

March 9<sup>th</sup> 1852

State of Illinois Mason County Illinois

Hon<sup>ble</sup> S. A. Douglass

Sir having a little business at Washington and having no other acquaintance there in whom I can confide I take the liberty to address you a few lines with the request that you will <sup>make</sup> some enquiry into for me and inform me of the result if your time is is not too much engrossed by other more important business — Something more than one year ago I forwarded to the pension office at Washington an application for a land Warrant my claims were as follows in the year (1812) I volunteered under a law of Congress authorizing the president to raise a certain number of volunteers for the service for twelve months you are doubtless acquainted with the law, the company to which I belonged was raised in Smith County State of Tennessee the company was commanded by Captain Brice Martin I belonged to the first Regiment Commanded by W<sup>m</sup> Hall Edward Bradley was the Lieutenant Colonel & Samuel Lauderdale was our Major we rendezvoused at Nashville Tennessee on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 1812 went down the river as far as Hatchez in the Spring of 1813 we returned again to Nashville and was there discharged until further orders in September following we were again called out marched to the Creek Nation of Indians after the two battles of Tallahatchy & Talladega we returned home I think we were discharged the 30<sup>th</sup> December During both Tours we were Commanded by General Jackson as Commander in Chief — Sometime in October or November last I rec<sup>d</sup> a letter from the pension office informing me that the first Tour of duty could not be found there for the last Tour ~~the~~ I was entitled to a Warrant but they suspended the first for further proof & <sup>not</sup> send a Warrant for <sup>any</sup> the last Tour I did not receive a discharge

the reason why we did not was because we were discharged  
in a new Country and a great distance from a printing office  
and that supposing it of much use we did not demand it  
for the first Year of duty I received a Discharge Signed  
by Andrew Jackson Major General — on receiving  
Notice from the pension office I again made further Search  
for my discharge and fortunately found it I immediately  
after taking a Copy of it and having it Witnessed for  
fear of miscarriage enclosed it to the proper office Since  
which I have not heard from it  
now Sir Will You be so kind as to make some enquiry  
at the pension office about my Claim and please request  
them to forward to me whatever I am entitled to receive  
I am desirous to get it before all the land in the State  
is disposed of in Complying with the above request you will  
much oblige an Old friend I am With great Respect  
Your Obedient Servant

John Cooper

Wm<sup>d</sup> L. A. Douglass

John Cooper

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Baltimore March<sup>n</sup> 9 1872.

Dear Sir

The friends of Mr Smith O'Brien and his illustrious companions in exile design to celebrate the 12<sup>th</sup> of March as a national jubilee and as a suitable occasion for the return of the hospitalities which they experienced from their friends in Washington on the occasion of the presentation of their memorial. From the warm sympathy which you manifested on that occasion for the success of our mission we feel great pleasure in placing your name in the list of our ardent friends and we accordingly tender you with the sincerest pleasure an invitation to be present on St Patrick's day at the celebration of Ireland's Patron Saint. The dinner will take place at 5 O'clock ~~PM~~ at the new assembly Rooms, on the corner of Hanover & Lombard streets. Trusting that nothing will occur to prevent you from honoring us with your presence

We remain

Sincerely yours &c

Edward J Phairty

Owen O'Brien

John R McElally

Eugene Cumiskey

James Donnelly

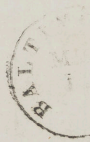
Charles McEgan

T McLaughlin

Patrick Holden

} committee

Yours



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Hon S. A. Douglass  
Washington  
D.C.

Smithsonian Co  
St Albans, Vt  
1852





Madison Co. Ills.

