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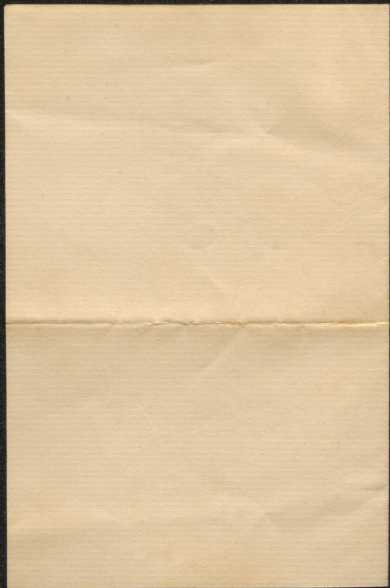
My Dear Judge:

I thank you for
the copy of your sound &
timely remarks on the
moral leprosy of Divorce.
Coming from one in a
high judicial position
they cannot fail to have
a salutary effect wherever
they are read.

Believe me
yrs. faithfully in x.

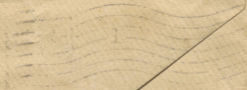
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R. M. Douglas. S. (and) Gibbons







Hon. Ruel M. Douglas
Supreme Court
Raleigh
N. C.



DEPARTMENT OF LAW
TRINITY COLLEGE
DURHAM, N.C.

March 29th 1905

Hon. R. M. Douglas
Greensboro, N.C.

Dear Judge: I read with great pleasure
your treasonable utterances at the Tar Heel
Club banquet. Though treasonable they are
excellent. "Perhaps its most brilliant performance was
its proud boast in the last campaign that it had finally
escaped from the lunatic asylum and was once more safe
and sane" is most treasonable and most excellent. Mind
you, I am loading my sword and whetting my revolver
to slay you at sight for what you have said, but there
is no harm in my exposing your treason before putting you

shall the loyal cease from troubling and Joseph shall not be. That you have lived so long after such a speech - that you should still exist in "Daniel's" den - is almost as wonderful a dispensation as that of Daniel in the lion's den. *

Very truly yours

J. K. McDougall

* P.S. I believe it is more wonderful.

ROBERT LAUGHLIN,

DEALER IN

FERTILIZER AND LUMBER.

R. F. D. No. 1.

TRINITY, N. C.,

3/27
1906

W. B. Robt Laughlin
Greensboro N.C.

Dear sir

Yours of the 10th inst
at hand and noted. in
regard to the negro insurrec-
tion. I am not sur that I
will be able to give you
the desired information
as it has been a long time
since it occurred. but I will
give it the best I can. I think
it started about like this
a few weeks before the election
there was a negro came to
a little negro town in my
Township holding meeting
telling the darkies they were
going to get pay for all the
work they had ever done
in slave time as I remember

ROBERT LAUGHLIN

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FERTILIZER AND LUMBER.

R. F. D. No. 1.

TRINITY, N. C., _____ 1905

I think the negro went through some other parts of the County holding his meetings it raised some confusion over while. Then the democrats made some pretention and put him in jail. until after the election. pretty soon after the election was over he was turned out and that was the last of him now I will go back to the insurrection. I think your are right as to who was Candidates Mr Maffitt for sheriff and Mr Bradshaw for clerk. on the morning before the election G. S. Bradshaws brother came through this part of the County among the leading democrats

ROBERT LAUCHLIN

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FRITZ K. AND J. K. K.

FRITZ K. C.

ROBERT LAUGHLIN,

DEALER IN

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FERTILIZER AND LUMBER.

R. F. D. No. 1.

TRINITY, N. C., _____ 1905

for same purpose but no one
new at that time what it
was. but it proved later
what he was up to. about
12 o'clock that same day the
report was started on the
Davidson line on the west
side of our Township that the
~~new~~ negroes had raised, and
had killed O. R. Sheen
and his family a prominent
farmer and another family
but I don't remember the name
and was coming right on
killing the people just as
they came to them. of course
this raised great excitement
scared lots of women & children
so they never will get over it
it was a shame and a disgrace
to our Country

ROBERT J. LAMBERT

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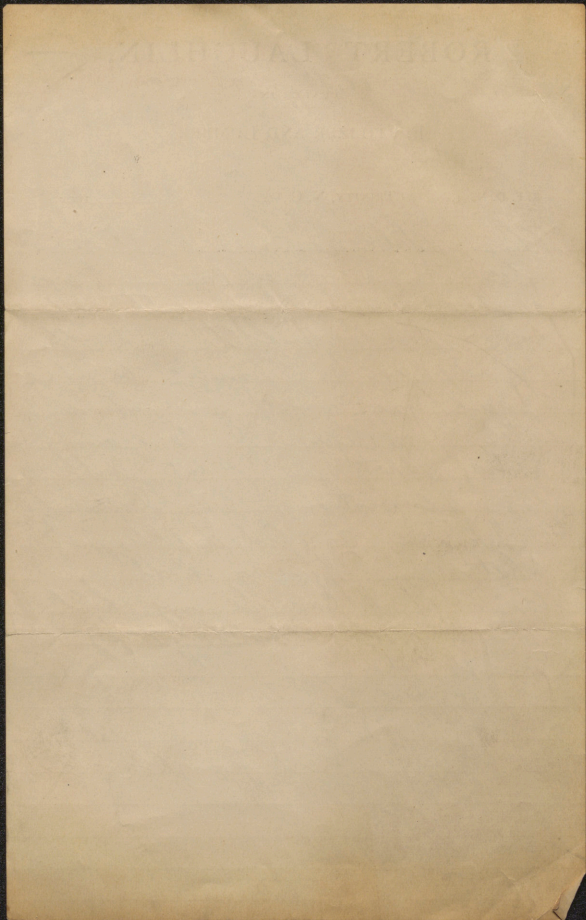
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R. F. D. No. 1.

TRINITY, N. C., _____ 1905

This statement is as I remember it now — of course it was a democratic trick, gotten up by Mr Moffitt and the Bradshaws. I may be able to give you more information later. Of course I have some idea what you want with this information. but I would like to know confidentially just what you have a head on this. If I can be any help in any way I will gladly assist you

Truly yours
Robt Laughlin



Ans. 7/20.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Oyster Bay, N.Y.,
July 16, 1906.

My dear Mr. Douglas:

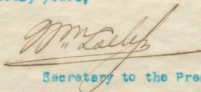
Your two letters of the 13th instant to the President and myself have been received, and we both cordially congratulate you on your nomination as Chairman of the Corporation Commission of the State of North Carolina, and hope the people will elect you.

The President was glad to be able to appoint your son as postmaster.

I enclose under separate cover four volumes of the President's addresses and messages, in which you will find all that he has said on the rate question. I also enclose copy of the rate bill.

With all good wishes, believe me,

Sincerely yours,


Secretary to the President.

Hon. Robert M. Douglas,
Greensboro, N. C.

Quester Bay, N.Y.
July 16, 1903.

My dear Mr. Douglas:

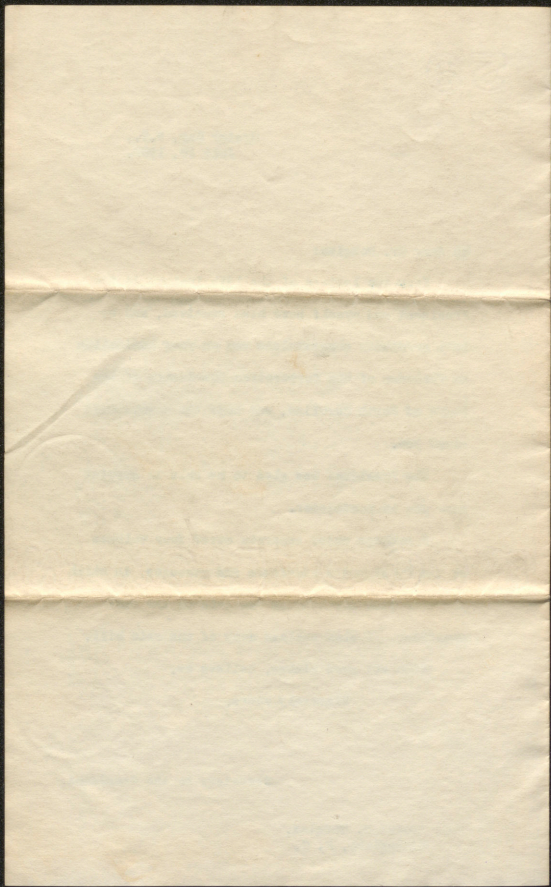
Your two letters of the 13th instant to the President and myself have been received, and we both cordially congratulate you on your nomination as Chairman of the Corporation Commission of the State of North Carolina, and hope the people will elect you.

