Middletown, N.Y. March 4th

To Mr. L. et. Douglas

Sir,

If you are nominated by the New York Convention as I hope and expect you will be - I intend to advocate your cause, though East Jersey would affront me greatly, if you will forward on the names of those Republicans in the Lower House, who enduce helpes voting also your speeches on the Missouri Compromise, and Popular
Sovereignty and any other documents which you think will be of service.

With great respect,
Your firm supporter,
Sir, R. Beekman

Direct to R. R. Beekman
Middletown, N. Y.
Monmouth Co.
Geo. C. Backman  
Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey  
March 4 1860  

Names of Rep. who entered Webster's book,  
also speeches on Mexican Compromise &  
Cincinnati, Ohio,
March 24th, 1860.

My dear Friend:

I have just written to the Messrs. Harper proposing to publishing publish, in this widely-circulated magazine, a sketch of your career. My object is to present you to the public from a personal, rather than a political point of view. As I remarked, in my letter to the Harpers, there are thousands of men who are your friends, without being able to furnish a reason for their friendship. The desideratum is precisely what I propose: from personal observation, to supply. If I have any strength as a writer, it is in the department of human nature.

Your nomination, among enlightened men in this region, is considered inevitable. There will be an outside pressure at Charleston which will make heroes of cowards; we intend to watch weak-kneed gentlemen of the genus Delegate and refer them to the "hand-writing on the wall" whenever they shall dare to outrage a generous constituency.

I shall commence my sketch of you to-morrow. It will appear in Harper's Monthly, if the proprietors shall choose to accept it.
consider it rather too political for their
columns, as it is possible it will be published
in one of the American or British Monthly
or Quarterly of a literary character.
I have many valuable documents in regard
to your career, but there are many things of
which I am particularly in need. Your former
Private Secretary had a little pamphlet
detailing your early life and, especially, your
interview with Sen. Jackson at the Mansion.
Can it be procured? — A few plain facts
will subserve the end I have in view. My
sketch will not be long, but it will be of
service to those who shall write more upon
your history after the National Convention.

 Permit me to remind you that, if I too
imagined any connection with the "Times" of
this city would embarrass me an iota in
your estimation in the event of your ultimate
success, I would leave it at once. This party
has a weekly circulation of seventy thousand: it
advocates "Popular Sovereignty" and two-thirds of its
editorial corps will support you in any event;
and I have strong hopes of getting the "Times"
over at the proper period. My Friend Blair,
of the Evening, who is enthusiastic friend
of yours, desires me to remain where I am,

End, in fact, I do not know how I could
do more than I am doing for you in the
"Times."

Very truly your friend,

Geo. P. Bell

To Mr. G. A. Douglas
Washington, D.C.
Geo. P. Buell
March 8th, 1860
Cincinnati, Ohio

Proposes to publish in Harper's Magazine a sketch of career of Judge D. - rather biographical than political. - and asks for certain information re pamphlet published by the U.S. Privy Council.
March 4th, 1860

Sir: Douglass, Senator,

After due reflection, I have a question to ask in the duty of Congress to looksight of all the business intrusted to their care and need be continually with the business intrusted to others in the Country. Shall the Convention that is equal to saying the men appointed are not Constituent for the task that they think they are. Nor do I think if Congress will make all pleasant Sen. that the People can express the basis they have. I am glad to see you still clinging to your old principle, and that is to let each community regulate its own institutions. Each department in the political economy tend strictly to its own business. Now the idea of a slave code in the Territory is preposterous, and if adopted will elect a Republican President.
No, let us as one Honorable Citizen of
Egypt & Petition Congress there you, to do
its legitimate Business, and when
you all get Home and Confer With
your Constituents, you will then have time
to perform Voluntary Service that
belongs to you, while you are here.
Your time belongs to those that sent
you, to make at your needful
places, and not Presidents.
Wherefore try to get a late Section Crossing
my Army Case, it is this, after
peace was declared, my Home, Home
of us Mounted Volunteers had to come
Home by land, and while in the
Mountains and Woods for six weeks,
and the whole loaded down with implements,
and were obliged to shoot them for
everything that would carry us
through, and there is no land to
stay us in such cases. Now Jeez
Nay Congress to let the People raise
the President, and have make this
Law, that I shelt of, and too many
more as they can if needed.
So with these few vesting remarks
I have the Honor
To Cochrane.

