

To His Excellency the President of the  
United States:

The undersigned residents of  
the Quincy, United States, Land District  
do hereby recommend Damon Hansen  
Esq., as a suitable and competent person  
to fill the office of Receiver of said  
Land Office, and do cheerfully solicit  
the appointment of said Hansen to  
said Office.

Quincy Nov. 1852.

Frederick Hellman  
Bernard Lubbe  
Philip Kohn  
Andrew Schwick  
Henry Miller  
George Kluthmire  
John Hightorak  
H. G. Oramer  
Clemens Rathman  
H. Middendorf  
W. Schreiber  
Jos. Winkelmann  
Franz Subring  
Henry Laake  
Henry Duker  
Heiman Duker  
Tobias Röske  
B. A. Schmideler  
John Franzon  
P. Meier  
J. H. Behren  
Vicelof Kipowen  
J. H. Limpe  
Johan Lombork  
C. L. Tammend

J. Lock,  
H. Brandt,  
B. Cising  
William Reine  
R. Keen Eichman  
Ludwiger Zirkus  
John Fischer  
J. W. Zimmerman  
J. Rohrbach  
Carl Michels  
A. E. Shaw  
J. Cawles Dr.  
John Banning

Wilhelm Schröer  
Edward Little  
Robert Stewart  
J. Randall  
H. Randall  
Pharor H. Boring  
A. Vandenboom  
F. Biermann  
T. Tokanies  
P. Jopacans  
J. Schrey  
Gerhard Verlins  
Bernh. Verlins  
William Allen

H. Hale  
Frank Leppen  
M. Ottoverton  
J. Sullivan  
James Michan  
Adam Schmitt  
Adam Lohr  
H. Miller  
W. Harig  
Johann Höhl  
John B. Baier  
G. Keiling  
Joseph Fornal  
H. Maenig  
H. Schneidler  
H. P. Kau  
Joseph Rompe  
Hans Henry Kampten  
H. Schulte  
P. Scott



To His Excellency the President of  
the United States:

The undersigned, residents of the  
Quincy United States Land District,  
do hereby recommend A. C. Marsh  
Esq. of said city of Quincy, as a suit-  
able and competent person to fill the  
office of Register of said Land Office  
and do cheerfully solicit the appointment  
of said Marsh to said Office.

Quincy, Nov. 1832.

Fredrich Wilmann  
Bernard Lubbe  
Philip Hohn  
Andrew G. Stewick  
Henry Klock  
John F. Kochsler  
Henry Middendorf  
William Schreiber  
Jos Winkelmann  
Franz Fabring  
Henry Laake  
Henry Ducker  
Hermann Dukor  
Felicus Räven  
B. H. Schmideler  
John Franzen  
B. Meyer  
J. H. Behnke  
August Böwond  
H. Linke  
Joseph Lombart

~~August Mack~~  
~~Anton Wagner~~  
~~Jacob Zahn~~  
~~Leopold von Cipk~~  
~~Georg Lohr~~  
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H. Brandt  
Wilhelm Körner  
Karl Eichman  
Hermann Ducker  
John Suschek  
John H. Timinen  
F. Neelon brent  
Carl Michell  
A. E. Shaw  
T. Fernie syp  
John Downing  
Wilhelmine Schroer  
Edward Little  
Robert Stewart  
J. Randall  
H. Randall  
Johann H. Bowing  
J. vanden Broeck  
H. Niemann  
C. Johannes  
J. Josephus  
H. Später  
Serhard Kerlins  
Bernhard Kerlins  
William Thurum  
Franklin Jumper

H. G. Cramer  
Clemens Rathman  
H. Hale  
James Mechan  
Adam Schmidt  
Adrian Lüder  
Henry Miller  
W. Harry  
John Pohl  
John B. Butler  
G. Reiling  
Joseph Hyland  
H. Maenig  
H. Schmeder  
H. Pfeifer  
Josephine Konfes.  
Henry J. Vansteiner  
H. Schulze

Recommendation to

Wilmington NC  
Feb 1st 1853.

