United States Consulate
Malta Nov 5th 1860.

My dear Sir,

Although two years have passed since I had the pleasure of seeing you, yet I have not forgotten your kind written note just before your leaving England, saying if you could ever assist me “I should write to let you know”. This time has now arrived.

The House at its last session passed a Bill granting a Salary to this Office of $1500 a year, but as it did not reach the Senate, until the last morning of its Session, it was rejected.
to the King of New York or Ibad over in the December, when King
at nearly the head of the Calendar it will be I am informed he
was called up at an early day-
for consideration. Some other
Consulate are in the same Bill. House should not be continued
will you kindly support the grant
to me of a salary after more
than 23 years of Consular service,
and never yet drawn one day
pay in all this time.
As I well know this is a most
important place for one change
as it is a most expensive one
to reside in. Everything has
become so enormously dear
that my private income will
not meet the extra expense
which this office brings with it,
and if the salary granted by the
Government, should not be continued
I deeply as I am I regret it, I
must resign. My fees will not
pay my house rent, and there is
no chance of their doing so for I
prophecy which arrive here in
a year to the amount of a million
of dollars, this large sum might
not give me enough to pay this
single item of my yearly expense.
It will never do for our interests that either a merchant or a foreigner should hold this office, for I would only remark that while our very important staple, Tobacco is admitted free, wheat, corn, flour and all manner of head-stuffs with potatoes are subject to a heavy tax. If a moderate duty were placed on Tobacco there would be an annual income, which would pay a large salary for ten years. But I will not write more about my own affairs, knowing that you are so much engaged; if you will kindly give the Bill when it comes up your most desirable aid I shall be truly obliged. Mrs. Whistler's degree, her kind regards, in this I write and hope we may meet again. Yours, very respectfully, J. Van Thuy.
AMERICAN TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON WHICH MESSAGES ARE RECEIVED BY THIS COMPANY FOR TRANSMISSION.

The public are notified that, in order to guard against mistakes in the transmission of messages, every message of importance ought to be repeated by being sent back from the station at which it is to be received to the station from which it is originally sent. Half the usual price for transmission will be charged for repeating the message, and while this Company will, as hitherto, use every precaution to ensure correctness, it will not be responsible for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery of repeated messages beyond five hundred times the amount paid for sending the message, nor will it be responsible for mistakes or delays in the transmission of unRepeated messages, from whatever cause they may arise, nor for the delays arising from interruptions in the workings of its telegraphs, nor for any mistakes or omission of any other Company over whose lines a message is to be sent to reach the place of destination. All messages will hereafter be received by this Company for transmission subject to the above conditions.

Received at 188 at o'clock, minutes.

By telegraph from New Orleans to Mr. J. B. Douglas.

Do you propose visiting New Orleans, Sept.

what day?

W. C. Templeton.

25
Jackson, Miss. Nov. 5th 1860.

Beloved Sir.

Please to allow me the gratification and wish to renew to you my most heartfelt thanks of gratitude and my profound respect for your kind and good wishes for my success in the conduct of my business affairs, before which I am glad to see allow me also to give you some news, about our untimely father, Jefferson, occasionist of Mississippi. We have made great noise during the campaign, but now as mute as an oyster! one of our most prominent scotsman asked me yesterday, if I was going to Washington this winter. I asked him why he asked me that question. He answered me, why I think that you are in the right feed this time, but still said he, if you believe so strong that Douglas is going to hurt the election of Breck, in Mississippi. I will bet you $250 to $250 that Breck will carry this state, (Miss.) by 1000-200 majority. Which I would have taken as soon as said. But I could not raise the money. Still I have an old faithful servant woman, worth 4 or 500. Dollars, my stock of groceries was the 3, or 400. my furniture about the same. But I am 500 Dollars that will be due at the end of this month. I could not pay it to my Endorsers, until I paid! they any way wrong? to Mr. J. Breck. Esq.
the Gentleman whose name is lost to us in the officers of state (rather state offices) he gave me until the 8th or 10th. 

If your Excellency can recommend me to some of our friends, which I have one or two of New or London, to J. Drexel or Griffith, &c. I will do my best to help him. I was not able to pay that amount (in 10 days).

I mean to meet it like a man. 

Here is my calculation about the total for you and Mr. Bell.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>State</th>
<th>Total</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Lincoln</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New Hampshire</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maine</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Iowa</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>West Virginia</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vermont</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ohio</td>
<td>2.3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pennsylvania</td>
<td>2.7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Connecticut</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Michigan</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Indiana</td>
<td>6.13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Indiana Debt</td>
<td>13.1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New York</td>
<td>3.5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Arkansas</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Delaware</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maryland</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Texas</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oregon</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Arkansas</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>California</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maine</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New Orleans</td>
<td>2.8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New Orleans</td>
<td>11.8</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

I return my best wishes in behalf of the United States government. 

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas 

Cares of Illinois, New Orleans.

We were very sorry that our distinguished friends, Mr. Governor and Mr. Bellew, could not fill their appointment in Canton for New Brunswick and Williamsburg. But your Economic were mighty fine, they declined to appear at the place at the hour. I mean to work more my 380 votes, if I mean to work, you or your lady and friends. 

