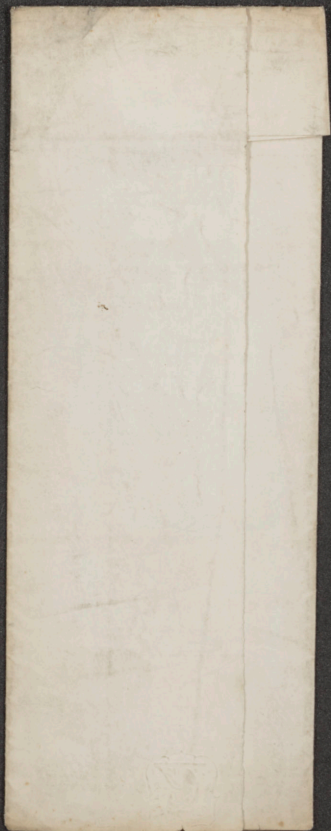


Isaac Cook
Chicago Illinois
March 9 1856

Private & Confidential



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Chicago

March 9th 1836

Hon J. A. Douglas

Dear Judge

I have
been in deep thought since
I wrote you yesterday and
you will believe me when
I tell you and you know
some of the facts yourself.
I have taken great pains to
assist Mr. Sheahan ever since
he has been in the City. He staid
in my Rooms for months and
then his family which you know
he now lives in the House I
Bought on the Lot in Dearborn
Street. And I pledge my honor
he has never asked me for one
dollar that I have ever refused.
When any money was actually wanted
by the Clerk for the Paper it was

given weekly as the books
will show. you know how
it was last Summer when
it was pinching times with me,
you did help, but you never
got credit from him for doing
half as much as you have done.
The cash you sent this Winter
the largest part he used for his
own purposes. On the Lot that
he calls his, and nearly all the
votes he gave were ^{marked} transferable to
my Order and I have paid
them and hold them now.

How can a man that you
and I have treated so kindly
act in this manner and still
say I have treated him unkindly
and that you have not done
half as much as you should
of done. I think this is cool.
If you knew the Black-hearted
talk I have heard it would surprise

you. I have heard him say
If you done any thing that did
not suit his fancy he would
denounce you. big talk for
a self-willed stubborn headed
Englishman. that had not one dollar
when he came here. He never
shall have the control of
the Times to denounce or
while I live, I will tell
you of another one of his
Important Ideas. Called at the
Post Office on Mr. Wynkoop
and charged him with taking
letters on insinuating that
he had given false letters
to me which he knew were
false and that I had opened
them. I told Wynkoop I wished
he had kicked him out the
office. I treat him kindly
and shall do so as long as he is
in the Editorial Chair. He thinks

