P O Hollandale Mines Co. 2 yrs
March 26, 1868

Dear S. A. Donoho,

Washington, D.C., Though
personally unacquainted with
you— I take the liberty of asking
you to read me your Speeches
and other Public Documents.
Also to dispassionate Ackerman
Having always been a warm
admirer of you, and your
political career. I may say
the the Public mind of Va. as is
changing. Your speeches which have
been somewhat extensively circulated
here— has produced it— In care of your
nomination at Charleston— you will
receive the electoral vote of this State
an unprecedented Majority. The Keating
opposition to the contrary notwithstanding.

Yours truly, C. S. Bigelow, M.D.
C. A. Rigler P.M.
Hallandale, James Co. Texas.
March 26, 1860

The Texas mind changing
in favor of Judge D. V. B. 
Please send Ritchie to him,

Verplanck Ackerman
Hallandale
Highland, Iowa Co. This March 26/60

Hon. P. J. Douglas

My Dear Sir,

I have promised myself from day to day since our State Convention to write you on the subject of our National Convention. The Abolitionists from this State are all good & true men you can depend on them not only as voting for you but you will find them right in difference to the platform. And God grant that there may be enough just such men to prevent such men as Jefferson Davis, Green and their Co. workers from adopting a platform that will suit them and no one else. Take the Cincinnati platform and stand on it. No emendations of any kind of the Democratic party efforts to be successful must fall. They must be very careful what they do. We feel in this State almost certain that if Stephen A. Douglas is nominated I placed on his own platform we can carry this State had some trouble in our Convention with Sumner and Hobart both wanted to be a Abolition & each wished to defeat the other. Stick an active part
in defecting both of them. I believe it to be for the best interest of the Democracy in this State. Mr. Nelson is the First Whig agent of the Administration and it was but not to trust him two far. Although he once gave him his 1st Choice, you of course know now how unnecessary for me to put you on your guard in your associations with him. Mr. Carver is on no doubt a true friend of yours, and you can depend on him, but you must check him. Sometimes you are left out and in rather impulsive ways. Office above Bany, they Else and Barks is always right. When before the people he will be a short lived Pettition. What I have tried above is on the. I would have been a Delegate from this district but I wanted to be at the Convention. I can say with confidence I could do more good outside. You will find G. Gen. Howard at the time. No man in the State has fewer friends than he, and he has had many bitter enemies. The Democracy wants him. Thank God they are growing less daily. I am a friend of Mr. Carver and all the men of honor Democrats. A good man, with all the credit. I hope the Convention will be held at Baltimore. I see by the papers that the Committee talk of omitting the change. There is one subject that I do an.

Old Democrat wish to enter my protest against it so this. That your Senator & representation at Washington have no right to make platform or platform, for the Democratic Party. Your Society and resolutions are along as much Harm, as for names sake use your influence to help it at more for the South, but it has a bad influence North. Davis & Co will do well to stop and consider before it is too late. If they loved the old Democratic party principles as I do. They certainly would not do anything why can they not see that they must cut the North. The North side the lead in order to be successful. I hope and trust they will do once. Let the North make the nomination. They have always had them from way. I have made few Effortings. Recently old Judge. No just the qualities about them. I am true of such men. I want, and the party and County will with a positive man be more efficient. My dear Col. I am one for myself by your I should be much pleased to have a letter if not too much trouble. Very yours,

Henry H. Belling
Henry M. Billings
Highland, Iowa Co. Wiscon.
March 26, 1860

Of the Dem. party neither suf"ce.
They must re-adopt the Con. plat.
form, & place duty D. upon it
as the Nomine; Wiscon. will
not go Dem.

The Dir. Delegates all that;
by Sen. Bartow and born are
true & good men. Insufficiett
impulsion - too much so.

Mr. Billings) is going to Charleston,
Caution Resolution, seeing Democracy.

Art. April 5th.
New Orleans, March 6th

Hon. J.A. Douglas

Mr. Editor,

Nothing of any moment has happened here since I wrote to you on the 23rd of last month. I am not aware of any important event having occurred. I think we should take care of the subject of reform. Where a continence will not be maintained against the wishes of the people, it will be necessary to support it at any cost, as may be required. A change in our officers is necessary. Let us support you in your efforts, after a few years of success, and let us not desist in our endeavors to maintain our rights. Again, we must appeal to your friends and let them not lose confidence in their cause. If any influence over your friends is lost, let it not be repudiated. We shall be privileged to occupy the South as our ancestors did in 1860, but give us the opportunity.
man with custom alone we can do it. This can think where our stand and people of like spirit go prompt to all. The demonstrations of the party are and by night the battle of the South and this cannot be made a school in which a dead weight around. What about the bonds? This is only a great we are one as well in the society of many friends here in it and to have no aid from it very slightly. This time both felt it to a leadership beyond. Until now are struggling with the people here. Castigated, had. A faint infection. How intervene? Halt. Super actress at myself will be there. Kennedy wanted. Once he provided me trying to the appearance of composition not be with the spirit would make it impossible that being expected the last of last month. If you should receive a place to particularly in Barn. Communication with every of your family other than one who might express it later.
Dear Sir,

I hope you will not consider that I take an unwarrantable liberty in writing you to hand the enclosed letter to the French Minister at Washington with a request that he will forward it to the her destination, with a statement that you have long desired one of that sort of postmasters doing in this country a long professional career, and have heard much praise of his character and to enable me to unperuse to acquire a knowledge of the cabinet of Mr. Jefferson, his propositions before the Academy.

