Paducah Ky, March 27th

Hon S. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

I received those speeches you were so kind as to send me. I have distributed them already giving them to persons that stood on neutral grounds, and I have the honor to say that I have brought over seven Guthrie men to our side, as I convinced them that Guthrie stood no chance at all in the convention and I told them even if he did get the nomination he could never be elected. They said they thought so too, but that Guthrie was a Kentuckian and they wanted to see him elected. I then asked them if they would sacrifice the party for the sake of the man, they said of course not, and now they are the strongest of the strong. Douglas in this city. All of the country back here are strong for you and in fact you can say that if the filing all over the state and the delegates to the Charleston convention knew it and on the first ballot they will vote for Mr. Guthrie out of compliment, and I am quite certain after that they will support you as there is such a strong feeling for you all over the state that they can’t get out of it and they know that the party will be sacrificed if another man but yourself is nominated.

The Democrats of this part of Kentucky set great store to what Horace Greeley said about you being the only man in the Democratic Party that could carry the great northwest, they all know that I deny is well posted in political matters and would not say anything to advance the prospect of the Democratic Party.
the Americans are coming over to our side every day in scores as they see that they stand no chance at all by holding on to their party and as their interest is against the Republicans. They have to come over to our side to be of any good to themselves as far as I can hear the whole Mississippi Valley is in loud praise of you for your vast efforts against Teward Crucehill which has more friends for you than any other speech that you have made in the last two years. As you are their acknowledged champion and your speech set there two Juttmans back so they are loud in their praise of you.

I heard a much talk about it that held these last speeches that you sent me around I went around and gave them to persons that had not heard that speech entirely so that they could read the whole of it for to copy the same speech one had not enough to give to every person that wanted them. I always ask them to present that I think it will do the most good.

These speeches of yours on the invasion of states of which I received four of them was I think have read by about thirty persons and every one that I have heard speak about it says it is a master speech and as I think been the means of bringing over many but others to your side.

The old line Whigs and Americans of the state know that if there is three tickets in the field that will stand any chance and in the event of the Republicans' ticket, it will be against their interest to stand off from the Democratic party and that if they are taking time by the fore hand until are coming over in scores, it is admitted by every man here that you will yet the nomination at Charleston as your prospects are brightening more and more every day.

The Justice men look very blue just about this time is the see that they have got no chance at all for the nomination and numbers of them are coming over every day.

In Tennessee your prospects are brightening every day and Johnson is dying out for the majority of the Democrats always like to hold on to the most popular mark and Johnson has not been mentioned out of Tennessee he is hardly known out of his state.

It is the general opinion here that Henry A. Wise of Va. will be your strongest competitor in Convention but no one doubts your getting the nomination.

I will take pleasure in distributing any speeches or documents you may please to send me. I frequently meet people from Tennessee here and can distribute some among them.

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has been a tother ever since 1828 to now a Douglas democrat and from his age and experienced has great weight with the waverings whos democrat— I have not yet received the Photograph you were pleased to send me if you have any more of them I wish you would send me more and I will make a good use of them.

I have the Honor to be
yours very respectfully,

Robert McP Baird

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Appomattox to Virginia March 24th 1860

Judge Douglas

Honored and respected sir,

I trust you will not consider me impertinent or bold in soliciting your aid in obtaining a situation for my husband. May 2nd I am well aware of his removal from office at the Capitol which office he filled in honor to himself and Party to which he so loyally belongs and allways has. Which you are well aware of.

I have just received a letter from him in which he says the prospect is very near or at least admits of some doubt. Now if the departments are all filled and that with Democrats can you not with your Influence with the Cabinet get him the appointment of Commissioneer of the mines department when that is opened. Mr. Thompson Secretary of interior promises Mr. Flood the first office under the Commissioneer of mines but I consider even that unwise. A man of energy takes the matter in hand now if you will consider this request you will
find the very strongest men in the Democratic party in the House who will go with you in this, if you wish such as Dr. Williamson of Nc and Mr. Beach of Va and the party generally. Mr. Broack is a first cousin of Mr. Flood's and I am sure at this house in the visiting quite a large connection who all express a deep interest in this matter and you can well judge the satisfaction it would give Mr. Family in Va and above all my Brother in Va. and my Husband's Brother in Ky. who are all Democrats and many of them Opposhed men and those that are strongest friends. And please let me hear how the meeting in Charleston convention please let me hear the result

and Oblige

Not only me but many Respectfully yours

Mrs. William Flood
Mrs. Wm. G. Flood

Appomattox Co., Virginia
March 22, 1862

Request Judge D. to use his influence to get
her husband, Major Flood,
a place under the Census
Commission.

