

Dear Sir

Chicago Nov 4. 1847

I regret very much, that any difference of opinion should have arisen in reference to the sale of property made by me, to Judge Douglass. The difference in opinion arises on account of the land falling short of the quantity represented by the Government Survey, & plat, & the plat issued to me, by the Canal Com^r. In selling the land, I sold it as I bought it, and the Deed made out in the presence of Judge Douglas, describes it as the balance of the fractional gr^o, without naming any number of acres. From an examination of the premises by Judge Douglas & myself, we were both satisfied that some of the land had washed off by the lake, and I would not sell it in any other way, than as I bought it, and in order to see what it was represented on some office plats on both went to the Register office from which it appeared that there should remain of the fraction 22 acres & a fraction more.

I wish to do nothing in the premises but what is fair & honorable, and if Judge Douglass wishes to take the land at \$2500, that he should have it, but am not disposed to sell it for any less. My object in selling was, that I had use for the money, &

have made arrangements to use the money,
supposing that it was placed to my credit. &
to be paid so soon as the Deed was executed and
the incumbrance removed, both of which have been
done. In order that Judge Douglas may have the
opportunity of deciding whether he will take the
property or give up the tract, I propose as follows.
I will deliver the Deed upon the payment of \$2000.
If Judge Douglas decides upon keeping the property, he
shall pay me the other \$500. If he decides to give
up the tract, I will refund the \$2000, with interest,
he giving me sixty days notice, or on my failure
to pay at that time, he to hold the property, and
the matter to be closed up.

Thos. Dyer Esq

Yours Truly
S. P. Sanger

Chicago. 5th Nov 1887

Dear Sir

On the other page, you will find a copy
of a letter addressed to Mr Dyer, on the subject of our
land tract, from which you will see that a difficulty
& difference of opinion has arisen, which I must not
not on account of any fear of breaking up the tract,
but for fear you may think there might have been some
intentional misrepresentation or suppression as to the quantity
of land. The land had been surveyed by H. Pradley
& Geo. Stewart, acting for me, in order to deliver with
him, and a deed was sent me by Geo. Stewart to
execute for 11, ⁵⁴/₁₀₀ acres, without saying anything about its
falling short, nor did he ever say anything to me about
it, & was absent when you was here. From the examination
of the premises made by you & myself, I was perfectly
satisfied some had washed off, and remarked to you
that I would sell it as I bought it - a gentleman to the
original survey, to ascertain which in both must be
the Registry office, and sent Doyle to the Council
office. The discrepancy made out by Rich, to which
we both assented, was for the the fraction left 11, ⁵⁴/₁₀₀
acres. Had the deed been executed at the time, it
would have held all the land, even if there had been
40 acres. I learn from Bradley, who made the
survey, that there was an error in quantity made in the original

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 Mr. G. W. B. Park

D. D. Sawyer

Hand

Survey - He has made the calculation of the area from the original field notes, & finds an error of 4 acres -

Mr. Dyer declining the proposition made, on the ground that, his instructions leave him no discretion & partly leaving the matter to you to decide, and proposing \$2000, & take the land, at the same time promising to make you the fact, and assuring me (in his opinion) that you would either pay the \$500, or return the Deed & take back your money, as I proposed. Fearing that it may be a disappointment to you not to get the land, I have acceded to the proposition - having full confidence that it will be done - Mr. Dyer proposed to pay me \$2250, & closed it, which I declined. I would not have taken any less than \$2500, at that time, and could have sold it for much more since - My expectation is, that you will either make up the \$2500, or give back the land & receive your money, and with this belief, I have acknowledged the receipt of \$2500, & declined the Deed - Please let me hear from you, on receipt of this.

Hon. S. A. Douglas.

Your obliged
 D. D. Sawyer

Hon^{ble}. S. A. Douglass.

