Leonard Town
Apr. 4, 1860

Hon. Mr. Stephen A. Douglas
Sir:

We herewith enclose a series of resolutions unanimously adopted by a highly respected meeting of Democrats of St. Mary's County held on the 1st. May. The last in the series will show our authority for corresponding with yourself & Mr. Johnson on the one side and Mr. Breckenridge & Mr. Lane on the other on the subject which so agitates the chief object of the meeting. Our people firmly believe neither of the parties now before the people of this country as democratic candidates for the Presidency & Vice-Presidency can by possibility be elected while the disruption now existing in the party shall continue and they can not impede with the hope that if the parties were concentrated on one ticket success would be the result.

The differences existing between the one of the party represented by yourself and that represented by Mr. Breckenridge.
from to be irreconcilable, and much fear the disastrous results so much fear the election of Mr. Lincoln. With these views it is most respectfully suggested that you as well as Mr. Johnson in the one case and Mr. Buchanan in the other shall reside from the contest and permit the field to be occupied by the Honorable Baptiste of NC. For the President. A. The Honorable Nelson of New York for Vice President. The peculiar friends of these gentlemen for these respective offices are well informed of the fact that they stand without the sphere of political agitation and from the fullest fact that they will understand and fully receive the extent of the declared in the point to each other. Those questions which are now agitating the democratic party, and should no doubt be upon the correct construction of the opinions of the Court in the case above. Such an arbitration would seem to be highly proper under present circumstances. And we trust you will be willing to agree to it. We then find you would make
Ben. N. Harris
Geo. C. Fugman -
Vernon Demsey -
Leaardtown, Mo.
Sept 11, 1860

urging Judge D. T.
For Johnson to resign
in favor of Judge Demsey
JUDGE KELAM.
Preamble and Resolutions adopted by a Meeting of Democrats in St. Mary's County, held Sept. 1st, 1860.

When a ruthless and prejudiced enemy is assailing from without, the walls of the citadel, it is the height of folly and madness for its defenders to allow discord and disunion to exist within, such a course must give encouragement to its enemies, and throw despair into the hearts of its friends leading inevitably to the most disastrous results.

Such is at this time the situation of our country: Her Constitution is violently assailed by a ruthless and prejudiced foe, excited by the hope of victory, to a threat of its destruction; the democratic party on whom rests the responsibility of defence is divided and discordant, and that too at a time when union and harmony would make that defence effectual.

We therefore, democratic citizens of St. Mary's County, the banner democratic county of the State, in full view of this condition of our country, likely to be as little benefited personally by the success of our party, but expecting to suffer greatly from its overthrow, as any other portion of the Union, in an event as it will, we feel the overthrow of the Union itself, do in a mass meeting, assembled and announce the following resolutions.

Resolved. That in view of the divisions now existing in the ranks of the democratic party which we believe to be irreconcilable as between the parties concerned and leading to certain defeat, it is advisable that Stephen A. Douglas and H. D. Johnston, candidates for the Presidency and Vice-Presidency on the one side, and John C. Breckinridge and Joseph Lane candidates for the same offices on the other side, should withdraw from the contest, and that other persons should be hailed as the democratic candidates for those offices upon whom our party in entire, forgetfulness of our present dissensions, may concentrate.
our votes and to whom they may thus hope to induct
the preservation of the Constitution our herefor gen-

Resolved. That constituted as this meeting
is of advocates of the election of each of the democratic
tickets for the Presidency & Vice Presidency now in the
field we are actuated by no desire to treat with personal
desire or to express any want of confidence in those can-
didates whose withdrawal we desire; but looking to the
welfare of our country, which we deem a consideration par-
amount to the advancement of our favorites, where we
shall abandon with regret we beseech them to be
willing to make the sacrifice which the interest of the
union would seem to require.

Resolved. That in our search for men that
to be substituted for the candidates above named in the
they shall agree to withdraw it is advisable to look
beyond the field of political agitation, and to,
when those who are least amenable to political
prejudice. Guided by this rule the unbiased
mind of the Nation will presently turn
the great wise & patriotic men when
we are called here to nominate, and whom
taking counsel only from patriotism we do hereby
nominate for the Offices of President & Vice President of
the United States.

