Dear Sir,

You ought to much gratify at the result of the Congressional election in our (the 16th) District as Calvin T. Stoneman has been elected for you by a large majority of the Democratic Convention. Write me in a private and confidential way about what your intentions may be for the nomination of the Charleston Convention. That the people of the State of South Carolina for your name is the voice of sound and wise men and my visit here I find the politicians are referring to your name in the highest terms. E. G. Anderson, C. P. F. W. and E. I. Smith and others. Upon such action your friend C. B. Bibbo who is in New York last fall with others are openly for you.

Bibbo is particularly active in the cause. In 1860...
Write in the book your principles
in the first place.

As the time approaches when
the present administration
in power in the "undercurrents"
will come to the surface,
the people will feel our new
administration. I feel satisfied from
my observations that the election
that the Convention to meet here
on the 8th of January, 1860,
and a serious allegiance with
favor and foresight for,
our interest. I hope and believe
your election may not be able
during the next term to control
any scheme to change the


Dear

Stephens

Douglas

Chicago
Memphis Tenn.
Aug 27th 1859.
Wm H. Carroll

(Received)
Dr. Paul Collin
August 27, 1859

My dear Sir,

As our State election is about to come off, it may not be amiss for me as your friend always to give you some hints in regard thereto, which you may think useful.

Mr. W. M. Rice as we are entirely informed has written to his friend here that the Republican party would likely succeed in defeating us, and named his friend as not to be candidate for this state. In consequence of this information, we resolved that Shelby should not be sacrificed as a candidate for Governor. Consequently George L. Becker, the special friend of W. M. Rice was forced on the track much against his will that of Rice funds. We being determined that if Rice contemplated our destruction, he should defeat his own pet. Now I think it probable that Ramsey will beat Becker, although such an event...
is by no means desirable. I learn that an effort will be made to induce you to come out and canvass the State, and then, if we are defeated, to use it against you, as a defeat of yourself to affect the Charleston delegations from this State, in favor of Breckinridge or some one beside yourself. Breckinridge will be for any body that Mr. Rice is. And any professions to the contrary will be a fraud.

I hope I trust that you will not come, as I think it may be used against you. If on an issue,

Our platform is with you heart and soul, our candidates for Congress are for you absolutely. I am willing to do the best I can.

My heartfeltest & truest wishes to you at your next election.

W. W. Gorman

Hon. J. A. Douglas

In S. Senate

Washington City, D.C.
Walter B. Gorman,
St. Paul,
Aug. 27 1857.

Answered, Sept 2,
1857.
Milwaukee Aug 27, 1859

Dear Sir,

I have received

to your solicitude a copy of the

news containing the official report of the proceedings of our

State Convention. The report was

very badly printed in the Illinois

papers and we were unable to improve it much. Still you will be

able to gather from it a pretty good idea of what was done as well

as of what was omitted. One thing was omitted which I very much regret

and yet, a very good reason is assigned for it. I now refer to the

postponement of the election of delegates to the Charleston Convention

The number of candidates for that honor was perfectly frightful.
There were hundreds of them who had expressed publicly a wish to be appointed and knew we were only entitled to two it was deemed advisable to postpone their appointment until after the election rather than increase the number of disappointed candidates to alarmingly as they would be if the appointment were made at this time. That is the sole reason assigned for not appointing them now and I must admit that it is not devoid of force although I should have preferred their appointment at this time. It might have created a good influence abroad. The rest of this state however will be cordially for you in the Chicago Convention in any event and you will recognize at the head of our ticket one of your nearest political and personal friends. I have taken the liberty to explain this matter to you in this manner because I could not very well do it in the paper and an attempt will be made to represent it as an Administration triumph. I have read your letter in newspapers magazine and am delighted with it. It is just in time for our full campaign and I shall publish it entire this week. I hope to see you this fall.

Very Truly,

James

Hon. A.M. Douglas
Memphis, Tenn.
Aug. 27th, 1839.
Sam'l P. Walker.

introducing
Mr. Lydeer.

Mr. Harper received Sept. 25th.

Memphis, Tenn.
Aug. 27th, 1839.

Hon. S. A. Douglas.
Decd.

Allow me to introduce Mr. Lydeer, of this city—one of your best friends—a true & reliable man.

Very truly,

Sam'l Walker.
Aug. 27, 1857
Springfield Ills.