[Signature]
I. Cochran
March 4, 1860
Carmi, Illinois

To Delegates to Charleston

Make platform: begs that the

gaps may not remain there; but
rather engage in the legitimate
business, to pass a law for payment
of losses lost by volunteer after
Mexican War, in returning home.
I again introduce on your address for the purpose of postering you in regard to public sentiment in Kentucky. You may remember that in the darkest hour of the Leopold war when you, I expressed the hope and belief that time would soften the anger of our impulsive people, & that in the end, they would be willing to do you justice. My hope & belief is being fully realized. This year ago, I stood almost alone in this one of the richest & most influential counties of the state, you present today you are the first choice of a majority of the Democracy of this county. Not only is this true, but you are the first choice of the Democracy of their Congressional District. The Louisville, Mrs. Auditor's own. As an evidence.
of the change of public sentiment in this county for the better, I will
state that at our county meeting in December, resolutions endorsing
the present Administration were after
discussion tabled by a vote of 2 to
1. This is the only county in
the South which has had the
courage to do what hundreds
of them in their hearts would
approve — secede the present
corrupt & infamous Administra-
tion.
Again I was delighted to find
you had so many friends
in our late State convention.
The convention was about equ-
ally divided between yourself
Douglas & the V. P. each having
a third. And when in the course
of our proceedings, I vindicated
you against the assaults of one
or two Administration speakers, my
remarks were received with
enthusiasm.

of applause. This convinced
me that you had many
good friends in the convention.
Your name was never mentioned;
but it was received with en-
thusiasm. The most your friends
feel in the South, is the politicians.
They think opposition to you is
the winning side — of course are
generally against you. Your strength
is with the people.

As an assistant elector in the
state at large, I hope I may this
summer have the pleasure of
vindicating you before the people
of Kentucky. If you are not the
nominee I shall take but little
interest in the campaign.

Thanking God that 365 days will
put an end to the present infamous
Administration. Hoping that this day
year will see you our President,

I am, my dear friend

J. P. Cushman
of some I pray coming reply, as know you are
unanimous with the President.
San Francisco
March 4th, 1860

My Dear Sir,

Our Convention to send delegation to Charleston has at last assembled, and the State
Delegates were headed by Dr. C. Geiger who generously defeated but one out of the eight delegates
then elected from this District and. Geiger's resolution to instate
against Don was lost by a vote of
282 to 65. The truth is two or three
of the delegates Big Dudley, Reid, and
D'Arcylass. But always the Union
Democrats. I regard it as a
great victory for Don, and it is to consider him among ours.
friends,

Indeed I am sure you will find a list of discrepancies and objections adopted. I am sure no one that long lists advising us in our Congress. The letter purports our Sunday Anti-Slavery Delegation in Supreme Convention, and consequently, placed us in a position to best the Boston Five Men in this Convention, the best Five friends, good, and strong. Helping to free from him from the United States Constitution.

To Hon. J.A. Douglas

Washington
D. D. Cotton
San Francisco, Cal.
March 4-1860

In reference to California State Convention of the 5 delegates, two or three.

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DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION

[CONTINUED FROM FIRST PAGE.]

have assembled at Charleston and everything shall have been considered, to make up their minds to support any man whom they can agree upon. Therefore, I hope the resolution will not be adopted.

V. E. Geiger—I move to amend the resolution. It goes pretty far but not far enough to suit me. [Laughter and applause.] I believe the resolution expresses the sentiment of the Democracy of this State. Without the efforts or aid of a single man in the counties throughout the State; without any fight whatever being made on Dickinson, the masses have spoken out for him, and now speak through their representatives in this Convention. I now move to amend the resolution by adding the words, “and that the delegates of this State are hereby instructed to cast the vote of California for him.”

