Hagerstown Mar. 8 1860

Dear Sir,

Allow me the liberty of asking you the cause of the delay in sending Mr. Seward's speech in Ohio to which the paper I send you accompanying this letter. It will doubtless be of much importance to the Democracy (especially the South) in our ensuing campaign. Would you (if you can) be pleased to inform me when I could possess myself of a copy of it.

Your characteristic rebuke of Mr. S's attempt to stifle upon the Democratic party through you the responsibility of re-opening this "disturbing subject of slavery" was warmly gratified by every friend of the Union. Your obliging favor would be gratefully received by

Your Obligent Servt,

[Signature]

Sam'l H. Douglas J. W. Bennett

Access Dec. 30
J. D. Bennett
Box 40, Hagerstown, Md.
March 8, 1866

Wish to get a copy of
Rewards speed in this, to
which the accompanying
paper refers to, &c.
Kenton, 8th March 1860

Hon. Sir,

You will think this rather a strange kind of a letter coming from a strange individual but believe me it is coming from an honest source and the reason that I write this kind of a letter to you is this that I ran for one of the Minor Offices that is Clerk of the Fourth Ward last Spring that is last April it is not worth over one hundred and twenty dollars it being an Irish Ward I got elected but it Cost me upwards of twice that amount and one of your most consistent friends Point My Security that is Andrew Datcher together with two others and I appeal to your generosity to lend me one hundred and fifty dollars and I will repay you with god's help every dollar
by the latter part, I most
August 1st, I was entitled to
this Spring again and I
see all I appeal to you for
and if you doubt what I
say you can very easily find
out the truth or falsity of
what I tell you, however, I
hope you will not let it manage
to any harm. My appeal to you
and if ever you shall come to
Minton, you will find out
that there is nothing fictitious
in me. There is a great effort
making by Jude, Jack to affect at
the Ward and Township Meetings held
to be held in this month to send
Delegates to the State Convention
in Charleston to send from Darlington to
Mr. Gattey to Charleston. I hope
you will be kind enough to keep
this secret from any one, but my
salvation depends on your Generosity
and I hope God Almighty will keep
me in a state of good health.

Patrick Corcoran
130 Warren St.
Trenton, N.J.
Patrick Grehan
160 Warren St., Trenton, N.J.
March 6, 1860

As wants to borrow 1000.
Raleigh, N.C.
March 8th, 1860

Dear Friend,

This morning I received a telegraphic dispatch from A.D. Banks, requesting me to send him a list of the delegates sent from Branch, Leach and Filmer's District to the North Carolina Convention. I telegraphed back to him immediately and gave him the names of the gentlemen elected from those districts.

I am in possession of some facts relative to their views. I thought it would be interesting to join our District the 4th (Branch's) held their meeting at the Town of Franklin, 30 miles north of this place on last Tuesday the 6th. All the counties, Wake, Franklin, Nash, Granville, Warren, Orange and Granville were represented, W.M. Holden the warden of
the N.C. Standard, and your enemy was there as the delegate from this county. This is the man who got up a protest or aided in it to prevent me from receiving an appointment two years ago because I was a foreign man and the same man who defeated Gov. Reid or was the cause of his defeat for the U.S. Senate. We done all we could to influence the convention to encroach on their resolution emanating Senator Brown's doctrine of a slave code for the Territory, but in this he failed, and we left all resolutions which I and you the gentlemen selected to represent this District in the Charleston convention are Sen. Thomas J. Green of Warren and J.W. Watson of Johnstonburg. I had a conversation with Sen. Green upon the adjournment of the convention, and I think he is favorable to your nomination and since then it is rumored he is for you for the Presidency. The other delegate, Watson, is opposed to you. Holden has been under his thumb. Paul Cameron of Edge was selected as Elector for this list. In the 5th District (Silvers) the delegates are R.P. Dick at present U.S. Holes District sitting and J.P. Hill. I had a conversation with Gov. Reid in his room about an hour ago when he informed me that it was rumored to me that county that both of these delegates would support you at Charlotte. I have my doubts about Dick. In the 6th District (Teaches) the delegates are Sam Feargove and R.L. Patterson. I do not know their predilection but fear they are not right. North Carolina will do something I wish she could do more. Our Democracy convention met to-day. For...
Reid is President I will send you the resolutions when adopted, Hon. M.R. Edwards Hon. Bedford Brown, formerly W. S.森 and other prominent men are in attendance.

Pardon the hurried manner in which this note is written as I had to step a moment from out on an important committee connected with the convention to write it.

With the very best wishes for your health, happiness and success, I remain your true friend.

J. L. DeCateret
J. L. Delavant
Raleigh, N.C.
March 8, 1860.

Delegate to Convention

J. L.
March 8, 1860

Friend Bryan,

I find some of the Mechanics here rather disposed not to Complain of Douglas for having been in the Senate to say a word or vote in favor of striking out the 25th Section of the Bill relative to the Arrows. They don't understand it, and particularly some of them who wanted to send the Petition to Green (of me) as a mechanic, Complain. Douglas ought to watch the bill & make a speech against the 25th Section. It is the best chance for a Rare combative speech to go the Mechanics of the
the country that I know. I have been trying to lay the wires to have Barbour sent to Charleston from this district. (Boteler) It may succeed. I go to Ashland to-night. Will write you from there to-morrow evening.