showing he will ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~any~~ ^{any} ~~time~~ ^{time} ~~night~~ ^{night} ~~day~~ ^{day} ~~with~~ ^{with} ~~money~~ ^{money} ~~nothing~~ ^{nothing} ~~at~~ ^{at} ~~this~~ ^{this} ~~importance~~ ^{importance} ~~he~~ ^{he} ~~thinks~~ ^{thinks} ~~he~~ ^{he} ~~should~~ ^{should} ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~City~~ ^{City} ~~printer~~ ^{printer} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Firm~~ ^{Firm} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Times~~ ^{Times} ~~It~~ ^{It} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~consummate~~ ^{consummate} ~~Impudence~~ ^{Impudence} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~no~~ ^{no} ~~body~~ ^{body} ~~but~~ ^{but} ~~a~~ ^a ~~Black~~ ^{Black} ~~hearted~~ ^{hearted} ~~villain~~ ^{villain} ~~would~~ ^{would} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~dare~~ ^{dare} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~have~~ ^{have} ~~suggested~~ ^{suggested} ~~it~~ ^{it} ~~I~~ ^I ~~have~~ ^{have} ~~a~~ ^a ~~letter~~ ^{letter} ~~from~~ ^{from} ~~him~~ ^{him} ~~stating~~ ^{stating} ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~he~~ ^{he} ~~shall~~ ^{shall} ~~disolve~~ ^{disolve} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Times~~ ^{Times} ~~Partnership~~ ^{Partnership} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~go~~ ^{go} ~~on~~ ^{on} ~~his~~ ^{his} ~~own~~ ^{own} ~~hook~~ ^{hook} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~he~~ ^{he} ~~shant~~ ^{shant} ~~leave~~ ^{leave} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Times~~ ^{Times} ~~under~~ ^{under} ~~any~~ ^{any} ~~circumstances~~ ^{circumstances} ~~I~~ ^I ~~told~~ ^{told} ~~him~~ ^{him} ~~if~~ ^{if} ~~he~~ ^{he} ~~left~~ ^{left} ~~my~~ ^{my} ~~name~~ ^{name} ~~off~~ ^{off} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Times~~ ^{Times} ~~as~~ ^{as} ~~one~~ ^{one} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Proprietors~~ ^{Proprietors} ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~his~~ ^{his} ~~Editorial~~ ^{Editorial} ~~Authority~~ ^{Authority} ~~would~~ ^{would} ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~at~~ ^{at} ~~an~~ ^{an} ~~end~~ ^{end} ~~I~~ ^I ~~never~~ ^{never} ~~have~~ ^{have} ~~heard~~ ^{heard} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~an~~ ^{an} ~~instance~~ ^{instance} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~same~~ ^{same} ~~kind~~ ^{kind} ~~before~~ ^{before} ~~with~~ ^{with} ~~law~~ ^{law} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~common~~ ^{common} ~~sense~~ ^{sense} ~~against~~ ^{against} ~~him~~ ^{him} ~~there~~ ^{there} ~~must~~ ^{must} ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~somebody~~ ^{somebody} ~~rating~~ ^{rating} ~~him~~ ^{him} ~~up~~ ^{up} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~it~~ ^{it} ~~he~~ ^{he} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~make~~ ^{make} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~prop~~ ^{prop} ~~your~~ ^{your} ~~true~~ ^{true} ~~friend~~ ^{friend} ~~Wm~~ ^{Wm} ~~Black~~ ^{Black}

Executive Office In Wash
City, April March 9 1855

Hon S. A. Douglass

Senator in Congress

Washington City

Dear Sir

This letter will be
placed in your hands by the Hon Charles
H. Mason Secretary of the Territory of
Washington and acting Governor for the
first three months of our Indian War.

He has repaired to the City
of Washington to lay before the President
the Departments and Congress, the deplorable
condition of affairs here, the necessity
of calling out the whole available force
of the Territory, and of prompt measures
of relief in the way of appropriations by
Congress.

On the Sound are seven thousand
Indians. The hostile number from two
to three hundred. The great bulk of the
friendly Indians are on reservations,

where they are daily rationed. Our Settlements are a frontier, everywhere open to attack, and the Country our forces have to operate in, is worse than the Everglades of Florida.

At this time, our people are in Black House. It is not safe for people to travel except well armed and in Companies. Our trains are all guarded.

The Mail from the Columbia River came here on Friday escorted by 4 men.

One half of our able bodied men are now bearing arms, and our people have generously placed at the disposal of the authorities their whole available means.

Not only is the regular force entirely insufficient, but I have been obliged to strengthen the volunteer force on the Sound by ordering ~~over~~ one Company of volunteers from the Columbia River.

A Band of hostiles, have their Head Quarters within twelve miles of this place and within twelve miles of the Garrison at Steilacoom, yet in answer to my requisition on the Commanding Officer of the

Garrison, not a man could be spared to move against them. The whole available Regular force was at the time operating against the main body of the Enemy in another quarter.

To meet the exigency an additional force of some 40 volunteers and thirty friendly Indians was raised and sent into the field.

You are perfectly aware of the importance of this distant frontier, and the Citizens of this Territory confidently rely upon your exertions, and those of all friends of the Territories in Congress to help us in our hour of need.

Mr Mason will be able to inform you minutely of our Condition.

From him you will learn how grossly Gen Wool has misunderstood the difficulty and the complete folly of his Course.

I remain

Very Respectfully
Your friend & Obedt Servt.
Jesse S. Stevens
Gov. Terr. of Wash.

Hon J T Stevens
New Washington Territory
March 9 1886

Rel to the Affairs of the
Territory

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Amherst College March 10th
1856

Sir

Will you have the kindness to forward me a copy of your speech on the Central American question.

