Dear Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that you have been unanimously elected an honorary member of the Suisun Democracy Club. We are hard at work to carry Suisun at our coming city election, and feel much encouraged. A few lines from you in reply to this would contribute largely to cheer and encourage us.

Yours respectfully
B. A. Heflin
Corresponding Sec. of Suisun Dem. Club.
Dear Sir:

As a citizen of the Old Dominion, of the United States, I address you. I have often listened to you in the Senate, and have been pleased with your eloquence. I have been a strict adherent of political matters. In your knowing that you have a great influence in the destiny of this State, I address you. I want to find out some means of putting down the sectional strife. Can it be done? I have written two essays on the subject for the Richmond Enquirer, under the signature of an old line Virginia.

My usual coproinor has taught me a lesson now. If you can lay your hand on the article, I desire to add mine with your contemplated decision. What I am aiming at is some new writing that the late speech of Mr. H. C. wrote. I wish to help you recall in what I also Jefferson Davis to any other matter relative. If you can, please furnish them to me, and anything else you may choose to send me. I shall be in Washington, such as my business, then in three or four weeks, I will see you.

I have the honor to be,

Yours obtr.

Henry H. Parson
Henry A. Barren
Port Tobacco, Charles Co., Md.
April 5, 1863

A political writer, etc.,
ask, for speech in
Ulysses, to reward -- & also
Jeff. Davis' speech.
Mathew Bartlett
Toledo, Ohio
April 5, 1860

You write in your and my last letter that you have not the Books that I ask for, if you have any of the M. B. and Mexico Boundary reports that you could send me or any others that start on M. B. History you will greatly oblige me.

I remain yours, Mathew Bartlett

P.S. Please direct Mathew Bartlett, Toledo, Ohio
S. M. Bauman
April 5, 1860

Enclosed for Mr. Harrington.

Phil. - April 5, 1860

Dear Sir,

My friend Harrington from Illinois desires me to enclose for him to you at once. I suppose he is now at the capital as he left home for it on 2'd inst.

Very Respectfully,

Your 

S. M. Bowman
Fort Scott, Kansas
April 5, 1860

Dear Sir,

I see by the proceedings of the Territorial Convention at Litchfield that I have been elected one of the Kansas delegates to the national convention. As I was not at the Convention I suppose the position was given me because it is known that I have been a steady adherent of the Douglas line since 1852, both in Ohio and here. I regret very much that circumstances will prevent my being at Charleston the 23rd, but this is less important (even to myself) as it is scarcely probable that the Convention would ever see me a voter, if they do you are safe to receive it whoever may cast it. The delegates here all being warm “Douglas men” as we are called, and have no
I have long wished to write you, having thought this appointment afforded a pretext if not an apology. I have indeed seen the pretension of the last few years has been going on, I have desired to say to you, earnestly and simply, what I feel in my warmest nature to be true—that the entire heart of the Democracy is with you, in its every pulsation in this contest. You are more enthusiastically supported, in particular by the young men of the party, than Clay ever was in the palmiest days of the old Whig party. I do not say this in an adulatory sense—I hope we are both above such things either in giving or receiving—but simply a fact of which you should have knowledge.

In this, where I have the means of knowing the sentiment, somewhat frankly, it has been more or less in politics for some years, you are the only one, the only man, who can, I submit, be said to have your position, and the young Democracy will accept it as a matter of course—Your name exists their enthusiasm to person. You have won, you have held, all through this fight all the party in the North and West that is worth having. Creatively with your name are so planted in the popular heart that no one can dislodge you but yourself. All the authorities in Times cannot扑 ANSWER your name. This is the universal sentiment everywhere. I have seen it, heard it, known it by the extension of my own feelings. I, who was a Douglas man years before the Lecompton meaning, grow stronger in the faith every day. This is the common feeling of your supporters. I think you should know this is not to fully appreciate your position. I trust it is not necessary to apologize for this frankness.

I cannot but congratulate you upon the appointment of Douglas delegates, for you have been more abroad in this Territory than any man in
history, except Judas, and his close
familiar Alliance the late James
Buchanan. By the way it was positive
acquire in you to quote the Prescuit's
flowering to kill of acceptance in
reply to the Attorney General.

There are a few Democrats (professor)
here that have been active, and now,
in the crusades against you— but they
now "small boy dishonored and beautified
lives"— I know no count that if Kansas
is a done deal, & you are the Charleston
monarch, that her electoral vote will
be cast for you— It will be a

splendid triumph if we do succeed,
if we don't it shall not be for want
of labor on my part at least.

