Richmond, Feb 16th 1860.

Mr. J. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

I return you my sincere thanks for a number of valuable and interesting documents, bearing your name, which I have received during the last few months. Permit me to assure you, that my personal regard and high esteem of your talents are what they were nearly ten years ago, when I first through the help of one of the books exposed your cause.

Although desiring the nomination of Mr. Hunter at the Charleston Convention, I am as a personal and political friend of his that you should regain all that you forever lost; but if once I should be of the opinion, that there is a time in your life toward you exact upon the part of o
few envenomed portions of great 
wise, from the friends of others, an
other Condor, I hear every day, is
which of Kindly, will regard to
Monger, not infrequently with 
 regs, as to the article on 
As the nominee of the Charleston Conven-
you would receive the vote
of Ninety nine in every hundred
of the course of a portion
of the Atlanta, democracy is universal
for Republicans.

The object of this letter,
however, is to urge you to give imme-
deate, and general circulataion in the
state, to the following document,
1. The article by Reverdy Johnson, 2. The
letter of John Horvitt, 3. Your recent
speech in the Senate on the
invasion;
or, 4. To your speeches on the Compromise
measures of 1850, and letter to the
Chicago clergymen, 5. Lincoln's speech
chasing you with being the friend
of the South, 6. the principal speech
which you delivered — in favor of
the refusal of the Missouri Compromise.

I do not know to what extent
You have already expressed your views on the approaching crisis. If you have not already done so, I urge you to attend the Col. States Convention which will meet here on the 16th, and will be attended by many of the politicians who attended the district conventions for the home vote. I will forward the names of the delegates to Charleston. I will forward the names of the post office. I hope these delegates will send them to you as soon as the Convention adjourns. If then it will be well to send all the documents to while I have full power. As an old and trusted friend, I desire that the ungrounded prejudices now exciting against you to be dispelled, within the next two or three weeks.

Very truly your friend,

P.H. Sylott

P.S. The name of the place is something I can't remember.
P. H. Ayellott
Richmond, Va.
Feb'y 10, 1860

(Confidential)

Virginia Edition

Adversies landing certain vessels within armed.
Goshen, February 10, 1860

Dear Sirs,

A man cannot hold an honest title past the age of 21 years. Why is this true? The same law can be held by a Bastard child and a half Blood and sell him into servitude for ages with his uncle after him and make his neighbors pay taxes for to night hunt when too thirds of the same white people are free white men and do pay too third of the stolen taxes and nastily when they too thirds does not hold no slaves in all of the northern states for slavery is dead and the law of servitude is dead also in the free states and the law of negroes is dead also to all nations and these same slaveholding Priests will not have none of the law of servitude and shewing of blood therefore they do pretend to no more than negroes and yet and have prevait upon christ and giving them to the Priests of scarlet the Jewish Priests and slaveholders and too has given them more power and has lengthened the years of servitude from 7 years to ages and a coming to the Jewish tradition they are allowed for to malaymante and sell there children but the Jews was strild to death for such crimes but these Priests too call it a holy institution of slavery and now I will just ask them what part of business there can be connected with slave trade as this or what part of justice or reason can there be that is for either christ or negroes for to take a servant from the gentile and give him to the gentile the white give British espsibil when negroes himsell the tell us and than take that gentile's plantation Bring forth slavery.

32 ch 31-32-33 1859. So you suppose that negroes shall not as useless as the Priests of scarlet pay tax a Benton Person.
land of love and liberty. Where is the liberty to a child when the whip is lifted over his head and where is the love when the blood gushes forth in streams after the lash? Or where is the Privilege of the gift of the seed of him with the Privilege of the gift of the seed of the house of esau and with the seed of the house of ishmael the son of the Bond woman of ubrain who is the father of the fruitful and now where doa esau Priest get there right for to become lord and master over yacobs servitude for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified then they must first Prove that the gentiles are not flesh and 2 by that the nigers are not flesh and 3 by that this is not a back of the law for to hold them servitude and now let them go to work. Please Print this in haste and let them make one try it in haste.