Voice—“I second!” Cries of “No!” “No!” and great uproar and confusion.

Mr. Van Horn—
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Paris, Texas March 13, 1860

Senator Douglas

Sir,

If published, please send me a few copies of your recent speech in the Senate.

Most of our Southern Editors have gone crazy and turned to "fire-eating" and will not publish the speeches of Northern men. And our Congressmen fail to send their act or if they start them, the Administration Postmasters stop them. At least the people do not get them.

But notwithstanding these facts there are many editors who write to the same doctrines of territorial policy, that are set forth in the Kansas-Nebraska bill, and whom since their abolition advocates and defended by you and myself,

I am glad to learn of your great strength at the North and hope that the Charleston Convention may put you forward as the Democratic Candidate.

The slavery of Texas will probably be for another Buchanan. I think but whoever may be the nominee Texas will be...
found at her post, fighting valiantly
under the banner of Democracy.

Yours an Democrat, joyfully.

R. B. Deloney

Paris, Lamar County, Texas.
My Dear:

A thoughtful heart, and constant upon my has been so
much of the hospitality of
friend last evening prevents me
accepting your kind invitation
to breakfast. After my desiring to
converse with you I hope to
be able to come upon you by the
hills more.

Sunday, March 4.

[Signature]
St. Paul, Min.
March 4th, 1860.

Dr. [illegible],

I am overwhelmed with the printed speeches of Green, Hunter, Lane, Stitch, and that stamp of politicians under the frank of Gen. Lane.

I know you are dreadfully annoyed for documents, but as I may probably be called into the Can-vas next summer, I must have the arguments of those with whom I agree. I mean your friend.

Pike & Lane are flooding the country with the Slave Code, Speeches. And me, or have your chucks send me, if possible, "The Dred Scott Decision" and all the pamphlets & speechers. I may need this summer.

I feel so confident of your nomination now, that I want to sharpen up our implements of war. #

If anybody else is nominated, or any other than the Cincinnati platform, I am with you even unto the end.

Yours truly,

W.B. Gorman

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

W.S. Senate

Washington, D.C.
Mr. A. Forman

St. Paul, Minnesota
March 4, 1860

Enclosed with " Klan " address speech; under frank of " Law ".

Asks for President's Deed. "Decision," and all the pamphlet

v. Dept. ready to print.

Write Judge D. whatever may seem or be necessary.
Point Pleasant, Missouri
March 4th, 1860.

Dear Mr. Stephen & Kunper,

I hope this finds you well and prospering.

I have been very absent for some time past to obtain copies of your most important speeches as well as your able replies to Judge Black and have determined to write you upon this subject and select them if it is convenient for you to send them to me. I shall prize them very highly and will feel very grateful to you for them and any other favors of the kind you may feel disposed to render.

Very respectfully,

Jas. Hutchins
James Hatcher
Point Pleasant, Green Co.
1860 (Virginia) March 4
Reply to Judge Black
Quakers to respectfully
requested.
Hon. S. A. Douglas.

Dear Sir,

I am anxious for employment, and knowing that a most member of Congress employ young men to write for them, I thought perhaps you were in want of some one to assist you. I am in hopes you will assist me in some way.

If you are not in want of any one yourself you may perhaps know some gentleman that are. If you do I would thank you if you would be kind enough to inform me.

Respectfully your humble servant,

Washington 4th March 1860

Samuel O'Brien
Samuel O'Brien
March 4, 1860
Washington D.C.

Wants employment as Clerk by anyone needing his services.
March 21st 1860

Alpha Grundy County Mo.

Hann. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir, you will confer a favor on the Democracy of this Section by sending Democratic Speeches and Documents to my Address for distribution. Abolition Sentiments is very strong here, and we have some good working Douglas Illinois Democrats. Thanks for Patent Office reports mailed to my Office. Both in 1859.