J<sup>no</sup>roy, March 10<sup>th</sup> 1852

Hon J. A Douglass

Sir

Having waited for some time to receive your favours, in the way of Public Documents, with out success, and not being able to assign any other cause for the omission on your part. Other than that you did not know, there was a person in this place such a name with such Expectations. Therefore, as one of the Sovereign people I thought I would not <sup>let</sup> judgment go by default but claim to be heard in my defence, you will therefore, perceive that you will have to assign some other cause hereafter, as the foregoing excuse would not be considered evidence before any Jury in old Madison County, In regard to Politics I would state that I ~~am~~ a Whig. but at the same time I will state that I have stronger attachments to our own love Prairie State, and have felt a great interest in the successful nomination for the next Presidency, But lest I should incur the charge of attempts at Flattery, I must close by subscribing myself, your Obedient Servant

J. W. Reimer

J<sup>no</sup>roy

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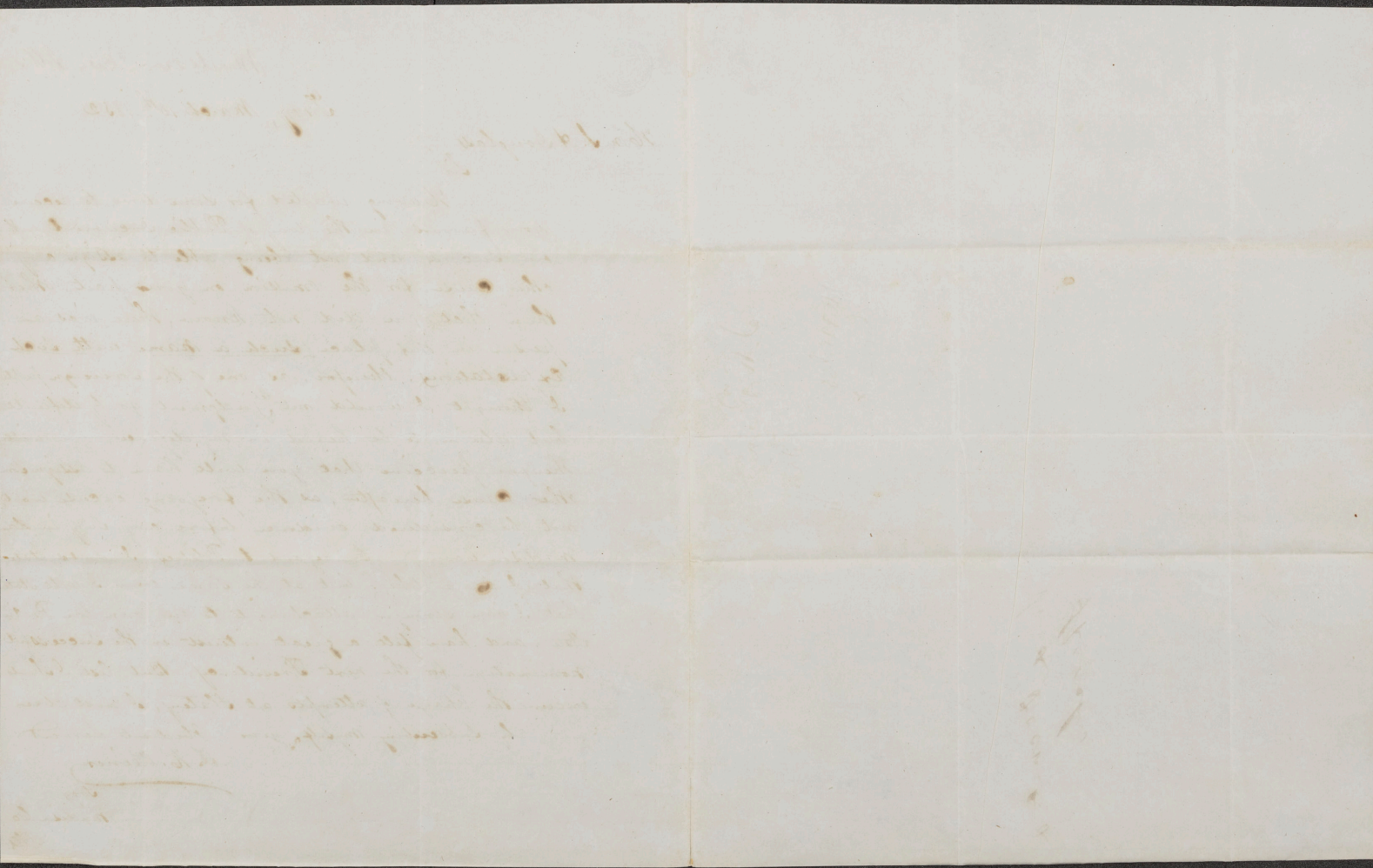
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Chapel Hill Orange Co. N.C. March 10<sup>th</sup>/52

