

Cincinnati Ohio
June 1st 1856

My Dear Sir

The outside pressure is
ten to one for Buchanan they
play their part well. but they com-
menced to soon. Yesterday morn-
ing things looked gloomy, the
Indiana delegation stood 16 for
Buchanan. and 10 for Douglas
It is thought to day that they
are all right. Some of the Ohio
delegates got off the track
they are all right to day. Kentucky
it is now thought will after
the first ballots cast give votes
for you. Our friends there hope
that Virginia will follow in
the wake. Carrying with him
enough votes to win.

Our prospects look bright to
day. Southern & northern Indiana
have sent a respectable outside
delegation. They came in last
night and are all for you.
Our friends from Wis are now here

Mr. Shadman is working faithfully
and energetically. David Rhodes
is quiet, but has his points set -
Whitney is to day represented by
long outside & inside delegates
There is an under current working
which will I feel confident be
the means of your receiving the
nomination. The delegates from all
sections feel well disposed towards
you, and will cast their votes for
you in preference to a new man
Our friends are active with dis-
-cussion - Buchanan's friends are to fast
they are rather disposed to force him
onto the convention. This game will
not win, thus is a better feeling growing
up between the friends of Pierce &
Buchanan. That ~~abstract~~ which appeared
on President Pierce, and published in
the Pennsylvania, has been re published
in the Cincinnati Enquirer. It has
caused much bad feeling, and
will have a tendency to defeat
Mr. Buchanan. I wish we had
about five hundred good respect-
able & energetic men from
the west, who would act with
discretion, and with firmness

We could then keep the west right
and if we can only do this we
shall win. Washington Mr. Linn is
counting for you. There is a large
crowd in the City. Burnett's house
is head quarters. I am stopping
at the "United States Hotel" about
the Vermont delegation. They are for
Pierce, which means "all right"
We must continue some way to get
up a strong presence for you
& I think we can do it. Maj.
Wood is now working well. He
comes from the contingent of
Ohio. They sent "Glick" here as a
Buchanan man. He told me to day
that you was his first choice and
that, after the first ballot he
should go for you. I hope to get
him first and last
I shall take pleasure in
writing to you from time to time

Very Truly, Yours

Frederick

I am your servant

To the
Hon. S. C. Pender,
U. S. Senate

Charles P. Burton

Chas J Patton
Cincinnati Ohio
June 1st 1836

Political



Bancroft
June 1 1856

Dear Judge

Indiana is all gone - & wrong. Commits unnecessary. I have not determined what I shall do about presenting your name difficulty in this I have no letter from you and cant controul the delegation who are wild for your name to be presented which I think wrong - it is against my Judgt Buchanan is strong has forty candidates for vice & will cheat them all -

I dont know what will be the result but if one thing be sure I will take things in my own hands if necessary and if you dont get the nomination you will be bowed from the contest without dishonor

Yours Friend
W. Richardson

Mr. A. Richardson

Cincinnati Ohio

June 1st 1856

Political

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J. M. Mason
Cincinnati, Ohio
June 21/56

Political

S. A. Douglas, Cincinnati, Ohio: June 1st 1856.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Nearly all the Delegates from the various parts of the Country now in the City. Mr. Buchanan from Penn., have brought with them several hired followers to make an outside pressure; they depend much on that kind of effort for advancing the Cause of Mr. B. But, they commenced too soon and their influence is slowly subsiding acting rather ³³⁸ against him than in his favor. The noise they occasion resembles running water, passing over rocks on shallow places. The friends of Mr. Pierce are not numerous and have no hopes for him; many of them are manifestly determined to ally themselves on the side of Douglas. Your own friends exhibit a firm determination to stand by you and your Cause to the last moment. They are united ^{to a man} exerting a powerful influence and an ~~un~~ irresistible under current counteracting the schemes and plots that are formed by you by certain

Sectionals who have crawled into the Party
like rats. Among your friends,
here and there, occasionally, ~~one~~ is
noticed ^{one} who is slightly inclined to
waver & wanting in firmness, he is looked to
and carefully cared for, by some of your
friends, who immediately take him in charge &
preserve him ^{from} antagonistical influences.
The Party, among whom it is hard to say
who is endeavoring to do the most for you,
are J. Cook, Wash, McLean and Steadman and
Bob Smith ^{they} hardly allow themselves time to
eat or sleep, so busy are they in your
behalf. Your immediate ~~few~~ friends of
the Delegation present an intelligent and gen-
tle appearance, making themselves pleasant
and courteously agreeable to all with
whom they come in contact. Numerous
questions put to your friends by Buchanan
men are mildly and courteously answered;
and not unfrequently little matters brought up
by those unacquainted with you are satisfac-
torily explained to the respectful Enquirer,
In short every thing is - and nothing left undone by
your friends to preserve a unanimous

harmony justly worthy of applause com-
manding even the respect of your enemies.
The Ill. Delegate from Rockford, Mr. Houseman and
myself kept together, he is much of a gentle-
man, and proper care is taken on every occasion to
exert an influence in your favor. But then is with us,
as to the conduct of one concerning ~~whom~~ ^{whom} modesty
forbids me to speak, you are politely referred to
the Delegates from Ill, and your friends
here in general.

