Pittstown, N.Y., Feb. 29

N. Baker

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Rensselaer Co., N.Y., Feb. 29

1857.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

As it happens that our Senators in this State (Viz) are not very Democratic. I should be thankful if you send such Documents to me during the Session, as you think would best subservice the interests of our friends and I will circulate them accordingly.

Respectfully Yours &c

N. Baker

A. B. I have two Brothers in your State (Viz) Illinois and they seem to favor your Democracy and I think it will suit this locality very well.

N. Baker
Feb 29 1859

Hon. J. A. Douglas

Dr. Sir,

I wish if you can without inconvenience to yourself send me a copy of the Pacific Rail Road Exploration which I am very anxious to see and you will greatly oblige one of your friends,

Yours truly,

J. R. Inman

Rock Run, Stephenson Co. Ill.
S.R. Foster
Rock Run
Feb. 29, 1868
Pacific R.R. Snows
UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE,

Jun 27, 1858.

Sir:

I have received your letter asking for 

I regret that I am unable to comply with your request, as none remains on hand to be disposed of.

I would inform you, that, under the regulations of this Office, most of the seeds, cuttings, etc., are distributed among Members of Congress and Agricultural Societies, and that possibly you can obtain some through those sources.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. HOLT,
Commissioner.
Montrose, Lee County, Iowa, March 1863

Dear Sir,

Will you please send me a Patent Office Report on Agriculture for the years 1856, 7 & 8. I have them up to that time. I applied to the commissioners, inclosed is his reply, I would have applied to our Representative but he is a black Republican.

The Reports sent here are generally distributed among literary men, so farmers do not get them.

I remain yours

Henry J. Alvis

P.S. If you have any seeds I would also solicit a few. Yrs J. Alvis
Lawrence Station,
Ms Henry Co. ILL.,
March 1857.

Honored Sir:—

I have presumed to trespass on your valuable time, though only acquainted with you from afar off, as the Champion of true & sound policy, & the supporter of true Democracy.

My object in addressing you now, is to solicit a small personal favor. I wish to experiment with some good seed corn, & if you would please send me some from the Patent Office, I would greatly oblige. I want some of the genuine
Democracy kind—don't care to raise any of the Lincoln or Stanton—has variety.

Trusting that I do not annoy you or trespass on your forbearance, I have the honor to remain, Yours very respectfully,

Edward H. Huse
Dear Sir,

I wish you would look over this incomplete sketch of your life which I have prepared for the New American Cyclopaedia and connect it. I start tomorrow for New York & should be glad to take the MS with me as the press is already waiting for it. Could not you write at once in your last a sketch of your political and political career from 1847 till now, and send it 5 pages. When in the Recitation Gallery? State the dates of your election to the Senate, the important questions on which you have spoken or voted, the conventions which have nominated you for the Presidency & what votes you received in the Democratic Conventions. The dates of your residence at Chicago & of your marriage.
with Miss Cath. State also the dates by which you were declared senator and the dates of your visit to Europe to the countries you visited etc etc.

You will pardon me for troubling you with this but apparently no one but yourself can furnish the required information and it would be unfortunate if the Caddo tradition should have to appear with amendments imperfect as it is.

Yours truly

Robert Carter
Robert Carter
Washington City
March 1859.

Ann's connection
in a biographical
sketch.
“ABSPATULATING” SOVEREIGNTY. The beautiful portrait of Douglas, by D’Avignon, which has recently adorned the entrance to Brainard’s office, at 22½ Winter street, was last night carefully cut from the frame, and carried away by some friend of the “Little Giant.” The frame and all its trimmings were left uninjured, together with a fine portrait of a Republican member of Congress, which was placed behind that of the Illinois Senator. Whatever may be thought of the politics or the honesty of the unscrupulous appropriator of the picture, it must be admitted that he is not deficient in artistic taste.
Robert Carter
M. Y. Tribune
Washington, D.C.
H. H. Clew
Chester, Conn.
Mr.
Autograph

Mr. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure of addressing you, as the request of your autograph. Please allow a young short-haired boy to sign with the same. I remain
Most truly,
H. H. Clew
To the Honorable Senate of the United States of America.