How Stephen A. Douglass

Dear Sir

Please

send me two copies of your speech delivered before the New York Agricultural fair at Rochester and you will very much oblige your most humble and obt servant

Alex. R. Smith

Alex R. Smith  
Chapel Hill

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Mr



Morgan town Va 15<sup>th</sup> March 1882  
To Hon E. A. Douglass  
U S Senator  
from Illinois

Washington City

Dear Sir

You will please  
send me the late Census of  
your State and by so doing -  
you will much oblige an  
admirer of yours &c

Yours Respectfully  
Addison Ruby

Addison Ruby  
Morganston 7<sup>th</sup>

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Ans<sup>d</sup>.



# Maryland Institute,

FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE MECHANIC ARTS.

Baltimore, March 10<sup>th</sup> 1852

At the last meeting of the Board of Managers,  
the following donation made by you to this Institute, was reported as  
having been received, and deposited in the Library — and  
for which I am instructed, to return you the thanks of the Board.

10 Copies of your Address before N.Y. Agricultural  
Society, — & sundry speeches in Senate of the U.S.

Very respectfully  
Yours etc. &c.

Wm. Prescott Smith  
Corresponding Secretary.

Wm. L. A. Douglass.  
Washington.

Maryland Institute  
Baltimore

16<sup>th</sup> March 52

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Cincinnati 10 March 1852.

My dear Sir,

I am one of the Board of Trustees of Miami University, a college near Cincinnati of which I have <sup>been for</sup> a quarter of a century a graduate. Of course I feel great interest in its growth and usefulness. I have been requested to write to any member of Congress I knew, and other Trustees have done the same thing I propose to do. The Institution is well situated & well officered, & doing well; but it is thought could do better with a little public aid added now to its former endowment. It receives only about \$6000. per an from one of the richest townships of land in Ohio, which was let out in parcels long ago on perpetual lease. The rent received was low, & there is no redemption. The college would stand like a tree, if it had its annuity doubled; but it totters.

Now it is understood that Congress will soon cede to the old Western States what public lands yet remain in the Fed Govt. and there is no good reason why something should not mean time be given to the cause of learning. Perhaps no better appropriation of the public property can be found. The cause of the rising generation is all important, and their moral and intellectual interests are paramount.



to any physical claim for canals or railroads. &c.  
So far the general reason, in addition to which  
there are several special, which are thought  
by the Board worth mentioning. First that by  
the fault of Congress, or of some careless "Congress  
steward" University lost her original township  
of land in this County of Hamilton; and was  
compelled to select the present in Baller,  
not worth half so much. Second, that by  
the infatuation of the old board of Trustees the  
lands she did get, & which are intended to be  
leased, were effectually alienated at the start.  
The rent is little in proportion to value, then or  
now; and there is no revaluation clause.  
Third; that the University educated youth, not  
able to pay, for nothing to the amount of the  
\$6000 annuity. The whole case, I believe  
has been set forth in a memorial to Congress.

