Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

I am collecting the autographs of distinguished men and it will give me great pleasure to receive yours to place with my collection. I should also be pleased to receive from you from time to time such speeches or documents as you may be pleased to send me very respectfully,

yours,

David H. Barnes
Washington, March 15th, 1855

To the Honorable Senator Douglass:

I hope you will pardon me for the liberty I take in thus addressing you. My object in doing so is to express my desire to obtain your support in pamphlet form, since your first appearance in public life. I shall not trouble you if they were told here in our back stores, and as I am but appreciating the time when I can cast my first vote (as I am an American), I wish to be posted on the candidate for the office of chief magistrate of this great nation, and as you do so will be very grateful, as the only true explanation of democratic bearing that I have read of you, to hear from you, that I may be able to repel in my home and to the full expressions that will be taken on your dauntless by your enemies as there is no man that will lie on the line to secure us from our enemy. I hope, sir, that man will not compute to have any help in this great contest for the same cause.
As I shall be in the vicinity of your seat first, I am not in a position to state the reason for my absence which shall be my duty after returning for the trip which I have taken.

I trust this is in accordance with all the things that you will care to attend to and that the steps taken in the interest of your health, safety and happiness will be taken. I remain,

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

No. 14, Marylebone, 1817
J. Byrne
Syracuse
N. Y.
May 12
Kate all your speeches
Cordova, March 12th, 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Sir,

Please send me one copy of the United States Patent Office Report for the year 1858, and to oblige your most obedient,

Isaac Cool

Please direct to Isaac Cool Cordova, Rock Island, County, Illinois.
Wheaton, Ill.
March 12, 1859

Sir:

Will you kindly give me some idea of the Character of the Rockland Female Institute (at Nyack, N.Y.) conducted by Rev. J. D. Mansfield and others? I see your name is given as a reference, and I should feel much obliged for any information you may have in this connection.

Yours, respectfully,

A. J. Law

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Dubuque March 12th 1859

To Hon. S. R. Douglass

Sirs,

As the time is fastly approaching for the holding of the Democratic State Convention at the 1st of June, I beg leave to ask your kind & strictly confidential advice as to the best course of policy to be pursued in regard to the Declaration of Principles and also in regard to the Presidential Question. I am happy to say that I think in these we be perfectly consonant in that Convention in regard to the principles and also you have been trained with such degree of ability in your late memorable contest in Illinois as allows me my belief to add that you late declaration of these principles in the Senate of the U.S. has pleased your friends with the most enthusiastic acclamation. We are looking to see can else to bear the glorious Democratic Standard as in the contest of 1860 but yourself, and hence we want to act understandingly on the subject once to take such a course as will most certainly accomplish our object, and if you thing for to make as to speak your sentiments freely and make such suggestions as in your judgment will be best calculated to accomplish our purpose we want.
Accomplished, we want a decided answer from the homes of the Black Republicans in the coming election. First, talk about the issue. We want to give the free black men and women in the Charleston Convention an equal share of the electoral vote for the same Independents. Their strength lies in their concentration of numbers and influence. The issue of the Union is distinctly before the New England states, and we assert that the Union must be maintained. We are determined to act in such a way as will be best calculated to effect good to our cause. For the best of friends in this State are going without by degrees and beautiful help. We ought to have Central Organization if we are not already organized, and then state organization so that as we move with a central sound, any other state can return to us. If you as your earliest convenience, I hope to see you in the near future.

Your Servant,

H. H. Wallis
Mr. Mills
Subynge
Born
March 12
Political
Answered
March 25
Hartford, Mar 12th, 1857

H. A. Greenleaf

Sirs,

In the course of my professional duties, I have had the honor of your personal acquaintance, which I am sure of your nearest admirers. From the first, my course of last year has been full of trials. I may here remark, in justice to myself and friends, that you have never been questioned. I believe your noble character, if anything, has been increased by the administration for its infidelity, proscription, and traitorism. In short, I believe firmly in these sentiments, and observe that course in every particular. I now probably know something of the condition of affairs here, where the official holder and his minions have sought to crush every liberal voice, but the voice has been brought to bear upon us. We should at this time have had a