Yours Respectfully

Hann. S. A. Douglas

P.S. Send to Alpha. Without Co. Mo. Con you state the price of a copy of the Pacific RR Survey, and where I can procure the same in full? — W. J. Odle
W. M. Adle
Alpha, Grundy Co. Illinois
March 4 - 1860

Asking for Church &c.
& what would be the cost
of the columns of the
Pacific R.R. &c. &c.

Hon. S. A. Douglass
Washington, D.C.
Clinton March 4th 1860

Sir:

I received your address to the Senate upon the power and duty of the Federal Government to protect a State from invasion. The document abounds with sentiments and opinions, eminent, adapted to and imperatively demanded by the condition of things which must either be finally adjusted, or this more serious and complicated by the contest of 1860. Your address will harmonize with the general temper and tone of Southern minds, and will be influential in adding to your popularity, which is rapidly increasing in all classes of our population, outside of the administration democracy. If you will send me a number of these documents for general distribution, I will see that they fall into the right hands. Until quite recently, I have been a member of the American party, and I believe that the success of some of its principles contributes to the future power and permanence of our system of government. As an American, or perhaps, more properly, as a Southern man, I have condemned and will condemn the 18th census.
Before the Legislature, I adhere most respectfully upon the doctrine of Minerva, or popular dominion, in the Union, but I regard this subject as an abstract question. The State of Kansas is, I assent, determinate, and there is no great central area to which the doctrine can be applied in a practical sense. They are not. And can you express yourself on your political course? I am with own able and respectable representa... The Hon. Mr. Pierce, in the press, are, does your friend, or your political friends. I am with own able and respectable representa... The Hon. Mr. Pierce, in the press, are, does your friend, or your political friends. I am with own able and respectable representa... The Hon. Mr. Pierce, in the press, are, does your friend, or your political friends. I am with own able and respectable representa... The Hon. Mr. Pierce, in the press, are, does your friend, or your political friends. I am with own able and respectable representa... The Hon. Mr. Pierce, in the press, are, does your friend, or your political friends. I am with own able and respectable representa... The Hon. Mr. Pierce, in the press, are, does your friend, or your political friends. I am with own able and respectful...
You must now form your opinion of the popular sentiments here, from the character of the democratic delegation to the Charleston Convention. That is the task of a minority. It rests upon momentary success, even at the sacrifice of permanent principles. I confidently believe that the popular voice of Louisiana, much belongs to your favor. If an expression of the popular choice were proper, I would be inclined to be among those who should be the nominees of the Charleston Convention, and I do assume you that nothing is left undone by administration influences here, to eradicate this opinion from the public mind—"Non potest facere!"

The administration deserves and receives too little credit in the South. We have not forgotten the efforts made by it to check scireaus even you to the Senate—such bailiffs in may have rescued from its depreciation policy—have been successful. Bills to aid with antiabolitionism in Illinois. This letter is private, but you can refer to Hon. Miles Sayler to learn who I am and whether I am likely to be an accurate observer of political characters and movements.

Sincerely,
Your friend,

[Signature]
Preston Pond
Clinton, Louisiana
March 4, 1860

Political - La Convention
cautious opposition of the
dem. voice &c.
asks for speakers for debate

Ann March 1860
Office of the Daily Post

Hartford, March 4th, 1860

Hon. W. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

I am informed that the State Central Committee have already extended to you an invitation to visit Connecticut, and aid in your speeches in redeeming it from the hands of the Republicans. Last evening it was currently reported about the street that you had accepted the invitation and due notice would be given of your appointment.

There is no doubt that all of your early friends, and the entire party, would be glad to have you aid us in this spring campaign. It would be gratifying to one, but then since the subject has been mooted, I feel that many of your warmest friends, and those who are better posted in the politics of the State than myself, consider it ill-advised for your own interests, and sincerely desire that you may decline the invitation. General Pratt called on me yesterday, and from his conversation, I should judge that he had the other Springs, except to give expression to his own sentiments. He took particular pains to go into details and give me his reasons in full, why he hoped you would not consent to come into the State. I must confess that there was plausibility and truthfulness in his statement.

