Washington
Feb 20, 1816

My Dear Sir:

I have just received the result of the deliberation of the State Convention, and I need not tell you how much satisfaction it afforded me to learn that you received the nomination for Governor. As you are aware, I anticipate this occurrence; but still I have my apprehensions in consequence of the multitude of candidates and unorganized feeling. Independence is the rule, and dissension. I hope your course will be successful.

I rejoice that learning has been restored to the faculty which will issue candidates in the field. It will serve to make our party strong and complete, and that under Newton's laws it can overcome our efforts, we hope
ably now our loves come full time
preparation of the government.
Probably you know I feel highly
notified at the choice, and in
account of the many and
success of our fate, the sense of
as still more important. I cannot
 Claims for myself. Yet, most
of this lucky result — I can only say
that I rejoice over the ground
other done done.
Here the above question is the
great measure of the day. The
Notice will be given. One hour
of institutions will be instanced on
the country and declining. The
action given to our people there.
The news from England today is
important and favorable to our
interests. The message is that
the own laws will be strictly
abolished of the parts. These are the

to our President. There is one
protect of laws. England cannot
fight lies at this time. She done
but wish both to continue. Please write me often, and give me all the news. Let me know what documents you want to receive, and when they arrive, if in my favor.

 Truly your friend,

[Signature]

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DOUGLAS. (STEPHEN A.). Celebrated opponent of Lincoln, with whom he held the historic debates. A.L.S. 3PP. DDO. Washington, Feb. 20, 1846; to Col. French. A valuable historical letter ON THE OREGON QUESTION:

"... Here the OREGON QUESTION is the great measure of the day. The notice will be given and laws and institutions... and ADEQUATE PROTECTION GIVEN TO OUR PEOPLE THERE. THE NEWS FROM ENGLAND TODAY IS IMPORTANT AND FAVORABLE TO OUR INTERESTS. The prospect is that the corn laws will be speedily abolished and the ports thrown open to our commerce. THERE IS NO PROSPECT OF WAR—ENGLAND CAN NOT FIGHT US AT THIS TIME. SHE DOES NOT DARE RISK SUCH A CONFLICT.

... etc.

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