Franklin, N. H., Dec. 8, 1839

Dear Sir,

I am very desirous to see the article recently from the pen of Rev. Mr. Thaler in support of your views on the territorial question. If your Magdalene article had been published in pamphlet form, I would be exceedingly thankful for that also. If you can furnish me with two copies of each article you will exceedingly oblige one who has something to do with the political press.

Yours truly,

[M. R. Goodwin]
M. B. Goodwin
Franklin
Dec. 8, 1871
Asking for Rev. Johnson's pamphlet, sent.
Aberdeen Decr 8th 1859

Hon S. A. Douglas

My Dear Sir,

The hopes of the Union rest upon you; your health is now an object of great interest with the country. You will be nominated and elected President by a larger vote than any President since the 2d Election of Jackson.

I am in bad health and my prayers daily ascend to Almighty God to preserve our life. We can give you in this State a large majority.

I learn with pleasure that the health of Mr. Douglas and yourself is improving. I hope you will be able to serve the Senate this winter, but it will make no difference the die is cast, your health is all I feel interest in.

Sincerely yours,

Rutl McClellan
Rott McAllister

Hudson

Dec 8. No. 2

Friendly
Senate Chamber
Dec. 8th 1859

Hon. S. A. Douglas,
Sir,

You are respectfully requested to attend a caucus of Democratic Senators on Friday morning at 11 o'clock in the Reception Room of the Senate.

Respectfully yours,

D. R. McNair
Serf. at Arms S.D.
D. R. McRae
Washington
Dec. 8, 1856
Democratic Caucus
Dear Mr. A. Douglas,

Carrolton, Ohio
Dec. 8th, 1833

I am writing to request your assistance in obtaining copies of the speeches delivered before the present Congress.

I shall esteem it as a favor to receive from you copies of the speeches which you may deliver from time to time in the present Congress.

Yours respectfully,

Jas. E. Philpot
Franklin, N. H., Dec 8th, 1859

SIR,

My name is Stephen A. Douglas.

Dear Sir,

Not belonging to the party at present he knows in this state, I cannot well therefore ask them for any favors.

You would confer a great favor by forwarding to me the first volume of the Smithsonian Reports, and allege. [Yours Very Respectfully,

Thomas Ryan.,]
Thomas Ryan
Franklin
Sec. S. N. A.
Address Smithsonian
Report
Horace Steele Jr.
Painesville
Dec. 5, Ohio.

...taking half dozen copies Harper's article...

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Clarence A. Douglass

I sent your Harper article as requested, and with any others. Copy hand had the article written to convert a small number of friends to support the Republican party. By sending it to Seneca County, I meant as a half dozen or so of friends or such to see in print now. Can't say times are better or Young friend, Horace Steele.

Even in this "twilight region" Douglass stock is going up every day. Don't forget mentioning you.
Dear Sir,

I was gratified to hear from Mr. T. H. Winfield, as a possible of the presidency of your public men in Barnwell county. About the particulars of "Cavendish", "Oregon", "Pelham", "Vinton", "Cincinnati" and "young"; if you could furnish me your own, I would send them your own. Thank you.

Please let me know if there is anything else you need.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Cincinnati, July 1834

[Postscript]

[Handwritten note on the verso]
Ellicott's Dills Dec. 8th 39
Hon. Sir A. Douglas
Dear Sir

I received a few days since your reply to Judge Black, which I have carefully read, with great pleasure. Like your article in "The Byper," it is a masterly production; and it annihilates your opponents every attempt at prevention. By reading it any man can not help being convinced of the fallacious position of Judge Black; and at the same time of the incontrovertible one occupied by yourself, and so ably defended. Of course every attempt possible will be made by the Administration to defeat your nomination by the.
ton Convention, but it will prove of no avail. You will be nominated and you will be elected. In order to preserve the Union and thereby preserve a market for her Cotton the South will be obliged to abandon the ground herebefore taken in relation to the extension of Slave Territory; and the North to protect her manufacturing interests must cease to agitate the Slave Question; the consequence will be that both through necessity and policy combined will have to support a man of our principles as you will be the man.

