

D T Disney  
New York

Political

March 1856

St Nicholas Hotel  
Sunday

Dear Sir  
On yesterday being too late  
for that mail I telegraphed to  
you in general terms the condition  
of things here - Autherland who  
starts for Washington in the morning  
will tell you very fully how matters  
stand in this State - The hands  
are for you - some of them however  
are anxious not to have freedom  
recorded for - but I think from

The present aspect, and indication  
of things that an arrangement can  
be effected in your behalf.

I am satisfied that the principal  
difficulty now will be with the  
softs and get the publication which  
you will see in the Guardian to day  
from leading softs (as I am well  
advised the signers are) will carry  
such consternation into the ranks  
of such softs as are resolved to vote  
with the democracy that they will  
be quite ready to listen to overtures  
from the hands - I am urging the  
hands to make to the softs the  
square proposition - that both sides  
shall abandon their preference

and go for you on the ground that  
you so fully illustrate the principles  
which both sides now recognize that  
to submit you will show both sides  
to be sincere in their declarations of  
principles - ~~Tomorrow~~ I shall try  
to see Brownson & Beauregard -

I wish you would talk with Wickham.  
However you must understand he is  
extremely liberal and "by no means as  
ultra as some of the hands are though  
he is fully identified with them & counsels  
with them - What I mean to say is that  
is by far more reasonable than some  
of the rest - Nevertheless he can do you  
good - As I telegraphed you I think  
that the vote of the state can <sup>yet</sup> be got  
for you - and I am exceedingly  
suspicious to find that the hands are

leaning pretty strongly against  
Buchanan - I am advised that  
Lorenzo B. Steahard is a reasonable  
soft and I shall endeavor to reach  
him without delay - As matters now  
look I think that the principal  
opposite will be Gov. Seymour who  
I learn is manoeuvring for some  
Southern man (say Andrew Johnson  
or Lincoln) so that he Seymour may  
go in the ticket as Vice President -

I have hinted that Dr. Kimball may  
be assured that he will be called  
for in case of your success -

I however ~~stated~~ stated it in general terms  
and spoke of it as a natural, matter  
of course thing - I shall be among  
the hard leaders tomorrow again &  
shall write results -  
Hm S. A. Douglass & D. T. Bidney

Meredith Village, N. H. March, 1856

Dear Sir

Will you please send me a copy of the majority and minority reports of the Territorial Committee on Kansas affairs, ordered to be printed on the 19th of this month; also a copy of your speech or speeches ~~upon~~ on the same day; also a copy of your speech, on the 12th, in reply to Messrs Sumner & Seward; also a copy of your speech or speeches in reply to Mr. Sumner's remarks upon the motion to print the majority and minority reports. If you have on hand any copies of your speeches and letters upon the Nebraska bill, will you please send me ~~one~~ of each.

Geo. S. Hilton.



Geo S Hilton  
Menotette Village N H  
March 1856

Pratts Kausses Report &  
Speeches thereon

Sent Report March  
28/56 —

Free, M. C.

G. A. Douglas  
Washington  
D. C.

[March 1, 1856]

Astor House

Thursday Night

Dear Sir  
 To day I have had  
 another interview with Schell.

I have also had some talk with  
 Alderman Barr. and have had  
 a full talk with Edwin Crosswell.

The latter is a prudent discreet  
 man and your friend.

I think that the object which I  
 am pursuing can be accomplished  
 but it is beset with difficulties.

I find that it is well now to

begin on Breckinridge.

You know his obstinacy & his hatred of the softs but in my judgment he can be brought in and I have progressed far enough here in the City to be satisfied that if Breckinridge can be got right the whole "hard" delegation from this state will be safe for you. The difficulty however is that according offence to the softs while you are getting the hard. but as I have said - still I think that the thing can be done. I find as I expected that the considerations which I have presented have staggered every one of them that I have talked to. They confess openly that there is no

gameyng the facts which I submit & they see plainly that their own personal interests in the future lies with the action which I indicate to them -

Now above all things Breckinridge hates Pierce - well - his desire is gratified in the proposed movement. Secondly - He hates Marcy & here lies the trouble. I propose to avoid this by getting Breckinridge to take the lead in disposing the matter to the softs - The consequences of such a lead to himself & the hard I illustrate, and I repeat that my information leads me to believe that with proper slips Breckinridge can be induced to make the move - One thing however is already apparent Breckinridge will want to know where and what he is to be if special success crowns all.