I just out of the Long Island y 41.
J. Hendebush
Jackson, Mississippi
Nov 5, 1860

Political
AMERICAN TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

31 TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON WHICH MESSAGES ARE RECEIVED BY THIS COMPANY FOR TRANSMISSION.

The public are notified that, in order to guard against mistakes in the transmission of messages, every message of importance ought to be repeated by being sent back from the station at which it is to be received to the station from which it is originally sent. Half the usual price for transmission will be charged for repeating the message, and while this Company will, as heretofore, use every precaution to ensure correctness, it will not be responsible for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery of repeated messages beyond five hundred times the amount paid for sending the message, nor will it be responsible for mistakes or delays in the transmission of unrepeated messages, from whatever cause they may arise, nor for the delays arising from interruptions in the workings of its telegraphs, nor for any mistakes or omission of any other Company over whose lines a message is to be sent to reach the place of destination. All messages will hereafter be received by this Company for transmission subject to the above conditions.

Received at 186 at o'clock minutes.
By telegraph from N Orleans 6 to Hon O A Douglas

Boat The State Executive Committee have authorized me to ask you to leave Mobile on Thursday you will be received at the Boat. I have desired you to speak on Friday night. Please answer if agreeable Election here is encouraging.

Geo A Fordick
Chairman

39/191
AMERICAN TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON WHICH MESSAGES ARE RECEIVED BY THIS COMPANY FOR TRANSMISSION.

The public are notified that, in order to guard against mistakes in the transmission of messages, every message of importance ought to be repeated by being sent back from the station at which it is to be received to the station from which it is originally sent. Half the usual price for transmission will be charged for repeating the message, and while this Company will, as heretofore, use every precaution to ensure correctness, it will not be responsible for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery of repeated messages beyond five hundred times the amount paid for sending the message, nor will it be responsible for mistakes or delays in the transmission of unreported messages, from whatever cause they may arise, nor for the delays arising from interruptions in the workings of its telegraphs, nor for any mistakes or omissions of any other Company over whose lines a message is to be sent to reach the place of destination. All messages will hereafter be received by this Company for transmission subject to the above conditions.

Received at New Orleans, 3 1/2 minutes, 1860 at 7 o'clock, minutes.

By telegraph from Hon. J.A. Douglas

The Committee will meet you at the boat on Thursday morning.

1/79

Geo. F. Pasdeck

Chairman
My dear Mr. Douglas,

Glenwood, Iowa
Nov. 6th 1860

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

The election day is about to close—whether victor or not—I feel that yourself and your party stand vindicated before the enlightened world—our position of strict neutrality upon the great sectional issue is the only one that promises perpetuity of our glorious union or happiness to the American people.

In my humble way I have done all in my power to advance our party & promote your return having filled the enclosed list of appointments write one between each making in all 46--

Yours truly,

[Signature]
Northern fanaticism.
I have been with you every turn of fortune and the first to speak in my section of country for the last 2 years. I write to you as closely to principles as you have done before to continue to do so.
I note for you 16 ballots to select your name. I was notified at Centennial by Col. Richardson and thought, then to tell those who was given over an error to do so. I felt that all was lost when Mr. Beecher was nominated.
My friends from home must prove groundless. We could now dictate you that we have all filled a deep interest in your decease and desire you to return it. Better my hat then to Solomon, whose name appears blessed at Centennial all others is seen with me in my office.
and my wife - daughters of your old friends of Jacksonville, Black R. and Lee. Mrs. Caroline - the late Col. J. F. Wardie should have at every time that you come home one in this section to cooperate with you in the fulfillment of the organization of our party while actuated by the same motives and principles that have seemed to govern you in the past - plays that I have known for I hope you will apply to me at once - I feel myself more better acquainted with you than your personal friends of me might imagine - but I knew you when a mere boy and have found it easy to agree with you ever since - hoping for the attainment of the principles that then decen you - yours.

Very truly yours, 

E. H. Solomon
D. W. Solomon
Glenwood, Iowa
Nov 6, 1869
Political X E.
HON. D. H. SOLOMON,

Will address the people upon the political issues of the day—at the following times and places.

Council Bluffs, Friday, Oct. 12—7 P.M.
Frankfort, Monday, Oct. 15—12½ P.M.
Quincy, Tuesday, Oct. 16—12½ P.M.
Afton, Wednesday, Oct. 17—12½ P.M.
Oceola, Thursday, Oct. 18—12½ P.M.
Leon, Friday, Oct. 19—12½ P.M.
Mt. Air, Saturday, Oct. 20—12½ P.M.
Bedford, Monday, Oct. 22—12½ P.M.
Clarinda, Tuesday, Oct. 23—12½ P.M.
Manti, Tuesday, Oct. 25—7 P.M.
Sidney, Wednesday, Oct. 24—12½ P.M.
Glenwood, Friday, Oct. 26—12½ P.M.
Crescent City, Saturday, Oct. 27—11 A.M.
St. Johns, Saturday, Oct. 27—7 P.M.
Harris Grove, Monday, Oct. 29—11 A.M.
Magnolia, Monday, Oct. 29—7 P.M.
Little Sioux, Tuesday, Oct. 30—11 A.M.
Onowa, Tuesday, Oct. 30—7 P.M.
Dennison, Wednesday, Oct. 31—2 P.M.
Mantino, Thursday, Nov. 1—11 A.M.
Harlan, Thursday, Nov. 1—7 P.M.
Exira, Friday, Nov. 2—12½ P.M.
Lewis, Saturday, Nov. 3—12½ P.M.

