Cherry Creek, Chautauqua, N.Y.
August 5, 1859.

Dear Sir,

I will beg leave here to say that I have watched with the deepest interest and admiration your long and brilliant public career, as well as in the way able maintenance of the great principle of Popular Sovereignty, which I consider not only the cardinal idea of Democracy, but also underlying our Republican structure of government, and upon its possible triumph depends the welfare and perpetuity of the Union. I have been gratified to notice your fearless advocacy...
Of this idea, as all and the most trying times, Lord and Strongky is it exhibited in our popular system—the climate and soil of any territory inviting a population, who will adopt a system of labor accordingly, and a Congressional intervention, either by the enactment of a Revenue, or of a Slave code, will be equally futile. I can but express the hope, this as a just award of your distinguished career, you may receive the nomination for the Presidency, as I believe the vote of New York will then be given in the National Convention; I may mention that I have consulted lately with nearly all of the leading men of the party in New York, and my universally coincide with the opinion that your name should be placed in nomination, and is the only one that will entirely secure our hopes in the contest.

Permit me now to make those my pursuits are connected with studies, especially natural history, and when my present course of travel remains of western New York is completed, which my occupy a month, I intend to make a tour in the west, Nebraska, etc. for the purpose of making some Geological examinations, and I have been most anxious to obtain Dr. Owen's Geographical Survey of
Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota, as it would be impossible almost indescribable to me for appearance, new difficulty to be read, and worse from the political character of the representative from this state, and it has occurred to me that you might have a slip copy meaning. This would be at your convenience as a matter of personal favor, to allow me, and I should be much obliged to you under my present and enduring obligations.

It will afford me the pleasure to be allowed the honor of hearing from you at your earliest convenience. I am, with great respect, truly yours.

J. Apollos Cheney

Hon. S. A. Douglas.
Chicago, Ill.
P.S. — I will add, that if you may be able to find me with Dr. Owen's salt spring, I will hope that it may be at your convenience to mail it to my address, soon. I shall be happy to make any return in my power, and if this would be of any service to you, be pleased to send me the British optic, Frank.

I have lately received from Edge of Ontario, the eight volume of Schoolcraft's 'History of the Indian tribes of the U.S.' but have none of the preceding volumes of this work, which would render me much impatient and in my present archeological pursuits. Don't hate. —
Aug. 4. 1859.

Scientific American Office,
PATENT AGENCY,
Washington, D. C., August 5th, 1859

Sir,

The excuse I make in taking the liberty to address this letter, is the pressing necessity of a starving family. I have diligently tried to obtain employment of one kind or another for over twelve months, but unfortunately for me, my useful political friends are the warm supporters of Stephen A. Douglas, such as the late Senator Stewart or Stuart of Michigan, Genl. Fry of A. V. Mann & others of Chicago.

Myself and family of father-in-law (Capt. Haff who was once among the Master Spirits of Tammany Hall during Lincoln & Jackson's administrations) were always Democrats — to return to my unhappy family, I wish to state, that as I cannot obtain employment, I beg the favour of your influence with some of your political friends to get them to endeavour to get me even the duty of Laborer in the Post Office or Land Office.

The Commissioners (as Wilson acting) Mr. Hendick, your brother-in-law — Judge Granger — Judge Broach, Colonel Berrill (the Mayor) — Genl. McDonnel (who is not here) Rev'd D. Curly — the President of the United States — all know my capability and the distress of my sick wife and ten children.
I might also say that I am the man whom I could have prevented being confirmed as Minister
of the United States. I was a resident of the Territory of Michigan and what they wanted to produce and in the Department
and had been—had been a disappointed person. Some of them had been persons of their own family—of their
Mowry family. Some of them would have jumped at the chance of
obtaining—well, however that is, that much could
not be said. It was well known that I could
not receive the first electoral vote that Michigan
as a State gave—was cast for Van Buren and
Tum, and a young lawyer was induced by J. D.
W. A. D., the President, for Cast. Which could
not of taken place but I was sick in N.Y.
I was at the Baltimore Convention which
nominated Mr. Polk. This another a wild
incoherent letter such as it is, receive it and
attribute its cause to ignorance and the desire of
an unhappy parent who is anxious to obtain a
support for his destitute family. I am sorry
we will accept at your earliest convenience.

