New York,
Dec. 4, 1859.

My dear Sir,

This letter will be enclosed to a friend in Washington, who will forward it to your address.

Your sources of information are, no doubt ample; but a deep interest in the fate of the Union, with which, in my judgment, your name and position occupy a most important connection, prompts me to offer a little contribution.

The recent dangerous illness of yourself and estimable lady must, necessarily, have interrupted your minute and general observation of the drift of public affairs consequent upon the late outrages in Virginia.

I believe that the "Crisis" which Mr. Calhoun so frequently saw near at hand, is now imminent indeed. Virginia has been invaded, and she has vindicated her sovereignty in a dignified and proper man-
Old Brown has been hanging, and his sympathizers are numerous, powerful, and more than ever, fanatical. As patriotism erected statues on Boston Common to Warren and Webster, so may fanaticism erect a statue to Old Brown. As being a horse thief, a kidnapper, and a murderer, in law and in fact, will be ignored or construed into the virtues of the martyr and reformer!

The outraged South perceive the consequences of these things; and doubting the capacity of the Democratic party of the North to arrest the madness of pulpit and political fanaticism, will demand further and sufficient guarantees from Congress. These guarantees must be protective, new and severe penalties should be enacted against accessories before the fact, as well as after the fact. In short a "slave code," ample in its provisions and guarantees has within a few weeks become necessary to the preservation of the Union. The Constitution requires that the United States shall protect each State against invasion and domestic violence. So far as I have been able to ascertain, here in New York, and elsewhere, in the North, the Democrats are ready for the question, and will stand up to it almost to a man.

Your great qualifications, the advantage of your position as a Senator from Illinois, your political antecedents and affinities, your attitude in the foreground of the country, afford inspiration and hope to the patriotism of the Democratic party of the country.

You are in the midst of an exciting municipal election. On the 5th inst. we shall see whether Tompkins Hall will with Mr. Harrington is not able to defeat the arch knave Fernandes, with Truck at his back.

Wishing and trusting that the health
of yourself and Mrs. Douglas may very soon enable you to be at your post,

I remain, sincerely,

Your friend,

[Signature]

Hon. S. A. Douglas

[Postscript]
Cincinnati, Ohio,
Dec. 4, 1859.

Honor S. A. Douglass.

R. H. Stephenson, Esq.,
Librarian of the "Young Man's Mercantile Library" of Cincinnati, is anxious to get your pamphlet speeches for the use of the Library in question which is altogether the most popular literary resort of the city of Cincinnati. As I am well acquainted with many members of Congress, I have promised to assist Mr. Stephenson in procuring such public documents as would constitute a valuable addition to the Library. Mr. S. requests me to solicit of you such of your own speeches as you can furnish without subjecting yourself to inconvenience.

Very truly yours, etc.

Geo. P. Buell.
Geo P. Buell
Cincinnati
Dec 4 O
Mercantile Library
Documents
Marysville Decr 6th 1854

Mr. Douglass

Dear Sir: I am deeply truly thankful for you for your kind and confidential reply to my letter. I have deemed it very proper and very praiseworthy for me to ask you for your advice and your assistance in any way you can render me. Whether I have done or will continue to do your request is not for me to say; but it is not for me to express my gratitude for your kindness and your assistance. I have been careful in the preparation of this letter and have taken care to express myself as simply as possible, but I am sure that it has not been easy to make my meaning understood.

The more highly prize and value your political opinions, the more I am inclined to agree with you. But I have no time or means to enter upon any political discussion. I have only the time and means to express my gratitude for your kindness and your assistance. I have only the time and means to express my gratitude for your kindness.

I have in the past found your opinions and your advice of the greatest value. I have in the past found your opinions and your advice of the greatest value. I have in the past found your opinions and your advice of the greatest value.