He will also discuss the regularity of Judge Douglas’ nomination, on the 1st of December next, with J. D. Test, Breckenridge Elector, at his office, in Glenwood.

Federal office holders, and Post-Masters generally, are invited to be present.

BY ORDER CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

[Democratic papers of the Slope please copy.]
five instalments of annuity for beneficial purposes, per second article treaty twenty-second January, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, eight thousand dollars.

Indian Service in New Mexico—For the general incidental expenses of the Indian service in New Mexico, presents of goods, agricultural implements, and other useful articles, to assist them to locate in permanent abodes, and sustain themselves by pursuit of civilized life to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, fifty thousand dollars.

Indian service in the district of country ceded from the Choctaws for the Indians solely residing in Texas.—For the expense of colonizing, supporting, and furnishing agricultural implements and stock; pay necessary employees: purchase of clothing, medicine, iron and steel; establishment and maintenance of schools; and building houses for the Indians late-residing in Texas, in lieu of those abandoned in that State, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, forty-five thousand six hundred and forty dollars.

For the Wichitas and other Afflicted. For the expenses of colonizing.
Hon S A Douglas
Washington

All this for 1860

Poor man compelled to vote against his honor sentinment at the suggestion of Lyman Trumbull. We hope fought Union hard but are overcome. If the enemy no we will meet thei again.
James G. Davis
Alton, Illinois
Nov. 7, 1860

Lincoln elected—Lyman Trumbull re-elected.
 bogus ticket—&c.
from greatly the cruel
in the south called
me to say, that Mr. Lincoln
will find himself fully
mistaken if he thinks his
intervention alone can be
adopted as a permanent
form of Government.
I know you are
well and may be spared
to meet them in the
small if we have another
confiscation. Ed. Buell, Lour
+ Pansy are all send you
respect = we are our destroy
in a voice / suppose = they came
clear = you much respect
Hear =
A Breck
Washington
2003
James N. Davis

P.S.
Lyman. Immediatel be absolutely prohibited
Bogus election tickets here on yesterday =
I chased it on drums in a street last evening
and his friends canor contrive it =
a dignified Senator
and for honor of Republicanism =
"Repuin face in Pace"

H.B.D.
Grayson Co November 8th 1860
Texas Mr. Douglas

Dear Sir, I avail myself of the present opportunity to write you a few lines to let you know something in regard to political topics of the day although you will get the news how our little State has gone before this reaches you although you had no ticket in this State there was a fused ticket between you and Mr. Bell. I don't know how the State has gone. I feel in hopes that ticket has carried the State over the disunion ticket although Breckenridge is a head in this work as far as heard from I don't think he can get but three or four States at the most and I think your Election is shore. I was in Illinois when you was elected Judge and have knew you ever since and was in Illinois when you and
Mr. Lincoln ran for the Senate and was there when you and Blackwell had that difficulty. Nothing could be of more pleasure to hear of your election than I would feel very thankful if I could be remembered by you our truly

Richard Hill
Richard Hill
Grayson Co., Texas
Nov 8, 1860
Political to
AMERICAN TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON WHICH MESSAGES ARE RECEIVED BY THIS COMPANY FOR TRANSMISSION.

The public are notified that, in order to guard against mistakes in the transmission of messages, every message of importance ought to be repeated by being sent back from the station at which it is to be received to the station from which it is originally sent. Half the usual price for transmission will be charged for repeating the message, and while this Company will, as heretofore, use every precaution to ensure correctness, it will not be responsible for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery of repeated messages beyond five hundred times the amount paid for sending the message, nor will it be responsible for mistakes or delays in the transmission of unrepeated messages, from whatever cause they may arise, nor for the delays arising from interruptions in the workings of its telegraphs, nor for any mistakes or omission of any other Company over whose lines a message is to be sent to reach the place of destination. All messages will hereafter be received by this Company for transmission subject to the above conditions.

Received at Nov 8 1866 at a'clock minutes.

By telegraph from Montgomery 5 Nov. J.T. Douglass

Mrs. Douglass left this afternoon in the steamship all well

E.W. Libbey

1st 70

2nd
Honorable Stephen A. Douglas
To Judge Douglas, Sir,

an apology I would offer you were it necessary for addressing you these few lines. I think that I feel my Dignity, my individual Sovereignty in this great and mighty Nation yet in a humble way I hope. Permit me Dear Sir to say a few words to you in commemoration of your labors in the Senate. I don't wish to flatter you God forbid I have looked upon you for many years as the Champion of True Democratic Principles I was an old line Whig but since the death of that party have voted with the democratic party. I have done what little I could to aid your election. In the early part of the canvass with a hope of your election but lately without hope. I have watched you in your bold and manly course in the Senate standing up struggling long and powerfully in favor of true principles against mighty odds in number but not in degree. The election here on the 6th just passed off quietly as usual judging from the vote here that is taking it as a criterion in its variation from the late State Election the State has gone for Mr. Bell. I have felt an anxious solicitude for you lest your patience fail. That your courage or self-reliance will fail I have not the shadow of a fear.
may I hope that this last named quality is not cultivated to an excess. Rely on God—
Trust him—Love him—Obey him.

