Washington April 18, 1862.

Gen. Willard

Dear Sir,

Enclosed I send you copy of a contract between the Government & Overland Mail Co. and also the opinion ofatty. Gen. in relation to the power of amending it.

The Memorial enclosed states the time of Outlay, and all the particulars as to the performance of the service on the part of the contractors.

I have since today introduced a bill for other and similar service to California and we desire that there shall be no amendment that will interfere with our contract. Will you be kind enough to let it on Mr. Douglas and after examining the whole subject, respectfully yours.
him to extend himself as far as he feels at liberty to do so—let that strict justice be done—let the contract be made in good faith and has been carried out that far in a manner in accordance with the contract and that the government do not allow to suffer in consequence of any change.

We have no objection to any Northern service—only it is of so high a grade that it will make any other grade unnecessary.

Very Respectfully,

E. S. Averett
E. S. Alward
Washington, April 18, 60

ask that Judge D. would interest himself to see that good faith be preserved towards the contractors for the Overland Mail.
Portage City, Wis. 
April 15, 1860.

Man, A. Douglas 
Mr. Pierce

Thank you, sir, for your gracious letter of May 15, 1860. I am very pleased to hear of your news and developments in your city. It seems that your administration has been successful in maintaining a certain level of peace and prosperity. I hope that your town continues to thrive and prosper.

I must leave this letter, as I have other important matters to attend to. Please keep me informed of any new developments in your area.

S. Brown

[Signature]
Judge I was in company with S. R. Anderson Post Master at this place yesterday and said there was no chance for you at Delaware. The delegates from here yesterday are for Brown Johnson. Andy want do. He has

D [illegible] you have got them all with us. Andy says the dear people I was in a house to day. Present 10. Men Whigs

7. P. S. for Douglas 9. Andy 9. 1. You are the strongest man with the masses in the US. If you are beaten at 6. you should come out directly it is a duty that you owe to the people. B. Clansman, my 1st choice is Bill. you must
B. Clemens
Nashville, Tennessee
April 18, 1860

Political Judge
D. The second choice
of Tennessee & Ky
delegation. If not
nominated at Charleston
should run on an
independent ticket.
Washington, D.C.
Apr. 18th, 1860.

Dr. Judge, etc.

Enclosed find a letter for Mr. A. H. Stephens inquiring into the action taken by the Chartist Convention. It is general and non-committal. It leaves the impression among my mind, that in favour of the principles of popular government as that is the “great question of the day.”
Retain the letter of Mr. S.
& I will call at Zunn's house
this evening & give
Can I be of service
to you or your interests at
Charleston? If so I will go
provided you will enable me
to procure $100, for 30 days. But
if I cannot be of service to
you, I do not desire to leave
my business here, & spend the
amount of money necessary to
make the trip. Let me know
this evening when I can call upon

Not wishing to give your enemies an opportunity

unjustly to trade against you in connection

with Ward. I have enclosed to show the necessity

of more care in the destruction of private letters this was picked up in New Jersey on our way to the Depot.

If the Judge should wish to add to his memorial favor

at Charleston. I know if I insinate of one who would cheerfully

go with no more expense than one and an able one at that.

Yours truly, Harleston.
C. A. Calver
Nashville, Tenn.
april 18, 1860
From A. W. Poole.
(Strictly Confidential)

Facsimile Providence, May 15th, 1860

Mr. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir: A Mr. Jones from Maine, a delegate to the Democratic convention has lately left this place for Charleston after having been here for a month, during which time he has been much with Gen. Pierce and there is a report here that his mission here was to see the Genl. in regard to the nomination for the Presidency. As a good democrat I desire that you should receive that nomination and of course be the next President and my offer in writing you is that you may be aware of the muttering between the Genl. and the delegate and of the above report that the Maine delegation may be brushed after as you may deem advisable.

I hope that the convention will rightly appreciate your abilities and political strength and that your friend
will be so numerous that a letter containing much more valuable information than this would be useless to serve you any purpose: permit me to remain

Very respectfully and truly yours

John P. Dillott

The writer is busy now in my city and his address next summer will be Russellville, Ky.
John P. De Matte
Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas
April 18th, 1860

A delegate from Maine, S. C. P. by name, has passed a month at Nassau, in consultation with Capt. Pierce.
J. J. Jones
Raleigh, North Carolina
April 18, 1860

Halden working with the Wash. clique, are creating
his friends there. Judge's friends in delegation still
are silenced by this joint rule. Same is the
men advocated by the administration.