Mr. Douglas I am a young man of perfectly steady habits, dependant upon my own exertions for a living. I have a good education and have been living in Washington for five years. I am desirous of obtaining a better situation than I now have. And I therefore write to you to see if through your instrumentality I can get a clerkship in one of the offices of Government in Washington or the situation of Principal or Vice-Principal in one of the Public Schools of Washington. You may think it strange that I should apply to a stranger for aid in obtaining a situation but I have no relatives to apply to. I can bring letters of recommendation from Hon. E. Hammond and Gov. Libby of Maryland and others if necessary. I am a native of the State of New-York, and perseverance is a part of my nature. I write to you because I am a Douglas Democrat and because I thought that you would be more likely to extend a helping hand to one who has always endeavored to help himself, than some who are holding high offices on account of their riches and not on account of their own worth.
and talents as Statesman {for you} worked your way up to your present high position. If you will have the kindness to extend a helping hand I shall ever prove worthy of the kindness and ever feel indebted to you for doing. I will be willing to accept of any situation which will pay me $600. Of course I would prefer a better one, but will be very thankful for that.

Yours Very Respectfully

H. S. Steeter

Ellicott's Mill

Maryland
Alleghany, December 9, 1859

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

You will please excuse me for this liberty, but I have taken for the second time to address a few lines to you.

At present we are without a Democrat in Congress except Mr. Cooper of Detroit, and as his seat will be contested, I think that he will have all that he can attend to without being troubled by me.

I write this any public document which you deign to send to me will be very thankful received and if an opportunity should occur I will try and render you as good service as in my power.

Your truly, John C. Babbett

John E. Babbitt
Allegan
Dec. 19, Mich
Ashing does
Mt. Vernon, Ohio
Dec 9, 1837.

Dear Sir,

At the Congressional District Convention which assembled in this place on the 20th inst., I was unanimously elected as one of the delegates to the approaching Charleston Convention for this (16th) Congressional District of Ohio.

I was Editor of the Mt. Vernon Weekly Enquirer from June 1834 to March 1837 when I retired from the conduct of that Journal. That paper was, I think, the first one in Ohio to lead of in an editorial in favor of myself as the Democratic Candidate for President in
I might select numerous other articles to the same purpose if the forgery, but these will suffice to stand my position even. A few more years age, all papers in them admit, how only by strong tumors the arts de crimes cannot be done. The only question is, that all candidates must necessarily rely upon an interest in knowing how the country, if there were no business with the leading men in the political field, how can we imagine, if only for his own safety, nor to impute the interest of the public that growing states are or may be, how can we imagine, if only for his own knowledge. I am sure no one will think of the present day. I have no idea in it, nothing of the people, nothing at all, for his political views.

But we observe in the first article that has never been the name of Mr. Douglas to be one of such frequent occurrence. Knowing, that a merely personal achievement, that not public, in the absence, is required to press the way, to the adoption of a man, until the decisive hour, but, to which the people, with whom we are connected, for his political opinion.

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tical with the "Yopou," which grows wild on the North Carolina coast, and is very generally drunk among the poorer classes in that section. Many of the captains of vessels prefer a supply of it to coffee, as they say their men are with it able to endure more fatigue and accomplish more labor. It grows wild upon the eastern coast, but when cultivated and trimmed makes a beautiful tree.

The last name mentioned in this story and in fact the oldest does not appear than twenty-five.

very one of them was born in Christian County, Kentucky, and all save one are residents of the State. One of them lives in Illinois.

strange to say, all of these boys have been together, before last Saturday, for ten years, and then they were only together for a few minutes, they parted and have not been together since, and perhaps will ever again.