Dear Stephen, now do not suppose that I am a
Preacher. The remembrance of the three thou-
sand, is probably fresh in mind, I joined the
Methodist Church a few weeks ago, and feel
zealous of good works. I pray God it may
not be a zeal without knowledge, and now
at the age of about 45 years have just
begun to live. Dear Sir I stand up in defence
of good and true principles, as you have done
Truth is Mighty and will prevail.

A few more words and I have done as I suppose
you have not time to read long letters.
I will name to you that I had a very remar-
kable dream on last Saturday night—in regard to something I thought I had in
my possession. It was called a Douglas plat-
form but was altogether different from what
we commonly call Platforms. I may or I
may not make it public at some future
day. Dear Sir I will now say a few words by
way of introduction. I was born and reared
in Virginia—lived a good many years in
Indiana—and am now in the Northwest.
I have toiled in these many years for a
bare subsistence, as a Tenant Farmer, and
now broken in health, I am about to become
a "Squatter Sovereign" in the Literal
sense, with a Family old and female
except this writing I am ignorant of the
rules of Grammar, but not altogether

ignorant of the History of my Country.
I would to God it were more read and stud-
ied than it is by the Masses. There wou-
dl not be so much prating about disunion nor
so much danger.

If you receive this I would be glad to get a
few lines from you,
your most obedient Fellow Citizen

J. B. Douglas

Lindsey Matchett
Lindy Matchett
Christian Co. Mequon
Nov. 8, 1868

[Signature]

To: Abraham Douglas
Cherryville, Prairie Co. Ark 8th Nov 1862
Hon. J. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Having already been indebted to you for Congressional favors, I am induced to solicit their continuance at your hands, Messages, Reports, &c. which will be of interest and advantage to me, and for which I would be under many obligations.

Regarding the fate of the Union as problematical it may be too early to speculate upon the next Presidential canvass. Allow me however to make a suggestion: Hereafter let it be the policy of the Democratic party, as represented in the late struggle by yourself, and the Union party to unite in their National nomination giving to the end the Presidency and the other the Vice Presidency, ultimately each to be also represented in the Cabinet. (Such a course, indeed, I think harmonious, and brings into unison action both parties and thereby give them the ability to repel factionism like North Dekalb.)

I submit the plan of organization to you and if you think it worthy of attention will be pleased to have you upon the subject.

Respectfully yours,

W. D. White

Cherryville

Prairie Co. Ark.
W. D. White
Cherryville, Prairie Co.
Arkansas. Nov. 8, 1863

Speeches I want.
The Doug. Dem. & the Union
Party should unite &
make ticket, cabinet
etc.
Chattanooga Nov 9, 1860

Mr. S. A. Oglesby

Dear Sir,

The battle for our fight to
Lincoln is closed. The Buchanan party is up to
ride. It is now to return the country from Black
Republican rule. I am now familiar with the lot
of the old men in Tipton and corporate riches
sitting at the platform of which we spoke.

I want it for our Circuit Court in December and
State Campaign day. I do not expect Mr. All ready
ordered upon our return a fidelity to our intention
of the hour. Even if you cannot manage my mind,
even if you can be more for them, I am anxious when
from you.

Very truly,

Andrea J. Pugh

Mr. S. A. Oglesby
Pro. S. Hopkins  
Chattanooga  

Nov. 9, 1860  

Send on platform,  
& stick to her.  

Intervene.
To the Honourable Stephen A. Douglas.

Most Renowned & respected Sir,

I take the liberty to address these lines to you, they being dictated by a just sense of your most thoughtful and eloquent Patriotic efforts.

I am an humble Person, no Man more than myself appreciates your valuable services to our common Country,

its wellfare and if possible its eternal prosperity, you have been the continuant advocate of the Rights of Man in the States and as long as they emigrated to the Territories, also the equal Rights of foreign born Citizens when they have been employed in the present reasonable Nationalization laws and for ever, and feel above all, that you may the ambassador in gratitude of the foreign born population and Citizens in giving them this act, at the late Presidential

election, which in the name of been registered against you, their best friend, I know you to be true, I heard your appeals for demonstration of the detestable and unamensive passion at Jacksonville when that odious crew were at the high tide of all their iniquitous powers and strength, I stand for the Political action of some of my friends headed some years ago, who have gone against you and the Democratic Party their best friends and advocates, I am grieved a large foreign boat most if been given to place in power, a vessel headed by nothing, who with importation speaking is not worthy to buckle the shoe latchets of Stephen A. Douglas, the heterogeneous and conglomerated shady human wolves, who are pointing to get at the public purse so they may get their lean back un worthy Barefaced upon the trough, of office, which they have grasped by the foul means of destruction, falsehood, misrepresentation, and disgusting / the Honorable

one Honest Man and that Man is Stephen A. Douglas,

I truly feel what all national and Constitutional Man must be to submit an enlightenment and Patriot Statesman, and honest Man like your self laid on one side for an Inefficient minded

