Washington City
Nov. 9th. 59.

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Rest, Sir:—Within you have my Belleville paper, which is sent you to see the excellent Editorial I find therein. There is much in the paper to read, that is of value, and the review of the Phrenetics does not hurt too much. You can find much to amuse therein. —I congratulate you, to hear this morning that your generous lady is somewhat improving, and your own health looking favorable also.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

El. Benson
Boonville Mo.
"Advance"

Encloses one certificate of that series of Nov. 9, 1859.
THE OBSERVER.
A Y. Selden, Editor.
HUNTINGTON, N. Y.,
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1856.
NOTICE TO DEBTORS.

To All Persons, Executors, Administrators, Trustees, etc.,

This is to notify all persons, Executors, Administrators, Trustees and others, that Mr. H. T. Huntington, deceased, late of this place, has left behind him a considerable estate, and that any debts he may have contracted, for which he is now unable to pay, may be demanded by the persons to whom they are due, and will be paid as soon as possible after a proper settlement of his affairs. Any person having a claim upon this estate, not the personal representatives of the testator, is requested to make it known to the undersigned, who will be happy to settle with the parties interested.

The undersigned will make all reasonable efforts to collect the debts of this estate, and will subsequently divide the residue of the estate among the several creditors in proportion to their claims.

In证 the presence of the undersigned, this notice is given in order that all persons may be put upon notice of the intent of the testator, and that no further action may be taken in this matter without the knowledge of the undersigned.

HUNTINGTON, November, 22, 1856.

[Signature]

[Name]

[Printed Name]
Observer
Newspaper and Job Office
Boonville, Mo.

From

Mr. Slichter A. Douglas

Washington C'd

[Signature]
J. W. Dawson

Office of the Fort Wayne Weekly Times
Established A. D. 1840
As the Organ of the Whig Party.
Plain and Ornamental Printing Neatly and Promptly Executed.

FORT WAYNE, Nov 9, 1859.

Dear Mr. A. Douglas,

Washington, D.C.

Sirs: Being procured from the Office of the Plain Dealer at Cleveland, I am authorized to send you a copy to each of my brothers and also to any publisher in Black, Wills. I desire to give you the proper salutations.

Yours faithfully,

J. W. Dawson
If the plantations or I noted I apply for
200 l. some 1000 of these
you have in pamphlets
of if in one more
convenient shape it
can be furnished to you
once one in pamphlets
give from you.
If the expense does not
exceed 40 or 50, I
send me a 1000 for Ex
large, qualified. Remember
me. I want you the
for nothing from your
publisher, I could I
not them you another
quarter. I am out
of them. My paper is
too small to act up the

another for it to publish
at there.
I am anxious to send
it out for I deem it
worthy in the highest
degree even this week
an old writer's judgment.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Official Office
Nov. 9, 1857

My dear Sir:

Enclosed I send you our editorial of this morning in response to Black's reply. I think you will approve of our mode of treating it. I have already copy'd some of the articles from their papers which you enclosed us.

Ever your friend,

B. F. Dill.

Hans. A. Douglas
Washington City 1857.
B. F. Bills
Memphis
Tenn.

Rev. E.
Enclose article from "Appen." Answered Dec. 14

W
Democrat Office
Sidney, O. Nov 9, 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir: I received from you today your proposal to judge blacks and am very well pleased with it.

I think it may not be amiss to circulate both yours and Judge Black's articles in the county. If you have them to spare, and will send me 300 copies of each, I will be under obligations to you, and will circulate them through out our county. We will have a hot time at our "Conventions," but think we will send "Douglas" men to Chauncey one at least, if not two.

Shelby County is gone 1,000 Dem. May this fall! But if Douglas is nominated (to say the least) he will get 300 probably.

Send me the articles all if you can get them - If my pay is wanted send bill.

Yours Truly

Val Domborough
Old Democrat
Sidney, O.
Pal Lombard
Ed. of Democrat
Sidney, Ohio.
Nov. 9, 1859

Wants 200 of
Reply to Judge
Black to distribute.
Politics
Lexington, Ky.
Nov. 9, 1857.

Dear Mr. A. Douglas:

You will greatly oblige me by sending your "Harper Article", as well as several reprints to Judge Black, as I cannot return them. It is impossible to procure them here.

Very Respectfully,

Speed S. Goodloe

[Signature]

To: Speed S. Goodloe
Lexington, Ky.
Randolph Macon College

November 9th, 1859

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I have seen through the press a scurrilous statement in which you accuse Judge Black of having misrepresented you in his reply to you, on Popular Sovereignty in the territories you will confer a great favor upon me by sending me several copies of your reply to him or any speech or speeches, that you have made respecting the same matter. I have heretofore been a warm and enthusiastic admirer of your course, but cannot agree with you that the inhabitants of a territory or squatters can pass laws to prohibit the property from common territory which would be I think a plain violation of the constitution and I hope that your views accord with mine in that respect. I am not in favor of a slave code for the territories at this time on the ground of its being invidious and impolitic. The Supreme Court has already decided that slavery is property. It is the President's duty to carry out and enforce that law and if he does his duty he will do as whenever the emergency arises I shall forward your reply as soon as possible so that I and my fellow students may learn your true position.

I am truly yours,

W. H. Hill

(my Post Office Randolph Macon College Va)
Bolivar, Tennessee.
November 9th, 1857.

Judge Douglas,

Dear Sir: I have concluded to write you again, merely to let you know how we are getting along in Bolivar and vicinity. Never before in the course of a short and checkered life have I been in a place just similar to this. Since my arrival in this place, I have passed through an ordeal well calculated to test even stronger nerves than those possessed by your humble servant. I have traveled the intricate road, however, and at last safely reached the turning point where victory is about to crown my efforts.

