Springfield Ills June 11th 1852

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir — I have been instructed by the members of the State Convention of Farmers and friends of "Industrial Education" recently assembled in this City — to express to you their earnest desire to have you act in our behalf as a Delegate from the State of Illinois, to the National Agricultural Convention to meet in the City of Washington on the 24th day of the present month of June,

And permit me to add — that from your known devotion to the cause of Agricultural advancement, we are led to hope that you will honor us, by hoping to represent the farmers of Illinois, on that most important occasion.

With sentiments of the highest Respect and Esteem — I have the honor to subscribe myself — Dear Sir

Yours &c

John A. Wakefield — Pres't Illinois State Industrial Convention

Jno. A. Kinnicutt
Springfield
11 June 52 Ills

16 Exchange Place
New York June 11. 1852

My Dear Sir

Your friends worked very hard at Baltimore. Altho' not successful, you show a good front.

There is a good prospect ahead however and next time you may hope for better results. I have been so occupied since my return that I have had no leisure – I leave tomorrow for England by the Collins Steamer Arctic accompanied by Mrs. Ward

Hon. David Henshaw also goes with us –; we shall probably be absent till into October – Mrs. Ward joins me in kind regards to Mrs. Douglass and yourself – Yours truly & Respy

William Ward

Hon. S. A. Douglass
Washington

Wm Ward
N Y
11th June 52

Hon Stephen A Douglass
U S Senate

Salem Mass June 12th 1852

Dear Sir

I see it stated in the Boston Post that you are expected to speak at the Ratification meeting to be held in Boston on the 17th of June Thursday next. The Democrats of this the Second District of Massachusetts have peculiar cause for rejoicing over the result of the Convention. First in the harmony which has resulted from their proceedings although that harmony was purchased by the sacrifice of the first choice of so many of us for Presidential Candidate and secondly for the action of the Convention in overthrowing and I trust finally crushing that crack-brained abolition agitator Robert Rantoul Jr the rejected claimant of a seat from this District. Under these circumstances the Democracy of this District have determined to hold their Ratification Meeting some time next

week and it would give your numerous friends in this District great pleasure if you would lend us your aid upon that occasion particularly as we understand Mr Rantoul threatens to bolt the nomination and show fight. We trust you will find it in your power to visit us and would thank you if convenient to let us know what day would be agreeable to you that we may make the necessary arrangements

Allow me to avail myself of this the first opportunity to return you my thanks for a copy of your Chicago speech which you did me the honor to send me the winter before last upon the appearance of my name in the Boston Post as the reporter of a series of resolutions at a public meeting in this city against the election of Chas Sumner a token of encouragement which we received from no other public man except our present nominee Hon Franklin Pierce and which bore us up in the struggle against the whole Coalition power of the State now so happily prostrated by the decision of the convention against the head plotter Mr Rantoul

With great respect I am
Sir Your obt Servant
Benjamin Barstow Chairman of Dist Committee Dist no 2 mass

B. Barstow
Salem

12 June 52

New York June 11-1852
70 Wall St.

To,

Hon Stephen A. Douglas
U. S. Senate.

Dear Sir,

I am informed that you are acquainted with the President & other influential persons connected with the Hannibal & St. Josephs RR. Rd. Project. I should like to be the Engineer of the Company. I can satisfy them as to my qualifications & fitness, & if you feel disposed to favor my views in this particular will you be so good as to bring my name upon these gentlemen.

You can, in Washington, refer them to both the Senators from this State, & to Mr. Brooks of this City.

The Pres. of the Erie RR. Rd. & nearly all of the Directors are acquainted with my professional qualifications, & I also refer to them.

Respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
Wm H. Morell

W. H. Morell
N.Y.

11th June 52

Augusta June 12th 1852.

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

I doubt whether any one has felt more disappointment, at the result of the nomination than myself, and I don't expect even yourself. I am consoled however under the belief that the selection of Gen. Pierce & King, will harmonize the Democracy - the very object, that swayed my predilection for you, as none could have operated more so. It will be some comfort to know, that you can better afford to play the "waiting game", than either of your rivals - and in 1856 you will have neither of them, to divide the votes with, and I trust will go in, and through, the Convention, without difficulty. You are strong here. But circumstances gave Mr Buchanan the call - when with an even chance, with a fair vote, you can carry 5000 more votes in this State than he, or any other.