Your Petitioners respectfully represent that as relatives of the orphan children of Hon. W. Babbitt, Esq., late Secretary of Utah, they feel an intense interest and sympathy in behalf of these children. The circumstances that have deprived them of the protection of their father, their present situation, and impending fate, has induced us to entreat your honorable body to cause an investigation to be made on the subject that you may extend your protecting care over them and deliver them from oppression. Your petitioners have been witnesses to the fact that for many years past, Brigham Young and many of his associates have manifested enmity and jealousy towards Mr. Babbitt. One of the causes of this enmity and jealousy was that Mr. Babbitt opposed the insurrectionary and treasonable spirit and designs of Brigham Young. It was commonly reported that Mr. Babbitt was killed by Indians, but whether he was or not, we are confident that the hosvital and murderous band—the Danites of the Salt Lake church were the originators and managers in the terrible catastrophe which has deprived an interesting family of young children of their dear father. It would be considered too tedious for us to call the attention of your honorable body to all the evidence which has compelled us to arrive at this conclusion. We will however mention a few facts. At our last interview with Mr. Babbitt, stated to several of us that he had been watched ever since he left home. It was acknowledged by some of the Salt Lake Mormons in St. Louis that Porter Rockwell was on a secret mission. At various times during the last sixteen
years many deeds of murder and robbery have been attributed to this man. He was employed by Mr. Babbitt to escort his wagon and merchandise to his home in Utah, but instead of doing so, he delivered them into the hands of Brigham Young, in whose possession they remained. Mrs. Babbitt sent for him to come and give an account of the property to her, but without avail. This statement she made to some of us. She also said that Heber C. Kimball had obtained all the business papers of Mr. Babbitt, and when he was requested to return them, he said that he could not find them. She was thereby prevented from exhibiting the state of the Babbitts financial affairs and defending the estate from fraudulent demands which were made against it. She said that the communication which was published in the papers over her name in which she was made to say that she did not believe that the Mormons had anything to do with the murder of Mr. Babbitt was published without any authority from her, and she supposed that he was killed by them. She said that some hour which was given to her at Fort Kearney, and represented to have been from Mr. Babbitt's head was not his. This circumstance and the vague accounts which we have received concerning his death cause us to believe that it is possible that he may have been kept in confinement by the Danites as some other men have been. We believe that the alleged indebtedness of Mr. Babbitt to the Government never would have been made to appear, if this deplorable event had not befallen him. It occurred while he was engaged in the faithful discharge of his duty to the government, which was hazardous in the extreme. We therefore believe that your honorable body will see the propriety of investigating this subject in all its bearings, both in reference to Mr. Babbitt and his children.

Mrs. Babbitt, previous to her death, said that Brigham Young would not permit her to bring her children with her from Utah, until he made her promise that she would return again with them. Mr. Babbitt's estate at Council Bluffs is under the control of Salt Lake Mormon administrators and guardians, who must act according to the dictates of Brigham Young, who has declared that the whole Babbitt race shall be exterminated. The eldest son of Mr. Babbitt, who is 16 years old, has been decoyed back to Utah, and the two girls and the youngest son are in danger of being carried off to the same region. The girls write in all probability, then become prostitutes and degraded victims of Salt Lake licentiousness and debauchery, and the boys become murderers, thieves, and enemies to this government. O ye rulers of Republican America save these poor born sons and daughters of Revolutionary ancestors from the sympathy, degradation, and desolation of Salt Lake Mormonism. Save them from the bondage of those demons who have deprived them of the endearments of a father and a home. Rescue them to the guardianship of some of your petitioners and make an appropriation for them. Rescue their property from the grasp of robbers, of the fatherless and orphaned children. We earnestly beseech to listen to our petition and protect these children, because they are beyond our reach and protection, and because Mr. Babbitt was engaged in the service of the government, and a faithful defender thereof against traitors and rebels. This fact is apparent, as much as the incarceration of Utah burst forth after he was removed out of the way. Grant us our petition, and as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.
Ira Babbitt, son of Amos W. Babbitt
Wm. Babbitt, brother
Mary M. Babbitt, sister-in-law
Josiah Babbitt, brother
Rhoda Babbitt, sister
A Homer Avery, nephew

Drucilla Sheen, sister
Josac Sheen, brother-in-law
Austin Babbitt, nephew

John Babbitt, nephew

The Babbitts

Feb. 1st, 1859
My dear Lady Ogilvy,

I have two or three weeks since I gave a letter of introduction to your in behalf of a friend of mine, Mr. Thomas, one of this State. I wish you to ask him if convenient to know him. Some polite attention to him is a clever writer for local papers, has considerable influence in this State. I wish to make both acquainted with him. If you will observe his name, a little drop in a circle, then which is not apt to be discovered by those who are not familiar with this name, I think it is certain that he

Sincerely,

F. W. Barings
Raleigh
N. C.
March 1, 1859.
I trust you will be pleased to hear of the election to your senatorial seat in the Legislature. I am notified that it would be defeated in the Legislature unless my name is struck from the list. I have not heard of my nomination yet, but I have not heard anything against me.

