Dear Sir,

Kalamazoo
Oct. 1854

On arriving here last evening, I received your letter. I cannot be with you on the day you indicate, because I shall be engaged in Mr. Stuart's district. But, if our friends at Chicago think I can be of any use to them, I expect I am willing to visit you before the election. It would be necessary I should receive a formal invitation from the proper Committee, leaving me to arrange the day, which I would make as early as practable. But I am in hopes, from what

you write, that you will never
more aid, and that you will be
able to carry the party by
unanimity there. I beg you to
recollect, that I have not
the slightest wish in this
matter, but to have you
do what you think will be
best. If there are any of
my old friends, who you
think have got out of the
true path, and will whom
my opinion may have
any weight I am ready to
give them. But I do hope,
that none of them on this
occasion will
yield to an affront,
and be led to cooperate
in the destruction of the great
Democratic principle, which
right of man to govern himself.

I have plenty to do
here for the affection
heartbreak with me, so that
I shall be sufficiently employed
at any rate. If I am not
worried about here I shall for
one moment be say to Sol
Dwight, Mose all write.
I have, all behind
in the course of a few days,
that I may then begin to
shape my campaign

Yours, Truly
Abraham Lincoln
Sol B. Cook

Abraham Lincoln Esq

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(Confidential)

Detroit Oct. 1. 1855

My dear Sir,

Since my return, I have ascertained the meetings, I have to attend for the week and the next, I shall be at Kalamazoo on Saturday evening. Where I shall spend the Sunday. I have been reflecting upon what you suggested Yesterday

said to me, about visiting Chicago, and I think I could do so, before the election, should it be thought I could do any good. I might probably do so week after next, the [illegible] I can not say positively what would be the most convenient time to me, take the arrangements for the meeting are made. It would be glad to have the time left to me, either by suggesting to the most convenient [illegible] states, as I have before, that also I would be happy to be useful to the good cause. Douglas thinks I could, I will come, but

not otherwise. My
political life appears
has been undone
I have no political
aspirations to gratify,
nor any station I would
have. But my at=
tachment to our cause
is as strong as ever,
and no abuse of the
Richmond Enquirer
can affect my course in
the slightest degree
the slaughter league
Go on, I say, along.

our party urging here,
by the very extravagance
very extravagance
of its pretensions. No
pretensions
man in free State
candidate if found
support his doctrine
support the doctrine
you can go for
the Constitutional
rights of the South,
because the Constitution
guarantees
them, but not
them, but not

because we deem
slavery a blessing.
I believe, that Doug-
las views are same
one just alike
These matters, and
I shall not present
myself before the
people of this State
as the advocate of
slavery, as one of the
conditions of life
conditions of life.

but as the advocate
those positions of the
Confederation, which
choose to recognize
slavery, as they have
the right to do. I
shall try to put
this forward right,
without giving one
inch or affording
room to any body that
is not so habit.
If it is
It is thought

but, that I should
come, I wish to be
informed of the
latter address to me
at Kalamazoo, that
I may make arrange-
ments accordingly.
I see an invitation
to Springfield, but
I cannot go. It is
inconvenient to you
and Douglas and a
direct journey

Yours truly
A. Lincoln

Hon. Ozias M. Ficklin

Detroit
Oct. 16. 1858

Dear Sir,

I wrote a letter to your Committee, on Saturday evening, addressed to Mr Brannan and yourself, accepting the invitation to address the Democracy of your City, and stated I would be there Thursday evening next, prepared to address them on Friday, at dinner from,

as might be more convenient. I think you then will be competent to the task, but there might be a failure of the letter, and I wish you to let me know of this or the former letter be received. I leave to leave Chicago on Friday evening and shall therefore prefer to have the meeting held during the day. But should that not be thought to be best, why you can detain the evening for the purpose, and I should then return on Saturday

Yours, Dear,

Truly yours

[illegible]

Address Hotel [illegible]

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Chicago Octr 18/54

My dear Sir

From the enclosed you will see the correspondence that has passed between Genl Cass and myself, in relation to his addressing the democracy of Chicago.

