

Wm. L. Sir

Montreal, Cana. Decr. 2nd 1857.

you recollect that Congress passed a law granting so much land to soldiers engaged in the Mexican War. 100. acres was given to those who only served one month and those who served six months received the same, since ^{that} Congress passed a law granting land to those who served in the War of 1812. But it appears by that Law or Act injustice was done to those who served in the War against Great Britain. For those who served six months in that War received but 80. acres and those who served for a less term or period received but 40. acres. Those gray headed men who are but few in number at present, should surely receive as much as those who served in the Mexican War. For they have waited near forty years. This would be nothing more than Justice and equity, and Congress should so amend that law - that they should receive the same. at an early day of the Session. Perhaps it was an oversight at the last Session. I have heard much Complaint from those gray headed men, for say they, it would cost them more to locate 40. acres of land than it was worth after being located, and there is no member in the Senate of the United States, who has more influence than you Honor, which is the reason of my addressing you, wishing that you may receive the nomination for the next President.

Yours with great Respect &c.
William Anderson

To Mr. Stephen A. Douglas
U. S. Senate.
Washington.
D.C.

Forw'd by carrier to address 1812
from a house of A. M. M. M.

Anderson, Minn.
Mt. Rose, lower, 2000 ft.

London, 10th Nov. 1841.

My dear Sir,
I have the pleasure to inform you that the
first volume of the "History of the County of
Gloucester" is now in the hands of the
press, and will be ready for publication
in a few days. It is a work of some
length, but I trust it will be found
interesting and useful. I have the
honour to be, Sir, your obedient
servant,
J. G. Nichols

Received of the
County of Gloucester
the sum of
£ 100 0 0
for the purchase of
the first volume of
the "History of the
County of Gloucester"
this 10th day of
November 1841.
J. G. Nichols

Morris, Grundy Co. Illinois
December 4. 1857.

Dear Sir,

I should be pleased, to be remembered when you are distributing your public documents. The Census Statistics and the Report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the Imports and Exports of the United States, would be particularly acceptable.

In making these requests I beg leave to be excused, because I am to you a stranger, and I am also a stranger in the State. I came from Ohio, in May last. In the Presidential campaign of 1840, in connexion with Moses Dawson, we published the only Democratic paper in Cincinnati; after our sale of the office to the Whigs I retired from the press, but I still retain my political feelings, and when next fall comes I anticipate doing service again in the cause either for John Stowen, or some other good Democrat. My desire to read the proceedings in Congress and the public documents has not abated. Any attention to me will be fully appreciated.

Yours very respectfully

Geo. Fisher,

To Hon. S. A. Douglas.

Fisher George

4 Dec. 57.

Doc^t. wanted.

Sent

Portland Me Dec 14th 1851

Hon S A Douglass
Sir,

Any favors in the way of Public Documents, speeches, and Congressional proceedings, will be gladly received and appreciated by myself. Though personally a stranger to you I have taken the liberty to address you in this manner, as you are not a stranger to the Democratic Party in this part of the country.