My reasons for making this perhaps unusual request is that I know not how otherwise in your instance I can forward the letter to its destination. If for the reason which will of course suggest itself to you, that if I forward it by mail, merely the Academy would not know whether the statements and observations containing the or not to any notice, I expect upon you to state, is that you have known one as the experience of experience and knowledge of his profession, which I suppose you can
with a safe conducting boy.

You can see an additional

to these lay me under great obligations if you
can forward any views in obtaining an appointment
in the act of the Delaware and
Portland Canals. If the bill passes, and
more especially if the Act of the North
which I suppose will be finished among
the members of Chf. Engineers.

Will you take the trouble to write
to me and give me some advice as
to the best course to pursue to succeed
in one or the other of the above objects?
Most respectfully,

James A. Bucklin.

Any other course that you may judge
to take in it regard to this letter be
will be perfectly satisfactory of course.

I also enclose a copy of a letter from
the present Governor of Ohio State granting
the President of the Delaware and Ohio
Railroad.
James M. Becklin, Esq.
Louisville, Kentucky
March 26, 1860

Enclosing a scientific communi-
cation to the Academy of Sci- 
enes, Paris, France, with a request that Judge 
D. would have it forwarded 
the French Institute at Paris.

also, an extract from a letter 
of Mr. Smith of the Department 
Mr. Becklin also adds 
a dedication on the Portland 
Louisville Canal, if the bill 
Sage, Corps, etc.
Extract of a letter from Geo. W. Rodd, Secretary of Mr. W. A. ST. P. Railroad Company.

I am pleased to name, Mr. Geo. Rodd, as Chief Engineer of the railroad company in 1851, for the purpose of locating the route.

A faithful performance of these duties greatly increased his already high reputation, and thus fulfilled my expectations and those of the company.

This service was invaluable in the location and its satisfactory adjustment to the terms of the contract then existing, both of which duties were attended with difficulties of an ordinary nature. Of many services to the company, were the reports on the preliminary surveys and location, and others illustrating the great advantages of the route, both in the value of the lands, all of which it is said to be able to secure.

To these reports, which have never been surpassed, I confidently refer in confirmation of the above statements. In reliability, experience, and knowledge of this profession, I consider him second to no Engineer in the United States, having had the most satisfactory evidence of the fact.

C. M. Stewart,
Governor State of Me.
Formerly President & T. S. T. C. Company.
Extract of a letter from Gov. Stuart.
N.Y.
October 20th

My dear Judge,

I have been in the City for two days, and the universal feeling of your friends here are that you should be in Connecticut as soon as possible, the chances of the Democracy being victorious is almost certain, all the accounts from there indicate a triumph over the Republicans. I beg of you accept the invitation of the Committee there. You may depend upon it, it will be to your advantage and the cause we are all engaged in. I am off to Albany where all our friends are doing their duty, with the utmost devotion.

R.M. Cornell
R. B. Connolly
New York City
March 26, 1860

Urging Judge D. to visit Conn.
Jacksonville March 26th 1868

Hon. A. A. Douglas

Respectfully申

The Democrat Party in the Senate are at this time laboring between hope and fear. Concerning your nomination for the Presidency, there is scarcely an hour in the day that I am not engaged in urging your prospects for the nomination, and to all this I say I consider it quite probable and almost certain that you will receive the nomination, and it always is met with strong demonstration of joy, you may be somewhat surprised at my writing you, as the last time we met at the Dunlap House in this place you will recollect, I was not one of your supporters, the cause of which you know, but that has all passed. I am now engaged in the hotel business, both am now practicing.
Dear Sir: 

I have just come from a very sensitive to the opinion of the late [name] which is not at all in favor of the principles of the late [name]. I was told that he was a democrat and that he was against the principles of the late [name]. I was told that he was a democrat and that he was against the principles of the late [name]. I was told that he was a democrat and that he was against the principles of the late [name]. I was told that he was a democrat and that he was against the principles of the late [name]. I was told that he was a democrat and that he was against the principles of the late [name].