Roger B. Taney of Maryland.
Samuel Nelson of New York.
and conviced as we are with the firm belief, that
the present division of our party must lead to its
defeat, and that its defeat will put the awarowed
rights & interests in jeopardy, we implor the Alm
hearts to incline the minds hearts of the people
the adoption of our choice.

Resolved that Benjamin G. Harris
Preamble and Resolution of a Meeting of Democrats, 1843

Mary C. M. Jones

Meeting Ridge

Nancy Nelson

for the Presidency

Missouri
Nolly Springs, Marshall County,
Mississippi.
September 2d, 1860.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Nineteenth Ala.

Dear Sir: — The undersigned your political friends, have said with feeling your friends through the several sections of the Union, and they, from the manifestations of popular feeling towards you, they were not mistaken in believing that your abilities, statesmanship, and patriotism were appreciated by the people. He has closely watched your public career for many years past. You for your whole country have exhibited our warmest appreciation. Under these circumstances, we have been pleased to see the ingratitude and hostility of a portion of your antecedents towards you and we have greatly desired to see you in our midst, the more so personally to the very high regard we Cherish for you, I to afford you at the same time an opportunity of addressing your fellow citizens of this State. We again urge you, that in giving expression to these views we are reflecting the opinions and feelings of many of our neighbors, friends, and of the citizens of the State of Mississippi. We have seen from the public prints that you are shortly to visit the adjoining State of Alabama, that you will be in the City of Huntsville; we therefore take the liberty of sending this communication to you at Huntsville, the object of which, is, most cordially to earnestly invite you to meet the people, which is easy of access from Huntsville by Railroad.

We hope that you may find it conformable to
make it a visit, I shall be able to advance inform you of the day, when we may expect you to arrive. Carried hoping to have a favorable response to our request. I remain with a sense of the high regard personally I entertain.

Yours sincerely,

THATaylor

Samuel Mathews
Mr. Clinton
Mr. H. Bloomway
E. Democracy
F. Dudays
G. Smith
H. Mr. M. Ange
I. Manne
J. John Fairman
K. John St. Hiller
L. Lawrence
M. Fairman
N. Siebers
O. Davenport
P. Mr. Haines

Committee of Invitation

H. B. Dispatch Gen J.R. Taylor

Holly Springs

Give us but two or three days notice and thou shalt be thousand of people the more you.
Geol. P. H. R. Taylor
& numerous others
Kelly Springs, Mississippi
Sept. 17th, 1860

Invitation to visit Kelly Springs etc.

Received
Oct. 29th 1860
Champagnolle Ark. Sept 5/60

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

My only claim upon your attention, even long enough to read this note, is, that I have long been, still am, your firm political friend & supporter, and as we shall have a very hot contest in Arkansas during the present Autumn, and as I desire to be fully equipped for the fight, I would be greatly obliged to you for some of your published speeches, and any other documents which will be available in the present campaigns.

I should have been (at the suggestion of Col. Rust) one of the Electors on your ticket in this State, but for certain domestic reasons, which, up to the present time, have confined me at home. But I am anxious to do all I can in defence of our Cause, and the Union. And you may rely upon it, that little Arkansas will do her duty, and if pro and defeated, we shall have the satisfaction of knowing that it was in defence of National Democracy, and in opposition to secession and disunion.

Respectfully yours,

[Signature]

Address: J. S. Herring

Champagnolle Union Co. Ark.
James A. Harrison
Champagnolle
Union Co., Arkansas
Sept 5, 1860

Asks for the release
of Judge B. W.

Potomac - Pens. Hall
Sept. 5. 60

Hon. S. A. Douglas

My Dear Sir: I am

Much rejoiced at the

Prospect of your Visit to

Penn.

I wrote you at New

Port Rehoboth in an Explorin

of the Means of securing a tariff

for Penn. I intended not so to do,

If you could advent to that

Subject in your Speech at

Harrisburg it would do

in future good.

You are aware of

the immense extent of

their interests in Penn. per-

molving the whole State. The

Republican claim to be the

Epicure Princes of Penn. interest,
You to your nearest town.

Might it not be well to adapt to the

immediate interests of Peru

its present Code, with proper

protection, that a strict

vaccination of those people would

become a necessity? It is useless to

forget the free manufacturers,

and its influence. The coffee,

the laborers, men, women,

constituents of work, those

are, we may expect, the

vanguard of the new order.