Yours truly
Charles B. Merrill

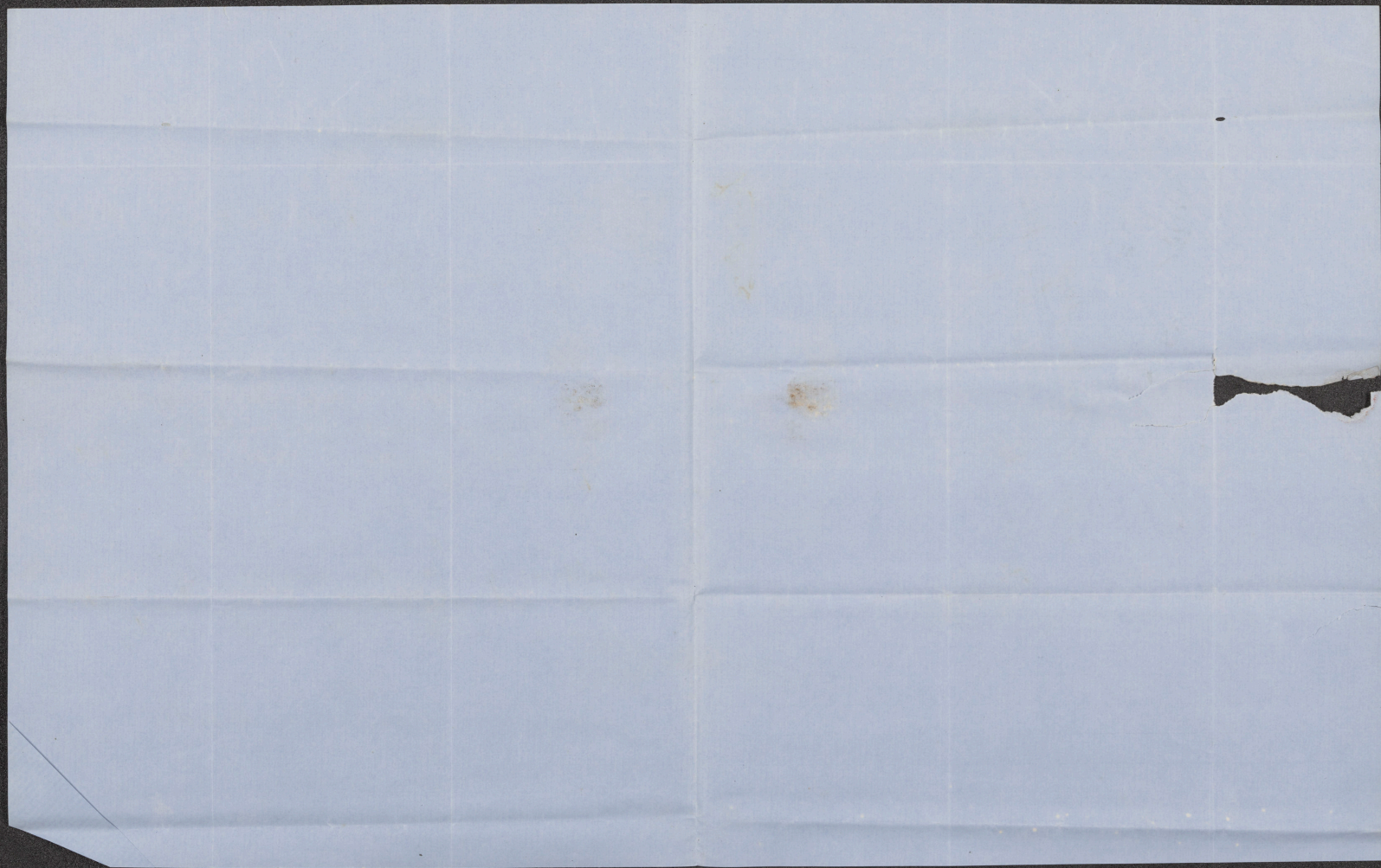
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Hon S. A. Longlap
U.S. Senate. Washington
D. C.



Dec 15
1876
Sent



Lanc Praisie Dec 4th 1837

Dear Sir

I take the liberty to write you a few lines for the purpose of asking you to send me some Pub. Doc. to read. I am confined to my Room with the Rheumatism and the Doc. says that I will be untill warm weather comes. I want the documents to read to keep me alive.

I am in hopes you will be able to keep your friends within bounds, so that the whole field will not get against you. I want to see you the Chair of all, and then all will be well.

If there is any one that you would prefer as a Delegate from up this way, if you will let me know who it is I will do all I can for him. You can speak to me plain and in the square. Any thing that is necessary will be as secret as in your own breast. I believe a good deal will depend on the prudence and discretion of the Delegates from this State. All looks well now. And I am almost ready to Hallow Hush for Doug. I will wait a little while I cant lang. I am in hopes that you will be able to do something this winter for the Registers & Recorders in the land Massent line. write an Ad.
To Hon. S. A. Douglas yours Respectfully Wm. J. Brown

Jackson, Wm M.

4 Dec 57.

Recd. wanted.

Charleston, Ill., Dec. 6, 1854.

Hon. S. A. Douglass, M. S. S.