Judge Carter, of this City on Satur-
day informed me that for something Mr. Bullard
ingham had said vs Mathews of the State Senate
that the latter was armed and in search of Mr. V.
to attack him. Knowing that the Room of
the Ill. Delegation was no place to settle his
disputes with the above Party I took measures to
prevent any trouble in our Room at this time
particularly. No man can be a friend to you
who would attempt to involve any of your friends
in trouble at such a time as this - and by
God no man shall do it in my presence.
Stanly Mathews was a short time since a
strong Anti Slavery man - he is not to be

trusted.

Sunday morning, Mr. Buchanan's
friends after two days deliberation
attempted to ~~compromise~~ compro=
mise with the friends of Mr. Dou-
glas - like this - : That whoever received
~~the~~ the most votes on the first Ballot
Mr. Douglas' friends should vote
for on the second, But it was
no go - We expect to ~~do~~
do nothing on the first and second
Ballot. - but, to elect you for
the Third Ballot. God speed
us success.

I have not ^{been} able to look over
this letter. Such is the haste I am in
and you must pardon its defects.

Truly yours. J. M. Ward.

Ever de^r to Douglas -

Le Roy P.O. Medina Co O.
June 3^d 1856

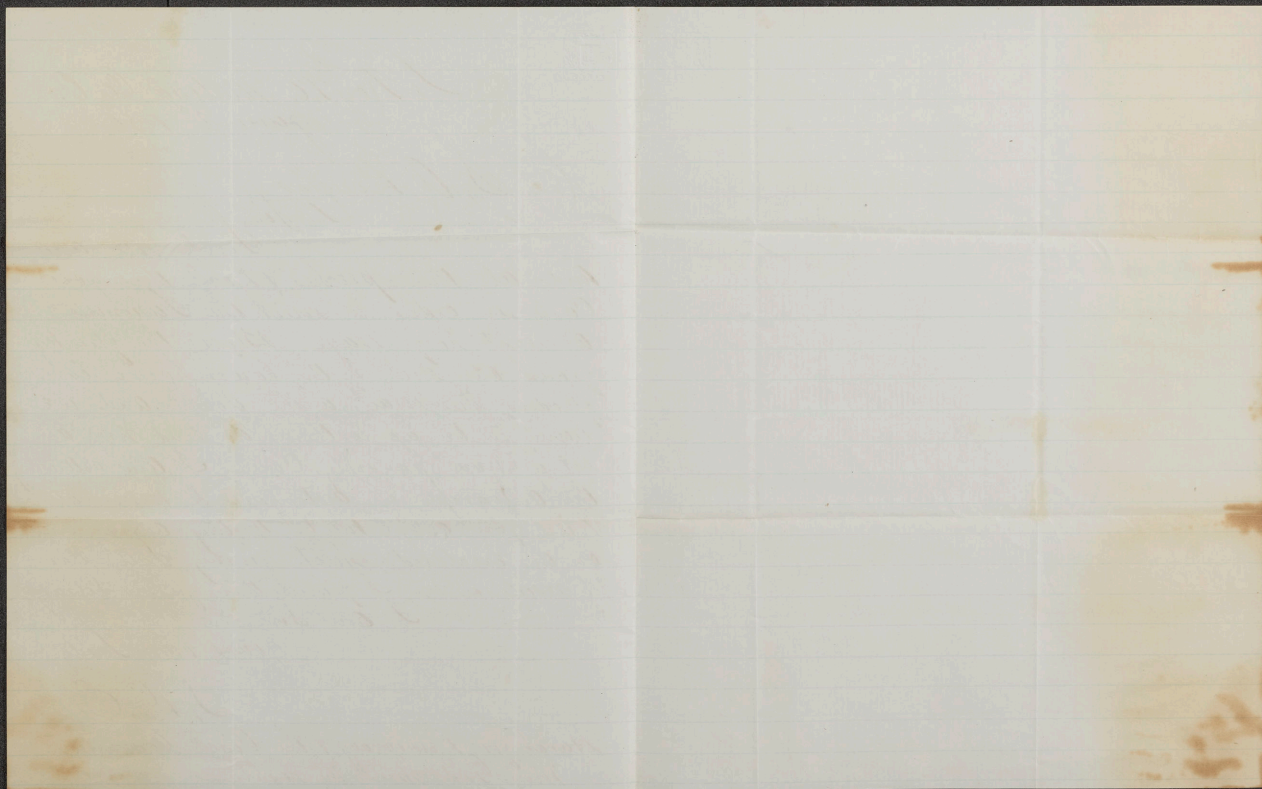
Wm. S. A. Douglas
Dear Sir

Send me any
and all the speeches & docts that you
can in order to meet the Fusionists
at least half way. "Bliss" the flunkie
from our Dist to the lower house is
flooding the mail with docts and we
want to be up to them, do send me a
lot if you possibly can. I am collecting
the Autographs of distinguished Democrats,
will you oblige me by writing a few lines
on the enclosed sheet, giving date, place
of residence &c. I frame them for my Library
I am Sir