The President was glad to be able to appoint you to an important position.

I enclose under separate cover four volumes of the President's addresses and messages, in which you will find all that he has said on the rate question. I also enclose copy of the rate bill. With all good wishes, believe me,
Sincerely yours,

Secretary to the President.

Hon. Robert M. Douglas,
Greensboro, N. C.



WALTER CLARK, CHIEF JUSTICE.
PLATT D. WALKER,
HENRY G. CONNOR,
GEORGE H. BROWN, JR.,
WILLIAM A. HOKE,
ASSOCIATE JUSTICES.

State of North Carolina,
Supreme Court,
Raleigh.

Personal

My dear Judge,

10 Sept 1906

Yours to hand. I have not had the benefit of seeing a copy of your address and have seen only one man (an editor) who has seen it. He said it was a "powerful article". From what I hear the very fact that it is powerful will keep papers, not advocating your election, from either printing or criticising it (as they would if it were weak) deeming the most ^{political} ^{concern} ~~concerning~~ to keep its points from being placed before the people. This was the course pursued by the R.R. papers to prevent ~~his~~ argument from reaching the masses. If he had sent out enough papers & early enough he would have been nominated. If your paper is read by the voters, you may be sure it will not be through the medium of newspapers that can not (for any reason) support you. I would like to see your article and so would a great many people. Every

body knows that what you write will
be able, earnest & reliable, and your
personal character will give it weight.

Yrs Truly

Walter Clark

IF NOT CALLED FOR IN 5 DAYS RETURN TO

Supreme Court
Raleigh, N.C.

WALTER CLARK, CHIEF JUSTICE.



Judge Robert M. Douglas
Greensboro

N.C.



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State of North Carolina,
Supreme Court,
Raleigh.

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Personal

My dear Judge,

10 Nov 1906

Hours to hand. I have delayed writing to get more information. From all I can learn M - ran considerably behind (he ran 100 behind in this county) but the R. R. element in your party were determined, as far as they could, to run you behind as much.

You have sown good seed which will bear fruit. The public were not informed. It takes time for information to produce an effect - but the effect will ultimately come. The fear of riggers rule and of paying Special Tax bonds are potent.

I think your suggested plan will be of decided benefit to the public. The election being over the information you will send out will be read and will be effective. Had you been elected, there is no question but you would have exerted your full power to secure long delayed justice to the people. I am Truly Yours
Walter Clark

WALTER CLARK, CHIEF JUSTICE.

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WILLIAM A. HOKE,

ASSOCIATE JUSTICES.

State of North Carolina,
Supreme Court,
Raleigh.

Hon. Robert M. Douglas

3 Dec 1906

My dear Judge,

Thanks for your esteemed favor. Tho I am not sanguine, knowing the L. Co will pick the Commrs, just as they do the Federal judges, it is most gratifying to know that I am so kindly thought of by one I esteem so highly.

I am entirely frank, and say with the utmost candor, that alluring as the salary is, that if I could decide the matter, I would far more prefer your being appointed than myself, for while our views on this subject are identical, by reason of your being in touch with the Administration you could accomplish more for the public than I.

Your services on the bench have been invaluable, you always stood for the right, but could you have served during the same period on the N. C. Corp. Commr our people would have been several mil-

line reader, by reason of the protection you
would have assured against R. R. exactions.

When one measures ^{slowly} the rise of the
people during one's short life, one is passi-
mistic. But when one measures its steady
persistence through the centuries, and its
acceleration, one is optimistic. Could we
return 100 years hence, we would find
Edward Bellamy's dream not all a
dream.

With many thanks & assurances of
my best regard,

Very truly yours friend
Walter Clark

Judge J. E. Boyd



Personal

Hon. R. D. Douglas
The Industrial News-
Greenboro
N.C.



Wm. J. Moore

My dear Mr. Moore

Enclosed

is the

U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals,

Fourth Circuit,

Richmond, Va.

July 25 1907.

My Dear Sir

I must thank
you for the editorial
in this morning's in-
dustrial news in refer-
ence to myself. It is a
most graceful compli-
ment, and what I
can probably not ^{fully} en-
sitled to the nice things
you say of me yet I as-
sure you, that I greatly

appreciate your ar-
ticle, and reciprocate
to the utmost the ful-
filling of friendship which
prompted its publica-
tion. Trusting that
you are in good health

I am with best wishes

Your friend

Wm. E. Boylston

To
Hon. R. B. Douglas
Ct. Industrial Bureau
Barnstable
N. C.

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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT
FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

Personal.

July 27, 1907.

Hon. R. D. Douglas,
Postmaster,
Greensboro, North Carolina.

My dear Mr. Douglas:

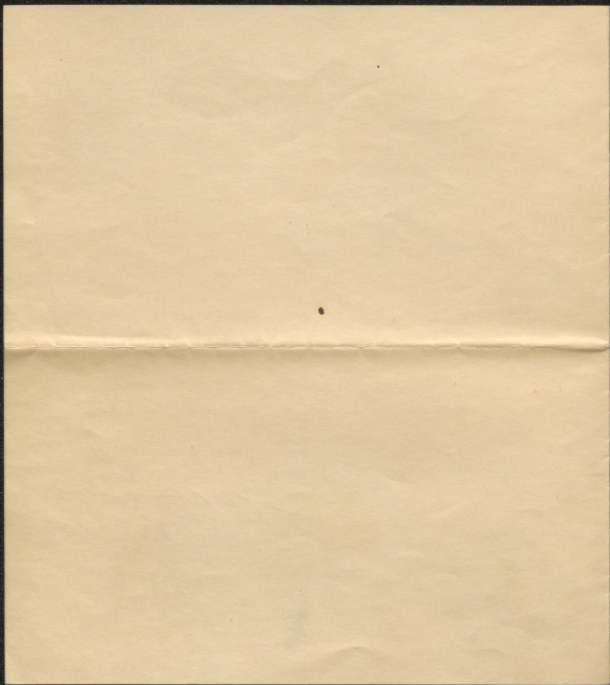
Your letter of the 23rd instant was duly received, and I have read with great interest the interview of your father, Judge Robert M. Douglas, on the presidential situation. I thank you for bringing it to my attention.

Very truly yours,

H-R

J. H. Hitchcock

Post Office Department
First Assistant Postmaster General
Washington



Chambers United States Judge,
Macon, Georgia.

February 19, 1908.

Hon. R. M. Douglas,
Counsellor at Law,
Greensboro, N. C.

