Very dear Sir, New Haven, Ct. April 10th

Please receive the frank and sincere sentiments of many worthy political friends. If our utterances seem too abrupt, yet believe they are the dictate of the kindest regards for your public and private welfare. Your fine talents & long experience in various important stations will qualify you, in our opinion, to meet the difficulties of the greatest of all; as Mr. Jefferson said in his familiar & instructive Inaugural. We avoid all details of political needs, I merely remark that we approve your expressed views on the various subjects of the times. We know that diverse interests of our vast & growing country will cause differing schemes & aspirations among the delegates of the Charleston Convention. Yet, the candidate should be selected, and all things considered, will best represent the interests of the largest portions of our country. We believe that you would represent the North, the great West, I mean the sunny & pleasant Southern States better than any other Candidate, I am sure.
you will be nominated. But should you not be, yet we believe that your friends will be able to say who shall be the nominee. Even in that event we must treat you so as to use your controlling influence as to elect the nominee to unite the great elements of the party thus prepared the way for open certain nomination of a candidate four years hence. Your high standing in the Senate will enable you to guide the course of the next Administration. Please remember that Sunday collisions prevented Clay & Webster from being President.

Now in the most friendly spirit permit us to say that the talented Webster the patriot deserving too many other able statesmen were essentially damaged in health by too fast living. Please pardon us for saying that rumor (often false) but often true) the many tenuous rumors says that the man whose talents (in many we admire your fine choice for President, sometimes, yes too often indulges a dangerous thirst. Nothing in earthly life is so natural as the sincerest friendship for your opinions. This suggests. We earnestly hope that the rumor is false, but if it is not, we beseech you to pursue your courses. To parents! How does? Say! Should you be nominated, I should the honor be mine, with the wish to remove the dangers of intemperance will be averted in all the changes which ingenuity can devise, a mortifying defeat may ensue. Foolishness will provide not only a little giant but the greatest giant on the globe. Again we beseech you to remember that the warmest esteem prompts their abrupt intimations. If the rumor is true, may God enable you to show the calamities which beset your path, to so live as to add fresh lustre to the character of a brilliant statesman. Our hearts desire is that you may be a successor to our present President. True friendship uses plain language.

We respectfully beg you to show this manifestation of the purest regard to your amiable most excellent wife. A lovely devoted wife loves her husband as she loves her own self. If your wife does not approve our friendship, then we confess that friendship has led us astray. We cannot pardon for infringing suggestions. We are husband's warmest par.

But, dear Sir, the time you are now arrived at the coming Convention of four years hence, our prayer is that the controlling Providence will guide you in...
those ways which will most certainly secure to you your a happy domestic circle, 
and public consumption worthy of your flattering prospects. A strong man can de-
fend himself from the assaults of others, but the strongest man may be aided by 
the counsels of a discreet wife, and the teachings 
of divine wisdom. May God's blessings rest 
upon you. We are as truly your friends 
as if the long list of our names was appen-
ded to this well-intended epistle. We are 
demanding, for ourselves, and on behalf of those 
sums of others, your sincere 
Friends.

Bar. Kolaro & Co.
April 10, 1860

Friends

Kindly be advised in regard to your health.
A. H. Baird
Cumberland University
Lebanon, Tennessee
April 10, 1860

ask for debate on Pop. 20% between P. B. D. & Green of Mo.

Cumberland University
April 10, 1860
Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Sir, If you will allow me to trespass so far on your kindness, I wish you to send me the debate (on popular sovereignty) between yourself and Green of Mo. & other documents to which will be of use in the coming campaign. You will thus oblige one of your many admirers

Most respectfully,

A. H. Baird
New Orleans, April 4th, 1860

Dear Sir,

As I am apprehensive that you have neither time nor patience enough to read all the papers which are sent to you, I have thought it would be more convenient for you if I cut from my paper the speech delivered by Mr. D. Ewell at a meeting of a club which we have organized and which bears your name. I can assure you, dear Sir, that it has produced some effect in certain quarters and that it was struck at the weak point of certain well-known cliques. The majority of the people of Louisiana is on your side, and I doubt not but what her delegates will be compelled to cast their votes in your favor and that the Nation will carry you triumphantly to the Presidential Chair. Confident in your success,

I remain, Sir, with sentiments of the
Highest regard,

Your most obedient Servt.