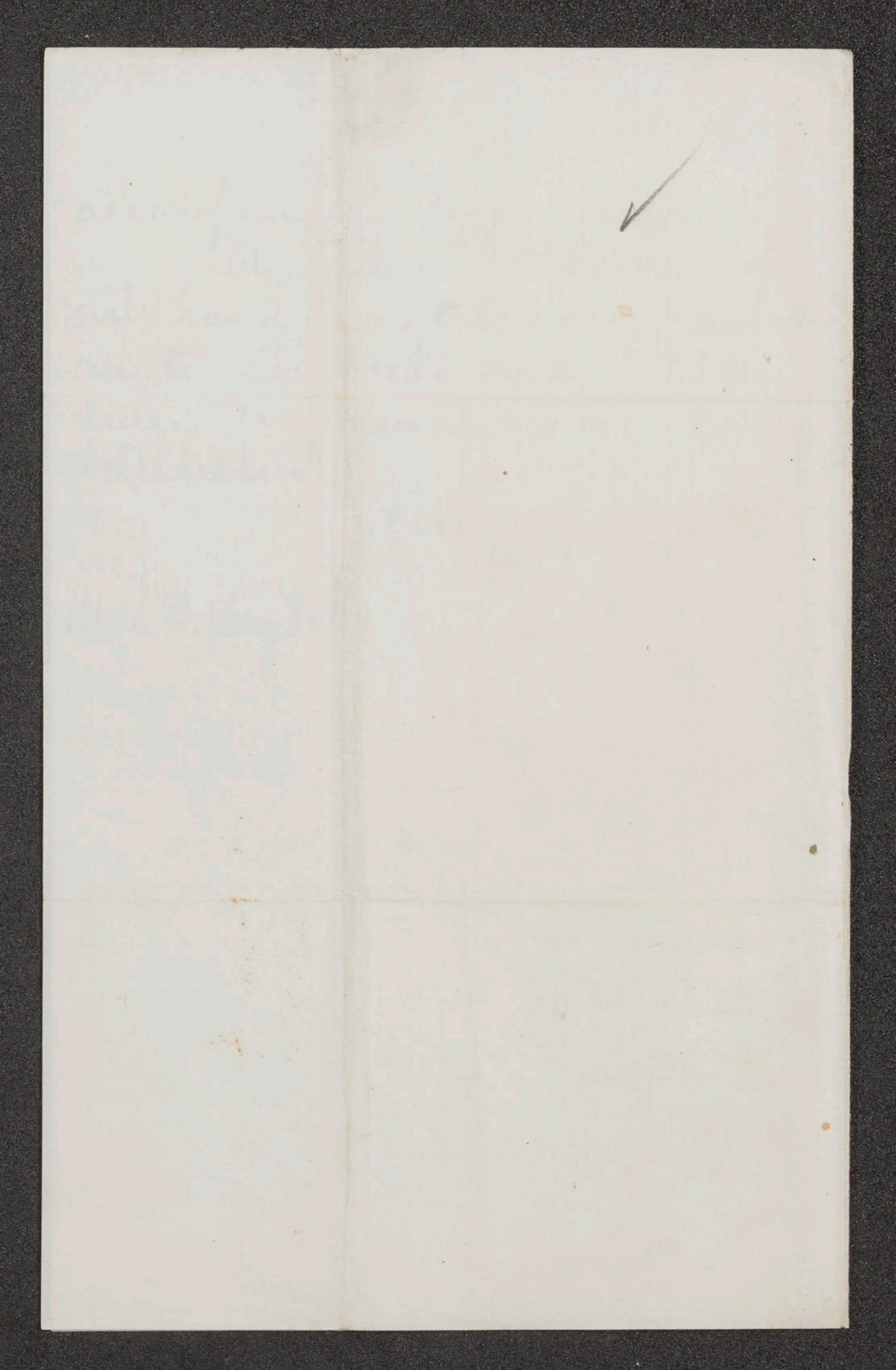
We have arranged for his speaking on friday eve, when we expect you in the city. You will see the Genl's anxiety that you should see all he wrote upon the subject and his desire that nothing should be done by him without your approval. Acting on the expectation you made as to the Genl's presence here about this time I believing that it will be productive of good to our cause I saw him to prevail the

accompanying correspondence.