supra A. H. Greenleaf, if we had had a
hear from you — the last time when we met struck it clear at the
first round. Mr. Brown was
it is a invaluable cap — I hope
to say that it will soon be
distress. When that desirable
case takes place we hope to have
a paper that will strongly and
defend the right. The thought
feeling is strong in the city and
that state and it and a distant
day it will control the heart
willingly, and the democratic press
I hope is firmly in the
hands of the
The chances are we decided
that you will have the delegation
from Court to the Charleston con
vention. Its principal object as writing
this at the time is to bring
your own sphere (as you will
expedite the present territorial business
in the state) and of your writing back
the country, your state to
Canada. The spirit, I trust, the efforts
will then be made. I therefore have
the greatest pleasure to learn that you
are going. By the way, I shall
yourself.
These are my views, but I defer entirely to your better judgment to decide to whom addressing our citizens during this canvass, I shall know of many thousands who will give an enthusiastic welcome. I have written this letter without consulting with you, friend, though many of them in friends can be very powerful. The contents of this sheet will be known to no one but ourselves.

Your devoted friend truly, ever,

J. S. Strong
Minneapolis Min March 22nd 1857

To Sir A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I am from Woodstock, Illinois, and think perhaps you will recollect me and I take the liberty to write to you on business connected with Post Office Department. I came to this State three years ago this spring and two years ago last July commenced carrying the mail between this place and Chatfield on Route 14057. The contract was let to D A J Baker of St Paul and from him to J L Davidson and from Davidson to me and I am in the two years and only received about ten dollars and that was draft on the
Post offices on the route, and I understand that the money has not been paid over to Baker, and I would like to have you look the matter up and see if there is any way for one to get any pay. The mail does come, and I ought to have my pay. Davison has written on rice, and if you will confer with him I am sure you can arrange so that I can get the pay and by so doing you will confer a great favor.

Your sincere friend

Joe Ward
Geo. Warren
Minora
Minn
Mar. 12
Answered
Mar. 27
Chicago 13th March 1859

To the Honorable Asa Douglas
U. S. Senator

Sir

Would your Honors not have
the kindness as to procure me some
Garden Seeds from the U. S. Patent
office.

You will oblige your truly,

Dr. Van Haren
P. O. Box 3073
Williamsville Sangamon County Ill
March 13th 1859
Mr. S. C. Egleth. Please to send me the
last patent office Report I oblige your
friend
A. Sowberman
A. Lorferson
Williamsville
Mar. 13
Indians at the time referred to would not have warranted him in any such reflection. The Ohio Statesman, of which Mr. Manyenny is one of the editors, publishes the correspondence, and is thereupon very severe upon Mr. Blair.

—The Notchez Free Trader gives us a new leaf in the history of Douglas. It states, upon what is regarded as good authority, that he was the author of the following resolution, which was reported to the Mississippi Delegation at the Cincinnati Convention, by a Committee (of the Delegation) appointed to consider the subject of Slavery:

"11. Resolved, That the National Democratic party believe in the perfect political equality of the States, and that the citizens of every State have an equal right to emigrate peaceably to the Territories, and to take with them whatever is recognized as property in the State from which they go, and there receive for it adequate legal protection; that there is no power in Congress or in the Territorial Legislature to exclude from the Territories anything which is regarded as property in a State; but when a Territory has sufficient Federal population, lawfully ascertained, to entitle it to one Representative in Congress, (i.e., according to the present ratio, 93,420), it is the duty of Congress to authorize the Territory to form a State Constitution, republican in its form, preparatory to admission into the Union as a State, and that it is no constitutional ground of objection to the admission of such State that the Constitution thus formed either admits or excludes Slavery."

If it be true that Mr. Douglas wrote this resolution, and sent it by the hand of a friend to the Cincinnati Convention for private circulation among the Southern delegates, the facts should be known. The expression "adequate legal protection" is precisely that used by the Mississippi Senators in the recent debate, in which they joined issue with Douglas. This resolution is not in accordance with his speech at that time, nor with his Freeport speech, in which he said that "the people of a Territory can, by lawful means, exclude Slavery before it comes in as a State."
My dear Sir,

I cut the enclosed slip from the New York Tribune of yesterday which it may be proper for you in some form to notice. The National Intelligence might, in an editorial paragraph, make such an explanation as you may consider, if you consider it necessary, for the benefit of the Hutchins Free-Trader. Col. Seacorn will, I know, cheerfully serve...
you in this or any other wish.

I have an engagement in Alexandria to-day, or I should not write this note but call on you, as I shall certainly do tomorrow.

Yours very truly,
J. H. Clay Prentel

Now Stephen A. Douglas.