Yours very Truly

L. D. Ellis

Sturak for Democracy & the Cinch Convention
May God Speed the right S. D. E.





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Cincinnati

Head Quarters

No. 4 Burnett's Block

June 4th 1856

My Dear Sir

I am sorry to admit that our prospects now look sad. Last evening the tickets which had been issued, to men & off this pass were revoked & each delegation was allowed - one ticket for each district elector - Illinois therefore had only eleven votes - Two hundred tickets have been issued and there is not at this time over twenty of your friends in the convention, i.e. of the outside delegation. It is now believed that Buchanan friends have obtained the tickets of those delegations who had no reliance. The convention meet at ten o'clock. It is now twelve & they have agreed till 4 P.M. No action taken on the New York difficulties. Committee of resolutions have brought in their report & platform. Endorsed by all 5. obs. A strong nebraska platform resolution on foreign relations not yet adopted. I shall obtain you

the report & send by this mail
Our friend now feel in better spirits
this delay is helping us. I trust
that your name will be presented
to the Convention, and not withdrawn
Friends from the south say to us
"hold on" and "we will come to your
aid" & I believe they will
or they will prove false to themselves

Indiana is playing the very
old hury with us. Still I am
inclined to believe that I your
name is not with reason & Mr
Buchanan is not nominated by
the free ballot, that you will receive
the vote of that state

Col. Richardson & Maj. Hunt are
rather discouraged, I am going to
see it. Let our friends face the
music & take a bold stand &
we will be successful

Very Truly Your friend
& offt Servant
Charles P. Butler

Hon. S. L. Douglas
to Senate
D.C.

Col. A. P. Mills is at this moment
by my side, He says that Stanton
& our friends in Ohio never felt
better than at this moment
The resolutions favoring so strong
of your principle, on Nebraska &
Kansas has had a good effect
every individual delegate voted
to endorse the resolutions & it brought
to your mind, the name of the Hon
Stephen A. Douglas the leader of
that great cardinal virtue of the
democratic party, & they must
sustain him. Mr. Mills says that
this morning. Delegates from Ohio
who yesterday ~~came for~~ Buchanan
are to day for for

C. P. B.

Chas J. Button
Cincinnati Ohio
June 4/56

Political



State of California
County of Sacramento

In the District Court
of the 1st Judicial District
June 4, 1867

Wm A. Cumpfield - Plff

M. G. Vallejo - Deft

Capt Friday sworn says,

I know about the proposition made by Vallejo to the State, (Objected to by Plff's atty objection overruled), the proposition was made to Legislature in 1849 Dr. Robinson was Member of Legislature in second session in June 51, I was acting as agent for Vallejo, I was at San Jose when the agreement was executed it is in my writing, short time before vote was taken Mr Robinson obtained the agreement drawn by me on a pledge that he would use his influence for a removal, at his request \$2500. was inserted in agreement no money pd. - the conditions were that some parties concerned to assume one half of responsibility of this proposition & all expenses attend the enterprise & in payment of half an interest equal to 1/2 half of the town was to be paid to them but in mean time fee of property was to remain in Genl. Vallejo absolutely - The Capitol was removed from San Jose to Vallejo, public buildings were put up, state offices & state houses & all expenses chargeable to sd parties interested - Public buildings by my estimate amts. to \$79000, they were build in 51 bills were pd by Genl. Vallejo -

Then - Of what property was the 10 average lts mentioned in agreement to be taken from - (Objected to by Plff. because instrument explained = overruled objection)

Ans- The town of V embraced one league of land
land out in connection with Capital, every thing
was in the instrument we organized ourselves
with. It was made without Corporation to
assist in the project, Genl. V retaining
the property, permitting us to advise as to its
disposition, but we were not to receive com=
pensation or any rights until final payment
of proposed donations to the State, it was
understood that the Genl shld go on & sell
property and that property so sold shld
be credited to the use of money for on account
of public buildings & donations -

The so average lts were to be taken from the
entire tract of land =
Genl. Val was at my house & informed me
that McElathay & Canfield had called
on him concerning agreement aforesaid, & he
referred them to me, they came to me & informed
me that they called for a deed to SD in Vallejo,
in course of the visit handed me the agreement =
I told Canfield I was prepared to carry out
the agreement with Val, I asked him
if he wld take them subject to such conditions
& he answered no.