Very Respectfully
Yours

J Bradford

Hon. S. A. Douglass
United States Senator
at Washington

J. A. Bradford
Amherst College
March 10/56

Prints Speech on the Central
American Question —

Continued from page 10
1881

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Lynchburg, Virginia.
March 10th 1836.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Dear Sir;

Being

empowered by the Constitution of our Society, to elect to honorary membership any, or all persons conspicuous for their literary attainments and classical erudition, and deeming you as embodying these qualifications in the most complimentary manner, you have been duly elected an honorary member of the Philosophic Literary Society of Lynchburg College, Va., and are hereby notified of said election.

D. J. Norman.
W. L. Goggins. } Committee.
C. W. Foreman }

J D Norman & others
Committee of Literary Society
Synchbury Virginia
March 10/86

In favor of being elected a member

Sub a Doc to each

[MAN. 10, 1856]

My dear Judge

I presume you have heard of my marriage & of my return to W. I was married in Dec: to a Miss Washington of A. Co. (from the Dist: rep^d by Mr. Ruffin) & have purchased a fine estate within a mile & a half of Staunton & am leading once more the life of a W. gentleman of the old school.

During the fall while you were so unwell I was very ill myself or I have written to express my regrets at your condition - as it was I watched the newspapers with closely ~~very~~ noted your gradual improvement with great pleasure.

But to the particular object of this letter.

Some time ago I had a conversation with one of the Eds. of the Rich^d Examiner in which, ^{speaking} of your position as to the next W. nomination I uttered almost identically the sentiments which have recently appeared in their Editorials as to yourself, except as to the fact that you would be damaged at the W. by your course on the Fugitive Slave question - I expressly denied this or that you or your friends would be influenced by abolition clamor - that editorials to my great pleasure have since forth Singleton's letter which places you, (so far as any one but yourself can do it) in a new & more flattering position.

I do not think you have been at all injured by the delay which occurred ~~in~~ mentioning your name in connection with the Cincinnati convention - on the contrary I incline strongly to the opinion that it has been of service to you - But

The time has now come when it is highly important that your position sh^d be distinctly known. Within the next six weeks, we the P.^s hope to be in the field. We are appointed & if it be perfectly understood that you sanction the use of your name before the Com^t. I hazard nothing in saying that a majority of our delegates may be ap^d from among your friends - the den^y of strength of P.^s lies in the West & beyond the mountains you are particularly strong. The Com^t for the ap^d of del^s to be in the field from this district meets on the 24th inst.

At the recent V. A. State Con. your name was mentioned
in connection with the Co. Secy. nomination & elicited
universal applause & was a delegate to the Con.
& regretted that the indisposition of my wife
prevented my attendance.

If you think with me you had better write ~~to~~
later upon the subject, placing yourself before in line
thus I will put before the public in time to effect
the object in view -

I hope to have the pleasure of entertaining you at my house
the coming summer & of hearing you before our people -
Remunrated or not.

Very truly

My friend

Wm L. Peyton

Sturton Pa

March 10th 1856

Mr: S. A. Douglas }
U. S. Senator }

John L. Peyton
Staunton Va

March 10/56

Political



Brighton March the 11th 1856
 To the Hon Stephen A Douglass

Sir Probably before this time
 you have received communications
 from the Editors of the Chicago
 Daily Times concerning the Post office
 at this place the petition will be mailed
 With this letter to the Hon A Hall
 thinking that would be best the Man
 (J J Lee) is a strong Anti-Northeast
 that now has the office and We ought
 Not put a club in our Enemys hands
 to break over our heads with

the same Morgan H Lewis that is
 recommended for Post Master is qualified
 in every respect for the office and a
 good Democrat he and myself
 takes the Chicago Weekly times we
 are the only ones that takes it at
 this office if you will call on
 the Hon A Hall and assist in
 getting the appointment for Lewis
 you will confer a favor on about
 20 old line Democrats their names
 are in the petition

Yours With Respect
 A Diller

A. Deller
Brighton Ills
March 11/56

Rel to the P.M. at Brighton
Ills

Chicago March 12th 1858
Hon S. A. Douglas
Dear Judge

Shastan
to inform you of the breach
shown towards me by the Editor
of the Chicago Times.