Fanatical Hair Splitter, who has stultified the ablest office

by mendacions and garrulous humanitarian doctors.
It is to be Necessarily deplored our Political Estimations are all centred in and originated with the common Political security. President the Americans (who make the disinterested virtue and Patrotism) of your own unselfish self, placed in the President's Chair. Hence, by to your own interest, exercise by force and assiduous political honesty and talents acknowledged by even your adversaries, you would have occupied the same high position yourself, and that too with dignity, honour and profit to whole United States, and if such an event had of taken place, say at this time, therto, been one united People, with noutable in battle array against the north, no for the predominance of the democratic principles would have been decreed, and this present distracted country would have been at internal peace, and in one common bond of harmony and unity, else what a contrast, see observe a malicious, curious, selfish old Man, who has an unsatisfied thirst for malice and national disorder, retiring from his highly honourable station, with deep tones. Burns on his devoted head by a whole people's户型 and decent, and that too caused by the headstrong distinction, and despotism of a bad temper'd Old Man, who will sink into his grave unhonoured, cursing, unregretted, with train, and misery added to his grey hair, the left to the world of such a Man, is a blessing to the living Community. The political idea, shaped by this notorious old Federalist, may, may go in germinating into Rebellion - Revolution. and civil war. you, will hold your elevated position in the hearts of the people, if you have been defeated by a dastardly sectional and revolutionary party, if you are prostrate for the present your destroyed expectations, your honour and truth to principle will sooner if like bring you to new life. I salute respectfully observe to you it is beneath a philosophic mind to regret the past, we must act as to succeed in the future. You are still strong in the affections of the people. I remain your constant admirer and friend, John Adoph.
Leeton, Mississippi

November 13th, 1860

Dear Sir,

We have learned here with much regret that you were sick in New Orleans, and that but for your indisposition you would have resided in North through this place before now.

I have an humble hope here and would consider myself happy if you would stay at least a week with me. I mean you to come with Douglass of course. You can be ready you must reach my house from New Orleans at about 8 o'clock P.M. and remain until 11 o'clock.
Next evening remember as quiet as possible, my just as night, next
your train pleasure
out your arrangement
world suit better to pay
the remainder, then stay at my
own a night please at
1/2 past 8 A. M. On the
hotel or you could read
here by the night train
at 8 A. M. & leave some
morning in style at Covington or New Orleans.

I claim by affords
to be a sort of business
I would like
you note a word
with my most
enquiries of our miss
relations. I write from the
Conine house in West
your friend to
Franklin Smith
Franklin Smith
Canton, Mississippi
Nov 13 - 1860

Invitation to Judge M.D. to pay him a visit.
Deion Ills. Nov. 14th 1860

Mrs. A. Douglas

Dear Sir: When I

came to this State in 1854 I left the

east to get out of a lot of abolitionism but settled in one equally

objectionable in the west. And for

the last six years have been fighting the same cause here. The Demo-

crats of the have reason to feel proud of their present position, this County

being about the only one in the section of the State in which the Republic-

can majority has been decreased although the whole vote has increased

near a thousand within four years. We polled 601 votes in 1856 and 1140 this fall. And our forces are Com-

pared of two men -- But I have

made up my mind to go into some

section of country less tainted with
Abolitionism and am going into
Nineteenth to look for a location and
would be under great obligations to
you for a letter of introduction to
some gentleman in that State at
Memphis if you can give me one. I
have practiced law here some 8 years
and in the State of New York four years.
While in New York I had the
Recommendation of Gov. Seymour, Thurlow
Manly and other prominent Democrats of
that State for the Office of Secretary of
the Territory of Kansas. The Democrats
have run me for the State Senate the
past two years and for State City, the last
and not with any hopes of an election
next to get the arrow across out of me.

But I am tired of this kind of fight,
fighting and bring rather an ultra
Democrat have made myself obnoxious
to the Black Republicans and have
determined to leave for a section less
populated with bigoted prejudices.

Opportunity. If you can give me a
letter of introduction as above requests
it may be of great service to me
and will render me under
realized obligations.

I am in deepest

Very truly,

Wm. E. Sheffield
W. E. Sheffield
Dixon, Lee Co., Illinois
Nov. 14, 1868

ask for letter of introduction to persons in Tennessee, Memphis etc. to give office among negroes, black Republicans, etc.
[Noth Territory Georgia] July 15 1860
To the Hon Post Master General

Dear Sir,

With the undersigned members of the Georgia and Tennessee Insolvent being situated in one of the richest mining districts of the Rocky Mountains, and numbering hundreds at the present time, and affecting thousands to locate in our midst the ensuing year, do most earnestly pray for and most respectfully solicit the establishment of a Post Office in our midst. The distance is eight miles, and the road quite passable. This past season we have been most greatly hampered by any postmen receiving but few letters and for those having to pay 30c. each. And we respectfully suggest the name of J.C. DAVIS for P.M. Demanding him to be a good Democrat and every way worthy of Uncle Sam's patronage.

