Eugene Knox C. & H. 1879
Hon S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir, We would be very much obliged if you would send to this Office a few Specimen Car and Public Documents.

Very Respectfully,

C. H. Aldworth

S. A.
Sanderton Bridge N.H. Feb 7th 1859
Hon Stephen A Douglas
My Dear Sir:

Pardon me for taking the liberty of addersing one who is an active change, although in a political point of view I feel very well acquainted with you. My object of writing you at this time is simply this. I should like very much to have you send me one (or more) copies of some public Debates, or some others of interest to our intimate delagation from this State in both branches of Congress. If any Black Republicans, none I cannot think anything from them neither do I ask any power of them. I have taken a warm interest in your success in your own State as well as with much interest your course in national affairs. And have converse very fully at times with Mr. men in regard your political course and amongst the men...
When I wrote Mr. Lincoln is Hon. R. S.
	Moldon of Illinois, "and as I was at
	The Cincinnati Cong. and Laburnn as an
	Auburnw, what is my future ability"
As I now refer to attend the National
	Con in 1860, he was killed at Charleston.

death around, and I should have to
be elected Delegate from the State of our
state? I have been, as my plans to de-
come the nomination of Stephen A. Douglas
be the highest office in the gift of the people
of these U. States"

Shall you ever wish to know more of your
chosen candidate? Please inquire of Hon.
Mr. Moldon.

If you can attend to it, please send me some
words, "Public Enemy"?

And oblige your,

R.G. Bartlett

To Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Dear Stephen A. Douglas,

My dear sir,

The reason Doctor E. H. Hart visits the Capitol on business, any assistance you may offer him will be duly acknowledged as a favour by

Your friend,

Thos. Cottman

Ascension
Feb. 7th

Introductory

Feb. 7, 1859

Ascension

FEB 1st, 1857

Remember me most kindly to your arrival. Lady regards.
Private
Confidential

Ottawa, Illinois
Feb. 7, 1859

My dear Sir,

I have learned from a discreet friend that an intelligent, strong-built Englishman named Edward Collingwood and styled Capt. Collingwood has been about Ottawa for about two years - that he claims to have sailed across the Atlantic frequently at one time as an officer of the vessel. Hence his title Captain. He is a man of very good general intelligence and his bearing betrays good breeding. Then he came he had with him a young woman - as his wife - with good-looking & of well bred manners. He brought trained dogs & tackle for hunting, fishing, hunting, &c. They were kindly received by respectable people. He soon became a crony with Judge John C. Champain (whom you well know) and quite intimate with Dale & Hartung - both very respectable Englishmen of this neighborhood - farmers well to do - but given a little to pulling living - hunting, fishing &c.
occasionally indulging in a game of brag for amusement. While he has an excellent wife, he himself is a bachelor. Capt. Collingwood has a wife (?) took boarding in a quiet decent boarding house in town for about a year, lived in the house. Sometimes get quite drunk but never associated with low fellows. He seemed to have plenty of money. The apparent wife rather recently married to a few families (respectable) were now seen at church sometimes at a social cotillion party.

A year ago he grew apparently short in money — took a short lease just in the edge of town of a small residence with several acres of garden ground — with the help of some hired help he has been raising vegetables & selling them in our market & has lived comfortably on the fruits of an occasional remittance of say $300 at a time from England. He has got in debt to a few merchant dealers — has paid out most of his tackle for hunting & say $150 is left by a gun which in pledge for a debt of over $100. A few small debts embarrass him — but a few hundred dollars would put him out of debt.

His general health has been good & for the last year it seems very good — to a certain time that he has been drinking except for about a year.

While they were boarding perhaps all sounds — he & his apparent wife were not at times not entirely harmonious. This may have been the result of his habits as recently they seem to be casual & matters go smoothly. His health has at times been precarious — he had some irregularity in the mental or physical I don’t know. But one time over a year ago he felt himself seriously by something unconscious in some skill out of a window — but nothing of this kind heard of lately.