Mrs. Brown was presented with a silver lot by Major N. E. Gray, on the part of the Association, and in presenting it she made a very appropriate and touching speech.

Hear Miss--Great Excitement.

The quiet village of Vanilee Hancock county, Ohio, was very much excited by a report of Mr. F. Vanlee, about 1 o'clock on the 23rd, that a huge bear was passing the fields about half a mile south of the village. In a very short time there arrived hunters, with four on foot, with the hounds of Mr. S. Brown, who were in hot pursuit. The party were Messrs. Dr. Brown, A. Brown, S. Brown, A. P. Gordon, Marion Vanlee, Joseph Morehead, S. Sprag, G. Askin, and James Kilburn.

They came in sight of Bruin soon after crossing the Railroad near Port Royal.

The dogs overtaking the animal, kept his progress until the party came up, and then commenced an exciting scene, such as is enjoyed by a party in their first bear chase. Several ineffectual shots were fired at the monster, which did not seem to disturb him as he sat in his majesty, chairman of the audience around him.

Finally a shot from Mr. Marion Vanlee passing through the heart, secured their prize. After the excitement had subsided, they commenced deviating means to carry the bear home whole. It was made of poles and bark, which could have been an honor to any well organized hunting party. Bruin was strapped on it by strips of bark and borne triumph to town, and through the principal street of the village. When I left the bear had not been weighed. He was estimated at about four hundred pounds.
remind it. Each day am to
strengthen the convictions I
have formed.

I remain my Respectful
Yours &
D.B. Lincoln

Hon. J.A. Douglas
U. S. Senate
Washington City
Dear J. A. Douglas,

Dr. Mr. I design going to Memphis, Tennessee with a view of establishing myself in the building business and as I am an entire stranger I will of course be under the necessity of feeling my way rather moderately until I can be fortunate in procuring an introduction to some men of influence by some person in whom they will have confidence & it occurred to me that you would undoubtedly have many such friends there & thought if you could put perfectly safe in recommending me as a builder I would be of great advantage to me & for which I would be very thankful. I take with me letters from our best citizens but they like my self have no acquaintance there & any thing you may feel disposed to say of me favorably I will endeavor to fulfill to the letter. My trade of buildings does not pay these times & I find it necessary to take up the freelance in just rents are truly hard here. Just now the prospect of building is by no means flattering & I understand business to very good in Memphis & that it is a fine climate & if I can get the business to do I feel sure I can please any reasonable man. I carried on the building in Chicago
for 19 years on a large scale & did not have a lawsuit or arbitration or even a dispute in regard to any contract that I ever had & believe I can be as fortunate in other places if I can meet with encouragement from the Citizens if you should feel at liberty to give me a letter or letters please direct to Memphis as I leave here for that place on Monday morning the 11th I will remain there some 8 or 10 days I sincerely hope your health & the health of your beloved lady is entirely restored.

Yours truly, A. Saya

Chicago Dec 9th 1869

A. Saya

Memphis

Nov. 9th 67

Mr. E. Thomas

Recommendation
Alton Dec. 9th 1859

My Dear Judge

The bearer B. F. Ruff, Esq., of Pennsylvania, is my personal, political & confidential friend, and politically is as warm a friend of yours as I ever have been. Should this note ever be presented to you, please regard him as such.

Truly Your friend,

D R. Sanger

How S. A. Douglas
Washington
L. P. Ranger
Alton
Sec. 1
Ill.
Introducing Mr. Huff
Dear Sir,

I have no doubt but that you will look upon my remarks in the Harpers Magazine on the subject of slavery and the Constitution, and it seems to me that the question is so plainly confined as to show that it is stupendous, that there should be any serious controversy about it among Calm and enlightened Men, North and South.

The need of the Union is this, and it is concluded, as a public sentiment here on the Charleston Convention, and it will be well for our Southern opponents to take counsel for that and some protection of Negroes from the extreme of Sectional prejudice, which will mark a memorable epoch in our political history.