My friend Mr O'Hara who will hand you this accompanies me to La Porte and I have every confidence in his truth & discretion

Very respectfully
Your friend
Andrew Jackson

Hon. A. Douglas:



Chicago, Oct 23d 1857

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir:

At a Meeting of a portion of your friends held in this City on the Evening of Saturday last we were appointed a Committee to tender you a public dinner to be given at such time as you may be pleased to designate.

It gives us great pleasure to be the medium of communicating to you this invitation; and we beg ~~you~~, to add our personal solicitations to those of the ~~Committee~~ Meeting, that, you may find it convenient and agreeable to meet your friends in Chicago at some early day, when they will have an opportunity of showing their profound admiration for you as a man, and their appreciation

of your distinguished public services — particularly in your recent course upon the subject of the Nebraska Bill in which you have guarded the rights of popular sovereignty and secured to our brethren of the territories "a right inestimable to them as freemen, and formidable to tyrants only."

With sentiments of the highest regard we are your friends &c.

H. Hoyne
John L. Peyton
[illegible]
Thomas Shirley

Committee.

To Hon Stephen A. Douglas.
Chicago.

Oct 2/1857
[illegible]

Invitation to a
Meeting at Cheeys
Oct 23/54

Portland Oct 19 1854

Hon. J. S. Lane

Dear Sir

Yours of 13th August came duly to hand, impressing us with the announcement that nothing had been received, by you or which to base an estimate or predicate an appropriation for the work we have in charge — such omissions on the part of our Representatives we cannot account for, as the whole matter no doubt, should have been forwarded to you in detail last winter, by which the proper legislation could have been had and the work carried on to completion, without the necessary suspension that must now follow for want of funds to the serious detriment of a very important interest in Oregon, for if there is any particular want, more pressing than another, it is the want of a safe place for keeping the accumulating number of convicts in this Territory — already there has been about thirty convictions and that number will be materially superseded before we can possibly be prepared for them, causing a great loss on the score of expense — to say nothing of the insecurity, and vexation attending, their care and management, so that it is really a matter of regret that the work cannot be pressed forward with vigor, until at least a sufficient number of cells could be completed to meet our immediate wants. — as it now stands under the present appropriation, but six cells will be completed, while the grading, excavation and foundation is done for a much greater number — so that a small additional sum, would ha

added as many more, enabling us to get along till another year very comfortably, when if possible the whole wing of Sixty Cells should be completed — All the expense of Purchase of Ground, clearing grading and filling, having to be paid out of the present appropriation of Twenty Thousand Dollars. of course but a comparatively small sum was left with which to undertake, so important a work, — and then again the difficulty of finding, material suitable, together with that of procuring, facilities for conducting the work, incident to every division as new as this, has necessarily retarded the commencement, But we are happy in being able to inform you, that those obstacles have all been overcome by the persevering energy of those having the work in charge, and nothing remains now but the necessary appropriation, to insure the speedy completion of one of the most substantial Prisons in our whole country. — a very superior article of Oregon Granite has been found in great abundance within six miles of the ground, and as before mentioned, good progress has been made — so that the funds, will all have been expended in a few weeks, and a debt incurred of several Thousand Dollars beside — leaving the work impeded — and falling far short of our immediate wants until further steps can be taken. —

We now estimate that — Forty Thousand Dollars will be required to meet the exigencies of our Territory, and sincerely hope, that Congress may be prevailed, with accustomed liberality to come to our relief —

Respectfully Your

D. S. Dickinson } Commissioners for Erecting Penitentiary

A. S. Fitch

From
A. S. Dickinson &
A. S. Fitch
Commissioners for
erecting Penitentiary

Young Men's Mercantile Library Association
AND MECHANICS' INSTITUTE,

Pittsburgh, Oct 17th 1854

Dear Sir

The undersigned Lecture committee of the above association in common with our citizens are desirous of having you visit Pittsburgh & lecture for our association in the course of the present fall or coming winter.