This presents the only difficulty  
which I really fear. because of  
the danger of offending the South.  
But nevertheless I think that  
I can weather that point.

By the way can you not get Bright  
to write to Dr. Emerson urging  
him to come into the move and to  
take the initiative in New York  
in your favor - Let him in his  
letter allude to Dr. how it will  
place him Dr. before the party &  
how it will make New York the  
center of the Am. Convention &c.  
&c. And then send me a copy  
of Bright's letter. It is believed here  
that such a letter from Bright followed  
up by a visit from me to Dr. Emerson  
at Binghamton will bring him in.  
And so I think too -

I have now talked with <sup>some of</sup> the  
leaders both hard & soft & find  
both staggered by the views which  
I suggested and I am sure that  
industry energy and prudence  
can secure to you both delegations,  
and if this be done your nomination  
is certain - Be sure and get  
that letter from Bright without  
delay - By the way the hard  
wh in this state have a rumor  
that Bright was cloaked at  
Philadelphia with sickles and  
the inference drawn is that B. goes  
to Buchanan - This I have met  
as it deserves with a positive denial  
of the inference - but you see how



with this story abroad  
important it is that the suggested  
letter from Bright to Dickinson  
should be had -

Let me hear from as early as  
possible in regard to it.

I saw Walker today. The good  
know was in the last Congress from  
the lady - He is a hard - He will  
go in for you but needs Washington  
immediately - ~~It~~ It will be well  
to look to him - a little attention  
will set him to work energetically.

State of Indiana is here & I  
propose to have a thorough talk  
with him in the morning. There  
is one of the leading men of the  
Buckanaw men in Michigan.  
He is one of the producers of the  
"Free Press" - I will get out of him

all he knows and before I quit  
him by the strength of his Buckanaw.  
He is an important man - but  
can he go - If I can bid high  
enough - with him for you Michigan  
will be certain. I know this.

I shall write tomorrow to my  
old friends Genl Peck and Col.  
Ingersoll who I see are delegates  
from Connecticut. Col. is an old  
Cass man - but Peck is an unabashed  
Nat. - But we shall see.

Do not forget the Bright letter  
for I have set my heart on  
getting the anted sole of this State  
for you. My letters from home  
tell me that the medicine is  
working well there. cheerfully  
about Columbus.

I am quietly studying some board.



March 1  
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Albion House

Sunday Morning

John

Since writing you last I have had the talk with Hale of Detroit. As I advised you he is perhaps the leading politician of Michigan. As I expected I found him strong for Buchanan.

He says that the delegation from Michigan will go first for Mass and after that for Buchanan. If it does it will be my judgment be owing to him. Our talk was long and searching. The desire is to benefit himself and this fact renders him open to criticism. I disclosed nothing to him - but took the ground that I was hunting for



Hon D. P. Disney  
Astor House  
N. Y.

Political



O. J. Quincy  
New York  
March 1/56

Political

MAR. 1, 1856

John House

March 1-1856

Sir

A letter from Westbrook me-  
of the "Soft" delegation to Cincinnati  
reaches me of her active interest in  
your behalf. And I repeat that  
am satisfied that I can effect an  
union of the two delegations from  
the State upon you. Your silence  
however embarrasses me and I know  
not whether to go or a stop here I may  
be underrunning some of your side.

What shall I do? I have got  
letters of the State and



And they cordially now thank me  
that an opportunity is presented by  
which at single move New York  
can recalculate herself at the head  
of the Democratic party &c.

Schell called to see me again on  
yesterday but I was out and unable  
I do not care to see him until I  
hear from you - Let me hear from  
you by return mail & express to me  
you wish for if you desire it I can  
scarcely drop all connection with the  
movement. Be sure to write to me  
as I want for I tell you you it as  
of the last moment to have no  
more -

Very truly

Wm. L. Douglass { J. L. Bates

University of Nashville

Nashville March 1<sup>st</sup> 1856

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

Sir

As corresponding Secretary of the Erasmian Literary Society, I have the honor to apprise you of your unanimous election, at a recent meeting, to honorary membership. Being aware of your attainments and the elevated position which you occupy in your own State, we are fully assured that your association with our Society would do us much honor. Should you at any time pass through our city we would be happy to be honored with your presence.