Nothing said about improvements I don't think
I told him I would sell lts cheaper than
elsewhere -

The names were Genl Smith, Capt Cristy,
Maj Allen, Genl Green, Genl Estell, Mr
Lippincott, Genl. Dwyllap, Mr Baldwin
who employed the Company -

The proprietors had several
meetings, but not all present, each time,
as number withdrew from enterprise

there was no conveyance made, some may have
purchased lts, I was transacting Genl V's bus=
-iness & was agent of all the parties up to last
of 1850, there was an inst drawn by Genl V
I don't know whether it was delivered, I held
it, we acted under it. I don't know how
many instruments of writing were drawn -

Quest by Plff = Did you draw any similar
instruments for other Members of Legislature
& if so how many, I don't recollect of any -

I don't know number of Conversations had
nor can I say the Conversations ^{were} with Robinson -

My impression is that they were -
I don't think I was on familiar terms with Robinson.
The Conversation when he requested me to put in
the \$500. was at San Jose it was at request
of parties that it was put in -

Do you recollect that you ever had
Conversation with Chas Robinson on any
subject whatever -

Rule out by Court because witness
answered the same half dozen times -

State of California
County of Sacramento

J. C. A. Bradford, clerk

of the Sixth Judicial Court, hereby certify the above
and foregoing to be a true copy of testimony ^{in said case} remaining
of record on file in my Office.

Witness my hand & seal of said
Court this 21st day of May
1856.

J. C. A. Bradford, clerk
By W. C. Harrison, D. C.



Dist. Court. C. J. S. D. C.

H. A. Confield

vs

M. G. Vallejo

Copy. Testimony

15.00

Articles of Agreement made and entered into this first day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty - by and between Mariano G. Vallejo of the first part and C. Robinson Esq of the second part, Witnesseth that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of twenty five hundred dollars to him on hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, doth Covenant and agree to convey to the said party of the second part Fifty acreage lots in the City of Vallejo the said lots to be conveyed upon the same conditions to the said party of the second part as govern the property of the Original proprietors in the said Town or City for Miners whereof the said party of the first part has heretofore let his hand and seal this first day of December A. D. 1850

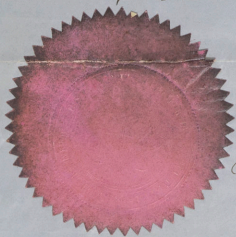
M. G. Vallejo

State of California
County of Sacramento

J. C. W. Bradford
Clerk of the Sixth Judicial District Court, hereby
Certify that the above & foregoing is a true
Copy of Agreement remaining of record on file
in my Office

Witness my hand & Seal
of said Court this 21st day
of May 1856.

J. C. W. Bradford, Clerk
By W. C. Harrison, D. C.



Copy, Agreement

State of California,
Office of Secretary of State,
I, David F. Douglass, Secretary of State of
the State aforesaid and Keeper of the
Records thereof, do hereby certify that C. H.
Bradford whose name is signed to the
above certificate, was at the time of such
signing the duly elected commissioned and
acting Clerk of the County and District
Courts in and for the County of Sacramento
State of California, and full faith and
credit are due to his act in that capacity.

Witness my hand and
the Seal of State, at
Sacramento, this the
24th day of June
A.D. 1856.
David F. Douglass
Secretary of State
By Wm. H. Wood
Deputy

SEC. 84. If any person or persons shall, directly or indirectly, give any sum or sums of money, or any other bribe, present, or reward, or any promise, contract, obligation, or security for the payment or delivery of any money, present, reward, or any other thing, to obtain or procure the opinion, judgment, or decree of any judge or justice of the peace acting within this state, or to corrupt, induce, or influence such judge or justice of the peace to be more favorable to one side than to the other in any suit, matter, or cause depending or to be brought before him or them, or shall, directly or indirectly, give any sum or sums of money, present, or reward, or any promise, contract, obligation, or security for the payment or delivery of any money, present, or reward, or other thing, to obtain, procure, or influence any member of the legislature, or to incline, induce, or influence any such member of the legislature to be more favorable to one side than to the other on any question, election, matter, or thing pending or to be brought before the legislature or either house thereof, the person so giving any money, bribe, present, or reward, promise, contract, obligation, or security, with intent and for the purpose aforesaid, and the judge, justice of the peace, or member of the legislature who shall accept or receive the same, shall be deemed guilty of bribery, and on conviction shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for a term not less than one year, and shall be disqualified from holding any office of honor, trust, or profit in this state.