We are sincerely anxious, that you may find it convenient to pass this way & favor us with at least one lecture

Our terms are usually fifty Dollars per night

Please write, stating subject time & etc Direct to Lecture Committee, Young Mens Library association

Very Respectfully Yours

Hon. A. Douglas
Washington
D.C.

Henry Woods
R H Kirkpatrick
Elias H Nisk
J R Holmes
J M Kirkpatrick
Lecture Committee

Dear Judge We have tried to find your speeches but have not yet found them — Now where they have gone — The P.M. says such packages came to the office but were marked care of Forney, & he sent them to his house — Mr Forney has been in Pa. until within a few days and since he returned we have been there 2 times and could not find him. — I am going again to day — Perhaps he has sent them to you I hope so — Eugene has been very sick with the dysentery for 10 days, and for 3 or 4 days so that we did not expect him to recover — He is now better and will soon get up — Stevie and all Else are well —

You will see the postscript of this letter from Pittsburgh.

Yours D M Stanley

I have raised money & paid the Bank notes.

Young Mens Mercantile
Association Pittsburg
Invite you to Deliver
them a Lecture

Washington Oct 22 1854

Dear Judge

May I ask of you the favor to enclose this letter and enclosure to your friend Mr Calhoun "Surveyor Genl of Kansas Nebraska" with a line from yourself, saying who I am, The writer of the letter I enclose (Mr Turner Nelson) is one of the best men & best friends I have in Ind, & it may be Mr Calhoun can give his friend Mr Whitehorn a job of surveying. I hope so.

Your friend
J D Wright

Hon S A Douglas

P. D. Bright
Oct 22/54

Mt Vernon Sept 27th 1854 Indiana

Friend Bright.

I recommend to your consideration The appointment of James Whitworth as Surveyor of a Part of the Territory of Nebraska under Mr Calhoun the Surveyor General of that Territory. Mr Whitworth is a man of about 38 years of age full of Vigor & Health a good Woodsman Born and raised in this county Well qualified to discharge the Duties of Surveyor Has a fine set of Instruments and I have no doubt but that he will give general Satisfaction in the discharge of the duties of that office Therefore I solicit your Influence in getting him a place as Surveyor under Mr Calhoun

Yours Respectfully

D. Allsop

To J. L. Bright

Quincy
Nov 5th 1854

Dear Judge

We are nearly in sight of the end, I fear all is lost here, The Know nothings are more numerous than any one anticipated We know of seventeen lodges in this Destrict & the smallest No. of Dem in either of them is twenty which makes changes enough to offset our Maj & loose the Destrict Things look now as if we would certainly loose Rep to Leg in Hancock Schuyler & this Co and it may be we will loose Pike & Brown

I am fully prepared for defeat & shall met adversity & our downfall calmly hoping that the clouds that now surround us will brake away before ten years pass away

We will loose Henderson by 300
Hancock 100
McDonough 100
Adams 250

The disasters in Penn Ohio & Indiana

have drawn from us every doubtful ~~state~~ vote — The state is lost at least for a time & I see plainly before me all the pleasures of private life, to which I go with the approval of a Majority of my District well I regret nothing but defeat, my convictions assure me I have faithfully discharged my duty to the Country & time will vindicate my course —

I am truly
your Friend
W A Richardson

Washington
November 7th 1854

Dear Judge

I am truly sorry that the invitation of Mr Hoyne & others for a public dinner to be given you at Chicago on the 9th inst did not reach me in time to enable me to leave here and be there. I am going West in the Morning, and could I make the trip in time for the occasion that is intended to honor and approve your Legislative course on the subject of Territorial Organization, I would gladly do it, but I cannot. My opinions on these points however, have been announced from every stand. I have occupied

as a public Speaker this Summer & Fall. Illinois may follow the example of Ind. in the Election that comes off there to day, but if so, I know you are a Man of to much nerve to be discouraged by such a result, We are right as a party; and in the end will triumph.