Very Respectfully

Geo. K. Jones

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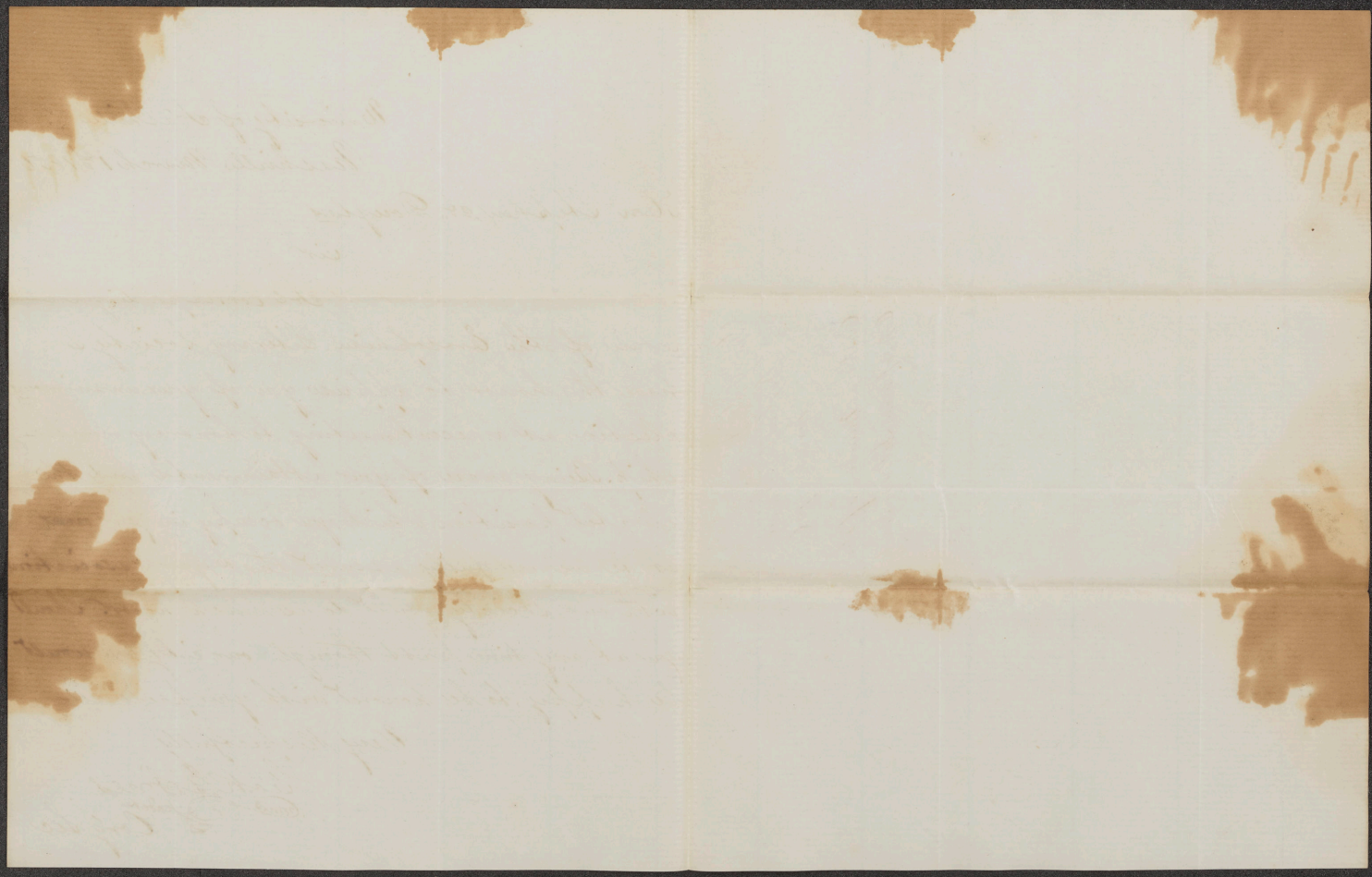
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Geo W L Jones  
Ashville Tenn  
March 1/36

Elect a Member of the  
Eusebian Library Society





Sugar Grove, Hancock Co. Pa.  
March 10<sup>th</sup> 1850.

Wm. S. A. Douglass,

U.S. Senate

Phila.

Prudon a stranger

for addressing you, but I am exceedingly anxious  
to get a bound volume of the "Congressional Globe"  
of the last Congress, containing the debates of  
that session, & not having the pleasure of a  
personal acquaintance with any member  
I take the liberty of addressing you this Note.