I shall vote the Ticket nominated cheerfully, cordially, & honestly, but it is not my preference. With my best wishes for your success hereafter, I am Yrs Truly

Geo. S. Lamar

P.S. I rec.d the Documents which you had the kindness to send, & the Chicago Speech come very opportunely

and enabled me to state a question, with two of my friends - in relation to your Speech on the Compromise, & particularly the Fugitive Slave Bill - which had been misunderstood by them - they being of the Southern rights Card, with myself - and converts made from necessity than choice. but like all good Democrats are willing to abide by the acts of the majority — the Progressives & manifest destinies, &c &c —

When the next Election comes off I shall if life lasts, have myself and six sons, to help the Democracy. and in 1860 — when I hope your re-election may come, I hope to see Eight Sons voting with me —

D W Lamar
Augusta Ga
12 December

Lill Constitution June 12 1852

S. A. Douglas, Esq.

Sir I hope you will see that the Legislature Third Supply for Railways and Plank Roads why not have it in contemplation Lately sent most Session take it up give the Time for the public make up their minds so as not be taken by surprise for 3 National Roads Common Roads One from the falls to St Gains and from line bring that route to the falls and St Pauls the other 2 from San Antonio on to El Paso 3d from Mc Line on to Harney, Laramie through the Mountain pass Oregon path to Salt Lake Humbolt and San Francisco make appropriations at Conference of Sappers and miners of Congress find Expedient and Divide Minesota most practicable Route of Red Lk and Lake to Red River of the North after Division Move the Seat of Government from St Paul to the point Near St Anthony the future St Gains Minesota at the Great South bend Reserve for the General 320 Acres of Land in perpetuity for the successives Secretary and Treasurer 240 Each that can be done at the next Session and also at Gains that same the upper Peninsula of Michigan North demarkation of 45 North of Wisconsin Whenever their Legislature find from to Legislate and South California the political and Christian of Europe Nations equally at present will not be down forever to dissent since this Presidential Term for the Island of Cuba take up the Negotiation for the demarkation on the Rio Grande 30 North West to California Gulf down the Gulf to the Ocean — Millions of Dollars Secure the Route from El Passo on to the Copper Mines on the South Side of Gila River to the Gulf, to Utah Line make 2 Territories present El Passo the Capital of the East I do not know what you would call the name unless Navajos the West presumption will be Gila the boundary Commissioner Report the Coincidencing Spot Junction of Gila with the Colorado of the West those 2 Great National Roads to the Exception of Pacific Ocean when One Open in All probability must be Closed I think that place selected for the West Capital the Southern Route pass through the place

N.B. please to Excuse those upside Lines I began in the depth of the Evening not see the Lines. ——

Respectfully Your Abraham Rowe

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Stephen A. Douglass Esqr.
City Washington.
D. C.

Wm. Pearce
Little Compton
12. June 52

Private

Indianapolis June 1st

My Dear Sir

I trust you will pardon my suggestions for the future. It is contended that you can still be the nominee in 1856 if you are not bitterly betrayed by your friends. All the prejudice created by the assaults of the Review on my boy and their friends may be removed by kindness and prudence, but that thing must not be continued or the prejudice will be increased. The next convention will be held at Cincinnati and it is important that you early secure the good feeling and friendship of those states. Follow the example of Cass in 1844. He made much by his speeches in support of Polk. If on the adjournment of Congress on your way West you could make speeches at Columbus, Springfield, Indianapolis and some other important points, I think it would do much good

not only for yourself but will place Peace under more obligations to you and your friends. Cass made a tour of Indiana and Ohio in 1844 and found them stale fish for him. If Cincinnati could be secured for you the outside pressure would do much good in the Convention. There are suggestions made out of good meaning, and I trust you will pardon me for inviting them if they should not meet your approbation. Write and if you think you can make the tour I will have you invited by the Democratic Club of this place or by the Democratic State Central Committee.

Yours truly

W. D. Bloom

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Wm J. Benn
Lapolis
13 June 52

Baltimore 13th June 1852.

My dear Sir.

Your letter, though dated the 11th, is but this moment received. I hasten to say, and with great pleasure, that it is perfectly satisfactory. The occasion which, for a moment, in some degree affected the sincere personal regard I have ever felt for you, I hope will never again occur. As to the claim of Galpin, you will permit me to state, that I was as ignorant as you were at the time I gave the official opinion under which it was allowed, and until some time after it was paid, that a member of the Cabinet was in any way interested in it, and that the

President and every other member of the Cabinet, except the one referred to, was equally ignorant. It was presented to me as being made by the representatives of the original claimant; was carefully considered, and decided by me to be just. Of the correctness of that decision, I have never since entertained the shadow of a doubt, or that the payment of the demand was not alike due to the law, and the honor of the Country.

If, however, it had been known that a member of the Cabinet was interested in it, it is more than probable, that, to avoid all possible misapprehension, it would not have been paid until his connexion with the administration had terminated.

Truly your friend

Reverdy Johnson

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Washington.