State of California,
Office of Secretary of State,
I, David J. Douglass, Secretary of State of the
State of California and Keeper of the Records,
thereof, do hereby certify, that the above is
a true copy of the eighth, fourth section of the Act
of this State entitled "An Act concerning Crimes
and punishments" passed April 16, 1850, and
that said section is now in force as the law of
this State.

Witness my hand and
the Seal of State, at
Sacramento, this the 3^d
day of June A.D. 1856.
David J. Douglass
Secretary of State
By W. H. R. Wood
Deputy

Cincinnati June 4th 1856

Dear Friend,

You asked me to write you
What shall I say, that such a Convention
never did nor never will again assemble
in the name of the Democracy. You have
read of Union among Free Soilers &c. but
you never begin to see it worth so well
as is going on here among men claiming
to be Democrats. Such an outride before
you cannot conceive. Many of your real
friends, elected as such, dare not come up for
you. They are in fact fearful of results per-
sonally dangerous to themselves, and the same
is the case with many who would vote for
Pierce. It looked dark very dark last evening
old friends began to quail, whereupon a few
of the faithful took off our coats, and agreed
never to surrender, I went to Louie, such
men, I asked them to never fail, he said
like a horse man I never will, Judge Douglas

is the representative of a great principle
& can die only with the principle & said
since his election as a delegate he had never
written you a word, because by so doing would
imply distrust of his former fidelity. With
the exception of himself, Stedel has nearly
succeeded in getting the whole La. delegation
& was trying to compel a vote as a whole
against which he protested. I felt proud of him
he spoke very kindly of Pierce
He may hold down together but doubtful
Solomon is worth all the rest, never will surrender.

Ind. with her is a secret & we are mint men
N.Y. Softs for you a Pierce, Horos very uncertain
Reputation when read, those in Nebraska were
excited with more real enthusiasm than I
ever before witnessed, Ex Gov. Medill, Wood
& Co. Cry for Buchanan, Todd is here for him also
I have sent the President a list of the A. Delegates &
for whom they are to cast their first vote, He can then
see who are who, Clynt of Geo. a true friend
of Pierce & yourself no mistake.
Yours &c. 13. 13. Chapman

I write this at the reef at noon Wednesday
Payne, Rice & myself ^{have} are rooming together
at the "Minners" as Payne calls it.

W B Chapman
Cincinnati Ohio
June 14/56

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Sac City, Cal. June 4th 1856
Hon S. A. Douglass

Within the last three weeks a portion of the Citizens of our State have been in a state of Anarchy from the excitement of a popular outbreak caused by the assassination of James King of William. An organization was formed in San Francisco styling themselves Vigilance Committee who have existed since that time. Many persons at first sympathized with them but their recent acts convince the thinking portion of our community that their design is to subvert the government. It is a very strange state of affairs I hope it may be peaceably settled. The Executive of the State has issued his proclamation against the organization of San Francisco his orders have also been transmitted to the Maj Generals of four Divisions of the State

to have their volunteers and independent Companies in readiness on the requisition of Gen Sherman of San Francisco when their services may be required. I have not met with a person who sympathizes with the Republican Party who have not sided with the Revolutionists. I am in hopes the matter will be settled peaceably but if resistance and bloodshed becomes necessary I shall enroll myself under the banner of those who support our Constitution and laws.

By the next steamer you will hear of the result. It is a melancholly thought to see so many persons who disregard the internal peace of our Country. I would swear that they were hired emissaries seeking to destroy our Constitution. I read your speech delivered in the Senate on Kansas affairs on the 20th of June.

I think your sentiments there expressed will endorsed by every lover of our Common Country. It would seem from the Newspapers from the East that Fremont will be nominated as the Abolition Candidate for the Presidency. In case such should be the case I will have some testimony against him about the Beef contracts for Indians in this State also it would be well to examine how he betrays the interest of the United States in purchasing Alcatraz Island in the Bay of San Francisco from Mr Temple of Los Angeles and allowing Palmer Cook & Co Bankers to get it from him. The transcripts are in the Attorney Gen's Office in Washington City. Hoping success may attend all your efforts

Remain your friend
Wm B Wood.

W. H. Hood
Sacramento City Cal
June 4 1856

Encloses Evidence in regard
to the Character and Standing
of Bogus Geo Robinson of
Kansas Territory

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Sacramento City Cal. June 4th /58