About a year ago a rumor began to prevail that perhaps the woman was not his real wife. No body knew the origin of the story closely. The cause of the trouble off course. They ceased to go at all into society & became more or less isolated. After a general suspicion settled down 

It was chiefly among their acquaintance that the woman was another wife — but no body knew how it was. So it seemed intended to pursue the inquiry — Everybody who knows him feels kindly toward him.
And while from his former drunkenness
+ the suspicion as to his matrimonial relations
+ his failure to pay some of his little debts
I can learn of nothing militating against
the respectability + prosperity of his life.
He has no children by that woman
+ they seem to be living quietly + pretty comfortably. The talk of wealthy relations
+ the hope for remittances - is thought to be
a little doubtful - but accidents of the current
news and keeps well posted as to what happens on both sides the continent.
This is about all I can learn about him - of this I
think may be relied on as true.

I remain truly
Your friend

Edy D. Dely

Hon. S. Al. Douglas
Washington
John R. Dodge
Bloomington, Ill.

Asst. Patent Office reports.
cont. mech. work. Feb. 15

Bloomington, Feb. 7, 1859

Hon. Stefano A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

Will you do me the favor to send me the Patent Office reports for 1856 and 1857 and mark oblige yours,

John R. Dodge

To

Hon. Stefano A. Douglas

P.S. Let me congratulate you on your recent victory in the Illinois Legislature.

your friend, J.R. D.
St. Louis Nov 30, 1857

Hon. S. W. Douglas

Being in this city and in conference with some of your friends and hearing the wishes of others I have come to the conclusion that the resolutions called the Douglas resolution in the new legislature will not be introduced by your best friends but by those who would fit for your defeat in the coming campaign for the presidency. I am sure this is with you and with us to the vote in the coming time.
I left Springfield last Wednesday, the boys are all well and I've been giving the librarian Mr. German lessons to read. I am to be in my place in the Senate in the year of 1862.

Your friend, J. Hughes.

Send 8 for P. Donegan to S. J. Hughes 81.

Louis M. Evans.
Mt. Vernon, Ills, Feb 7th 1857.

Mr. J. A. Douglas
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

Please send me the Patent Office report for 1857 Agricultural department.

and little

W. E. Britt.
M. E. Hilt
M. Morris
Mt. H. IA

Aiding agricultural
Report.
Intervant N.Y.
February 7th 1857.

Sir,

Will you do me the favor to send me a copy of the new Invalid Pension Bill as it passed the Senate, if the name was fainter, and allow a friend,

Jm Tilton.

Wm. N. H. Hocolpoff
U.S. Volunteers
Washington, D.C.
H. H. Hoyt
Portsmouth

Feb. 7

Accessory of
Indecency

Dent
New Bedford: Feb 7th 1859

Mr. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

We, the undersigned members of the National Democratic Party, would tender to you our heartfelt congratulations upon your reelection to the United States Senate for the next six years.

With feelings of profound regard we remain your friend and well wishes.

J. C. Kent

Wm. D. Luce

Thos. F. Allen
J. C. Kent
Wilmot Lane
This N. Allen
New Bedford
Mass
Feb. 7.

Congratulations
Announced Feb. 9
Brimfield Ill Feb 7 1859

Sir:

Permit me to ask of you the favor of the late Patent Office Reports.

Most Respectfully
Your Friend,

L.W. Lead
Brimfield Ill

Hon. L.A. Congalot
Washington D.C.
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Dear Mr. W. A. Douglas,

I have for some time
had under consider-
ation the idea of starting
a Democratic paper in this
host city of geologists and paleo-
historians. We have a county that
although it is the home of the
Chicago representatives, has no
voted for Lincoln. The Democratic
majority last fall. I am
quite certain that there are
a thousand people here that
ought to support the Republican
party, but why should they not
vote for Douglas?