Please right me the answer in haste.
W.B. Brinton
Goshen
Feb'y 10, 1860
Political
Dear Sir:

I should be pleased to receive a copy of your recent speech in the U.S. Senate.

Could you send me a copy of the last edition of the Congressional "Blue Book." It will be very gratefully received - as will any other document you may see fit to send me.

You are perhaps aware, from former communication, that I have always been an admirer of your political course - except Lecompton - but happily that you is now settled.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Burtch
J. H. Burdick
Albany N.Y.
Feb 10, 1806

Speech of
a Blue cocker
Middleport, Progreso County, Illinois February 10, 1860

H. and S. A. Douglass
Dear Sir

Will you send a
communication word of them to
Michael Hoyle, Editor of
The Middleport Press

Middleport, Illinois.

Mr. Hoyle and his paper are right and
a communication in that respect more
occasionally will do no good.

Very Respectfully,

John Chasebridge
Middletown, Ills.

February 10, 1860.

Request docket to be sent to

[Rest of text not clear]
To Mr. S. P. Douglas,

Sir,

The following introduction is from a friend to join the

full of 1874. At Woodstock M.,

where I listened to you until

half dark. Since we've had

communications from your

let or while I lived in Mr. W. H.,

but people reside at Towanda, Pa.

where I would like to receive

any thing from you that may

be your pleasure. Believe that

we are in the minority now but

will reduce the majority of 1874

in Wilmington district. To his astoni-

ishment — It is astonishing to

see how many honest farmers

led astray by Wilmington but we

are after the Black republi-

I expect to vote for you next.

Yours most truly,

[Signature] O.D. Colle 1874.

I can leave my

name on O. D. Colle it is O. D. C.

This is my mother place.
C. D. H. Cole, M.D.
Torrance, P.A.
Feb 10, 1860

...doct. v speeche...
Bruce Illinois Jan 16th 1860

Hon S. A. Douglas

Dear sir,

You will please inform me at your earliest opportunity (after the passage of the pension bill) the proper course to pursue in order to obtain my pension.

I was in the service of 1872 under Gen. Sid Jackson & busting the Battle of New Orleans 8th Jan 1815 - pinned an injury by a musket ball in the foot which since I have become
a dearly much approves me. I am now 70 years old & I am a member of the Central Government. Never do I ever do any thing for the ala soldiers. I am the time.

I hope you will use your best efforts to secure the early passage of the pension bill through the U.S. Senate. Yours truly,

William Carter

Please send any information you may find direct to Bruce.

Mrs. C.
Wm. Cutter
Breea Hill
Feb. 10, 1860.

Old Soldier
Wounded

Capt. 20k
Two furs of mutton
House of Representatives
Augsburg, Feb 16 1860
Hon. Stephen A. Douglas, Speaker
Dear Sir,

Yours was received and contents noticed. I herewith send a list of Officers and Members of House and Senate. You can send as many as you please after sending to the Democrats. Furthermore, your address has been distributed to all, I am satisfied your speech will be read with pleasure by most of the Members of the House. I wish your speech could be distributed in every town in this State for Popular Sovereignty.
is the prevailing sentiment in this State.

I remain Yours Truly,

Wm. Emmerson

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Washington, D.C.
John W. A. Cromwell
Ho Rep.
Augusta, Me.
Feb'y 10, 1860.
Send List of
Offs of Members
of Legislature

—
Ogdensburg, July 10th, 1860

To Hon. A. Douglas,

May the wings of Peace rest on thy dwelling & the shield of concord preserve you from care. May thine is many things in the political machine that is out of order but I think theEngmans will have it ordered improved & put for being repaired the are tinkering up the Franking Envelope, I do hope that it will not be abolished there is Documents Books & papers Distributed that is of much use although it is like the lower lane, some of these Books & Documents falls into wrong hands I among them but what fall into good hands I bring forth good fruit.