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Arranged that they had the Convention renounced our men
should have went into the Convention and have forced them
then and then either to have endorsed or confirmed you and
your position; but when our friends did not do and consider
yourself. Since that time, we have never been able to
force them into a contest upon the true issue; when
it was the best pay. But even for you as much as
we were and when this would not do they went
Contra, and so in their platform our Restoration
endorsing popular sovereignty and one
entire Administration of Buchanan's and then by
spreading and regular organization to take
the foreign vote and the Southern vote by
them any way. They have at last made of you
your friends in this State and the Free Democracy
political renegades and have possession of our
camps and banners. As you suggest we cannot
whip them on the outside we must do it on the
in; although each feeling of my heart would at
this concentration. You are right also in your suggest
ions that you had some friends on the inside you
have some. They are old true Democrats who follow
organization. Finally, I can readily conceive of them
and so can you. These elements united away and
probably will be sufficient to carry the fight;
but we have had little time. - Our helpers kept in
the legislature a successor to Mr. Broderick is
to be elected this year and are to begin next year.
No discussion that must occur sooner. Mr.
mail representatives may open the door for our Legislative minority to effect a victory that will harmonize
their interests in the coming conventions and control
them. This is our only hope. And now how much I
wish I had been successful in my canvass last
fall. For now having a vote in the Senate might
carry the next State Convention "for Douglas"
but if I have not that, I have a position when I can
make my influence felt. Now I am on our
State Central Committee and can influence
the harmonizing of those new lodges; my services
are also for the last two years in the Assembly and in
the canvasses as your friend, quite an ability to
gebounds confidence in our party in this
state, and as nearly all of the members of both
houses are acquaintances of mine. I may
be enabled to effect a little by a word in their
councils. I could effect much if I had anything
instructively from you that I might show
to them or publish. You cannot judge of this
and act as you think, proper and wise
what you think right. You are grossly
misrepresented. Run like you are everywhere
the Southern. You call me a Black
Republican, the Black's call you pro-slavery
and Whig for many of both sides. Simply
Conservative and that might be
untrue to your cause or in doubt, and your
to operate with me — I would
that I might, truly state those sentiments in your letter to me. That on are worthy of yourself. As part of the thousand calamities of your enemies. One, when you say, "you will make no sacrifice of your principles to be President," you neither wish your friends to do well nor that your efforts are not for a real elevation or advancement. But to preserve the principles of democracy, not only for the sake of your success to the Party, but for the sake of making the Congress of the Convention truly a Democratic victory." Such language, her authoritatively published, I think would do you more good! Think of this!

Thus your letter being in its entirety strictly confidential was that portion, yet I do not consider myself, at liberty to make known. On this that we much need your to a leader, we have no single man who combines wealth, talents, and a correct political principle. Miller had made himself very obnoxious to the mass of your friends. You not only by this continued action with the Man now but by a letter that he published before the election a year since, in which he took the volition from that our party were nothing more or less than black Republicans.
The successor in Mr. Broderick, Oh. Pe'O P. Had... and will doubtless meet in your military career, you will understand at sight. His political standing is of the handkerchief kind. He was nominated "as supposed" on account of his possessing those qualities and his standing that would in my event make him a rival to Miller who appointed him. I know not what political phase he may assume at Washington that he is of the blue ribbon order, having denounced Douglas men as sibilant bees in a speech delivered before a convention in this county. A letter was a great pleasure; it is a resident of this county and personal acquaintance of mine.

I have no news to communicate to you, and as I make it a rule to start writing a letter as soon as I find that I have to write to you why I will close this. Now Mr. Douglas, I am aware of the views of your and can... a strange force upon you for attention and therefore if you do not waste any in answering my letters I shall not feel offended. But shall whenever I think I can give you a piece of information that would be useful or interesting to you, let down and write it down and send it to you promptly because I deem your success, and
That which of course is based solely upon my opinions connected with your own. However at any time a letter or document from you will be received with pleasure and pleasure, and used to the best purpose in my power in any manner than you may direct. In relation to the latter as your Congressional Delegation in both Houses can move against me political wise entirely. I would be very thankful to you for even let the matter of that kind whenever at your disposal.

I remain with the utmost respect
Your humble friend,

W. De Long

Mr. J. Adams,
Washington City.
Hon. A. Douglas,

Sir,

I have been on a visit to Urbana, Illinois, at the O'Conor House. I have sold my interest there and located in this free section of country. Our county is Republican. But we hope to bring about a change. Will you please send me accommodations some of the days of Congress. The Democrats necessary if you are nominated for President your election sure. Write soon to the case.