We look to the nomination at Charleston, as another of the future, from the prospect of our country, and the excess of sectarian prejudice and in a movement of union for the sake of the Union; and the popular feeling of the West is being united, on yourself, as...
best qualified to harmonize the conflicting elements and assured me more the peace and prosperity of our common country.

All prior questions have in doubt will be resolved in the natural settlement. The means for the future of the Union by your friend Mr. Monroe will acquaint with popular feeling in the West. Enforce with me fully on the importance of their Offspring, and think there is little doubt of your camping triumphantly among Northerners, and in the meantime, and believe me,

Your very respectfully,

[Signature]

St. Paul, 1812
J. A. Brimble
Cincinnati
Sec. 9
Ohio

Friendly
San Francisco, Dec 7th 1859.

Dear Sir,

I received under your Frank, your pamphlet & speechs, for which I am obliged. After reading, I gave them to Judge W. Corbitt who was in the City at the time, and wished to preserve them. Since then—

we have had the Hon. Reverdy Johnson's speech, and your friends here think it would help us very much to have a few circultion of them. Him, and Mr. wished me to write to you, to send some out. I could give you a list—but as you know so many in this country, that you can send direct to, that it would not be worth while. In addition to these, you know if you will send to me I will distribute them judiciously. I'm intend to carry this State for you, if possible. But the Dewey, Washington & Dinar party will oppose you. Who will it? Mr. Broderick
successor is quite uncertain. There are so many aspirants; it is pretty certain, however, that Miller will be defeated, and I should not be surprised if we did not elect this writer, which, no doubt, will please Dame—

With kind regards to your family, and sincere wishes for your success.
Believe me, as ever,

Your friend,

[Signature]
Baltimore Decr 10 1859

Hon. Sir:

Please favor me with a copy of your reply to Judge Black and Judge Page.

Yours Respectfully

C. J. Costolay
P.S. Costley
Baltimore
Dec. 10. '36.
Asking copy of
reply to Black.
Washington City
Dec. 10th 1859

Judge Douglas

My dear Sir:

While I have spared no pains in administering to your political necessities, you will pardon me for this administration to the physical, by the receipt of the accompanying parcel which contains much of the recuperative properties of many of the more useful remedies which enter into our materia medica.

Of its quality & quantity you must be your own judge. I only recommend it as a cordial & stomachic. It will prove in both beneficial to yourself & Mrs D.

Hoping some, that long the gout may not conflict with those of your able family physician, I have the honor to be Sir,

Yours ob. serv.

C.P. Colman

[Signature]
E. B. Balmer
Washington
Dec. 10, D.C.

Friendly

uo
Ottawa Illinois Dec 10, 1859

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I propose to start, about the last of next week, on a trip through Tennessee, Mississippi, and perhaps Arkansas, for the purpose of selecting a suitable location in one of those states to practice law, and have prevailed on my limited acquaintance with you, and your friendship for my father, (I. B. Lea Dickey) to ask you for a letter of introduction to some gentlemen of your acquaintance in one of those states.

In the present condition of the public mind at the North some such passport is as necessary to a northern man as are a negro’s free papers to him.

If you will be kind enough to send me such a letter, I will regard it as a very great favor, and will
Endeavor to reciprocate when occasion offers.

I have practiced law about two years at home and in Bloomington, but think I am perhaps inclined to lean rather too much upon my father's reputation, and desire to plant myself where it will be necessary to stand alone.

Pardon me for taking this occasion to offer my congratulations for the masterly manner in which you demolished Judge Black's last article. I shall arm myself with a copy of that! Refounded, on my

Southern Tramp.

With assurances of high regard for both yourself and Mrs. Douglas (whom I met at Bloomington in 1857) I am very truly yours,

Cyrus E. Dickley.
C. C. Dickey
Ottawa
Dec. 10

Asking letters of introduction. Annotated Dec. 23
Canonsburg, Jeff. Coll. Dec. 10, 1839,

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

Will you please send me copies of the several speeches you have delivered on "Popular Sovereignty," during this season? Also any other of your speeches would be very thankfully received; or other political documents.