We are lately advised by a letter from P.P.  
Lovejoy of Dayton that a Bill was about to be  
reported to Congress by a com<sup>tee</sup> of which Felch  
& Ch<sup>s</sup>. Shields, Dodge (Iowa) Underwood &  
Oratt are the other members. If you concur  
with us, please act on those grounds & it will  
not be forgotten. There is a good deal of Young  
America in the Board of Trustees.

It seems that the rivals are again. Young Mr.  
Breckinridge takes the wrong ~~side~~ of course;  
but that is only his own loss, for the telegraph of  
to day says that Mr. Marshall will reply in  
behalf of the people of California. I never knew  
a zealous politician that was worth anything for  
Henry Clay down, except Abe Holt, & Saccobos.  
These gentlemen emigrate any young I have been  
scrupulous water: so has Marshall. ~~Now~~ & I hope  
by transplanting, not ~~being~~ got rid of the follies  
which always stuck to his better Tom, and which  
will inevitably destroy Breckinridge. Ed M.  
has powers equal, if not superior to either; in fact  
he is an extraordinary genius & a gentleman. He  
can't fail in the U.S. I will write to him today.  
It seems that California is all right, which is com-  
fort. As for Baller he can't get his own State & his  
mentally distressing, have alienated all the farmers & people. I send you  
some very proper extracts from the  
progressive month leaders of both parties  
here, the Southerner (Dem) and Atlas (Whig)  
you will see how they regard the Presidency &  
your pretensions to it. This generally thought  
by many that the Tribune is favorable. In  
that respect I may tell you an anecdote, to  
show that Greeley knows who is likely to succeed  
in the contest. I travelled with him from Baller  
to St. V. Spring of 48, on my way to Europe. He talked of  
the Whig candidates. He said my paper supports

Clay and James Taylor; but since he Taylor will be the  
nominee, though I can't of course admit that fully &  
woud not tell you so, if you were not leaving the U.S.  
Next assumed S. B. when we parted of Taylor's nomination  
and election.

You will find S. B. Stoddard's Reply to Brownson  
an excellent Doc of refutation on Slavery, and  
you must do all you can, to keep up with that tide  
for it will buoy or bury us all. He is for you —  
and a very influential young Genl. att. Send  
him, and send Washington McLean. Ch<sup>r</sup> of the  
Dem<sup>o</sup> Ex. Com<sup>ee</sup> of the C<sup>o</sup>. another friend; the Doc<sup>r</sup>

The Dem<sup>o</sup> Review is the ablest periodical now  
in the land, in these grand times; I must not be  
an instant arrested by us. Let it keep straight on  
and it will do all we want in Europe & America.  
Palmerly told me the Art on France for suming us,  
the best he had read for 3 years. Have no fears of  
heart, or jealousies. Let the other candidates have  
theirs, & shew them too. They are to be stirred up,  
and overthrown. That can't be done except by  
doing it. If we stop the course of the Review, we  
do no good to others, and infinite harm to ourselves.  
our element is a fight with all old men & ideas.  
I have promised lately Mr. Reilly to help; I encourage  
him to the utmost perseverance, and audacity. Have  
no fears at all; let the highest hopes & confidence  
Senator Douglas, Very Respectfully W. W. Corry



Wm. Barry  
- Cincinnati

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April 11/73

London

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New Orleans 14<sup>th</sup> March '52.

Dear Sir

I forward you the official proceedings of the Louisiana Convention, presuming that the details will be interesting. My engagements would not permit me to be present. It is understood that as a first choice, 73 of the delegates were in your favor, - 56 for Gen. Caff - and 45 for Mr. Buchanan. As a second choice, your friends would have been about equally divided between the other two candidates named.

Respectfully,  
Yours &c.

V. P. Besancon

Hon. S. A. Douglas  
U. S. Senate

P. Besancon Jr.

New Orleans

11 Dec 52

Ans<sup>r</sup>.