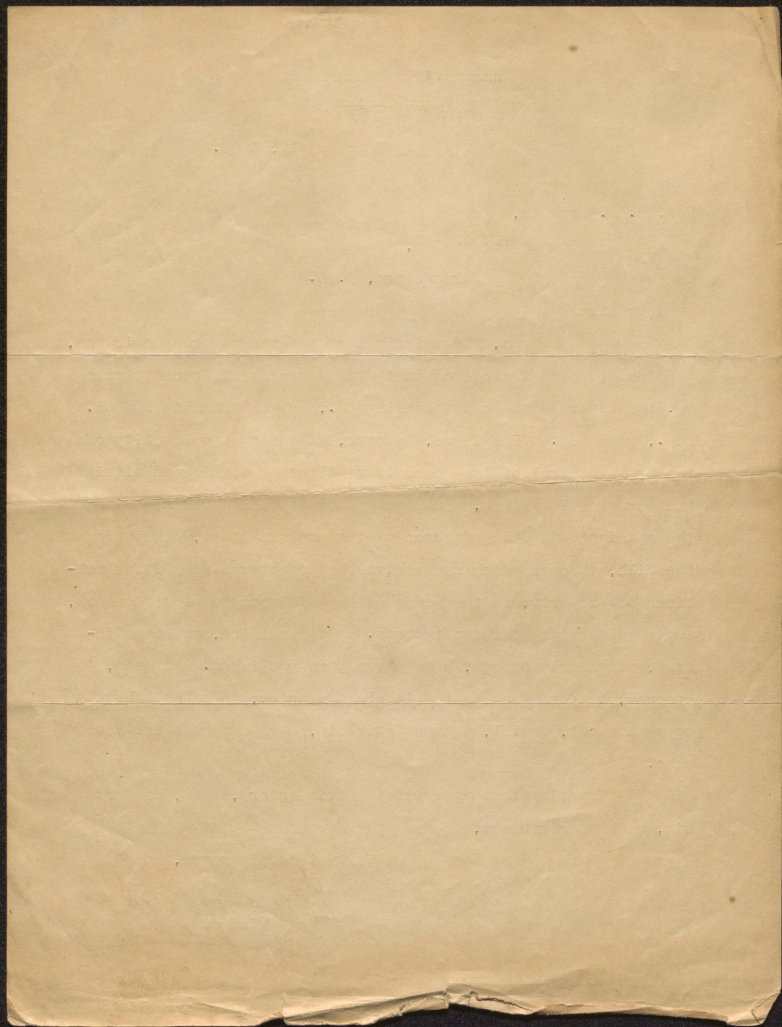
My dear Sir:

Perhaps, the principal one of the numerous opinions, published, which I rendered in the famous case of Rowena Clarke vs. the Central Railroad & Banking Co., may be found in 50 Fed. Rep., page 336. The issue, however, affecting the legality of the alien control of the competitive lines of a railroad within the borders of a State, was perhaps more vividly presented in the opinion of Justice Jackson of the Supreme Court, dismissing the bill, through which my receiver had recovered some fifty millions of property, in the hands of the Richmond Terminal Company, and my dissenting opinion thereto. This opinion, and the dissent, singularly enough, have never been published. I mean, however, to send them to the Federal Reporter, and when I have a copy made out, I will, if you desire it, have one made for you also.

Trusting that my reply is satisfactory, I am, my dear sir, with much respect,

Very sincerely yours,

Emory Speer
Judge.





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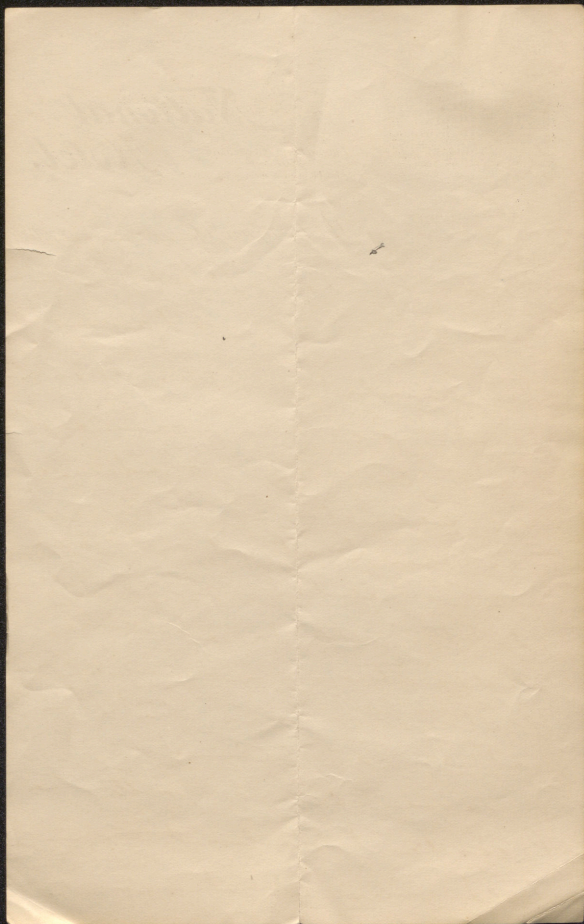
SIX STAIRWAYS TO GROUND FLOOR
AND FIRE ESCAPES ON ALL SIDES.

Washington, D.C. Jan'y 6, 1909.

Dear Judge Robinson
Adams is

eliminated as the President has announced that he will confine his selection to the Eastern District. I have been treated by the President with great consideration, but upon the distinct basis that I was not an applicant.

I have talked with the President about you, told him about your



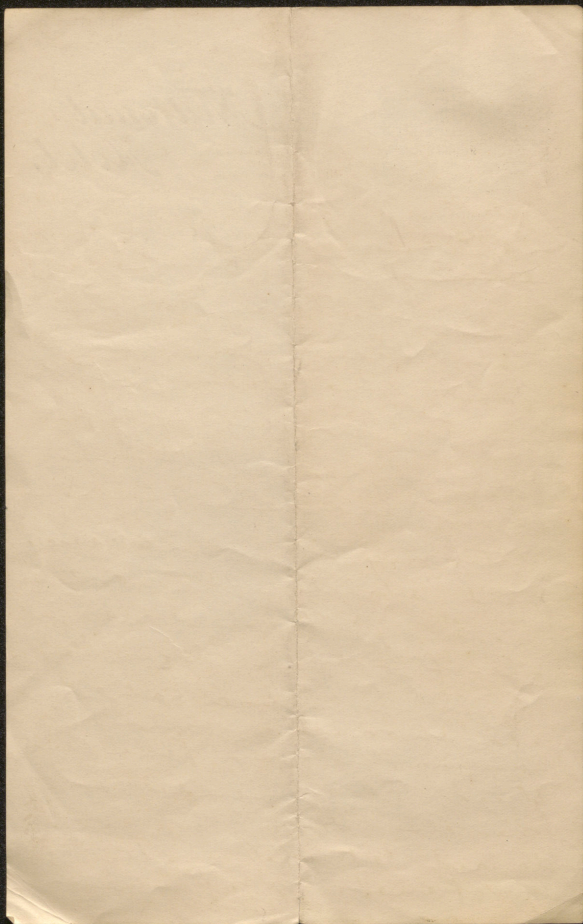


G. F. SCHUTT, MAN'GR.

Washington, D.C.

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quitting the Campaign;
and now say to you
that I think you have a
good chance of obtain-
ing the Judgeship if you
will only get up some
strong recommendations
certifying to your character
and ability. The writers
need not recommend you
specifically; but should lay
stress upon your ability
and character. Anyone
can do this even if he has
already recommended some
one else. Hurry up, and
do not let the matter go
by default. Yrs Truly
R. H. S.



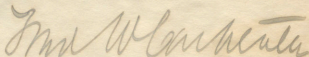
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 6, 1909.

My dear Sir:

I am directed by the President to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 5th of April endorsing Hon. Henry G. Connor for the United States Judgeship for the Eastern District of North Carolina, and to say that it will receive his careful consideration.

Very truly yours,


Secretary to the President.

Robert M. Douglas, Esq.,
Attorney at Law,
Greensboro, N.C.

THE WILLIAMS & SON
NEW YORK

April 1, 1900.