I thought I would write to let you know that I am not going to芝加哥 now. I am going to Washington to see what I can do. I have been in New York and I am going to see my friends there. I am writing to you to let you know that I am not going to芝加哥.

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Mr. S. A. Douglas, Sr.

I wrote this article to The
Union just now, and am in a little bit
peevish in words, in person.

Gentlemen,

In your leader of to-day,
you say your wish to do Senator
Douglas full justice, and yet, your
straightway reiterate his position,
no doubt, unintentionally. His posi-
tion is, and that is, that the
Territorial Legislature should pass
an Act (which it may, or, in other
words, it is "competent" for it to do)
for the purpose of effecting slavery
The slave-owners would only have
a right of appeal to the courts;
and that is it, it is, because The
Federal Legislature has determined
by the Kansas-Nebraska Act, not
to intervene. Such is plainly his.
plain and concise but incan- 
traceable propositions. If you 
would as that Senator justify 
you will give this note a conspic-
uous insertion as it is due to truth. 
If you will give me the liberty of 
your columns, I will make good 
this article in all its parts that I may 
be called to defend.

Public

I wonder my name privately. 
I have also written a long letter 
(to him) to the R. Congrass, in which 
of the debate on the Senate on the 
23rd July, on the late motion to

With openness of high con-
deration I am yr friend ever,

R.R. Collier
Washington, Mar. 1, 1859

Dear Sir,

For years I have been, in various ways, fitting myself for editorial life; and, since leaving my profession, it has been my ambition to be at the head of a leading and influential political journal. It may be that I miscalculate, yet it seems to me that I am possessed of ideas respecting political journalism and policy better adapted to promote the success of democratic measures and men than those which seem to control most of our leading papers. Some of these become too much mixed up with local squabbles of factions within a state or city, like those of N. York; some in their seeming zeal for the preservation of southern rights forget that the North has rights, and play the fanatic to southern superciliousness.
while others incontinently fling themselves into the ranks of whatever northern party may be extant, for the mere sake of being in the majority, regardless of all principle.

To regard with equal and charitable judgment both the north and the south to recognize the conservative sway and preponderance of the great west in our affairs, seems to be a most rare achievement. In fact, not the living Hercules was devised, and so it is hard to make our Atlantic sages understand how it is that the giant west, cradling its mighty greatness in the Mississippi valley, is already stretching forth its infant hands, to strangers, in their Heraclesian grasp; the twin serpents of abolitionism and secessionism. The sovereigns will do as they please, and he is the wisest statesman who determines to let them do it.

This seems to me a favorable time for starting one or more papers, or for embarking new managers at the head of old ones, as completely disembarrassed of old entanglements as possible.

I am in the enjoyment of a good wallaby, and my official duties are very jolerosas, but this does not satisfy me by any means, and I have already remained in this situation longer than I anticipated.

If you feel disposed to favor my wishes, and a favorable opportunity should present itself, I trust I need not assure you that I shall not be ungrateful for the kindness.

I shall embrace an early opportunity after the adjournment to call on you, as I desire to talk of several things that concern yourself; but and only drop this note by way of Caecubat.

Very respectfully yours,

S. G. Dodge

Hon. J. A. Douglas
U. S. Senate.
New York, March 14, 1859

Sir,

If any of your speeches delivered in the Senate of the United States during the present session of Congress has been printed in pamphlet form, I beg to take the liberty of asking to be favored with a copy of each.

I am your most obedient servant.

[Signature]

Washington, D.C.

Mr. Gannaway, &c.

P. S. Centre St.
Wm. Gorum
83 Centref
March 1, 1855
Asking speeches
Philo J. Hall
New London, N. H.
Mar. 15

Aship of speech

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Will you have the kindness to forward me a copy of your Kansas-Nebraska speech, and also a copy of your last speech in Congress at an early moment and oblige very respectfully your obedient servant,

Philo J. Hall.

New London, N. H.
March 16th, 1859.
Oreg, Bourbon Co., K. S.
March 1, 1859

To Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Dear Sir,

Permit me to ask you a question on a subject which to me is of vast importance. What tribes of Indians are comprehended in Mr. Parrotto's New York Indian land bill? Speaking of the N.Y. Indians as the Munsey or Muncie or Muncie tribe entitled under the original treaty or treaties to hold land on the N.Y. Reservation, K. S., as provided in Mr. Parrotto's bill, will you be so kind as to inform me as soon you can.

You may wonder at this letter of inquiry, but when you are informed that my all depends upon the answer, you will excuse me.

Yours Most Respectfully,
Jacob J. Hartley

Direct as above
S. A. Douglas
Washington D.C.
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Indian reservation
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Douglas
Springfield, Illinois
March 1st, 1859

Hon. S. H. Seward,

Sir, I am in receipt of the transactions of the Agricultural report of the Patent Office for 1859, as also of the speeches made at New Orleans, Philadelphia, & Baltimore, for which permit me to tender my grateful acknowledgment for your kindness.

