New Elizabeth, Nov 22d, 1857

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Dear Sir, Having recently left Illinois and become a citizen of Indiana, I would be glad if you would still remember me as one of your warmest adherents. I lived in Illinois five years and enjoyed the pleasure of reading whatever emanated from your pen, or from you through the press. I hope that you will still remember me. I wish to send you a copy of my reply to Att'y Genl. Blair's review of your "Harper's Magazine" article, and his effort reminds me of the politician, who stood upon nothing and looked out upon continental. Will you put my name in your list, and send me anything of political interest that you may feel disposed to.

Yours sincerely,

A.W. Avery
A. W. Arce
New Elizabeth,
Hendricks Co.
Ind.
Nov. 22.
Acting Secretary
New York
Nov 24th 1879.

My dear Jude:

I am deeply grieved at the announcement of Mrs. Douglas Boland’s illness. I trust in God the way he spared you I would not have had you to come to my last visit completely. My prayers are for her recovery.

Yours faithfully,
J. O. Banks.
Laurin Vernon, Jan 24, 1859
Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

This County held a town meeting on the 19th to appoint three persons to be delegates to the District Convention to be held at Charleston Dec. 10th. for the purpose of choosing two delegates to the Charleston Convention in our county meeting. We have a strong feeling that the administration has contended with us & displayed a firm hand worthy of a hard campaign. We secured 22 delegates out of the 25 favorable to yourself & the principle of popular sovereignty. This was doing well considering that this County has always been considered a Union stronghold and was their rallying point during the Seacoast excitement. We considered it highly proper to insist upon the Union as one of the delegates. It is well done & to make our success more secure in this County - the opposition is quite effect to defeat.
hills and the main, and made him feel to be a reliable and original citizen.

Myself and twenty-one men of the same sort are the delegates. We will all be on hand on the 1st of next month at Charleston. We must have more than a fourth of the district in number. Enough with the other Counties to secure two delegates to the Convention. That is one reliable for Douglas and the platform of 56.

Any information of Col. Ayers or the cadet from Col. Ayers or the cadet from C. A. to the delegate. If so, I have in my possession, their plans to go for you, and as soon as the at Charleston, the plans are earnest to make good, on the river or roads, and for families and families in this district.

Very truly yours,

Jas. B. Black.
James Blake,
Mt. Vernon,
Rm. 20. Ohio.
This politics
Answered Dec. 14

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Burnet House,
JOHNSON, SAUNDERS & Co., Proprietors.

Cincinnati, Ohio, 1859

Nov. 22nd

Dear Mr. Stephen A. Douglas:

I have spent the evening in conversation with some of the best Demo-
crats of Cincinnati. In the course of the conversation, the subject of the Charleston Convention has been pretty freely discussed. I suggested some of our mutual friends that the prospects of attending very carefully the delegate elections. Permit me to say, sir, as a friend, that desperate efforts will be made to select a delegate from this city pledged to oppose your nomination. It is not necessary for me to remind you that the masses in this city are for you.
To be brief. Archbishop Purcell of this city and his brother, Bishop Purcell, editor of the "Catholic Telegraph," art and fast friends. My advice to you is this: Write a letter expressing your confidence in Washington. McLean, in which you will say, in a short, which you will annex to a letter of the Bishop and his party, that you can write to Charleston; he is the best man in Ohio and your staunch friends. Let me have a letter expressing confidence in our mutual friend McLean, and I think one can send him to Charleston. I need not say that any communication from you will be sacred as the grave.

Mary City,

Geo. Boll.
Pittsburgh, Nov. 22/59.

Dear Sheridan,

My brother John C. Harper, desires to procure a clerkship at Washington this winter, and I write to you for the purpose of exerting your interest in his behalf. Do you think anything can be done for him?

The many friends of Judge Douglas were grieved to hear of his dangerous illness, but they now participate in the universal joy which is felt because of his recovery. Convey to him for me the kind wishes for his complete return to health of his friends here.

Yours in great haste,

Sam. Harper.

Answer soon.
James B. Sheridan Esq.
Washington City & Co.
Madison, Indiana
Nov. 22nd, 1859—

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

My Honored Friend:

In the multiplicity of your cares, hear an humble request from one whom you know to have been your enthusiastic and devoted friend personally and politically, through a long series of years, everywhere and under all circumstances, and one to whom flatters himself that he has done as much as any man in Indiana for you and your cause in various ways. But enough of this.