A word on to the power of dignity

of labour, its power as

an element of national

progress. The Republicans

Tariff Protection at Chicago

is the face of the Free

Trade - the Bryant of New York.

Port. To cease it to be

Free Trade. The true plan

for Peru is not to rely

upon these Protectionists, unless

in politics to be the foot-ball

of either party, but to

localism, there. To carry

Protection for Peru, interest

on account of the decline

of Peru. How to do their

next tariffs, deleterious, not only for her own

growth, but for that of

the whole country.

The Republicans have

been pop at the Senate, if they

have called their state

forces. A closed

expression of our sentiment.

our Northern Peru, let

recess while he held recent

a line of criticism.
If Mr. Buchanan could have
as much the better as
you have been to Illinois
& to the North-West, that
our Union be preserved
within those bounds.

Believing that you will yet get the note of
Penn. & that you will be
the elected President
of the 3rd. Greatest State of
the American People.

Reply in the great
Triumph of Union
this Scene. Part with
victory - My Sincere
Yours

Wm. H. Herkners
W. L. Helfenstein
Pottsville, Pa.
Sept 25, 1860

Glad to hear Judge D. will visit Pa. when he will take a post
-ive favorable to the iron & coal interests of that state.
Ballo Sept 5th 1860

Hon. S.A. Douglas
Respected Sir,

As Librarian of the Sons of Temperance Library I have been endeavoring to enlarge the same, so far I have met with many obstacles, but I am determined to persevere in the good work until success shall attend my efforts. Knowing your liberal and generous nature and your willingness to aid all benevolent associations, I have concluded to address you with the request that you will be so kind as to donate to the "Sons of Temperance Library" some public documents and maps in the endeavors to enlarge our library and thereby increase its usefulness. We have set of documents in our library that are incomplete, we want the following to complete them: viz—vols. 9 to 10 of Explorations & Surveys in a R. R. route from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean—Vol. 2 of Geographical Report on U. S. Mexican Boundary U. S. Coast Survey 1857 & 1858. If you can procure the above for our Library you will incur a lasting obligation and it may be of great benefit to you. We now number about 2700 members and the list is daily increasing. Any book or document you may be pleased to donate to the above Library will be duly appreciated. Public acknowledgment is promised.

Accept my best wishes for your health, happiness & future prosperity, May Victory.
Dear you in your present contest in the humble prayer of your friend and well wisher

Have you a copy of the Commune Relations of the U S with Foreign Nations 4th & 2nd Session 35 Congress of so please send me a copy and oblige yours respectfully

L Thomas Prince
Box 423 PO
114 Baltimore St. Baltimore MD

Direct the documents to my address.
J. Thomas Pierce
Dep’t 423
Raleig, N.C.
Sept 8, 1880

Asks for Books to be for the
Temperance Library.
Received the following despatch, on behalf of the National Democracy of Mississippi and especially of Vicksburg. We are instructed to extend you a cordial invitation to visit this city at your earliest convenience. Please answer, agree.
P. Fairfield
President
Little Giant Club
W. O. Crocket
S. H. Wood
Corresponding Secretary

Little Giant Club
J. P. Price
Editor of Virgin and Fifty others.

Ed. J. Libb
635 Callery
Jn
Beauvoir City  
Sept. 5, 1860

Dear Sir,

I hope your letter found me in the library. I take this excuse to forward the letter you wrote to me in this note. It was published by the St. Gav. on July 30th 1860. It is making an impression against your will, and it is replete with truth. Therefore, should you have missed that I cannot but believe that is there where your error lies. I cannot believe there is a greater quotation. As far as my intention to ascertain your case in this state, I may begin to fear you now. I shall be glad if you can arrive at a conclusion as how to settle this question. I am.

Yours truly,

[Signature]  
Oct. 1860  
[Address]
I wish you would mention to the Central Committee a request that I send a draft document on the subject of service. Did you ever receive Benjamin’s letter to you on the subject of the draft in which I should like to have a resolution added. Allowing you to have a copy of the proceeding of the convention in Charleston, Baltimore & Richmond, I should like to have a copy to post myself particularly on the note. I should be glad to have you give at any time as I presume you have not forgotten a favor.
In regard to certain charge against Judge D. X. asks for reply.

Keep It Before the People!