S. Rayon
I, Bayon,
of State Right, Louisiana
New Orleans
April 10, 1860

Enclosing an article,
striking at the weak
point of the eagle.
A majority of the Demo.
of La. in Judge A's
favor.
Staunton, April 15th,

Dear Mr. A. Douglas,

Gentlemen,

Our District Convention met yesterday, elected Douglas as a candidate, but in accordance with an ancient usage of the party in 1854, the vote will be cast as a unit for Mr. Clement frist but if they have another chance they will go for you. I hope and believe you will receive the nomination on the first ballot. I have too much confidence in the great Democratic Party to believe that our representations will be met or Charleston will
Place her in a position to see Beadles, which I think inevitable. With any other leader than the little man of the West.

Yours very truly,

Mr. Burke

P.S. The delegates are still at odds to get McDuffee.

Altamaha

Capt. I. Mann

Capt. J. Walker

Capt. B.

May Peyton left this money for New York.
A. Burr

Salsburg, Illinois
April 10, 1860

ask for speech at New Orleans, that in reply to
Demands of the Whigs in article.

Salsburg, Ill. April 11, 1860

Hon. S. R. Douglas

Will you have
the kindness to send me your
speeches at New Orleans and in reply
to Senate, also the articles on
Popular Sovereignty, and such other
campaign notes that I could fairly
represent the Principles of the Demo-
cratic Party.

Yours Respectfully,
A. Burr
Burlington, Iowa April 10, 1860

Dear Sir:

Our republican friends, in the north-west, fearing and feeling the effect of your nomination on their project, grow more desperate as the time for the Charleston Convention approaches, and are now jealously at work, as you may have noticed, in endeavoring to create divisions amongst democrats (who in this country are all united for you) by starting new candidates. To this purpose, the "Hawk's Cap" the leading republican paper in the state, sometime since in an editorial spoke very flatteringly of our distinguished townsman Geo. Dodge as a notable candidate for the second if not the first place on the Charleston ticket. Other papers have followed up the cue not that they love Geo. Dodge but that they hate and fear you. This possible you may not have seen any allusion to this trick and may allow it to thereon be unnecessary. But to preclude any possible misconstruction or unjust inference which might be drawn from any unauthorized use of Geo. Dodge's name, I avail myself of the opportunity to say to you that that distinguished and patriotic gentle

man will go to Charleston in obedience to the unanimous will of the democracy of Iowa.

Ever
Not to advance by underrating his own fortune, but with his colleagues, to use every honorable effort to procure the nomination of the only man under whose head Iowa can be restored to the Dear Party.

No notice of personal advancement, of any sort will induce him to deviate a hair breadth from the course, and his own expressed determination to the contrary, the Iowa delegation are conscious, that so long as Illinois adheres, her candidate so long will Iowa follow her.

I know all the other delegates well, and with the Edge of my state, they will unite their fortune with the gallant Illinoisan, and with them will drink or swim.

This is due to my distinguished friends and neighbors, whose unselfishness under all circumstances, and whose devotion to his friend under the most trying one, have never been questioned by those who know him, that his wishes should be fully understood. There at the risk of seeming unseemly. And with the political advantages there to be you the nominee of the then formidable democracy, there ventured to write you this letter.

Said Douglass

Williamson

January 25th

McCausland
Burlington, Iowa
April 10, 1860

The Republicans are endeavoring to disturb the demo. harmony by
impairing Earl Dodge for
the first or second place.

Earl Dodge is true,
will remain a firm,
steadfast friend of Dodge.

Q
Office of the Rock Island Argus,
COR. ILLINOIS AND EAGLE STREETS.

Rock Island, Ills. April 10th, 1860.

Dear Sir: Last January, a few of us democrats persuaded a fine young German to start a neutral German paper here, and so far he has succeeded very well in getting up a good subscription list. His office is in the same building with ours, and we do his press work.

It gives me pleasure to inform you that he has become a convert to the doctrine of the right of every separate community to manage their own affairs, and should you be the nominee of the Charleston convention I now think he will be persuaded to advocate your election.

He has never voted, but is fast becoming a good democrat.
He is a talented literary man, of perfectly upright and exemplary character, popular among his countrymen, and I think will be a valuable accession.