Dr Sir. I send herewith a letter enclosed to me by Mr. Skinner - It will disclose its own object -

Among the multitudes presented to your notice since the slight personal acquaintance I had the pleasure of obtaining, you will scarcely be able to recall to your recollection or sumble an individual as myself -

I was residing at Truro during the winter of 1842. and passed a few weeks at Springfield at that time

Since receiving the letter of Mr. Skinner I have been informed that the Commissary Gen^l. at N. O. procured the supplies for the army in Mexico and had the direction of the whole subject -

From this intelligence I have pretty much abandoned the design -

I still think contracts for pork & bacon might be made advantageously to the Government from the certainty of quality & packing - And would also be of much advantage to the people of Ills. directly -

A number of gentlemen here are ready to aid us in the enterprise, if aid or influence will be of service - I had nearly determined not to trouble with the matter, and to withhold

the letter of Mr Skinner, as the chance was so small -
Such a course might not however be just to
Mr. Coffing with whom I am associated in
the enterprise -

I shall be glad to have your views as to ~~the~~
~~attempting~~ any further advance in this matter,
if you can find leisure to do so -

Very Respectfully yours

Obt. Servant

Wm. Leonard

New York Nov. 13th 1847

Hon. S. A. Douglass

Washington City,

D. C.

Wm. H. Leonard

St. Louis November 15th 1847

Honble. S. A. Douglass

Dear Sir

You have doubtless received my letter, desiring your influence, in obtaining me an appointment of assistant surgeon in the army, also - requesting your influence in behalf of Dr. Little, cousin of Columbia. Me., I believe Dr. A. has been thoroughly recommended from Jefferson. I hope you will do your best for me. I leave this place for New Orleans, to day. I am compelled, to seek a Southern Location, in consequence of a bronchial affection. It is on this account - that I desire to go to Mexico, as the climate, exerts a soothing influence upon, persons who are liable to Pulmonary disease.

I have not had the pleasure of seeing you for two years, & within that time my political opinions, have been changed, & from honest conviction, not, that I have been benefited thereby, or was expect to be in any way, the gainer.

I will be pleased to hear from ^{you} direct your letter, to New Orleans. I write in haste as the boat is about to leave, Messrs Allen & Mr. Fandy, are in the City & expect to leave, for the New York, in a few hours - Your attention to my request will

Place me under many obligations. In conclusion
I am, permitted to subscribe myself your friend & obedient

Servant
P. D. Spotswood

N. D. Graham



Honble L. H. Douglass
Washington
DC

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Dear Judge Alton Nov 25. 1847

I have applied to the Sec of War for a Captaincy for my brother Alex. W. Hope in the Dragoons mounted Voltigeurs or the mntd Rifles - 'He prefers them in the order in which they are mentioned -

If he cannot be appointed to this post, he would take a Lieutenantcy - His letters are strong and I was advised by Maj. Stewart and Bissell to apply for the first -

He has recd. recommendations which I have transmitted to Judge Breese who will present them to Gov. Marcy, from the following gentlemen;