Sunday, May 13, 1857.
Office of the American and Commercial Advertiser,

Baltimore, March 14, 1859

Mr. J. A. Douglas
W. D. Delicate
Washington

Dear Sir,

I have the liberty of writing to you for a copy of the recent office report relating to the agricultural and mechanical interest of the country. I have much like to have this but saw no one on whom to draw for an answer. I hope to see you in time to show you some of my remarks on the subject. I shall be glad to inform you of any documents. I have two letters that I am sending with this. I am in my present as Commercial Editor of the above named paper. I hope to see you in a few days at Washington when I can tell you perhaps more about my prospects. I think I can be made to induce in the letter

I have looked about until to...
To Ballard
Baltimore
Mar. 24
Mont. Feb. 27

Unc
Boston, March 11, 1857

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,
Dear Sir,

I send you by mail to day two copies of a portrait of which I have in hand one thousand copies, which were ordered of me by Mr. Button. I send you these specimens thinking that perhaps you may like to purchase some of them. If you are pleased with them and want any of them I will sell them to you for $15.00 (Fifteen dollars) per hundred which is less than half the price I charge the trade for them. I beg however to
affirm you that I am far from thinking that the failure of Button to meet his obligations to me lays you under any obligation to purchase any of these pictures. I address you upon the subject thinking that you may approve of the likeness and desire to purchase a smaller lot for your distribution amongst your friends.

My artist has commenced the copying of the portrait for which you recently sat in Washington, and I hope to send you two copies in the course of two weeks. It is my opinion that it will be the best portrait ever made of you, and the best likeness.
New York, March 14, 1839

Dear S. W. Douglas

Washington

Dear Sir,

If it is possible, it is my desire to make our arrangements while in this city, for the Declaratory Case of Mr. Sheahan's Book. I fear it will be impossible for me to go to Washington to see you. As was my intention, Mr. Sheahan has told me that he would send some additional matter to me, to your address, if received. Will you do me the
favor to appear the same and after revising it send it to me here, together was the balance of the money already in your hands send the same to me.

Came of Drury and Jackson on case of Nicholas Hotel

as may be most convenient, I find a great deal of interest manifested here in regard to the fourth covering bonds and it is our wish that you now if agreeable to you to issue in advance.

Yours Respectfully

D.B. Coates
Rock Island, Ill. Feb. 14, 1859

Dear Sir,

Your absence, in New York, at the time I left Washington, prevented my paying my personal respects to you before leaving. If I came via Wheeling and the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, was wrecked on the unfortunate Nat Holmes where 30 to 40 were drowned, but my life was spared. I stopped a week in Indiana and was on several different boats on my way, and took occasion to feel the public pulse at every point in regard to politics. As far as I could observe there is a universal sentiment that you were right in holding to the old doctrine of non-intervention here, and not one single expression of approval of the course of the Administration upon that subject. The people are heartily for you, but they fear that intrigues may deprive you of the nomination. In my opinion no man ever stood since the immortal Jackson who was more clearly the choice of the people than yourself, and yet the power of officials and the intrigues of aspirants may cheer the people of their choice. If so, we are beaten—inevitably beaten.

I am very truly,

Your obedient Serv.

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]

Very truly yours,

J.B. Danforth Jr.
W. H. Claflin
Rock Island
363
March 14, 1859
Politics
Baltimore
14th March, 59

The Honble.
S. A. Douglas.
V. S. Senate.
Washington.

Dear Sir,

I beg you to accept my grateful acknowledgments for your most kind interest, and generous vindication of Dr. Simond and the successful result of his communications. I should be glad also of rendering the same to Lord Grosvenor.

With my kind remembrance to Mrs. Douglas and best wishes and with high esteem and regard,

Yours truly,

[Signature]
Miles Station
Macoupin Co. Feb. 12th 1859

My dear S. A. Douglas

I shall take it as a favor if you send me some foreign seeds cuttings or 
seeds such as we cannot get in any of our country store's capably 

Yours very truly

[Signature]

Wm. Clay
to Glancy
Miles Station
Maempin Co.
Mar. 14. II
Asking Becky.
Penton City, Texas, March 14th, 1857,

My dear Stephen A. Douglas,

M. & S. from Illi. Washington,

... W.