Shall the Post Office affairs be given to a Committee of Business Men to prepare a Bill & make the individuals who receive the
Please to lend me this tenant
Mr. Foster, I got there regular
In the Fall, any how, to have to Dornacott. I believe
Second Tuesday of Black Republican
Accused me what he knew to his
constituents please to lend the new States
some of the Speeches of both
Democrats.

The white Democrats is a
whole boat of Brandy, how the States
up to the Constitution and the People of
the South States in Mr. Y...you
then relate for the Whigs
be on the other side an inch in
the blood with the custom here in the
Vadum of the Monday with the
Rap...for most of Black Republicans
we don't recognize the Associates of
Republicans of to them is not to plan
be must here at the first or keep
accept my Best wishes for your health
Yours respectfully

Yours affectionately,

Wm. Gordon

Blackwater, A. F. Lawson County Ky.
Alm Gordon
(Blacksmith)
Algiersburg
Mr. F[eb]ruary 10, 1860

The contents
Know ledge &
Patience
Memphis, Tenn. Feb 16th 1860

Hon S. A. Douglas
Washington City

Dear Sir,

Will you have the kind ness to send me a copy of your late speeches in the Senate, particularly the one in your debate with Hon. Jeff Davis and such other documents as you can open containing interesting political information.

By sending them the favor will be highly appreciated by

Yr. Obd. servant

C. Hammond
C. J. Hammond
att' y at law
Memphis, Tennessee
Feb. 10, 1860

Asks for speeches,
particularly those in
reply to Sen. Davis.
Sacramento, July 10, 1860

Hon. J. A. Douglas,

Sir,

I have recently become associated with an old line Whig paper, the "Hornet's Journal," published in this city, and am desirous of getting the various speeches you have delivered at difficult times within the few past years, which seem to have any bearing on the coming

Campaign should you be nominated for the Presidency. Our own party are far

favorably inclined toward you, and you have many friends among Administration Democrats, now, who but recently opposed you very bitterly. Our own party is greatly in the minority and have not for years past taken any very active stand in political affairs. But in the distressing condition of the country at present we hold the duty of every Conservative man to come forward and lend his aid to restore harmony and peace to this nation;

very respectfully,

Edward A. Hart
Edwin A. Hart
Tallahassee
Fla.
Feb'y 10. 1860

A peruke with an Old Sun
Wing paper
dressed together
with white stuff of Friday 20.
Mercersburg, February 16th, 1860.

Dear Stephen A. Douglas,

I am the owner and publisher of a paper in the town of Mercersburg, County of Franklin and State of Pennsylvania, but am desirous of changing my location, and an idea being suggested to me this morning by a number of prominent Democrats that I remain in office to Knoxville, Knox County, Illinois, I take the privilege of addressing you upon the subject. I am poor and have not enough to square up and remove to my satisfaction; but if I could raise fifteen hundred or two thousand dollars, I would pack up and remove at once to Knoxville, and raise the standard of Stephen A. Douglas for President, and battle Manfull for the citadel of the Little Giant of the West. This proposition is made in good faith and I could get almost any number of responsible gentlemen in this community to look for the faithful performance of my part of the contract. I would also associate with me some spirited writer who would take charge of the editorial department of my paper to be entitled, however, under my instructions. I would also place my office for the payment of the above two thousand, by giving me some time to pay it. You can join the matter your consideration and address me as soon as possible. Respectfully yours,

[Signature]

Mr. A. Myers
John A. Young
Feb. 10, 1866

I am, as you know, in the service of the State, and to the
5th and 6th of the 1860 Convention. I am also a
6th, a loan of which he asks of the city.

[Signature]

[Signature]

March 17, 1866
New York
Aug. 10th

My dear Mr.

I returned from Albany last evening about 8th in Washington on Wednesday or Thursday next.

