Hollidaysburg
March 7th/59

Dear Mr. A. Douglas,

Lee Rivisa,

I have many strong friends in this county. Also, I would be glad to receive some of your speeches read by you in the Senate on February 23 and if they could be sent here that is some reality whether they could get any further than the Post Office, as our Post Master reads a government paper. You see, though we would like very much to have some of your speeches for distribution, I could the names of many of your strong friends in different parts of the country if you desire it.

Most Respectfully yours,

Samp. P. Barr

This letter will be mailed at Altoona to Mr. James A. perhaps it would never arrive at Washington.
Letter dated March 7, 1859

Dear Sir, I am informed that the assurance of provision for a pension for James Baldwin as an invalid was
the accompanying testimony

Son of the late Mr. Waldo, was rendered the benefit of some satisfactory evidence in connection to the continuance of the
alibi, but that the proof of the case was sufficient on the 12th day of July 1856, and the affidavit of Eliza Paddock to establish
the continuance at this time. I think Mr. and Mrs. Russell and Mr. Waldo

Who again reappeared

In October following I again the affidavit of Waldo Paddock to show the continuance

Surprise again for further proof of

Continuance.

Before any thing further was done Mr.

Cushing démarched Mme. A

In Drumke following I send the additional testimony of Cushing in support of the continuance

All being again settled and a point of satisfactory proof of the origin of the

Interesting. I have answered the Commissioner

Giving him to the decision of the same

Commissioner who has admitted the proof of the origin of the

But receiving no further communication from the Department. I some time in January

in February 1858 took an appeal from the

decision of the Commissioner and
Send to the Commission all of the different communications I have received from the Auditor (which is the reason I cannot give you exact dates) the Comrs. Mr. Leaking soon after as he ordered the recitation and respectfully informed me that he had returned all of the papers in the Union and that Congress was in full session of the laws and the Auditor sent a letter to me in this action in the matter, Mr. King in New Mexico in the hands of Hon. Mr. Jones Chairman of Committee on Pension. I was informed by Mr. Jones that no final action was had in the case during this Session. The attention of Congress is undoubtedly solicited in this case.

Crew of Hon. J. A. Daugherty U.S. Senator

C. J. Bell city for

James Bell

My address Casio, Caroline county, Ohio

E. J. Bell

March 1, 1851

[Signature]

[Signature]
Dear Sir,

[Signature]

[Date: March 8, 1859]

Mr. President,

I have the honor to state that the case of James Baldwin on leave from the army for a pension is brought to the attention of the undersigned. I shall be pleased to have you examine his case before I can decide whether it is entitled to a pension.

James Baldwin is a citizen of the United States and has served in the army. He is now living in poverty and-almost destitute in consequence of the disease of consumption which he suffers from. Your duty in this matter is evident, and I trust you will do all in your power to establish his claim to a pension.

I also ask you to see me at once in the matter of the pension claim of Mr. Bell, whose case is like the one I have mentioned. His case is also one of poverty and destitution, and I shall be pleased to have you examine it.

Mr. Bell's case is similar to that of Mr. Baldwin. His pension claim is also one of poverty and destitution. I trust you will do all in your power to establish his claim to a pension.

I think that James Baldwin is entitled to a pension, and I trust you will take up this matter at once.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

[Signature]
If my health had been good
I should have been at Washington
this Winter. Please accept my apology.
Yours truly, with sentiments of
Regard,
S. O. Douglas N. M. & E. J. Bell

P.S. If Mr. Baldwin could attend in
January he could attend Congress Pigeon
as close as to his own needs. But it is
so futile to earnest
I have been very successful in Texas,
I cannot claim it here and think
the most effectually sufficient.
He has correspondence
the last half of the nineteenth interest
and also the last third of our Parish printer
as to his character and integrity.
The difficulty is caused by the theory of
Commisions, the First Command
obligation may be said, as the one origin
the last (meme) that the duty of conti-
nuance was satisfactory but most of the
Origin.

