

(Private)

St. Louis, April 8th. 1848

Hon. S. A. Douglass,

Dear Sir: Since I last wrote to you St. Louis has slain Taylorism, and our State Convention has acted. Judge King was my first choice for Governor in 1844, and he will carry this State triumphantly. The Missouri Delegation to Baltimore will vote, I feel pretty sure, for "Woodbury and Butler" on the first ballot, and as long as is necessary. They are uninstructed, but a consultation among most of them has satisfied me of the result. I shall go to Baltimore, and probably be required to fill a vacancy, as one of the Delegates can't attend, and I am an alternate. I have received an answer to my inquiries about the Iowa Delegates, and they go for "Woodbury and Butler." Thus two of the extreme Democratic States of the Great West will stand together in that controversy. You know more

of Illinois than I do, but the disturbance created by Wentworth can be silenced, I suppose, by Woodbury's nomination. I cannot avoid believing that, however much gratified I should be at the election of Cass, his nomination would endanger our success in the Union. I can have possession of fuller data than I have, but as at present advised, I think good policy suggests Woodbury. Jerney writes to me that Cass can carry Ohio, and that no other Democrat can carry it; but others write that Woodbury can get 10,000 more votes than Cass in such a state of contradictions, no one knows what to believe.

I rejoice that you went against the Fiest treaty. That accursed thing has silenced much of our thunder. But more than all, it was an outrage that ought never to have been countenanced a moment.

I shall attend the Illinois State Convention, and see how the suckers act. It would afford me great pleasure to hear from you immediately, however, on the

Presidential question, and as to the course we ought to take with the Barnburners at Baltimore. It will be necessary for me to train our Delegation on the road. The Missouri and Iowa Exchanges will leave St. Louis together, probably on the second Monday of May. We shall invite the Illinois Delegates to accompany us. It is important, therefore, that I should have all the data possible, at an early day.

The vote of Cass for the Fiest treaty and his unfortunate work eulogistic of Louis Philippe and his Court, will alienate thousands in this part of the country. Now, while the heart is stirred by the great events in Europe, Cass' work will be used with great effect against us. It will be difficult to make the boys go for the treaty, especially when the injunction is removed, which may be done a few months before the election.

Yours truly
Wm. Treat

1848



Hon. S. A. Douglass
U. S. Senate
Washington City
D. C.



Chicago April 10th 1848

Dear Sir

Our Judicial convention comes off on Wednesday of this week at Kalamazoo - for the nomination of Delegate for Baltimore convention & for Presidential Election - Doct^r Beaman will probably be our Delegate - He is a Resident of this City a professor in our Medical College a good speaker & one in every way qualified to Echo the wishes of his constituency - in politics he is a Radical Democrat & opposed to the extension of slavery in territory now free - while he is ready to protest against intromitting with the peculiar institution when it legally exists. Some of us have been thinking of instructing him to cast his first vote for you as well as to use his best endeavor to procure your nomination, if this move should be agreeable to any of the prominent members from ^{the adjacent counties} I will present such instructions ^{for the consideration of this convention} - Your course as Senator satisfies us - & we know of no good reason why we should not present a candidate to the Baltimore convention. If unwavering Democracy with huge majorities count any thing we "ie" Illinois should be entitled to the next Presidency.

A series of petty intrigues have recently transpired here that had for their object

the ~~(appeal)~~ expression of opinions adverse
to the wishes of this community - such as sustaining
the President in his Harbor & River improvement
Veto, this, with the movers of it here have been
extinguished. Our (the Democratic) party is stronger
than ever, & more harmonious than I have known
it for years - of course I mean Cook county, Democratic
~~County~~ Party.

Abentworth will certainly be renominated
unless some new issue be made, which is now
not thought of - Every attempt made by his
opponents has brought him new strength,
& although his prospects 2 months since were
exceedingly dubious, since certain intrigues
have run the light - He has gained in strength
daily - & I now do not know when he will
meet opposition except in Wisconsin.

Respy Yours

E. J. Kimbely M.D.

Hon. S. A. Douglass

P.S. we think that the Senate should have asked
for more territory - in the treaty with Mexico - certainly
down as far as the chain of mountains below
Monting - Please send me occasionally any
of the Public Documents, &c.