Some allowance should be made however for his being defeated in the nomination for Governor. Still I believe the General is a warm friend of yours, and has no other wish in the premises than your good—and probably more...
thing to come be given to his principles, than any others. That same
in the State, for I believe he is better posted than any
the party. He says, that you have nothing to fear
in the event of our being defeated, as it might serve you great injury. In the
event I can be in any way beneficial, even if I fail, I shall join, in so far as shall be
the State, he says, and will give our delegation to Charleston
just as good an argument I put your placing for the
Charleston convention, as it is undeniable that our State
convention indicated their preference for you in the present
Council of delegates, and that the same spirit entered more
or less into our State Canvass, and is as much as your
credit is concerned, as in your present manner of acting as a
member of the State, and tendered personal aid to become such
a result. But he does not believe we shall be successful
and gives for his reasons for believing that the
Republican
party will have more money for political purposes than
our party, and, that this is the reason a
very popular man for Governor, one who has stood
and is held from the year of official action, and again
for the third time a unanimous nomination, given his party
has been the strongest man for the past campaign,
that the Republican party are not aware that a defect
in the campaign has entered from them every hope of suc-
cess in the national campaign, and viewing it in that
light it is as important to them as to our Presidential
Canvass, and with one expectation they have always
looked up by a largely increased majority in a Presidential
Canvass, and with Senator Foster's election as a
state, and his influence will run faster and
the Canvass, indeed against Mr. Breckinridge expected not again to be a candidate, he was
requested when it was found almost wholly, I mean, for it, for removing him to be the strongest candidate
they could bring out for that purpose. For then and
they reason he would seem that you would desire
the invitation. The General does not believe one will lose
as large a vote as we did last year, he says, that
we had more money in the last campaign, then we
had reasonably expect to have in this - that in addi-
tion to that we had a better Canvass last year than we
shall have this from the fact
of having one man
in the field, such one of whom could do for their
respective districts, thus if your friends have enjoined
me to the same sentiments of the General, and seem
extremely desirous that you should take these facts
beyond accepting the invitation of the Central Committee
my own wishes and feeling one cannot make them
but since they have forced their will upon the matter
upon your direction in such punctually, I yield
to a doubt, and will draw up any other plans.
While the General does not want one supporting
the opportunity to speak again to him relative to the
preferences for Charleston representation - and for returning
his thanks, that his vote would be cast for. Not that I
entertain any doubt of its being, but rather that I indulge
To obtain his views upon this matter, he tells me frankly, that with one exception he thought the delegation was unanimous, for Mr. Douglas—his exception was other than I expected, but as the General gave an explanation for his misconduct and knowing something of his ambition, he may be it without good reason for so believing. The exception in this case is Mr. B. Bishop. The General says that that gentleman is ambitious to get on to the National ticket as Vice, and he believes that at least he would gladly see one sacrificed and some person mean nominated for President in the hope of attaining that position. Bishop and Eaton of this city are 'clock to post,' and the desire to get them of the times appoints a delegate was only to substitute Eaton that the latter might aid in justifying the ambitious scheme of Bishop. If our mutual friend Mr. Palmer has called on you in his recent visit to Washington, you have probably heard of the personal friends Mr. Bishop made to a friend of Mr. Loney's—although he (Bishop) had the guardianship of Mr. Loney's political fortunes; and during the same visit Bishop to this city, and in the face of what he had represented to Dr. Pandie who was a law partner of Loney's, but who is friends to your nomination at Charleston, this same Bishop visited your office, and made profession of friendship to me, good in nomination. Mr. Bishop continues...
forgets that it is necessary to 'give up his track as he goes along, or perhaps is not aware that double dealing has an end in time. But the General assures me that he will find his hands tied, when they get to Charleston, for the delegation will resolve to cast their vote as a unit, and that vote will on the first ballot be given for Douglas, and each succeeding ballot so long as there is a hope of securing your nomination. This from General Pratt gives me double assurance that the sentiment of this State will not be misrepresented at Charleston. The foregoing information from General Pratt was given to me confidentially, about our chances for one for relative to your visiting the State—about Bank, and the action of your delegation at Charleston. I inquired of him if he had any information to any using his name to you in their doings, and his reply was that he had not, and as I thought seemed to be devious that I would give you this information. In addition the General also expressed his decided and indignant opposition to the Resolutions adopted by the Senate Caucus, and he says if the Opposition make such use of them, as he believes they will, that public debate is interfering 37 of them will cost us in this State a lost of from 300 to 1000 votes, in this Spring's campaign. I send you enclosed our copy upon the subject, as published in my paper of Saturday last. To-morrow (Monday) we publish your entire speech upon the "Invasion of the State," our next editorial.
The list of Democrats, and Waving election, which I have attempted to prepare for several Post Office District in the State is not yet completed. Out of about 300 Post offices, I have as yet received returns from only 100, but as all of those anticipate the purpose for which I want it, and are very devising that some Democratic member of Congress should compete with our Republican members in their task difficult to fill this State with Republican reading, I will make a copy of the returns I have received thus far, and send former by express to you immediately. I know it would be a great gratification to the Democracy in the interior to receive speeches and other matter under your frank, and I trust that the names which I send forward to you may be supplied by yourself and such other members, as you please, to their heart content from now until after the presidential election. As fast as I get returns I will make copies for your use, until I hear from you. To whole State. Please give me early information of your decision about revisiting our State.