My Dear Sirs

When you were in this place our good & worthy Gov. you very kindly proposed to aid me in any application I should have to make to the administration - but my much interest with your kind up on the occasion and induced to trouble you. - The Electors College of this state and the Democratic members of the legislature have recommended me to the President Elect for the "Mission & Office" The post would be a very disagreeable one to me. My health was completely broken down in the campaign of 1844 - where I took the stump in more than half the counties of the state so that I am not able to practice law and am compelled to give up a lucrative & growing practice - The Governor with other of the most prominent men in the state are interesting themselves in my behalf and I have written to you to be advised as to the best course for me to pursue in making the application. I shall not expect to be called upon to step forward and enter a scramble for the office - such a course would be entirely distasteful to me. I shall feel very

much obliged if you will advise me what is best  
to be done - and how to proceed - of course my delegation  
in Congress will aid me & their full support  
There is another matter on which I would desire  
your opinion confidentially - The failure  
to elect a Senator raises a question as to  
the Governor's power of appointment - What  
do you think of it? I am greatly desirous  
of having Mr. Robbins in the service. I  
think the South & the North West could make  
a ticket in the next contest that would  
be invincible.

Whatever may be the result of my  
present move I beg you will consider  
me one of your most friends in this  
state - and consider me to hold myself  
ready to make a move when ever it  
may be advisable - I feel that a mistake  
was made in the last preliminary ~~action~~  
in this state in over estimating Mr.  
Buchanan's strength - Had we known  
your name - I am well assured a  
Majority of the districts would have  
sent the delegates instructed for you  
The work has a compassed to you in every  
after the soldiers by all sorts of detracions  
you will find Mr. Robbins a most  
estimable gentleman and he need

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goes to the Senate acquire distinctions  
and popularity.

Let me hear from you at  
as early a period as your convenience  
will permit. My best regards to your lady

Pear my truly  
Your friend & obt.  
D.K. in ~~the~~  
Wilmington  
N.C.

and now I am a Banker and have  
I understand

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business and people here and good  
feeling & that the best the world over  
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Mr Hale  
Putnam  
Co.

(Rupele??)

Custom House - Monterey

1<sup>st</sup> Jan'y 1852 3

Dear Sir

I wrote you by the Rev. Thos J. Hensley  
the messenger appointed to carry on the electoral  
vote of California, and in that letter gave you my  
unbiased opinion on a subject that I think subsequent  
events will prove to you that I was right.  
I now write to you on another subject that  
I regard of still more interest to you.

The Whig party by the signal defeat of  
Gen'l Scott, but most more by the deaths of its only two  
distinguished leaders. Hayes as virtually defunct, as  
the two great men before all others who gave it vitality  
its strength.

Is Sam correct? What is the proper  
course to be pursued by the prominent members of the  
dominant party? Is it better to crush a feeble but still  
powerful party in the hope of their annihilation, or  
not to be more consistent with true policy by a course of  
nonresistance offering terms of capitulation, so that  
they in all probability do not a peaceful succor from  
their scattered bands.

No man in the Nation can solve the  
problem more easily than yourself, and not one that  
thought for several years is more concerned that  
it be wisely done.

But to the point Sam an old overstrain

whip, and therefore hitherto to no quarter, and do not  
ask for any; I am ready at any time to meet my  
fate

But have a young man with me opposed  
nowise, and when I think you are about to state  
the most material terms, if total extinction be not  
the object we have on many accounts to feel the  
deepest solicitude.

It is Mr Capone Evans, the favorite  
grand son of Mr Clay, a nephew of Mr Senator Bell  
of Tennessee, and the same young gentleman who  
spent the Winter of 50-51 with his grand father  
and whom you will doubtless recollect.