Major D. is just arrived
at Mr. Brocock's House, is now
staying at his home.

Mr. McClellan & Mr. Brocock
will join Judge D. in the
effort. Very
Dear Mr. S.N. Douglas,

In your letter of 27th March 1860, you mentioned your visit to Jackson County, Illinois. In my absence, I have written to your cousin to ensure that our correspondence is carried out. I have been informed by our people in this city that you will be attending the National Convention at Chicago, as I have been informed through rumors. Last week, I heard from Jefferson City, Missouri, but now I am in St. Louis. I am unable to come to Chicago due to my health. However, I am writing to inform you of the events in this state. It is my duty to report to Congress, and I will do so for your benefit. A. Kagam for Congress.
Lauderdale Improvement will be our next representative. I am sure we will be very pleased with our state senator. [Other text is not clear due to handwriting difficulty.]

...to do as much as possible. Rogers was on some others. I might move...
John R. Gillett
De Sota, Jackson Co., Ill.
March 27, 1860

Jackson Co. will give 1500 votes for Judge D. out of 1600. The nomination is looked upon as a fact, and Egypt will soon be on fire.

In regard to the Cong. nomination I am for State Senate, Ill.
Cincinnati Daily and Weekly Enquirer,
VINE STREET,
OPPOSITE CUSTOM HOUSE.

Cincinnati, March 27, 1859.

Hon. S.A. Douglas
Washington

Will you be so good as to send public documents to Mrs. Eliza Bunche, Richmond, Indiana.

She is a sister of mine, not a first rate Douglass man, and as she has lately been married to a Black Republican, I don't want her opinions changed.

Your friend,

John Jackson.
John Jackson
Cincinnati, March 27, 1860

Send public notice to
Mrs. Ellen Duren
Richmond, Ind.
A sister of Jackson married to a Black Repub'.
St. Louis,
27th March, 1860

My Dear Sir,

If Mr. Davis is not now in Washington I wish you would open my letter to him. I have very request attended to Matter. He improve in here in Missouri very much. I trust an understanding may be had among your friends to stand firm & vote your ticket, repelling attacks in debate only till all convictions. Mockery is fully developed. The country will promptly respond to the vote given in Convention & we need two in Brady.
We are likely to accept a warm trim in our Constitution on J. Q. M. but I have faith that all will result right.
John McKem
St. Louis, Missouri
March 24th, 1865

Stand firm at Charleston; vote quietly; repel attacks in debate only, if until the question tricking is fully developed.
St. Louis,
27. March 1860

My dear Sir,

I want the Congressional Phrase of 1847 which contains Dickinson’s Speech in respect to Resolution of Instructions from the Legislature of New York vide Cour. Globe 1847 p. 553.

In the same year he introduced certain Resolutions in the Senate. He made a Speech. This was in Dec. 1847 I think. The volume or volumes containing these two speeches I have just been informed have entirely disappeared from the State Library.
at Jefferson City
where our State
Convention is
shortly to be held.
I cannot find the
Globe of 1847 in
my private library
here.

Be good enough
to procure a copy
of the volume or
volumes, containing
these speeches.

If there is any cost
for them advise me
I will remit the
amount.

Our Convention
meets on 9th Nov.
I desire the Globe
before I go up.

We intend to meet
all quibble, to expose
the hypocrisy.

Matters. We looking
very favorably to
my request. Colonel
Kennedys
Nomination quite
a safe one from
present appearances.

The newspapers say there
will be a call upon
the National Committee
to meet at Washington
on 5th Dec. Is this so?

What is the meeting
for?

Give me all
the items, you can
in respect to this meeting
especially in regard to
the Dickinson Movement
or Washington. I want
My dear "Jeff" at fully Roseto - with all desire to go to it.

Very truly yours,

Henry Brown

Ad/ Parke E.
John McKrum
St. Louis, Missouri
A. D. Banks
March 27th, 1859

I have for Congress, 2, 3, etc. of 1847
containing Dickinson's speech in
respect to resolutions of thanks
from A. S. Agitation, 34th Cong.
Globe 1847, page 853.

This year, [for] I made a paper,
and volumes as soon as possible.
These volumes have disappeared
from State Library in a misterious manner.

This is all the items in regard
to the Dickinson movement.
It to the meeting of Central Committee on the 5th.
Bridgeton
Montgomery C. & P.
March 17, 1860

Respected Sir,

Your reply to 

faster with your speech have 

been received, for which I return 
your sincere thanks, I hope 
you will like to make any 
more of the same sound and 
steady man like views, you 
have hosts of friends in this 
State and my humble opinion 
is that if you are nominated 
at Charleston, (which I pray God 
you may be from my heart,) 
you will carry them gloriously. 