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by the framers of this should be given away by Congress is from the concluding portion of the same. By it, Congress has power not only "to of" the territory, but of the "other proper United States." In the language of the case, (p. 437:) "And the same power of needful rules respecting the territory is in the same language applied to the other of the United States, associating the pow- the territory, in this respect, with the mov- nable or personal property—that is the ms, or munitions of war which then be- common to the State sovereignties."

question is still clearer in regard to the lands in the States and Territories within Louisiana and Florida purchases. These lands ad for out of the public Treasury from raised by taxation. Now, if Congress had er to appropriate the money with which lands were purchased, is it not clear that the ver the lands is equally limited? The version of this money into land could not upon Congress new power over the disposi- land which they had not possessed over

If it could, then a trustee, by changing charact of the fund intrusted to his care for objects from money into land, might give away, or devote it to any purpose he proper, however foreign from the trust—ence is irresistible that this land partakes very same character with the money paid and can be devoted to no objects different those to which the money could have been

If this were not the case, then, by the re of a new Territory from a foreign Gov- out of the public Treasury, Congress could their own powers, and appropriate the pro- the sales of the land thus purchased, at an inherita scendents. in the house managed by the existing of actual interests has been re fresh land been secured can now a stead of $1 25 per tem remains public land bounty land sion of an all other s ed, this wi security for difficulty an. Why shou at the pres it?
The peo with stead adition of guided in protecting rich or pov vailed am frugality a country,ady, and in bread of either from. This bill, alwa
Canton Sept 6th 60

Hort Stephen Sangley

Sir,

I write to you last with suggesting the propriety of your stopping at this place on your way to Chicago. I then supposed that your arrangement was to speak at Pittsburg and proceed thence by the Pittsburgh H.N. & Chicago Road Line. I was surmised that you were to be at Champaign on the 22nd of October. Yet this it was as of. Now I wish to say to you that in my and in the opinion of many one of your friends this time. I have the impression you would dispute giving over the case immediately and by coming here then by going to Champaign or soon to Columbus. You know now at Champaign often it is a Republican City in a
Republic now County and surrounded by abstinence - You can't make anything by sharking these and our friends think ought to know it. Witness in this can be the mind of a Association again superintend out the East South eastly Democratic Counties, one place every of a cap by Reeds masts, and the mad of any people of all practices especially the Republican mops and their troops to see how they are. I really believe this is no point in Ohio when you come as to made good as here. I have no doubt at all but you would have as much progresses to have you that you would have in Chicago and the country is the place to make votes and not in the city. I think any fact of yours if you talk and talking to our friends if but lay our friends would get up a mighty enthusiasm and all move gone those few. Currently dear

Chicago, I have no selfish motives in saying good evening I do it known with all your friends how I am of opinion that it would benefit in any way more be in Chicago as the 20th anniversary talk with our friends on the subject do I have great hope that of this campaign is managed as it should be. We can carry our State election and if we all hold hands in November, I'm sure that at all news

What we may probably expect as to yourf

Eveing here?

James Trulz

Sahir
S. Lahn
Canton, Ohio
Decr 6th 1860

urgg Judge De to
wait Canton - as
his presence in that
section would do more
good than at Cleveland
or Columbus.
Boonville, Mo.,

September 8th, 1860.

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir:

The undersigned Committee, appointed by the Democracy of Cooper county to invite speakers to be present and address a Grand Mass Meeting of the party at Boonville, on Tuesday, October 2nd, 1860, in obedience to their instructions, take great pleasure in requesting your presence at the place and time and for the purpose mentioned.

Respectfully,

Hon. S. A. Douglas
AMERICAN EXPRESS CO.

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Cleveland, Oct 22, 1860

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FOR THE PROPRIETORS.

Raleton Agent.
Woonsocket, Feb 8th 1865

I am in hand to write a few lines to you, for instict on some join to your work. I have been interested in political matters since 1850, and I am for the Union. Strongly and again I can defend your doctrine in writing to our adversary. I want to be a political speaker and give men your advice. I heard your speech broken articulate, but I am young and long to send my love to you all.

Wright often if you pleaseturning mistakes.

Yours truly,

Aaron Levi Durgin
Nashville, Le
Oct 8th, 1860

Dear Judge,

After a hard week's work in the office of the Nashville Democrat, I must drop you a line.

Where can you visit Nashville?

It is important that you should come. Let me know the day and hour, and I will be in attendance.

