House Rich. Sulley, Apr. 17/60

Mr. Mr. Forsyth

My dear Sir:

Since learning that Mr. Rawlings has more or less transcended his authority as an attaché of Quar. Leslie and seeing that instructions left with me by Rawlings are not to be recognized by Mr. Leslie I have thought it as far as I’m concerned prudent to act in the matter; but if we hear definitely in regard to M. Mr. Leslie himself I shall be pleased to perform the truth in my best style of making the biographical
Sketch. Perhaps I may not at present have a better time to say that I desire to renew my obligation and express with much regret past and present inability to cancel it. I will also say that not having obtained my services during the last two years as a distinct and familiar friend I am fully prepared if the issue of the convention is favorable to the wishes of yr. friends to take the stamp in the most necessary places and to carry on such correspondence and publish such things as will accomplish the most for yr. triumph.

I am very truly,

yr. at Boston,

[Signature]

T. A. [illegible]
Genl. W. T. Thompson of New York City to whom I had the pleasure of introducing son is a very wealthy man and he is authorized me to say before that he is willing to spend money at Charleston for W. Poindexter and to write to him if favorable opportunities were discovered for so doing. F. A. aiken.
C. Basting
Secor Woof. Co. Tits
March 16, 1860

To Judge D. in favor of the Homestead Bills.

The same question has been asked of Trumbull; and
the Republican has offered to bet that Trumbull would answer, and Judge D. would not.

C. Basting
Secor Woof. Co. Tits

17 April 1860

Sir,

If it suits your leisure, you would oblige a Democrat very much, by kindly communicating in a few lines, your views upon the passage of the Homestead Bill; the Republicans assert, that you and all Democrats in the Senate are opposed to it, and I know no facts to the contrary. An abolitionist here wrote to Trumbull about it, and bet, he will get an answer, and I won't.

Yours,

respectfully,

C. Basting
Secor Woof. Co. Tits.
Greenfield Highland Co Ohio  
April 17th 1868  
Sir inclosed I beg to present to the United States Senate.  Please call on the Commissioner of Pensioners and let the request made in this Memorial be presented.  The facts are so clear that there can be no doubt but they will be granted as both Congress and the Court of Claims have more than once acknowledged these positions as correct beyond dispute.

Daniel BT Benedict

Yours Truly

H. S. A. Douglass  
Asst. Senator
Daniel D. R. Benedict
Greenfield, Highland Co. Ohio
April 17, 1860

Enclosed a Petition, to be presented to Senate, for a pension.
To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled

The memorial of the

undersigned Shoemakers that a pension of thirty dollars per annum was granted to Rezin Harris on the ninth day of May in the year Eighteen Hundred and fifty six for the Revolutionary Services of his Husband whose name was James Harris this pension was made payable at Richmond in the State of Virginia to commence on the third day of February in the year 1853 before this Memorial is made praying Congress to appropriate and authorize this Pension to be paid five years from this last than it has been paid in accordance with the decision of the Court of Claims namely that it be paid back to the fourth of March 1848 this being the intention of Congress in passing the act of February 3d 1853 under which this Pension was granted and it is also asked by this Memorial
that this pension may be so enlarged as to allow this pensioner one hundred dollars a year from this time forth instead of the thirty dollars a year which she now draws as the very few pensioners now alive who draw Revolutionary pensions have outlived all their early Cotton plantations and as this one in particular is poor it is hoped that it will not be deemed out of place to ask that Congress will be liberal enough to grant these required alterations in this pension in order that this Revolutionary pensioner may not live the few days yet allotted to her in extreme poverty. Made and signed at Greenfield in the State of Ohio this 17th day of April 1860.

Daniel D. Benedict
attorney for Kesiah Harris
Dear Mr. Brunelle,

Please send me the latest office reports from 1855 to 1860 and add to your hundred.

Sincerely,

Douglas

Brunelle

P.S. 19th April 1861

[Signature]
H. W. Brownell

Brownsville, Calhoun Co. Mich.

April 17, 1860

Asks for Patent Office
Reports for 58, 59 Acs.

[Speech of May 13, 1860 sent]
Concord, N.H., April 17, 1860—

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Dear Sir:

I have passed the milestone of life, (three score and ten) and by early training, and continuous adherence and devotion, to maintain the principles of democracy, as taught by Jefferson and Lincoln, those apostles of liberty. I am not a stranger to the struggle which it requires to elevate the low, to those champions of freedom.

I have not been a passive looker on, at the prosperity of our country under successive democratic administrations.

How well I remember the vituperative conduct of the opposition towards us, for the passage of the Missouri Compromise of 1820.

I then questioned its effectiveness. But Sir, the result of it was fraught with vastly greater evils to our country, and I urge the President's veto without effect.

I then, and for sometime subsequently, censured you, for the part you acted in that drama. I charged on you sinister motives, with the sole view, to hinder Pierce's administration disorders; that you might succeed him at the White House. And there was a
time. When your men and their friends, that
nothing under save you from apathy, and a
league with Black Republicanism.