Chicago April 16th 1848,

Dear Sir

I advised you a few days since that Doct Braintree would be the nominee of the Convention (Judicial) for Delegate to Baltimore Convention — also that I would offer a Resolution instructing our said Delegate to propose you as a candidate for the presidency

In proposing this to the prominent members of the Convention I ^{am} happy to say that (Viva voce) it met their approbation — but as you had not been consulted in the matter it was considered to be more prudent, for your interest, for us to avoid ^{placing you} prematurely before the Convention as, besides it might be taking a step that you might at present be disposed to consider a prudent one, Doct. B. you will find a man of sagacity, & one who will be wary & prudent in his course, & one who is a great friend of yours, & disposed to vote you if only for the purpose of placing you before the people 4 years hence

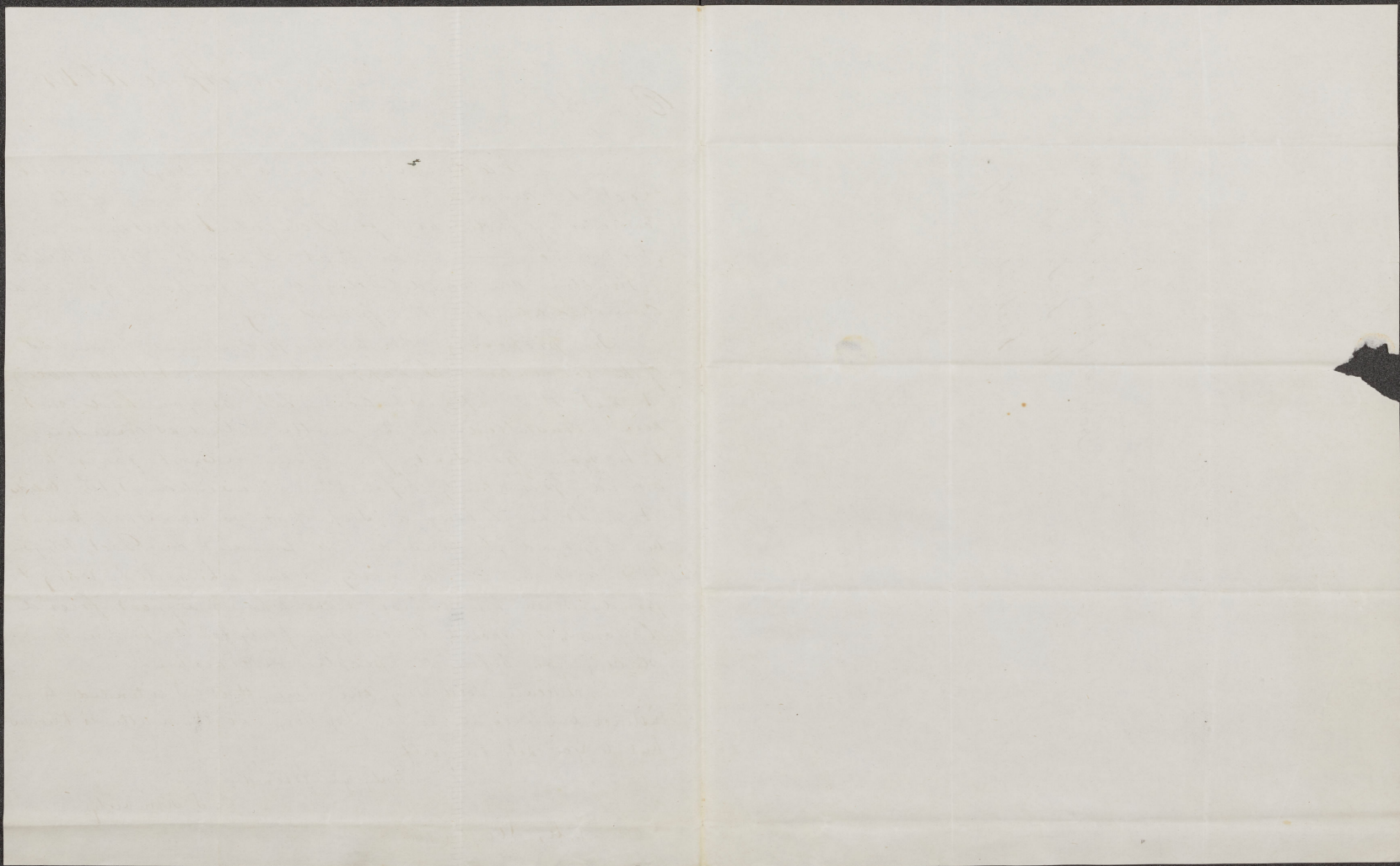
I never told any one here that I intended to instruct our Delegate to vote for you so the matter is known but to yourself & myself

Truly yr friend

E. S. Kimbrel

Hon S. A. Snyglass

Hon Stephen A Douglass
U. S. Senate
Washington City



Hon. Stephen A. Douglass

Apr 20, 1848

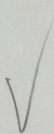
My dear Judge - Mr. Jos. W. Bluck, of Mountgomery county, in this State, is recommended for an appointment as Assessor in the Revenue Service - and his relations ^{in Illinois}, some of your most active and intelligent constituents, and party-friends will ask you to interfere in his behalf. In addition to this, I take pleasure in saying that I know Mr. Bluck to be a very worthy, intelligent, and active Democrat, and that he is warmly beloved by our most influential friends. I need not add that I should feel personally obliged, if you would give him your powerful support with Mr. McKend.