I cannot go into particulars, but must depend on my friend Hon. John S. Davis to represent the particulars of my case—as when I last wrote you I was the President of Indiana State University. By the succeeding persecutions of the
most unprincipled and malignant political foes, I have been suddenly and unexpectedly thrown out of employ and place—although I expect yet to “conquer a place.” But I am poor, absolutely penniless, and must have some paying situation for at least four or five months, to furnish bread for my wife and children. I have been at a loss to know which way to turn—Hosts of friends desire that I should be the Douglas candidate for the nomination for Governor against Burnham and Hendricks before the State Convention. But then I am not able for such a canvass on uncertainies—And now all that is left for me is to throw myself on your generosity and zeal, and ask you to procure a paying situation for me at Washington, if it is only for three or four months. You will do it, if you will only set your head and heart upon it. I know your ingenuity, and your power.

My Democracy is above suspicion—No man living can pick a flaw in my Democratic record unless it be a sin to be a Douglas man, and to carry J. B. Bright, favorite stronghold Jefferson County, for Douglas delegate to the State Convention—This I have done—but have always operated inside the regular organization.

I do not see how my political friends can deny me the favor I now ask. If you knew any pressing want, and how I have suffered for anything sake in my political faith, you would not rest until you had procured me some place, if it were only for a few months— I am not particular what the situation is, a Clerk to a Committee—an assistant in some department in the Senate or in the House—any thing that will pay for three or four months, when I can again enter upon my legitimate calling if I see fit to do so. Now let me plead...
with not to overlook my humble request in your greater and grave duties. Mine is a peculiarly hard fate. If I could tell you all you would go to work in my behalf with a will that would insure a way. I shall certainly expect you to succeed, and that you will communicate to me the result of a successful effort very soon. Address me at Madison, Indiana, where I will remain to hear from you.

Mrs. Daily desires to remember you, and joins me in this plea.

God bless you.

Believe, as ever,

Most Respectfully,

Yours,

M. M. Daily.

Madison,
Indiana.
Memphis, Nov. 20th, 59

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

Dear Sir,

Perhaps I have no right to give attendance to the wishes of the dead to ask a favor at your hands. I would state however that your friend Jesse Clemens by an "anti-Douglas" mail is a candidate for the office of Printer to the House of Reps. & that Gov. Jones promised to write to you in his behalf often expressing a strong anxiety for his success.

In addition to the above matter I may mention the fact that I am collecting...
Materials for the purpose of preparing a Biographical Sketch of You join those that will be placed in the hands of Clemens, who will aid in the completion of the work. If you have any letters or other papers that should have a place in such a publication, I would thank you for them or for copies.

Very Respectfully,
Your friend, etc.

L. J. Dupre
Confidential

This, the 10th Cong. Dist. 7
was, is decidedly for Popular
Democracy with all its adjuncts.
Gov. James and every effort
to induce the Appeal proprietors
to announce themselves
unequivocally for you for the
Presidency. At his
suggestion I have written
for The Memphis Press
many articles which
appeared as editorials
on the subject, as elaborate
discussed by yourself &
Mr. Black (alias Jack
Thompson). Two of the Editors, Mr.
Mr. Clayton & Dill are for you
Tommodale The political Editor
accompanying.
If I can serve you in any
manner advise me. A.D.
S. B. Eaton,
Care of C. F. Battles
Lowell
Mass.

Nov. 22, 1839

Dear Miss Douglas:

You are about to hear from your humble servant. You may not have received a copy of your last rejoinder to Attorney General Bleek. With my warmest and most respectful wishes for your health and progress, I am.