Mr Evans is my Designee for tutor, and I  
desire know when my appointment takes place  
to be receiver or to be appointed collector of post  
for the District of Monterey

He has a large and poor fall family connexion  
with the Rivers of Tennessee & the Mississippi and a  
Louisiana. His step Mother brings a fortune a nice  
offl Dick, but brings a grand son of the man whom  
this whole world is full Mourning; so that to  
his appointment to this office of no great value  
would be an act of becomingly penitence on the part of  
the connexions Adam <sup>in</sup> that would be a prestige at the  
court that would <sup>win</sup> other opinions from all, and certainly  
not disgrace the politicians who have previously supported  
it

I hope of your return to of this proposition

arrang<sup>g</sup>, & if it meets your approv<sup>e</sup>, then  
to take the course that will effect the object  
and the play shall all be your own.

My present best friends of the Dem. Recov<sup>r</sup>  
are the Hon. D. R. Atchison of the Great River group  
H<sup>r</sup> Evans &c, and I am satisfied you adequately exalt  
& exalt in the object proposed.

If you have time, please drop me  
an occasional line.

I am with considerations of my high respect  
very truly —

(Dear friend Asenath)  
W<sup>m</sup> H. Russell

Hon Stephen A. Douglas —  
U.S. Senator

W H Huddell

Montgomery

1852

January 15

All hands

John Richard Dorell

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Springsfield Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 1853

S A Douglass  
Washington City

Enclosed please find my  
message which will be delivered  
to the General Assembley on Monday  
next. I wish you to read and tell me  
your views about it. I am a little  
green yet and may improve by the  
good advice of ~~my~~ friends. We  
had no great trouble on yesterday  
in electing you on the first  
ballot. The whigs, green backs etc  
but your friends or the democrats  
were all invited to a more first  
and last and I think in all future  
time for you. I want you to make  
my own and your mutual and  
reliable friend <sup>but American</sup> Secy of Minnesota

James Buchanan  
S A Matteson

S. A. Metcalf

1853

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New York Jan'y 8<sup>th</sup> 1853.

My dear Sir

I believe you and I had some conversation, once, about a letter written to me by the late Professor Moses Stuart of Andover. In looking over some despatch papers I happened to light of it. I feared that it was lost. Lest it should be again mislaid, and possibly lost, irrecoverably, I commit it to your care, believing that you will be a safe depositary of it. I would, on no account, part with this letter of an old and highly esteemed friend, were he living, were it not that I have a memorandum from the same source.

I remain very respectfully  
Your friend and ob't Servt

William Belcher

As

Stephen Douglass.

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d  
Mrs Be Stewart

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Private

St Louis January 12, 1833

Hon S. A. Douglass

Dear Sir

I enclose you a series of resolutions passed on the 1<sup>st</sup> inst. by the fusiliers of this city. They are cut after the Benton pattern, and passed by a company of his personal and political friends, amounting in the aggregate to perhaps 150 persons exclusive of the opposition who were merely looking on at the sport. Alex Rager was the chief manager, together with Blumerhassett; and the whole affair was prepared several days before hand and the necessary officers selected to declare every thing carried unanimously in case any opposition should be manifested. The resolution striking at you and Gen Atchison, I have no objection to save you the trouble of wading through such brainless stuff as the learned and intelligent Democracy of St Louis City & County see proper to present to an admiring world on the great anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans. While a gratified audience, at Washington city, <sup>applauding</sup>, was your efforts to stir up, a contemptible little squad of Benton's lick-spittles, was endeavoring to throw

rest upon your opinions, and that two in pursuance of  
the line of policy marked out by Benton himself! The  
picture is so rich! The National Democracy however, for  
you talents and worth, and the St Louis Democracy  
attempting to ~~divide~~<sup>you</sup>, all at the same moment!!

An exciting political tour will be carried on this State for  
the next two years unless Providence, in its far seeing wisdom, should  
before that time, remove the ~~chance~~<sup>possibility</sup> of a ~~strife~~<sup>hostile</sup> to harmony from  
this stage to another. You will perceive by the names attached  
to, and prominent in this meeting of the 8<sup>th</sup> that, though some  
of them are members of the old Van Buren party of 1844, yet  
the names of the principal officers are adroitly  
kept in the dark, lest, perhaps, it might injure their  
prospects in the distribution of Federal favors at this  
place. It is said among the faithful that Benton has re-  
ceived full and satisfactory assurances that all things  
will be carried out agreeably to his wishes in this region.  
Hence the fulsome and respecting panegyric which the  
proceedings of the meeting exhibit, and which, to any other  
man, or to any gentleman, would be sickening in the  
extreme. But to his diseased mind it forms a nutritious  
pabulum that he can scarcely live without.