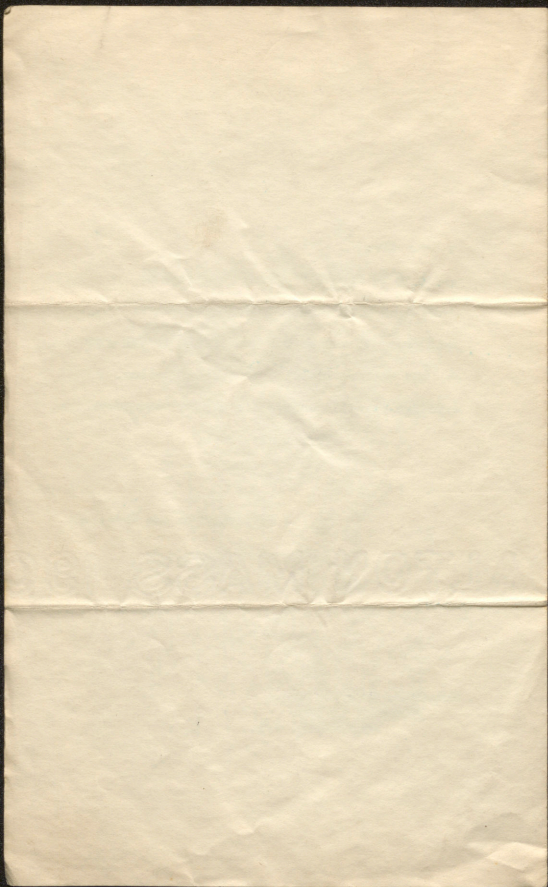
My dear Sir:

I am pleased to hear that you are
interested in the new book on
the history of the United States
and the history of the world.
I am sure it will interest you very much.

Very truly yours,

Respectfully,
The Publisher.

Robert M. Williams, Esq.,
Attorney at Law,
Schenectady, N.Y.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 8, 1909.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of April 6th, with respect to the candidacy of Mr. Frank Fuller, of Durham, for the judgeship of the eastern district of North Carolina, has been received and will be brought to the President's attention.

Very truly yours,

John W. Lawrence
Secretary to the President.

Mr. Robert M. Douglas,
Greensboro, N. C.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 2, 1902.

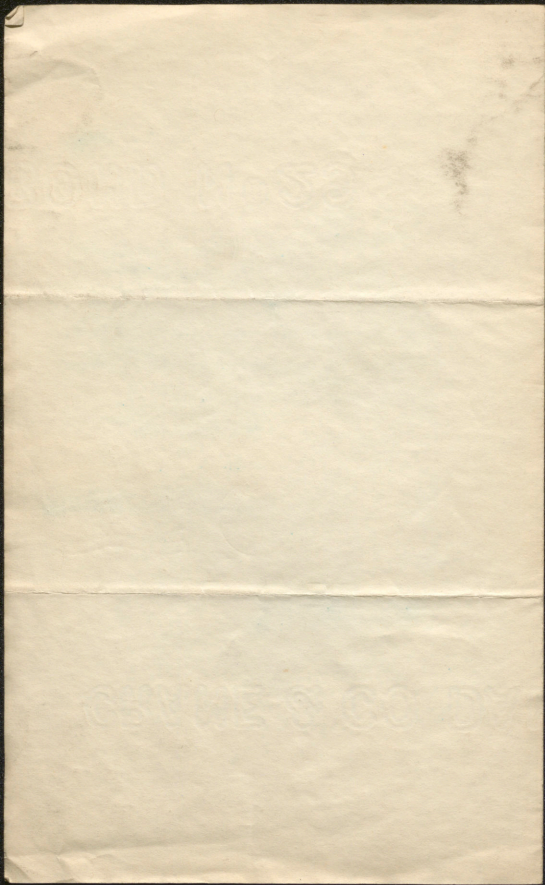
My dear Sir:

Your letter of April 1st with respect to
the question of the proposed bill for the
the independence of the master of the ship
has been received and will be brought
to the President's attention.

Very truly yours,

Respectfully to the President.

Mr. Robert M. La Follette,
Washington, D. C.



House of Representatives U. S.
Washington, D. C.

June 4, 1909.

Judge R. M. Douglas,
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Judge:

Permit me to acknowledge your favor of some time since in regard to our friend Mr. B. C. Sharp and to assure you of my best consideration of his application.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Franklin D. Roosevelt

House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

June 4, 1906.

Judge R. M. Douglas,

Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Judge:

Permit me to acknowledge your favor of some

time since in regard to our latest issue of the

and to assure you of my best consideration of the same.

Sincerely yours,

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON

March 23, 1910.

Judge R.M. Douglas,
Greensboro, N.C.

My dear Judge Douglas:-

In calling upon the Attorney General a few days ago and in discussing, among other matters, the appointment of a district attorney, I took the privilege of referring to you in the matter of the legal qualifications of Judge S.B. Adams.

If the Attorney-General should decide to make an investigation, he may have the occasion to write you.

With regards and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Jno. M. Morehead

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON

June 11, 1910.

Judge Robert M. Gouglas,
Greensboro, N.C.

My dear Judge:

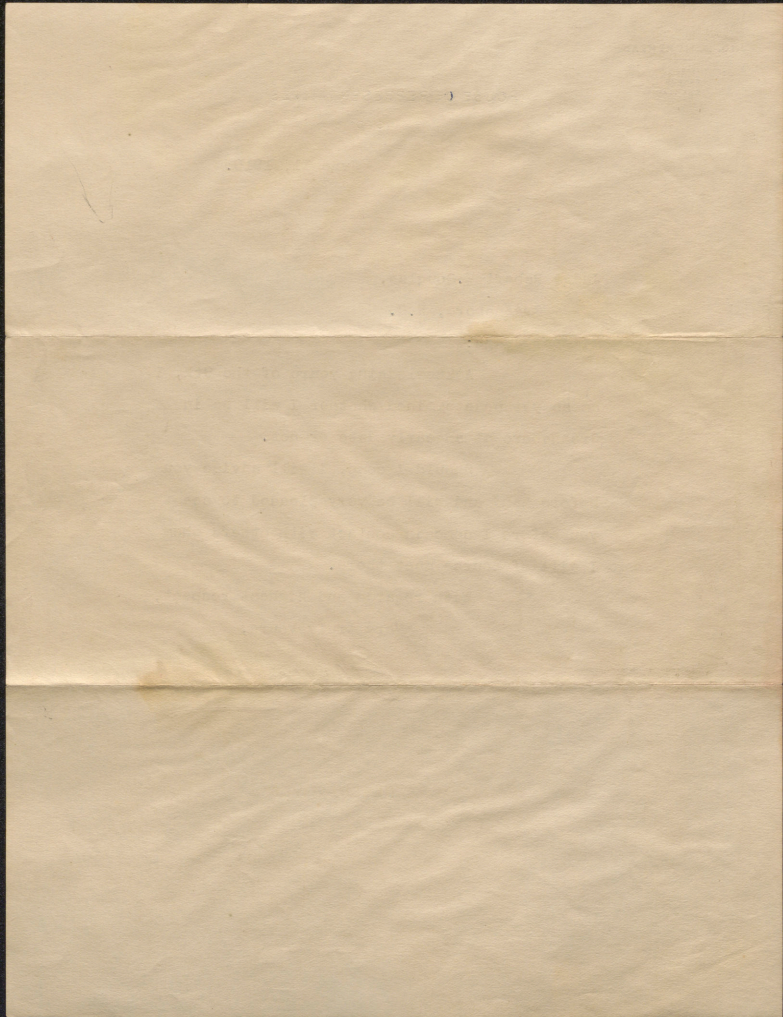
Acknowledging yours of the 9th, I
am as yet undetermined whether I will be in
Greensboro at an early date or not.

Should I come, I will advise you
before hand and will be very pleased to see
you before I come in contact with others whom
I will of course meet there.

With regards and highest respect,

Very truly yours,

Jno. M. Morehead



Hon,
HARRY SKINNER.

H. W. WHEDBEE.

SKINNER & WHEDBEE,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW,
GREENVILLE, N. C.

ack.

June 15, 1910.

Hon. R. M. Douglas.

Greensboro, N. C.

My dear Judge:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 14th inst., announcing your candidacy for nomination by the Republican State Convention to be held August 10th, for the position of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

I entirely concur with you in the expressions and sentiments contained in your letter. I think if you desire this honor that the Convention ought to give it to you unanimously, and in doing so it will honor itself more than it will honor you. The fact that an effort was made to impeach you and also that you are the only living republican who has ever been elected to the Supreme Court, ought to cause the republicans in North Carolina to act patriotically and nominate you.

Yours truly,

Hon. Harry Skinner

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June 16th, 1910.

Judge Robert M. Douglas,
Greensboro, N. C.