Respectfully,
Your Ob't. Svt.

John D. Jewell,

Canonsburg, Pa.
John S. Jewell
Cambridge
Dec. 12
Ashing Speech
Olney Ill. Dec. 10, 1859.

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Dear Sir,

The citizens of this town, with the students of the Institution, have organized under the Callersan Society (which is incorporated in the College charters) into a mock Congress for the purpose of discussing the subjects presented to Congress during the winter; and also for the purpose of collecting a public library. Any public documents and books for our library that you may be pleased to send will be thankfully received. We would also be grateful for your influence in obtaining books from the
Department of the Interior. We have already received from that department the Annals of Congress up to 1824,—forty-two vols. in all.

Will you please send us a copy of the "Rules of the Senate."

Public Documents for the Library may be sent either to my address or directed, Public Library.

Very truly yours,

A. M. Dale

A. M. Dale
Dear S. A. Douglas,

I saw your kind letter, and your reply to Judge Black, which reply was triumphant. And what do you think of me, sir, at this time? If you will send me a good number of them, I will circulate them. I know where to put them to do you much good and the country.

Our friend R. A. Pryor done your good service in his own canvass. I was with him in a county where he spoke three times. Good his opponent said he would not vote for you against Sevard if nominated. R. Pryor said he would not vote for you if nominated, most cheerfully and distinctly. I told the people what he had done for the South a county, and they always applauded him. I done all I could for him and you. Pryor is a man of fine talent, your know, and a fine stump speaker. He is certainly one of the most talented men in our State. I showed your letter to him. And his son-in-law, A. W. Preacher, he said he knew for years and years over the man.
All we have to do is to meet at Charleston and nominate Mr. Wise. And the Union is safe and you will be elected. If we fail with you, we may have a Democrat President. I know you can do more to prevent the Union from falling than any Southern man can possibly do. You will secure the nomination upon the Kansas question, which is clear.

As to a Virginia candidate, it is not a question to decide the party. If slavery will go where they are profitable, and the people want them, and you cannot join them upon the majority of the people of Indiana, a State, we must send men to Charleston uncommitted. And they must be prudent men who understand politics. We will send Mr. Santon B. Stovall and Andrew T. Bibb as our delegates. Stovall is for your Whig party, and Stovall is a good man. May God preserve the bright cause. I believe wise will elect Mr. Wise in Virginia, and if necessary, we are ready to support him. I think the people are for him. This bordering matter has given him strength. Your Florida section is for him. The South will stand by the South and try to save it. The South will be for him also. The East declare to give me the chance to speak for the State.
The Hunter men are trying to get you Smith in. But he never liked Hunter or West.
I believe he is for your friend's in his feelings.
I saw Richard Smith, the Editor of the Alexander Paper, the cousin of the Governor.
I wanted to know who the Governor was for. He said he had not taken his position; that was in November. I will write to him in a few days to get the facts. He has always been very friendly with me. I stood by him against Hunter in the Senate. Smith was the nominee of the party. I shall also write to him. I have heard he was for me. I shall know when I receive his letter also. I believe Virginia will come up after a few ballots.
I am glad to hear New York delegation is for me. Have a good chance for Pennsylvania also.
You are strong in Tennessee, Kentucky, Georgia, South Carolina, and South Carolina. I shall be in with a few ballots. I am glad the National Convention will meet in April.
Then all will be settled. The Cincinnati Platform will be adopted and you nominated. And all will be secure without me.

Yours truly,

Y B. Mayor

I am glad to hear your occupancy. I hope your wife, Santa, will come soon.
Blackland, Miss. Oct. 10th 57.

Judge Longear.

Dear Sir,

Will you have the kindness to forward to me public documents during the present session of Congress?