If your enemies appear you as 
Charleston, I need hardly advise you to run as an Independent 
Candidate of the true

Democracy you would surely be sustained. Any of your speeches that you may have from time to time, I would be very happy to receive, with many thanks.

Wishing you unlimited success in the coming Convention,

I have the honor to remain,
Your love and devoted friend,
Edward McRady

To
Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
M. D. Senator,
Washington City
D.C.
Ed. McNulty
Bridgeport, Montgomery Co. Pa.
March 24, 1860

Judge D. can carry Penn.
If not nominated at Charleston, he should run as an Independent candidate.
Would be glad to receive any further speeches etc.
Dr. Mil. Acad.
March 24th, 1860

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

Sir,

I am a Cadet of this Academy, and also an acquaintance of your's, but of such date—far back—that you have possibly forgotten me, but still with the hope that you have not, and for old acquaintance's sake, I take liberty of imposing upon your friendship so much as to ask you to forward me a copy of the Report of Capt. Geo. B. McClellan (who was sent to the Union by order of Government). It is need less to tell you that I am a native of your State—My writing to you would ensure as much. Direct Wilmington, Del. Believe me, Sir,

Yours truly,

David Reid, Jr.
David Nears Jr.
Del. Mil. Academy
March 29, 1860

Asks for a copy of
Capt. McDowell's Report.
Cairo, Illinois Mar. 29th

To the Hon. S.P. Douglass:

Sir:

We the undersigned citizens of the State of Illinois respectfully ask you to procure the passage of a law as follows:

"That the provisions of the Bounty land law of March 3rd, 1855 be amended, and extended so as to apply to those officers and soldiers who may have served since its passage."

We ask this as a matter of their justice, certainly six months or a year sooner after the 3rd of March 55 are as valuable as 14 days service before that time.

Some of us have served over a year in the hampers of Florida since 55 and we are now told, that we cannot get our Bounty land because we served after that time and only that the law of 1855 only applies to those who were in Service before its passage — We again ask is this just?

Will you use your best efforts to procure the just and undoubted rights to the matter.

We are respectfully, your humble servants,

E. F. Fochall

J. Todd, Jr.

Sam. P. O'Brien

Geo. O'Brien

J. C. O'Brien

James J. Connell

Edw. O'Brien

John O'Brien

J. W. O'Brien

Dennis Brady

Hugh Mulligan.
E. P. Parshall

v.

others

Cairo, Illinois
March 27, 1860

asking that the Bounty

law of 1865 may

be extended to those who

have served since it

enacted.
Danville 20th March 1860

Dr. Judge

The democracy of this County have at last established a paper at Danville—Mr. Martin and myself went to see and took up the mortgage of $400 and had it transferred to this place. The Editor is a Mr. C. H. Miller and a Doughty man or he could not come here but today he asked me to write you to send him document of when you can—I am busyly engaged to get off to Rochester Inf. and my native town of W. Morris to which place I am invited to meet the democrats at gathering preparatory to the great campaign and the Charleston Convention to which last place I intend to go if alive and want to go by Princeton N.Y. where my old friends & Clamamantic & W. Alexander lives and see about how the delegates and the going.
for the President. It is useless for him to hope to receive the nomination for Vice-President or that a Southern man can be nominated for President. The forerunners of this move to lead the delegation, away from you as I have to my own satisfaction that the State is for your Senator Thompson. I tried to have an influence with Col. Alexander when the Col. was a member of the State Senate. I hope to be able to go that way and find out who understands. I know Beason Edith and H.W. has been invited to defeat you by Buchanan this春天, and if there ever was a politician a traitor to principle, that it is the old, cold blooded, selfish vindictive unprincipled traitor. You may forgive him but I will never. I can never overlook it. I can never overlook it. I have thought this over but any man a true man of our party but treachery has no place for you with me. I believe as I have an esteem for you. I would rather see the party sink than see you in the Presidential Chair and after the nomination I am not on his doing all I can to beat your election. For I consider your nomination a fixed fact, but the old miserable hecan only has not the power to prevent it and will our friends play false that platform in substance cannot be changed. All the documents your clerk can send me shall be circulated now and then a former Republican asks me to give them some of my speeches. Your name of all with all his family, are almost persuaded the Christian. It will be before the election as they read all they can.
get hold of you — all will be lost. Spring was a few days ago — I am always the same.

