Springfield, O., Apr. 3, 1860.

Hon. S. S. Douglas,

Dear Sir—My term of office as Post Master of this city will expire in July next, and I want to remain in office until you take the Presidential Chair. I know that you may not directly approach the power that be; but cannot you reach the President or Post Master General through some present friend of theirs. If you will write me an account in this matter, you will help a devoted friend, and will also gratify mutual friends. Baker, Connelly, Mr. Spalding, &c., of me York.

With great respect,

順, K., Wm. G. O. F. S.
B'n' J. Baggs, P.M.
Springfield, Ohio
April 5th, 1860

The term of office of P.M. expires in July next, and ask that Judge J. may use some friends' influence to have him re-appointed.

Refers to Baker, Connelly, Wetherill of New York.
I am a friend of Judge J.
Cincinnati, Ohio April 23rd, 1860

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed a report of the Cincinnati Commercial Club organization in this city which affords me an excuse to write to you. I have often thought the facts would justify a letter acquaintance although I have had the pleasure of two or three introductions. My remarks on that occasion caused considerable fluttering on the part of sail trimmers.

Yours truly,

Stephen Clark
Stephen Clark
Cincinnati, Ohio
April 3, 1860

Enclosing article on the
formation of a Pop. &c.
Club & its organization
To J. Clark, Vice-President.
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DERBY & JACKSON,
Publishers,
New York.

April 3, 1870

Mr. A. Coupland

Barrie: The mail for today one copy, please to lead 12 to Prof. Shear. Send 100 in all to mom. The bound copy will be packed. The board copy and stock will be ready June 10th. Under yours.

[Signature]

 DERBY & JACKSON

Note: Line 3 is not legible.
Easton, Talbot Co., Maryland,
April 3rd, 1860.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Dear Sir: I cordially offer you my congratulations upon the brightening prospect of your nomination for the Presidential office, by the approaching convention at Charleston. I have watched with very great interest the late developments which have taken place in various sections of our country, and have seen the gradual (but sure) increase of favor which has been manifested in your behalf on the part of those who profess to mould public opinion. I am satisfied the delegates to the Charleston Convention will have discrimination enough to see, know and feel, how very much the masses are in your favor.

Why should a great party like the Democratic, frithen away its prestige by endeavoring to force down the throats of the people a platform and a candidate who will not, cannot arouse a sentiment beyond the mere admiration we are at all times willing to yield to sound and solid talent?
We want more than that. If success is to render upon the old war born and true to victory banner, we must have a leader around whom the hearts of the people will delight to clustering: One whose course has been manly, bold, decisive, independent; who has the tenacity to hold an opinion and virtue enough to employ it to maintain it. We desire no man who merely slides into the favoring events of the time, and who waits until they can master the gale before taming their sails to its influence. We desire in such a man, but in such one who has been always true, upright, unflinching in the discharge of principle. Such a man we have in yourself. I do not, cannot imagine, that the Convention at Charleston can finally adopt any other view. Without your name and leadership, the party is hopeless. The late election in New Hampshire Convention have conclusively proved that the South must muster all its strength, if success is to be expected. No experiment must be tried. Nothing but the Cincinnati Platform can be maintained. Give us that, pure and unadulterated, nothing added to it or subtrahend from it, and we will march to certain victory and "keep step to the music of the Union." If your wishes—honest ones—would benefit, you would have no let or hindrance in arriving at the culminating point of every Statesman's ambition.

As to the following idea practicable? If Europe is considered with questions of difficult or almost impossible solution, a Congress is called to adjust various matters upon a satisfactory basis. Of two or more of the States of our Union should get into a dispute, the Supreme Court is called upon to decide between them. If individuals can settle their difficulties, an arbitration is sought—why cannot the Democratic Party adopting the universal an expedient resort to a political Congress or Court of Arbitration, to be composed of one member from each State; each delegate to be elected by the democratic vote, exclusively.

Let the party agree in the coming Convention that the abolition of the body (after a full and thorough presentation of the subject by learning and prominent gentlemen) shall be final and binding upon the party hereafter. I cannot think that such a body, so convened, could be able to strike out a platform upon the much vexed question upon which all portions of the country, Confederacy only can rest with safety. The future of our country is looming up with death and destruction, whenever they assert the approaching storm will make for himself a Monument, more enduring than bronze or marble. It will be second only to our Monuments, Washington. Please give this a thought. Excuse me for interrupting your valuable time; believe our truly yours

Edm. Lamb.
Edward Jenkins Esq.
Easton, Maryland
April 3, 1860
Political & friendly.
A. A. Knights
6 Fleet St. Boston
April 3, 1860
asks for autograph.

Boston, 3 April, 1860.

Dear Sir,

I am endeavoring to make a collection of the autographs of the most distinguished public men in the United States.

As any such collection would be so decidedly incomplete without the name Stephen A. Douglas, will you not be kind enough to send your autograph.