J. F. James
I. C. Tinker
John Billinger
P. H. Comer

E. P. Bulen
Solomon Geer
H. H. Jones
J. P. Hiles
Vicksburg, Nov. 16, 1860

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Sir,

A very large number of our citizens have joined in a call for a Mass Meeting of all persons opposed to the secession movement, which is gaining so rapidly in our State, to be held in this city on the 17th. in. and knowing your utter disapproval of anything that will tend to subvert the Union & Constitution, I make bold to address you and request your presence at this meeting. I trust that you will excuse an entire stranger for having ventured to make this request, but in so great a crisis as the present, it is absolutely necessary for the preservation of our country, that our people should hear men of known & acknowledged talents and patriotism like yourself.

The few remarks made by you to day on our issue have produced an intense enthusiasm and a desire, with men of all classes & political creeds, to hear you at length upon the all important question, now at issue. I am fully confident that you can do immense good if you will consent to attend and address this meeting.

I know that it has been the custom to give the State of Mississippi up to Secession for several years past.
Yet from personal experience I can assure you that the
sentiment of the mass of the people is not in favor of
such a movement. The influence of sectional feeling is
so great, that unless something is soon done to prevent
it, I fear that the South Carolinians will rush into
Resolution.

Therefore, I would suggest that serious consideration
be given to this matter. If you, as a member of the
House, could address the body of the citizens and
address our meeting on the 19th inst. Let the men of
 Gallup and the Cherokee
and all call out to you, "Come over and help us."
Hopeful as to how far your acquisitive sense will
acquiesce, I am with great regard
Your obedient servant,

A. Brunelle
A. Burwell
Vicksburg, Mississippi
Mar 16, 1860

Asking Judge D. to attend a Union meeting
at Vicksburg on the 29th, Nov. 1860.
SIR:

You are urgently requested to attend an

UNION MASS MEETING,

of the citizens of Mississippi, at VICKSBURG, on the 29th instant, at 12 o'clock, M. You are specially requested to urge your neighbors and friends to be present, and to participate in the proceedings.

This Meeting has the promotion of no men or party in view; the good of the country is the sole object to be achieved by it.

We are in the midst of a fearful crisis, moral, social, political, and pecuniary.

No patriot ought to stay away from a Meeting, the deliberations of which involve the dearest interests of the whole country.

The Union men of Mississippi ought to meet together, not as partisans; not because they voted for one or the other of candidates, but as citizens of the same country, bound to a common destiny.

This invitation to meet in council and to deliberate upon affairs of momentous import, is therefore extended to all without distinction of party.

Let all come who desire to maintain the integrity of the State, to avert the horrors of civil discord and to prevent rash, ruinous, expensive and illegal actions.

To men of family, business and property, this appeal to meet us is especially directed, because they are deeply interested, besides other considerations, in the onerous taxes which may become necessary. To young men, who may be called upon to bear an active and unpleasant part in the fearful drama of revolution, this urgent call is made, to enlist with us in the glorious cause of Peace, the Union, and the whole country.

We repeat, let all come and devote a short time to the service of the State. If we must be involved in a common ruin let us meet it manfully. But a bright destiny awaits the country if the People will assemble and take wise and prudent counsel together.

Let the voice of the people be heard on the all-important questions now at issue.

Do not fail to attend with your friends.

Very Respectfully,

C. A. READING,  
JOHN RIGBY,  
GEO. H. C. SHAW,

J. M. SMITH,  
O. H. PERRY,  
N. B. LANIER,

I. M. PATRIDGE,  
WM. SHERARD,  
WM. CRUTCHER,

M. SHANNON,  
E. M. SPEARS,  
D. M. LIEG,

D. N. MOODY,  
S. GARVIN,  
GEO. H. TOMPKINS,

J. W. C. WATSON,  
B. F. BEEKHAM,  
A. N. AUGUSTE,

A. R. JOHNSTON,  
W. E. BOLLES,  
Q. T. JOHNSON,

BENSON BLAKE,  
DANIEL SWETT,  
T. M. FOLKES,

A. BURWELL,  
WM. R. CRAIG,  
WM. MCCUTCHEON,

SINGLETON COOK,  
MILLER STEWART,  
J. P. HAWKS,

JNO. W. BUCK,  
CHARLES A. YOST,  
J. W. POWELL,

J. A. KLEIN,  
L. S. HOUGHTON,  
THOS. HAVERN,

SAM'1 W. BROWN,  
JOHN E. RANDOLPH,  
J. H. HEATH,

HENRY RITCHIE, JR.,  
W. W. CATCHING,  
C. W. GASKINGS,

A. AUTER,  
E. H. PORTER,  
WM. S. HARRIS,

THOS. QUIN,  
B. ASKEW, JR.,  
WM. H. BROWN,

R. D. MUIR,  
P. FAIRCHILD,  
WM. BEATY,

CHAS. E. SMEDES,  
ALEX. H. ARTHUR,  
M. EMANUEL,

JOHN H. CRUMP,  
H. P. EGGLESTON,  
R. BARNFTT,

LYELL SMEDES,  
J. M. CRUMP,  
E. H. RUTHERFORD,

THOS. S. DABNEY,  
B. S. TAPPAN,  
JOHN M. HOOKER,

N G. WATTS,  
F. C. WADSWORTH,  
WALTER WALCOTT,

AND MANY OTHERS.
You are immediately requested to attend on

UNION MEET MUNTING

at the residence of Mr. Benjamin as President of the 8th President

at 11 o'clock. You are especially requested to invite your

neighbor and friends to be present and to participate in the

important and interesting proceedings.