Hon. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure
of sending to your address a Card of Honorary Membership of Merritt's Cornet Band, which I trust you will accept as a feeble compliment from the Band.

We had the pleasure of meeting you several times during the last senatorial campaign, I hope to meet in the Autumn of 1860 with silver instream.

Remain Yours

W. T. Wardall

Aug.

August 27th '57.
W. F. Warhull
Springfield, Ill.
Aug. 27, 1869.

Answered Sept.
2, 1869.
Evanstown, Ind.,
August 27, 1859.

Mr. Whittelsey,

Dear Sir,

Your kind letter of the 22d inst. was received last night. Since addressing you the letter which was signed in conjunction with J. S. Gavitt Esq. I have met Hon. W. A. Hendricks and in his company three days. There is no mistaking his position. He represents the Douglas men in the canvass in Indiana. Judge Hughes, Gov. Willard, John P. Robinson, and probably Senator Bright are doing all in their power,
to effect the nomination of Hon. C. F. Dunham, not because Mr. Dunham is understood to be especially opposed to you, but because Hendricks is supported by the Douglas Men and as therefore looked upon as a Douglas candidate. Mr. Hendricks' views were expressed to me freely but confidentially. This, however, you may depend upon — you will have no cause to regret his success in this State if nominated for Governor at the next Democratic State Convention.

I write you this note to put you on the right track, though personally unknown to you. My sincerity will manifest itself if you keep an eye to the local politics of this State, in due season. We will have a victor to win or lose at our State Convention, and depend upon it your friends know what they are doing. You need not despair of Indiana.

Please accept a copy of the Enquirer, which will be mailed with this letter, which will develop my views on the presidential question. I shall take the liberty of sending you a paper occasionally. If I can be of any service to you, you may command me either in person or through any known friend.
Belfast Aug 28th 1857

Dear Sir,

When the late senatorial canvass in Illinois terminated in your favor I took the liberty to address you a letter of congratulation, and at the same time gave you a pledge that I should use all my influence for you to be one next President.

At the late Democratic Convention in this City, I was elected one of the delegates to represent this Congressional District at Charleston. As statements have appeared in the newspapers indicating that my preference is not now for you I wish to say that my views, as expressed in my letter of November 12th 1858, have undergone no change, and that my vote and influence will both be in your favor.

God bless you and your people.

Hon. S.A. Douglas

Washington D.C.
Jr. M. Church,  
Perryville, Me.  
Aug. 28, 1859.

Answered Sept. 2.  
1859.
Columbus, Miss.
Aug 28 - 1819

Senator Douglas

Sir, not being

Known to you, you may think it strange

Conduct no one not having place or position to recommend him to your consideration.

My apology is in the extremest difficulty, there is no getting away thing here to place you in a proper position before this public, a friend in my native state I sent me not long since the 4th Congress of the 14th of July the 4th which is one of your speeches in the appendix.

This has been much advantage to you.

It is now nearly worn out.

Had I something of that sort to circulate in this neighborhood, I think it would be of great service to you. There is great change going on in this part of Miss., owing to the course of events greatly.

I think of the Mobile Register all the people want information to make them - I think Douglas and The Advertiser (Baskettale) from this district.

The Member (Baskettale) from this district.
I doubt it knew. Never would send any thing to
this region. Unless it was to advance the prosperity
of Davis, or some one entertaining his views.
There are several leading citizens here, who at least one
Douglas Mun, first of all. They have little opportunity
and only want a little encouragement to make
them do some service. I think if you
would remember them by passing in their hands
some of your documents to be of some service.
Here are Judge Fields (former Law to Judge of
the Treasury Department from Geo.) Ewing Bulloch
De Robt. Laniere and many. With a bright name
Respectfully your friend
Mr. McKinney
Columbus, Miss.

I will give you these names again to
there can be no mistake.
Judge Fields Calvin Bulloch
De Robt. Laniere M. R.
Mr. Merven M. Ives

Columbus, Ohio

August 28, 1839.
Memphis, Tenn.

Aug 28, 1859

Dear Sir,

Since you were kind enough to keep me posted with regard to the Illinois campaign, I presume it will not be out of place to post you with regard to some recent policies at the present time. Your late visit to Memphis has perhaps assured you that you are not without friends in this great little state, but since your departure, the "Douglas feeling" has become so strong, and has assumed such an encouraging shape, that it really gives one pleasure to hear you with regard to it.