Your friend

John Pearson

Honor A. Douglas

U.S. S. Keeler

You will see perhaps an article quoted from the Rochester paper of mine about you. Perhaps I have not done right or you justice. Try and excuse me if I was wrong in my statements as I am anything to contradict the lies the abolitionists tell of you.
John Pearson

Danville, Illinois

March 27, 1860

A Douglas paper established at Danville. L. N. Miller, Editor. Miller wants documents.

I will go to Charleston, if alive, + by way of Charleston + New Jersey etc. The inside info of his health is such that he would rather drink the Democratic party than permit, if he could, Douglas to succeed. etc.

Also, ask for all the documents, that can be sent to him, for distribution. Judge D. can obtain notes outside of his party.
Monticello, March 6th, 1819. 30th Congress. 1st Session.

To Mr. Eldridge
Washington

May 12th,

I was requested by Mr. Monroe to let you know that some of the Senate at an adjournment of the Senate, to be held this day, expressed an opinion that the gentleman in question, having been an argument against your measures, was allying.

Of course, you are aware, that the Committee to whom your letter is referred is to be present, the Senate having a strong influence from the democracy of the State, as I suppose. I am prepared to have everything leading to the matter, and that the gentlemen will be opposed from an important settlement. I am by the Council.
Dear Sir,

It is with the deepest regret that I inform you of the untimely passing of the distinguished Dr. Smith. He passed away in his sleep last night, a victim of the sudden and unexpected illness that had been brewing for some time.

Dr. Smith was a man of immense knowledge and wisdom, dedicated to the field of medicine and dedicated to the service of others. He leaves behind a legacy of service and a profound impact on the medical community.

In this time of mourning, I urge you to remember the values he held dear—compassion, empathy, and dedication to the betterment of humanity. Let us honor his memory by continuing to work towards the betterment of our community.

Please accept my sincere condolences on this loss. If there is anything I can do to assist your family during this difficult time, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Yours sincerely,

[Name]

P.S. The funeral service will be held on [date] at [location]. Please be sure to join the family and the community in paying tribute to this great man.
Samuel James Pooley
Monticello, near Liberty Cornw.
Somerset Co. New Jersey
March 27, 1860

Fondly & complimentary.

to N. P. Conterton, Esq.
Chicago, March 27, 60

Hon. I. A. Douglas
Washington

Dear Sir,

On my return to this city, I passed through Indianapolis and called upon a warm friend to our cause (Mr. R. J. Ryan) I first became acquainted with him, at the time I had the pleasure of meeting you at Cincinnati last fall, and was favorably impressed with the importance of having such men at Charleston. I can imagine my disappointment when he informed me, that he could not go to the convention on account. As he proved to me the expenses, although his love for the cause is still undiminished.
My reasons for writing this, is to enquire if you know of any one who would pay his expenses, because if you do not, I shall feel it my duty to secure the pleasure I had anticipated in going, and send him in my place. For I feel that he is just the man wanted for the occasion, and the more friends we can get the better. He is a great orator, and a very good speaker, not only on the stump but in the (BarRoom
with much of a recommendation to be sure) but John such a kind of a man needed during political times, may pretend long to take hold with me down the Mississippi and through the Southern States, but as business will not justify me at the present time to pay more than ones, Ex.

Expenses, I shall so I have quizz before send him in my place, unless I can proc
some one who will pay them for him, this letter is written
strictly Confidentially and on
the honor of a gentleman
the reply will be considered
the same.

Truly yours friend

Fred A. Shayer

Oct 2868
Fred. W. Shayer
Bry 2368, Chicago, Ill.
March 27, 1860

R. S. Ryan of Indianapolis cannot attend the Ohio Convention
for the want of means. Can the money be raised for him?
If not, Shayer must stay behind, & send Ryan in his place.
Mr. Stephen A. Douglas

Sir,

I would be happy to add your autograph to a small and choice collection already compiled. By complying with a request which you are doubtless not altogether unacquainted with, you will confer no inconsiderable favor upon—yours very respectfully,

Chas. Tompkins

Buffalo, N.Y.
March 27th, 1860
Charles Townsend
Buffalo, New York
March 24, 1866
ask for autograph.
Dear Mr. [Name]

Hon. S.A. Douglas,

Sirs,

I find time to call for your speech in reply to Mr. Seward, delivered in the Senate about Feb. 29, 1860. I think it might make good use of a few copies if you can conveniently send them.

Although we cannot very confidently anticipate a victory in Maine yet we wish to hold noon, at least, and strongly hope to make our stand. I have the honor to be,

Very Respectfully your
dd.

[Name]

EX. A.C. 30. Cong.
Dear James A. Meiley,

E. M. C.

Dover, Maine

March 24—1860

Asks for copies of speeches in reply to

reward.