Yours truly,
Elkhorn, July 4th, 1857.
Democrat of discerning judgment and that are Debtor but
here at the Courthouse
world meet with an absolute
and liberal suffrage.

I trust from all that I have said that I may be
known that if you can
be convinced by a few references
that if I start at Democtesia
paper here I will start.

It will be the determination to go through with it
act to wage a war of extermination
age the whole.

What assistance you could
render such an occurrence
I think I can furnish you
satisfactory references

Yours respectfully


to have had six years influence
in the business, and am now
engaged as one of the superintendents
of the Republican party.

Only because my interests and
property are there.
Senton, Hamilton, Pa.

Nov. 24, 1857, W. Sch.

Washington, D.C.

[Handwritten text]

[Handwritten text]

Yours Respectfully,

John C. W. Martin

Senton, Hamilton,

Mifflin, Pa.
Jno. J. Martin
Newton, Hamilton
Mufflin Co.
Feb 9, '92
asking dinner
Respectfully,
Bureau Co. Ill
Feb. 7th 1849
Hon. S. A. Douglas
Jr. Srs.

Will you please send me the Patent Office Reports in full and oblige yours truly,

J.W. Merrill
P.C.
Cleveland, Le Sueur Co., Min.
February 7, 1859.

Dear Sir:

In writing you at this time, I desire a favor at your hands, by way of forwarding Dr. Dick's to me from time to time.

Being connected with the "Herald" of this place, and it having taken strong Douglas grounds in the late canvass, you must but grant the favor asked. I was however, opposed to outsiders meddling with Illinois politics, and it was not until long after the administration commenced fighting Lincoln's battles that the "Herald" took any part, or said anything in regard to that contest.

Owing to a difficulty with the Cleveland company, the Herald is now limited in that 1/4 sheet form. Otherwise, it would have been you regular. I hope however that its publication will be resumed in a few weeks.

All letters, documents, etc. should be sent to my personal address thus.

J.W. Perry.

Cleveland, Min.

Hon. L.L. Douglas.
Do not forget to put the 40 to my name.
Feb. 5, '57

In relation to a pension for remains of my father.

Ref. to Barry Eff. Brennan.

That fact too.

Indefinite.

Instructed to judge from counsel which answer sent to Dr. Swain.

Thos. McCall. Feb'y 9th '57

Dear Sir,

I learned from my uncle Geo. Swain of Alexandria Va., a few days since, that my father had command of a gun boat in which he was in the harbor of N. Y. A. P. Law is entitled to bounty if I can prove such to be the case. I would like to know what evidence is necessary, and how I can procure it from proper department and what department I should institute the necessary inquiries. Can you place me in communication with anyone who will give me the information? Or can you spend time to answer it yourself? I am inquiring. I have been been from all my old Congressional friends and Congress.
no documents. If you have any
more books or documents of a Scientific
character than you can dispose
of, I would be most happy to
accept of them. I do not, how-
and would not if I could know
more the Rep. of this dist.
Accept my best wishes,
good will for all future.
Yours respectfully
John Fradie M.D.
Rantoul 2d Feb'y 1867

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
De Lie

I have always been a resident of Massachusetts and an intimate friend of the Hon. C.S. Woodbury—US District-Att'y. Having removed my residence to the State of Illinois, I wish to continue in length of the Democracy of Illinois particularly to that branch of it which you being the leader represent. As a favor of you I would like if you would recommend my name to some of your statesmen as an applicant for the Commission of Justice of the Peace for Champaign Co. Ill. Can you recommend my
come to some men who have influence in the Ill. State Legislature.

If not too much trouble, will you please send me some documents from the Patent Office on Agriculture. Patent. Reports. Agriculture. I send you the enclosed letter which you will return to me at Chicago your best service.