Should I be favored with your kind remembrance  
and be the recipient of any favors in the way  
of Public documents from the Douglass I will  
remember gratefully the donor, and will  
make good use of them, preserving them in my  
family, and showing to my friends long after  
Calumny have ceased to detract from  
our Country's best defenders - I saw

Mr Douglass at Irukkil several  
years since, but you will not  
remember me I presume. Now

Shall I have the gratification of  
hearing from you?

Most respectfully  
Yours

Mark Willson



Mark Wilson  
Sugar Grove Penn  
March 1<sup>st</sup> 1856

Sends Copy Congressional  
Globe "I Received"

March 2<sup>d</sup> 1856

Jesse Bruce Warren Co. Penna.  
Dear Sir

Not having any Personal  
acquaintance now in Congress or Senate  
Permit me to address you. I having Confidence  
that tho. you may be daily annoyed by men  
not known to you about what to you may  
appear of little or no importance; hoping that  
you may comply with my request without  
inconvenience to yourself My Residence is now  
at this Place am engaged in Agriculture &  
Mechanical Operations and would be happy  
to receive a copy of the last Patent Office Re-  
ports under your frank by mail at this office  
and since I have heard and heard of your  
official acts in the affairs of this Government I  
have reason to believe that no man is more  
entitled to the Privileges allowed by Government  
to receive and distribute its Public Documents  
than yourself I am known you Personally but  
long since, and you have no means of recollecting  
me but no matter if you will allow yourself  
to be troubled and gratify me you will much  
oblige a friend pardon this liberty with your time  
and believe me Respectfully your obedient Servt.  
J. B. Vanduser

J. B. Van Duren  
Sugar Grove Town  
March 2<sup>d</sup> 1856  
Naut. Patent Office Report

Hon H. S. Geyer  
Senate  
March 3/56

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Mar. 3, 1856

Hon S. A. Douglass.

Dear Sir,

I am informed by  
Gov. Jones. that the copy  
of the act of incorporation of  
the N E Aid Society, and  
the publication by the Secretary  
of the same were used by him  
on Monday. belong to you, as  
I shall probably address the  
Senate before the debate  
commences, in Kansas affairs, I  
will be obliged to you, if  
you will allow me the  
use of them for an hour or  
two. in Senate tomorrow

Yours

3 March

Albany





C. Town, Ky.  
March 30<sup>th</sup>

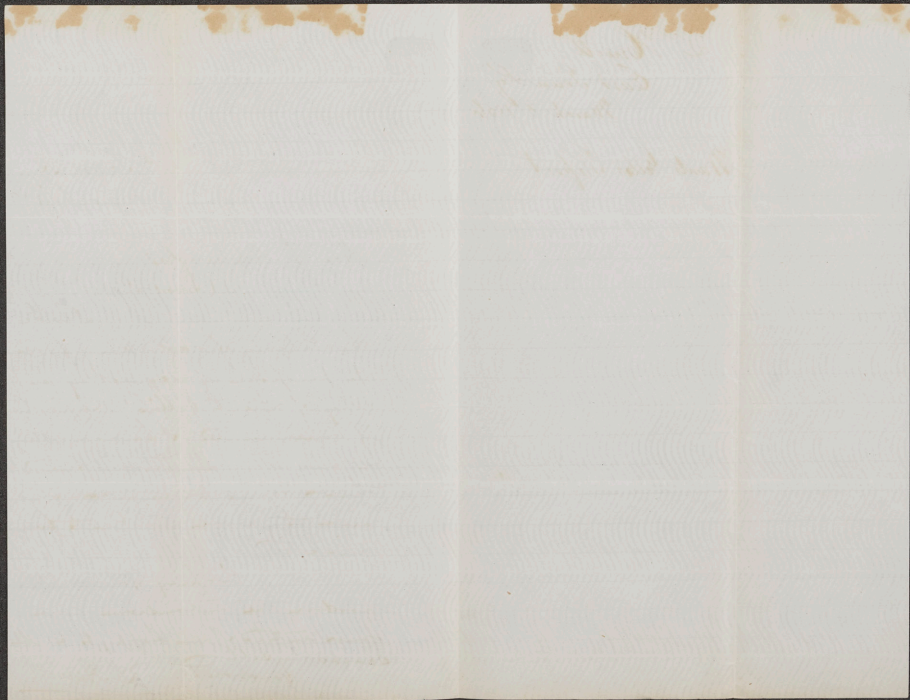
Hon S. A. Douglas,  
Dear Sir:-

I take  
the Liberty of addressing you  
the purpose of requesting a  
copy of Lieut Gillip's Report  
if convenient. I have written  
to our own Senators but  
their copies were exhausted  
and they were unable to fur-  
nish it.