J. W. Buchanan, in one of the
editorials of this morning's paper
which I enclose in this.

It has been done for a sinister
purpose as you can readily see,
for the fight was for you not
the paper; I was at the front
and stood the fire as you will
see by all the papers; the contest
was called Douglas took & Co. and
it is conceded by all the
opposing parties the greatest
history ^{ever} ~~and~~ known here; as you

same was the same with
Nebraska,

Mr Sam Brown and
has said before Mr Sheahan
and others that he could not
have been elected on the ticket
carried without my exertions
and still told me the
same to day when he saw
this Legbill in the Chicago
Times and said he had told
Mr Sheahan in regard to it.

Said Mr Type was to see
me all night every day before
his nomination to get Mr
Keith to withdraw from
being candidate for Mayor
which I did do after the
delegates were elected for
Mr Keith; and he received
two thirds of all the ~~votes~~

votes on the informal ballot
~~and~~ then Mr Type came to me
and asked me to go and get
Mr Keith to withdraw as he
said no other one could get
him to do it; but me, I
went and got his consent; and
gave his resignation in writing
to the committee when they
called upon him; And upon
that Mr Type was nominated
with unanimity without any
ballot, taken in the Convention.
I have worked day and night
with and for him and
spent my money freely, which
every body is aware of here as well
as Mr Sheahan. There is no
use of disguising this matter the
facts are now before you.

I would sooner die than be

disgraced which you see is
the game to be played
on me.

The Chicago
Democrat by a libel published
on me that I spent the money
of the bank to elect the ticket
for the benefit of Duples caused
a run on the institution and
a suspension for a few days.

Now she Sheehon is trying to
add insult to injury. But
thank God I lived here 21
years; and he but little
over one; my word has been
my bond through life and
I never have deserted a friend
or lost one by my own act,
and I think it but just to
let you know the facts; as it
is too precious for me to bear.

I should like to hear from
you on receipt of this. I have
I have had this copied in haste I have and find I look

J Cook
Chicago Ill
March 12/56

Private & Confidential

J. C. Smith
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Amherst College
March 12th 1836

Dear Sir -

Will you be so kind
as to favor me with a copy
of your speech on the
"Central American question".

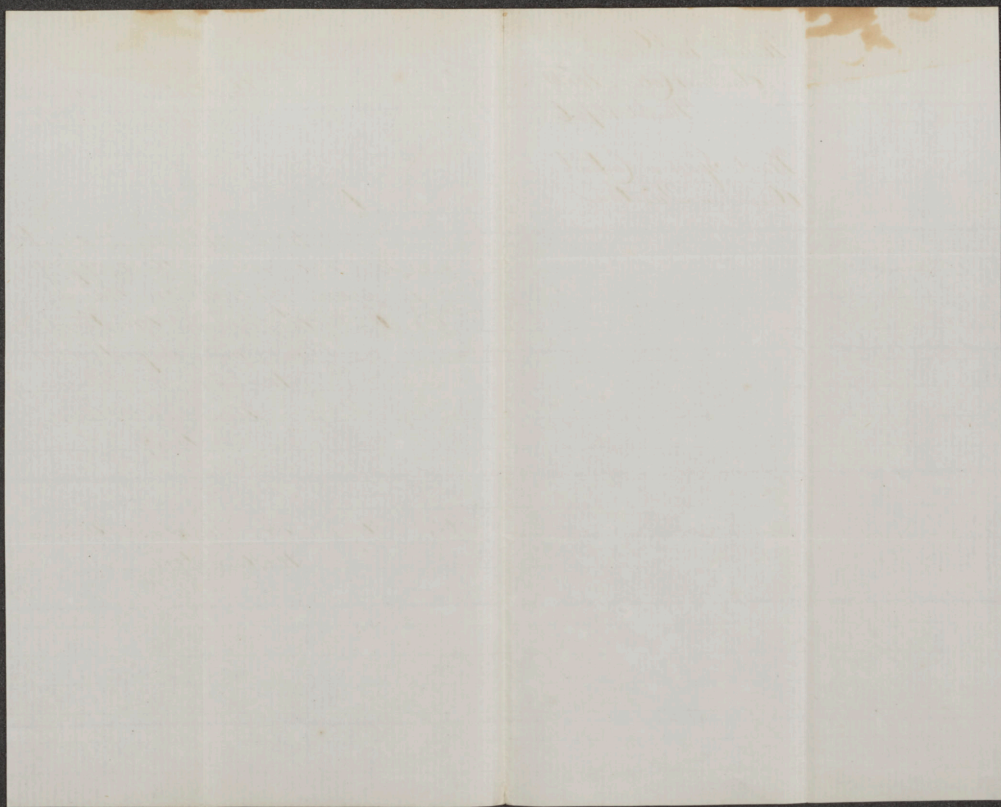
Yours very respectfully
Malcolm M. W. Dana
Amherst College
Mass -

To -

Hon Stephen A. Douglass. U.S.S.
Washington
D. C.