If you have any documents or speeches in German, please address a few to him, as follows:

Dr. Zickerigk
Chronicle Office

With great respect
Your Obd. Sect.

F.D. Danforth Jr.

Herr Ad. Douglas
U.S.
Washington D.C.
Confidential

Buffalo May 4
April 10, 1860

Dear Sir,

Can you furnish me (for republication) a paper containing the account of your reception at New Orleans on your last visit there. Would it not be well to have it republicated in some of the southern papers, also,

in haste,

Truly yours,

J. G. Dickie

Hon.

J. A. Douglas
Clifford Dunuels
West Newfield, Maine
April 13, 1860

S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir: The Republicans in Washington are flocking the “Pinetree State” with speeches from their side, and as we have no political friends in Washington from this State, I should like to have you or some of your friends frank a few packages of speeches and send them to me by return mail.

Address: Clifford Dunuels
West Newfield
Maine
Freemont 10th April 1860

Sir: I would ask your influence in procuring a Po at this place, the necessary questions have been answered and sent by Dr. Armor to Harriot. My name was sent by Dr. Armor without my knowledge and since it is out I don't like to be beaten by a Republican. My opponent is an honest Yankee Republican and will use his influence for carrying his principles. Our thanks for the papers sent additional Democrat names.

J. Roberts — Ruggles
Grimley — Line

Please answer as soon as convenient. I want to announce Brackinridge for 1865 — I would rather have the name of the office than Brackinridge or something else than. Freemont yours &

J. P. Elliott
J. D. Elliott
Almanus, Breckenridge Co.
Kansas Territory
April 16, 1860

Wishes to be appointed Postmaster and not to be beaten by a Black Republican; if the name changed from Fremont to some other, sends names of Democrats for demo. Govt.

[Speech of May 15, 1860 read]
Cedar Rapids, April 10, 1860

Hon. B. & H. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I wish you would send me some of your different speeches. I think that some of your speeches can be calculated here to good advantage if you will send me a package I will distribute them to advantage.

Yours,

[Signature]

Direct to J. Elson
Cedar Rapids, Linn Co.
Iowa.
R. J. Farrell Esq
Chicago, Illinois
April 18, 1860

Enclosed an article of his from the "Guardian" of Detroit.

If Judge B. does not get the nomination, hundreds will help the Charleston ticket.

Chicago ILL
April 18th 60

Dear Sir:

The enclosed is clipped from the Detroit "Guardian," an old democratic paper in Detroit. The tone of the article was dictated by the underlined. I am the Chicago correspondent.

If you are not nominated at Charleston, hundreds of anti-administration men are determined to help the nomination. This is the conversation on the streets.

Your admiring friend

R. J. Farrell

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Gilead, Wood County, Ohio
April 15th, 1860

Dear Mr. Stephen A. Douglas,

Washington, D.C.

Could I obtain the speech alluded to by you in the twenty-eighth Congress, July 1844, an effort was made by that Congress to restore the fine imposed upon General Jackson, by Judge Hall, for declaring martial law and taking such other steps as were necessary for the defense of the city of New Orleans. During the last war with Great Britain, I could use that speech very well, and would like to get it. Some of our Republican friends are on top of the fence, and we are bound to get them down on the right side and if you should have any other papers, you think would do as good send them along for we are bound to work. And we can. Think this not strange. I belong to the same family.

I remain your obedient servant

[Signature]

P. E. Guyer
Geo. E. Sawyer Esq
Iales, Wood Co. Ohio
April 10, 1850

As for appeal of Judge D. in 1841, January 27 on restoring the fine unpaid upon Capt. Jackson Co.
W. Kennedy Esq.
Chambersburg, Pa.

April 10, 1860

acknowledging your favor,
and recommending that
Judge Hill of Pa. should
be made Chairman of
the Charleston Convention.