The crusade of the administration against
your has removed all fears, and I am hopeful.
Diving an entire year, it has been
my belief, that no other Democrat could be
elected but yourself. The past month has
made possible your success. Providence of
course, that you receive the nomination
at Charleston, which now seems probable
and desirable too.

The delegates from N. Va. will no
doubt be a strong one for U. A. Douglas, just
and continuous. There will be no wide efforts
of the other side, as the worth of the candidates
another favorite.

Democrats will of course play their
part, as usual, but the other second thought
will resemble.

Wishing success for our country,
when we see a price fixed on patriotism and
child labor, because we have evidence, that the
basses of the act, will not decline a cabal from
meeting the urgency with tribute money.
But my confidence will remain in a politician
if in the event of your nomination. Then W.
Garney shall fall to do battle for you.

You will be glad to know, that this may
free and great success, as that I may
stand right in the same, as a consistent
Democrat without good fortune help.
Please accept the assurance of friendship,
and hearty cooperation with others for the right,
and the election of the most Democratic candidate
for the Presidency.

Yours truly,
Robert Davis.
Robert Davis
Concord, New Hampshire
April 17, 1860

An old democrat - 70 years of age - petition quietly... Confidential
New York, April 19th, 1860

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas:

We the undersigned have been publishing a Periodical called "The Esarist," and in our third issue you may see an item referring to yourself; we have determined to uphold you, but, finding that our funds will not keep us going much longer, we have taken the liberty to ask a little help of you. If you can send us some help by Saturday afternoon, we can publish in time to send numerous copies, by the second or third meeting of the Charleston Convention. We have a pretty large circulation in this city, and I am sure we can help you on the coming election a great deal.

Your obliged,

Emile H. Jacobi

In behalf of the Assembly Literary Union

P.S. Answer us as soon as possible.

Address:

Emile H. Jacobi
156 W 26th St.
New York City
Emile H. Racović
156 36th St, New York
April 17, 1860

Publisher of the Esayiet,
and asks for pecuniary aid to keep it going.
Boston, April 17th.

To Stephen A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

I take my pen in haste to write

To you (by request of many members of the
 Jackson Club) for the purpose of ascertaining
 the truth of the telegraphic statement
 of the Rebels this Eve—viz:—that Gen.
 Mass, and eight other Napol. adherents
 have turned traitors.

If this is the fact—

then immediate action must

will be taken by such means as

McClellan has of these men (big tire)

will meet with the (not for desert)

The Union has created an internal enemy

must here as all of the delegates + can

writing especially were elected fully on

the ground that they were intended in

the last treaty of South + perpetual

sovereignty— I have not time to add

more. Please inform us as to above—

Michael Tobey Esq. (Brother of Cornelius Tobey) alleges

has left for Charleston to-day to work for the same.
Mr. W. Mahan Esq.
(Sacken Club)
Boston, Mass.
April 27, 1863

We have learned that there is any truth in the report that Genl. Whitney has been tried as a traitor. An intense excitement exists on this subject. We
Shakopee, Minnesota
17th April 1866

Judge S. A. Douglas,
My Dear Sir,

Enclosed I send you a letter to your friend Richardson, as well as my friend, and that reaches your hands to be forwarded thence at Charleston.

Please send there, I only add to name any where, where he may be, I am not at ease one moment, nor can I be, until I know the result of the Charleston Convention. I don't know all have done any particular good for you. But one thing I can say safely, I have tried, and I trust I have not done any harm to your prospects in future, you can't succeed any better than I wish you to do (at least as well without me). I am sir yours most
Judge S. A. Douglas

Waltzing
Washington D.C.

R. G. Murphy,
Murphy's Landing
Minnesota.
R. S. Murphy
Shakopee, Minnesota
April 17, 1860

Enclose letter for Dr. Richardson, & perhaps hope you'll get that judge must & will be nominated.
Hon. Murphy
Senate Chamber, Albany, N.Y.
April 17, 1860

Introducing John Panell, Esq., of New York

Sen. Chamber.
Albany, April 17, 1860

Mr. Stephen A. Douglas,
Washington
Dear Sir:

This introductory note will present to you John Panell, Esq., of New York, who is the President of the 'National Democratic Volunteer' and also a citizen of merchants and gentlemen, a delegation of which are en route to Charleston with the view to attend the Presidential Convention. Mr. Panell, like many independent young men, will become a member of the great city.
of New York derives your succession for the Presidency, and sharing largely in the same canvass and fervent wish. I take the liberty of presenting him to you as a high born gentleman but an unswerving Democrat. Hoping that both of us may soon have the honor of pleasure of congratulating you out the standard bearer of the party, I remain yours,

Faithfully yours,

[Signature]
National Democratic Star Club
New York City
April 17th 1860
Judge C. unanimously
elected Honorary Member
of Club.

"NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC STAR CLUB."