I am, respectfully,

[Signature]
Charles W. Fox Esq.
Jacksonville, Illinois
March 26, 1860

A political friend; a partner
in the law business with Mr.
McConnell. Hope that speech
may be sent to his County,
(Morgan); and states that
S.R. McConnell & Judge Simeon
of the Danite Delegation, will
not go to Charleston, but
that no trouble from that
quarters need be expected. If
any occurs.
March 26th/10

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Sir: we have got into some little trouble here in regard to some quotations made by you in your speech of Feb 29th/60 or rather in regard to some extracts in your speech taken from a speech of Hon. Seward of N Y delivered in Ohio in 1848. The Black Republicans say that Seward never used the language you attribute to him in your speech. Now if you can send us a copy of the speech of Mr. Seward we will give you the best turn we can this fall providing you are nominated.
This spring from President theirs is but few of us to do the fighting here and we cannot do it unless we have the money to gain us by we have not only to fight the Black Republicans in general but we have to fight their money from this fact when we make a change against if it emanates from a Democratic source, they want to let that is a lie it is no difference from whose speech we take it and consequently we wish to have some of their speeches so as to be able to defend yourself as well as our selves we wish you to send us the sheet of Reward of 1848 as well as all others that will be of any benefit to us. We remain yours,

Truly,

W. Hendricksen

P. S.
H. Hendricksen
March 26, 1860

Round Head, Hardin Co., Ohio

Asks for speeches, and particularly for rewards. Speech in Ohio, quoted by Judge D. in late reply. The "extract" in the Judge's speech is denied by the Black Republicans to be true, etc., who want to prove it.
Grand Cote Prairie Perry Co. Ill
March 26th 1860

Dear Sir,

Please send to this office forty or fifty of your speeches as we have not received any for some time and oblige your Democrat friends.

We are making preparations for the coming Presidential Campaign and want every support for the contest so as to be able to battle against the opposition.

Yours,
J. C. Hiney
J. A. Douglas
Grand Cote Prairie
Perry County Ill
I. C. Healy, P.M.
Grand Cote Prairie, Pemay Co. Ill.
March 26, 1860

Asks for 40 or 50 speres
for distribution \\

Halifax, O.N., March 26th.

My Dear Sir,

The illness of my sister, the wife of Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick of Danville, has prevented me from writing you in regard to our district Convention. Her convalescence enabled me to attend the court, and I write at once.

The delegates elected are W. H. Clark of Halifax and Walter Cole, Jr. of Pittsylvania. Previous to balloting both avowed themselves for Hunter as first choice and then for you. Mr. Stevall, whom I advocated stated that his first choice was for you, but, believing the district for Wise he would cast the vote for him. He was defeated by 137 out of 4776 votes, cast. His preference for Wise defeated him. Judge your strength from this. I voted for Cole, the other delegate, and while state pride will make him vote for Hunter he is at heart for you. No better result could have been accomplished in advance of your interests except by the election of Stevall, and, that failed only by his own mistake in avoiding himself for Wise. The general belief is, that Wise antagonizes you and I could not consequently rally all your friends to the support of Stevall. A resolution was passed, which,
declares that, the nomination of
Wise or Mr. Hunter would gratify the
democracy of this district, but, that,
they leave their delegate, free and
untrammeled. I moved the insertion
of Hunter's name and, voted for the
resolution, because it simply amounts
to the admission that, you are bound
to be the man. When I return to
Danville, I will send you the whole
proceedings.

The idea with your friends is
that, Wise is violently opposed to you
and, that fact alone defeated Stovall.
Write me in the course of
three, or, four days unless I come on
to Washington, which, I may do not
improbably from this place

Very truly,
Your Friend

[Signature]

[Handwritten note at the bottom]

Charles Jones
Hilliard & Jones Co. Va.
Confidential

Worlthou March 26, 1860

Hon J. A. Douglas

Dr Sir,

I regret exceedingly that the place of meeting of the National Convention has not been changed to Baltimore, as the very un-favorable reports about accommodation at Charleston will deter many of your friends from meeting with us at the latter place, whereas if we shall meet at Baltimore you may expect not less than two of this class of persons on the ground from this close to aid in your nomination. Our best plans were disappointed Mr Buchanan in 1856 and not upon the ground of any particular merit of his but because it was thought then that he could run a better race upon your platform than you could yourself. Your withdrawal and your personal unpopularity do not make James Buchanan president. The people are now with you, they demand your nomination as a matter of right, “of a populous free”, and all the force your enemies can drum up against you will not avail. Your delegates are not in market—they cannot be bought or sold. Select or your friends for a purpose they will have
for I am of opinion that their whole duty if they do not use all their means to prevail for your nomination
should be to do it one hundred times more, and with in the hands of the Democracy; and say "give us S. P. Duane's and perhaps Governor Seward's and we succeed otherwise we fail."

You will appreciate my motives in thus writing you, when I state my sole object and do so is to wait upon you the best means of saving the national Convention convocation of Baltimore.