Hoping you will  
pardon the intrusion upon  
your duties I am happy to sub-  
scribe myself  
yours most. S. Herwill

S Hewett  
East Town Ky  
March 3<sup>d</sup> 1856

Wants Gills Report



Lawrence Mass. Mar. 3/56

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir:

Will

you please send me a copy of a  
speech delivered by you in the  
U. S. Senate in the Spring of 1854  
in Answer to Messrs. Sumner, Seward,  
Wade and other Abolitionists on the  
passage of the Kansas-Nebraska  
bill

And oblige

Yours Respectfully

S. C. Nash

J. C. Nash  
Lawrence Mass  
March 3/56

Wants Speeches

Sent





Georgia Military Institute  
March 8<sup>th</sup> 1866

Hon. S. F. Douglass

Dear Sir

In view, of the  
hallam manner, in which you have  
ever advocated the interest of the South,  
in the Halls of Congress; the members  
of the Lyman Hall association, have elected  
you an honorary member of their Society;  
hoping that you will receive this  
trivial honor as a token of their esteem.

I have the honor  
to be

Your Obedt Servant  
C. Hays Lawren  
Cor. Sec. S. H. S.

Hon S. F. Douglass  
Washington City

E. Floyd Lawson  
Lieut. & Co. Military Institute  
March 3/56

Electa Henry member of  
the "Lyman Hall Association"

Washington D.C.  
March 3<sup>d</sup>, 1836,

My Dear Sir,

I did think that an apology was due for failing to call upon you in a week or ten days from our interview of the 9<sup>th</sup> ult. I visited your house however, last week, but not finding you at home nor wishing to add anything to your cares I did not leave my cards.

I have not, as I intended, seen Mr. Leger & others upon the Rock Island project, because, it occurred to me that the site of the University, being in Illinois, no steps should be taken by me, without your suggestion or concurrence. Before laying the matter before them, your plan of operations to secure the object, should be known, & your wishes chiefly consulted.

Mr. A. Hall will accompany me to your house at our present interchange.

I am very solicitous to inspect the scheme for me & privately; If I am able to abide a long siege I wish to know it, & to share for it.



The Rev. James Thornington with a bad ambition,  
it seems to me, has attempted to foist the project into  
Congress - and unless it is rescued from the peril to  
which he exposes it, it must fall stillborn.

Mr. T. has acted without authority from me  
& I presume any one.

Judge Rull himself, and, therefore, the  
mass anxious to consult with you at once.

If <sup>you</sup> have no engagements to preclude an inter-  
ference at 5 o'clock to night, please to say so to our  
friend Gen. L. H. Jones of Iowa, who will inform  
me of it at dinner.

Respectfully Your Obedt. Servant  
Phelps Lindley,

Wm. Stephen & Douglas,



J Lindsley  
Washington D.C.  
March 8/56

About Establishing a  
University at Rock  
Island Ills

Waterville Mar 3 1856.

Now Stephen J. Douglass Esq.

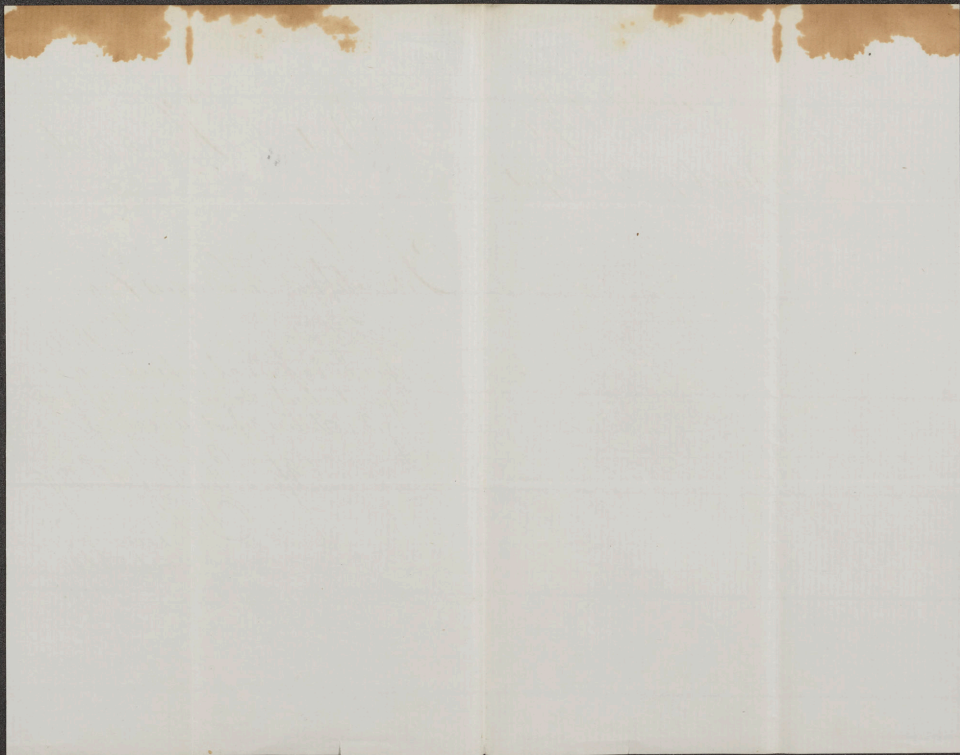
Will  
you be so kind as to send me at  
your earliest convenience a copy of  
Lieut J. W. Ellis's report and oblige