Dear Sir You will pardon the liberty I assume in addressing one who is personally a stranger to me, and I to you. But as a Public man and a Statesman your name is familiar to every man, woman and child throughout the length and breadth of this vast Republic—one whose name is ranked with the tallest of the age. But pardon this digression. My object in addressing you is to ascertain if you would be so kind as to loan me \$100 or even \$50 to enable me to replenish my printing office. I am too poor, and our Democratic friends in this region are not full handed enough to do much. The Whig press in this place is backed by the wealth of the community, and are now fitting up their concern for a big fight in the coming Presidential contest, and I wish to be enabled to hold my own with them. The signs of the times point strongly to you as certainly being our next Presidential Standard Bearer, and God send it may be so. In that

event I want the Walash Valley to give
a good account of herself. I believe
that we can roll up for you 60,000 maj.
in the Sucker State. As soon as I get
to work, which will be about the first of
January, and possibly before, I wish you,
if disposed to write any articles confiden-
tially, concerning yourself, which shall
be attended to in the strictest confi-
dence. I will father them as editor-
ial. In that event, much good might
be accomplished in Indiana and else-
where. However, you must be the judge
of this matter.

In regard to the other matter I
spoke of, if you can do anything for
me I shall esteem it a great favor.
I do not ask it as a gratuity—no, Sir, far
above that I only ask it to give me a
start here. Whatever the amount is, when
recd. my note shall be forwarded gratis.

Wm. C. B. Ficklin can give you all the
information you want if any—concerning
me. W. S. Lotshaw has withdrawn from
the press and is going elsewhere to locate.

I am respectfully yours,

J. J. Brown;

P.S. Pardon errors, &c.



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

Dec 1
Am
Jno F. Brown
Charleston

Wauville Indiana

December 6th 1851

Dear Sir

- I have just returned from Indianapolis, where I have been the last month, in attendance on the U S Tals, and Supreme Courts, which have been holding their sessions there - I went up a week before, to attend the "Lane Dinner" the Genl being a neighbor and friend of mine - and for his services rendered the Country in the late Mexican War, I felt every disposition to do him all possible honor - on that occasion he behaved nobly and well - and for his patriotic defence of the Indiana troops, at a time when the general opinion of the Country, induced by the report of Genl Taylor, was violently against them - he deserves and should receive from our State great credit. He placed ~~in~~ the matter in its true light - and for this was decimated by the Taylor administration - His whole desire and wish I know so far as he is concerned, is to have justice done him by a democratic administration when it comes into power, by reinstating him, in his former position, as Genl in Chief of the Oregon

Turney, which he intends to make his permanent residence - and which would be but a sheer act of justice, when such an administration comes into power, which I have no doubt will be the case on the 4th of March 1853 - I have never taken part in any of the proceedings of our party here, in bringing forward Gen Lane for the Presidency, and I may add with truth and sincerity, that he has taken no part in it himself - The position in which he has been placed has been one, not of his own seeking - and I have every reason to believe, it is one which he regrets - But as he is now situated, there is but one course for him to pursue, and that is - to remain perfectly inactive - leaving it to those who have forced his present position upon him, without consultation, to act in the matter as they deem right - and leaving it to time and events to settle his nomination by an State Convention which meets on the 22^d of February, as may be deemed politic or impolitic by that Convention, on looking over the whole ground, the present imperfection is - that they have so far committed themselves, that they will be forced to give him a complimentary vote, leaving our delegation at the Baltimore Convention after having done so, to act in the question as they deem right, unhampered by any further instructions -

Should this be the case - and I have the best reasons in the world for believing it will be - at least judging from the present state of feeling at the State of Government among our leading politicians - I have not a particle of doubt - that the vote of Indiana will be given to yourself as our second choice - You have been my first choice ever since your name has been presented to the American people - as a candidate for the first office in their gift - and six months since, I suggested to our leading political friends in Ohio, in Indiana - and Illinois in the cause of a correspondence with them - the policy and propriety of raising your standard in these great States - a policy vividly at first viewed with alarm and distrust - is beginning here at least to be considered as the course - and I have been perfectly surprised at the change, which in six months has been going on in this State - our leading men in various parts of the State - and with whom I have had free and intimate exchanges of opinion, within the last month - are daily coming over to my side of the question, and I do not hesitate in saying that now - with Lane out of the question - you are decidedly the first choice of our people - and that after the complimentary vote to Lane, our whole delegation at Baltimore will go for you