My dear Judge:

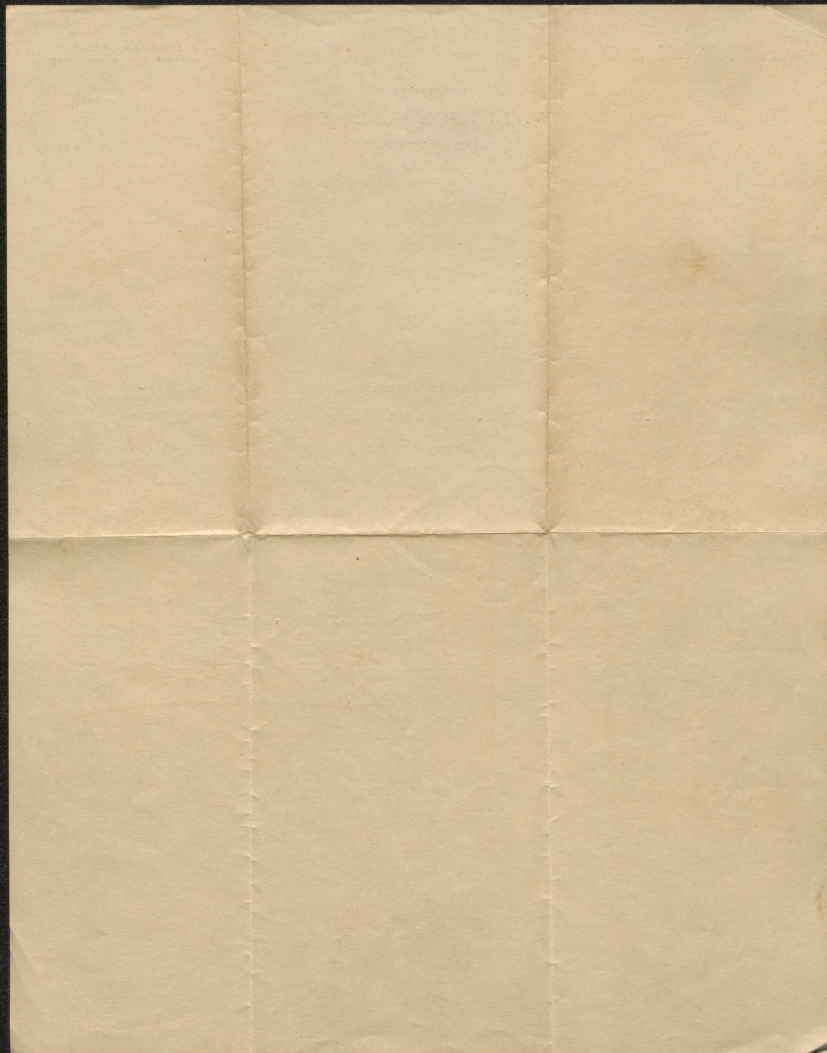
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter this morning and to assure you that the matters therein meet my hearty personal approval. The idea is capital. I will not only be glad to do what I can but will be glad to aid you in any other way possible. You have but to suggest to me.

In the selection of a Judicial Nomination we should display great care and caution.

With best wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Zeb V. Walsers



Ans.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON

June 18, 1910.

Judge Robert M. Douglas,
Greensboro, N.C.

My dear Judge Douglas:

Your favor of the 16th has been received and noted.

I have no idea as to who our mutual friend could be nor where he secured the information that I was favorable to your nomination for Chief Justice, as I have no recollection of ever having discussed this matter with any one.

That fact, however, is not germane, but simply shows that some one with whom I have been talking was a mind reader.

I wish to assure you that I am most heartily in favor of your nomination for the position and will do all within my power to accomplish it.

My reason for this position can be covered and dismissed when I assert that, in my opinion, the party will honor itself in honoring you.

In connection with the approaching campaign, I feel very greatly encouraged at the out-look.

While I am comparatively new at the business and have no further line based upon experience for comparison with previous conditions, I do know that the tremendous volume

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON

January 1, 1900

My dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th inst. in relation to the matter of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and in reply to inform you that the same has been referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and that they are now considering the same.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. M. McKim

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Your obedient servant,
J. M. McKim

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON

of correspondence that is being received at this office is most uniformly encouraging and enthusiastic as to the outlook and I firmly believe that if we can place you at the head of the ticket and will fill the other positions with candidates of sound character and high type that we have every reason to anticipate the most favorable consideration of the people.

With highest respect and regards,

Very truly yours,

Jno. M. Morehead

I believe a letter from you to the President dealing with the political situation and outlook in the State would accomplish great good.

He is in a quandary as between Hitchcock & Duncanson on the one hand & the progressive element of the party on the other.
J. M. M.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 1861

My dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. M. Smith

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. M. Smith

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON

Spray, N. C. 6/28/10.

Judge Robert M. Douglas,
Greensboro, N. C.

My dear Judge:

Your letter of 25th. enclosing copy of your letter of 23rd. to the President has been received here.

I note with much gratification the encouraging tenor of your remarks concerning your own candidacy.

Your nomination will afford a bulwark for offensive and defensive work in the campaign as the putting forward of such a man as you for such position is an earnest that the party is willing to accord, as least so far as the Judiciary is involved, all due deference to the decencies and proprieties involved by presenting a candidate who more than embodies all requirements and desideratums.

You have doubtless noted from the press that the President leaves Washington for Beverly, Mass. to-day.

I have noted with great care your letter to the President.

The main idea embodied is most pre-eminently and eternally correct.

The putting aside of the discharge of all true and legitimate functions on their part by the officials of the party and the bending of their entire energy to the building up of a machine for personal control of the party, is altogether responsible for the revolt of the rank and file to-day, and the political status of the day is nothing short of a revolt.

In a word, the bosses are paramount, they dominate the party and, instead of being controlled by the party, they control it. The creature has outgrown the creator. Instead of being the servants of the party and heeding the voice of local desire and commendation, in many, many instances, they ride rough-shod over the expressed wish of local people and exercise the prerogative conferred upon them for the furtherance of their own ends and tightening of their personal grip.

That a change from this condition is most desirable, is amply demonstrated. That a change is absolutely essential for the growth of the party in the State is the practically unanimous opinion of every man in the State.

This proposition is, of course, rigorously combatted by the Referees and the office holders, because, if brought about, the referees are out of business and the office-holder back-stands the referees

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON

Sperry, W. O. 2/20/19

Judge Robert M. Douglas,
Greensboro, N. C.

My dear Judge:

Your letter of 23rd, enclosing copy of your letter of 22nd, to the President has been received here.

I note with much gratification the commendable effort to your remarks concerning your own candidacy.

Your nomination will afford a platform for all native and deliberative work in the campaign on the future of such a man as you for such position is an earnest that the party is willing to stand, as least so far as the Judiciary is involved, and the candidate who more than embodied all requirements and desiderata.

You have doubtless noted from the press that the President favors Washington for Roveny, Mass. to-day.

I have noted with great care your letter to the President.

The main idea embodied is most present-minded and every-
thing correct.

The setting aside of the struggle of all time and legitimate functions on their part, the efforts of the party and the heading of their entire energy to the building of a machine for personal control of the party, is altogether reprehensible for the sake of the party and the sake of the country.

In a word, the power of the government, they dominate the party and, instead of being controlled by the party, they control it. The machine has outgrown the country. Instead of being the servants of the party and hearing the voice of local desire and recommendation, in many, many instances, they ride rough-shod over the expressed wish of local people and establish the private control over their party. The furtherance of their own ends and tightening of their personal grip.

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This proposition is, of course, vigorously combated by the Roveny and the office holders, because, in private, the Roveny and the office holders back-stands the Roveny

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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for most obvious reasons.

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Geo. M. Morsehead

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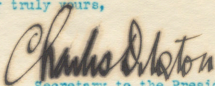
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Beverly, Mass.,
August 22, 1910.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of the 18th of August has
been received, and I shall bring it to the at-
tention of the President.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Charles D. Norton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "C".

Secretary to the President.

Hon. Robert M. Douglas,
Greensboro, N.C.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Executive, Bureau,
August 22, 1910.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of the 12th of August has
been received, and I shall bring it to the at-
tention of the President.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to the President.