I don't know what your feelings are with regard to the presidency — nor do I demand an expression of your views — but I do know that the Democratic South is fast steadily turning to the man who has so long stood up for her in the Senate.
and I believe now you are by far the strongest man in the South. South Carolina is the only state of which I have any fear, but you know she has always been a constant ally, and will have to be whipped into the fray.

The anniversary of Tennessee by the aid of such papers as the Appeal, are beginning to open their eyes and Douglas meetings are beginning to be talked of as familiarly as if you were already a candidate. Governor Jones, who is your past friend, tells me the other day that he had been for paying a visit to New Orleans, and that he intended going to Nashville at the meeting of the Legislature for the purpose of delivering it. He says he intends to take up your whole report and show by it that you have been the true friend the South ever had. He says the South never got in a tight place that you did not come to the rescue, and they were always calling on you to help them out of difficulties. His speech will have great influence, and I trust it will not be long before your name is at the head of every democratic paper in the South. Our Memphis paper has already raised the flag for Douglas and is doing you good service. You have perhaps seen some extracts from the New London, an impersonal sort of humbug. The editors are a pair of adventurers who know little or no influence, and I have every reason to believe the paper will die a violent death long before the campaign comes on.

Judge Sebastian from Arkansas was here the other day, and I think from his conversation, intends to go for you. We had been in the Appeal office a good portion of the time and you may be assured he heard enough to convince him that—"
lemence was all right. He is a
man I like, and I want him to go
for you by all means.
All the leading and most intelli-
gent and respectable men of Leu-
are for you--and we do not anti-
icipate any difficulty in making
the party a unit. It is quite true
there are some hot-headed, shrewdly
trained fellows who continue to
pronounce you a black-republican,
but such fungus growth will soon
die out and some only to enrich the
soil for better products. They still
continue to call my Uncle Fre-
stand a Black Republican and
a Traitor to the South, but the South
never had a finer friend.
I have written this hastily and do not
know whether I have interested you,
but it does me good to write to a
man who I know has got to be
President some day--so you must
read on my intentions:

Very Respectfully,
Your Friend, etc.

Henry I. Stanton.
Henry F. Stanton
Memphis, To.

Aug 28, 1864

Douglas Papers

Answered Sept 2, 1864.
Manchester Iowa Aug 29 1859

Hon S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I have just read an "Harper" for Sept your able and irresistibly plain and convincing explanation of the "dividing line between Federal and local authority," and can not well forget the expression of a hope that, in view of the present evident necessity of a more general diffusion of the information contained in that article, you will cause it to be printed in some convenient form for mailing a large number and send them broadcast through the country, in which case it would afford me pleasure to aid in their distribution through Iowa as far as my humble means would allow.

As I believe such a course would forward greatly the cause of "Sound Democracy" in our State, so much the better have just had - Begging pardon for thus intruding upon your attention.

I Am Sir very Respectfully

[Signature]

St J Brown
Cairo 10th Aug 29, 1857

How J. A. Douglas
Washington City

Dear Sir:

As I have been entirely disappointed in my hopes and expectations of the growing greatness of Cairo, I have almost resolved to remove to Minnesota.

Enclosed please find the letter of introduction from Maj. Flournoy of Arkansas, of which I wrote in a former letter.

I desired to deliver Maj. Flournoy's letter in person to you, but as I cannot at this opportunity of meeting you see this, and as I think it proper and necessary to send you herewith, the Major's letter, along with a remittance of which you may put justly in your bank, for which allow me to say I shall be very grateful to you.
Requesting as early a reply to this note as your convenience may permit. I remain, Dear Sir, very respectfully,
Yr. Obt. Res. 
Mallie Chapman, Esq.

Yr. R.

Yr. R. to letter relative to the sundry to C. of I. has been received from which I thank you.

Yr. R.

Dear.
Walter Chapman Dent,
Cairo, Ill.
Augt 29, 1857

Answered, Sept. 3, 1857.
Fort Madison, Iowa.  

August 29th, 1857

Hin S. D., Douglas
City Dec 6th

Our State Convention opened up rich, with a fair prospect of defeating the black republicans, and I think a united effort with our present organization we will be able elect our entire State ticket.