Yours Truly
J. W. Ross

Phila. April 20, 1848.
Pennsylvania Office



Mr. Stephen A. Douglass
Sent on
Washington



My dear friend,
I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and am
glad to hear from you. I am well and hope this
letter finds you the same. I have been thinking
much of late about the future of our country and
the state of the Union. I feel that we are in a
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Bayetville et. C. April 32nd 48

Hon. S. A. Long

Dear Sir.

The very pleasant
interview which I had with you last week at Raleigh
and your kind offer to send me certain speeches delivered
by yourself and others in the House and the Senate,
will, I hope, be a sufficient apology for my troubling
you at this time. Our Senators, as you know, are both
Whigs and it is seldom that I am so fortunate as
to receive anything from them. The speeches which I
desire to procure have not been published in extenso
in the "Union" and I wish to have them in pamphlet
form in order that I may use them with greater
facility. I will be greatly obliged to you for
copies of the following if you can get them without
trouble— Your House speech on the War in May '46

Do Senate Do at this Session—

Wier's speech on the War—

Reverdy Johnson— Do—

and some good speech on the "California Expedition" (Benton's bill)

Let me request you not to give yourself any trouble
about this matter— if the speeches can be easily procured
I will be greatly obliged to you for them as well as
any others that may be useful in the coming Campaign.

Your speech last week "stirred my blood" and
I am preparing for the Campaign.

The last "pronunciamento" from "Chetland" has
created considerable sensation here among the Whigs,
most of whom had avowed their preference for Gen.
Taylor. Some stress that the Gen.'s last letter is
a forgery - others swear that they will hold to the
Gen.'s ~~letter~~^{yet} - while others still - have suddenly
countermanded and reversed their position - remarking
with cool impudence - "that things have wonderfully
changed in the last three months".

Has it come to this - that the proud, uncompromising
Henry Clay, "the great embodiment" is willing
now to proclaim himself "available"?

Save me from my friends! This "available" is
"the unkindest cut of all."

You may rely upon it, my dear Sir, your Raleigh
speech has been felt and will be felt in our state.

I am, dear Sir with the highest
regard and respect

Yours truly,
J. G. Heyward.



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Hon. S. C. Cong. Cass
(of the Senate)
Washington City
D.C.

J. F. Schuyler
April 22nd
1878.



Newark Kendall County Ills.

April 23rd 1848.

To Judge Douglass Congessman.

Dear Sir

We have been Requested
by our Brother Joseph M. Blacky To write you a Letter.
who at Present Resides at Mitterong Chettenham Township
Montgomery Count^y Pennsylvania in Reference to obtaining
your Own influence, and also all that you can bring to bare
advantageous by from others upon the Subject. if the object
our Brother is in pursuit of Requires it.

Which is a Commission in the Revenue Service of the U. States.

With our best wishes
in Respect to the Brother obtaining a Commission in the Service
could have any weight with Judge Douglass. Let us inform
him that all assistance rendered unto our Brother now Residing
in Pennsylvania. We would Respectfully acknowledge the Same
and be most thankful for it. Our Brother wishes us to inform you
Positively that the Names attached below, will work for him constantly,
until he Receives his Commission.

John W Torrey

Charles Brown

Charles J. Ingersoll

James Buchanan,

&c

Chas. A. & Jacob P. Blacky
Merchant Mill

Newark Kendall

Count^y Illinois.