There is considerable effort now being made in the North and next is New York State. Oregon the second choice, but California for nothing so much as this second choice idea, as unpersuading delegates may be induced to vote for it. And in the very moment their votes may be here to nominate yourself. I believe this "good God good devil" system so often resorted to in our Conventions. I am aware that this is a delicate question, and one upon which I would be silent. If the Administration forces were not my work all over the Union endeavoring to do now, I feel that I ought to do no less than express my views this plainly so that you may know my position of the hour when my services shall be required, especially so, when reports are abroad

in the hand that delegates from the west will abandon your standard at Charleston. But some others may do in the hope of being well, you will not find me in the ranks of those who have surrendered, you do I hope to quit the field till the last shot is fired, the enemies yours all pledged and Stephen Douglas proclaimed the chairman of the convention you will please advise me by return mail to the best and to Charleston, and also anything that I can further do to advance your interests before the Meeting of the Convention. 

Very re

John P. Jefferson
John P. Jeffries
Wooster, Ohio
March 26, 1860

The Assistant agent this, the
P. is in endeavoring to get
the delegats for Lane, as their
second choice. This must
not be. If Judge B. is
not nominated, then it will be
a complete failure, I.e. Yea.

Which is the best route
to Charleston? An answer
expected.
Danville Va March 26th 1860

Yours have been before the Legislature. That we have held our District Convention here the 22d last. And they deemed, elected William D. Clark of Baltimore, Walter Colley of Pittsburgh as our delegates to Charleston. We were beaten 150 votes. And we had Franklin County misrepresented by the one delegate from Young. Mr. Elslow who bore the name of Clark. And he cost the whole vote of the county 505 for Clark. And we had but 11 delegates from Franklin and 3 of those Hunter men. Those 3 three cost 873 votes for Clark. And 291 for Mr. D. P. Swain, lost Edwards in the Convention to take the convention that they have misrepresented Franklin. And appealed to Mr. Dennis.
of Franklin a Hunter man. If he did not see him that a majority of Franklin men for Hunter He said he had no means of knowing. So they had not expressed a preference in that meeting. But a majority with more he had talked with were with men. Not Edwards was 1/3 of his people were for Hunter and he would call a meeting next Monday which will be Franklin Court. And express their preference for Hunter. And show they had misrepresented his bounty. There were 1378 that would have been for Dr. J P Stovall. Had Three delegates rejected the will of the people of Franklin and the. They went for Dr. Stovall in a spirit of Dr. Stovall's resignation of Dr. Stovall saying the belief a large majority of the district was for there. And if the vote elected he would reject the will of a majority of his district. But he said he believed Dr. Douglass was the most available of all the distinguished men who had been named.

The cause the Douglass men had to pure over to unity with the Whig men who were in a majority or their first choice. To get a man who would or soon or Whig was desired to go for Douglass. And one who because you were the only man that could be elected. I saw the Judge Spratley was powdered in this Convention. I knew Dr. Stovall was with me. As to your being the man for the time I took hold ground for you over a preference to any man. The Whig men and took to me as a real Donor of the leader of the Whig men. He was willing to go for Dr. Stovall or he would support the district. And he said his Whig friends would prefer you be Hunter or a second choice. And if the Whig men took that ground. With but four counties. We had the majority of all the Whig men had four votes. Some were connected. Others, Clarks, who would not vote
He was talking with Mr. B. Clark. Capt. Clark wished to know why he did not vote. He said he was bound to vote for Stonier. If he voted, Mr. Cobell, after finding Clark was elected, he moved a reconsideration of the vote. If he voted for Clarke, and they might claim it as a Hunter victory. It caused some excitement. And his vote and his brother would have reconsidered it. And would have defeated Clarke's election. But it was too late to reconsider. After he had voted and the vote announced, Clarke there was a Resolution to instruct the Delegates to the Charleston Convention. He appealed to me privately not to vote for it. So I would be harmless. And I would be pleased with his course at Charleston and he would go for the most available man, which I knew was you. I told him, I had determined not to vote for any instruction. If every other man had voted to instruct they could have reconsidered.
There certainly is a majority of 2000 or 3000 for were in this District. There is no question about the matter. Since the convention I have seen men from these upper counties.

And there is heat one opponent with demands of Florida about the majority. There are my better feelings by section the Hunter, these men no compromisers. As their second choice both forty one for year. The classe men say a good many of them say you are the man to succeed with. The clase men act well in the convention. There may only agree then men in the sections going for your opponent. They will not touch Hunter. I was for letting them quarrel. And you will receive the benefit.

The leading classe other delegates of friends say the delegation to Charleston will be equally

demanded 29. 18 each or 14 to 16. The clause their friends say they will divide the vote. They will cast their votes separate. And general for women. They are determined in that cause.
That will kill both of 'em off. I have the confidence of the lease party. I believe in
my property that I live on. I am for Union or
against Hunter, and that a majority of
the District was for Union which there is
no doubt about. I think Union is the
abolition question I believe the Union
come worth. The Union men are
trying to make an expose upon Hunter
is the strong to man for the occasion.
But the people known better.
I am for opposing either party, my aim
and object is to promote your success.