I hear that Mr. Hamilton has called at my house last at Washington upon the request of our colleagues. He is a man of great worth. I think you

Yours truly

[Signature]

[Signature]
Mr. A. Sudlow,
New York
Feb'y 16. 1860

[Signature]

Political
New York
Feb 10, 1860

My dear Sci,

Excuse the liberty I take in writing to you this morning. But even having felt the greatest interest in your welfare politically as well as personally, and hearing from high sources a political rumor which really does you an injury, I am among those who would be glad to use the liberty to write you. It is reported by some of the North faction that Dr. Douglas had promised Dr. Mr. when last "that he would have the closest aid" of the New faction admitted at Charleston. "At a certain influence was given" for him. Having more funds in the
The other party has, of course this produces much talk and excitement here. and looking as I do, without speaking politically at all, every thing seems to point one way and that is an open nomination of Mr. Lincoln. The tendency of this fact may be discerned by all the leading articles in late Southern and Western journals. I have not written this brief line to you expecting any response that even would reach the public eye, but thinking that such a rumor should be quelled for I determined to make the statement. I beg you will treat the matter confidentially as I have consulted no one regarding it.

Believe me by dear sir,

Very truly yours,

Geo McAdoo
New York
Feb. 16. 1860.

The Wood
Delegation, L.
Emmord.
Ottawa  July 10/60

Dear Sir. I.A. Douglas

In behalf of your numerous friends in La Salle county

and as President of the Old Settles Society,

I write you to inform you that the regular yearly meeting of the society will be held at the

Vander Thurn in La Salle on the 22 day of July

1860 to which I am instructed to extend to

you a special and pressing invitation

although perhaps you are not strictly a citizen

of La Salle county but your long residence in the

State and the many valuable services you have

rendered the State of which La Salle is now a part

her share in the interest and welfare of the

borders of our citizens extend to you the invitation

to be present and hope that notwithstanding

your pressing duties at Washington that you can

make it convenient to honor us with your presence

on that occasion. I remain Sir

your obedient humble servant

O. S. Miller
C. J. Miller
Ottawa Ills.
Feb'y 10th 1860.

Invitation to a meeting
of Old Settlers.

And Feb. 13th 1860

E. H. M. Miller
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OLD SETTLERS' MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the La Salle County Old Settlers' Society, will be held at the Hardy House, La Salle, on Wednesday, the 22d of February, 1860, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Old Settlers of Putnam and Bureau Counties are respectfully requested to attend and participate.—It is earnestly hoped that you will be among the number present on the occasion. Let us have a grand reunion of the Pioneers of La Salle, Putnam and Bureau.

Supper will be served at 7 o'clock.

COMMITTEE.

WM. EVANS, ISAAC HARDY,
C. COFFING, J. W. BATE,
HENRY GUNN.

February 4th, 1860.
Ottawa, Feb 10 1860

Mr. Douglas

In having a collection of autographs of the distinguished men of our country, I wish to add yours to my list and I trust you will be fit to grant my request with some sentiment you may choose. Please address me care Lock box 518. Trusting this will meet with your favor I remain yours most truly

O.H. Morgan

To Hon S.A. Douglas
A few copies of your speech as well as those of other Democratic Members would be quite acceptable here in the town this winter.

By sending a few copies you will confer a favor on the Democratic Party here, at...