Hon A. A. Douglass

Sir

I enclose you documentary evidence showing the Character of Charles Robinson who repudates himself as the Governor of Kansas. You will also receive a copy of the Journals of the Legislature of California the year he served in the Legislature from Sacramento County. His course in California was of the most perfidious character. I shall give you a short sketch of it as I learned it from those who were most intimate with him. In the summer of 1850 many persons doubting the right of Sutter's to the extent which he claimed determined to take possession of lots situated in Sacramento. The City Council passed ordinances protecting those claiming under Sutter. The other party were called squatters who formed themselves into a body deter

meant to sustain each other
in maintaining their possessory
rights. Robertson was a suspici-
ous member of their organization.
The authorities of the City endeavored
to arrest them which led to
fight between the parties. Robert-
son was second in command.
The Commander was killed in
the riot and some of those
who sided with the City author-
ities. They were taken prisoner
and confined in the
Prison Prison. The sympathies of
the people were so great in
favour of the Squatter that
Robertson while confined for
the charge of murder was
elected to the Legislature.
The squatter placed implicit
confidence in his integrity.
He claimed to be a Whig although
those who elected ^{him} were mostly
Democrats. He commenced the
betrayal of the party who elected
him for his opposition to those
who claimed lands under
Mexican Grants and threw him

self into the power of John C
Fremont to whom every squatter
in the State was opposed to
voting in every ballot to return
him to the U.S. Senate and
also with Mr. Vallejo to fix
the seat of Government upon
his Grant. He borrowed means
from ~~the~~ of those first friends
and gave the obligation upon
which the testimony was
elicited. The suit was tried
last Winter and Caulfield
was nonsuited upon the
grounds set forth in the depo-
sition. I was informed by Mr
Creane who was in the Legislature
of that winter a short time.
That Robertson proffered to vote
to retain his seat in the Legis-
lature if he (Creane) would
support Fremont for the U.S.
Senate. Robertson informed
him that his vote was suffi-
cient to give him (Creane) the
seat. I intend to have Robertson
indicted in Santa Clara County

next July when the Court meets,
by having Mr Crane summar-
ized before ^{the jury} I will mark the Jour-
nal where the final vote was
taken in that contest. There is a
prospect that a requisition will
be made for the person of
Chas Robinson by the Executive
of this State. For that reason
it might be well not give
publicity to the evidences
I send you, but you can
use your own discretion
If such a measure would
make a hero of Robinson
it should not be carried
out. I am told that hustlers
to whom I have shown this
testimony have determined
to have a warrant issued
and by which a requisition
could be demanded of the
Executive of this State.

I remain yours

W^m B Hood.

Cincinnati
June 5th 1856

My Dear Sir

I have not written to you sooner because things were in such a state that your friends thought it likely that you might ~~be~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ not be able to form a clear opinion of what is transpiring - things have I think, been very unsettled. Indiana had left us fairly from the beginning and Georgia is said to have in Buchanan their second choice.

I consider it certain that Pierce cannot be nominated - and regret to say that his eastern friends have not come up to the expectation of your friends.

That portion of the platform which relates to the foreign policy of the country, ~~is~~ creating a good deal of difficulty.

The New York question is to be settled by the convention to-day, and I hope it may be settled satisfactorily.

Very truly yours

Wm. S. A. Douglas

Peter Gorman

Alfred Gorman
Cincinnati Ohio
Jan 5/36

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June 5, 1856

N. O. 2 June. 1856

Dear Sir

It may be well enough you should be informed if not previously informed - that according to Report Senator Wilson from Mass. sails under false colours -

His real name is said to be "Colbath" & not Wilson - Said to come from N. H. into Massachusetts, & there changed his name from some unfavorable opinion of his own toward his own family. A gentleman here from Wash. has told me the fact is unquestionably so -

I despise all such like persons generally: - but I consider this man Wilson is such a false unprincipled man, - that I look upon the disguise of a false name as a perfect keeping with his general dishonesty - & therefore may deserve exposure - if true -

Respectfully Yours

Harb.
S. Douglass }
W. Seward }

John Henderson



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Honble S. Douglass
" N.S. Senate
Washington D.C

John Anderson
Am Adams Co
June 2/54
Chicago

1874. 2. 24.

10 in air. The day is not very bright. The sun is not out. The air is not very warm. The water is not very hot. The ground is not very dry. The sky is not very blue. The clouds are not very white. The birds are not very loud. The insects are not very busy. The flowers are not very colorful. The leaves are not very green. The trees are not very tall. The mountains are not very high. The rivers are not very wide. The oceans are not very deep. The world is not very perfect.

Very warm
The day is very warm. The sun is out. The air is very warm. The water is very hot. The ground is very dry. The sky is very blue. The clouds are very white. The birds are very loud. The insects are very busy. The flowers are very colorful. The leaves are very green. The trees are very tall. The mountains are very high. The rivers are very wide. The oceans are very deep. The world is very perfect.

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BURNET HOUSE,
A. B. COLEMAN, PROPRIETOR.

Cincinnati, June 6 1856
One hour after the nomination.

My dear Senator:

Your telegraphic despatch read in Convention this morning settles the nomination of Mr. Buchanan for the next Presidency. The hearts of the representatives of the Democracy melted at your magnanimity; and you are already determined upon as the successor of Mr. Buchanan in 1860.