The Union party of Loudoun is making
a bold fight for you. The opposition
in Loudoun, we will have to sustain
your many speeches and their first
source choice. It's idle to talk of
Meade or Hunter or any Southern man
on Southern man against voice I see
many white folks that are for your. I never
say your any more gaining ground faster
than you are, we can almost pass you.

We have done the best we could
under the circumstances for you. Walton brought
the other Delegate. You are this I shall
do you well be safe for Virginia
after the drop was Hunter. It's a mere
power. Hunter's friends contending
about you. And devoted. And does your
well go there backed by 14 States.
The Delegate will soon see. They will
have to fall upon you. I have run
men from Conwell, N.B. and Rockingham
N.C. They say you have many friends there.
The son of Conwell declare you
are the available man. Dr. Swale
received your vote but 36 votes.

George Will Penn of Patrick County Chief of State.
Jo. Bostwick's Alternate. Is a Douglas
more. I received a letter from him
that he's not before the convention. He will stand
If later does not. Hence the other attend
is a Hunter man. We are determined
to work on.
We must prepare the people for your nomination. Both Whigs & Democrats.

If you are not nominated at Charleston, I shall support you still the same. But unless we can, but with but little hope of success I fear, I have no doubt but what you will be nominated wherever that depends. The President's perfect safety of this Union is my judgment.

Booze is considered for you. As the available man and when Hunter is dropped prefers you.

Your speeches during the Session have done you much good. I have sent them throughout this section of country. I would like to know how many States you will get upon the first Ballot in the Convention. And whether Kentucky & Tennessee will not come in at all after Gritty & Johnson are dropped. Dr. J. B. Stovall has just returned from Tennessee his native State. He says Tennessee will be in. He was in Nashville during the session of the Legislature. Mrs. Brown is in the Senate. Who saw him. The的强大 & the
S. B. Major Esq
Danville, Virginia
March 26, 1860

In regard to Danville Convention; Wise and Hunter men; their proclivities &c.

Political -
Rooster is considered for Judge D.
Milburnville, Millington's County, March 26th, 1860

My dear Sir,

I wrote a few days ago that I had made the contest in this county for you, and had succeeded in carrying it. Abner Proctor, for you.

Since then, I have been elected to represent this Congressional district as a Douglas man, in the Charleston Convention. If it had not been for the folly of friends, we would have elected an anti-Douglas man to represent this district as my colleague, but as it is, my colleague, Col. W. D. Bowie, is a high-toned gentleman, perhaps the largest slave holder in the district, and is very favorably inclined toward you. Col. Bowie said to me, after our election, that he expected we would not differ when we arrived at Charleston, that he had no bitterness, no opposition to you, and that if satisfied on his arrival at Charleston, that you were the available man, he would not differ from you, with a great deal of pleasure. Your friend in Maryland have not succeeded in carrying the
The question of slavery in opposition to your views cannot be regarded as hostile to you for the position in which we stand is purely a matter of opinion, and the question is regarded by many as a judicial one, and is referred by the resolution adopted by the State Convention. Thus out of the Republican agitation to the South, with one straight line, Douglas and two perpendicular lines, and in fact more than Mr. Douglas from any public man. In fact the Douglas line claims the entire Republican line, and the administration of not only do not fail the fact, but they do fail to acknowledge that the resolutions adopted by the State Convention are not hostile to your views. I wrote a member of the State Convention, with other friends, now as intelligent or possible to see that you were not opposed by these resolutions. Of course as a Southern State I hate we have hark to endorse the administration, and if we had to refuse to do so, it would have been joined. The influence of your friends in the State, the fact that the resolution hold that the Territorial Legislature has no power, our
of differences of opinion on all questions, which have not been settled by a
convention or adjudicated by the
court. This resolution in conjunction
with the fact not only endorses the right
of you and your friends to your
having an any unsettled question but
also in connection with a subsequent
resolution endorses your position
that the Court in the land health
case did not the decide the
question of Territorial power for the
may resolutions say that it is a
judicial question, and would be
referred to the Court for decision,
and that we till it is to be decided
more should and may be the main
range of opinion on the issue. In
fact our friends regarded the whole
affair as a triumph, as we had
corned certain a majority, and in the
majority of the delegetes and had
made the key platform we wanted,
and in the very face of a majority of
positions—it being my created an absolute
victory and our friends congratulated
us as a member of the Committee
in having realized their From You
must genuine expectations. I hope you are
not disappointed, I will be glad to have your view—Very truly,
Paul
Oscar Miles-
St. Mary's Co., Maryland-
Milestown
March 26, 1860

In regard to State Convention, resolutions, delegates, &c.
Col. Bowie is a high-toned gentleman, & fairly disposed.
Louisiana, May 26, 1860

Dr. Sir:

I take a sincere pleasure in informing you that your friend, Hon. John L. Handerson, was nominated on the 23rd (on the first ballot) in the Democratic Congressional Convention for this District, the 23rd, now represented or misrepresented, as I think, by Hon. Thomas J. Anderson.