Losalle 11 March 1852

Senator, Douglass  
Washington

Dear Sir

I learn by some  
paper items that there is  
to be a River Male Assoc  
at Peoria in that article  
there is nothing said of convincing  
— y to Losalle. We P. F. have  
always been against this  
place for what cause I know  
not. Certain it is there is  
better water 4 years out of 5  
above Peoria than below if  
I can write why not extend  
the Male Cont. to this point  
where they can soon reach the  
New York Male brought by  
the Rock Island R.R. Road this  
to me a matter of surprise  
that Fink & Co should have so long  
controlled the officers of the Government  
and kept matters to suit their



interest without regard to  
public good. Should the  
male be extended to this place  
it will be necessary for the  
best interest of all concerned  
except ~~think~~ to move  
the distributing office from  
Franklin to Stables to this place  
and to do that a tall there  
will have to be a distinct and  
positive order issued from  
the department or ~~think~~ to  
Masters or Deane will still  
do as they please could the  
male business be done here  
it would save the department  
or contractor much labour &  
trouble beside delays beside  
the convenience afforded to  
the travelling community and  
commercial interest of our River  
Should these questions come  
up before the Department you  
would confer a great favor  
to your numerous friends here  
by attending to the matter  
and the bridge deems it unpropria-  
ry knowing all the facts as you

do to say more on the  
subject Hoping to hear from  
you soon I remain  
Yours &c

Isaac Hardy

PS Lorall grows like  
wildfire and we have  
discovered and are now  
working as good a coal  
roam as is on earth of the  
Bituminous kind

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Isaac Hardy  
Susalle

11<sup>th</sup> Mo<sup>th</sup> 52

Received March 11 1852  
Hon S A Douglass

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find  
a petition for the establishment of an  
Agricultural Bureau at Washington as  
for instructions of the Bury Institute

Sidney Phelps Esq

P.S. Will you place my name upon your  
list for distributions of P. D. &c and Oblige  
S. P.



J. Pulsifer

Wennepin

11<sup>th</sup> Mo<sup>th</sup> 52

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doe sent.

Portage City Wisconsin

March 12<sup>th</sup> 1852

Mr A. A. Douglass

Dear Sir—

I take the liberty of writing to you for a favor. I wish to have a history of the issues of the next Presidential Campaign. The tariff question, Public Lands, "Compromise Measures," &c, &c. Also any other matter you may have at command.

The State Delegates to Baltimore Convention are heart and soul for Mr. Cass, but this not the will of the people by any means, not but that they would like to see Mr. Cass President, but it is thought here that he cannot be nominated, or if nominated, not elected.

This was brought about by a regular system of "gorging," which the people will not submit to. The probable result will be that a new set of delegates will be chosen, and instructed for you, or at least, be left with their hands untied, that their influence may be somewhat available. Excuse this familiarity in a stranger.

I refer you to Judge Caton, Glover & Cook, of Ottawa Ills. having told recently him a incident of that State

Respectfully &c,

Douglass A. Bigelow

Retoburn & Bigelow

Atty. & Counselors &c.

Portage City Wisconsin



Douglas A. Bigelow  
Portage City  
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Alexandria Virginia March 12th 1852  
Hon Judge Douglas,  
— — —

The Irish adopted citizens and the  
friends of Ireland in Alexandria Virginia in-  
tend to celebrate, by a public dinner the approach-  
ing anniversary of Irelands national Holiday  
Knowing that You have ever ranked  
amongst the most prominent of our distinguished  
fellow citizens in the advocacy of liberal principles  
as the only true basis of all enlightened governments,  
we would most respectfully invite You to honor with  
Your presence our Festival on the 17th Instant

Very Respectfully

W. C. McLaughlin  
D. Pembroke Smith  
W. H. Irwin  
Robt S Smith  
R Stuart Douglas  
Charles Graham



Hon.