E. J. 1863
Received this in answer to the letter I have heretofore inculcated that I D. Notive of Blanket Money to cause change of this nature. I think that this is a mistake, although I believe that A.M. Holmes succeeded A.M. Sherman. I have for several years made calculations on being at Washington to look into the change in the pension act during the session of Congress. But as yet have not the public stores of my health permit this. At the session of this Congress the patient is the subject of the last sentence this to Hon. S. R. Draper, Senator from Illinois, and whoever receives this will be the recognized as my last will. I state the foregoing claims, being only aware of one, and I further state that I will give an estimate of the amount obtained of the pension agent. I beg to present this claim and hold myself in readiness to render such service as may be required of me in giving any necessary information within my knowledge. Hon. A.M. Sherman has resided in the city of Leavenworth for thirty years and since then heretofore. Ten years ago Hon. E. L. Stearns who resided at Washington, formerly resided in Leavenworth and is sheen whose does not now reside in that place it would be likely to know the renewal of the pension, it is with the hope of
The Commissioner of the War Department, Mr. T. C. B., on November 8th, 1835, issued the following notice:

The claim of Mrs. W. H. for the payment of pensions to the children of deceased pensioners Page 44 of said Consolidated Land Regulations.

The whole amount then claimed by Mrs. H. and Perley I think was something over $7,000.

In the fall of 1844 I saw Mrs. W. in Michigan when I now reside at which time while in this state I called on Mr. S. S. and his residence in Detroit & Macomb & the State Clerk here in the office of"...

This is one of the many cases where the claim for pensions was altogether wrong, that is, I knew the claims of the deceased to be just and the claim here a fraudulent one. I believe the statute that my father's rights could not be taken away from him by the Claims and it is part of other cases which were taken from the decision of the Commissioners to Congress.

The following section covers the claim and case of Mr. W. S. Sherman, the member of Congress from Monroe County, New York. I have removed from Monroe County to Michigan during the two years Mr. S. Sherman was in Congress I could never obtain from him aid any assistance whatever was needed by Congress in the matter nor have I ever heard any other
This money was advanced to

the amount and under what cir-
cumstances. This is when the
appeal was made. But what

I have done, in this case, is to look
up the church records to see if his case
probably can be ascertained without

calling on him.

Your will please as soon as you

receive this address me at Oxford,

Oakland County, Michigan,

years 3.

E. J. Bell

Ass't to

E. J. Bell

To the ass't for E. J. Bell Washington

B. J. Jenkins

T. H. Brown

W. J. Beal

E. J. Bell

Washington

Nathan

R. J. Bell

Washington city

P. J. Bell

Washington

E. J. Bell

address E. J. Bell Oakland City, MI
New York,
March 7, 1859.

My dear sir,

I got your note including my not with corrections for which I am much obliged. Let me beg of you, however, to suggest to the friend who has undertaken to complete the memoir, that the prep is absolutely wanting for the article, and that I shall look for it from day to day with growing impatience.

Very truly yours,

Robert Carter
42 Appleton’s Building
New York City.

Hon. S. A. Douglas
U.S. Senate
Washington.
Copy

Rangoon March 7, 1859.

Sir,

The undersigned, members of the Democratic State Committee, in behalf of the Democracy of Maine, respectfully request that you will visit our State, if consistent with your public duties and private engagements, during the month of July or August next, and when here, at such times and places as may be consistent with your convenience, address our people on the great political topics of the day.

We can assure you, Sir, a most cordial welcome from your political friends, and that you will be listened to by our people with great pleasure, as a man who has, with signal ability and success, illustrated and defended, not only before his immediate constituents, but for the whole Country, those immutable principles of popular rights which underlie and sustain all our political institutions, and which are held in especial veneration by the Demo-
...every State, as the rich legacy of our revolution... 

A reply at your earliest convenience, addressed to us, is desired.

With sentiments of high respect, we are... 

Yours... 

Hon. D. A. Douglas... 

[Names of signatories]
State Central Committee of
Democracy of Maine
March 7, 1809.

Invitation to
visit the State.
Alex. Ordin
C. S.,

S. M. 7.

Drs. Mr. B. & Mr. H.

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[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

2d March, 1839

With pleasure I beg to inform you that I am well pleased with the observations on the important Principles of our Free and Independent Institutions that you made in the different Speeches I hope that you will be brought out for our next President. I have wrote to General Shields to send me a Document of late date on affairs of the Government such as the offences of the Army and Navy & the Survey of the Harbours & Post-Office.
Post Office Department wish you would give my best respects to General Shields and hope that he has not forgot me when living in Illinois and be happy to hear of his welfare in health and property while in Congress and would consider it as a favour if he would send me a document of important affairs of the Government by granting me this favour you'll be obliged
Your Humble Sr
Alexander Dandie

Direct to Alexander Dandie
Center Point Lynn County Iowa
Philadelphia March 7, 1854.