Yrs. Truly

M. M. Dent
Mr. Mr. sent to

Banks,

Harpis Army, Virginia.

March 5, 1865

Hopes Judge D. will day
a军 and towards striking at
the 2nd section of the army
will hear date, etc.

it in favor of mechanics.
M. Douglas

Sir, please send me two copies of your let. Thank you.

Your truly,

Albert Dilworth
Carnesburg
Washington Co
Pa.
Albert Dilworth
Canonsburg, Pa.
March 8th, 1868

Two copies of late speech
West Berlin, Saint-Clair Co.,
State of Michigan, March 8, 1860,

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Sir,

May I bespeak on your precious time so far as to assist me in the defence of Democracy in place, by sending by return mail the Original Helgeson Book and other documents in defence of the Pure Democratic Principle. I know the struggle will be a hard one in the coming Presidential Election and will call all our united efforts to save the Union from falling.

Yours Respectfully,

Chinn Doye,
P.M.,

of St. Clair,
St. Clair,
Mich.
Olive Dodge, P.M.
West Berlin, St. Clair Co.
Michigan
March 5, 1860

asks for Nelson's book & dock to fight the Reps with.
Le Roy P.O. Medina Co. O. March 8th 1860

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Washington D.C.

Our "Popular Sovereignty - Democratic club," is now thoroughly organized and we wish to open correspondence with the great champion of our cherished principles. We have an organization at Washington for the purpose of disseminating documents, if you will you assist us to such as you find time to insert. We do not want them gratis, but we expect to pay the price for which they are offered.

Our Democrats are all on one side here, all for Douglas and Popular Sovereignty, and we anxiously wait the nomination at Charleston.

Do us all the good you can, and we will repay it in hard work fighting these glorious principles of which you are the champion.

Have the assurance of our esteem and cooperation.

L. D. Ellis P.M.
Sec Dent P.B. Club.
L. D. Ellis, P. M.
LeRoy P.O. Medina Co., Ohio
March 8, 1860

Ask for proper derv. back for the Club - in large quantities, to be paid for, if necessary.

25 each
Boston March 8th 1860


I feel the Constitution with thousands of independent voters in Massachusetts, as profound interest in the action of the approaching Convention at Charleston, and believing but one course is left for the South to adopt, to ensure the defeat of rampant Republicanism, I proceed without further apology to address to you, one view of existing public sentiment here. I doubt not to a great extent through the Northern States, that but one name alone, mine come from that Convention with any hope of success, and that name is Stephen A. Douglas, always at the same time, and a great power, is gaining upon Conscience and daily, I think, if presented to the suffraige of the People, will be President.

I beg you to submit the following idea to your confidential friends. I fear the event of Southern dictation (always sufficiently foreboding and always offensive to the North) and your name to discredit and humble the Northern party of the Convention, nominate a Candidate of radical Southern atrocities, or even one unknown to fame, yet of their Selection, let me assume you, that thousands of Conservatives and the same
To independent voters of the North, who can send affidavits into the Republican party, get from us a vote, will indignantly array themselves against the arrogant assumptions of the South and with the Republican ticket, though the Black Collins to be their candidate, I will always maintain the South in the engagement of their constitutional rights (quito and all) but will no longer tolerate their absurd claims, and bloody assertion, and of the leaders of the Charleston convention get on its high enough to overlook the 'Little Heart' expect harmless & tractable instead of unlawful.

I trust you will excuse me for writing so, as I have not the pleasure of knowing you personally, (though I hope to have that honor in long) yet if you think of anything I can do for you here or elsewhere, command me and I will respond with alacrity.

Believe me your obedient,

Thomas Swam

P.S. Sir is from our Independent to an Independent. Now if I think you will be beyond it, I saw no sense to ask us. We must deal.
Thomas Farmer
Boston, Mass.:
March 8, 1860

Conservatives will all go
for Judge D. but for no
one else. If a Southern
platform adopts at Charles-
town, and a demand be made
on the north to support it,
the Conservatives will throw
it as high, and take
for "Devil or the Devil"
for preference.
Mr. S. Sumner, G'ral Office.
Nebraska City, Neb. Nov 8th 1860.

Sirs,

It is with much that an ordinary degree of pleasure that I introduce to you my acquaintance, and Command to your confidence. My mutual, and you do so, friend, and John P. McKinney, a true Democrat of the “Kansas and Nebraska Strips,” and a resident of this City and Territory.

You doubtless are not acquainted with him by name, and I will guarantee that any opinion you may have formed in regards to him, will be improved by an intimate and personal acquaintance with him.

I have been well and familiarly acquainted with him since 1854, and know that he then entertained the highest regard for you personally and politically; and my intimate and confidential intercourse with him since that period, make both a duty and pleasure to “bear witness” to his fidelity and faithful attachment to his “first-formed” and warm attachment to the principles that have marked your political life.
and to yourself. Yourself. In fact, I am justified in saying that his friendship for you, was like that of a lion; "impressed by age," and that a like advantage will be of a certain consequence unto him. In connection with yourself.