I should like very much for many
reasons to have a table with you at
before this convention over there— and
many things I would like to say to you—
some that ought to be said— but perhaps
some can also be said then— but if in
you know, I suppose, that I in
common with your other friends
admires claim a part of personal
property in you, or at least in that
portion of your estate which belongs
to the public, & I trust this will excite
the ultimate irreparable freedom of
this letter— Very Sincerely yours

Lothar Moleim

[Handwritten autograph of Stephen A. Douglas, Washington DC]
Chas. M. Blair
Fort Scott, Kansas
April 5, 1860

A delegate from Kansas,
desire to be unable to attend
the Charleston Convention.
Political—friendly to.
Philadelphia April 5th 1860

My Dear Sir,

Some time since I wrote to you in reference to Conley's Report of the Mexican Boundary, & copy of which I wrote to you before, I again take the liberty to address you on the subject hoping you will send the book if at your disposal.

With all due respect I remain truly Your obt. Serv.

Frank J. Quimby,
902 11th Market St.
Philadelphia.

S. A. Douglas
(U. S. I.) Washington D.C.
Frank J. Dumer
20212 Market st. Phila.
April 5th 1860
Reiterating his request for a copy of Emory's Boundary Mexican Survey.
Mobile, April 5th, 1860

My Dear Sir,

I find that I shall not be able to go to Washington before the meeting of the Convention. If the nomination should fall upon you, as I hope it will, I believe it will, I pray you to believe that your friends are true to you. I shall go to Charleston to Washington to congratulate you on your arrangements for the campaign.

I see no reason to change my opinion, I am constantly opposed to you. In regard to the effect of your nomination at the South, I have always been thoroughly persuaded that you were stronger and more popular with the Southern people than the imperfect candidates put in motion by the politicians would indicate. I am more than ever convinced of it. You have not a few friends even in the delegation from Alabama, which was not anticipated...
by some measures. They can, I am sure, only give you a slight
mistake. Alabama will be well represented outside of the Conven-
tion by e.

a. I think that, as the result,
news, Southern States, by men
from the Customary Democratic
majorities. The Conservative
vote, what clear, decisive, and
will win, the Conservative
the young Democrats. What
your friends to that by Clodius,
the sympoty of the entire Union
feeling of the truth in it, perhaps
by young with neither or without
the Democratic Party. The Young
school demand the result of Charleston
to any very much approximated to your
project of secession. This is managed
an increased bitterness, within a
few weeks, if you are removed
they will be forced to the Secession;
but the letter of Governor is the
truth.
I shall be early in the field
at any point, and efforts will be directed
to your cause. They are not
much much, so I am an indifferent
party manager outside of my
function. I must ask you to
join me in communication with
your principal agents herein.
friends at the Convention.
I do not like to contemplate the possibility of failure but it is wise to look beyond the battle-field & prepare for all its contingencies. I suppose, reader, your fears will be justified if the best cause to succeed, in the event that after a long & faithful fight, it is found that victory is impossible. Certainly, you will be strong enough to control the nomination of both men even if you are not the nominees. The advance - action of the President & the Advocate of the "slave code" must be checked at all hazards. The good of the cause as well as important personal considerations require this. But all that should only be thought of in the very last resort. Your friends should go into the fight to win & hold on to every thing to the last.
As to the Vice Presidency, my choice oscillates between Jefferson or Alt Stevens. Yancey is very eager for the Senate & lets out y
May his Memory rest against the
bereft world be much modified.
But here, as the stranger man at
a more pronounced friend. The
vote of Yegen, Bender, would tell
principally in your favor.
Your friends here are looking
forward to the result with great
Anxiety. The feeling is universal
with them that your name of
Democrat voting was incorruptly
supported. If your are nominated
you will find an enthusiastic
response from the South that
will improve the most favorable
of your friends in the North of
West.

I made pretty good care of
your A Mexican Memnonde in
my Comment on Cuerno Beach.
Within the circle of the Regent,
influence I am given here that
the Cuerno gun has been shipped.

Your truly,

Y. T. Smith

--
To Mr. John Posey
Mobile, Alabama
April 5, 1860

Northern friends must stand firm, we all will do well. Political war.

[Signature]
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, March 5th, 1860.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that a meeting of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution will be held in its hall, in the Smithsonian building, on Saturday, April 7th at 10 o'clock, A.M.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH HENRY,
Secretary.

Hon. J. A. Douglas
Regent of the Smithsonian Institution.
C. A. Huesman
Box 450 - Wash. City
April 5, 1860

Asks for 2 copies of Harper's Weekly article, directed to Judge Black; and also of speeches, one of which has been forwarded to a fund in this.