The "odds and ends" are beginning to tell, day by day at last is dawning. At one period—after the reception of Judge Pearson's letter—which I published—personally I wrote to him how matters were in this quarter at that period. Informed him how they had been clandestinely endeavoring to get possession of this press in order to make a Buchanan organ of it. And furthermore stated the fact that their underhand proceedings had left the office embarrassed, and that if I had five or six hundred dollars, it was excellent opportunity to get possession of The West Tennessee Democrat, a paper of some 9 years standing—and vindicate those great principles which had been so bitterly and unfairly aspersioned and questioned through this section of Tennessee. I have never heard from him since. And although a stranger,
alone and unaided, I determined not to be outdone by this miserable clique. For the former proprietor, whom I was depending and trying to extricate from his embarrassed condition, repaid me for my efforts with black-hearted treachery and rashdishonorable suspicion. But their combined treachery, wealth and powerful influence, only drove me to stronger and more decisive action. At one time—like the darkest hour—if they had only been aware of the fact, they had one completely rendered ineffectual, defeated, and I may almost say ruined. I knew that I must make a bold and decisive stroke or all would be lost. So I first immediately arrayed my forces in this quarter. Next hunted up the proprietor—kicked up a fuss with him—demanded a settlement—took his note—riled and thrashed at all past proceedings—told him he was a old rascal and a knave. Then feigned complete disgust with the whole place—not arrangement, Baptists and all. Then went round and bid all friends goodbye. I mean “goodbye,” and told them I was for Charleston on the next train. Well, when the train come along I jumped aboard, went as far as the Grand Junction and walked from there to La Grange. Here I put up at the “Central House” train developments. The thing worked like a charm. In forty-eight hours the test
G. H. Pope

Tennessee Democrat had changed hands. I received a dispatch, "All Right," and the same evening to the astonishment of certain parties arrived back in Polk's safe and sound, right side up with care. I am now, in one sense of the word, I am "monocled of all)& heavy. Philip's the proprietor since my return, has been naively telling them that he is going to have a Douglas Railroad and that I am to lay the track, put on the cars and be the Virgin, and he is going to be the fireman, furnace fuel, water, etc., etc. This evening while I write this, I cannot help but feel grateful to that Hugh Power which has never deserted me for a moment in any trying period of my past unhappy life, for the especial manner in which it has enabled me to overcome the difficulties by which for a time I was here surrounded. In a few days, I think, I will be able to send you a West Tennessee Democrat—revised and unmodified—with your name flying at its mast-head for President in '80.

Mr. Powers, former proprietor of the Democrat, has been transformed into an itinerant daguerrean artist. Mr. Talbot, its former editor, is trying his skill of hand and legibility upon the "Old Sushi Business." This new Talbot, who in connection with Powers and their mutual friends have given me so much...
trouble about this press is more
counting round through the "hills and
hollows" of West Tennessee - like a gray
round. This peculiarity in many re-
pects resembles this species of the canine
breed. Pointed whisking - lean, lean and
long-legged. Since he has been defeated
here he is trying to establish a Buchanan
organ at Jackson. I hope he
will not succeed. There is a Mr. Brew-
er there, who has been talking about
establishing a Douglas paper there. I
think, however, he lacks means and decision
of character. I fear his prevaricating
course will keep others from doing so
until the first thing we know a Bu-
chanan paper will be joining its
broadside in that quarter. This is an
important point and some one
should go there immediately and establish
a Douglas paper equal in size to the
"West Tennessee Whip." Such a paper
would be a coping institution and would
meet with great approval through
the "hills and hollows." Galbst is de-
solutely using his efforts to prejudice
the old Democrats against Brewer - in
the meantime he contemplates estab-
lishing a paper three himself between this
and the first of January. That is, in
case no Democratic paper is started
there in the intermediate period. The
press that gets started first, however, is th
One that will "knock the juncumens," Dabbott, with this object in view, has also been trying in an adroit, cunning and underhanded manner to get us to change the name of our paper. He wishes the name of West Tennessee Democrat for the paper which he contemplates. He thinks the name West Tennessee Democrat would be an advantageous pressure in contradiction to that of the Big West Tennessee Whig. I have no doubt what it would, and furthermore think the organ of the West Tennessee Democracy should be called the West Tennessee Democrat. Now, if they start a Douglas paper at Jackson, I will give them our name and add mine that of True Democrat, but I dare not change our name under any other circumstances for it would immediately be appropriated by our enemies. But if there is an administration paper started there, and I see no hope for a large Douglas organ equal in size to the West Tennessee Whig. Then I am going to claim this as the organ of 9 years standing of the West Tennessee Democrats. Dabbott's energy and indomitable perseverance I admire. But his cunning and treachery, I abhor. I think I will go to Jackson again before a great while, and if there is any current I can take it will not be unnoticed. Respectfully, J. F. Horan.
Nov. 9, 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglass
Dr. Sir,

I am a Democrat living in the 16th district of Ohio, composed of Ashtabula, Mahoning, Columbiana, & Trumbull Counties. We hold near 10,000 Democratic votes and outside of the four county seats they are nine out of ten in favor of your nomination for President. But if not successful they wish you to abide the decision of the National Convention. Will you do so! Your enemies proclaim you will not, and we desire your emphatic declaration in order to set this matter at rest.

Chas. Mitchell
New Philadelphia
Ohio
Nov. 9, 1857

Will you support National Principles? Our fate depends on Ohio.
Your early reply in the affair of the firm will insure your being united.

Truly yours,

[Signature]

Chat of Mitchell's.

I refer you to R. J. Atkinson 3d, Auditors Office, if you wish to know anything about me, before answering.