Yours Very Respectfully

C. R. Munger  
Waterville  
Me.  
Oneida Co

H. R. Munger  
Waterville NY  
March 3/56

Wants Copy Gillis Report



Amherst Mass.

Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> 1858

Mr Douglass,

Sir will you be  
so obliging as to send me  
a copy of your speech on  
the war question or on our  
affairs with England, and if  
so, you will greatly oblige

Yours Truly

E. Horace Spinner

Wm Steven A Douglass.



E. H. Spooner  
Amherst Mass  
March 3/56

Wants Copy of Speech Rel to  
Affairs with England



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Chicago

March 4/1836

Hen. A. Douglass

Dear Sir.

I wrote you  
last Sunday which I suppose  
you have received stating  
that We had agreed Co. & C.  
Carrington & Sheehan to leave  
our matters out to Arbitrators  
and that the Arbitrators when  
known in to settle all our  
matters as Mr. Sheehan insisted  
must be done and that was  
your wish and he would do  
nothing else and that I was  
no Democrat and he would  
not be concerned with me  
in the Paper and he would  
not leave either and gave  
me notice in writing

Cameron consenting  
that the Partnership  
was dissolved. The Arbitrators  
were Aaron Haven D.D.  
Carpenter and their man  
chose B. J. Moornis for the  
thing. I was satisfied to do  
anything to get along with  
him after he said he could  
not go to Springfield or be  
a Delegate to Cincinnati.  
If you can stum such friends  
I cant. he has refused to  
speak to me and abused me  
ever since the election for what  
God only knows I dont. no  
matter what <sup>any</sup> Linn says to  
the contrary. And to show his  
baseness he has now renouced  
the Arbitration. so now he  
has put himself on ~~his~~ Country.  
I have nothing more to do with  
such a man. Yours Truly, J. Cook

J Cook  
Chicago Ills  
April 4/56

Private



Post Office Adams. N.Y.  
March. 4. 1836.

Hon. S. A. Douglass,

Genl.

Having received some pub. documents from you during the last Session of Congress, I take the liberty respectfully to ask you to favor us with any published speeches or documents from our Democratic friends in either House that are calculated to do good in this Section, Although the Black Rep. Honorables & Kinder K. N.-ism, has thinned our Ranks, still there are a few firm Democrats left who are not alarmed at "Ghosts" of "Bible Ruffians", This (Jefferson) County has gained more than it has lost in strength for the Democrats in the past year, Below I give you a few names that would gladly receive anything you may be pleased to forward to them, or cause some Democratic Member of the lower House to do so.

With my sincere wish for your entire restoration to health & future prosperity, I Remain your  
Obedient Servt.  
Hiram Catlett  
P.M.

Hon. J. Gifford  
E. J. Sugrull, Esq  
J. F. Greene  
J. Dorotator  
M. Comiss

Mason Curtis

Adams N. B.

March 4 1856

List of Names and Wants  
Documents & Speeches

Scut—

Frederic D. T. Mason  
Astor House N.Y.  
March 1/56

Political



Astor House

March 4th 1856

Dear Sir

It is highly important that  
I know whether it is your wish  
that I should go to Burlington.  
Dickinson is at home and I have  
reason to believe that he expects  
to see me - The truth is that I  
have pushed the matter of union  
between the Hawks & Doves ~~and~~ the  
range of action on your favor and  
on my judgment there is a reasonable



probably that the thing can be  
effected. About Helen as I have  
not heard from you I feel at a  
loss what best to do - Will you  
advise me at once by return  
mail whether you deem me to  
have the interview with Breckin.