I must sincerely trust that old Polygamy will not be  
in the ascendant in Pierce's cabinet, - if it is, most un-  
fortunate will it be for the party. The tendency, for many years  
past, has been to centralization. The Democratic principles  
of the party have become, in a measure, obscured by the

selfishness of the old men and heretofore leading, and many  
of them <sup>now</sup> would gladly see the party prostrated rather than suc-  
cessful with younger men at the helm, who hold, and  
believe, as in a faith, in the progressive and rejuvenating prin-  
ciples of Democracy as professed by the old lights of the  
party now no more. These men are but fetters on the young  
and vigorous limbs of Democracy, and ought to be shaken  
~~off~~<sup>overruled</sup>, and forever. The people will sustain the  
movement, if done manfully and boldly. And during  
meetings with sympathy from <sup>the</sup> masses at all times and  
on all occasions, & while inactivity and buckling  
cowardice ~~prevails~~, as they ought, with mortified scorn and  
contempt from all shades of political opinions.

I congratulate you on the overwhelming evidence of the  
faith which your constituents repose in you, by the recent  
almost unanimous re-election to the Senate - the op-  
position on the part of the whigs amounting to absolutely  
"nothing at all, at all." It was a very bitter pill for  
some of the clique in this city to swallow, - and I  
trust that, on a future occasion, they will be forced  
to swallow a much more bitter one, which, in the same  
ratio, it will be pleasanter for your friends

Very truly

Honesty  
A. M. Armstrong

J. Matthews  
John  
John

Executive Office  
Frankfort Ky

Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 1853

Mark Stephen A Douglass  
Washington

My dear sir

I see from the proceedings  
of the Senate, that notice is being taken of the  
Cayton Treaty, particularly of the notes upon the  
construction of the Treaty that signed between  
Mr. Bulwer & Mr. Cayton exempting Honduras  
& its dependances from its operations —  
I never could see any good, that could  
result to our country from this treaty;  
There is one thing to which I wish to call  
your attention, in connection with this  
matter — Judge Wise of our State who  
represented our government in Central  
America during Mr. Polks adm;  
negotiated a Treaty with the authorities  
of that country, securing to us the right  
of way across the Isthmus, in fact giving  
us every thing we could have asked  
in that quarter — This treaty negotiated  
by Judge Wise, was forwarded to  
Washington — and was in the possession  
of the Executive department at the time

this Dayton Treaty was made - the Government for some cause unknown & inexplicable (to me at least) took no notice of this Treaty & never sent it to the Senate for ratification - Would it not be well whilst Mr. Dayton's conduct in this matter is being considered to call for this Treaty and the correspondence connected with it & to remind them that whilst Mr. Dayton was making the Treaty with Mr. Bulwer in which our rights were seriously compromised that there was no Treaty actually made securing us every thing we could have asked, in the opinion of our Government which they refused to send to the Senate - this is a matter the Country should know, & now is the time it should be brought out - As S<sup>r</sup>. B. has no democratic representation in the Senate and I have opposed this Dayton Treaty - and once <sup>a resolution</sup> debated & had passed through the Senate touching this Hixs Treaty (the information asked in your resolution for some reason was not given) state the liberty of calling your attention to this matter - and hope you will give it such

consideration, or the importance of the subject demands - I would be pleased to see this whole subject brought before the country - it would I think show that those in power at that time were regardless of the best interest of the country - besides - I understand two of the original executed copies of this Treaty were left with the Department at Washington - Judge Hise has now in his possession an original executed copy of this Treaty - I have seen & read the Treaty - excuse the liberty I have taken in troubling you about this affair - I have the honor to be  
Yours very truly  
J W Powell

States of Africa  
Treasury etc ~

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Norfolkboro Penn Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 1853.  
Hon. J. A. Douglass Sir:

In the discharge of a duty made obligatory upon us by the Calliopean Society of Union University, we proceed to inform you of your election as an honorary Member of that body, hoping that you may find it compatible with your feelings to accept.

