



Washington
24th Sept 1857

Mr. Duffay

Dear Madam

I am sure you
will be surprised
at this little notice
sent from me. But
you will remember
I promised in my
"letter" that I would
write again before
Sept, & you are
some news which
would not be thought

be disagreeable to you. I always
rejoiced my friends
:wiser: & with this
modest declaration
I proceed to say to
you Mr Adm Douglas
that the President
of the United States
has thought proper
to confer the power
of the
Treasury of the U States
upon a gentleman
who has the felicity
of being your father
Thus you see, this
Administration has
righted a wrong
done him not many
years ago, which
wrong was in my
opinion and outrage
& to right which now
is simply and with
a justice. But the
manner & the nature
of the President in

conforming it to our
and would have
gratified you if you
had known all about
it. I had only to say
that this precious
town is duller than
a beetle, or a ^{piece of} ~~any~~ ^{any} other dismal thing
you or your companions
can suggest.

With a hope it may
be returned speedily.
your return I sub-
scribe myself very
truly your friend &c
Wm B. Floyce

Washington June 29th 1849.

I had the pleasure, my dear cousin, to receive your kind little letter some time ago - and answered it immediately, but not having put it in the Post Office in proper time, I would not afterwards forward State news.

We are delighted to find that you are enjoying yourself so much amid your kind friends - This absence from Point up Washington will be of infinite service to you - I am very sorry your dear Mother was feeling so sick - ere this I trust she has improved in every respect - and Wadde too - we were afraid he would have a return of his chills. I hope that they are both very prudent in their diet and that when next we hear you will be able to tell us that they are doing remarkably well.

I have not seen Gertrude - nor do I know whether Florence & herself accompanied Mr. Buchanan home - such I understood was their intention.

She spent a week in the City, at Mr. Concorant's. His invitation is most cordial to Aunt and myself to pass the months of August and September at his house - but I do not think there is the slightest probability of our visiting Whistland.

I am very sorry to tell you that Aunt has been seriously indisposed for ten days and

more - Dr Thomas gave her a Blue pill & other medicine
such she is now much better but far from well -
She bids me say to you that she would write
but that she is not feeling in health to do so today -
- That she has been very sick for two weeks &
still feels badly, but that as soon as she gets well
you shall hear from her.

Cousin Edward Cole was here last evening - I was on
his way to Charlottesville &c, taking his family away
from Phila - where the Cholera is increasing to an
alarming extent. His sister Mr. Duffin died, after a
few days illness in South Carolina, of Pneumonia - at
Mr. Mc Duffin is said to be dying.

Mr. Stevenson
was to have been married yesterday - very quietly.
He said he would bring his bride to see them.
Did you know her, Miss Mary Phelps?

I saw by this morning's paper that Mrs. M^{rs} M^{rs}
was married a week ago to Mr. Clarke of
Baltimore - I hear she looked beautifully.

The Sun says Burton Key has been removed &
Mr. Fendall appointed in his place, District Attorney.
Only think of Mr. Wallack's getting the Marshalship!

Mr. Burwell was looking exactly after
he went to Baltimore - I was sorry to hear
that Viollette had been sick with Chills - She
appears to have enjoyed her visit exceedingly and
promised to return as soon as she recovered.
I have not been to see them - Aunt's sickness and

the catarrh heat has kept me at home. He had
a delightfully refreshing shower last night but the
sun has appeared in all his Majesty again and
I am afraid we shall be but little profited.

I promised Dr Thomas to go with himself & Mary
to the President's this evening, if they went -
We have been but very seldom. Did I tell
you what a delightful drive Aunt & I took with
Mrs. Phelps & Mrs. Wood some time ago - we went
along the banks of the Canal, around the Heights
and thro' Georgetown home.

Mrs. Graham writes me that Mr. Polk is unwell
- that Mr. Polk died of Cholera & that he had
lost several servants with it. He got this terrible
scurge has not made its appearance amongst us
yet & then we hear that a case has occurred
in the City, but the rumor is soon contradicted.

Blanton Duncan said he had the Cholera on his return
to Louisville, but sent immediately for a Physician
and was cured - He has gone back to his Father's
Mrs. Duncan writes Aunt that she may possibly see
her on her way North.

Mrs. Collins has a little daughter - I call her
Fanny - as she made me a present of her yesterday.
The visit to Portsmouth is necessarily postponed for
account of this little stranger.

Little Anne Smith is very sick but Minna is getting well
- They have gone up to Franklin Row. Mr. Kerr

is very sick again — I do not think she can live
a great while longer.

I wish I could tell you something about your sister
but it has been some time since I have seen
her — She would enjoy the delightful fruit
and vegetables on which you are feasting.
Take care and don't get sick. — I hope

Roddie answered your letter, which was duly
delivered by her Father — He looks very well
but misses you sadly. When do you think
you will go to Mr. Hamilton's — and when will you
come for Roddie? Cousin Madison saw her a
few days ago, but has doubtless written you since.

Yours unite with me in much love to
Mrs. Charles and Madison. I am best love to you.

Very affectionately, Annie.