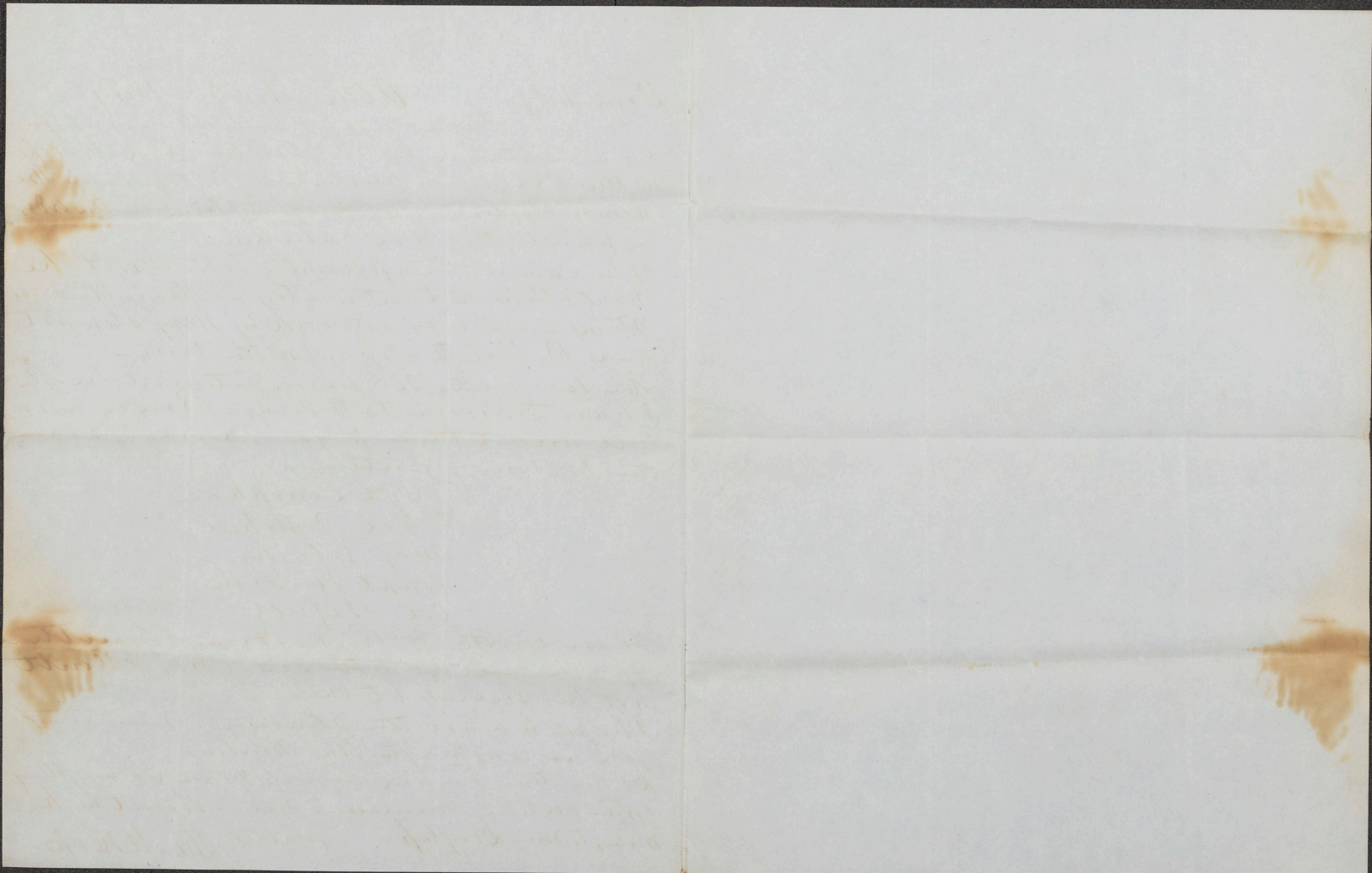
Col Donophan
Lt Col Mitchell
Maj. Clarke
Capt Hudson
Col Bissell

I have written to Richardson Smith - If you will go to the Sec of War I don't doubt his success at once -

I hope to have the pleasure of meeting you in Washington this winter -

Do me this favour and if I can do anything for your future command recd - Present my kind wishes to my Douglass - Yours truly Jho M Hope

J. W. Mc
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Quincy Ill 25th Nov 1847

Dr Sir

I wrote to Judge Bruce as you suggested in relation to the Office of Receiver in the Chippewa district in the New Territory (that is to be) of Minnesota. The Judge says he thinks he is committed to some Person for that Office before he left Washington City last Summer, but cannot be certain until he returns to Washington and examines his Memorandum book. That if he is not committed it will give him Pleasure to serve me &c. Since you left here I have taken some trouble to enquire about the Country embraced in that Land district, and from what I have learned I am inclined to think the appointment of Receiver there will be a good one at the start, and will soon be better. I will therefore say that if you and my other friends at Washington can Procure it for me I will be Pleased to accept ^{it} and feel grateful for the favor. The Com^r of the Land Office still adheres to the Opinion that he cannot pay me for my services at Mineral Point without an appropriation being made by Congress for that Purpose. I have therefore addressed Judge Bruce upon the