Raleigh, Apr. 18, 1860
Hon. J. A. Douglas

Dear Sir: I have seen
Mr. Ellis, Holden, Martin &
other prominent men here,
and have mixed no little
with the people. With
the latter you are stronger
to-day than at any former
period, but there is evi-
dently an intention on
the part of Holden to cheat
the people, if possible. He
is silly, but earnestly
working with the clique
at Washington to accom-
plish your defeat. This
you may rely on. Mr.
Ellis is no friend, further
than it may subserv.
His own interest.
I deemed it proper to apprise you of the maverick being here, because some of our friends in Washington are being cheated by these men. Your friends in the delegation will stand firm, but the programme is to cast the vote as a unit - cause this defeat your friends. Savage of New York is with me. We leave today for Charleston. Yours most truly

I. I. Jones

Jane is the card that she adores. They are playing.
Hon. John J. Crittenden
New Jersey April 14th, 1860

My dear Sir,

The integrity of the Democratic Party, the Cincinatti platform, the principles cannot be interpreted without bringing upon the party the most serious consequences. The majority of the Convention has not the courage to measure up to the promises they made. What has been mentioned relating to the welfare of the United States and the principles of the party taken by the Republican, whenever the Constitution is the first that ever the slave power would have done, if only to bring the American people with the book a short time were told.

Quidquidam...
[Incoherent, illegible handwriting.]
Samuel C. Pooley
Liberty Corner, Somerset Co. N. Y.
April 10, 1860

No interpolation in the Cincinnati Platform vs. Political.
Rev. Thomas Quinn
Providence, Rhode I I.
April 18, 1860

In regard to establishing
a daily
newspaper edited
by an Irishman, etc.

Providence April 18th, 1860.

Mr. Stephen T. King.
New York.

I am, as always,

Aware of the manner in which
we are faced the tax in
our little state. We are pre-
paring to do the same thing as
Connecticut. Our people need
religious citizens, and I think
of the balance of power
in the shape of votes. I am
in order to render their influence
as effective as possible on
myself to establish a daily
newspaper in this city. The plan
was submitted to me, and
I approved of it. I am certain
that if it were one statute
It would pay for itself. The Editor would be a young man, like myself, son of
rich parents, and one of talent and culture. And to
strictest integrity. I don't mean
that all these good qualities
should apply to this clause
alone. "As myself." How if
you and my friend Mr. Pryor
would pull your heads together
and give us a start, we will
guarantee that the ball shall
keep rolling. I would
make it my duty to see
that the tone of the paper
would be of the highest
order. Mr. Pryor will
tell you of me, so I might
refer you to your own brother
in law, who knew me when
he was here at the university.

I can safely presume on
the honor of a letter in aid
of this note, a favor.
Hoping tomorrow that
you may receive an
unanimous nomination.

I remain respectfully,

Yours Truly

Hiram Quinn

P. S. I hope that Mr. Pryor
wants some presents. This
reunion, but I fear that
he has left for Charleston,
for which however you
shall hear before he returns.
BANGOR April 18, 1860.

Dear Sir:

Last evening I received a despatch from Judge Ferris (at Washington) stating that in consequence of the sudden decease of his father it would be impossible for him to attend the convention, consequently he would leave in the morning for Charleston, expecting to arrive there as early as Sunday morning next.

Very truly yours,

A. W. Hoyt

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Washington, D.C.
A. W. Roberts
Bangor, Maine
April 18, 1860

Judge Rice not being able to go to Charleston, Capt. Roberts will leave immediately for Charleston.
J. F. Chapman
Alex. Virginia
April 19, 1860

Respectfully ask that Patent Office Report be sent to
Dr. Everett
Quincy
Illinois.

Alexandria, Va.
Apr. 19, 1860

Dear Sir,

There I do not mean upon your former kindness toward me when I ask you again to do me a favor. Dr. Everett, a friend of mine, who resides in your State, and in Quincy, I promised through his lady, to send the Patent Office Report. Will you pardon me if I ask you to do this favor to him and to me, and to let me know that you can oblige me?