Yours most respectfully,

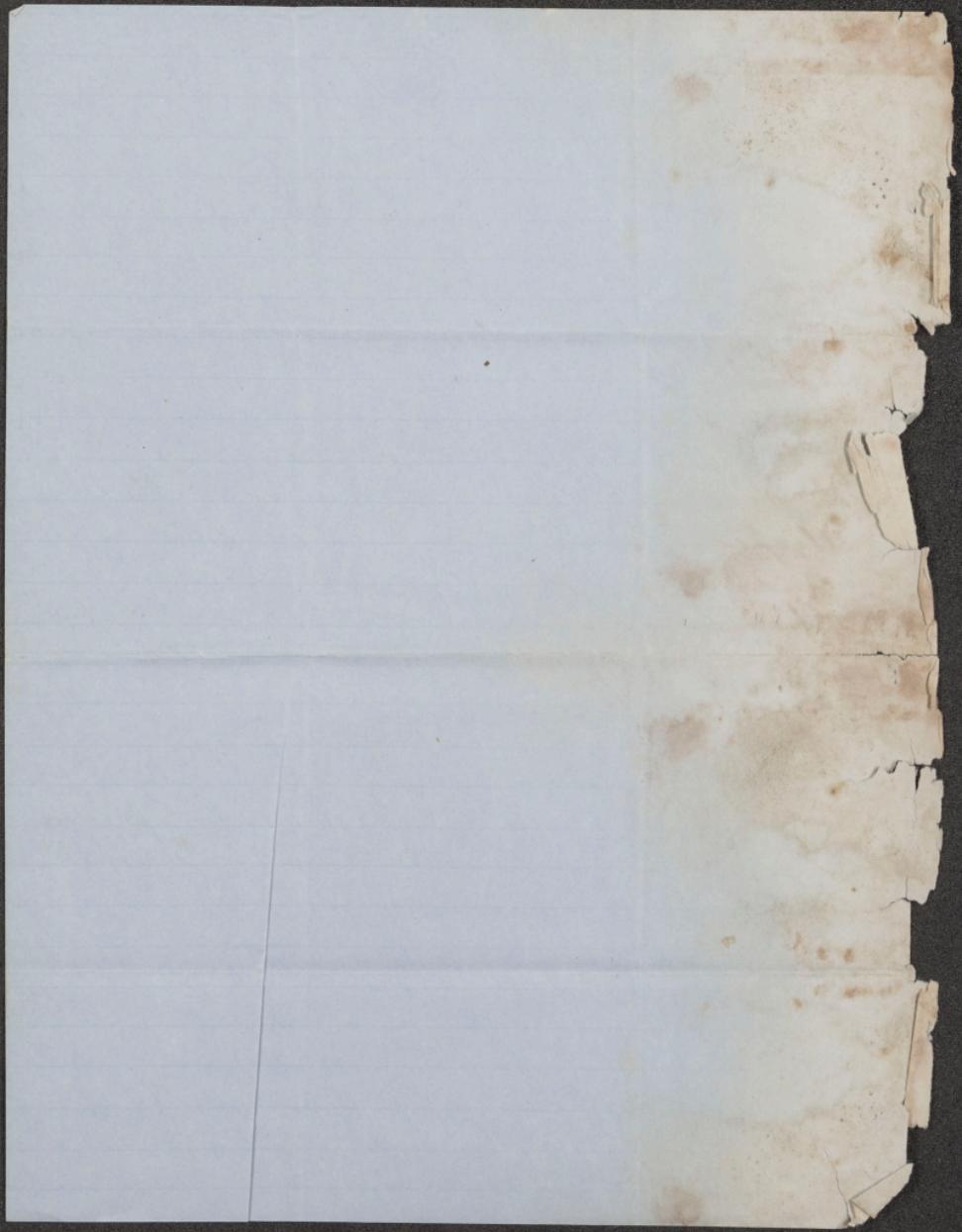
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