S. B. Eaton
Care of C. F. Battles
Lowell
Mass.
Mr. Stephen A. Douglas.

Dear Mr. Douglas,

Will you do me the kindness to send me a copy of an oration of your speeches and letters in Illinois written the last four years as you have at least one or two conveniently spare? I am to be out of my house the way and often to defend yourself come from the distractions with which it is already charged in certain quarters of the South; and things to be spent I prefer my own services for the Chicago Republic, my own third friend, and all the others this is yourself—An editor of the Democratic paper of the place. I may be of some to the cause of the right an an answer to act intelligently and wisely.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Pettingill, Dec. 22nd 1857
A. M. Reiley
Petersburg
No. 21
Speckes

To

H. H. H. D.

His clerk or manager

Date

IN
I am not containing the proceedings of our County Committee which met on Saturday last to appoint delegates to a District Committee. One of the delegates to the State Committee is the Coln's secretary who receives out of the District to the District Committee for use. The District Committee was again called. I wrote you recently of a year ago that the 18th District in Ohio, under a Democratic Party to Charleston, this will now be done, there is a doubt. The Alden men introduced a resolution complimenting the Administration of President. Charged us with an disposition to fight the Administration. I told them substantially that we have no disposition to grounds.
with the idea, but thought that the
friends of the Buchanan had been
assembled for the purpose of offering
the Douglass that we now intended to
try the matter that I had two justices
which I wished to offer as an amendment
to their case, and I would let them consider
that the matter I then offered my Advice
was meant for bishops, mere to support
the Monroe Doctrine, that they might
be convinced that the Douglass as
the 17th power of the Union of such
as. This made them Aspiron, but in
adopted the amendment in spite of
them & they made this I believe the
original as amendment. Our friends
told everything in their own way.
I shall probably be the
delegate to addressing cases to if I wish
Yours truly
J.G. Holme
New York, November 30, 1859

Dear Sir,

I am gratified to learn that you have so far recovered your health as to enable you to receive your friends. I have received the most favorable account during your illness from the radical, remains that have been in circulation for more than a day, and am pleased to find that my kind wishes you in your health. I have been neglected here, this three months yet must be done. If you can possibly visit New York before the opening of the session I would hesitate entirely.
Meant to do so, I am exceedingly urging that you should have a confidential talk with some leading men from the interior of Pennsylvania, who have been acting with the Administration party in that State, to whom I would be of great service to you in the State, one of them will be the delegate to Charlotte from Banks County. I trust you will have sufficiently secured your health to enable you to undertake the journey, and as the quiet of a private dwelling will be preferable, I am hurrying an agent to offer my home as your home during your stay. Mrs. McLane and myself will be grateful to play the host and to do everything as a guest. Hoping soon to have the pleasure of welcoming you.

German
Wever friend

Mrs. McLane
Cui \[ Nov 22^{\text{nd}} \] 1859

Dear Judge,

A scheme is on foot to elect delegates next week in this county who are to pretend to be favorable to you, but who are secretly pledged to distract your friends in the delegation and finally to vote against you. South is devoted to you and will I think be elected. The other three is great doubt about. I could be elected but certain influence of a local character are in my way. Geo P. Buell will write you what plans he have adopted upon. If you will write a confidential letter to him to be shown to certain parties in the city expressing your desire that I shall be sent to Charleston it will be done. I write at 11 o'clock. Post Office will close in ten minutes. Let me hear from you at once. You know that if I am in the convention you cannot be cheated nor your friends impaired upon. My knowledge of your friends and enemies both north and south gives me an advantage that but few of any prowess in this city.

In Rest

[Signature]
Washington, D.C.
Cincinnati, Ohio
Nov. 22.
Pittsburgh
Nov. 26.
A: Rome's College,
Palmira, Mo., Nov. 23d, 1855

Hon. J. C. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

Allow me, with all my heart, to tender you the congratulations of, at least, one of the clergy, late of Illinois, on the very happy result of the late campaign.

But my chief object in writing is to inform you that on the nomination of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Hoadley of Ms. Chancellor of this college, you have been unanimously elected to deliver the annual address of the college, at this place, on the 4th of July, next. Most of the trustees are of St. Louis, but this distance will not prevent
them from being present on the occasion. To this, I can only add that the choice has the hearty approval of  

Young sincere friend,

R. M. McManus,

Preset of St. Paul's Col.
S. Y. McMaster
Palmory
Miss.

Nov. 22.

Nominated by Rev'd Mr. Banks college to
deliver next 4th
July oration before
it.

I. W. McPherson
Aurora Ind.
Nov. 22, 1859.

Dear Sir:

Be kind enough to favor me with pamphlet copy of your last speech (under date, Nov. 10) to Judge Black.

Very Respectfully,
Omar H. Roberts.