The only fear I have in the matter is - that from the
indirection of your friends - you may be presented too
prominently before the Country, in the first instance, and
thus becoming the subject of jealousy and slanders to
the other prominent candidates - they may combine their
forces to defeat you - This should be strictly guarded
against - The individual whoever he may be, who comes
before the National Convention, with the greatest strength
of the party at first - provided all the names now spoken
of go before that Convention are presented - and each has,
as he would have some friends there, is the least likely,
to be ultimately elected - Things are cracking well now
Let the friends of each candidate present his name - Let
this if she please give her first vote to my old friend
Allen - Indiana to Lane - Ill in in to myself - Michigan
Michigan to Cop. Pennsylvania to Buchanan - and so with the
prominent candidates of the party - one - two - or three votes - giving
them one choice out of the question - on whom would they naturally
centre? Can there be a doubt - that on the final struggle the
States now composing the old North Western Territory - would certainly
go for you - The States long disposed of, for whom these States had
first voted - I think not - What States in the Union are more
Conservative than our own? If a candidate from a free State
must be selected by the Slave States - Who more likely to com-
mand their votes than one from the North Western States? In all
questions deeply affecting them "peculiar institutions" we
have done them justice - What States have lived up to the com-
- promises of the Constitution, more strictly than ours? Let
the late majority of upwards of 90,000 majority in Indiana

on the separate clause of our new constitution, submitted
to the vote of the people on the first Monday of October
last, "excluding free negroes from the State" answer the
question - I doubt whether such a majority - on such a
question, submitted directly to the people, could be obtained
in any other State of the Union - and the influence of this
vote, and of the ^{passionate} feelings which prompted it - are
I have no doubt duly appreciated in my State South
of the Potomac - A leading man - and one of the most
prominent of the Whig party in Kentucky - observed to me
shortly after the vote was published - "That he was a strong
party man - a slave holder - and that he would sooner
give his vote for any prominent democrat, qualified
for the office of Governor, living in Indiana - than to any
Whig candidate in New England" I mention this
as an evidence of the good feeling towards us in a Slave State.

But I have spun out the letter to a most
unconscionable length. and will conclude by saying
that with my best wishes for your Success I am truly

Yours friend

Wm. A. Douglass

Yours

L. A. Douglass

Sarat.

John Law
Evansville

6th Dec 51

Filmore Oth Dec 8th /57
Hon Stephen A Douglas

Dear Sir
You will please send me public
documents and oblige your humble
servant

Arthur McGirr

McGirr, Arthur

8 Dec. 51.

Publ. Doc. wanted.

sent

Lachport Wm Co Ill
8 Dec 1851

Sir

I have feel under additional obligations to you
for any Congressional Documents you will
send me during the present session

Yours Truly

Wm Norton

Attn

S. A. Lloyd
Washington

Norton, Hiram
S. Reed. 31.

Doc.^r wanted.

Sent

Springfield Ill. Dec. 8th 1857
Hon S. A. Douglass
U. S. Senate
Sir.

Permit me to avail myself of the permission you granted me something more than a year ago to ask to be remembered in your distributions of the President's message and "accompanying documents,"— if it will not be putting you to too great inconvenience I shall be exceedingly obliged by receiving any favor of the kind you may feel disposed to grant.

Hoping that your efforts and those of your distinguished fellow-laborers in the Senate may be crowned this Congress with the same signal success that marked your efforts of the last session to promote and perpetuate the ~~happiness~~ and integrity of the Union—and that they may add, if possible, as greatly to your good name

I remain

Yours truly

J. J. Know

Ed. "Albion" man
of the "Illinoisan".

FREE



Hon. S. A. Douglass

U. S. Senate

Washington
D. C.

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Chas. A. & "Munroe"
Springfield, Ill. 8 Dec. 51.

Hon^{ble} J. C. Spencer
 Springfield, Mass.

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,
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Meriden, N.Y.

Dec 8/51

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
Sir

I am
induced to apply to Your courtesy
for Public Documents & should
You do me the kindness to put me
on your list of donors I will even
feel myself bound to return you any
favor in my power & should it not
be convenient for you I am nevertheless
your friend but a favor of this
kind would be received with much
gratitude.