We intend to overwhelm the Bolivar in this state. Supplant upon it, that the work will be well done. The Nashville Democrat is hounding hot shot into them in gallant style.

Let me hear from you without delay as to the time you will be here. In haste,

Yours truly,

W. W. Patterson
Columbus, Me. Sept 10th 1861

Sir,

I had yesterday a speech of A.P. Hill, of Va., in which he acts a bold supporter of intervention, distinctly opposing any intervention. I have not the speech at hand now and can not be explicit, but I think you have read and will understand me. I think you place much too much importance on a sectional decision that is made now, and that it matters not if the people of Virginia do this or that.

Now, Mr. Crogler, it does matter! All your doctors must hang together. You must not allow one to attempt for you and say right or the other to attempt for you on any one point. Once get a split in the Ogeechee, as it now stands and you are lost.

I have spoken strongly for you at an expense of $1,000,000 in securing 13,000 persons, and you have done no harm to me.

Yours,

[Signature]
In this district they are all Fine, but I think I may get 1/2 forgery. What going on here is something, when considered. Upon story of
Fugitive slaves & one going to Texas to be not as forme a as the left
behind. But no! they say and I say they make them a mass under political tutelage instructors preparing them so to vote when he
become a Big State Governor.

You make a mass a man whereby they, under a Republican Government,
unfortunately there are a great many
Exemptions and emaculate immunities
and that is a necessary Exception End
that cannot be well contended, but it has an abundance to contend against all
of which with impartial Ex.

Please answer immediately.
Speak this week and if your Committee will pay part of my Expenses would
I go away there for some cause and do any
ce and anything to get Mrs. Longanes a
sign that. Yours truly,

Richard P. Badger

(2omo. of gale)
My parents are very well off here but I cannot afford to stand all the expense incident to a travelling circus speaker. Will promise to be as economical as possible. An exceedingly popular wheelerdealer at Humboldt the people bought my ticket for Columbus and gave it to me. Trust if I look after your interests you will look after those of

Cick Lady<sub>Es</sub>
Rich. D. S. Badger
Hickman
Columbus, McHenry
Co. Kentucky.

Sept. 10, 1860

Will stump the
County if the Committee
will pay his expenses.
St. Louis, Sep. 10th, 1860.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

I have received instructions from the "Young Men's Democratic Association" of this city to request you to address them on the 1st. of Oct. or at such time during the canvass as will suit your convenience.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Corresponding Secretary.
Invitation
to address the
"Young Men's Dem. As." of
St. Louis, Mo.
Enterprise Miss September the 10th 1860

Mr. S. A. Douglas

Sir I do not

no whither I am doing right or not to rise your
line But as the case is To it Must Be and the
reasons for so doing is Simply this that the
people is carrying Politickes To keep here and in
the country Generally that Makes me do so
I as a private Man want to no your full
Sentiments unanimousy as there is Such few
Douglas Men here that They are afraid to Speak
a half a dozen words in a publics crowd
and as for My Self I am in favour of S. A. D
My Self your Sentiments are not fully known
To the private Men here they call you a rank
Abolitionists and as they are nearly all J. P. C. Ben
Bell and Everett have got a few men But they
are like angels visits they are few and far between
and as for Mr. Lincoln he will get in a manner
nothing in this country There are a good Many
Douglas Men here But they are all Still With
the Goals we will see how many there are
so if this ever gets to your hands please
kind to reply Upon as the Election is not
far of And Toblig your's C. J. Sullivan
And lend it to Enterprise Clark 700
first and abide yours C. B. 1
E. J. Sullivan

E. J. Hallie
Enterprise Clark Co.
Price: $4.75 1860
Rifled No.
Jenny Ell
Sept 12th 1860

My Dear Sir,

Absence from home has prevented me from complying with your request of the 29th of Aug.

Since my return from the East I have been busy each day in most ill and I have no doubt about the result in certain state. My information from Iowa California, Ill. and Indiana induces me to believe that we shall carry each and all of them.