I have heard that you would not be present at the opening of the Sesion, I hope this is not true; You are needed here all the time, I wish you were here now, there is much trouble and tribulation among those that rule, Write me at Madison Ind. Your friend

J D Wright

Hon S A Douglas

P. D. Pugsley
Nov 7. 1854

Hon
S. A. Douglas
Dear Sir

It affords me pleasure to present you the enclosed Complimentary Ticket to a Season Course of Lectures to be delivered before the "Chicago Catholic Institute" by J. V. Huntington, O. A. Brownson and others. If you can make it convenient with your many, arduous engagements, your presence at the Lectures would be very gratifying to the Institute.

Permit me Sir to add the favor this pleasure that your acceptance & attendance would be afforded

Your Obt. Servt.
James A. Mulligan
Secy.

Chicago Nov 3/54

Jas A Mulligan
Chicago Ills
Nov 3/54

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Buffalo Grove Ogle County
Illinois Nov. 10th 1854

To the Senate and House of representatives of the United States in Congress assembled.

We the undersigned would respectfully inform your honorable bodies that we were Seamen and (Ordinary Seamen) on board the United States Brig. Washington, at the time of the hurricane on the 8th day of September 1846. and that we were so unfortunate as to loose all our Stock of clothing and other valuable effects on board, and that our sufferings and dangers were extream for a long time. The officers of the coast Survey Dept. have held out encouragement that they would present our claims to Congress and ask the passage of an act for our benifit. They having failed to do so we would respectfully present our own case to you and ask such aid as you should think the case was worthy of receiving.-

Your most
obedient Servants

Simeon his X mark Heath
Abiathar A. Millard
Richard Dougherty
Alonzo Futterer
Matthew his X mark Whelan
Michael O'Kelly
George Cliff
Thomas Holden

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Nov. 15, 1854.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled.

The undersigned Registers and Receivers of their respective District Land Offices of the United States, beg leave to represent to your honorable bodies, that under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved August 4, 1854, "To graduate and reduce the price of the Public Lands to actual settlers and cultivators," their remuneration, under its operation, has not been commensurate with the laborious duties which it imposed. For instance, under the old law which required lands to be sold at $1.25 per acre, the Register and Receiver received for each hundred acres sold $1.25, being one per cent., and under the graduation bill above referred to, they only receive 12½ cents upon each 100. In view of the great increase of *labor* and disproportion of *pay*, they respectfully request your Honorable bodies to allow them by special enactment their original per cent. upon the number of acres sold, viz: For every acre sold one-cent-and-a-fourth from the commencement of their annual salaries until the close of the year; *provided*, no one officer's salary and per cent. included, shall exceed $3,000 per annum as provided for under the old law, giving them one per cent.; and the undersigned would further represent to your Honorable bodies, that early action in this matter, if consistent with your wishes, would be of great service to all interested. All of which is respectfully submitted.

November 15th, 1854.

Jno R Jones Register

John C Webb Receiver

For increase of
Compensation of Registers
& Receivers

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November 15th, 1854.

W. P. Davis Regr
Wm C. Russell Recr.
Daniel Lee Recr

To Register and Receiver:—

GENTLEMEN:—Please sign the above and forward it to the Senators and Representatives in Congress from your State on the first of December next.

JOHN R. JONES, *Register, Vincennes, Ind.*
JOHN C. HEBERD, *Receiver,* " "

A Petition to Con
gress asking for
an increase of
pay for the

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Franklin Society. Dec 5th 7 o'clock P.M.
Menard Co. Ill

Hon S. A. Douglas

Sir

I am have just been elected unanimously as an honorary member of the Locust Grove Franklin Society

Yours truly

P. A. Young, Cor. Sec.

Stephen A. Douglas
Washington City