We have eleven Barbecues, one in each judicial district in the State all to come off in September, commencing at Sioux City on the 10th of the Month and ending at Bennington about the 29th. We would be much pleased to have you visit our State and give us one or two of your regular Campaign Speeches. I am informed that the State Central Committee have invited you to attend a part of our Barbecues.
It would be gratifying to your friends in this state to have your assistance in the present campaign, and I know you can do as much good as any man in the U.S. States, and I think you would be justifiable in coming to our State, as being wont to your State and made his abolition speech to his Negro-worshipping friends at Edinburg.

I am editing the Plaindealer at this place, and will continue at my post until after the election. Perhaps until after the presidential election next fall.

Now friends in Iowa am very anxious that you should be the nominee of this Charleston convention, and you may rest assured this will do every thing in their power to secure you nomination.

The efforts of certain men in different parts of the United States in trying to kill you off as the nominee of the party will only show the tendency to make your friends the more active and firm, and from present appearances I will consider you will have a strong support from the South in the Charleston Convention, and with the strength you have in the North I can not believe it is possible that you should be defeated.

We have but few men in this State, but what will go for you as their first choice and those who are opposed to you are under the key or control of the present Administration, and many of them never voted a Democratic ticket in their lives until they voted for Henry.
What I can do as a private citizen or an editor will be done to secure your nomination and your may not assured your friends in this State will be done for you. There will be no formidable opposition to you in Iowa. Your views on all living questions meet with the hearty approval of all the working men of our State and we can roll up a large vote for you then any other man in the edition.

I am very respectfully,
Your old friend,
James O. Eads

[Signature]
Newa, Wharee, Ct.
Aug. 29th, 1859.

Dear Sir,

I have read with great satisfaction
a two, accompanied with great and increased
instruction, your article on "Popular sovereignty
in the territories" which made its appearance
in the September number of "Harper's new
monthly magazine", and was printed in the
pupil, and in which, "the dividing line between
federal and local authority" is clearly pointed out.

I do not see how the position
taken and sustained by you can be weakened
or shaken, by any argument, which can be
adduced. They seem to me to be unanswerable.
The tone and temper of the article are in
the right spirit. It is a calm discussion of a
great and agitating subject, in which results
are shown, satisfactory and conclusive, and all issue,
intended to be understood by
the people in every section of the country,
I hope it on the whole gradually circulate through the various classes, by which public sentiment in enlightenment, corrected and much sound. If it is so circulated, the most beneficial result will follow.

I cannot refrain from tendering to you my full congratulations for the splendid effort you have made in the article referred to, which I have the honor to subscribe myself

Your obedient servant

Chas. A. Ferguson.

How I. A. Bagley.
Hon. C. N. Ingersoll
New Haven, Ct.
Augt 29, 1869.

Answered Sept. 2,
1869.
Hon. J. A. Douglas,
My dear Sir:—I hope you may be able to accept the enclosed invitation. The trip from Washington would be a delightful one, and I would join you at this place and accompany you. It is one of the best points in Pennsylvania to make a demonstration, and I will be responsible for the right kind of an audience.

Williamsport is ninety miles North of this.
place in the valley of the Susquehanna.

The indenture is signed by all parties.

Will you please reply to it, at your earliest convenience, and at the same time, advise me of your decision.

I am very truly,

Your friend

[Signature]

Wm. F. Bache
Library Room, Sons of Temp.,
Baltimore, Augt 29th 1857
Hon. S A Douglas
Respectfully,

Will you be so kind as to
donate the Sons of Temperance Library
of this city some Public Documents
(provided you have them to spare) and
by so doing you will confer a great
favor on the boys
Any Books you may donate the Li-
brary will be duly Acknowledged by the
Committee.

With our best wishes for your health,
happy & prosperity. Be remain with
the highest regards,

Thomas Prince
Chairman Library Committee
Bxt 423 P.O.
Baltimore

Ind.
Mr. Thomas Price.
Balt. &c. &c.
Sept. 1, 1859.

Wants you to do
for some of Tempo
ra on library.

Mrs. Annesworth.
C. May.
Jacksonville, Aug. 29th, 1859.

David [illegible].

I desire to send you a copy of your opinion that the natural rights of property in slaves obtains in the Territories.