This ought to be, and I presume will be, regarded as an endorsement of his course in the Charleston Convention. All that portion of the Democratic party here which is strongly administration, and which entered into a combination with Anderson, two years ago, to return him to Congress, had been representing that Judge Henderson had misrepresented the Democracy of the District in that Convention. His nomination has put that matter in its proper light, and will enable him to return to Baltimore in June with a prestige he could not otherwise have had.

It may not be improper for me to say, that prior to the meeting of the Charleston, you were not my first choice for the Presidency; but the course pursued by those opposed to you then, and the additional and weighty fact that you had a majority of the whole Convention, leaves no good ground for any truly national Democrat to oppose your nomination hereafter not even on the score of policy. Every one here, friend or opponent, is now satisfied that no other Democrat than yourself can pos-
paltry campaign the State of Illinois against Mr. Lincoln.
In this respect, though I now am particularly opposed to your
nominating, I and many others similarly situated, will be
gratified to see a nominee, and elected to the distinguished
post of President of the United States, as I do not doubt
you would be nominal.
In conversation with Judge Hinkley this morning,
he suggested that it would be well for me to say to you in
informing you of his nomination, that a few copies of your
latest speeches in reply to Senator Davis, might be
reproduced and circulated in this vicinity. If sent to
this or my address, you would be to having them just
properly distributed.

Respectfully, Sincerely,

[Signature]

James W. gray

Hon. S. A. Douglas.
Washington, D.C.
James Monaghan
Louisiana, Mississipi
May 26, 1860

Hon. Gen. B. Henderson
 nominated for Congress
in course at Charleston
appined. Be &
a few copies of reply
to Davis, addressed to
Henderson or Monaghan.
Shakopee, Minnesota
March 26th, 1860

Judge S. A. Taft,
M. D. S.,
Washington City.

My dear friend,

I fear you may think me both too afflicious and trouble some. If so, you must attribute it to my devotion to your self, personally, and the Democratic Party, which others may think to be a pleasure, as well as prude to act with for nearly forty years. I can not bear the thought of seeing you defeated at Charleston, and shall consider that the death blow to the old, and Time Honored, Democratic Party,

And my fears arise out the 4th Rule, which was adopted, to defeat the nomination of Martin Van Buren, and to save the Party from defeat. It was therefore justified by the People in the Election of John C. Polk, you know all the causes that lead to its adoption, therefore it is useless to repeat them to you.

Then the Safety of the Party, called for its adoption, and now all "Causes Demand..."
will not be any effort made to keep up an organization. All will fall defeat is certain, and all the floating votes will go over to the opposition, and you know in any of the States, the vote is not very steady. That will always go with the crowd, and vote for the man that is likely to win. I trust your friends will have the
second to your as it may be of some use, and if you can be a friend of mine, and one that has been one of your
number, supporter, directly or indirectly for 35 or 40 years,
your most respectfully,

Judge J. A. Douglas

R. T. Murphy

W. H. of the

Minn.

Washington

D. C.
R. G. Murphy
Shakopee, Minnesota
March 26, 1860

An argument against continuing the 9/10 rule as Charleston. Judge D. or defeat.
If nominated, all the floating votes will be given, the
will obtain the conservative
Republican vote also. This is acknowledged.
Kennebunk Port March 17th

Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I wrote

of the lines to you for in forwarding of

the situation of the men that has the

charge of the mining at Kittery Maine

they have found argall lead ore one story

and sold them selves that is my

bell make the timber agent heard the toll

buddford the convention and done

all he could against your resolution

and one step man B Allen the clavet

and John Tall the dock master and

one lytton the for man of the carpent

er and mr. Knight the ship master

and Mr. Dodge the former he has don all he

in the name there for the separate in said thing

that they will raise the next for years but

I don't and yours friend yours truly

Mr. John he'll patented the for man of

the black smith shop and mr. Melcher

the for man of the machine shop and

Mr. Melcher will man. I don't you are

me have yours find his and good name

always and yours truly we are to till
all. About them for. Know them, and since you I was in Illinois you asked you rest you every time. That you speak in Blooming ton and you Prosee with my book. Then and I will. Call all I can for the cause of democracy and children and any you have end thing that you want distro labeled. As many gross send send it by me. And I will attend to it. This is my native country and I am doing all I can for you.

I am a ship carpenter

For bye lord and help to build that shame their last year and I found then all out. I was working hard and this is wait the land

Yours most affectionately,
Abraham Perkins
Abraham Perkins  
Kennebunkport, Maine  
March 26, 1860

Stating that the head 
or chief men of the Kitty 
Hay Yard, attended the 
Maine Convention, to 
deploy all that they could against 
Judge D.
March 20, 1860

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Sir,

I write you for the purpose of obtaining from your own hand some documents or records that will assist me in sustaining your favourable sentiments toward the South also your position as a National man.