Rep Douglas  
U. S. Senate  
Washington

Frederick  
Alexandria  
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New York 12 March 1852  
Hon Stephen A Douglass

Respected Sir

My friend Mr. March, (you may recollect) was sent to me to make an agreement about using a patent I have, for drying grain he made his own proposition, I was willing to sign it at once. I gave him 30 days, which expired the 1<sup>st</sup> of March. I have written him & need no answer, & from his apparent anxiety to make the agreement, I am surprised at not hearing from him & can you inform me if any accident has befallen him, or if he has returned to Chicago.

With great respect  
Y<sup>rs</sup> obt<sup>d</sup> friend & serv<sup>t</sup>

Josh Patten

68 Wall st

for H. Barker  
New York

12 March 57

Ans.

I have no information  
upon the subject  
~~State~~ ~~Police~~ ~~unseen~~



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The Station, Alameda  
 San Francisco 2

I believe I have (you may recall) told you that I was to write an account about going to Boston. I have for some time been making his own profession, I was willing to give it to you. I have him to do so, which I have the right to do. I have written him to send me over, of course, but I have not yet received it. I have the impression, I am sure, that he will not leave from here - but you will see if you can find him before he goes. I have not yet seen him.

In the great hope  
 of the friends  
 John D. Watson  
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New York March 13<sup>th</sup> 1852

Dear Sir. The Clay Festival Association commemorate their Annual Celebration of the Anniversary of the Birth Day of Henry Clay on the 12<sup>th</sup> of April next in this City.

We earnestly invite you to be present upon this occasion, to assist in paying honor, not to the partizan, but to the Statesman, the Sage, the Orator, and the Man; not to render a tribute to party political services - but to the high attributes, which characterize the Patriot - who, in the advocacy of his country's cause, knows no North, no South, no East, no West, nothing but his Country.

The favor of an early reply is requested.

We have the honor to be very respectfully and truly,  
your friends and servants,

N. G. Bradford  
Kenneth J. White  
H. B. Brewer  
James R. Wood  
N. Carroll

Committee of  
Invitation  
of  
The Clay Festival  
Association

Hon<sup>ble</sup> S. A. Douglas.

Please address

N. G. Bradford,  
New York.



Invitation to  
Clay Festival  
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Boston March 13<sup>th</sup> '52

Sir

If it be not too much trouble to yourself I would beg as a favor that you would send me a copy of your Speech on the Compromise Resolution of Mr Foote, as I have not seen a full report of it in any of our papers; I would also ask that any speech which you may deliver during the session, I might have the pleasure of a copy as I wish to save them for future reference.

Very Respectfully yours  
Chas A Hooper

Chas A Hooper

Hon Stephen A. Douglas.

Chas. A. Foster

Boston

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Chicago, March 13, 92.

Dear Sir:—

Permit me to introduce  
to you my brother, Asa F. Bradley.  
He is now on his way to California,  
where he has spent the last two years.  
As you will remember, he has, he is  
an Engineer and Surveyor by profession,  
and his object in returning to Calif. is  
to practise his profession there.

I should be under great  
obligation, if you will introduce him  
to the Secy of the Interior, and render him  
assistance in making an interest there  
so as to get business in Government Sur-  
veying in Calif.

Truly yours

D. M. Bradley

Amos A. Douglass

W. S. Lusk



D. M. Bradley

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Wm. A. D. 1867



Boscum Female Seminary  
Arriada Mills. March. 13

Wm. L. Douglass  
Senator in Congress

Sir -

We have a very flourishing  
institution at this place and are desirous  
of making it in every way superior, and  
for this purpose we are forming a library.  
Should any Congressional documents  
fall in your way, which you cannot  
find a better disposal for, they will be most  
thankfully received and deposited in the  
library in your name -

Your Obedt. Servant

C. J. Edgerton



per

Hon Stephen A Douglass  
Washington "D.C."