The Republicans are making extraordinary efforts to carry Ill. and especially to carry the legislature and in order to do that they are using every vote.
into McDornough, Hancock and Adams in this district and we have them to persist in order
to do that we have to suspend
large sums of money. The
Committee do not appropriate
the money wisely I fear they
want funds larger a which
is well enough with some
thing else. If you know
any one in Washington that
is ready to aid us send
the money to me and I will
see that it used will for
the cause

Judge Douglas had
as well spend $10,000 and
the security, as I do not know when
a letter would reach him. I have
ask you to write him to that
effect as may seem to be
reasoned to secure it in case
from Emily Fannan Forward

W.A. Bickford
Des Moines Iowa
Sept 12th 1860

Hon S. J. Douglas
St Paul Minnesota

Dear Sir,

I have been requested by very many of your friends in Iowa to address you urging you to visit this State before approaching Election. Many of your friends are taking fresh courage and confidently expect to carry the State for you this fall. Many of our most important towns are within a few hours of your home and accessibility.

One can come to Des Moines via Burlington, Ottumwa from Chicago in 36 hours and have time to rest and speak in Burlington. Is it not possible for you to do it’s your presence among us for a short time would cheer the hearts of our friends and increase very materially our chances of carrying the State. Iowa with her favorite tributary fiddle and vocalists not to be neglected by you if in your power to come.

Very truly your friend,

J. A. Williamson

President member of the Centennial Commission with Expedition
J. A. Williams
Des Moines, Iowa
Sept. 12, 1860

urging Judge B. to visit
Laura before the election,
Ia.
Pierce Town, Kosciusko Co, Indiana
Sept 13, 1860
Hon. S. A. Douglas
Washington City, D.C.

Dear Sir,

For the advancement of the Democratic party in this section of country, I thought it would be good policy to have you send me some good sound Dog-las Democratic Speeches. I don't want Breckenridge, so that I can distribute them to those men that appears to be sitting on the fence and don't know which way to fall. Remember me for I am in a hot bed of Abolitionists and have to fight with both fists and tongue to keep the wooly heads at distance. Therefore send me some speeches & I will make good use of them, & oblige yours (Satisfaction)

E. T. Marshall
E. J. Marshall
Princeton, Kosciusko Co.
Indiana
Sept 13, 1860

Ask for Douglas
Document for
Circulation.
Henry Altman
Ch. St. Eq. Comm. Iowa
Davenport, Iowa
Sept 14, 1860

Wishes to know if Judge D. can visit Davenport between the 1st of 5 to of Oct. next.
Clarksville, Tennessee
Sept 14, 1860

Hon Isaac Todd,
Secretary of the Navy,
Sir,

I would most respectfully urge and recommend to you the appointment of Mr. Albert J. Lavalette, a resident of Memphis in this State, to the position of second lieut in the U.S. Marine Corps. I am assured he is in every way qualified, and has been found serviceable and is the son of the gallant naval officer of that name.

Our best regards,

[Signature]

(Handwritten signature)
New Bern to Car

Sept 14th, 185

Hon. I A. Douglass
Washington City

Sir,

By today's mail I send you a paper, (South Carolina Guardian) in which I have marked a conversation which is said to have taken place between yourself and Hon. John B. Bellingham. I desire you to state whether such report is true. I have always been your ardent admirer and defender. I trust this be true. I can no longer support you. Hoping that you may triumph over sectional animosity and abolitionism in November.

I am yours truly,

New Bern to Car

I S. Smith
G. Z. Smith
Newborn C.H. S.C.
Sept 4, 1860

Encloses an article, in
regard to reported con-
versation between Bum-
ington & Douglas,
asks if it is true.
Bloomfield, Iowa, Sept 74

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Arrangements have been made to hold a grand Democratic Campmeeting at this place for Southern Iowa and Northern Missouri on Friday and Saturday the 5th & 6th of Oct. We have been appointed a committee to invite you to be present and address us on that occasion. If you will consent to be here so that we can announce it, we will have the largest political gathering ever held in Iowa. We feel great confidence in carrying the state. We are one day's travel from Davenport or Burlington by R. Road. Come if possible an early answer is desired.

Yours truly,

No. 76, Trimbly

Lyman Bussey
H. H. Humbald
aid
Committee
Bloomfield, Iowa
Sept 14, 1860

Invitation to attend a
grand Dem. Convention
re.
Knoxville, Sept 15, 1860

Sir,

I am informed that Mr. Albert S. LaVallette, a son of Com. LaVallette U.S. N., has subscribed the petition of Second Lieut. in the U.S. Marine Corps.

It gives me pleasure in this formal manner most truly and earnestly to recommend his appointment.

Yours very respectfully,

[Signature]

Hon. Isaac Stonewall
Governor of the State.