Washington, D.C. April 6, 1860

Hon. H. A. Douglass

Dear Sir,

Will you be kind enough to send me two copies of your article published in Harpers Magazine. I am directed to reply to Judge Black. I have several documents as you may have for distribution. I desire to retain one self and the other send to a warm friend of yours in Ohio. Respectfully,

C. A. Huesman
Box 450.
Private

Indianapolis, 5th April, 1860

Dear S., C.L. Bourland:

Sir, There is quite a feeling here as to who will fill Robinson's place as Marshal. My opinion is--and I think I think--the sentiment of your friends here: that it is best for you to vote against the confirmation of the Englishman; it will make your friends in the quarter that will amount to something.

Very respectfully,

[Signature]

Our delegates are beginning to leave. Rushing & Running leaves this evening. No Washington will be able to cope with all things now. 10th Co., I
Aquila Jones
Indianapolis, Indiana
April 5th 1860

Request Judge D. to vote against confirming English as Marshal, for reason's stated etc.
Olive Jones Esq
(a Mr. Hulke)
Aberdeen, Mississippi
April 8th, 1860

Judge Chalmers, one of the
Miss. Delegates, favors me to
Judge D.

The reading & thinking
portion of the people of
Miss. are for Judge D. etc.

Dear Sir,

I take

the liberty of addressing you
as a friend of S. H. Douglas,
relative to the position of
one of the most influential
delegates to the Charleston
Convention from this State
which is Judge S. J. Chalmers.

In conversation this morning
with Mr. Wyat Roye— an
old friend of Douglas from
North Carolina, he remarked
that he would vote for
the Southern man for President,
if possible, but if he could not
do any better he would vote
for Douglas. I take the
Stump for him even he
was nominated
and yielding to the views of this State in respect to the nomination at Charleston, all that Douglas has to fear is that his friends will desert him. As
I will try to be at the Convention I will call on you.
Mr. Stockton is our federal judge in this State. He leaves this evening for Charleston. He will sail you can use Mr. Stockton
of New York. He will communicate with him. I think he is a good
man, puller and I think open for correction.
Yours truly,
[Signature]
Charlestown, May 3, 1860

John F. Steyer, Esq.
Dear Sir,

Judge S. D. Sheldon, one of the delegates to the Charlestown Convention from this district, leaves this evening for Mobile on his way to Charlestown; you will please to him to give him a talk he is setting right upon the Douglas Question; & I am satisfied will go for Douglas after the first few ballots, you will say to all his friends that if they will only stand firm he is bound to get the nomination. Judge 4 is a no 1 wire Puller.

Yours very respectfully,

John Steyer Jones
A letter from April 12, 1860, signed "I. Frayt."
H. Joseph, Berning, Michigan
April 5th, 1860

Dear Sir,

As everything in this State is "Black Republican" it is useless to endeavor to get documents from any of the Senators or Representatives from which I may be posted. I would you favor me with some if possible. I am aware of the heavy expenses you must be under to supply your own constituency by an earnest desire to see the truth disseminated in this abolition hole. It seems to distress you that my name is not upon your list when sending documents for the campaign.

Respectfully yours,

R. B. King
H. Joseph, Michigan
Ralph B. King Sag
April 5, 1860

Asks for campaign coat.
COL. KENNEDT.

A messenger from Col. F. KENNEDT’s residence arrived in this city last evening, bringing information of the alarming illness of that gentleman and summoning his brother and other relatives to visit him. Col. K. was in this city about ten days since in the enjoyment of his usual health.
My dear Sir,

Your covering note from A. Maye is at hand—
I have just written him that I will promptly attend
his request. I have no doubt I can procure
the most satisfactory
pows that Ex-Gov. Mau
did not signify an
attention to remove from
St. Louis, until late in Sept,
last.

I am prepared with baggage
wants preparatory to my
leaving for Jefferson City,
the announcement etc.
Morning of the alarming
dependency of Col. Kennel's
quits
overwhelmed me - I shall
go down this evening to
see him - I hope his ill-
ness is exaggerated. It will
greatly embarrass us at
Jefferson City, anyhow &
I go down to Schuyl to know
the worst, that I may be
able to counteract exaggera-
ted statements in regard to the
condition of Col. Kennedy.
Great efforts have been
made still being made to
have a preference expressed
for Granny Dickinson.
this all judge - He has no
hold on the people of N.Y. or
this, more in the work of
mere politicians, prompted
by agents at the national
Capital. My belief is they
will fail in their purpose.

We have concluded that
our true policy is to oppose
any attempt at instructions
to our delegates. Proper attention
to the selection of delegates will
be the main thing. Every
thing depends on having
judicious firm men for
delegates - We hope to
select men of this class
from Missouri.