subject, and enclosed to him a Bill descriptive
of my services, and the amt I claim, with
a view of getting an appropriation made at
the earliest practicable moment, and beg leave
to solicit your friendly co-operation in the
matter, and hope you will be able to get a
special appropriation made, and not subject
me to the delay and inconvenience of waiting
for the passage of the Genl Appropriation bill
which I believe is not usually passed until
near the close of the session. Our friend
Saml Holmes has forwarded to Majr Richardson
a recommendation for his re-appointment
to the office of Register in which is signed
by 25 or 30 of the leading democrats of this
place. Many more could have been got
if it had been thought necessary. Mr Holmes
has made a good Register and I hope
you will be able to have him reapp-
ointed without any difficulty. I know
of no person here that wants the office
but Morris, and should he get it, a new
Receiver will soon have to be appointed
as one office cannot hold him and
me. ~~as~~ I could not under any circum-
stances be associated with so base a scoun-
drel as I know him to be. There is no
man here worth communicating, things are

going on in the old way. I mean in hopes I
would have rec'd a letter from you after
your arrival at Washington, as you promised
me before you left ^{here} to converse with Isaac
Young about my compensation for services
at Mineral Point, and then write to me,
but in this I have been disappointed.

I hope you will be able to find time to write
to me occasionally during the session of
Congress, as I will be pleased at all times
to hear from you when convenient.
Give my Best Respects to Mrs Douglass,
and accept for yourself the assurance
of friendship and esteem.

Saml Leech

Hon S A Douglass
Washington City
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Land Leech Quincy Ill

25th November 1847

In relation to Receiver
Chippawa Land district
Compensation for services
at Mineral Point Vt 26

Land Leech

Pension Office

Novemb^r. 26th. 1847

Sir

In reply to yours of the 12th. inst^d. relative to the Land Warrant N. 9. 719. for 160. acres, which issued the 5th. May 1817. in favor of Robert Doring a Soldier of the Regiment of Riflemen in the late War, I have to inform you that, on examination at the General Land Office, it appears, the said Warrant was Located on the North West Quarter of Section 28. 14. N. 3. W. in Illinois, and the Patent, which was dated the 29th. Novemb^r. 1817. was delivered to Col^l. Joseph Watson, who was a Resident of this City many years, and has long since died —

(Respy^d Y^r. O^b. Serv^t)
J. L. Edwards

J. P. Cooper, Esq
Marshall
Illinois

Letter No. 2.

from Comm. of Business.

Neosangua (Iowa) Nov 27th 1847.
Friend Soule.

My dear Sir:-

A few months since a worthy brother of mine fell at the battle of Monterey. - and but a few weeks since I had the misfortune to lose my wife by death. I desire a place in the present just and most righteous war with Mexico. I have applied to President Polk for a Captaincy. I can raise a company of from 80 to 100, most efficient men here in a very short space of time. The Generals of Iowa feel that they have been neglected in this war - they think that they have not ^{been} sufficiently drawn upon. Can you oblige me by seconding our desires in the proper quarter?

Allow me to hear from you by return of mail.

Yours, &c.

Wm. S. A. Soule. Oliver Smith



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Hon. S. A. Douglass
Washington
D. C.