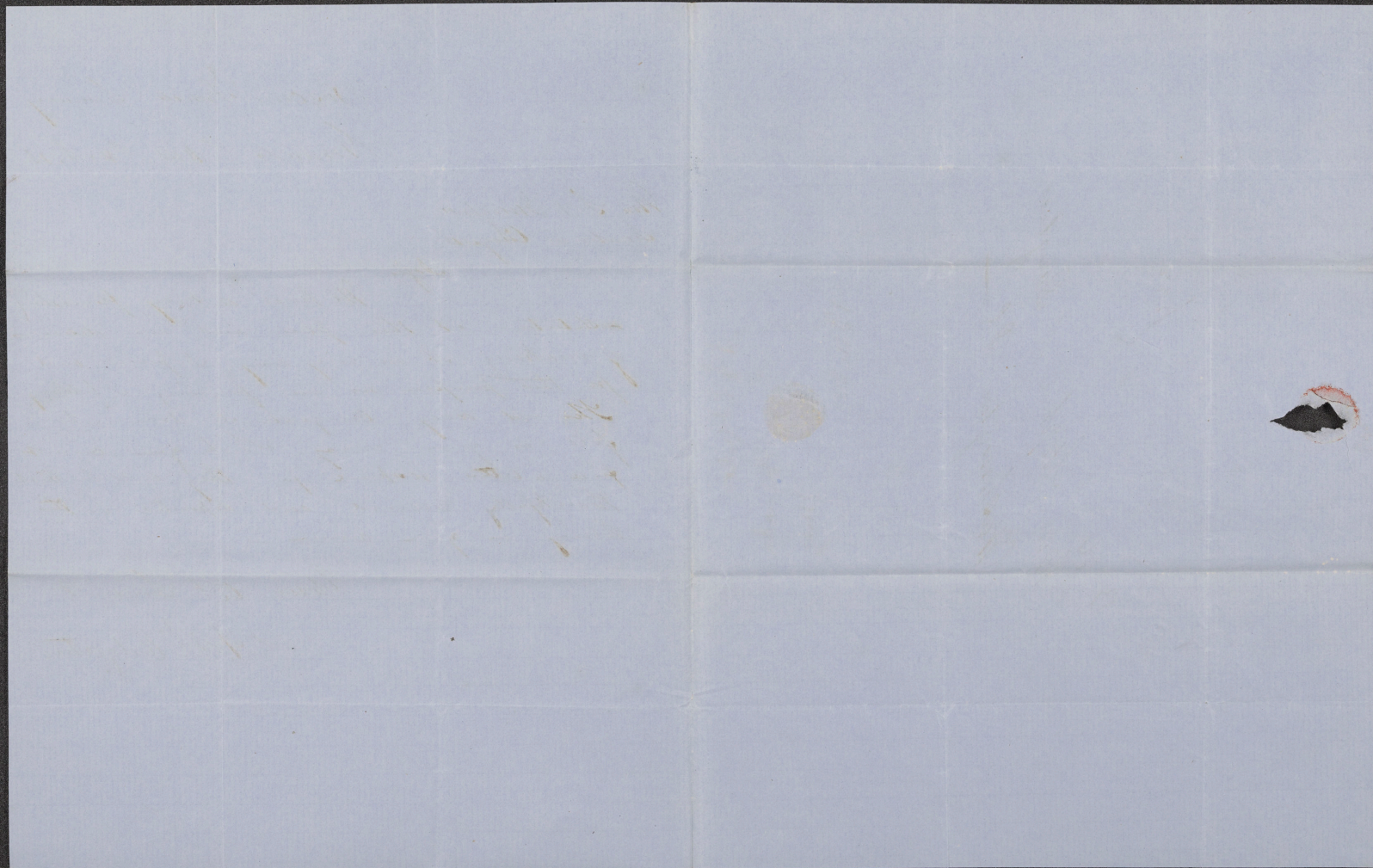
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Chicago March 13<sup>th</sup>/52

Am. S. A. Douglass.