With much respect,

George Hubbard
political

December 14

My dear sir,

I am

now engaged in my court, but will

not have a whole Saturday night to

spend my visit. Where I

suppose I will be at Indianapolis for

six weeks. Of course your

political and personal friend,

are beginning to stir and show a great

desire of interest in the action of

the convention to be held in the

City of Ia. So far as there has

been any expression at the pri-

vate meetings, you have no rea-

son to complain, nor have I the

least doubt that nine-tenths of

the Democrats of the State are for

you for the next Presidency against

any other man. There is a diffi-

cultly known as an
fair public expression of the true sentiment, simply because there are two or three persons in such a party who have been for years the party managers, and this class are generally committed against you, and I really think above the only men who are against you. They known embrace the most active speaking men and your enemies who seem to be the shepherds of their efforts to give public opinion a wrong direction. I speak of Robertson, Might Fitch or Kay who are the men closely at work. Wherever there is a county meeting they will be found, and there are as well named men to encourage a reform there. I think they have so long been the dead nailed of the party, that it is difficult to shake their influence. But I feel confident that the approaching convention will be in the hands of your friends, and if they are not

Affected by superior management they will send a delegation to Charleston instructed by you for your nomination. I believe that your leading friends are astound and determined to take the matter into their own hands, and I believe they will do so. But we have a few men of prominence and have to take the lead for they will have to fight all sorts of combinations and bribes. Before Mr. Davis went on to Washington, I urged him to come back to the convention and I deem it absolutely imperative that he should. He is well posted and can rally your friends. Holman and two others came and they thought were determined that public sentiment shall be fairly expressed. The position of Washington is important and the may at Charleston in the dead in the last presidential election made the contest. I think Mr.
Davis will come if you desire it. I am aware how much my own heart is set upon the contest, but I have not participated actively in politics for fifteen years, and I cannot get my consent to do so.

Many of your leading friends want me to go to Charleston, but I do doubt the propriety of it, that I have not consulted to allow my name to be used. I feel that much is involved in the result of the Charleston nomination.

More than the personal fortunes of any aspirant to Presidential honors, for there appears to me now imminent danger of diminution if not of something worse. Civil war...

I am glad to see that you and the D. are recovering your health and that a few weeks will find you as strong as ever."

With friendship,

[Signature]
[Dec. 14, 1859]

Steam Mill
Schuyler County
Illinois

My dear Mr. Douglas,

I see in the 

Times that there is a pamphlet said to be issued from the pen of reverent Johnson on popular Sovereignty in the Territories. If you can send these one off to read myself and also some to distribute among my fellow Democrats as I am Post master at Steam Mill and with a good chance to do so and all other documents that you may want Do yours truly a Democrat,

William R. Powell

Direct Steam Mill
Schuyler Co. Illinois
This 4th day of Dec. 1859
Mr. R. Lovell
Steam Mill
Schenectady Co.
Dec. 4182
Acting Rev. Johnson's
speak, letter, sent
Dr. I. S. Hughes
Washington, D.C.

Mr. Horace Rockcastle
County, Ky.
1st Dec 1859

I am requested by Mr. Henry Miller of this county to write to you in relation to his claim pending before Congress. Mr. Miller's name was placed upon the Kentucky pension list on account of a wound he received while he was a soldier in the war of 1812, which caused the amputation of his leg in August 1817. His name was placed upon the pension list in 1853. He has been trying before the department for his back pay to take effect at the date of the amputation of his leg and before Congress finally, Session before last. Mr. John Calladit. Mr. John C. passed the bill by a 2/3 vote in the house. Given to him 1/28th pay to take date the 30th August 1817 at $18 per month to run to the date his name was placed upon the pension list. The bill was sent to the Senate and referred to its appropriate committee, who the bill I understand has rested ever since. This thing a committee to do other than a private bill, is in all ways the Senate should have a chance to vote upon it. Mr. Miller is incumbent.
with a young wife and three helpless children, would to assist him any; he is a very poor man, but an honest one — and the pension is insufficient for the support he is unable to labour. Now the government is withholding the cause of it by his being in the service of the government. He is a man with little education, and has to be dependent upon his husband, and the inadequate income he derives from the pension he is receiving. The back pay would only amount to some $335.25. Give the government credit and I would be of great service to this poor old soldier. The Hon. Dr. R. Davis! I presume I shall go. From the house in the back yard, please examine the papers. They are all filed in the stacks, after you shall have examined his papers, thank you for your assistance to him in getting the laws passed. You assure in the case will be greatly appreciated by Mr. Henry Miller and his family, who, if you would introduce a resolution restoring the fragments of mention of prisoners to the children of the revolutionary heroes, that is true evidence after their death, your action in the case will be greatly appreciated by the children of the Revolutionary Patriotic.