Some circumstances lead me  
to believe that both sides are  
well affected and prudent  
measures may accomplish  
the union when you -

The opinion here runs strongly  
in favor of Buchanan & is  
encouraged from the reports  
from abroad. I myself feel  
convinced that it will require  
activity to beat him -

Fillmore will not realize the  
strength in this and the  
anthen states which my  
past apprehensions conceded to  
him - at least so looks the horizon  
now -

I trust that you will not fail  
to advise me immediately in  
relation to Breckin & your  
views in regard to my taking  
this matter in the state further.

If you desire me to go to  
Breckin do not neglect the  
letter from Baugh -

Yours  
And Ad. Dreyfus } D. T. Bailey

Smithsonian Institution,  
Washington. Mar. 4. 1836.

To the

Honorable S. A. Douglas.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that an  
adjourned meeting of the Board of Regents of the  
Smithsonian Institution, will be held in the Hall of  
the Smithsonian Building, on Saturday, March 8th  
at 11 am.

I am,

Very Respectfully

Your obed. servt

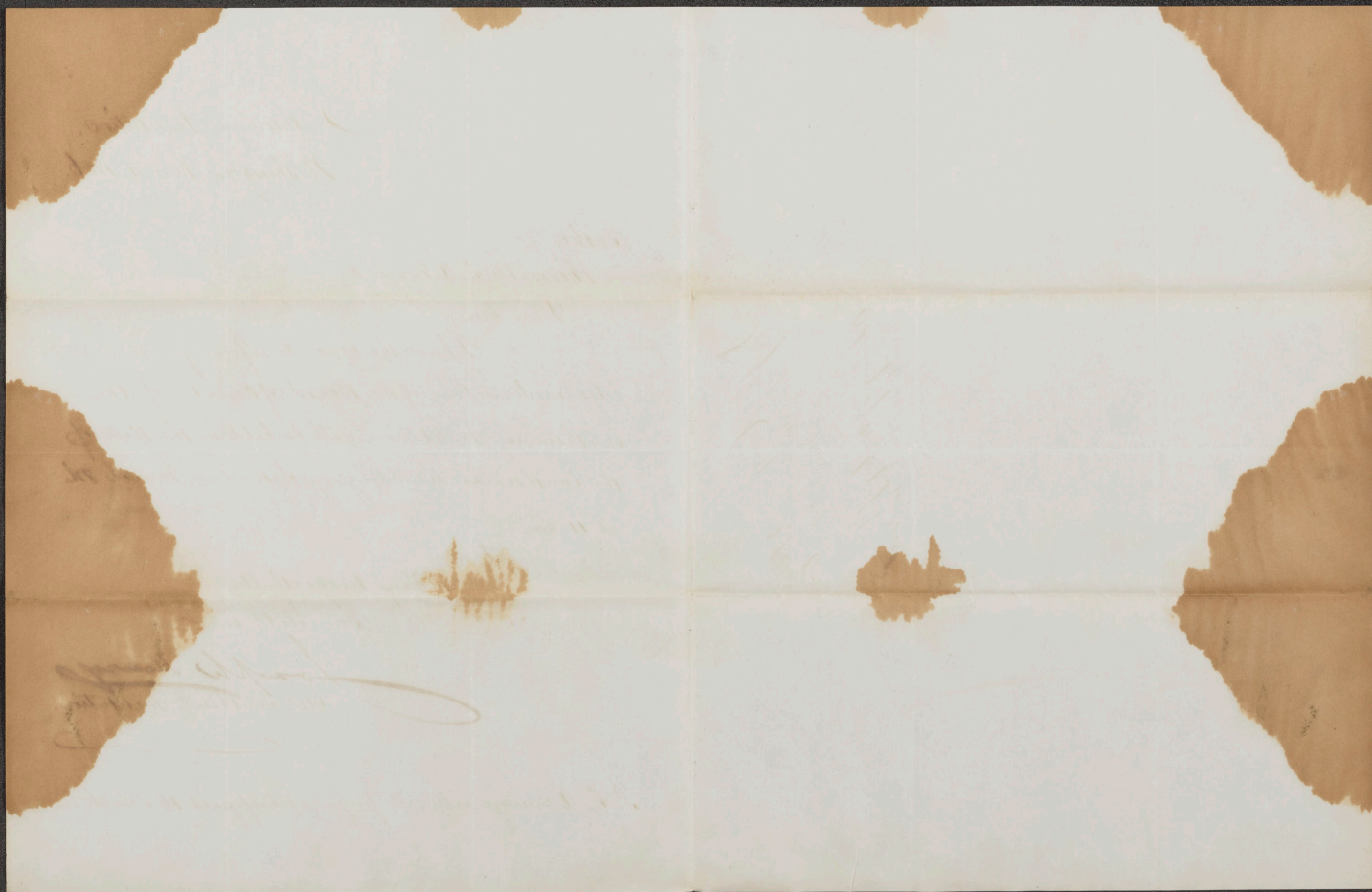
Joseph Henry  
Secy Smithsonian Institution.