I commend him to your consideration, tenderness, and confidence; being fully impregnated with the belief that the greater limits your will make inculcating, the more satisfying will be the benefits thence to you.

With an earnest claim for your triumphant success in your political capacity, and that the party, great and small, always adheres to you as the truest, most capable, and lovely Lady, I remain as ever.

Very Respectfully,

To Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,
U. S. Senator from Illinois

A. P. Gitlow
Chaplain, U. S. Grant's Office.
A. B. Gillmor
Nebraska City, Nebraska
March 8, 1865

Introducing
Hon. Mr. J. Kinney.
Athelville, Illinois March 8th 1859

Dear Sir,

I take the liberty to address you a line, I presume you will not recollect me, though it is no difference so you comply with my request. I saw you at Mr. Robert Daves in Hillesboro a year ago last Autumn. I was there at dinner the day you took dinner there. I also heard your speech at that place, it is Mrs. Mattie J. Green, that writes to you, you saw my Father there that day you was introduced to us both. His name is Whiteside. Now the request I ask is for you to send us some of your publick Documents, such as you, the Mr. Davies of Hillesboro, we are English folks and should like to know what your are doing at Washington. I want to be posted up so that I can talk to the Republic Icons and Abolitions. I hope you will
The examination at Charleston for the
presidency, if I had a vote you would
get it, you will have father's vote.
If you think any request worthy of notice,
coming from a remote corner of Montgomery
County, as it doz and from a woman,
you will please direct anything you
may please to send to, Mrs. Whitte.
J. Greene or H. F. Whitfield. Wabashville.
Montgomery County, Illinois, and you
will confer a favor on a friend, yours
with respect,

Mattie J. Greene
Mrs. Huthe P. Greene
Baltherville, Illinois
March 8, 1860

asks for speeches and
documents, such as the
sent to her friend, Mr.
Daries of Hillsboro.
Millianestown Mass.
March 8th, 1860.

How Stephen A. Douglas,
Dear Sir:

By sending me a copy of your last speech in Congress, you will greatly oblige
you respectfully,

J.R.

Wm. McT. S.
Millianestown
Mass.

One or two of your speeches
may be the means of securing
as many votes at literary
election.

J.R. M.T. T.
I am Mr. Hae's
Williamstown, Mass.
March 8, 1860

a few copies of Cast
speech in Congress.
Charleston, March 8th, 1860

Hon. J. H. Douglas

If you will please send all the Democratic documents to this office that you may think beneficial to the Democracy, Douglas alone is residing in this part of South Carolina those that were hostile are cooling down if you are successful at Charleston you may may count onrevenue fifteen thousand dollars for Douglas

McIlveen Dunn Ill. C. from this district is leading Democrats and like speakers all over this community I will take it as a favor not only to me but to the party if you will supply us as we have the Democratic elements from this District you may direct to me and if you should receive a list from this office I will furnish you please write me your name all the names you can among the Democrats

Yours truly,

D. M. Hill

Addressee Hill

Davis

Jennings to Jackson
To Mr. Hill
Paris, Jennings Co. Ill.
March 8, 1860

Asks for speeches for
re-election. Will send a
list of Demo. names if
desired.

10,000.
New York
March 8, 1840.

My dear Mr. William L.,

Cornell, Esq., of Norwich County is one of the Democratic delegates to the Charleston Convention. In a conversation with Mr. Cornell yesterday evening he informed me that he had written you in regard to Connecticut affairs and enquiring your acceptance of an invitation from the State Committee to speak in Connecticut before the State Convention, and that he had received no reply. I thought he afterward seemed to be a little disappointed in
not hearing from you. This is not far from long-since reliable Douglas Allegany, and I write to urge that a reply should be made to his letter. If it is not within reach, I think you could send a general reply to his request that you would visit Sumter county, proceeding to the election. His address is William L. Cone. East, Cross Creek town.

In regard to your visiting Sumter, I have my doubts as to the policy of such a movement. It would all be well enough in case the Democratic candidates carried the State, but if they were beaten.

Would it not be better to have by your enemies as a decided of the people against your political views and injure your prospects at Charleston.

As a friend, I can hardly advise. The risk involved is so great. I have but little doubt of Seymour's election. If you decide not to come however, I hope you will send home of your friends who are prominent and to meet and contest the many Republican threats who are flooding the State.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

J. H. Berbrock

S. H. Douglas
J. Halbrook  
New York City  
March 8th 1860  

Request Judge D. to write to Mr. E. Converse of Norwich, Conn. to answer his letter.  
Converse a delegate to Charleston.  
Met him that Judge D. did not answer letter.  

Mr. March 28th 1860
University of Va.
March 5, 1860

Sir,

Please allow me to trouble you for a copy of your great reply to Sen. Brevard, delivered in the Senate a few days ago. You will oblige your friend,

W. W. Holland
of Georgia
Mr. W. Halland
University of Virginia
March 8-1860
Asks for reply to reward.

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