To the Hon.
Judge Douglas

... Dear Sir — I am much
indebted to you for the document you
forwarded me — We are unfortu-
unate with the Democrat party of our coun-
ty — it is supposed Judge Block is
part owner and it raised his name to
its most head for President. I ask it
and you may rely upon it — he can not
yet be want in the county for any office
of State or a Loan for President —
My object in writing at this time is
to recommend the Hon James Hill of
this county for President of the Charle-
s town Convention. I think it would build
the Penn delegation he is a man very
acquainted with parliamentary rules,
he was a Douglas man, of the I had been
at last Convention. He has been a Demo-
crat from boyhood. But not a political friend
Of President Buchanan but a supporter when nominated Judas Iscariot as a modest man is and wishes no office. If some of your Western or Southern friends would bring him for word some confidential it would do much in meeting the distress of our poor Saxons to ensure the liberty I have taken in the a bold recommendation. I am the well respect your very humble servant.

Chamberlain April 10th 86
Armstrong County
Freeport April 10th 1860 Pa.

To the Hon J A Douglas United States Senet

Dear Sir,
I have just finished reading your speech in answer to Mr Seward's which you made on the 29th February 1860 which pleased me well.

I am taking the liberty to ask you to speak in favor of a bill for a pension for the Soldiers of 1812. It has been mentioned in Senate this session I am one and there is a great many in this part and all money needed.

To the Hon
J A Douglas
Senator

James Loughbary
James Loughary
Freemont, Armstrong Co. Pa
April 10, 1860

Asking Judge D. to support the bill in favor of pension to old soldier of 1812.
Boston April 10th, 1860

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

In commencing let one acknowledge the receipt of valuable political documents from yourself and also from the Hon. Mr. Douglas. I think they have been placed in the hands of those who will make good use of them.

In the Campaign in Connecticut the President of the Club (Col. Knight) posted freely from your reply to Mr. Lincoln, and he reports that the mention of Popular Sovereignty always met with a hearty response from the hearers. Such was the case at Wheelers, where he had a tilt (without style), with Hon. John P. Hale.

I believe that had all the speakers in the Campaign planted them—likewise fairly & squarely in the Cincinnati press—on the doctrine of Non-Intervention with the local affairs of the Territories; that they not inserted this great question (as most of the speakers did) had they not attempted to win, in a victory at four oppress—had they not relented...
so much in the personal respectability of Col. Seymour and upon the fact that the Red
side raised (accordance with the Kansas
tradition going to his escape from that County.
Considering that the Mayor & Chief
Magistrate and the same recommen-
dation—and also the fact that
such recommendation long lasted
their effect since 1856)—had they not
done this the result, I think, would
have been different.
The great
Republican majority makes it almost a
certainty—so, in the two days that I
spend at Hartford. Had an oppor-
tunity to converse with many strong
Friends of Republican Might, and from
them learned, that great
Democrats
were dissatisfied with the manner in
which the Campaign was conducted.
One old gentleman (by the name of July)
said to me—Mr. Seymour is a good man
but he cannot be elected anyway. He lets the
people keep his platform. He will not
vote for him, unless Leiblobe himself
[together] to endorse the Cincinnati
platform. I say, brother—yet

The manner—in which with this
old Democrat Patrick V. Clayborne & myself
the morning of one engaged with a man offer a
prediction—One who judged & spoke by the
propensity of his heart, and from that moment
I said—We will be defeated again.

Col. Wright was gone hopeful but still he
so fell the cold hand of the nullified
which is already nearly problem with bitterness
a few more weeks. What will be the fate
of the new great Democratic Party?
Look at Rhode Island. How different
its growth. How the Candidate for Senate
Mr. Bullock, manfully placed himself for
the broad principles of non-entanglement and the
fact that Abraham Lincoln attached these
principles. & the one who has upheld them for
years in a general principle) is the man
region that Brownlee has by Buchanan over
coalition majority, defeated the party of
which Mr. Lincoln is a leader. This man
has paralyzed the party, they are hand joined
at the poll, but they have been heeded, in
one of their triumphs.
The Republic of the N. Y. Times admits
that fact in a letter & that paper a few days since.
The result will give the young Democracy another
at Courage & Prepare them for the great battle soon to
come - But just as the Sun begins to beam brightly
upon our Cause, those who desire to be Democrats
are again at their work of devastation. Can't
Mr. Mitchel of Titan see that he is destroying the
party? His sentiments are of the old Adams Federal
school, but of the young Democracy. The Republicans
catch at the bait & are eager & active. Men that
political Capital out of it. Just as in the shoe-making
districts, at this very moment does this gentleman cast
his shoe in the manger. The loans such men
are exposed the better. And the early years in Mr. Mitchel
or Isner fit to pretend to this gentleman in regard to Jefferson.
A speech should be made to Constitute the effect
he has made. It is actually going on.