Hoping in time to receive a line. I remain
Your Humble & Obliged Servt.

A. A. Knights.
6 Fleet St.
Boston.
Arkadelphia Ark. April 23rd 1860

Hon. S.H. Douglass

Dear Sir,

Having ever been an ardent advocate of your claims to the Presidency of the United States I believe that your chances for the nomination at Charleston are decidedly better than that of any other person. Were it not for the high position which you so well deserve and to which your friends would gladly elevate you I hope you will not think it amiss for me to ask at your hands some assistance of profit. I know I intend to call in all my power to secure to you the nomination as I flatter myself that I have considerably influence with the delegates appointed from this state to said convention. If you succeed in getting the nomination I expect to carry the state triumphantly. For you and I conf
I am fully aware that you will be troubled with a great many correspondents, but I hope you will find time to write to me. I will take pleasure in giving you any information you may ask in relative to matters in my State. Write me immediately to the care of Mr. N. Dyer, P.M., at Philadelphia, Arkansas, who will forward it to me immediately. If I should at the time be in some other part of the State, I shall do what I can in my humble way to secure your election. 

W. T. McCutcheon

Nov. 3rd, 1863

Hon. J. A. Douglas

My friend,

I take great pleasure in sending to your good consideration the claims of my friends, W. T. McCutcheon. He is a true democrat of the old school, and has been a great friend and supporter of your claims to the residue and eminently qualified to fill any office of honor you may see fit to give to him. Being a man of fine abilities and almost unbounded influence, he will be able to do anything for you.
You have not long been a resident of this State but has influence and is gaining favor with the People.

I say that I take pleasure in recommending him because I think him every iota of confidence. I have no reason to ask for myself having grown in the service of my Country and the time has made Principles of Democracy in the good old Commonwealth of Virginia.

I remain as ever your ardent admirer & true friend,

Jonathan St. Arnaud.
Mrs. S. McGaheen
Arkadelphia, Arkansas
April 5th 1860

A democrat & friend, and
so endorsed by Nathan S. Stockley.

Mrs. S. expects that Judge D.
will be nominated and elected, and asks for an
office of honor & profit.
April 3, New York City

Hon. R. A. Douglass:

Dear Sir, Unless you separate notoriously from the disunited fortunes of Buchanan, you can neither be nominated at Charleston, nor elected if nominated. I have stood by you; still more and still desire to be with you, hence the Whig I have turned.

Respectfully yours,

L. J. Myers
Confidential

October 19, 1862

Mr. A. B. Douglass

My Dear Sir,

Having recent several
speeches of yours and, and of others under your
influence, I take pleasure in acknowledging the reception, and of thanking you for them.
I have read all of your speeches and articles
(The Harper's Magazine article included) of
which deeply interested every movement of the
political Chief toward which directly or
remotely appealed your interests. In your
struggle with Sorensen my sympathies were
all with you. I am well up with the political
lines of public sentiment, and feel satisfied
that you are to have a hard conflict and if
doubtful result, in the Character Convention.

You are not fully aware of the grounds of
opposition to you in the Southern States. The
position upon the subject of the powers of the
People of the Territories (proceeding to the西部
question of a state Constitution) is the only issue to which
you defer with any portion of Southern Democrats,
and the importance of that difference has
been greatly magnified by the rivalry of
Further support for the Constitution, which are directly listened in your strength before the Constitution long before. The question of the Constitution, you stand with the Constitution.

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it is great degree, the opposition to you in this, I think your prospects have been greatly promoted by your forcing the Convention.

My opinion is that neither is your most formidable competitor.

I know it important that your friends should make it known at Charleston, that you will abide by the actions of the Convention. You will abide by the actions of the Convention.

While they present your name as the only one, which will or can by possibility, carry the doubts of Northern States, and carry the doubts of the Southern States, sound and wise, and that they are not men, and that they were long

If the South stehen, until upon a Southern man, that they will support him. By this means, they will place you right before the County. Will conciliate those before the County. Will conciliate those before the County.

If this policy is pursued, it would seem the part of your friends well performed, the Chances are strongly in favor of your nomination.

With the regard to yours, I should be most happy to hear from you. You may rely upon any communication from you being considered.
For: Sideon J. Pillow
Columbia, Tennessee
April 9, 1860

Political and friendly.

In regard to State Con. of
Tennessee v. x. to oppose to
Johnson v. x.; and hope
that the friends of Judge D.
at Charleston will stand firm
in courteous & reconciling;
they will support the
nominee, even if he be from
the south, as the chances
are in favor of Judge D.
Strictly Confidential. Nothing could have induced me to go to Charleston to represent the Public Sentiment of this City, as long for its sake, for I do not believe it is, and I do not like the idea of going there as an outsider.

Be good enough to present me most kindly to Mrs. Longstaff, and to receive assurances of my warm friendship, and my best wishes for your success and happiness.