A. Smith
New York

Pl. Spring Hill Dec
Nov 29th 1847

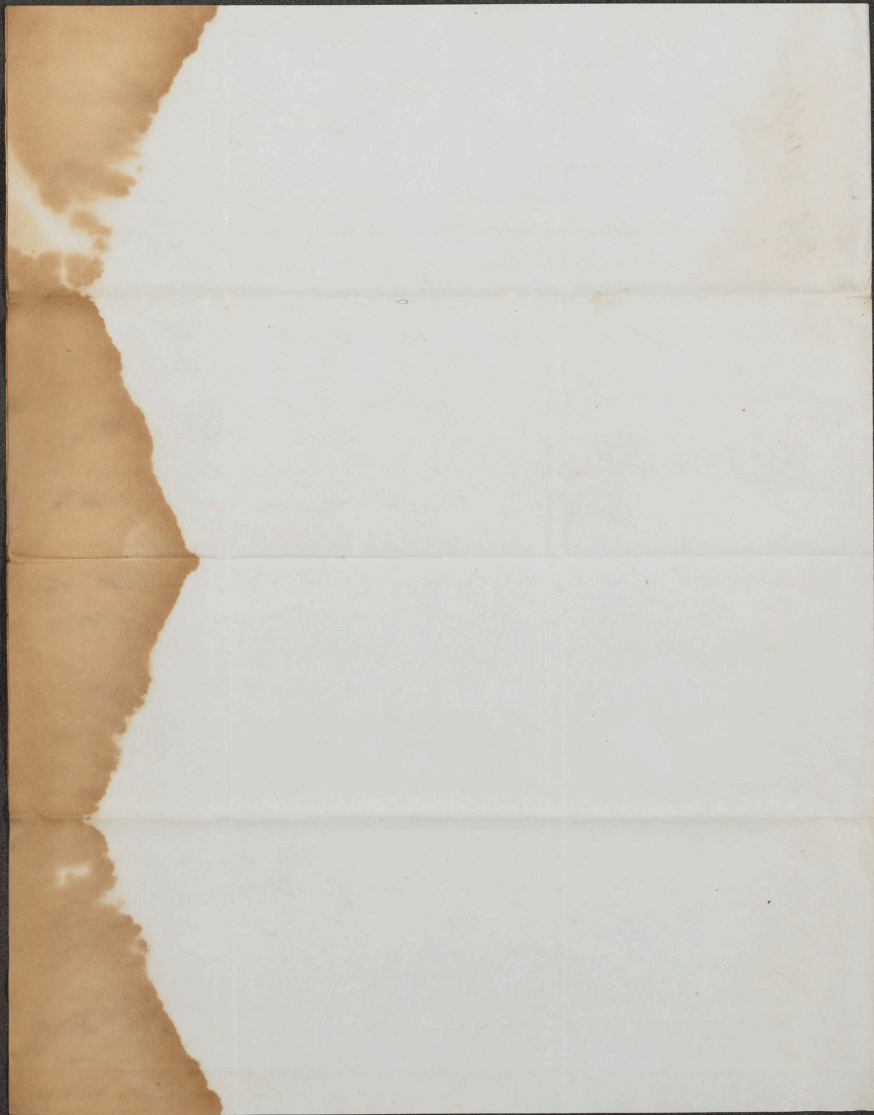
Friend Douglass

I have a young friend in this City, Mr James H. Merryman (Son of William Merryman an old acquaintance of yours) who desires an appointment in the Army; of Second Lieutenant. He is a very promising young man, of worth and intelligence. He was S^{gt} Major in Col. Baker's Regiment, was with the 4th Regiment until discharged, — was at the battle of Cross Roads and distinguished himself for his coolness, bravery and soldier like conduct, and not only at that memorable battle but he was esteemed by the whole Regiment for the prompt discharge of his duty and gentlemanly bearing on all occasions. His preference is for the "Rifles" or "Dragoons" but in any service that he could be successful would greatly please him and his many friends. I assure you, if you can possibly aid him to such an appointment, I assure you'll have no regrets, for he certainly will make a good efficient officer, and accrue it himself to the honour of himself and the gratification of his friends. Nature designed him for such a profession, and I am exceedingly anxious that he should be successful in his application. Petition in his favour has been sent to Judge Young which is signed by all your most intimate acquaintances, all of which are Monarchs

I am very solicitous about his success, any thing
that you can possibly do for him Conglass
shall be ever recollected among the multiplicities
of favors and kind acts already bestowed upon
me, remaining your friend as ever
Very respectfully
Your Most Obedt Servant
D. Miller

For
S. A Conglass

D. Miller.



Chicago Dec 15th 1847

To Hon Stephen A Douglass

Dear Sir

I wrote you
at this time to let you know the manner
in which your purchase has been closed made
of Sanger after you left here with a view
of having you let ~~for~~^{expressed} I told an one
~~of~~ Sanger & got him to survey it &
found that there was but a fraction over 18 Acres
I was satisfied that you supposed when you
made the purchase that you were getting
over 22 Acres when Sanger came in with his
deed properly made out I refused to pay him
for the land until I could hear from you
on the subject he said he sold you the fraction
more or less for \$2000 & the deed was so made
I told him you might so understand it
if so it would be all right but he must
wait until I could hear from you
he said he had made arrangements for the money
& it would be a damage to him not to
have it I told ^{him} I would close it with him
by paying him the same rate per Acre that
you agreed to pay him whole Anti² to a little
over \$2000 he said he then would sell the land
under \$2000 the matter stood in that way for three or four

days he fairly agreed to take my offer
& I paid him the money with the enclosed
that it is to be the end of it unless you
see proper to pay him according to his ancient
standing of the matter I told him that I feared
you would rather do that or deed him back
the land on his paying you back the
money the deed is recorded