Yours respectfully,

George R. Harleston
7th & 13th Streets

To Mr. Stephen A. Douglas

Pressing
Geo. B. Harleston
Washington City
Augt 5 1859

Write an employ
ment in one
of the Depart
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[Signature]

Washington

The [illegible]

Purs.
Mr. Douglas, sir, we have a fine boy, three months old, we call him Douglas. Stephen Allen, we do this not as a begging institution, but because we like the Douglas Principles. Mr. Douglas, the popular sovereignty Principle is increasing every day in our town of Liberty. I am bound to do all I can for you & I hope my boy will maintain the Douglas Principle. I have always voted for the Democrat Principle but I cannot go for old back any more. My only hope is that you will get the nomination at Charleston then it will be all right. Expense my poor writing.

Yours with much Respect

E. M. Allen

Liberty, Ills
E. M. Allen,
Liberty, Adams
Co. Ill.
August 7, 1859.
Harmandison
after Judge D.

Answered Aug.
12, 1859.
New York, Sept 6th 1839

Dear Douglas,

I am very sorry to have seen the action of the New York Committee to my letter published in your paper. I had a long talk with the New York last evening and the latter is in two minds in answering to a letter that I sent. The New York Committee wants to say kindly that New York lot be made against[illegible] by many of the men but[illegible] to himself. I think you can last yourself to do a large majority of them to make any other change. The conduct would create in certain defeat. The State now seems to be connected to your New York Committee. I hope you will take the time relating to them. I have been in favor of the New York ever since I lived in Connecticut last spring. I have a number of these leading men. They all agree but one man that you were much the rings on in that state. I think you need have nothing to fear from that quarter. I intend to be in that great when I say one man all the leading
men will love them. I have been referred.
May 26th 1876

Dear Sir,

I have a favor to ask of you. I am writing this letter to request your assistance in a matter of importance. I have a friend, Mr. Jones, who is in need of your help. He is facing a legal issue that requires your expertise.

Mr. Jones is a prominent figure in the community and has always been known for his integrity and fairness. He has always been supportive of me and my family. I am writing to you because I believe you can provide the guidance he needs.

I have enclosed a letter from Mr. Jones with this. Please take a look at it and let me know if you can assist him. I understand that you might be busy, but I believe this is a matter of great importance.

I hope to hear from you soon. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

P.S. Please forward this letter to Mr. Jones and let him know that I have forwarded it to you.
This letter is to
Chester
Redmond, Dec
6, 1859.

Yours

[Signature]
C. T. Leavitt
Independence
Iowa, Augt 20,
1859.

Stoke No. 10.
&c. of Pacific
R. R. Exploration.

Independence Iowa
Aug 6th 1859

Hon. Stever & Douglas
United States Senate

Dear Sir,

Through the per-

witness of Hon. S. Jones of

this state I have received the

Mint Orders of the Ex-

plorers & Surveys of a

Rail Road Route from the

Mississippi River to the Pacific

Oceans.

As the more Lines the

Democratic Member from

Iowa I presume I shall not

receive the Pallance - I see

that the 10th is already for

Distribution - I am anxious
to complete the Sel - I should

vote it as a very good form.
If you have any Rob's or your disposal, if you would supply me with the collors of the 3d. — And I trust in that I may have the pleasure some days of having it in my power to render you some service that will fully compensate for your trouble.

Yours Respectfully
C. A. Marrott
Savannah, Aug 7th, 1837

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

When I saw you at your house last spring I told you that Hickey would send delegates to Charleston in favor of you. Since then I have had an opportunity of seeing the leading politicians from the various portions of the State and find them not only favorable to your nomination but they deem it absolutely necessary to save us in the next presidential contest. My own judgement is that unless you are nominated and Mr. Seward is by the Republicans we will lose every Northern State. The Northern democracy were so completely sold out by Mr. Buchanan they are absolutely suspicious of every candidate named but yourself.
The fact that Mr. Buchanan is unexpectedly to join gives our people the more confidence in you. Various rumors are in circulation that Mr. Stuart is unexpectedly to join and a candidate for the Vice Presidency — I met Mr. Stuart at Detroit on Friday last and can State to you positively that he is not a candidate, and that he will do all in his power to procure your nomination. Many of his old and tried friends were at Detroit at that time and the matter was fully considered and all consider it absolutely necessary for the safety of the Northern democracy, that you should be nominated, and that every effort should be made in this State to secure to you a true delegation who shall be instructive to that effect.

