent
Jaffa Oct 1st 1859

Mr. Douglas

Sir,

I am not convenient to send the last Report of fire at present and a several days if there is any for galatia distination and oblige a friend.

To S. Hutchinson Jaffa

S. Hutchinson
S. Hutchinson
Jalwa
Feb. 11
ILL
Asking Patient
Office Report.
Sent
Feb. 6
Julia 2, Feb. 15th 64

Hon. Mr. Douglas

Sir,

Would you be so kind as to forward one copy of the Report of the Commissioner of Patents on "Agriculture", to Edward Willy, Troutman's Grove, Joliet, Illinois.
Ed. Kelly
Scotsman's Grove
Joliet
Ill.
Feb. 1.
Repeat again report
Sent Feb. 6
Brumfield Dec. 1st 59


Will you be kind enough to furnish me with some Public Doc. on the way of Speeches &c. and also the Patent Office Rep. Mechanical & Agricultural.

Y Obige

Brumfield Poinc Co. yours truly

J. C. Lane

If you have any text from the Patent Office they would be very Acceptable. I.
Baltimore, 1st February

Dear Wife,

I am enclosing a letter to the case of my friend Dr. Seirous, now before the Senate in the Senate of Alabama, concerning I feel the deepest interest.

Jefferson Davis seems resolved to make the will of the Senate already expressed in the Senate, which I hope you will read the pamphlet, so I am sure you will aid us.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
Nov. May
Balt.
Ret. 1.
Mr. Lenox case
Anserved
Ret. 4.
Vancouver Feb 11th

Sir

Yours "Thank you last fall" in general has given your name additional lustre to us Oregonians and adds to that of Harm's

findings in Georgia.

Hope your summer may make your now of your "d. complete positions" as they generally regarded the Rarities aground in such stuff.

I hope all is well with you & know your positions, to be ready to come.
...as long as you maintain your present money & independent causes.

You have an army in the South on which -

Standing the orphans of Pierre B. & other acts.

This to its main idea. This letter is one about pcuring an article in your newspaper for the "disorganized Canadian demand" as paper and plaster. In your interest to

This is the law to your account (I can never) your spending money for 1844-

For one of the mountains among D.C. & press it.

Franklyman to succeed

No food! I will attach

May, A. T. -

This is without a plan & to

D. T. Distuza

Rev. S. B. Douglas

Washington City
White-Hall Feb' 1859

Hon. S. A. Douglas

As I have moved my place of residence and am now residing in White-Hall (quite a Douglas town) my former residence being in Manchester where you have heretofore sent me Public Documents I would request it now as a favor that you send them to White-Hall Green Co. Ill. there is still a few Democrats in this Precinct who voted for you enough so that we rolled out quite a handsome majority for you and your cause. I am glad that you have taken your old seat as one of the Fathers of our country. I doubt not but you recollect the meeting you during your Campaign at 3 different Points once at Jacksonville once at Carrollton and once at Winchester with the Star Spangled Banner hauled to a match Drum. I shall never forget the time. We must regret the loss of Thomas J. Haislet our noble Congressman from this district we have filled his place with Charles B. Hodge a new made Democrat of which you have been apprised. Please forward to us any Public Documents of any National interest your Kansas & Nebraska Bill is gaining rapidly.
in the opinion of the People. These letters returned from St. Louis and everyone there are strong Douglas men. Big papers have been sent by the S. Davis herefrom.

Mr. Nicholas Tedder—

I saw your father—
in law at St. Louis and friends as well as old acquaintances. Please not forget me.

I am now keeping a House called the Douglas House. Please direct your documents to White Hall Green Co. Ill.

Yours respectfully,

James B. Radcliff
James B. Radtun
White Hall
Green Co.
Oct. 1
Entitled to docs
Mt Vernon 14
Feb 1 1859

Dear [Name of Recipient],

I want to give a man in your state by the name of Nathan Lambert. I am a stranger at your seat of government. I wish you to examine this to some business person of yours that he may examine the papers in your name. I presume the Governor has made an alphabetical list of all the counties and the labor will not be great. If he finds him will give him $50. for the information where he lives. He was born in Tennessee to Mahoeva in Madison County Ky. It is also the interest of Lambert to know him.

Yours,

E. Smith
Mr. Thomas fitzj
Feb'y 3 1839
Nat. Senator Douglas
Washington
Mail 3
City

6 Dec'd
14th Marin
Feb' 2 1849
A piece of Allumino
Hand written
Received Jan 29
Feb. 1, 1859

35 William St.
New York

My dear Mr. Lincoln,

I am just back from Europe, & were it not for a rather serious indisposition, would myself be the bearer of this letter to Washington. I am anxious to go as soon as possible. Until then I have an opportunity of expressing to you personally my hearty sympathy with the principles of policy which you have so nobly indicated. Let me
say that they are such as will command the respect, and in my opinion, the support of the country. It is impossible to think that there is one public man with an "individual back bone," with sufficient faith in right itself, in the integrity of the public, to: adhere to it, in face of every combination, whether of party or "policy," or power, and I have seen you from time to time, copies of European papers, in which your position was discussed, in a temperate and with an appreciative, truly complimentary, I hope you have secured them. The future the present state of the 6. American question has confirmed your predictions, made ten years ago, the influence of England and France, thanks to our blundering, is no doubt far more marked in the country. That with Brandenburger, Cary, Jones, 1 London, is it wonderful than the name of America should be a symbol for all than it is contemptible? Sanford tells me that our claims were brought forward only claims in connection for relations.
Threw an opportunity occur for you & admire it, may I ask for its your kind attention.

Mrs Squire also returns with me begs to be remembered to Mrs Douglas, whom present also my best respects.

Yours Very Truly,

Mrs. Squire

Ann S. A. Douglas