I am desirous of obtaining a situation as clerk in one of the departments of the federal capital. I think I am capable of filling and doing business of that kind. I should like to have a salary from five to one thousand dollars per year. For this reason I write to you, knowing you are a gentleman of influence at the Seat of Government. I am a son of Dr. W. A. Clark, one of the first physicians of North Missi and am prepared to furnish testimonials of my business qualifications from men of high standing both in Missi. and Texas. I am a poor young man desirous of making my livelihood honorable and I have no means of doing so save through my own exertions. I trust you will endeavor to forward my views and write soon, my best wishes for your continued prosperity and permit me to subscribe myself

Your obedient servant,

Wm. H. Hart

Please Address Benton, Benton City, Texas.
Peardstown Ills
March 14th, 1859

How S. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir

As one of your constituents
and friends I must respectfully ask
of you as a particular favor, to send me
the Report of the Patent-Office of the U.S.

Yours Respectfully

C A Kuhl
Peardstown
Cass Co
Illinois
C. A. Kuhl
Beaverstone
Char Co.
Mar. 4th 1860
Equal Patent Office report.
Le Roy, Mar. 14, 1879

Dear Mr. H. R. Douglas,

In will you please send me the last Patent office report printed, if not to presume it a request from a strange

Respectfully, Yours,

John H. Murphy

Le Roy, Caledon Co.

[Signature]
Stedenville March 14 1859

Hon Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir:

Having read it stated that a large edition of the late discussion in the United States Senate in regard to the true meaning of the 14th Amendment was about to be published, I have taken the liberty to write to you for the purpose of suggesting that good might be done by sending some of these into this county. We have an editor here who composes that you are right in private conversation but who is afraid to say a word in his paper to that effect. I would name Joseph M. Rickey Esq. as a suitable person to entrust with them, he is an old citizen of the county well acquainted with the people of the county having been Surveyor for a number of years. He is also an ancient Republican and a strong Democrat who I think would take pleasure in distributing papers of this kind. Since they cannot be entrusted to the Post Masters unless they are incredibly directed. Kindly take the liberty I have taken in this matter.

Yours

J B Peters
J. B. Peters
Huntsville
Mar. 14th
Ashing speeches
Stewartsville, New Jersey, March 14th

G. T. Price
Stewartsville, N. J.

Dear Sir:

Please do me the favor to send me a pamphlet copy of your speech of Dec. 23rd.

Very Respectfully,

G. F. Maddens Price

An ardent admirer of your talents, and devoted adherent to your principles.
Frederick Chouteau

N. March 14 1859

Rev. Stephen A. Douglas
U.S. Senator, Washington, D.C.

Sir,

The object of my writing you at this time is to request you to send me (if consistent for you to do so) the Pacific Rail Road Survey, the Patent Office Reports, the Coast Survey or in fact any or all other Public Documents you may think of that would be interesting to me. I will regard it as a particular favor from a friend in whom I feel at least and lively interest a native of my own State, Vermont. You may perhaps think too rather bold or intrusive for thus addressing you on so serious a subject for the first time. The reason for my daring to do this is that I notice many of Republicans and the present Administration neighbors and receiving these documents, from friends of their stripe which is a little tending to my Congressional-Democratic principles. Dear sir, my kindest regards to the Hon. R.M. Walker. I am told to ask him with you occupying as he should one of our highest National offices it is of honor I should now write my seeming intrusion and believe me your friend.

S. I would like much to write a letter from you personally.

Frederick Chouteau

Herman L. Stearns
St. Heurns
Pacemika
N. Y.
Hants Publ. Co's.
Dear Sir,

Allow me to inform you that I am again under the necessity of applying to you for another loan of two or three hundred dollars, to relieve me from present pecuniary embarrassment till I have finished some works which I have in hand, among them your Statue for Mr. Whittier, which I hope to have completed by the middle of next month.

I will, and I can with truth assure you that my future in Chicago never appeared brighter than at this moment, and yet once I came here I thought
not I am long to say, how to
principally for the want of money.
I am preparing to
open an exhibition of painting
and sculpture, by putting together
all the art treasures of this city
and apply the proceeds towards
the erection of a statue for Chi-
cago. I have laid the plan before
many prominent gentlemen
such as Messrs. Bigelow, McCauley
Ogilvie, and others, and they en-
courage personally the project
and I will contribute their work
of art so that I trust with
their concurrence to make
a very successful thing of it.

In conclusion I must some
run of my head and reluctance
at being compelled again

to apply to you for this assistance
but I know you will know
It is in this home of need.
I remain
Mr. A. Kent.

To
Hon. S. R. Deming
U. S. Senate

P.S. I take pleasure in adding that
I have nearly completed in clay
an statue of you two feet in
height. and difficultly composed
from the large statue. I intend
to take an an paten for it
When complete

S. W.