Col. Richardson was regarded in the Convention with more consideration & respect than any other man. He represents you well ably.

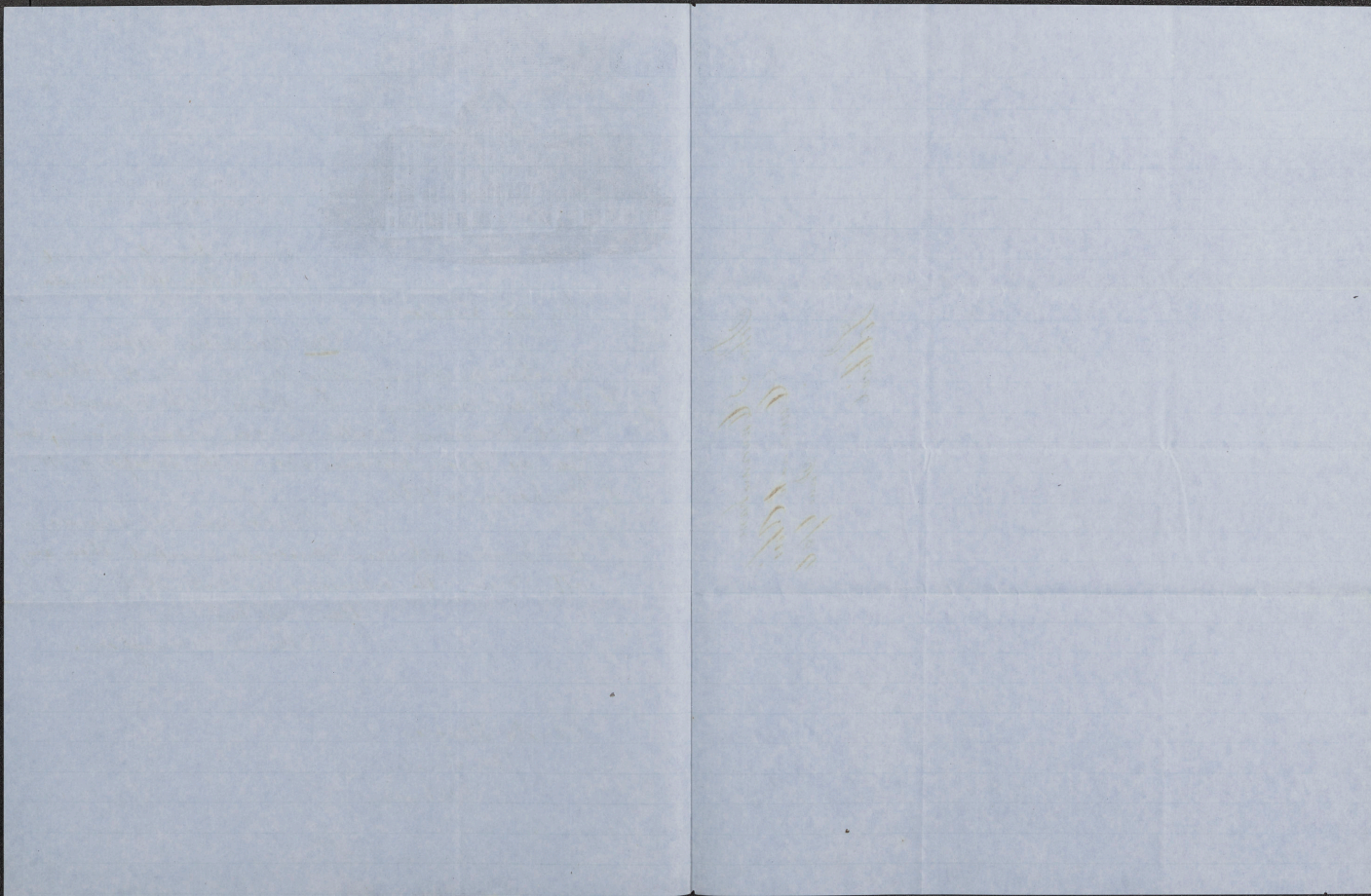
Yours very truly,
John S. Cunningham.

Senator Douglas
U. S. Senate
Washington

John S. Cunningham
Cincinnati Ohio
June 6/56

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Lexington
La Grange Ohio
June 9, 1856

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

Will you please
send me your speech and report on
the Kansas question. I mean to stump
the country of Corwin in the coming
campaign and as the question will
be whether men have a right or are capable of
governing themselves, I would like to have
all the evidence before me. I am in favor
of the principle established in the Bill
for the organization of Kansas, and shall give that
man my support who is its true ex-
ponent.