I was that time I have bought for you 20 acres
of land on the west side of the river for which
I agreed to pay \$70 per acre in 90 days the
purchase is a good one I consider it so good
that I am willing to take one half of it
should you not wish to take the whole
I shall take the land in your name
& apply the balance of the facts in my hands belonging
to you & draw on you for the balance at my
60 days date I should have written you
before had I not supposed you would
not have rec^d the letter until you returned
to Washington I have no news of note
to write you Every thing is going on
well here please present my best regards
to Mrs D I remain very respectfully
Ever Old Serv^t
Thos - Davis

Miss Abigail

My dear sister I have the honor to receive your letter of the 10th inst. and am glad to hear that you are feeling better. I am well and hope to hear from you again soon.

I have been thinking of you very much lately and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I am well and hope to hear from you again soon.

I have been thinking of you very much lately and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I am well and hope to hear from you again soon.

I am, dear sister, very respectfully,
Your affectionate brother,
John D. Williams

Baldwin 6th Dec. 1847

Dear Sir

I have recommended ^{you} in as strong terms as I could use to the Secretary of War for the office of Surgeon in the Army, and sincerely solicited your appointment. I know not what effect it will have: but one thing is certain; I have gratified my heart in doing all the good I could for you.

I presume, there are many applicants; so that a person must be strongly recommended before he can expect to receive an appointment.

I would advise you to write your members in Congress. These appointments all go thro' their hands. If Ledges, Dangle and Bruce would take your case into hands they could get it thro'.

Dr. Thos. S. Dorey.

Your friend
Isidore Taylor



D. Thomas S. Dory
Galena
Illinois



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New York, Decemb^r 17th 1847.

Am. S. A. Douglass,

Senate of the United States,

Washington.

Dear Sir,

As you were pleased to express a favorable opinion of my new work entitled "The Unknown Countries of the East," and that you considered it worthy the patronage of our government, Congress by a liberal Subscription for the use of the members and the various Departments of our government, I am induced to address you on the subject, and to acquaint you that the work is at length completed, and will be put to press so soon as a sufficient number of subscribers can be obtained to defray all incidental expenses, and could be published by the 1st of March next.

With the view of rendering it as accurate and comprehensive as possible, and of availing of the latest information respecting the various countries described

~~countries described therein~~, - under date of the 1st Oct. last
I addressed about 480 copies of the enclosed foreign prospectus
and circular, to our Ministers and Consuls in Great Britain,
France, Holland, Germany, Sweden, Denmark, Russia, Spain,
Portugal, Italy, Prussia, Norway &c. and through them to the
Oriental, Asiatic, Geographical, Scientific, Missionary and
Societies in Europe, - including also the Chiefs of
the Admiralty, Indian House, House of Lords and House of
Commons, in England, and the Ministers of Commerce
in France and Spain, - soliciting information, suggestions,
and contributions to the work under its respective heads,
and the use of the latest charts, surveys and explorations
of the Coast and Seas of Eastern Africa, Asia &c.

One of the European governments, and several of
the foreign Societies, have already promptly responded to
my request, placing at my disposal a mass of new
and highly valuable material, geographical and commer-
cial information and statistics. - Further contributions are
promised and expected from various quarters by the next
steamer, which will enable me to make the work

more useful and valuable than any other of the kind
ever before published. I have secured the services of Prof.
Turner, one of our most distinguished oriental scholars, to
revise it for the press, and correct the proofsheets.