Malcolm W. Dana
Andover College Mass
March 12/56

Wants Speech on Central
American Question



Brooklyn, N. Y. March 13/56

Hon Stephen A Douglass

Dear Sir

Having read in the New York Herald of this morning a report of the Report of the Com on Territories as presented to the Senate, and being fully impressed with the soundness of the able and what appears to me the unanswerable views and arguments therein contained. I have to beg of you to do me the favour of transmitting a copy of the same when printed.

I hope and trust you excuse the liberty an humble individual as I am thus taking in presuming to address you, whose time and talents are necessarily very much engaged with matters of importance and weight to the whole country, but as I know of no other source from whence I can obtain a copy of said Report for future reference and study, I have determined to request the same from you even at the risk of incurring your displeasure.

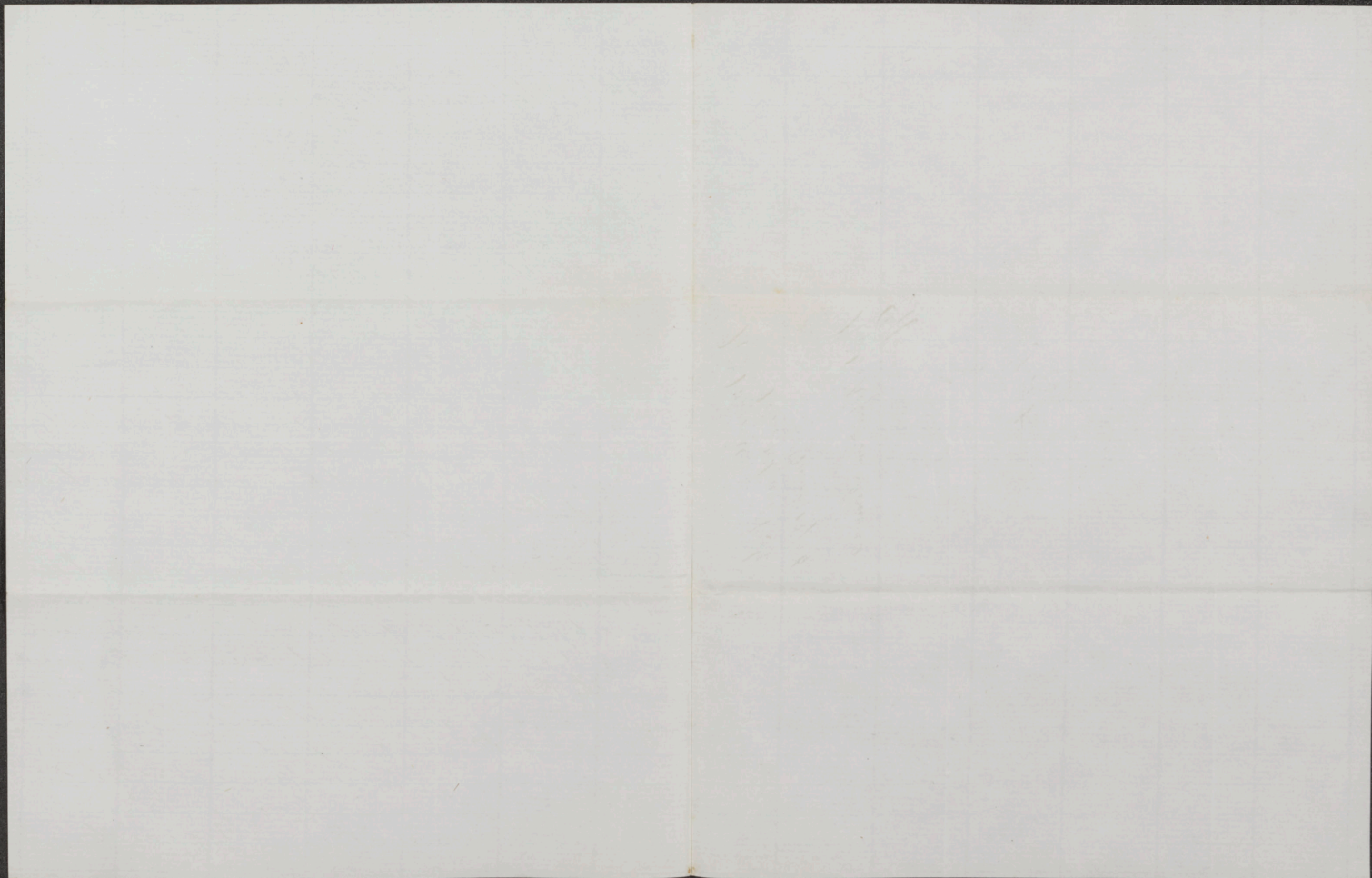
With great respect I am your
Humble and Obedt Servt