Honorable Stephen A. Douglas

Sir,

I am desirous of obtaining a copy of the President's annual message and the accompanying documents. I have therefore written the Lib. & requesting you to forward the same to me by mail; by doing you will confer a very great favor on me.

Very respectfully,

Samuel Hammond
Samuel Putnam
Philadelphia
Richard
Speeches
Lakemore, March 7, 1859

Dear Sir,

I should be much obliged to you for a copy of the "Japan Expedition" which is published for distribution by sending me an edition of this abridged work you will confer a great favor upon a Douglas Democrat.

Respectfully,

R. A. Douglas
Washington, D.C.
E. J. Chirino
La Grange
Mon 8
Boulevard
Mr. P. Kelley
Buffalo
N.Y.
acting speaker

Buffalo, N.Y.
March 7, 59

Dear Mr. Douglas,

Your letter of Feb. 13th containing some of your speeches and resolutions, I have receipted for and return you many thanks for the same, but more especially for the speech delivered at New Orleans as I make use of your opinions in reference to Cuba and Central America in a debate which was held in our Association in Cuba and the Thirty million appropriation.
If it would not inconvenience you in any way, I would feel obliged for a copy of our Commercial Relations of the present volume of the Pacific R.R. survey.

Permit me to say I shall always be happy to receive any of the speeches which you shall please to send me and place them along with those which I intend to get bound at some future day. I would wish also to state an interesting fact, as to let you know how matters stand in Buffalo. We have the honor of being ahead of Charleston in making use of your name for 1860.

Yours most respectfully,

[Signature]

[Address]
Ferry Pike Co Ill Mar 7th 1855

Nev A Douglas

Dear Sir

Please send me a copy of the Agricultural Report of the Patent Office

I am much obliged

Yours Respectfully

John F Dinsing
J. J. Lining
Perry
Pike Co.
MAs. I. Ill.
Patent Office
Rept.
March 7th 59

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

I have the kindness to send you my autograph, as I am now forming an autograph album, and should be happy to place yours with others in the same.

Yours with respect,

Ethan L. Reynolds
Command
Ohio
West Chester March 7 1859

To Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir: Of Concern. I wish you would serve me a copy of speech of the 23rd and other...

Yours Truly
Blackburn Sergeant
I would be much obliged to you if you would send me the Patent Office reports. The Democrats are all right in this part of the world. The Reps are hanging their heads. They have concluded that it is no game to do anything in this District any more.

Yours with respect,

[Signature]

March 7, 1869

Senator Douglas

Dear Sir,

B. K. Skiles

Concord

Morgan Co.

Patent Office Rept.
New York, March 27th, 1863

To the Hon. J. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

With the greatest of pleasure, I have
the honor to address you, in relation to matters that I cannot yet
at the small town of a little light
the subject, it is this, that the Hon. Mr. Bilt. Have defeated or not, if not what is the prospect of the passage of this Sedition; if it should not it will be a great disappointment to many, and it is that which the people of the
State it can well bear the true duties of Popular Sovereignty. Sir, Bilt not many years
it should not pass, for I think it wise for you to do what you can to help. I think so. In the
reason of this inquiry is, that there is a bit of some importance on the Bilt to improve your self, etc. In this
I would advise, therefore ask what your views are on regard to the Bilt, especially
which, which will not the best for the benefit of the
Union, a United or a Divided nation.

Sir, I was educated under the Chief Ordinaries
for as I can see, the good and well
Principles, at least I thought so when I first spoke at Spring's Astoria this last Spring
I had often heard of the Little Band, not till writing yours, I cannot confess being completely connected. They are Principles. I helped fight the battle for your last line, to if you progress. I will take the Stamp to help win a greater victory for you. In my humble lot, I would like either a Stamp or a Book (that is distributed by the Congress) of the above principles on the subject. Any questions, if you will send at the time, I will Convent you to the utmost inviolate, you will hear from me again.

Direct copies to Carter, a New Linen. Lang, C. J.

This from an Old line Whig your Respectfully,

John H. Strong

Rev. Stephen, Douglas

Washington, D.C.

John H. Strong

Mrs. Respectfully,

John H. Strong

Mar. 29
Galesburg, Illinois
March 8, 1839

Honor A. Douglas

Sir:

Will you please send me a copy of Patent Office Report on Patents for 3½ and 6½. And oblige your Truly

J.R. Brown
L. H. Dunn
Galesburg
Ill. Jan. 8
Sir:

Some time since I wrote you for the Patent Office Reports without saying of which I wanted, and you sent me the Agricultural for which I am much obliged, but what I most desire is the Mechanical which you will please send me and I will be under constant obligations to you.