I am, yours truly,

[Signature]
A. Smith
Mount Vernon
Dec. 41. N.J.

In Reference to Mr. Miller’s
Bill for Back Pension
Not before Senate.
Galena Ills Decr. 5, 1859.

Hon. S. A. Douglas

U.S. Senator

Sir was sorry I wrote you when you were unwell, but am glad you and lady are both recovering. I have but one thing to say viz. do not be drawn into personal difficulty with any adversary, if you should please say to them as Mr. Randolph said to Gen. Wilkinson about the time of Burr’s Conspiracy “I cannot descend to your level.” Your rejoinder to Judge Black’s last came to hand for which please accept my thanks. We are having Winter here without snow, but suppose you will have a warm time in Washington this Session.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt. Srf.

J. S. Adams
Jas. Adams
Galena
Dec. 5, Ill.

Fenstly
WINON O.
Dec 5, 1859.

Hon. S. A. Douglas.

Dear Sir,

The Congress and the State, elected Col. R. H. Taggs of
Lancaster Co. and D. B. Stewart of
Contoil, the delegate to Charleston. They are both good and true Douglas
men. They said the better question if Mr.
Dunbar had been selected as one in the
reason that they have all along been friends of yours. While the other was
not, and in a certain continuing with
have betrayed us. He was only a short
time ago, one of the leaders of the
Second-imperial policy. And left, only, when
Convicted it was his only course to
save himself. We united on him in this
County, because we hoped in that way to
divide, and then Congress. The plan
succeeded. Everything worked well. I
said with you. Good men secured.
In recalled upon. At the district Convention at Cokesburg, a strong effort was made to strengthen the Constitution, which was described by some of your landed friends. It was broken up by Dear Runn. and a few others outside, claiming it was necessary to constitute the Randolphs mean. I was in the Convention and presented to their consideration resolution good and strong, they were cut on a tie vote. It was presented again, which was agreed to both in Convention and Conventions. They were not as strong enforcing, as I could have wished. Yet after they passed, we requiredy fugue & Stewart to come before the Convention, which they did, and pledged themselves, to carry on the wishes of the Convention. The Convention was unanimous for you; still some were afraid to act boldly. I knew the Convention myself if the resolution for you was not strong enough, they were the but I could see them again. That, they read more like an ene...
...to the one expected for the Administration. Since one was expected &
came to this in place of one they had comming Buchanan in empty.

The Administration in this state is
about pleasure & odd. It is the process
that have attended these Conventions,
not the office holder, and hang on for office.

With much respect, I
remain truly yours

James Blake

[Signature]

[Postmark]

[Stamp]
Dear Sir, as you will have a
Thorny Fashion. This number I wish
you to send me such documents
as you think most important to Illinois
reader and all the patent office
reports and any other works that
is for distribution.

My Daughter say there
Can't rent, But they would like
you would rent them, Tom garden
and parson roads.

Yours Truly
H. Bryan

P.S. Don't forget your friend
F. B.
H. Boyer,

Morrism

Dec. 5, Ill.

asking documents,
speeches etc.
December 5th, 1857.

Dear Sir,

I wish you to send me some of the most important Public Documents, during the present Congress, please send them to the Saline Mines P.O. Gallatin County Illinois.

Hon. J. P. Douglas, U.S.