Wm. H. Scott
Assistant Chemist Co.
Illinois

Hon. S. A. Douglas—Washington
D.C.
St. Paul Minn. February 7, 1879

Hon. S. J. Douglass

Dr. Sir

I will be much

obliged to you if you will
put your self to the trouble to send
me a few Pub. Documents such
as you think will interest a Black
Republican of the Douglass Stamp.

Very Respectfully,

Old Sam

H. J. Talmor

St. Paul

Minn.
R. J. Taylor
St. Paul
Minn.
Feb. 7, 1859
Adelphi, N.C.
Chicago July 17, 1859

Hon. J. \&. Douglas

Hon Sir.
The farm is

own and our Good old Abe [sic] OK and our
favourite son on the watch tower at Washington
OK an all gal again. Thanks to our Good and
the Democrats. I told yourself before last trip
that you would be returned as it not so.
My in law as such. her honored son can look
with pleasure on his People — Go on and
keep you are Sedentary upon the shores
of those you have so long & Faithfully serve.
let them go the better can do you know,
I am here been in auction Home
Real Est. and Agent. Can do any thing
for you or point you to Command
have just cleaned Ipswich. My Partner Whitney
was a R. R. I disclosed the 14. I am yet
in regular poor. Shall open a House of
my own this week. I can make Money.

\$200.00 it would just now "A\"lso "indeed",
Mrs. Gayley join in utmost Regards to you &
Sly. Regret I could not have made time

to have gone & can you Arch. in utmost regards
always with you.

Yours off it

J. B. Gayley
February 7th, 1839

Mr. Salmon,

11 S. Washington St.

Washington, D.C.

and others.

[Signature]
Sir,

Political friendship is the only excuse I can offer for intruding myself into your notice, or asking to be passed upon the few leisure moments at your disposal, in preference to other members of Congress from this State who are equally strangers to me) by asking of you, at your leisure, if you wish to get as much reliable information as possible concerning the gold region in western Kansas, with the view of emigrating to that territory, by sending me any or all information that you may have from that region at your disposal, also public documents of the session or patent office report you will much oblige an humble constituent & political friend.

Respectfully,

Yours,

S. M. Sublett
J. M. Zeitsch
Greenwich
Narrenton
Feb. 7

Add: information
old mines/ranes
Feb 7
Waiting for you to attend.

Senate Comm. on Demip. Feby 7th 1859.

Sir,

You are respectfully invited to attend a meeting of the Comm. of Territories to be held on Thursday next - Feby 10th 1859, at 10 1/2 O'clock A.M.

By Order of the Chairman
Jos. Chandler

Hon. Wm. Douglas
W. S. Senate.
Bell Plm Marshall Co. Ill

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

sir if

You will please send me

copy of the Smithsonian
Report 1857. You will confer
a favor which I trust,
be duly appreciated
with my last wishes for your
future welfare and happiness
I remain

Yours truly,

Joe M. Vandermort

7th Feb. 59
Jas. M. Vandeventer
Bell Plain
Marshall Co.
Feb. 7, Ill.

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Marlboro, Mass. Feb 7th

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Marlboro, Mass. Feb 7th. 79

Dear Sir,

Would you be kind enough to place any name on the list of those to whom you send speeches?

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Very respectfully,

John T. Winther.
Washington City, D. C., Monday Morning, February 7th, 1859.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

My Dear Sir,

Mr. Esq. of Bloomington.

Illinois, has left for home. He requested me before leaving, to please the enclosed papers in your hands, and request your immediate attention to them, by introducing the bill authorizing the issuing of scrip to the States interested for the "Swamp Lands," sold, or located by individuals within their respective limits. Will you please introduce it this morning if you can or as soon thereafter as opportunity may offer, as Mr. Lamson was very anxious that it should be introduced during the present session of Congress. Your early attention therefore is respectfully solicited.

Very Respectfully,

Richard M. Young.

P.S. Please submit the accompanying circular letter of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, on the subject of Swamp Lands with it—and have them printed together.