With the highest respect,
Your friend,

S. F. Chapman.
Confidential

Petersburg, Virginia
April 19, 1860

Hon. S. D. Douglas
Mr. Lincoln

Dr. Sir,

I enclose an article which will be in the "N.Y. Tribune." I thought all I could for you in the South, and the way I have thought most efficient for the purpose was industriously, as I have done, to urge the view that your doctrine is no worse, but better, than that of Southern men for the South. I wish you may get the nomination, although I go one step beyond your views, wherein I insist that private rights of property in negroes are inalienably correlative into the territories, cannot be interrupted by the majority, consistently with our republican system, without the consent of the actor, freely given. This would not make a slave.
But it would be extending to the full all her constitutional rights. That is, to carry slavery into the territory and to keep slaves in the said state, unless, if so will the society, it would be opposed by our convention, public opinion, without the aid of legislation. We think we are as good judges of others, for we, whether it was the wise, consulting our interest, and having the legal right, to remain in the said state into whose territory when it was a step nearer, we thought fit to remove from a slave state with his position, if you do not get the nomination, I hope, or no man, for yourself, knowing, that it may be in store for me, under the strange rule of Providence, who tells us that promotion comes none can tell when or how. I am fifty-four years of age, now in public life, though I have been a sort of politi-

cian all my life nearly, and have not been living in the world except a few years, I have failed in that position by my good deeds. As no one has ever thought of it or yet, I write this letter in confidence to the one to whom I have most truly devoted or for another term, and wish after the nomination is made that you will destroy this letter, if the event should not verify. The extraordinary what shall I call it—hallucination.

With all fidelity,

R. R. Collier
K. M. Collier Esq.
Petersburg, Virginia
April 19th 1860

Enclines an article, etc.
Friendly & fraternal.
Benton, Amherst co. April 19th


SIR,

Being exceedingly anxious to read your speech in reply to Judge Black, on the Sovereignty question, and also a speech in reply to Mr. Deward, I must beg the favors of you to send them to me if you have them in pamphlet form. It always affords me much pleasure to read your speeches, and I shall at all times be happy to receive anything you may do me the honor to send.

With sentiments of the highest respect,
I remain Yours respectfully,

William Hif.

Address—Amherst Courthouse Pa.
William Hix Esp
Abingt C. H. Virginia
April 19, 1860

Reply to Judge Black on the Territorial question.

[Speech of May 15, 1860]
Baltimore April 19th 1860

[Signature]

The Rev.

We are off to-day to Charleston and I cannot forbear the pleasure of addressing you a line to say that you will be gratified with the return of the Maryland delegation. I have neglected writing since I landed on this business and you may not have received. I will try to write you. I have been in the delegation that will vote for you among your friends as best comes. I should have been glad to have called here you again before leaving here and Bowen are our warm friends. I am not at all sure you could have added another vote, but your friends can arise no contingencies in the Convention when your friends will agree to vote for any other man than yourself.
J. W. Lanahan
Balt. April 19, 1860
off for Charleston, full
of hope, zeal, and
determination — come what
it may, V.R.
Post Office, Union, New Hampshire
April 12, 1860.

Dear Sir:

Will you do me the favor to send to my address a copy of the speech delivered by you some time in February, I think, to which Mr. Seward made reply, in which you show the inconsistency of the doctrine of Mr. Seward, also a copy of the speech delivered by you soon after in reply to Mr. Seward.

I have seen extracts of these speeches, but am unable to procure them in full.

I suppose you are troubled with thousands of such letters to which you can pay no attention but since I saw you on the 26th day of Feb in the Senate and heard your remarks to Mr. Hitch of Indiana, I take a lively interest in what emanates from your pen, and wish to see it all. You will see my name on the list of Willems, on the above named slate also may refer to Mr. Stonewall Jackson Delegate to the Charleston Convention.

The Democrat in this section of N. Y.

I am as a unit in your favor and am in looking forward with unstinted interest.
to the result of the forthcoming of the country, to assemble at Baltimore, not doubting that you will be on that field, and will lead us on to victory.

We believe the telegraph will announce to us one with whom you are the Democratic candidate and whom we shall stand and support with the "Stephen A. Douglas and Popular Sovereignty," which we intend to echo and reek, until it reverberate among the pleasant valley and verdant hills of your native state.

Knowing that you will be elected if nominated and deeming your nomination as sure as any event in the valley of time.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

[Address]

[Date]
Charles E. Sumner Esq.
Union, New Hampshire
April 19, 1860

Asks for copies of
Speakers on Invasion of
States, in reply to
Reward.
Friend faithfully

[Speech of May 15, 1860 etc.]