Head Quarters, Lafarge House,
New York, 17 April 1860.

Sir:

It is with great pleasure we inform you that,
at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the above
Club, held at the Lafarge House, on the 17th
day of April 1860, on motion of C. L.
Kozlay you were unanimously elected
Honorary member of this Club.

Yours,
We remain your obedient servants,

Stephen A. Douglas
Senator

PHILIP F. SMITH,
President of the Club.

EUGENE A. KOZLAY,
Chairman of Executive Committee.

JOHN HAYES,
Secretary.

Entered in Record, 17 April 1860.
Sav. April 17th 1860

Hnbl. Stephen A. Douglas
Charleston
S. C.

Dear Sir,

I deem it my duty to say that I have it from indiscrete and disloyal sources that the Delegates to the Convention from Texas are secretly pledged to write to the President of the Convention to draw from the Convention, if they cannot otherwise obtain their nominations.

The deceivers could form no idea in which they go is perfectly consistent with the Declaration of Independence. All prominent members of the Guelphian Union have gone to the Convention. I write this in confidence without good it may be and without putting any construction on your previous actions or declarations. If because of your friendship for Mr. Lincoln I deem the information true, I think you will find the same accordance in the sentiments of the.
Truth of the statement.
I hope you do not remember
and your own do not
complain who I remain
sincerely
Gus. H. Pashalau
Geo. M. Paschal
San Antonio, Texas
April 17, 1860

The Texas delegation are mentally pledged to withdraw from the Convention, if they can in no other manner refuse the nomination of Judge D.
Mr.

I desire to introduce to your acquaintance my friend Samuel Morgan, Esq., who is about to visit Charleston and will be my substitute in care of my absence.

I have given him letters to other gentlemen beside yourself whose acquaintance he wishes to make.

Any attention paid to him will be esteemed as a favor conferred on.

Yours very respectfully,

[Signature]
Anamosa, 17th Apr. 1860

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Will you do me the favor to send me a copy of your speech delivered on the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Bill through the U.S. Senate?

By so doing you will much oblige your friend,

N. G. Sales

Anamosa, Jones Co., Iowa

P.S. I beg you will please pardon me for troubling you. I have for a great length of time been watching your progress. I went into Illinois in March 1859 and ever since you have made speeches in Congress. I have obtained all I could here in the West and printed them. I read a copy or two I think of speeches above referred to but have lost them by accident, hence I would like to have you send me one if it is convenient.

That and the one you made in Chicago on your return to that Abolition sink hole in fifty. I think are splendid efforts. Judge, if you receive the nomination at Charleston I think you will carry Iowa without a doubt. In haste,

N. G. S.
A. G. Sales
Anamosa, Iowa C. P. Iowa
April 17, 1860
Ask for check on the Kansas Nebraska Rail.
National Hotel
Washington City April 17-1860

To Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I have the honor and pleasure of herewith forwarding to you, at the request of the publishers, H. G. O. Heins of Springfield, Ill., a fine copy of the New Pictorial edition of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, which please accept with their compliments. The publishers would highly value an expression of your estimate and appreciation of this great work of American scholarship and learning.

In 1848 a large number of the then U. S. Senators gave the influence of their names to a testimonial commending the edition of the work issued about that time. I notice among other distinguished names on that paper, the names of Daniel Webster, Stephen A. Douglas, and Jefferson Davis. This new edition of Webster's dictionary you will perceive has more than 1500
Fine pictorial illustrations, more than 2000 synonyms, words classified and discriminated, and from nine to ten thousand new words appended to the vocabulary of the former edition. You will also notice other new features indicated on the table page.

With great Respect,
I am Sincerely yours,

J. G. Sinton
D. Selton
National Hotel, Nash
April 17, 1860

Towards, on the part of the Publishers, a copy of
"Milton's Unabridged Edition" and hope that Judge
Dr. as he is, will give his opinion of it.

VW
Office of the Post and Herald,

Providence, R. I., April 7, 1860.

Dear Sir:

Gen. James has declined being a Delegate to Charleston, but is strongly for Douglas. Amasa Sprague, a brother of the Governor, elect, has been appointed to fill a vacancy. He represents his brother's sentiments, and is all right. Col. Sayles, who has been a supporter of the Administration all through, though by no means lacking in admiration of yourself, declared for you very emphatically this morning. Mr. Bradford, one of the publishers of the Post, who is elected to fill a vacancy, has been earnest for your nomination from the first. Our delegates are unanimous in denouncing Gen. Whitney's conduct, but are confident he cannot carry the Massachusetts delegation.
I notice that the New York Herald, in its editorial column, recommends moderation to the South, while its Washington correspondent is guilty of the most shameless misrepresentations to secure your defeat.

I think our Rhode Island delegation is as firmly fixed as it was for Pierce in 1856. It will remain in Charleston till November, if need be, and vote for you every time.

Yours in Trust,

Sincerely yours,

Clement Webst.