Mr. Brinkley.
Wm. Brinkley
Saline Mines
Gallatin Co.
Dec. 5, 186-
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Selma York, Capt. Maine

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Feb. 5, 1854

Dear Sir,

Now that I am in this distant city of Maine, I understand that you are contemplating spending some part of the coming winter in Washington. I am desirous of hearing from you how you should make your acquaintance. You are a gentleman in every sense of the word, and honest and frank in all your deportment. He may get cheated, but never cheat. He is a strong advocate of the right of the people to manage their own affairs in their own way, subject only to the Constitution of the United States. Maine is intended, by means of its delegates, to the Charleston Convention, eight have already been chosen. The eight chosen are all strong friends of yours. If I have the means of knowing that you will be pleased by his friends, then he will be at the Charleston Convention.
He is just the man to be in the slot as an out
side for he will go for keeping the continuous
platform as promised by President for other
Democrats at the time. If by chance he should have
instance with your deleting his story with city
you would first have decided and thank upon
all political matters that now agitate the country
Gork is among our thinkers and most influential
that men in that state.

While he held the office of governor he was highly
politically in Missouri. John Chadbourn his successor
from the chair. You Hubbard now holds a
secretary of state under President Buchanan
you by in the year 1849 while you were nominated
by the popular branch of our legislature for the
United States Senate Judge Clifford being a
very superior for the filler manner to defeat
him in the senate by one vote.

If you favor it not, then political friend of
Judge Clifford is does not leave his position
in Maine. I am your truly

Israel Chadbourn

I have placed to learn by the printer that
your health is improving.

J. Chadbourn
c. A. W. M.
My Dear Sir,

I am very anxiously looking forward to hearing from you. A letter was received on the 31st of the same month. In answer, I have to say that the reports contained in that letter must be kept secret and since the reception of that letter, I have devoted all my time and energies in bringing about the desired compromise between the two wings of the Democratic Party in this state. Your letter was marked "Confidential" and it shall remain so."

D. J. Colton
San Francisco
Dec 5, 1859
Cal
San Francisco
December 5th, 1859
I received a letter with your favor upon it, but as one knows the contents, nor shall I say. My own opinion is that we will effect a compromise, perfectly fair and honorable to both branches of the party. I have been trying for two or three days to bring about and find money from prominent men in both branches who are hearty Colleagues for the same result. It is my opinion that before theMounted Troops All Affair will be handled and all your friends will be here in hand lobbying to send Douglas Atlanta to the Charleston Convention. Princes friends and the Customs House influence headed by Washington are all we will have to contend against in this city. So by the time the House mail leaves one may expect to hear that the two State Central Committees have agreed where a bill is made for a State Convention that both Committees shall join in the bill and we have strong hopes that with our Anti-Lecompton Party joined with the friends of Deeds in the organization that we will be able to arrange anything to suit. It is a very kind offer to bring the President here then the breach was to wide and the last campaign was so bitter. I will write them immediately after we effect the Compromise between
To love Kings -
Let one be from
con one or - at every time
whence I can do one anything
to promote your interest let
one reason and if on my
power it shall be accomplished
Mrs C joins me in the
Sincere wish that this may find
your good ship fully restored
from her illness.

The Lecompton men on
all in trouble fighting among
themselves. It may be there
will be any election of Lincoln
this winter - there will never
be advancement from this state.

Help.M all things may turn
to your interest & in that sense
of the elections as well as this
I mean. I have joined
by
Hon. L. A. Douglas
Washington

D. L. Colton
Pompton, Nov. 5th, 1859

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Sir,

Permit me to appeal to you as one of your staunchest supporters, and ever have been one of those great Principles which most clearly indicate the Institutions of American Liberty, and upon which you are the champion and expounder, and request of you such documents through the coming session as will be of value through the coming session of which you are about to be a member. I am in hopes that your name will stand at the head of the time, almost Democratic Party, and that it will stand forth in the name of Popular Sovereignty, is the only attention for the American People.

Respectfully your obedient Humble Servant,

Tiffany Conover

Direct to: O. P. Box No. 187

Geneve Co. N. Y.

Other names to the same Post Office would be of Benefit:

W. T. Porter
J. D. Garvin
John Furkan
Thomas Sayles
Rodney Rowe
J. B. Blumberg

C. W. Blumberg
Sir,

Will you do me the favor to send me your autograph.