Jacksonville, Aug. 29/59

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Chicago

Dr. Sir,

I have read your article in Harper's Monthly, and think the arguments upon the principles sought to be established, conclusive. There is yet a question of which I have heard much said within a day or two, and for information take the liberty of addressing you. How far, sir, in your opinion, does the natural rights of property in slaves obtain in the Territories, or which is perhaps a little clearer; can the rights of property in slaves be assumed in the Territories in the absence of any local law upon the subject?

By answering answering this you would confer a great favor upon

Yours, etc.,

David [illegible].
P.S. I will also state that it is for private reasons that I make this inquiry & that I have no other motive but my own information, and that your reply, so far as you deem shall be confidential.

DR
Borusa Ind.
Aug. 29.

Mr. S. N. Sampson
Sir,

Will you oblige me so much as to send me a copy of your speech in the Senate last winter in reply to Hon. A. G. Brown, to which is added an appendix? Also a copy of your late communication to "Harper's Monthly" on "the dividing line between federal and state authority."

By complying with this request you will much oblige me.

Indiana will go for you at Charleston, provided the voice of 5/8 of the Democracy, who are in your favor, is heard.

Yours Respectfully,

Omar J. Roberts
Omar T. Roberts,

Aug. 10th, 1857

Answered, Sept. 2, 1857.
From Smith, B. Potter
Aug. 29th, 1839
Hon. H. A. Douglas
Washington, D.C.
My dear Sir,

By the same mail that brings your note I also send you two copies of the "Shield," and beg to ask for therein your attention, as the last issue contains a late W. York letter from me and the prospects of my contemplated paper. The older number of the "Shield" is for reference. It was the first and for a long time the only Douglas paper in this State after the disbanding of the Old Whig party, and no paper in the country had been more consistently friendly.
to you. It is also able edited. In the spring of 1856, your name was

above its head for President. The leading reason for its giving

in to the support of Mr. Buchanan was that you forgave your

friends in the country to that cause. My brother, G.W.P. Smith, was at that time sole

owner and editor, hence you are its first choice, as you

are also of the masses of the people in this part of Maryland, but

there are a few new recruits to the Democratic party here. And

your late lamented friend Hopkins, Brother-in-law, is an

ally, who wishes to control the

masses against you and against

the interests of the party, to subserve

those of Senator Pearce. What is

a candidate for re-election to the

Senate. This is to blanche on

the President for appointments

bought him, as also Judge J.R.

Stewart, who is the candidate of the

party for re-election

from the 6th congressional district,

and they in turn have bought

up an interest here through J.R.

Franklin and W. Cheiftsfield, who

used to be for you. Please put Smithson, H.

C. Norton, in a consulate abroad.

This state of things has

made trouble here, and in

the leader of the "Three" you will

see their "rule or ruin" policy

referred to. This information comes

from my brother who takes great

interest in politics, but at present

only occasionally write for the "Three".
A. Everett Smith
Snowville, Utah
Aug. 29, 1859.

I am gratified to state, however, that the party he was obliged to take into the paper (Thos. E. Martin, Esq.), that he had already, owing to the political duties of the State, to which he was elected in 1857, and his increase of professional business, agreed in all things that relate to your interests. They both are people, from the present state of things, that the administration party has the heels of them, by holding the appointing powers, the offices, that the only hope for you in this great district, and, indeed, throughout the State, will be to "double bet" the delegation.
Charleston. And they feel that you ought at once to secure a safe, active agent and friend at Baltimore, and in each congressional list of the State, with whom to confer confidentially, so as to avoid, if possible, the otherwise unforeseeable necessity of a double delegation from Maryland. It might be avoided, by taking the matter in hand at once. At present there is no way to secure permanency of action.

With no time to add any more here, hoping you will address me at New York. I have the honor to be

Yours very truly,

B. Everett Smith

P.S. I have, since my arrival here, for the first time seen your namesake, that is, Douglas Smith, the first and only son of my brother.Send him a Reminiscence.

B. E. S.
Independence August 29
Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 23rd inst. came duly to hand for which please accept my thanks. Will you be pleased to send me your Freeport Speech, also your Speech of July 13th, we intend fitting this Campaign as I did in your late letters to Dorr, and your Freeport Speech and it is necessary we should have the Speeches, things look well.

Yours truly

D. Rayard Thomas
J. Bayard Thomas
Independence,
Iowa.
August 27, 1859.

Arrived, Sept. 2.
1859.