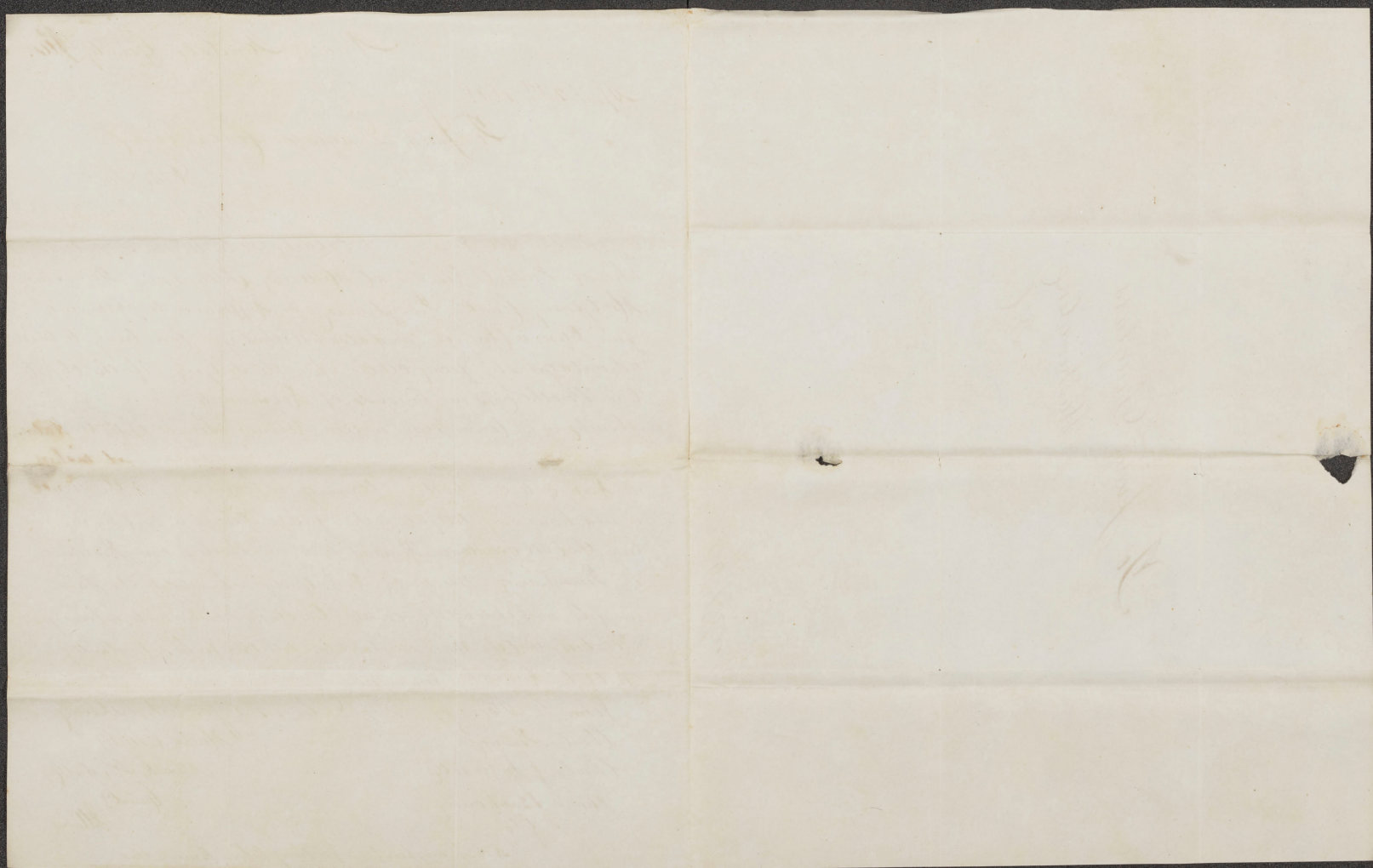
"As you may hear from J. W. Torrey before receiving this."

Newark Ill
April 2nd

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To Judge Douglass
Washington
D.C.

Wm Lloyd Garrison



Springfield 25 Apl. 1848.

My dear Sir,

Herewith enclosed you will receive
a power of Atty. authorizing you to procure a draft
for the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars from the U. States to this State
for 1847. Will you have the kindness to attend to
this as early as possible I wish the draft drawn
on N. York, or we wish to use it there, immediately.
All the proceedings of the Convention passed off
very pleasantly and harmoniously.

Yours Friend
Aug. French

Be sure to get the draft on New York

Unrecorded & the
Capt. Hensmiller
May 15th 1848

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Springside April 25/48

My Dear friend

I write you from the body of
the Convention - They have instructions for General
Carp. He has had a decided majority - Next
to him Levi Woodbury no instruction for
Miss Perry French &c. The others I do not
know - the man now is - My reception was
most enthusiastic - All is right. I do
want the Great Spirit it will be con-
comant. There seems to be but one feeling
your old friends are enthusiastic. I mean
to day. On my way to N. C. I have
given you a magnificent meeting - All
the feelings I apprehended of jealousy and
was from all of them. - I will
soon write again - Give my best wishes
to your family.

Your friend

Wm. D. Smith

How Stephen A. Douglass

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Washington

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