July 19th 1837

J. M. Chestfield
J.W. Scofield Esq.
Hartford, Conn.
March 4, 1860

Petition in regard to Conn.
and giving the reasons why
Sen. Pratt would advise
that Judge D. should not
visit that State etc.
March 4, 1860

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

Dear Sir: Allow me to inform you of the sentiment of the people throughout the State in regard to yourself in connection with the Presidency.

The Democratic party almost a man, and if you nominate at Charleston, the Black Republicans don't want you nominated. This is the whole thing in a nut shell, and no one in the State expect a few fluctuating & vacillating of the administration.

At our late Democratic State Convention three fourths of the delegates were Douglas men, but for the sake of conciliation concurred in the result. You are of course familiar with all theservices of Buchanan as a good president & that etc., to the contrary are simply false.

Of the delegates to Charleston, yes P. S. Walker our late candidate for Governor is not considered a sound Douglas man. Neither I believe is A.M. Fradley, but outside of these two, I think the rest are sound.

The fluctuation in this section is Norrato Swayne, he may have last Summer and made a call for our sympathy. The Pioneer & Democrat has done good service and will continue to do so. If you are nominated at Charleston you will carry the state beyond all doubt. The Blacks here hate you as they know that most your nomination then goes their way, it is to be hoped forever. The Blacks and the Buchanan have always hated you cordially and in respect to your views the same arguments. I think, and so do all good
Democrats, that you are the only man who can be elected President next fall. Either you will be elected then, or a Black Republican will. I believe the Northern and Western states would be willing to go for you, putting a platform in which they would be willing to have a plank on the platform, leaving it to the Country to determine the fate of the people of the territories, while in a territorial Convention to legislate on the subject of slavery.

I have taken the liberty, Sir, of addressing you, though I am unknown to you, that you are not unknown to me. I am proud to know that you have been my political star in the politics of the last twelve years. During that time I have watched your course with constancy, knowing that you knew more of the public men and understood the genius of our institutions. I have sought for you during these twelve years. I hope that in the next campaign, I shall have the privilege of working for your election to that high place of state, now disgraced by a dolt, who for office has sold his life and sold his true principles, which are Federalist, and who early boasted that he had no democratic blood in his veins.

Excuse me for the length of the letter. I shall be happy to serve you in any way in my power.

I refer you to R.S. Meloney, Esq., M.E. of Belvidere, Illinois.

I have the honor to be your political friend,

I'm H. Tompkins
St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 4, 1860

Geo. S. Becker, delegate
A. W. Friedley, Charleston
are not sound Douglas men.
Political, friendly, etc.