...
Dear Sir:

As we write to you on a subject that concerns your pecuniary interest, we trust that our letter will require no apology. Knowing full well that of a good Prize were sent to some person in your section of the State, who would know the money, it would generally move, our business and our reputation was Free Sellers would be greatly benefited, we have taken the liberty of addressing you to tender to you the Prize. We do this, however, only upon condition that you move your influence among your acquaintances in our favor. You will please understand that we regard this arrangement as act as an advertisement of our firm, and you will therefore be expected to exhibit the money, and circulate the reports, that you drew it at Egerton & Co. Lucky Office. Should you be prejudiced against Sellers, I have any objection to receive money in this way, you of course will not answer our purpose.

Here is our offer: We will send you a Full Managed Certificate of a Package ofFortune Tickets, in the enclosed truly rich and Magnificent Scheme of the Fund all Prize Lottery, to be drawn on the 29th of December, under the popular management of Mr. Wood, Egerton & Co., and by authority of the State of Delaware. We are so certain that we know how to select a Lucky Certificate, that if of the one we select for you, does not, at the very least, draw $1000, we will send you another Package, in one of our Extra Letters for nothing. Will you please give us the name of your nearest Bank in your letter? We are doing an immense Lottery trade all over the United States, by making this arrangement with Correspondents, &c. we desire to awaken an interest in your section of Country. Use the enclosed envelopes, and send $10. in your letter to pay the managers for the Certificate. We have hit upon this Grand Lottery, to send you the Prize in, because it will be an appropriate New Years Present. Send your order without delay.

Very Truly, Egerton & Co.
L. M. Williams  
Nolly Springs, Mississippi  
Dec 10, 1864

Miss, call the Cotton State will go out - a million of men will seize March 4th before March 4th.

Encloes a curious circular of Clayton & Co, Safety Keepers, Wilmington, Delaware.
Nov. 16, 1860

Dear Sir,

The Election is over and with it your defeat. Well I am truly sorry for it, but never the less it may all be for the best. “Truth though crushed to earth will rise again.” Though defeated the principles you stood for and will eventually triumph. Our best men who earned the title and made public their opinions, or who has fought for cherished principles never has been President. You Sir have been one of those men and my opinion is that you will better serve this country in the Senate than Presidential Chair. I have done all in my power to elect you but all to no avail. If my influence would have been worth any thing I would have tried to withdraw from the campaign but as it is I am through you have defeated Breckinridge or those who aimed to cut your throat. they hang with the rope they made for you. 4 years more will Call for your
for your energies and perhaps
find the Democratic party united.
They need some reinforcing for their
Wand of Freedom. I hope all will go well
under old Abe's Administration
or, the American people will
make him right. I am desirous
to think that one day or other of the
Republicans will cry for Mr. Tyler.

Please remember, in this regards,
Keep the Tempers of the House
that I hold. The Republicans, though
the Caution you have us work with
And an other day the Democrats
And never yield the doctrine of self
Government in cases of discovery
and believe me James Todd
and tell Mather

W S Bolden
Easton Washington Co
Sons
Mr. B. Bolding
Dayton, Washington Co.
Iowa — Nov. 18, 1860

Political — lend speech
        to him &c.
Georgia Gulch Nov 18th 1860

Honor J. A. Douglas
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

The enclosed petition was handed to me by a committee appointed by the miners of the Gulch for the purpose of circulating within the request that I would forward the same to you & solicit your favor in our behalf.

Our wants are set forth in the petition, as we are in a rich mining region, the half of which has not been tilled as yet. If therefore you will so use your influence as to obtain for us that which we so greatly need, both to secure us from imposition of oppressors and enable communication with the States, certain, you will receive the thanks of many a warm and true friend.

Hoping you will spare the liberty thus taken in addressing you

Remain very respectfully yours,

Marcus O. White

To Hon.

Honor J. A. Douglas
Maraus C. White
Georgia, State of
Nov. 18, 1860

Enclosing petition with numerous signatures, for extension of mail route to Post Office, etc.
Ytka City, Butte Co. Cal. Nov 19th. 1860

Mr.

P. A. Douglas
Washington City, D.C.

You will permit me to express my sympathies for the defeat you have suffered through the treachery of some of your party and friends. The result in this State & others is still a question of doubt and the office won will be acquired to decide between Douglas and Lincoln. We have made the fight gallantly, and if defeated, have the proud feeling of having done our duty.

I sincerely trust that circumstances will, permit me, as an early day, to tender you
In person, my high appreciation of your worth as a Stateman and as a member of the Democratic party.

While adhering to the doctrines of non-intervention and Popular Sovereignty, so long recognized as a cardinal feature of our political faith, you will retain the confidence of all true democrats, and in the future, you will present to the American people, in your own person, a parallel to the career of Jackson, the great architect of popular power, and from your late prominence by the people. Reclaiming the manhood of my high regard, and believe me to be,

Your true friend,

[Signature]
Geo. T. Price

ureka, Illinioua, Cal.