Hon. Robert M. La Follette,
Washington, D. C.

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Judge R. M. Douglas,
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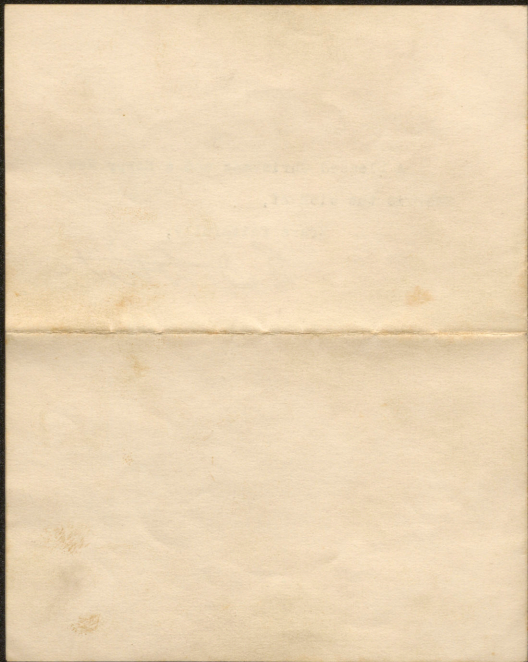
My Dear Judge:-

How kind and good of you to write me such a kind note of congratulations. As I read it the light of your kind heart shines on it, and therefore I make due allowance for the undeserved words of praise which it contains. I shall do my best not to be unworthy, however much I may feel that all the generous things which are said but echo the warm hearts of those who say them and have no other foundation

A blessed Christmas and a Happy New
Year is the wish of,

Yours faithfully,

E. D. White





Judge R. M. Douglas,
Greensboro, N. C.



Ans. 11/27.

Evanston, Illinois, June 30th, 1911.

Judge Robert M. Douglas,
Greensboro, N. C.

My Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of 26th. instant, in which you give me permission to use portions of the autobiography of your father, Senator Stephen A. Douglas. I thank you for allowing me to do so, and while making such use of it I will also include your note appended to the paper stating that it was not written for publication.

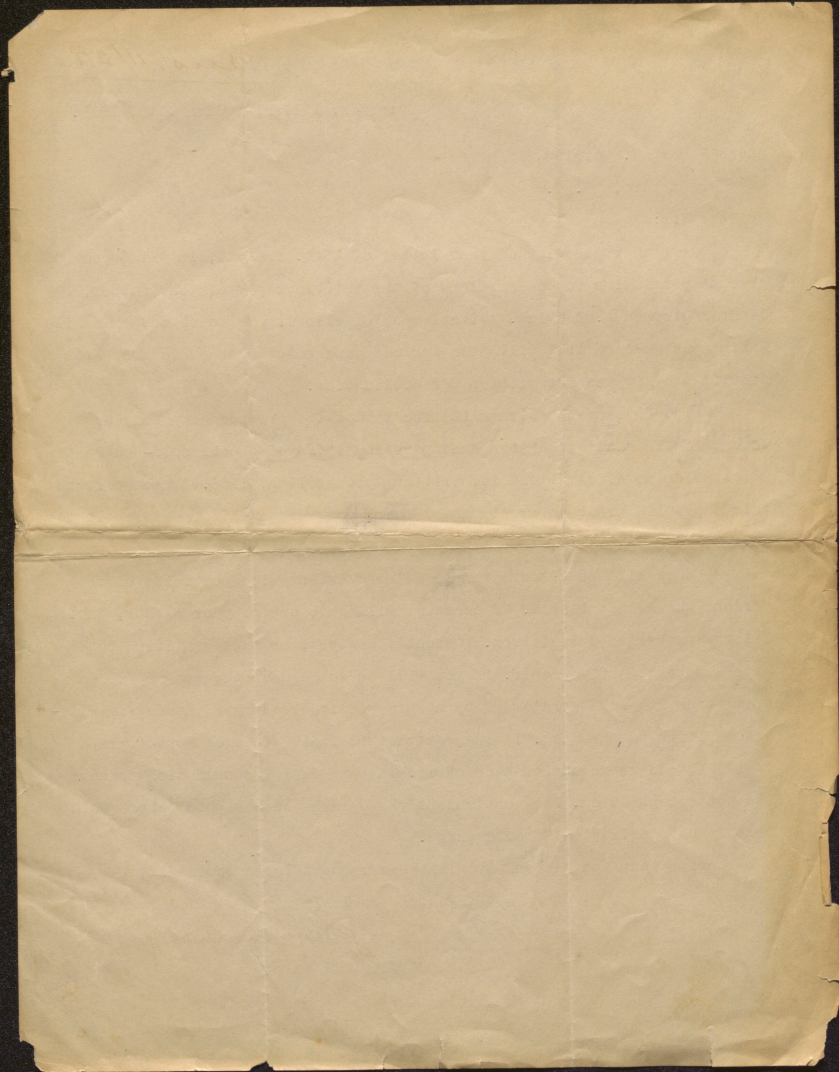
I also beg to acknowledge the receipt of the printed copy of your letter to the chairman of the Executive committee of the Lincoln-Douglas Celebration at Alton, Illinois, written October 14th, 1908. I have perused this copy with great interest, and I thank you very much for sending it to me.

My work will be illustrated to a large extent with portraits of the persons who are mentioned. Of course I will have one of your father, having a large number to select from. I should, however, be much gratified to have a portrait of yourself. If you will be so good as to send me such a one I know it will be regarded by my prospective readers as a most interesting addition to the work. If the portrait is in the form of a photograph I will have a reproduction made of it. In that case I should wish to have the photograph dated. The most recent photograph you have had taken would be the most desirable I should judge.

Hoping that you can comply with this request I beg to remain,

Yours Very Truly

J. Seymour Currey





119-121 LA SALLE STREET
CHICAGO

Ans. May 23.

March 25, 1912.

My Dear Mr. Douglas :-

It was for me a great pleasure to hear from you after all these years, and especially to know that you still hold me in kindly remembrance. Your enquiry brings back a flood of early recollections. I am happily able to answer, and I trust to satisfy you regarding the important point in question.

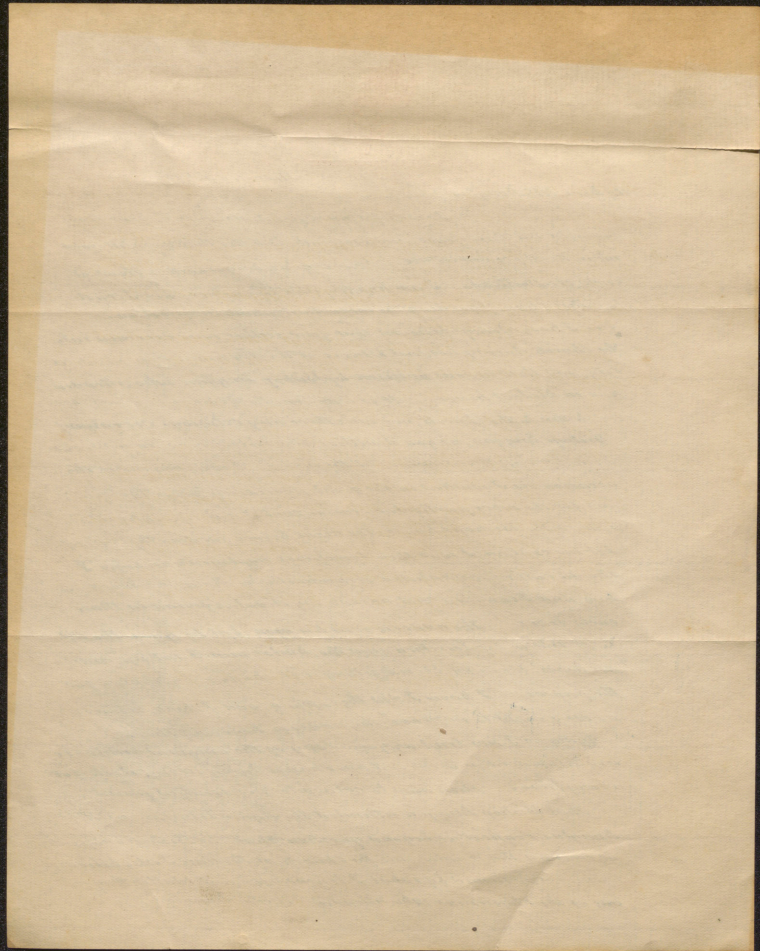
Yes, I have always believed that your father was received into the Church, during his last illness at the Tremont House in this city, and that he was baptized by Bishop Duggan, who attended him in his last hours. It is true Senator Douglas' remains were not taken to the Church, nor was there any religious ceremony.