Very Respectfully,

[Signature]

Mr. Butterfield

[Address]
Office of Indiana State Agency,
No. 27 Wall Street.

New York, March 8th, 1857.

Hon. S. P. Douglas

Dear Sir,

You will do me a favor if you will send to my address a few copies of your speech of the 23d. in reply to Brown & Davis of Illinois, & others on the subject of a slave code for the Territories by Congress. I was in the Gallery when you spoke. I regarded the whole discussion as sitting down in a triumphant victory in your favor on what in my judgment is the only tolerable position for the National Democracy.

Respectfully yours,

J. A. Broines

Kendinsburg

Indiana
Mr. Delany

Washington, D.C.
March 8.
Wishes to direct documents

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Washington, D.C.
March 8, 1839

To the Hon. Judge Douglas:

Should have any documents to be directed, should feel thankful if I were employed to do them. During the last session of Congress, I was engaged by Dr. Bonham, Utah; Hon. J. B. Atherton, Tenn., and Hon. Robert Smith, III. who in his departure from Washington on yesterday left a considerable number of documents, with one for direction.

My terms are $200 per thousand. Full reliance can be reposed in me for faithful, correct, and creditable execution.

Very respectfully,

His obedient servant

Yrs. Delany.
Ogle, Ogle County, Ill.
March 8th, 1859

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Will you for the benefit of your friends in this place see and notify me about what disposition has been made with a petition for the removal of the Ogle Post Master and recommended by two of the nearest Post Masters, with a plot showing the location of the present and the proposed office, and the location of the surrounding offices, also your assistance for carrying the same into effect.

As the petition can be obtained any amount of names necessary and Mr. Joseph Oakley can receive the unqualified
recommendation of all the adjoining Post Masters as to qualifications, location, and politically.

The Post Master and Mail Carrier (G. C. Royes) are strong personal friends of Mr. Washburn, and they have enlisted him in their behalf.

But what statements they have made to him we are unable to learn, as they can stoop to any thing to win.

It was by an agreement to resign that they have retained the office until now, and say some democrat will have to be imported as there is none in town that will get it.

The office is not only under the control of the different enemies of the democratic measures but we are not satisfied with the disposition of some of our democratic mail matter.

Also the office is not where the public demand it, being kept on a private road seldom traveled by its patrons except for mail purposes, accommodating none of the permanent inhabitants but what will be equally accommodated by the removal.

The office is kept contrary to custom being scarcely three and a half miles from the Ogilvie Station Office, we propose to have Joseph Oakley Edy, appointed who is a responsible person, who will take the charge of the office himself and it will be kept on a public road, where its patrons are daily passing, being nearly six miles from Ogilvie Station, P.O. from where the office is supplied and nearly the same distance from three other offices.

If you will assist us in this
undertaking, you will confer a great favor to your friends personally and the community and if you succeed in the appointment it will add strength to the democratic party in this town.

Yours Truly,

A.J. Drummond

A. J. Drummond

Ophie Stationville May 11th 1859

I do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with A. J. Drummond and know him to be a friend to all the principles advocated by the Hon. B. A. Vanslyke.

Martin W. Armstrong
Postalmaster
Washington, March 8, 1839

My dear Stephen A. Douglas,

I see an attempt has been made for some time to sacrifice your old friend and my friend Col. A. R. Gillmore. Peter F. Wilson, a clerk in the land office here, has been for a long time been coveting Col. Gillmore's place as Recorder and more than a year ago he made an unsuccessful attempt to have him removed. It has culminated now, however, by Bestor taking an active part in behalf of Wilson, and preserving his nomination to the Senate over my protest, and over the earnest efforts of the late Governor Richardson and the present Governor Black, backed by at least nine-tenths of the people of Nebraska -- I am not disposed to submit to the rule of Pennsylvania influence in Nebraska.
I appeal therefore to you as one who knows the weaknesses of Col. Gilman and who will I believe stand by the popular will of the people to give your opposition to prevent the communication of this writing. You will oblige me greatly by being Speaker Johnson, chairman of the Committee on public lands and inducing him if possible to let the matter lie open until next session. I believe him to be a fair minded man and as such I think he will be disposed to do justice to the want of appeal I have to you to a bully Col. Gilman whom I know to be your warm friend and in behalf of people strongly to aid in bringing about justice on the matter. Begging your pardon to thus trouble you, I am your obedient servant,