Alorge D'Yarmworth.
Wayne Griswold
Circleville
Dec. 6.
Ohio

Circleville Dec. 6th 57
Ohio politics

Honor Stephen & Douglas
Answer Dec. 14

Dear Sir,

I presume you have heard the result of the late State convention in Ohio by this time, your most sincere & faithful friend are perfectly satisfied Ohio will be accepted at Charleston & you will be highly gratified if the voice of the people does not satisfy Black the fifth of Feb will unite all the characters so loud that he will understand where Ohio stands. You may well be proud of it.
No delegation from Ohio will view your few exceptions and they are instructed for you. The men of most skeptical eloquence who will go to Charleston for a high and noble purpose to vindicate the true democratic platform and to nominate you, for President as the representative man of that platform there will be no seducing, no false charges, nor gross provocation which will elicit them from their great purpose. The salvation of the democratic movement of the country, in my judgment, depends upon you. We go with secord choice the people gave where I went you and the intention is that they shall twice as often as he could to defeat our state ticket and alone all he could but he must, I really failed in the latter. If Buchanan and Black cannot get better men and more of them to manage for them, in which they had better never seek the democracy of the State to manage for themselves. In almost every election...
Mt. Carmel, Ill.

Dec. 7th, 1859.

Wm. H. Harmon

Master of Census

Marshal.

To Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Senator, etc.

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

Permit me to present you my name for your consideration and propose if you see fit for the post of Census Marshal for Illinois. I might urge upon you the weight of this part of the State as an occasional appointment, it has never yet had one, also to the fact that for a number of years I have been doing the party good service and have never received a favor from it, but I deem it unnecessary.
you know how these matters are, and your knowledge of Illinois will lead you to advocate the appointment of some one from that section of the State where the party most needs strengthening. I should like the appointment, and my name is not unknown to you neither is it to the State at large.

If you can do nothing more for me I should at least be happy to receive documentary proof from you during the session.

Respectfully,

[Signature]
Dec. 5 1859

My dear Sir,

I have read your

January 27th.

And

Anxiety greatly

I continue to have

that

Continuing to

until I

a few letters later

and your best regards. 

Yours...

[Signature]
receive to conclude

Mr. Moore, I hope you

and to your

love.

I am Dr.

and friends who

many also soon. We are near center a war and I am failure to

bring me agency from them. They are friendly and

true in James Still

and Dr. Deacon. I am sure

I have letter saying interest from the organization of the

London. Enclosing

love in Carter, Celia immediately

and Dr. Deacon.
Kauf von zwei Tausend S.
of some days. I
left the house to
get there, after you
were in Santa Clara
your notes etc.

Sincerely,
Mr. Johnson

[Johnson]

Harley

I. M. Tregear

cc r
Bridgewater Dec 5/59

Dr. Johnson Gardner
Dear Sir,

A citizen of our town, a Republican writes to obtain a paper or pamphlet containing Mr. Douglass' views of the questions on which he differs from the present administration, more particularly his recent letters which have been answered, I believe by Attorney General Black.

When I wrote you, you remember, I was not particularly pleased with Mr. Douglass Conde. Since then I have read some things which have caused me to change my views relative to his action in opposing the administration at the time he did.

If you can put me in the way of furnishing the device matter to the citizen alluded to, as well as to myself and others who would like highly, more than they have on the subject, I shall feel much obliged.

Yours truly

Lewis G. Lowe
New York Dec 5th 1863

Sir,

I am about to publish an examination of your views on popular jurisprudence in the Territories, of which I shan't you to maintain republican principles. Before going to press, which I propose to do shortly, I wish to obtain of your replies to Judge Black's recent efforts at the book store. In the city, I am forced to throw myself on your politeness, which shall be duly reciprocated.

I remain with profound respect,
Yours Most Obbedient Servant,

A. C. Morey

Then Hezekiah H. Doolan, Esq.
To Honorable A. Douglas,

Respected Sir,

Pardon this intrusion from one who has not the honor of your acquaintance, and oblige me by giving this epistle your careful attention.