Very Resp'y

John H Kinzard

Hon. G. R. Davenport
Mr. W. Krum Esq
St. Louis, Missoauia.
April 5, 1860

Will attend to H. May's request. Col. Kennett alarming it. The delegates will be unin-
strued etc.
Brooklyn
April 5, 1860

Dear Judge,

Our city election has just passed and we have beat both parties. Mr. Edmund Briggs your friend was running for the position of tax collector of the city. There was nothing said about his friendship for you until after he was elected. It made the issue and look at the result. We beat them 6-1 like to one on the night of the 16th Briggs, Bergen, and Perkins will leave here for Washington. When they arrive I bring them up to your house. I be on my way to Washington on next Monday.

Your Friend Truly,

T. M. Casey

Hon S. A. Douglas
J. McLachey Esq.
Brooklyn, New York
April 5, 1820

Will be in town next Monday. Briggs, Ageron & Pumpkin will leave on the 16th. I will call on Judge St. about Brooklyn, etc. TheJudge found six to one in Re.
Sunnyside, Cumberland
Virginia, April 5th, 1860

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

I have read a synopsis of a late speech of yours in reply to that of the Senator of the New Party, and have been so much pleased with it, that I take the liberty of writing to you to request that you will be kind enough to send me a copy of it, if it has been published in extenso.

You have many warm friends in Virginia who would rejoice to see you advanced to the high office of President of the United States. And, though the hopes of your friends are realized, I assure you none will ever reprieve that the person who is now
admitting you that your merits and claims have been
accorded by a generous people. Apologizing for
this hasty note, I remain the faithful servant of
yourDisp. F. McCowan

Your[sic] friend,

McCowan
Candorland, Virginia

The enclosure will at least inform you that I am not a "fishing
political".

I have also thanked you for a
copy of my book, hoping to
hearing upon the Revolutionary
Country's Tarde.
Confidential

Albany 5th April 1860

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Allow me to enclose to you your one or two of constitutional ethics. I trust they will meet your approbation. I avail myself of this opportunity to express to you the duty of Governor Church as to his views relative to the course of the New York delegation should there be at Charleston.

He writes me as follows: "I am throughly convinced..."
that our only salvation in this State and through = out the North is to make = vote Judge Douglas, believing this I shall use whatever influence I possess to accomplish the truth. I am not disposed to yield the point under any circumstances short of absolute necessity or compulsion. The very existence of the party depends upon it and it must and shall be done. Very respectfully

[Signature]

B. Nott
13 Nth.
Albany, N.Y.
April 5th, 1860.
Sydney April 1810.

Dear Sir,

I hope you will excuse the耽误 I make on your time in asking you at some leisure moment to read the enclosed letter of your friend John Smith. It is being extensively re-published in our States.

With great consideration,

Yours most respectfully,

The Hon. Stephen A. Douglass

Bos. J. Porter

The Hon.
B. F. Porter Esq.

Deyney, Marshall Co. Al.

April 5, 1860

Encloses an article, signed

John Smith, extensively

Published in Alabama.
Saint Paul, Minnesota
April 5th, 1860.

My dear Sir,

Will you please send to my address the following documents: Patent Office Report for 1858-1859, also a copy of the Coast Survey, and any other documents you have to spare. I would like you to have my name put on your list of constituents so I can get speeches and documents from you.

Yours very truly,

S.S. Strode

P.S.

Present my regards to Mr. A. reddle if he is still with you. As Clerk to Com. also please drop me a line when Poc are sent.

Yours truly,

S.S. Strode

he above Patent Office Doc. Swant for Farnes family in the country.
Saml. L. Smoot
St. Paul, Minnesota
April 5, 1860
ask for Patent Office Report for 1866-1869, & for Coast Survey, etc.
Indianapolis, April 5, 1860.

Hon. J. N. Douglas:

Dear Sir:

I have consulted with a large number of your most steadfast friends in various parts of the state, and find them unanimously of the opinion that it would be best for you to vote against the confirmation of English as Marshall for this District. The friends of Robinson—embracing nearly the entire support of the anti-Douglas delegate in this state—are bitter in their denunciation of the Administration & fear Bright will say that thirty of them at least will go to Charleston for you. McDonald, the Att'y Genl., Voorhees, Dodd, And of state, and in short all the leading friends of the Administration, agree in these sentiments. They have a rumor too, that you will vote against English.

Very truly yours,

Horace Tannert.
Garden P. Tannert
Indianapolis, Indiana
April 5, 1860

urging Judge B. to vote against the confirmation of English as Marshall of Indiana. (See letter for reasons.)