With such valuable materials at hand, I am now
diligently engaged in preparing a series of charts, maps
and wood engravings, the whole to be executed in the best
style, creditable to our American typography and engraving,
and worthy, I shall trust, of the liberal patronage of our
government. This will be attended with no other ex-
pense of about \$1500, and increase the cost of the work
to \$6 per copy in number, for bound \$6.50, extra or
fancy binding in calf, or morocco gilt, for presentation
copies, made out from \$1 to \$2.50 per copy, according
to the style of finish.

Under these circumstances, and in view of the
importance of such a work to members of Congress as
the basis of intelligent legislation, on our expanding
Oriental Commerce, and new relations with the East,
and of its great practical utility in the State, during

our Navy Department, and to all persons employed in
those different branches of the public service;— Should Congress
may be induced to subscribe for at least 1500 copies,
and by your aid and your efforts to promote a subscription
for that is a large number, so as to justify my pressing it
to press without further delay. — A copy of the American
prospectus has been addressed to each member of Congress.

In this connection I consider it highly important that
some early action be taken by Congress in reference to the
Mission to the East, proposed in my letter to Mr Bow-
doin, printed among the House Documents of the last
Session.

In May 1846, I forwarded to Mr S. a
Memorial signed by the principal Merchants of the
city, in the Indian and Chinese trade, in favor of such
a mission; it was ^{presented} and referred to the Committee
on Foreign Affairs. You would greatly oblige me by calling the
attention of our worthy friend Mr S. to the chairman of
that Committee, to the subject. — I have written to Mr Adams
of the H. Reps. by this days mail requesting my aid, and awaiting
the result of your joint efforts to promote the desired legislation
by Congress, ever,
With great respect Dear Sir,

Yours Most Affly Servt.

Samuel A. Felton

Peoria, Ills. Dec. 19th / 47

Hon Sir

In your letter to me sometime during the sitting of the Congress of 1842, or 1843, you stated that it was out of your power to serve me in getting a "Midshipmans Warrant," but would exert your influence in my favor when you could serve me in any way. The Presidents Message has been just received in this City, & in it he recommends an increase of the forces in the field of operations in "Mexico."

What I wish for, is to get a Lieutenants Commission or something equivalent. We have endeavored to raise Volunteer Companies in this City, but the first one was not raised in time, so ^{it} was disbanded & since that time our efforts have been unavailing to get me up.

If you cannot procure for me a Lt's Commission I will accept of any other appointment not incompatible &c.

I am, I suppose to ^{be} ²³ years of age in the capacity of "Midshipman" and therefore would serve with the Land forces if I can get an appointment. I have ~~been~~ read Law and commenced practice since I applied to you, but as I informed you at ^{that} time I always preferred a Sea life. I shall await something from you in some shape, with anxiety. And in Interim please send me ~~publications~~ such Documents as you may think will interest me.

Very respectfully yours,
Hon S. A. Douglas }
U. S. Senator } George S. Blakesley

George S. Blakes

Beardstam Dec 13th 1847

Dear Sir

Since I last wrote to you, I have received the Presidents message, and see that he has recommended an increase in the Regular Army, to serve during the war, should you feel convinced that a bill to that effect will be passed soon during the session, and there by you could secure me a first Lieutenantcy, would it not be advisable for me to wait, and not accept a second, second, Lieut.^y even if it could be got.