Reverdy Johnson
Baltimore
12th June 52

Saint Louis Mo. 14th June 1852

Hon. Sir,

Without argument or words, I merely write you that the claim I had forwarded to you some months ago by Gen. Davis, "that I had against the Govt. for the difference of pay &c." (not hearing any thing from you in relation to it for so long a time) was called upon to pay & did pay last week, though very much against my belief of its justice - because the 2d Comptroller disallowed it against my friend Maj Walker & I did not wish to lose it - Did you do any thing in the premises? Or is it entirely hopeless?

I am anxious will be able to inform me what are the prospects of the case.

Yours &c.
S. T. Bradley

Hon.
S. A. Douglass
Senator for Illinois
U.S. Congress
Washington D.C.

J. T. Bradley
St. Louis
14 June 52

Marion Alabama
June 14. 1852

Hon S A Douglas
Sir

I am desirous of obtaining information on warrants for land which were issued in pursuance of an Act of Congress passed May 6. 1812 - These warrants were given to soldiers and were located on land in the then Territory of Illinois

An Old Soldier now living here has one of these Land Patents for 160 acres - It was issued by the Government in 1818 - he has never taken possession of the land - nor has he ever paid any Taxes on it he does not know in what county it is located. Knowing that you would be most likely to know how far the legislation of the State of Illinois would effect this Title - I have thought proper to enquire of you what laws in the matter of Taxation has existed or does now exist if any that would exclude him from getting possession of the land - please write and inform me

I am aware sir that I have no claim on you to justify this trouble I propose putting you to - I however expect an answer - simply because I address Stephen A Douglas now the honored of Illinois and will ere long I trust be the honored of our Nation by being advanced to her most elevated Seat -

Your Obt Servt
John C Langdon

Mrs. C. Langdon
Marion
14 June 52 Alab.

Jacksonville, Ill.
June 14. 1852.

Hon. S. A. Douglas -

Dr. Sir

Sickness & a complication of causes detained me at Shawneetown, on my way to Baltimore, until it was too late to reach there in time to share in the deliberations of the Dem. Convention. I have been lately reached this place - went up to Springfield - was relapsed - had to come back & am now entering under salivation; but feel better to-day & hope to recover soon.

I reached St Louis during the balloting of the Conv. for Pres. Opinion was so far settled on you as the nominee that nearly all whom I saw & heard were engaged in discussing your merits - generally assuming that you would succeed in the election.

I need not say that I regret that I was not in the Convention, though from the activity & enthusiasm displayed by your friends, I doubt not all was done that it was possible to have done.

You deliberate in the Convention on the nomination, in respect to time & unfort

was one of the happiest things of your life – it was a lucky stroke.

If you can find time send me some skirmishing documents.

Your obt. svt.

J. H. C. Leonard

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14th June 32

New Market Frederick co. Md. Jan 15th 1852

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Sir

I sent you a Memorial some weeks since praying Congress to grant the Public Lands to actual settlers citizens of the U. S. under cover of which I enclosed a printed copy of an old Memorial which I sent to you 2 years ago from Snow Hill Md. containing a complimentary allusion to you. Will you as requested return the same to me. The nomination of Pierce and King takes well here. I shall support the ticket with all my abilities however limited. Mr. Pierce comes from the right latitude to make a good President.

I am surprised the Democratic Members of Congress do not immediately organize a Congressional Executive Committee and rent a Government Room for the purpose of sending out political matter among the people 50000 ~~speeches~~ copies of the speech of Andrew Johnson of Tennessee on the Homestead Bill ought to be printed and circulated among the Great Masses. The Masses here including Whigs as well as Democrats all went for him for Vice Pres. dont on the Democratic ticket. Douglas & Johnson for Pres. & V. Pres. in 1856 would be an invincible ticket. You first introduced the Homestead Bill in the Senate and Johnson in the House. I first moved in this State 10 years ago this Measure ~~in Maryland~~ as my communication in the Baltimore Journal will show. It is the most popular Bill that ever passed Congress and will immortalize its author. The Masses should know that they are indebted to the Democratic Party for this great measure in opposition to the Principles of Aristocracy.

I wrote Mr. Hamilton, my Rep. Commodore Stockton and Andrew Johnson that I was ready to come down and superintend the Working Department of the Committee Room and do all I could with my tongue night and day to promote the election of the Democratic Nominees in whose election are involved the great principles of Reform and Progress. I have no doubt but that the Whigs have organized a Committee long since

Respectfully, in haste

J. J. Sandford
Jos. Newton R

I have two more Memorials in circulation for the Armulled Sch. Public Opinion has is as 200 for to one against it. I mean a Unit not 100 against it.

J. J. Sandford
Memorialist
Esq.