Mr. Swain received orders from the other member of the
dolemgale for copies of the Constitution. By letters for the
dam purposes.

Mr. Rhine was the President of the Constitution. One of the most gratifying things I have not
otherwise was the everything of the Constitution. Mr. Rhine.

Col. Lathan, Governor of California, & who brought with him endorsements of the
democracy from the other members of Congress from the Pacific
Coast. But he was not to find another line in the "Proceedings of the State," reply to Mr.
D. Bassed & also your letter (which he had never before seen) in reply to the Grass Valley speech of Mr. Brown. I am glad
that.

The club has accomplished the work in view. I have
joined the club & still understand, make an active
member. On Tuesday the steamer sailed with the new
England delegation for Charleston S. C., & the mean
from the Chief of the General Staff, quarter for the Democrats
in Boston. In great need, I remain, with best &

John W. Mahan
John W. Mahan
Boston, Mass.,
April 10, 1860
Political in regard to
elections in Conn. Six
Rhode Island -
Democratic Club of Boston.
New York, April 10th, 1860.

To Hon. S. A. Douglas,
U. S. Senate.

Dear Sir:

The Old Dominion Society, of this City, will celebrate the settlement of Virginia at Jamestown, (May 13th, 1607,) on the 14th & 15th of May next, by an address to be delivered by the Hon. Geo. W. Jamison, at Cooper Institute, at 8 o'clock P.M. on the 14th and a dinner at the Metropolitan Hotel, at 6 o'clock P.M. on the 15th.

Under instructions from the Society, I take great pleasure in extending to you an invitation to be present at this their first anniversary celebration, and hope that it may suit your convenience, as well as inclination, to attend.

A reply at an early day is respectfully solicited.

Yours, Old S.

Dexter Otley.

Chairman Executive Committee, Old Dominion Society. No. 30 Wall St.

Please preserve this and present it to the committee of reception at Metropolitan Hotel.
Palm, April 10, 1860

To Mr. Lincoln,

Sir,

The gentleman who hands me this letter, Mr. Lewis Dye, is one of the gentlemen mentioned in a previous letter and who is already slightly acquainted with you, but I desire to receive from you such a reception as is due to a lance and sincere friend. A gentleman of fine talents and high respectability, one of the most prominent men in the Democratic Party in this State. He has been one of the warmest advocates of your great principles and unflinchingly advocated your cause. He is a delegate at large and is writing to your warmest confidence your old friend,

Edwin Dye, Sr.
Solomon Parsons
Boston, Mass.
April 10, 1860
Introducing Mr. Oliver
Seres, V.C.
Date: April 10, 1860

To Mr. A. Douglas,
    Dear Sir,

The gentleman whom presents this letter is Walter Hazen, Esq., a delegate to the "National Democratic Convention" one of the most reliable and sound men in New England. A man of wealth and position who has a teacher's expression of his views in your papers and in public, of which principles he has exerted a powerful influence in the ranks of the Democratic party. I conceive him to be kind in heart.

Your friend,
Lemuel Lincoln.
Hon. Solomon Parsons
Boston, Mass.
April 10, 1860

Introducing Walter Heflin,
Ben Eby, a delegate to Charleston.
Albany April 10th 1860

Friend Nathan,

We have just had one of the most glorious [Then, some text is difficult to read due to writing style, but it appears to be a political discussion."

...and the beauty of it is, that..."

...Boo hooes are now burning all over the city..."

...walk on important features..."

...all the American party united on the Democratic ticket..."

...this, they are ready to do in the Nov. fight if they will give us Douglas for the standard bearer..."

...I hope one or two will be letting me know the prospects..."

...how do matters south at Washington..."
I shall never leave this
the last of the court and
should be pleased to hear
from you.
I find some of the
New York Delegation willing,
and if they can't get
him they intend to Damn
the measure.
But remember if you
write just to tell you that
all things are well looking
Will for truly.

P. O. R. Paris
E. O. Perin

to

Mr. Satham

albany, New York

April 10, 1868

Democratic victory

in Albany Co.