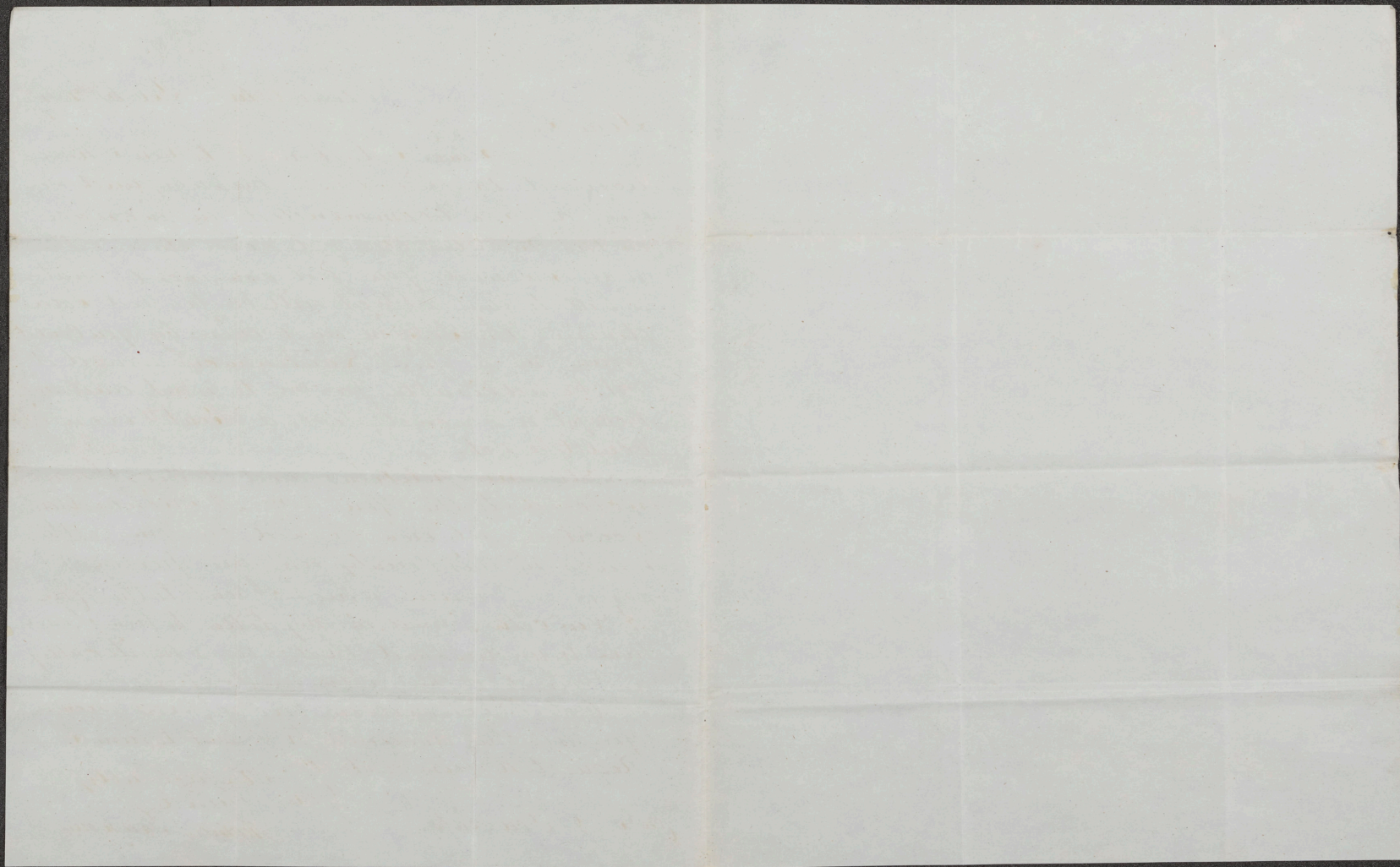
All my petitions and letters I have enclosed to the Hon^{ble} Wm A Richardson except, a petition signed by some of the whigs in this County who are personal friends of mine, which I sent to the Hon A. Lincoln, and in my letter to him I gave him to understand that I was politically a friend of the administration.

Cot. Richardson, I hope, has shewn you all the documents I sent to him, I requested him so to do.

Respectfully
Your friend
Thomas Graham

Wm G. A. Douglass.

Mr. Graham



Quincy Dec 15-1844

Hon S. A. Douglass

My dear Sir,

You are doubtless now fairly
under way at Washington & no doubt have plenty to
engage your attention - but may I ask of you as a
favor, to examine some letters for the one I sent to
you, a year ago last winter, in reference to some laws
entered a second time -

Please write me as soon as some
convenience will allow you to do so, after looking
up the letters & documents -

Your friend & all well in
Quincy - My respects to Mrs. D. & believe
me -

Very Truly
John Wilson



FREE

Hon. S. A. Douglass
(U. S. Senator)
Washington City

S. Wilson