Sir - My Bro. in law W. L. Watson of Port Kent, N.Y. writes requesting me to forward him at Washington, letters of intro<sup>du</sup>ction to yourself & others which I have this day done, but as he gave me no particular address I fear he may not get them in time to use before leaving the place. I feel very anxious that he sh<sup>d</sup> be come acquainted with you, & if he does not present himself very readily & instantaneously with the receipt of this by you I sh<sup>d</sup> take it as a great personal favor if you w<sup>d</sup> take a little pains to look him up. He is something of a political character in his portion of the State, is one of State general Committee, & also one of the delegates to the Baltimore Convention. His personal sympathies are with Macy, but his political aspect is Cass-ish. He is a man of good strong sense, & withal a genuine gentleman, & one whom I think you will be pleased to know. You may possibly recollect my earnest invitation to you to go with me to spend a few days with him at his residence last summer. I know he will make the effort to see you, & will undoubtedly accomplish it early tho' some of his North acquaintance, but I have a little desire to have you extend to him the compliment of recognizing his being in Washington before he shall get himself introduced to you. Geo<sup>d</sup> Aaron Ward of Livingston is his brother-in-law, & believe they move together in politics very harmoniously. - I have tho<sup>t</sup> that perhaps you w<sup>d</sup> do me the favor to say to Watson that you had looked him up at my request, to let him know that I sh<sup>d</sup> forward letters to him as he requested. I have not intimated to him that I sh<sup>d</sup> write you thus personally.

We are all agog here to know the result of the effort to compel the Ill<sup>l</sup> Central to keep off from the Ind<sup>a</sup> State line. They are & I have let the contract for the 14 miles from here to State line, & that men are now at work to push it thru. Jay & Brooks of Detroit are both here, & certainly things look suspicious. - No most truly, Mark Skinner





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Hon. S. A. Douglass  
Mem. U. S. Senate  
Washington  
Dist. Col.



Wm. McKim  
Chicago  
March 12  
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Hon. S. A. Douglass  
Washington D.C.

Wendover Ill. March 14<sup>th</sup> 1852

Dear Sir:

May I trouble you to do me the favor, to procure, if possible, a Document containing the names of each of the Soldiers to whom Patents were issued for land lying in the Military Bounty Land district in the State of Illinois, for services in the War of 1812? Said Abstract, or Document + will also give the description of the tract of land granted to each, with the date of the patent, the place of residence &c. -

If you cannot find the Document in Washington, possibly by making inquiry among your numerous acquaintances you may find one in the possession of some one who was a member of the House in 1840? If you can find the Document please forward it for mail immediately, with the Cost &c. & I will remit on being advised? If you cannot procure one, will you inform me how soon as convenient?

I don't know but I ought to offer an apology for troubling my friends with a matter of the kind, but as my acquaintance in Washington is limited, I trust you will excuse me? -

Very respectfully & truly Yours  
Jos. B. Fiskie

J. A. Wisbee  
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New York, 110 Bleeker St.  
March 14. 1832.

My dear Sir,

Will you allow me to trouble  
you with a request for a copy of the Report  
and Documents (including the Cuba Documents),  
and also for Mr. W. L. Garrison's report from Inter-  
inary Committee H.R. on the expensiture  
of the Federal Courts.

The recent proceedings in  
my pending case, as Gen. Shields has probably  
explained to you, throw some little light upon  
where the money goes to fact.

Very Respectfully & Truly

Dear Sir,

Yours Ever,

J. L. O'Sullivan



Wm. Lloyd Garrison.



J. L. O. Sullivan  
New York

15<sup>th</sup> Dec 52

doc. sent.

Letter to Mrs. J. C. Smith

Dear Mrs. J. C. Smith,

I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and am glad to hear from you. I am well and hope these few lines will find you the same. I have not much news to write at present. I am still in the same place and doing the same work. I hope to hear from you again soon. I am, dear Mrs. J. C. Smith, very truly yours, J. C. Smith

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