Your reports to Judge Black are having an influence in this section.

I am,

Very Respectfully,

H. T. Moore
Douglas, S.S.,
Washington City,
July 10.

H. P. Blodgett

R. W. 

See to Mr. Biss' stuff.

Free
H.B. Payne
Cleveland
Dec. 10, 1857

This politics
Answered Dec. 20, 1857

Cleveland Dec. 10th/59

Sir:

The result of our District Convention has reached you ere this. It exceeds my own expectations. In 16 out of the 21 Districts preference was expressed or instructions given for you. In three of the other 5, Douglas' men were affiliated. The only doubt for me are from the Hyde & Richland District, but they need not venture to oppose the current that has set in so strongly in your favor. What is qualifying is the firmness & enthusiasm that prevails in any part of the state. It has wrought our democracy into a thorough conviction that they can give the vote of the state to you if you are the candidate, and if this I am perfectly satisfied - but it can be given to no other man. It will be useless to attempt it - judging from the present temper in this State which will assure...
I should write you often and more in detail, but from fear of troubling you, although I agree with many others, I cannot bring myself to realize that your late severe illness caused from fatigue, yet we all have cause to tremble at the effects of the agitation on your enfeebled health. I read with pleasure the new verse you sent Mrs. D., and it leaves Washington for a time and I assure you this verse may not precede you there. A few weeks will make the return for you from war. I hope the distress of the South has terminated. I hope also we may be able to show the anxiety and care of those constant interruptions, which cannot fail to many enfeebled your strength.

Accept for yourself and Mrs. D. the warmest sympathies and kindest wishes of us all.

Emma T. [Signature]

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Washington
Dec. 10, 1859
Memphis, Tenn.

Sir: A. Bumpass

My dear Sir,

I have not heard from you for the past ten days. I have been in Arkansas and Texas, but have not been here, to visit the family & friends of my heart's best friend. I have not seen them in the habit of correspondence, but his love to me is as a friend, long true and sincere, as is comparable, at my time of life, that in the sight of nature, and midst calamity and effort, to be cheerful if not as if I view in the means of consolation. I am too, in an hour to mourn, but not the more it is a mourning of faith, but efficacious mourning full of consolation. I bring about with me at the time of his illness, faith and peace.
Having the advantage of the former
experience, I determine to complete
the project of removing to Virginia. This
apprehensive anxiety will be缓解 for you
without
my trouble, and also for my family.

Upon arriving, I plan to
arrange the things of the
delayed, and I shall endeavor
to be at Washington in January
as your friends here think to
come in of deren service. Then for
your instructions to the matter

Williams, private the effect of the
Amico, will be in. That estate

But Johnston I understand is upset
at home, and will not offer you
the bond, and win him but your friends
hence. He has the confirmation

Aboard and expect you from
you on the subject of Kentucky.
Washington introduces S. Mann
Ouida a very great good at this time, in this Latitude. Change the whole thing to the legitimate usage of Uda's whole column.

Our crew will resist all the brave Commanders to ensure the outbreak and lead my passage on his side. Then you will find my soul which tus busts your path in this castle.

With my best wishes for the Early restoration of your health,

I am truly yours,

[Signature]
Port Wayne Ind
Dec. 10, 1839

Sir, Douglas

Si, Douglas

Young Sir,

You are aware that it is to your immediate Constituents that you are under obligations. Yet the favor I would ask will not conflict with their demands. From the fact that I have been proscribed by my party for avowing views in reference to Sovereignty in the Territories that are not acknowledged or tolerated by the Administration and also by my efforts against the Opposition have become detrimental to them I cannot expect favor.
from Either and my request to you is that you lend one from time to time such documents as is convenient. Hoping to confer the favor will not be too much tax you.

I remain

Sincerely,

Silas Sam

[Signature]

[Handwritten note below]

Yours respectfully,

[Handwritten note below]