Please address
Your Respectfully
J. C. Ready
Prince George 65 1st July 1860

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Excuse the liberty of one old man dreaming near to his three score years and ten, in addressing this letter to you —

The present situation of affairs in our beloved country are well calculated to cause the friends of our union to groan. I write you, however, as I have to the only being on earth to whom we owe the union so long or can rights under the Constitution in its preserved but your being as a Freeman is a foundation of Constitutional rights, known that when we once defined of there admission is disgraceful. The event I take the liberty to enquire of you. There may be some points in it, necessity of your collection, though you help me home fully weigh the air some mine. I throw some that gave home many friends among
as free the next Presidency, our State
Conferences will meet on the 14th of
I hope to be there, great events
will be then made for some of
our own interest, I am sure to
see that it could be so, that threats
could be the wrong thing. But in my
regard, so far not for a
moment believe that I doubt you
as faithful to the Constitution
rights of the South, the "national
question in the only thing, prevents
your being the favorite, as we think
the South & N. W. must 2 states
be included to save the Union.
I should give this the more weight
of your attention, please read me
some of your speeches, protruding
the one on "freedoms" & the one
you delivered a short time
before the Senate on the
Resolution to protect states from
invasion from other States.
With great respect, believe me your
most obedient Servant

Jno. A. Robinson
City Point
Feb 10, 1860

Political

Frederick

W. L. D.
Private

Oldtown, Penobscot Co

Maine July 10, 1860

My dear Sir,

We held our District Convention for delegates at Bangor yesterday and in this you have probably had the news. We have had a very hard contest during the last month in canvassing the District as this is regarded the stronghold of administration district in Maine. Last Spring we drew on you to aid in defraying B. Wiggins ad Commissioner, and you did it. We were determined at all hazards, and at any cost to remember the favor and you have lent you two delegates, one whom you can rely upon.

Chas. D. Jameson of this town and Emery A. Weyman of Carver were appointed by the 200 members of the new district members - Wiggins in order to control the Bangor Democrat & Union, the only weekly paper that circulated in this Co. and Penobscot. It has been bitter upon you. Since 1857 and has been constantly pouring its denunciation on us, all over the District adding to this fact, the sale of places to take the census in each town, and the often being
writing by the affair holden, we feel that we have achieved something of a victory on favor of popular sovereignty. The matter of these two delegates occurs upon the vote of Maine at Charleston. Neither of them can be condemned with thought or dream. At the commencement of the canvass Mr. Weston Jr., a brother of the editor of the Republic, or some other abolition paper in Washington started as a candidate, but we did not dare to oppose him. He was at Washington pending the question of Wiggings' nomination, and I concluded to avoid opposing him. He then beheld and in the convention I could not know a man who had been touched by the enemy, and knew our teeth. Col. Garrison, contrary to the last arrangement of our friends. Perhaps it is unnecessary to trouble you with these information, but I thought you should understand it.

Yours, Respectfully and truly,
Geo. P. Ferrall.

S. A. Douglas.
Washington.
Geo: P. Sewall
Ollinoro, Me.
Febry 10, 1860

Election of
Delegate, to
Burlington
Deerers Field
In the vote of
Wm. W. Ames
in Charlestown,
Connecticut.
Norwich Town, Feb 10th, 1860

Hon. Stephen [illegible] Douglass

Mr. Secretary,

The Democratic Delegates of my State are about to assemble, for the purpose of selecting Candidates to be nominated in April for State Offices, & to select Delegates for the Convention at Charleston.

I have no doubt but that the Delegates so selected will be in favor of your nomination at Charleston. I believe that nine out of every ten of the Democrats in this State are in favor of your nomination, preferring it to that of any other man. I have admired your Course, particularly for the last two years, and I shall do everything that I can, except my own best efforts, to assist you in your efforts to gain it. I was well acquainted with Hon J.L. Harney, our former Congressman, together with both born here. I was a year or two older than he was. He went with my uncle [illegible] to the practice of the Law. Senator Foster is a member of the Bar in our County, with whom I have met and trusted you, and I am confident she will be nominated.

Respectfully yours,

R. F. Wattle
J. P. Watts
Newfield, Conn.
February 10, 1860
Political...
New York, Feb 10th 1820

Honorable Stephen A. Douglass,

Dear Sir,

Having been engaged for some time in making a collection of the autographs of great men and queens of adding yours to my collection. If convenient will you please place in the enclosed envelope and return yours,

G.W. Wilson.