I am a young member of the New Jersey Bar, and have always upheld and advocated the principles and doctrines of the Douglas platform. My Father, the late Judge McFarland of Salem, was also a good Democrat, and there are many in Congress now, (Hon. John H. Thompson, Hon. John T. Napier et al.) who were well acquainted with him. Since my admission to the Bar (some two years since,) I have been located in this city, but have always entertained a prejudice for the West, from, by close attention to practice, and a strong advocacy of your political doctrines, I might be able to take a good position. Do you know of any place, suitable, to which I
Could resort? Or, if you would grant me such an exalted position, as to receive one into your kind consideration, as a private secretary? I can assure you, sir, that whatever aid your offer it will be received with great kindness; for what ever advice you bestow, will be taken with due consideration.

If you would receive me into your service, you may rest assured my life shall be devoted to your great causes, and my whole time, united with my entire attention, be consolidated into the one great effort of subservience to you. Fortunately, by the kind hand of Providence, I have been endowed with the fluency of speech, and upon more than one occasion, have I endeavored to inspire my fellow citizens with the propriety and benefit of your political principles. Will you be kind enough to consider, even for a moment, my desire, and if possible receive me into your kind consideration? I can assure before you, testimonials from our Chief Justice (Hon. Henry W. Green), from the Gov. Room, and other eminent men of our State.

May I conclude to solicit a speedy answer, and with great regards.

Yours most truly,

[Signature]

Camden New Jersey
Decr 30th 89
S. Mulford
Camden N.J.
Dec. 5
Wishes to become
Your Private Secretary
Answered Dec. 14
Dec. 5. 1839

Mr. Philip,
Washington

Has rooms to rent.

Washington, December 5th, 1839.

To,

In the event of any friend of yours requiring furnished rooms well located, I take the liberty of informing you that both my partner and myself have had a large number of rooms which we wish to rent during the session of Congress - our houses are respectively situated in South St. No. 469 and No. 596, (near the National Hotel) and No. 587, 591 or 593, 16th St.
To other persons in addition to the family reside in either house which contains all the modern improvements.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully yours,

[Signature]

[Address]

Dec. 5, 1849
Newton, N. J. Dec. 1, 1864

dear sir,

I thank you for the pamphlets you sent me last week, and will endeavor to make a good use of them. That of Mr. Johnson is able of its kind, but adds nothing to the strength of your demonstrative, unanswerable argument; still, considering his location, associations, antecedents, &c., it is not being identified prominently as a politician with any division of our party, it will in certain quarters of the South produce perhaps more effect than yours.

I have a friend at Charleston, S. C. James J. McAllister Esq., a patrister of standing & influence, to whom I would be pleased if you would send a copy of your Haydn article, your two replies to Judge Black, your reply to Senator Gwin, & Mr. Johnson's pamphlet. If you have any more copies to spare, I will thank you to send one of each the above to the following prominent Democrats of S. C.; Thomas B. McAllister, Newton N. J.; a lawyer; & C. E. Moore, Newton, N. J.; now
State House, from this county. Janelle
Balsamale, Esq., and F. E. Jenetta, Esq., both
prominent lawyers of Charleston, S.C.,
the latter a member of the National
Dinner Committee, and both of them are
attending for Washington; also Daniel
Backlow, Paterson, N.J., a prominent
lawyer, and Thomas H. Herrick of
New Barbacoa, Beaufort County, S.C.
late State House from that county.

Writing that you a Mrs. Douglas
may be speedily restored to health,
and that you may long be spared
to the country. I remain

With great respect,
Your obt. Servt.
Martin Ryman

Martin Ryerson
Newton N.H.
Decr 5, 1859

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Washington, D.C.
Monday, Dec. 5

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Dear Sir:

I obtained vol 10 and 11 of the Patent Office Report for the year 1856 at your place on Saturday last. Your Secretary overlooked vol. III, which contains the drawings of the machinery described in vol. 10 and 11. Vol. 10 and 11 are comparatively worthless without vol. 11. If you can send me vol. 11 I shall be much obliged.

I shall be in New York a short time when you may send it.

Respectfully yours,

[Name]
American Institute
New York, City

Resident, Ottawa, Ill.
Sanil S. Shatnell
Ottawa,
Dec. 6, Ill.

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Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir:

I am happy to learn by telegram that you are convalescent. Your loss from at this time have been a national calamity.

Sometime since I wrote you in detail as to how I thought Indiana would stand.