My reasons for being doing are these. They are in this part of the Country. Some men afraid of principal who are trying to arouse a prejudice in the public mind against you and their plan course is such that it has filled me with indignation and being a young man I am unable to cope with them, not having the proper authority. you know the papers that will sustain your course of law I will have to meet them on the stump also send me a package of your last speech before the Senate. That I may circulate them. If there is only one in this place and it is worn out you have many warm friends in this State. But they seem to be afraid to speak out.

Respectfully a Friend

Alexandra Rep
Alexander Ross Esq
Attorney at Law
Mayfield, Columbia Co., Ohio
March 26, 1820

acts for both &c. &c. necessary to sustain the views of Judge S. on the
things. His course toward the death is misrepresented
&c. execute in nomination &c.
My dear Sallie,

If the connection
is named for Charleston
by all means let it
stop there and it to
run to Richmond
or Baltimore. The
Railway is held
from Washington
No better plan
New Orleans is the
place. N. B. is
more accessible.

Your friends,

Miss Black
Budweer. No. 4 is in the good hands of
Mr. William Rogers, M.D., of New York,
who has arranged to go for M. O. as soon
as the next round of the post north
of New York. Mr. A. Q.

W.T.
George M. Sanders
New York City
March 26, 1860

If the Convention is moved from Charleston, let it meet at New Orleans—not north of Charleston, S.C.
This writing 26th Jun 60

C. W. Ferrell is
now in my office.
Upon his wish
I look for you
Lebanon. I am
there in the state
who in farm has
with whom I
was Pratt when I was
at Culpeper. He
went and found the
pursue for all
mess from Clarks
I have arrived
at Mr. Clarks
and Mr. Haynes
and friends.
I am sure you will be pleased to hear from me. I have just heard from my sister and she says that if you don't go to the meeting at N.Y. as some states are coming to that and we can meet there. If you go there some states are cancelled and a union of labor to run on in N.Y.
Enveloping letter from Hayard & Hall.

G. H. Sanders
New York City
March 26, 1860

Ingalls & Pratt not sound. If this Judge does not want
Conf. & R. S. & those States
get demonetize. the case at Charleston is unjust.

If you go, tell
Mr. H. C. Harrold

H. E. Buell

Yours truly,

S. H. T.
Hartford, March 24th

My dear Sir,

Last night we had a large and full meeting at the little cottage that has my name, Mr. Poe's, in its title. The audience was found quite ready for about two hours with a most powerful and effective speech, which will keep their minds occupied for some time to come.

All is going on prosperously and well in this state, but "material" aide we want for our cause among your friends do as many goods in that way, I beg of you to do it, for if we can keep our prices lower, the Clove will go far for the denomination given to a doubt.-Write to me now and let me know the answer. Yours truly,

Ever yours,

[Signature]
Nezard to G. H. Sanders
March 24, 1860
asking for material aid.
Hartford, March 24.

G. A. Saunders, Esq.

Dear Sir,

Yours was read yesterday. I have sent to O. M. Ingerson, making the request you allude to:

The Speakers are busy every night and are doing a good work. Everything looks bright. The tide runs in our favor most decided. They must be whipped this time, though they are acting like desperate men who are struggling for life.

I have much to do and have hardly time to reply to the favors of our friends.

The fight rages fiercely now. Connecticut is hot all over, it the "pot boils" as it never boils before.

Yours faithfully,

J. E. Burd
A. E. Burr to J. A. Lander,
March 24, 1860
Conn. election etc.
New York 26th March 1860

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

I am personally acquainted with a number of the "Delegates" to the "Charleston" Convention from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and "Hamney & Mozart, Hall" Delegates for this State. It was my Friends that nominated and elected Leonard Wood, "Mayor" of this City.

I have great influence with my Irish Friends in Pennsylvania, New Jersey & in this State.

When I was Consul in Ireland under Prime's Administration I delivered several lectures in opposition to this My adopted Country. I met with some slight slight result from the Authority of the Power which my Irish Friends admired my Conduct & gave me great praise. I have been in Ireland in '66, '67, '58, '59 leaving a large number of Families out of your State & Iowa.

You are My Favorite & I hope you will receive the nomination & if so I have no fear of the result.

If I can be of Service to you at Charleston with the Delegates I will endeavor to be there.

I am Yours very truly,

Jack Smith, Esq
80 Beaux St.
James C. Smith
New York City
58 Beaver St.
March 26 1860

Says that he has great influence with the delegates from R. S. Pa. & N. and if he can be of service, will go to Charleston.
Monty. Al.
March 25th 1860

Drs,

I hope you are well. I am writing to introduce a note from a mutual friend, Mr. [Name], who has had the honor to address you about two brief letters which he sent you in the past year, touching your position as the Territorial Representative which is to come so important. We understand it as being the nomination for President of Charleston. I have not seen you, but I must write to you and express my wish that you would receive your endorsement from some friends in Alabama. I have no fear for your success. I am sure that the delegates who will assemble from all parts of our great country, to debate the standard of our leaders, will not fail in the approaching contest.
low weight of your sustained claims for the position, or fail to regard
the wishes of the patriotic massers from the Arno to the Rio Grande.
My dear sir the people and I think you
may have their sympathy, and that
the matter be as I anticipate in the
Conventions. All the Republicans will be
assembled at the North, whereas at the
South will run away. The fate of those
ever more flares upon the right track;
and the possibility of the lower state cited
continue for many more generations to come.