Bishop Duggan, as you doubtless know, delivered an address (I cannot call it a sermon) at the grave. I well remember the occasion, as I walked in the great procession from the city; and for the more particular reason that I sat up until a late hour in the Bishops house - the night before, writing that speech. Let me explain, I was then sometimes employed - perhaps I should rather say enlisted occasionally in doing pen work for him, and I can add that he was my devoted friend in those early years. The address was his own, but he gave the MS to Dr. Butler, his Secretary, and the Doctor and I sat up until "all hours" the night before getting it in shape - I suppose for the papers. I know I did the copying, and I think between us we sought to "improve" the address here and there.

And now I am sending you a copy of the original address as it appeared in print. I have had it lying in my desk for a long time. And now to return to the essential point.

That Bishop Duggan attended the dying Senator, at Mr. Douglas' request is beyond question; that the Bishop baptized or received the Senator into the Church at the time I also believe.

This is confirmed by what I learned from Dr. Walter Hay - one of the Physicians who attended Senator Douglas.





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Dr Hay, long afterwards, was my own Physician, and spoke of the fact as of his own knowledge - I don't recall whether he said he was present at the actual ceremony - but my impression is that he was.

Certainly Bishop Duggan would not have appeared at the grave and delivered that address, unless he knew that the Senator died a Catholic?

But surely you would have learned the facts from Mrs Douglas long ago?

Have I satisfied you?

I may add that there is probably not a person now living outside of the writer, who could throw any more light on the subject. Bishop Duggan has passed away, and Dr Butler (died in Rome a few days before the time appointed for his consecration as Bishop of Concordia) and Dr Hay is dead.

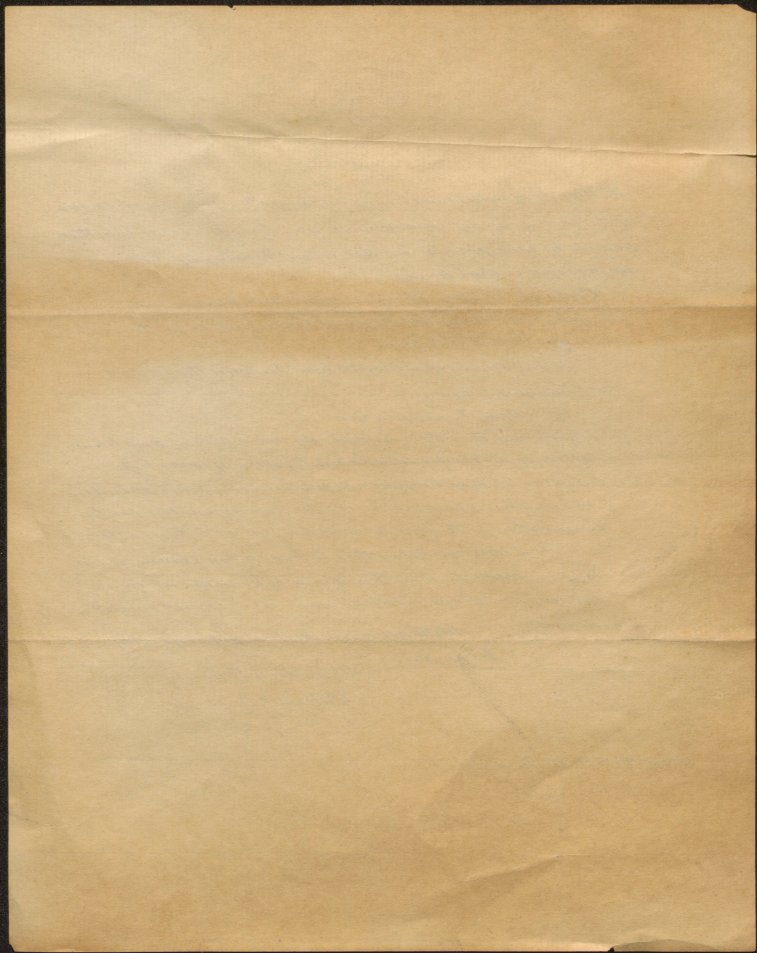
As I will not delay this to have a copy made of the Bishops address, may I ask you to send me at your convenience a type-written copy - as I would wish to preserve it. With all good wishes and regards,

I remain,

Yours very Sincerely
William J. Onahan

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Hon Robert M. Douglas,
Greensboro-
N.C.



St. Paul, January 3, 1913

My dear Judge:

I beg leave to thank you very much for your kindness in sending me copies of of letters recently given by you to the public. I read those letters with great pleasure and recognize in them remarkable mental acumen, and a strong sense of personal courage to speak out the truth whether to do so be popular or not.

I have very clear recollection of meeting you in Chicago during the Catholic Congress held there some years ago. I hope I may have the pleasure sometime in the future of again meeting you

Wishing you many blessings during the New Year, I am

Very sincerely

John Ireland

Robert M. Douglass

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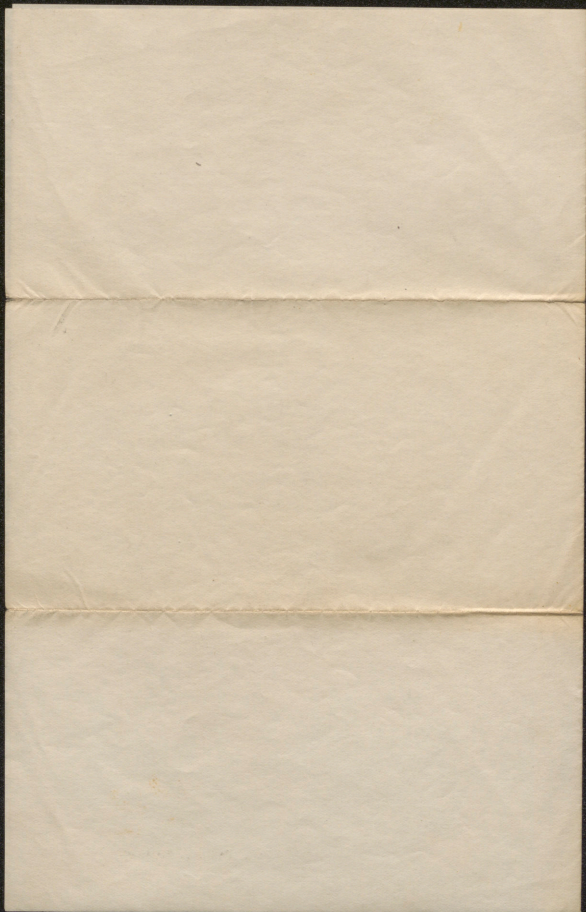
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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Urbana-Champaign, Illinois

February 15, 1913

Hon. Robert M. Douglas

Greensboro, North Carolina

My dear Mr. Douglas,

I am much obliged to you for a copy of The Youth's Companion for December 19, 1912, containing the reminiscences of President Grant. I shall read them with great interest.