Many county conventions have been held and a reference to their proceedings will I think fully sustain my prediction.

The first distinct show regard as pretty safe for you. It will be a hard fight, but I believe that you will win. This will make 2 votes.

The 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 I much fear are against you. This will make 4 votes.

The 4 1/2 is against you. The 5 1/2 for you which still leaves your opponent 2 votes ahead.
The 6% is against you, the 7% for you. The 9% is for you. The 10% is for you. The 11% is for you.

For your 1 1/2 votes, 2 1/2 2 1/2 2 1/2
5% " 2 
7" 2 
8" 2 
9" 2 
10" 2 
11" 2

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This is Jim Hughes district. By the way, he is a candidate for delegate - the old home of Isaac Bright and I know the power which controls. I was once a member of the same and know the "why."

But you have in this district many devoted friends who are earnestly at work. Mr. May carry even this district. If labor and money, will do it - it shall be done. And when I mean by "money" I do not mean that we will buy votes - but it often occurs that men of the right stamp do not always have money enough to take them to Covertina.

P王国 when you hear from Indiana after the 11th please let me know.

Oh this is all right - and at heart he is and the master of the democracy. But the people are not the master of the democracy. It is the regular organization in Indiana that has become the hands of a selfish and unkind, set of men who have been willing to sacrifice any and every thing to build up their own.
Inclined you an extract cut from the "Daily Sentinel."

The Senator referred to is one Levering who by virtue of an illegal and shameful violation of all law disgrace a seat in the Senate of the United States.

The South ought to realize the fact that no man who advocates the principles enumerated by Buchanan and his followers stands a chance of carrying a single Northern State.

The democracy of the 3rd Congressional district in Indiana is as well disciplined and strong as the Union. With 20,000 majority to back him Jim Hughes was defeated the moment he put himself off of the democratic platform and on that of the President.

The changes in this district would alone change the State. We have nothing against the South—on the contrary we love them as brethren—will uphold and maintain their rights—but if they persever.
and make the democratic party a sectional one upon them must rest the consequences.

If the democratic party has shrunk into such contemptible position that it must be used to build up and protect the institutions of one section, let it slide — and if a platform of that kind is adopted — the idea of next November will let it slide.

Nothing that your valuable life may be long spared for your country’s good, "that good we may see triumphant " the will of the Majority."

Sincerely yours,

James N. Vantine

James N. Vantine
Fairview
Harveyton Station
Dec. 5, 1857

Mr. S. A. Douglas
Washington

Dear Sir,

I only received your letter at Judge Island, and tender you my best thanks therefor. I was much concerned to learn of your recent severe attack of sickness. I rejoice at your convalescence, and hope to hear of your return to your contemplated Southern trip with health perfectly restored.

Our good Democratic friend John Jackson has received his appointment of A. M. O. at this place, but that gentleman J. M. Porter has prevailed on him Shirley to make false representations to the department for the purpose of embarking the proceeding, and delaying the Commission. If not enroaching on your valuable time, be good enough to send a good word to Mr. King &3 United States, as many obligations I am under to you & believe me as ever,

Yours very truly,

C. C. Walker
Baltimore, Dec. 5, 1857

Dr. M. and A. Douglas
Washington

Dear Sir,

By your kind offices for Doctor's suffering from Intemperance, I have, as his father, felt bound to communicate with you in congratulation of your instructing him in the duties of the present moment, and of the excellent qualifications of the applicant for the office.

Warmest wishes for his future success.

Your very humble servant,

C. Washington
C. O. Walker
Barrington Station
Dec. 5. 18__
Relative to Post Master
Carlinville, Ill.
5th December, 1837

Hon. Sen. Douglas,

Dear Sir:

Although my personal acquaintance with you has been limited, still I take the liberty of writing you, assuring you of my consideration, and of asking you to place my name on your list for distribution of documents.

I have the honor Sir to be Your Most obedient Servant,

E. S. Wicklin.
Dec. 5, Phila.

Autograph

Phila. Dec. 5/39

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I am collecting Autographs and am very desirous to have yours among my collection. Your kindness in furnishing me with the above will greatly oblige.

Yours respectfully,

Francis B. Woodruff
531 Market St.
Phila.