Nov. 19, 1860

Douglas State Elector
Complimentary & Co.,

[Handwritten text follows]
Whites Tamson P.O.
Monroe Co., Penn.
November 20, 1860

Dear Sir:

Worked hard for your advancement to the Presidency & if you have a copy Congressional Globe & Appendix, first session, present to Congress to bear. I should be happy to receive it. My wish is that you will prosper hereafter especially when you aspire to be Chief Magistrate of this great Nation. Addres as above.

Hiram Shaw
Hiram Shaw
Congregational Eludes and appendix.
Columbus, Nov 21.

My dear Sir:

I am extremely sorry to hear of your illness. The subject broached by you on the part for a full disclosure, I can say that the friends of St. Martin have been 

formated with great care, and most respectfully. 

We are in a very clean and proper state. From the aspect of things here, the State will decide, if much harm will be done. I have in my possession a copy of the constitution as you will see, and I very much doubt it. Toumbi has raised the Cry of Mad Day. 

I feel it. People will still take the Day as a panic. I have been in many a hard fought political battle, but all the rest 

more successful. Compared with this - like changeable March, it came in as a Lamb, goes out like a Tiger. One look and Marsheam was mild as a May day morning - now as
mad as a March Hare.

The truth is, the Body Politic
key gone mad, the world to
God I had a straight
Jacket upon the monster
that I might administer
Washington law will address
until I had brought it
Patient to reason
my belief is that General Thomas
the Convention will resolve
herself out but if
Buchanan will faithfully
I緣緣
execute the
revenue laws, she can't
get out, but will in a
short time learn upon her
trainers & keepers I put them
to a Political if not a physical
dearth - The Banks will
suspend their
That may cause temporary
hull in the financial storm
But the revolution is upon us
something may be done to
Winston, John

March 21, 1860

halve it, but nothing short
of a general petition will cure
the evil. If the denomin.
programme should be carried
to a practical solution, no
man engaged in any kind of
business will be able to close
up his accounts to a point -
for 20 cents a dollar.

I consider the present aspect of
affairs in Commerce, as decided
more than 1837, one moment
before the culmination.

Governments will abolish
every part of society where
the Population appears to be in
arms. It will be the readiest
checkmate to every bloody
war. Which can be seen
I will show the Lunatics upon
his keepers to their extermination,
man to keep a country
date. Must Great Britain
her drainage near any Euro-
pean Power will recognize
These sovereign independent States & at least of Cuba has abolished, which could not
reach in any out be
want of Custom House checks, the Cotton & the goods
would go out & come in through
the back doors of these fine
peculiar States - speculation
would cause Cotton to rise
upon the other side, a little
for a brief period, but
would soon settle down to
while it was, much affected
by other causes & the market
would be a lab to the Plants
of the extraordinary expense of
getting to the great Market,
if it would - at best
be on to have very very hard
time. This Evening near the
Smith had silently increased
his debts at home I abrupt
to an enormous accretion.
The money laid out last
was to mean I mean I meant
in other Regions was very
heavy It can't be laid
out It Coming men will
be twice as great if not
more It is out of the question
to effort by any means with
reach of it been making Peace
an early & peaceful solution
of the political disturbance what
now agitate the Country if
they should not reach it
Climate of civil war there
an still sufficient of its element
of violent disturbance in the
monetary circles to debase
the money market in a most
serious manner for a long time
to come If an extensive
Civil war should rage a
there is too much reason to
fear that a Bankruptcy has
not been witnessed in the
U.S. since it was a Government
there are my opinion, highly
pruned together, but deliberately
formed - accept them in what
they are worth, use them as
you like - They are given -
sorrow, remixed with anger.
Tom Baldwin was buried
yesterday - Poor Tom! He died
of his friends, at the age of
King Alcohol. He left his
life a life policy of $5,000-
peace to his memory!!

Mr. W. H. Stew

Mr. H. Stew wrote me for my
opinion - Please, then, bring it
that it be the custom to both. The
 want of true prevents my writing
two letters in vain. - The rem
of a few words. - If Alphonso Stephens
Can check me - Zoumbos & Cie
in case, folly, he will do it. If he
fails, Louisiana will declare herself
out - Chance two to one that Zoumb
will win - the destruction of the
South & the disorganization of the
Country
If Georgia declares out, then so will Alabama, Florida, and Mississippi. If such Sam permit it, they will all go out of the Union, out of the Union. And I say out for enough to ruin the whole east and probably pull down upon the whole country, the Temple of Liberty. Carnahan by the death of his country, which has received a reminder of the atrocity of the civilized world, at the contempt and anathema of the Lord's anointed, all over the East. World — shade of Washington, sub it!! Heaven protect us. I trust many of the sacred cloths have joined the holy crusade against the sages and siren leading of it then old Day's Washington — a very bad feature in all revolutions —
John E. Winther
Columbus, Ga.
Nov. 21, 1860

Present condition of affairs, the future.
If Sherman beats, doomsday
the state is safe, if
the contrary, Georgia

I suppose the entire
country is ruined.

Important

Copy it all