It has occurred to me that the library of the state University of Illinois, in which state your father had such a distinguished career, is the proper place to collect memorials, etc, relating to him. We have here a fire proof structure, with fire proof vaults inside of it, in which, humanly speaking, we can take absolutely good care of any manuscripts, documents, communications, books, etc, which might be given to the University. I am sending you a copy of the last University catalog. Also a view book showing the pictures of buildings upon the campus. I am also taking the liberty of sending to you a paper which I wrote on Jonathan Baldwin Turner and his relation to our land grant colleges. I have been trying to establish a definite connection between Turner's work and Senator Douglas, who I am sure must have encouraged Turner in the great undertaking which he had in hand. Turner's letters were all destroyed or lost, and although he had considerable correspondence with Senator Douglas, there is nothing among his papers which throws any light on this situation. I have thought perhaps you might help me in this. The petition which the legislature of Illinois sent to congress for the establishment of these institutions in

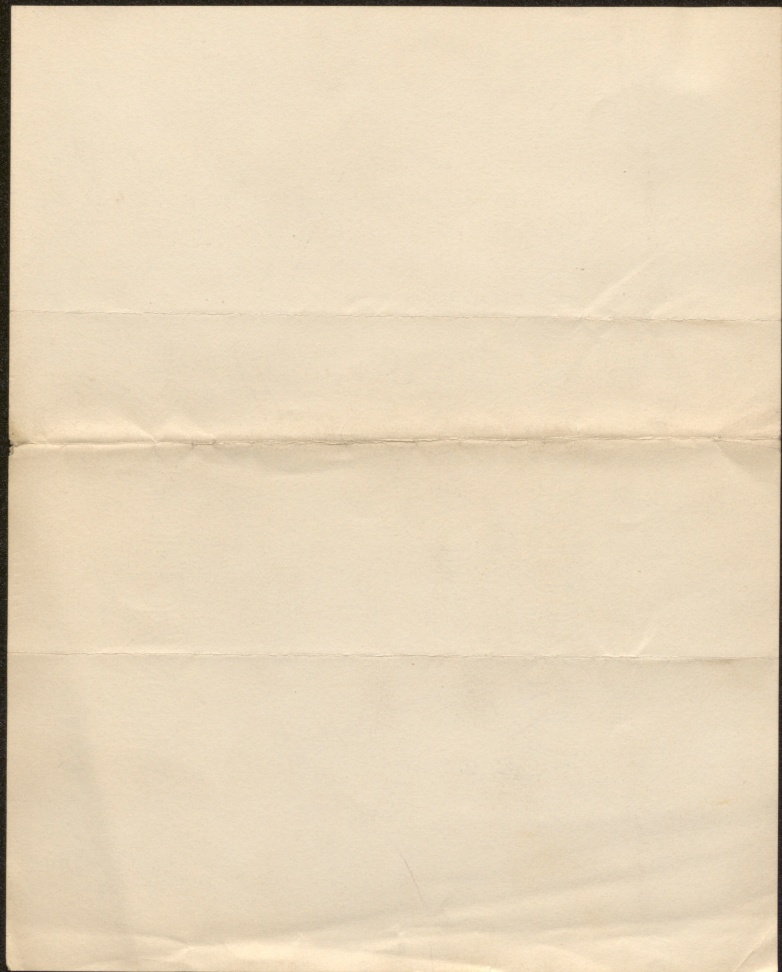
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each state in the union was presented by Senator Shields March 20, 1854 and referred to the committee on public lands (see p. 17 of the book I am sending you). I should be glad if you could find any evidence among your father's papers that he was interested in this same project.

Faithfully yours,

Edmund Jarvis



State of North Carolina
Department of Attorney-General
Raleigh

T. W. Bickell, Attorney-General
T. B. Calvert, Assistant Attorney-General

Aug. 22, 1913.

Hon. R. M. Douglas,
Piedmont Springs,
Danbury, N. C.

My dear Judge:-

On returning to my office last night I find yours of the 12th on my desk. I will read most carefully the letters that you enclose and as soon as the Special Session of the General Assembly has adjourned I will come up to Greensboro, and go over this case very carefully with you. I want to come up sometime and spend two or three days going over the matter with you.

I trust that you will be much benefitted by your stay at Piedmont Springs. I have been there a great many times and, in my opinion, the water is the best in the state.

My wife and I had a most delightful vacation in the mountains and she is still up in Transylvania with the boy.

With kindest regards, both to yourself and Mrs. Douglas, I beg to remain,

Very sincerely yours,

T. W. Bickell

Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Plant Industry
Washington, D. C.

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Baltimore.



Hon. Robert M. Douglas
Furniture
North Carolina.





Cardinal's Residence,
408 N. Charles St.
Baltimore.

October the 28th, 1913

Hon. Robert M. Douglas,
Greensboro, North Carolina.

My dear Judge Douglas : -

I intended replying sooner to your esteemed letter of the 22nd instant but it was misplaced, hence the delay.

I read your letter with a great deal of interest and I assure you that I was very happy to read that your protest against the proposed Constitutional Amendment relating to the use of the Bible in the Public Schools, has had such a good effect. Allow me to offer you my most sincere congratulations.

I regret to hear that you are still unwell and pray that you will soon recover your health.

With sentiments of the highest esteem, I am

Most faithfully Yours,

J. Card. Gibbons

Archbishop of Baltimore.



Brandon Pt.,
Dec. 28th, 1913.

My dear Mr. Douglas,
The welcome
lot. tells to me to thank
"Lyrics from
"and I do
it on a morning when
Brandon has a smooth
clagging covering seemingly
whiter than any paper
could whiten the cotton of
your warmer clime.
With thermometer at

Miss Lucy Smith's family seem
all too pitifully increasing & coherent.
I am with ready as that Mr. Harris
lost and her burial & his was moving
nearly each something of a loss
over this Christmas in Brandon.
My father seems to be making
the same plan for steady progress
in recovery. He is still getting out-
of doors again. The weather
is beautiful. I feel the weekly
bank meeting to be a little celebration
reached up.

I am glad

idea of the rose.

6 below and sunshine there
appears to be little danger
of our losing it and the
merry sleigh bells today at least.

However great a
problem and discomfort at
close range "the bigger" -
all morning and
afternoon are a very
appealing prospect as
promoted by your gifted
writer of the Sunday truth
and your best people
thoroughly appreciate the
great points.

bushes appeals to you and
shall hope they may surely be
sent. A meeting of the Committee
on the Douglas Day Memorial
brochure was recently held at
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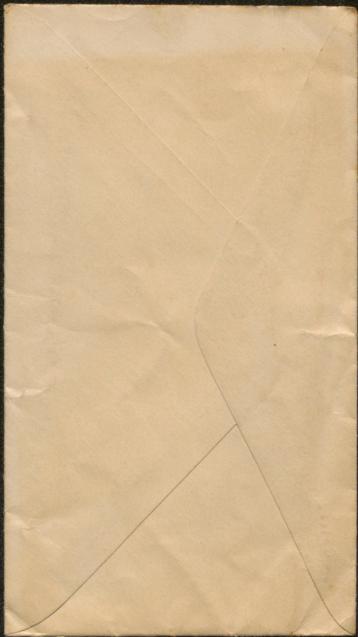
Again many thanks and
with best wishes
Ten Year from

Yours very sincerely,
Carrie F. Orem.

Letter of
~~R. M. D.~~
R. Martin.

DOUGLAS & DOUGLAS
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
GREENSBORO, N. C.

RETURN AFTER TEN DAYS



State of North Carolina
Supreme Court
Raleigh

WALTER CLARK, CHIEF JUSTICE
PLATT D. WALKER,
GEORGE H. BROWN,
WILLIAM A. HOKE,
W. R. ALLEN,
ASSOCIATE JUSTICES

March 13th, 1914.

My dear Judge:

I had occasion not long ago to consider the principle of the decision in Russell v. Hill, 125 N. C. 470 (opinion by Montgomery, J.), in which case it appears that you dissented, but did not file an opinion. I have intended for some time to write and ask you for the ground of your dissent. Will you please let me know what it was? Compare Russell v. Hill, supra, with White v. Fox, in the same volume (125 N. C. 545). There seems to be some conflict between the reasoning in the two cases, though perhaps this did not extend to the result.

Can trees cut by a party in possession of land be held by him against the claim of the true owner of the land? See 2 Cooley on Torts, star page 511 and 512, and top of page 839, 840, 841; 39 Am. St. Rep. 175.

Hoping that you are well and enjoying life, and with my kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

P. D. Walker

State of New York

County of ...

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