With great Respect,
Your old friend,

Geo. F. Gillard
Jefferson City, Mo.
April 3rd, 1860.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
U. S. Senator
Deli.

accept my
thanks for the many public
documents you have
sent me. Your speeches
are brightening in this state
may day our Convention

Mon. Next Monday, it is
said that Green is to be
here to try and carry into
action against you. It
will be an unhappy and
a very unfortunate step for
him to come here to interfere
with our Convention.

If instructions are
giving at all my piece
he gave for Aikin
I sincerely hope
that none will be
given in that event
you stand a good chance
for a fair proportion
of Charley's vote.
If I thought
I could render you
any service at an
“all times”
I was to
certainly go to Charleston
Convention, some of
your friends think that
but M. B.
wants a presidential
nomination from the
Republican—May A
or a general opinion if the
not come from
my trust

your friend

W. D. Price

inv
Thomas L. Price Esq
Jefferson City, Misssouri
April 3, 1860

Political - Wishes to know if it would be advisable for him to go to Charleston, as an outsider.
Rochester April 8.

To J.A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

I have sent a Autograph Book by Father, and told him to get as many names as possible. If not asking to much of you will you Please get the different Senators and also the President & Vice President Autographs that it will help Father and it will oblige me much. I remain as ever Yours...

[Signature]

C. C. Stowell.
E. F. Stilwell
Rochester, New York
April 2nd, 1860

Sends autograph book for Judge D.'s signature, & asks that Judge D. will obtain the signatures of Pres. & Vice Pres. & Senators.

Your obedient servant

E. F. Stilwell
Eatonton, Ga., Apr. 3, 1860.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas:

Dear Sir,

Please send one copy of Harper’s Magazine Article, and your Reply, to Judge Black, both published in pamphlet form, if you can conveniently do so, and oblige yours, etc.,

J.A. Irve. (Signature)
J. A. Turner
Easterton, Georgia
April 3rd 1860

Asks for 'Harper articles,'
A reply to Judge Black.
Conrad Stone Rockingham Cove
April 3rd, 1868

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Dear Sir,

I come in reply to a political "Orbit" a few days since, which I think of some importance. I am just to you, and to the Conservative Wing of the Democratic Party, of which you are the Representative, I take the liberty of addressing you, as the Son. It is the duty of a certain Member of the House of Representatives from Iowa, a Member of the Opposition, to write a letter a few days ago to a gentleman in this neighborhood who has heretofore acted with the Opposition, but who prefers being drawn to any other Man in the Union so one, Edward Everett, who stands no chance of getting the nomination of the Opposition Party, to this effect. That it was generally conceded in Washington.
That the Charleston Convention would nominate Douglas, in which event, a large portion of the South will, I believe, be induced to invite all such to participate in the Opposition Convention to be held in Baltimore early in May (the 9th, I believe) that if they could be induced to come in to said Convention, that there would be a Union ticket formed giving the President to the Democrats, the Vice President to the Free Soil, and the Opposition to the Opposition. I in the said letter the following ticket was suggested: Ex-Speaker Orr for President, Washington Hunt for Vice President, a direct tribute held out to the South. Comment is unnecessary; I know no honorable Southern Patriot would lend himself to such "Bajan corruption & intrigue." I especially the Southern.
Columbus, Warren Co., Penn., April 3, 1860

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

Dear Sir,

Though I have never had the honor of a personal acquaintance with you, yet I hope you will pardon me for this intrusion, when you learn that I am one of the millions who approve of the measures that you advocate, and read your speeches with admiration and delight.

My object, in writing to you at this time, is to obtain (if convenient for you to furnish it) a copy of the speech that you delivered at Chicago, so on after the passage of the Compromise measures in 1850, in which you answered the numerous objections brought against the Amendment of the Fugitive Act; commonly called the Fugitive Slave Law. I am also very desirous of obtaining one of your Public Speeches in which you express your views on the subject of Slavery in the Territories of the United States, and how far it can be controlled by the Territorial Legislature.

Should you design to send me the above named papers or any other Document, they will be highly appreciated. As I sometimes speak in public on political affairs, or occasionally write an article for our County Papers, I wish to have correct information.
I was born in Vermont, but brought up in New Hampshire, where I embraced those principles of Democracy that have been confirmed by experience, and a knowledge of Political Ethics. For several years past, I have resided in Western New York; and am now located at Columbus, N. Y. as above stated. Hon. John B. Kinney of Wyoming, Wyoming Camp No. 1, or Hon. John D. Halley of South Plain, N. Y., could certify that I am a true Democrat and no usurper. With sentiments of the highest respect and esteem, I am yours truly.

Ira Whitcher
Mr. Whitaker Esq.
Columbus, Warren Co., Pa.
April 3rd, 1860

Friend as asks for a copy of Chicago speech in favor of fugitive slave law; also of article in regard to slavery in Territories.