May be may be in Charleston
I am very
Best your friend
Melvin A. Douglas
34th Lot
Washington D.C.

W. F. Freytag
Mr. A. Smyth Esq.

Montgomery, Alabama
March 26, 1860

The masses both as well as North and South hope for Judge J. N. Travis' nomination at Charleston, as it should be inevitable. His success, then would destroy Republicans at the South. Ultramari as the South, v. unite our people again in actually love, for many generations to come. Va.

Endorses a letter of interest from Hon. J. Smyth.
Hills Mar 16, 1860

Mr. A. Douglas,

My Dear Sir,

Mr. W. A. Smyth an early & decided friend connected with the Montgomery Confederation desires my letter & introduction when I give him with pleasure -

My Best
Up friend -

John Franklin
Officer of Snow's Metallic Pelco
Hartford CI., March 26/63
Hon. J.N. Douglas,

Sir,

Enclosed I send you a box of my steel pins. If they suit you, please acknowledge the receipt of them to me.

Yours truly,

J. P. Snow
Sec. I. M. P. Co.
J. P. Snow
Hartford, Conn.
March 26, 1860

Asks for an acknowledgement
ment of a box of steel
pens, handed to Judge D.
Prescott Price to His control
March 26, 1864

Hon. J. W. Douglas

Sir,

I am making a collection of autographs. Will you please lend me yours?

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

[Signature]
Chas. J. Sterling
Prescott, Pierce Co. Wisconsin
March 26, 1860
asks for autograph
La Fayette, March 26th 1860

To S. A. Douglas,

Sir,

Please excuse me for intruding upon your time—I would because I think it may be of some service to you in keeping you posted as to the changes of politics here in the Oregon. I think that I can write to you the whole budget. The Know-Nothing party, with its influence, has always been opposed to you. I informed you so more than a year ago. The Bush party is governed by interest; yet I think their true sympathies and sentiments are in fact for you. I know no other of their opposition to you is stronger.

The people are for you first, last, and all the time, and it is now the commonly expressed opinion by the leading men of Oregon. That unless you are the nominee of the Charleston Convention that Oregon is irremediably "Black." There can be no doubt of this. The whole of the Linn county, in this State, are your open...
James Johnson Esq., H.H. Snow, Esq.
Eliza McWhee - Geo. B. Olney - Isaac Lyon
Morris & Arthur B. Bargman
To whom
if you would confer some document
the matter would be promptly and
recommenced to be -

Yours truly,

T. D. Pollard

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The document you sent me last
year was one of the letters in this county,
and as I distributed them, I have since been
often called upon to furnish others of the
clergy who do not get here through
our Representatives. Last week, and
as reports of department - Message & Co.
accounts + ret. - are telling here now,
and I have almost the only ones in
the county, and they are circulated all
the time - I have the only copy of your
Harper's Essay & reply to it. Black in the East
and they with all your Speeches upon
the Kansas Bill. I have not been for
six months - I learned them from
to another before the first borrower has
ime to return them — The only books I kept
for reference and the calls to see them
are frequently annoying — but, only
20, when my business is pressing.

Col. Baker has located in This
State — expects to visit Lame. God grant
that Lane may go back to the Senate
of he does not, Baker will prevail
always that Lane will be returned
to the Senate, & not yet. The nomination
at Charleston. Should Lane be nominated
for the presidency, Baker will go to the Senate
and we are sold to the Bluders — you

Truly Yours

A.M. Sweett
Cherryville, January 25, 1860

Hon. J. A. Douglas

Dr. Sir,

I have watched with great interest your recent action on the subject of slavery but have been enabled recently to obtain but very meager reports of your speeches upon that issue. Should it not be acting too great a favor at your hands, you will be kind enough to send me copies of your remarks upon that question, during the present Congress. And the kindness also to send me any speeches of the Republican leaders, that may be used as authority in political discussions, particularly, that of Senator Sumner recently delivered upon the same abstruse subject above alluded to. Any favor that I may receive at your hands will be most kindly remembered and the persons reciprocating your kind offices.

Very truly yours

[Signature]

Cherryville

[Signature]
Mr. Davis White
Cherryville, Prairie Co. Ark.
March 26, 1860

Sirs,

I have been asked by a friend to write to you concerning the speeches of various statesmen during the Civil War. I understand that you are interested in the history of the Union. If so, I would be willing to provide you with copies of the speeches of various statesmen during the Civil War. Please let me know if you are interested.

Yours truly,

[Signature]