I remain Sir your
Humble Servant
Samuel Hood.
S. Bond
Springfield
Mar. 1,
Thanking you for
does.
Barbour Co. Ala. March 1st 1859

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

Excuse me for trespassing on your attention, I am anxious to receive the Democratic party of this section with your counsel, and I think with the necessary documents can do so. I want your advice in the Senate on the introduction of the Nebraska Kansas bill, also a copy of that bill as reported by you while chairman of the Committee on Territories.

I contemplate canvassing this district before the Charleston convention next, and want to show that you have not been inconsistent.
This I flatter myself is rarely done
by an impartial comparison of your
course at the Clay compromise, the Kansas
Nebraska bill, and your argument against
the Lecompton bill together with your
position in the late Illinois campaign
with Lincoln.

Pardon the expression, but I had
rather see your President than any other
living man, and shall exert my
humble efforts to secure your
Nomination.

Very Respectfully,

Carson W. Dorris,

Clayton, Ala.
Cesel H. Jones
Washington
Bassoon Co.
Ala.
Mar. 1, 1899
Political speeches.
Henry Marshall C. Sts
Mar 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Dear Sir,

Please send to me the latest number of the Patent Office report.

Yours truly,

G. W. Marquis
G. W. Marquis
Henry
Mar. 1, Ill.
Washington March 13th 1852

Mr. O'Doris

Howdy,

Stephen A. Douglas,

I hope you will excuse — for thus addressing you. I have two reasons —

1st. Brussels.

I have got a few cases of late importation Muscadet wine of the vintage of 57. Said to be the best of the last 50 years, it is a sweet Ladies wine, of which I would like you to have some. I would wish to have a short interview for a few moments. I am from Philos,

I remain your devoted friend,

Fraternally — Mr. O'Doris
Union Village, F. Mar. 1859

Dear Sir,

I should like to know your views in regard to slavery in territories if you have made any speech on the same or any democratic document which you may be pleased to send me till after the Charleston Convention.

Your sincere friend,

Bartlett Sargent

Manly A. Douglas
Burling Sargent
Union Village
Mar. 1
Speckle
Mount Vernon
March 1st

Sir: I thank you for your acceptance of your Southern turn. Here is this to Negroes of the "Charleston."

(Don't think I should two famillar)

And go in to the Charleston assembly. You have been the centrum (a majority of the whole small party)

And set up for yourself. The con

In writing, Whig American, I will rely to yar from aw.

Won't you to learn the Opposition?

Your old party will not take you back. They will play play

Don't play with you. No!

An American. I am honest with you. I am honest with

You. Now is possible the House out of theirCareless, they invite you then to enter

Up one truly

E. Smith
Mr. Horner
Nov. 26

Dr. A. A. Huggins (c. 1660)

Washington

Mail 3

City
Philadelphia March 1st 1859

Sir,

I should be pleased to receive the last Patent Office Reports and any documents at hand in reference to the investigation going on. My Secompton Representation seems to have forgotten me this year, and as I have a great many visitors, who depend upon me for the information contained in these reports, their receipt will make friends for you as will as oblige.

Yours Respectfully,

[Signature]

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Hotel R. B. Corr. Broad St. Woods etc.

U.S. Senate
Thomas Thompson
Broad & Mort.
Phila.
March 1, 18__
Sent speeches
American Geographical & Statistical Society,
University Building, Washington Square,
New York, March 1st, 1859

Sir,

The Librarian of the American Geographical and Statistical Society has been instructed by resolution of its Council to address the several officers of the General and State Governments and others in official position with a view to obtain their aid and co-operation in furthering the great object of the Society viz. "The Collection and Diffusion of Correct Information regarding the resources of the Country." In accordance with these instructions I have the honor to call your attention to the fact that this is a National Institution although located for convenience in the City of New York—that we are enabled with the aid of public documents to operate on Exchanges throughout the Civilized World. We are in correspondence with all the Scientific Institutions of Europe and through them it is believed that this
Society has already contributed to advance the material interests and honor of our Country, and as a means of preserving still further the efficiency of the Society. I have the honor to request that you will contribute such public documents as it may be in your power to furnish, for which you will receive the officers' acknowledge-ments and thanks of the Society.

I have the honor to remain sir,

Your most obedient,

[Signature]

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Mr. Douglass, Dear sir,
Will you please send to my address a copy of the Patent Office report on Agriculture. Yours respectfully.

H. J. Wood
Meriden, N.H.