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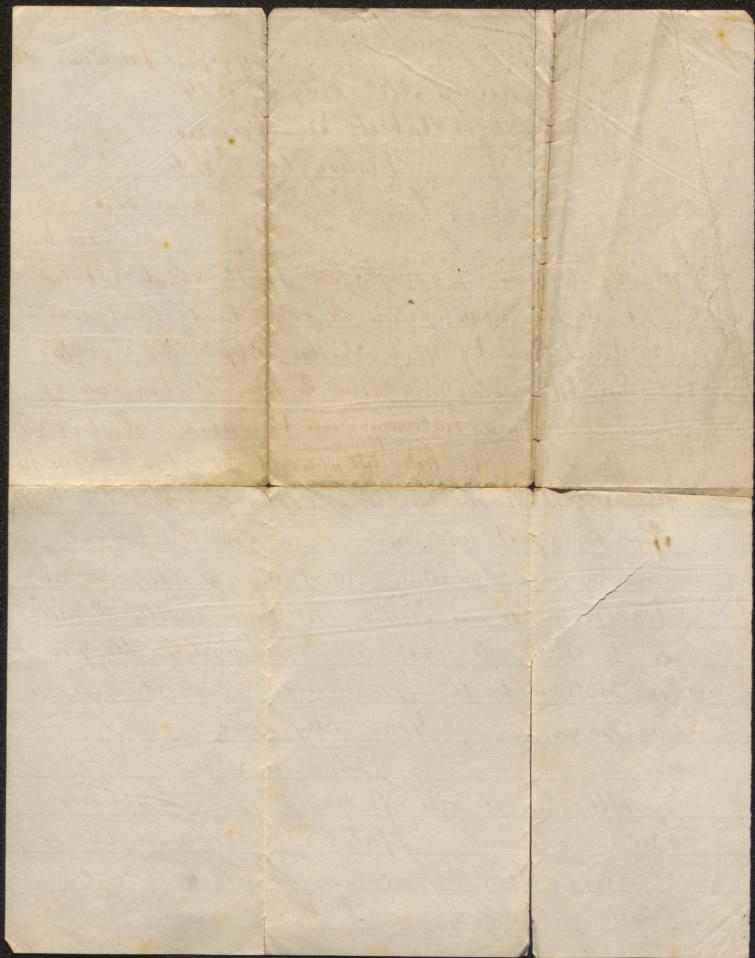
Dear Sirs.

I have been recently looking up some lands for the Ill C. RR Co. and in the investigation I find lands that was at one time owned by your Father "Stephen A Douglas." it has been sold from time to time at tax sales &c But I think something can be made out of it yet for the heirs of the late Stephen A. Douglas. I am in the Real Estate business and looking up such matters probably. I can now secure you the property as quickly and better than most any one else. If you want me to go further in the matter I will do it. and will make arrangements with you in relation to the amounts recovered and secured for you.

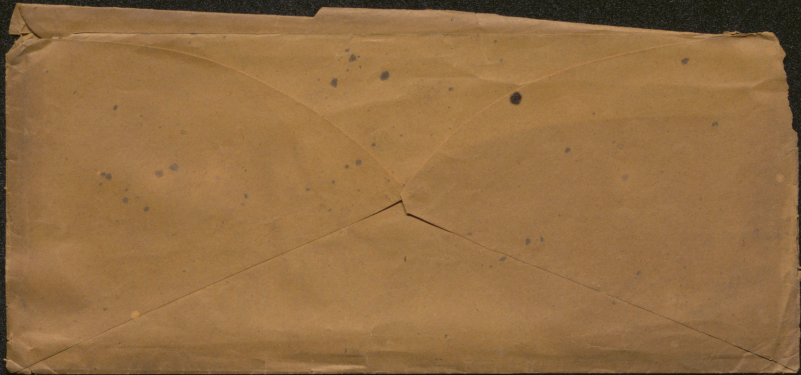
Yours Very Truly

Palm R. Lewis

For reference I will refer you to J. P. Calhoun
Land Commissioner of Iowa RR Land Co. or
P. Daggy Land Commissioner Ill C. RR Co.
either of this city J. R. L.



For the [illegible]
of [illegible]



New York Nov 26th 1838

Wm. Martin Esq.

Wentworth St. C.

Sir

The state of the suit
instituted by the claimants for the Order Estate
renders it absolutely necessary that a further sum
of about Three Hundred Dollars should be
advanced to the present counsel and also to retain
one more

The fact is that I have already paid
two hundred dollars since the general subscrip-
tion notwithstanding which the want of a further
sum I fear will occasion delay as it is impo-
ssible that Mr Burr without assistance (not-
withstanding his great assiduity) should pro-
ceed as rapidly as we could wish

The sum required
of you is the one third of five Hundred Dollars &
which please place to the control of Col Burr
Our present prospect of a successful termina-
tion of the suits having been made known
to you by Mr B. I have only to advise you of
Seymour's having

taken possession of some vacant ground adjacent
to the former residence of Jacob S. Arden, being a
part of the Broadway property, and which he intends
to hold until our title is perfected.

I am

Very Respectfully

Yours &c &c

~~John Brown~~

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The necessity of employing additional counsel
is in consequence of Mr Oakley having been
appointed a Judge & as we are consequently
deprived of his services — J. B.

Mr Burr has written you two letters of the dates of the
8th October & 14th November, to which no answer has
been received.



St. R. Martin Esq^r

Wentworth

S. Carolina

Mr. W. Brown Esq^r

Attest Dummen

Nov. 26, 1828.

John Brown