My P.O. address is as above
but this letter will be mailed at Elmira

Yours With Fidelity

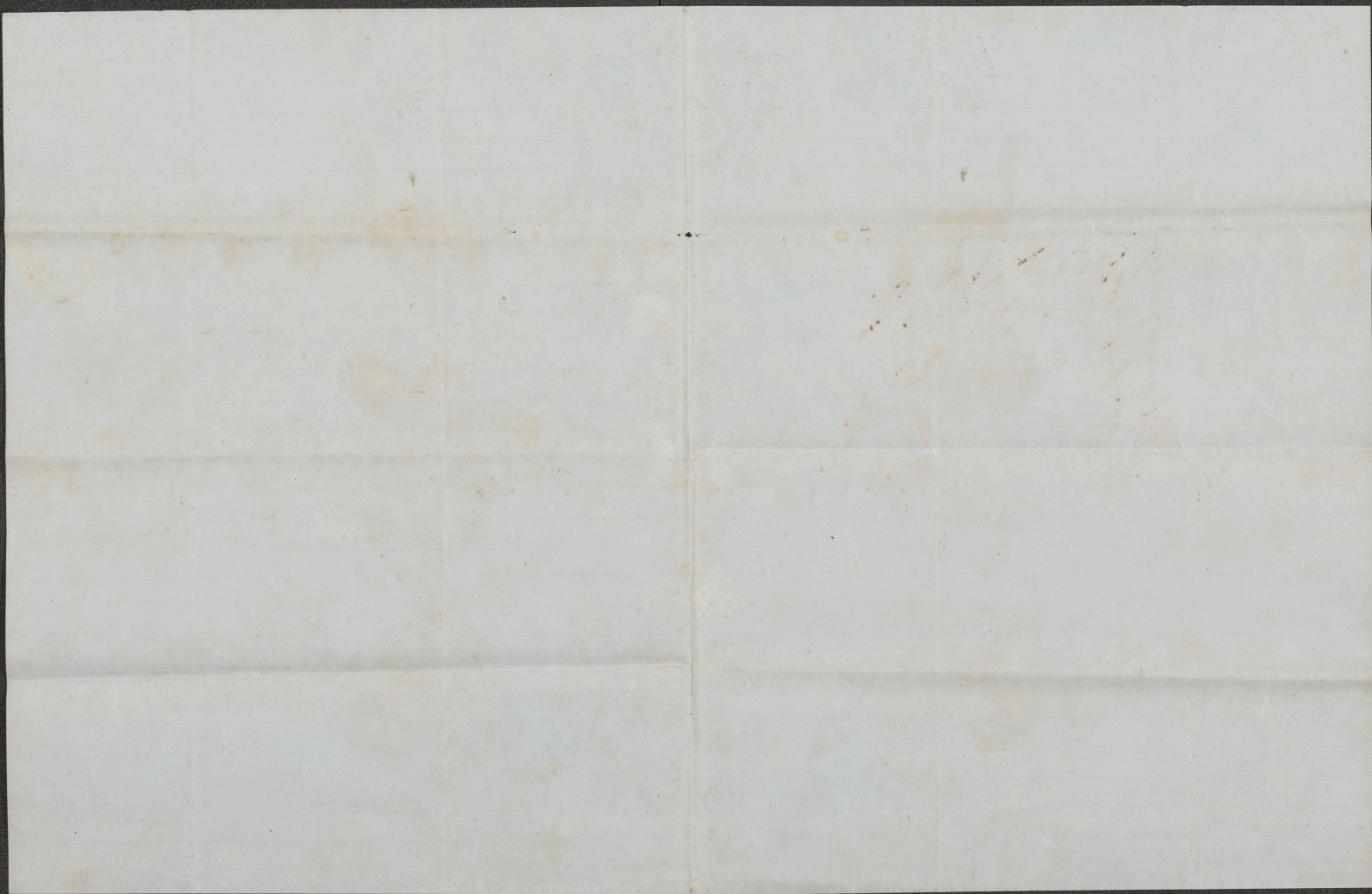
T. B. Dimby

P.S.

I would like a copy of the late coast survey
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Chis.
Koss.
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Pat. Rep. 50
Coast Surv. Rep

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Canandaigua Dec 9th 1851

Hon Stephen A. Douglass

My Dear Sir,

When you were here you promised to favour me with some Pub. Docs. as I have as yet received none I trust you will not forget me in future.

I have a friend here, Mr John H. Morse, to whom, I should be glad to have you send now & then one. My respects to your Lady

Most Respectfully Yours
John A. Royden

Bogden, Geo. A.

9 Dec. 57.

Canandaigua, N.Y.

Doc. L. 1848.

also to

John H. Morse

Sent