P.S. — I give it as my deliberate opinion that Indiana will send a "Douglas Delegation" to Charleston. Everything is now favorable to that result.

Yours,
O. H. R.
House of Representatives
Jackson Miss. Nov. 22, '59

Hon Stephen A. Douglas
Washington City. Dear Sir

I have read your different pamphlets in vindication of your views of popular sovereignty. I also met Reverdy Johnson's very able & in fact to a Democrat unanswerable argument on the same side, which you have been kind enough to send me.

I am prompted to write you this letter by a paragraph in a letter just received by me from my brother-in-law, Humphrey Marshall, Jr. of Columbus, Iowa, & a first cousin of the Hon. Humphrey Marshall of Louis ville. Mr. Marshall, who is a young lawyer of fine promise, is a son of the Hon. Thos A. Marshall, late Chief Justice of Ky, writes to me that he is "becoming more & more convinced that the only hope of saving the Union is for the Charleston Convention to nominate Mr. Douglas!" Mr. Marshall has been all his life a Whig until recently, & while I do not agree with him in his affiliation with the Democracy, I being still an old line Whig, yet I have not thought it amiss to let you know that Mr. Marshall is a warm advocate of your cause, & to ask you to send to him the documents & pamphlets you have been pleased to send me, which are not readily accessible here.

Your Obt Servt
Wm. C. Smedes
Mr. E. Sneed,  
Jackson, Miss.  
Mr. S.  
Friendly  
Ams. 8 Dec. 1839
November 22, 1859
Burlington, Iowa

Senator — My Dear Lee,

Your friends have been grieved for many days at the dispatches of your own & your wife's illness. I had no fear as to the result as I felt an assurance, that God in his providence, had not done with you or her. The latest telegraph gives promise of returning health to both of you for which as one of your friends I feel grateful. I feel an impulse to congratulate you & your wife on this happy turn of events.

Your last Article is as the very thing for the times and places you think in a position which cannot be dodged in these stormy times. The Democrats of Iowa have been beaten: but with you as standard bearer, hope for success in the future. Judge Black must feel belittled after the able backing of Kennedy Johnson. It seems to me...
that in the present Congres, you will have an belligerent part to act. Your position is fully defined; and you will find less personal opposition if you are quiet in the arena. But why should I, who have spent my life in obscurity, offer to you my opinions.

Mr. Frémont departed for Washington and I think you will find him, as well as all Republicans, more conservative than ever before.

Mr. For Dodge departed yesterday for the Arkansas Springs.

With kind regards to Mrs. Dix.

Best wishes for yourself.

Yours truly,

Henry W. Blair
Henry W. Stan
Burlington
Nov. 22.

Friendly
Answered Dec. 7.
November 22, 1859.

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir:

During your recent postponement by sickness, when the telegraph continued to keep us in a constant state of alternate hope and fear, had you seen the number of anxious friends who kept our office in a perpetual alive for the "latest intelligence," you could not have doubted the strength of the great principle of "Popular Sovereignty" in Connecticut, or the hold which its chief advocate had gained in the hearts of the Democracy of the State. This sympathy, I think, indicates where the Democracy of Connecticut will stand.
at the Charleston Convention submitting to new tests, is permitting no interpretation of new doctrines into the Cincinnati platform. Every day brings us more assuming intelligence that intrigue will never defeat the wishes of the people of this State.

Permit me to unpalpitate you upon your convalescence from an illness which excited apprehensions both for yourself and for the cause which owes mainly to your effort that clearness of demonstration that clothes it with vitality and strength. The country could ill afford to lose me who has so identified himself with the great Truth of the day.

The object of this note is to request a copy of your last speech delivered on the night of the passage of the Nebraska bill, if you could readily oblige me.

Very respectfully,

[Signature]

[Address]
Union Reading Club, 
Wabasha, Minn.

[Handwritten note: sending documents]

Union Reading Club Rooms 
Wabasha, Minn. 22nd 1857

Hon. A. Douglas
Washington City

Dear Sir,

I am instructed by our Club to forward you the enclosed papers with the request to furnish us occasionally with the Public Documents that should you feel willing to oblige us, you may address your favors to "Union Reading Club", Wabasha, Minn.

Truly yours,

J.M. Kephart. Sec.