We have divisions among our friends in this State arising out of appointment matters first, fore, but your safety is to let us fight our own battles, and in any event it will be all right, for I think the only contest will be in one State convention and will be as to who will be the means of sending delegates for you. Now I am writing to you quietly, frankly because I suppose you prefer to have me do so. We have about three cliques in this State, to wit, the Stuart faction as it is called, the administration party at the head of which is Ledyard Bagg and the old fugis through the State who always support the administration right or wrong. Then there is a side clique headed by John Norwood and Senator Tom Dick who connect off and on with Bagg's Co. — Norwood & Dick are friendly to you without doubt, the other I think is a fair statement and maintain on your part will be the safest course. Wise has disavowal of himself if the letter recently published is genuine. I cannot be happy to have some gone at my time and you may count me one of your reliable friends through the coming contest.

John A. Bell
A. F. Bell,
Siena, Italy
Aug 7, 1859

Answered, Aug 11, 1859
W. T. Lawrence,
Effing, N. H.
Aug. 20, 1859.

Written by Mr. Whedon in his own name at
Judge Dillingham's.

Aug. 24. 1859.

Effing, N. H. Aug 16, 1859

Sir,

By this day's mail I enclose to you a No. of the "Porter's Chronicle." I have for a year or more predicted your election to the Presidency in 1860. This is one of my predictions as you will read in an article marked. I have access to the columns of most of our State papers, I occasionally write articles. I remark that I am half brother to the late A.H. Lawrence of Washington. If you will advise any of your friends there, or in New York to address me, I will suggest some thing in a letter to them. If you can advise me...
If none one to address
In meantime I remain
Yr. M: S: L. Lawrence

Confidential.
Dubuque, Iowa  
Aug. 7th, 1859

Hon. S. D. Douglas
Washington City

O.S.

On the 17th day of this month
I shall start to fulfill the appointment on the accompanying and before I do so I desire to learn from you whether there is any compilation of statistics by authority of the Post or otherwise which reliably show the amount of appropriations made by the Post office to organizations and where those appropriations were expended? I desire this information for a reason you will readily comprehend. It is urged in our campaign (but now unfruitful) that Post is under the control of the South. The affluent eastern are controlled and the appropriations expended by them. This I know is not true and I write you for this information so that I may be able to meet the issue precisely.

I write you the more fully since we have made an issue in Iowa of which I am sure you are aware and I as Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions in our recent State Convention claim some credit for the platform we have adopted and on which we are now fighting.

Very Respectfully,

Benjamin Samuel
Ben. W. Samuel
Dubuque, Iowa,
Augt. 7, 1859.

Wisher certain
Statistical infor-
mation.

Send Annual
Treasury Report,
Annual Statistics,
and the Society's Con-
stitution.

Letter answered
Augt. 12, 1859.
Jeffersonville, Indiana
August 7th, 1837

Mr. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I have not the honor of a personal acquaintance with you, but allow me to say that I have watched your political career for many years and I must truly say that a more consistent democrat never has belonged to the party I am led to say this to you through no motive except to express my estimate of you as a statesman and an honest politician you are right in your views in regard to the Kansas question, and I admire the man who in the independence to proclaim his sentiments of party. There are thousands of democrats who think just as you do in regard to county sovereignty but they are either holding office or are expecting an office. I heard the great Willard of our state while canvassing for governor contend for the same principles that you are contending for, and for the same principles contained in the Cincinnati platform but a change has come on the spirit of Willard's dream thinking that the good democratic principles that he preached three years ago were no longer popular with the democratic party and to still eat at the public ear he must repeat the same doctrine that Buchanan and Co. do not that he thinks that is the true democratic doctrine but the president has said it is: and he must say (anon)
Strap the ship of state over the tempestuous waves
To save our country from destruction on the shore
Escape all risks and sheaths keep her still of late
Pilot with a steady hand the good old democratic boat
Have none but true and honest for your crew
Eternal vigilance will take you safely through
No work on earth east or west
And have in office those who do the least.
Defending the principles of our growing seed
Obed the constitution as it now is read
Not one step in freedom's name
Give bosh and notice not to work on ships with line clasp
Let the stars and stripes wave o'er our sea
And some and sickness to the example of our liberty
Shake the great absorbing question of the day
Shall be left to the country to settle in their own way.

I am an officer in the 1st State of the
Please direct what may be pleased to
end to James E. Wheat
Car of Geo. Miller
Washington City, D.C.

I am very respectfully your friend

James E. Wheat
J. E. Wheat
Jeffersonville
Indiana
Aug 7, 1859.

Address case
of Geo. W. Heath
of Geo. Miller.

No answer receiv
d- sent a speech.