P. S. A carriage will call for you at half-past 10 o'clock—



Joseph Henry  
Society Southern Sabbath  
March 4 1836

Addressing of meeting of the  
Reports on the 8th instant



[Mar. 4, 1856]

Brookville, Ogle Co. Ill.

Hon. E. A. Douglas.

By request of  
our Democratic friends of this place  
I lay before you the circumstances  
of our P. O. the present incumbent  
Jeremiah Gilinger works for the  
Chicago Democrat, & Chicago, Dem-  
ocratic Press he is a clerk in  
the employ of the old Whig  
P. M. who resigned in favor of  
the present incumbent.

We have made 2 or 3 efforts to  
have a change but G. D. Reed  
the P. M. at Buffalo Grove  
now Polo, has been opposed  
to us, his pecuniary circum-  
stances is the cause, In our town  
there is a majority of Democrats  
and we only take 16 cop of  
the Chicago Times

there has been no effort  
made for the Times, only what  
I have done my self, and  
the fusion P. M. has the advantage  
he knows when a Subscribers  
time is about up and manage  
to get him in again,  
We wish you to inform us how  
we ~~we~~ will manage to get  
a change

March 4/56

Yours Truly  
D. Hoffhine

N.B. for reference please address  
D. S. Pride Esq. of Oregon  
Cgl. Co.



D Hoffmire  
Brooklyn Ills

Rel to Post Masters at  
Buffalo Grove & Polo  
Ills

1856



Greenland N.H, March 4/56  
Dear Sir

I address this to you be-  
- cause New Hampshire has  
no Democratic Representative  
in either House of Congress.  
I have been in the habit of  
seeing through our former  
Members, Books, such as The  
Patent Office reports, and  
some others, I should like  
to receive some from you  
if not inconvenient, for  
which you shall have  
The Thanks of an Old  
Democrat of The Old  
Granite State

Hon S. A. Douglas Respectfully Yours  
M. G.

Daniel Phillips

Daniel Phillips  
Grandland N.H.  
March 14/66

Wants Documents

Sent

My dear Mr. [illegible]  
I have the honor to acknowledge  
the receipt of your letter of the  
10th inst. and in reply to inform  
you that the same has been  
forwarded to the proper authorities  
for their consideration. I am  
very sorry that I cannot give  
you a more definite answer at  
this time, but I am sure that  
you will understand the necessity  
of this course. I am, Sir,  
very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
[illegible]

Very truly yours,  
[illegible]

[Faint, mostly illegible handwriting on the right page, possibly a continuation of the letter or a separate document.]

New York March 4 1838  
Hon S. A. Douglass

My dear sir

We will have ready (very soon) our splendid picture of "Webster addressing the senate on the Compromise, 1850". It contains life like portraits of all the Senators, & some 35 members of the House of Reps. at that time.

We think it will be the finest picture published in this country, & have met with much encouragement by many Senators subscribing very liberally - Would you be willing to take some copies & encourage the enterprise. Price ten Dollars per copy. no money to be paid in advance. Your portrait is the most prominent in the picture, & a number who have examined it, pronounce it a first rate likeness - the best of you seen - Mr W. H. Hamlett, "Ebbero House" Washington, has seen it - I should be highly gratified to have your name among our list of subscribers - I will furnish you with proof copies. Should you wish some, I am very confident it will give universal satisfaction - I would be

very glad, if you would be willing  
to drop me a line in reply -  
with sentiments of the highest esteem  
I remain - Yours very truly

R. Van Allen



N Van Dein  
New York  
March 4/56

Wants to Sell Picture of  
Daniel Webster in the  
Attitude of making his  
Compromised Speech in 1850