Wm Burrall

Wm Burrill
Brooklyn N.Y.
March 14/56

Wants Report on Kansas
Affairs —

Sent



Mr Stephen A. Douglass

Dear Sir

Will you please favor me with two copies of your able report as Chm of Com on Territories, on Kansas Affairs — one for an erring friend who sticks fast in "free soil"; the other I should esteem as a noble effort of one whom the democracy have honored & for whom, I trust there are higher honors in store! As the hills of the "old Granite State" are tossing back the waves of fanaticism may I not congratulate you on this auspicious sign of recurring democratic triumphs

Yours in the faith —

D. Gilbert

Schenectady N.Y.
March 13, 1856.

J. Gilbert

Schenectady N.Y.

March 13th 56

Went to Gen. Report
on Kansas Affairs

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Harpers Ferry March 13th 56
Hon S. A. Dupont

Dear Sir

You will confer
a favour on me by sending me
Gilps Expedition to Chile it is a
work that i would much like to
have by giving it your attention.
You will much oblige

Your Friend

Thomas Russell Jr

Thos. Russell Esq
Raspens Ferry Pa
March 13/56

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Hon. Stephen A. Douglas
U. S. Senate
Washington City
D. C.

Williamsburg N. Y.

March 15, 1856

Hon^{le} Stephen A Douglass

My dear Sir- as Our Congressional district (the 5th) is at present Represented by a member of the R. N. Order we neither receive nor do we ask any political favors from him, and are therefore under the necessity of Calling upon Our friends in Other sections of the Country.

Should you therefore have any Public documents to spare, after supplying your own State, & which you think would be Interesting to us to Read or Calculated to promote the Interest^s of the Semisocratic Party. I will thank you for any that you may think proper to send to my address, either for my self, or to be distributed to Others.

I am Sir, with great Respect
Your Obedient Servant
James Murphy

James M. Ashley
Williamsburg, N.Y.
March 13/56

Went Documents & Speeches

Let Kansas Report



Hon. S. A. Douglass
Senator
Lin

Will you have the kind-
ness to forward me a few copies of your
recent report on the Kansas matter &c.

Your friends here are
having a hard battle to fight but are of
good cheer -

Very sincerely
Yours
A. Davis

Albany N. Y. March 17th 1836

77 State St.

A. C. Davis
Albany N. Y.

March 14 1886

Wants Report of Kansas
Affairs —

Sent

Caracas Nicaragua Nov 14th 56

Mr S. A. Douglass

Dear Sir,

I have noticed a disposition on the part of some of our representatives in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives to do great injustice to our friend Col. Wheeler, our Minister resident here. Senator Wilson wishes him recalled and a Jack omnivore sent in his place. Now I do not see what can be accomplished by such a change and I trust our friends will defend him whenever he is attacked for I am satisfied from what I have seen during my short residence here that he has accomplished as much if not more than any other man could have done in his position. I find him exceedingly popular among the natives and he commands the respect of all foreigners. His house is the general rendezvous of all Americans and he is equally popular with them. It is admitted by every one that he has performed his duties faithfully and with considerable benefit to his country. For the interests of the United States,

I trust that his valuable services will not be withdrawn from Nicaragua.