E. L. Johnson
March 8.

Asking you to prevent removal of Col. Gilmore to Nebraska.
Lake Drummond P.O. March 8, 1859

Dear Sir,

It is some time since I wrote you and I hope you will receive these few lines as they are intended with love and good will to thank you for your letter to my son. It has given him a stimulating, I trust, to aid him advance commencing from the solitude of high standing and if you could see him you would not feel disinclination to take him by the hand and call him cousin. He is a noble-hearted boy although his mother says it. I have 5 children and there is not a living person who knows them but what

will speak in their praise. The act of dissimulation can their mother bring against one of them or all behaviors to one that cannot they can well make of by every one. I should like for my 5 sons to see you and have often urged them to go to Washington and see you but they say they think of or some seem so to say by their unwillingness to go you might think they were to presume to force them acquaintances, urging unasked

Well my dear Sir they have a good deal of Saylep in them the youngest especially Geo. you know something of the nature of what I mean my oldest Son Washington and his Brother in law are partners in the mercantile business Geo has been there for them until last year he then taught school 3 years of a year but school teaching was not doing much to his
taste he wants to get into some business, more laborious and exciting has talent in store for most any kind of business his industry and honesty unimpeachable and the only difficulty is with him a small capital to begin with and the planer to establish himself he wants to go to St. Louis to set up a store there as he has heard there is none there but I thought it would satisfy if he could find a place nearer home. As you have been about and seen of some place which would offer you inducement for some kind of business can not you write him to some that place and some preferable nearly if do it will be doing him a great favor and I shall feel very thankful to you for your interest for him I hope this letter will not intrude on your time to much for that you have little time to spare I know but try and be patient with a mother's anxious for her son and let that excuse me and if it finds favor and you can command time enough to send me a few lines to that I shall be very thankful to receive it with my best love and wishes to you and yours I bid you good by your Aunt I Foreman

The house 126 is my address in my honor keeps thisRain
Mr. Genl. Younggold co. Iowa
Hon. S. A. Douglas, you will please remember me with public
sentiments and oblige yours
With the highest regards,
Please direct me to Iowa and oblige yours

To Hon. S. A. Douglas,
Respectfully,
A. McCullough
A. McCullough
Mt. Ayr
March 8
Pub. Evans
Springfield March 8, 1859

SIR: 

Will you please send me the Con. Globe containing your recent speech in the Senate on Popular Soif. I have seen extract made from it in several papers, and was happy that the opportunity occurred to enable you to define your position, fully in this region, doing Hon. Clay's & to say or think, to use a common phrase if "knock'd in then into a cock's tail" they have been contending that you would change your position in regard to slavery in the Territories, & since your recent speech they have to admit that you are consistent.

I would also thank you to send me a copy of the Globe containing the humorous speech of the Hon. Mr. Thompson of Kentucky.

My friends in the Legislature manage the appointment bill badly, on the very first day of the session they had sufficient proof that the Black Republicans intended throwing every obstacle in the way that was possible to retarlegislating and they should therefore have failed.
Through both houses, it does if to the Governor on the twenty-fifth day of the session, a bill which was of course followed. But then they could have passed it within the limits of the constitutional defense to the present appointments. I feel no apprehension of my having a majority in the house, but it will take some very wise figuring to have a majority in the Senate.

Your numerous friends in this city are well with my best wishes for your health and prosperity.

I am sincerely,

Your friend,

Washington E. Moore

W. E. Beanland
Missouri

[Signature]
Cumberland Univ.

Lebanon, Tenn.
March 5th
1839.

Dear Stephen & Douglas:

You have been elected by the Senior Class of the Law School of Cumberland Univ. to deliver an address before them at the next Commencement. The undersigned Committee in behalf of the Class would beg that they would fulfill gratified and how.
... and to see you and convey my hope that you can make it convenient to come. Please let us hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours with great love,

Alexander Pearson
Committee
Joseph Blane
Addison Harvey
Elizabeth Eddy
New York, March 8, 1857
Mr. J. A. Douglas
Dear Sir:
A few weeks ago I took the liberty of troubling you with a Written Application, since then I have not heard any thing of their, did you receive it? Please let me know. I much value your little偏向.

Very Sincerely,

E. J. Williams

Elizabeth Eddy
Essex County
New York