Walker Government is a fact and all the Central States combined cannot drive him out of the Country. The neighbouring States are disposed to trouble him, particularly Costa Rica, and four hundred Americans marched on the borders of that State a few days since. War has been declared by Nicaragua against Costa Rica, and Walker will march at the head of his army to invade that Republic in a very short time.

If this is not an evidence of a Government de facto I do not know what is. Nicaragua is at peace within herself, ~~and~~ send an invading force into a neighbouring State and will be sure to bring it to terms. With such evidences before the United States how can our Government refuse to recognize Nicaragua? The course of our Government towards Nicaragua is most shameful; at the same time, it is depriving the people of the United States of the ^{of the United States} greatest and important interests. No one but a madman or fool can deny that a stronger Government exists in Nicaragua at the present time, than for thirty years

previous. I do trust that your valuable services will be brought to bear in securing the re-opening of diplomatic relations between the ~~two~~ Governments.

Genl Walker has, perhaps, made some mistakes, and may make more hereafter, but nothing can change the course of events now tending to Americanize Central America. As the commander in chief, Walker commands general respect, and he has the talent and energy to fully carry out the great mission which he has undertaken. He is certainly a man of extraordinary capacity, and I only pray that he may live long enough to accomplish the great end he aims at.

The force at present, in Nicaragua, about fifteen hundred Americans, and in ten days the number is expected to increase to twenty five hundred. If you desire it, I will keep you "posted up" about matters and things while I remain here.

Yours Very Respectfully
J. P. Smith.

Ph. I. Weiss

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March 14/56

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Princeton, March 14th 1856

Dear Sir

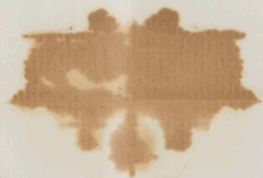
I am aware how often gentlemen, of your standing are pestered by foolish communications, and therefore feel some hesitancy in addressing you. I am a student at Princeton College, from Georgia. I have derived so much pleasure from the reading of your "report of the territorial committee," published in the Herald, that I take the liberty of requesting that you will send it to me in pamphlet form, in order that I may the better preserve it. I would not make the slightest demand upon your valuable time, but if you have leisure, and will transmit me the above, with your autograph, you will, dear Sir, much oblige your friend and admirer

Geo. A. Mercer.

To A. Mercor
Princeton N.J.
March 11/84

Wants Copy Report on
Kansas Affairs.

Sent



Harrisburg, Pa.,
March 14, 1856.

Dear Sir:

You will pardon one who has not the pleasure of your acquaintance for thus trespassing upon your time to ask a favor. Will you be kind enough (if convenient) to forward me a copy of your speech upon the Kansas-Nebraska Bill in the U. S. Senate in reply to Senator Seward; together with a copy of the Bill itself?

Yours respectfully,

And in democratic faith,
Geo. W. Minor.)

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

Geo. W. H. Minor
Member Legislative Term
Harrisburg Penn
March 14 1856

Wants Speech on Kansas & Nebraska
Bill —

Sent March 28/56

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the
10th inst. in relation to the
subject of the same. I am
pleased to hear that you are
interested in the subject, and
I am sure that your efforts
will be successful. I am,
Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. M. Smith

Wm. L. H. H. H.
J. M. Smith

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J. M. Smith

Yonkers N.Y. March 14th 1856

Hon S. A. Douglas

I wish to be put in possession
of one or two copies of the Report of the Senate
Territorial Committee I will feel much obliged
if you will cause one or two to be forwarded to
my address -

Very Respectfully

J. W. Mitchell

Yonkers
Westchester Co.
N.Y.

D. W. Mitchell
Gen. Rec. N. Y. March 14/56

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Affairs

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Boston

14 March

Dear Sir:

Can you
favor me with a
copy of your report
upon Kansas affairs?

I have &c

Geo: W. Searle

Geo W Scarle
Boston Mass
March 14/56

Wants Copy Report on
Kansas Affairs

- N. S. Sent

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1891
1st March

Dear Sir
I have the pleasure
to inform you
that the same
has been received
and is now in
the hands of the
proper authorities
for consideration.

Yours faithfully
J. H. [Signature]

1891
1st March

The enclosed
contains a copy
of the report
of the Committee
on the subject
of the proposed
amendment to
the Bill, which
has been
submitted to
the Committee
for their
consideration.
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