Yours With the highest Regard

E. G. Johnson

La Grange Lexington Ohio

E G Johnson
La Grange Ohio
Wants Repairs & Fresh
Vow June 11/56

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June 7. 1856

Dear Sir

Though the battle has been fought and lost nevertheless it may not be uninteresting to see the cause which led to the result. Of one thing however you may be satisfied you have come out of the fight uninjured. Indeed I heard frequent expressions from delegates who had opposed you but after the nomination saying "now as no man on earth can prevent Douglas from being the President after Buchanan" and such was and is the general feeling. But to return to my object. First of all the general tone of the country is for peace & honor and Buchanan age & rich proud experience as well as moderation brought that entire sentiment to his support. The whigs who desire to vote with us - the headed good Democrats & all the unsound old men Buchanan. In this locality too the terrible hostility to Wash. M^cLean & his co-terrors who

were charged with having boasted that if you were
elected they would be all potent with you - and to believe
that Mr. Leav had made such boasts threw the entire
prestige of the party in this city and county against you as
the great object is to break up Mr. Leav's influence at
Washington. These things roused the whole body here to act
against you not for love to Buchanan but for the reasons
of which I have spoken. As a consequence the "Democratic
association" here acted systematically & debilitated its members
in a grade of fifty to each held us bound to clamor for
Buchanan. Indiana too went firm and solid for Buchanan,
a result I anticipated for the first time from a remark
which Wright dropped to me in the cars on our way from
Washington here. Indeed on looking back to the matters
of which I advised you from N. York I ought to have
always excluded this course from Indiana. The surprise
both of Indiana broke down your strength in the Ohio
delegation & indeed in a way by the local clamor of
our city people. The New York hands came here for you
with a card in reserve for Breckinridge but finding the
outside pressure so strong for Buchanan made a
bargain with his friends. But notwithstanding all

of the Virginia delegation had on Thursday night
come over as a change of too of them would have
served the state to do - so that even you would
still have been nominated. Some of the Virginians advised
me that they took up Buchanan as the first place
merely because they supposed him to be the most likely
to be able to beat Pierce - Their object being to beat him.
But now that decency requires them to hang to Pierce,
until circumstances should give them a decent
excuse for going for you who in reality they preferred.
So you see that nothing but an unlikely conjunction
of different events could beat you at last - As to Pierce
he had no shadow of chance from the first -
Such is a rapid sketch of matters & things as they
actually occurred. The detail is infinite.

Truly yours

Wm. L. A. Douglas

D. T. Bixey

A. F. Disney
Cincinnati Ohio
June 7 1856

Political

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Shirney Lycoming Co. Pa
Saturday June 7th 1856

Hon and Dear Sir

Having heard a great deal
of the "Kansas Affairs" and being anxious
to hear something of ~~the~~ what has been
said in the Senate and House of Representa-
tives. by the different Senators and Representa-
tives on the said subject, I most Respectfully
request you (if it may please your Honor, and
most sincerely hope it will, to send me some
Speeches. In haste

Yours

Most Respectfully
C. F. Drake

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass N. C.
of Illinois.

C S Drake
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Leut June 19 1856

New York, New York
June 17. 1856.

My Dear Friend -

I was astonished to see that the
Klunence Delegation led off against us, yes-
terday morning. Yet when I reflect
that our democratic friend A. B. Broome
was upon the ground, full of ardent
aspirations and liberally encouraged no
doubt by foreign and domestic promises,
my astonishment abates.

I trembled for you when
I saw our friend Pease going so
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clearly by the board, while he
might have saved himself and
friends so handsomely by with-
drawal after the first or second
ballot. And I was delighted
therefore when you cast yourself
and friends loose from his care by
those letters to Maj. Richardson,
of which - if in your stead at
that time and place - I would
rather have been the author
than the recipient of the nomi-
nation. All your friends here
seem to say this to-day. //

And it is upon that timely
and eminently judicious step
that I desire - as one of the num-
bered though not the least sincere -
of your personal and political friends,
to congratulate you.

I cannot disguise my deep
and abiding regret that Tennessee
should have bolted at that critical
moment - for I know the democracy
of the State preferred yourself, and
the delegates, on turning from P.
voted once against you merely to
fulfil a sort of previous promise.

Wm. Harris
J. Geo. New York Jan 7/56

St Louis June 7th 1856
 Hon S. A. Douglass
 Dear Sir

I heartily regret very much that you did not receive the nomination, but I suppose there was at present no chance for it, and your better desiring to be in the way of an amicable and harmonious adjustment, which was published here this morning, has had a good effect.

The Platform is a triumph of your principles, and I doubt not will enure to your future benefit.

If Buchanan does right you must, if alive, succeed him.

You should at once begin the preparation of the way - his triumph on that platform must allay the embittered feeling which has precluded your present success and the varied opposing issues of the present will be heaved in schism before the next period.

Let Richardson and the balance of you should be wide awake and defeat Bissell.

Truly yours
 John Stoughton

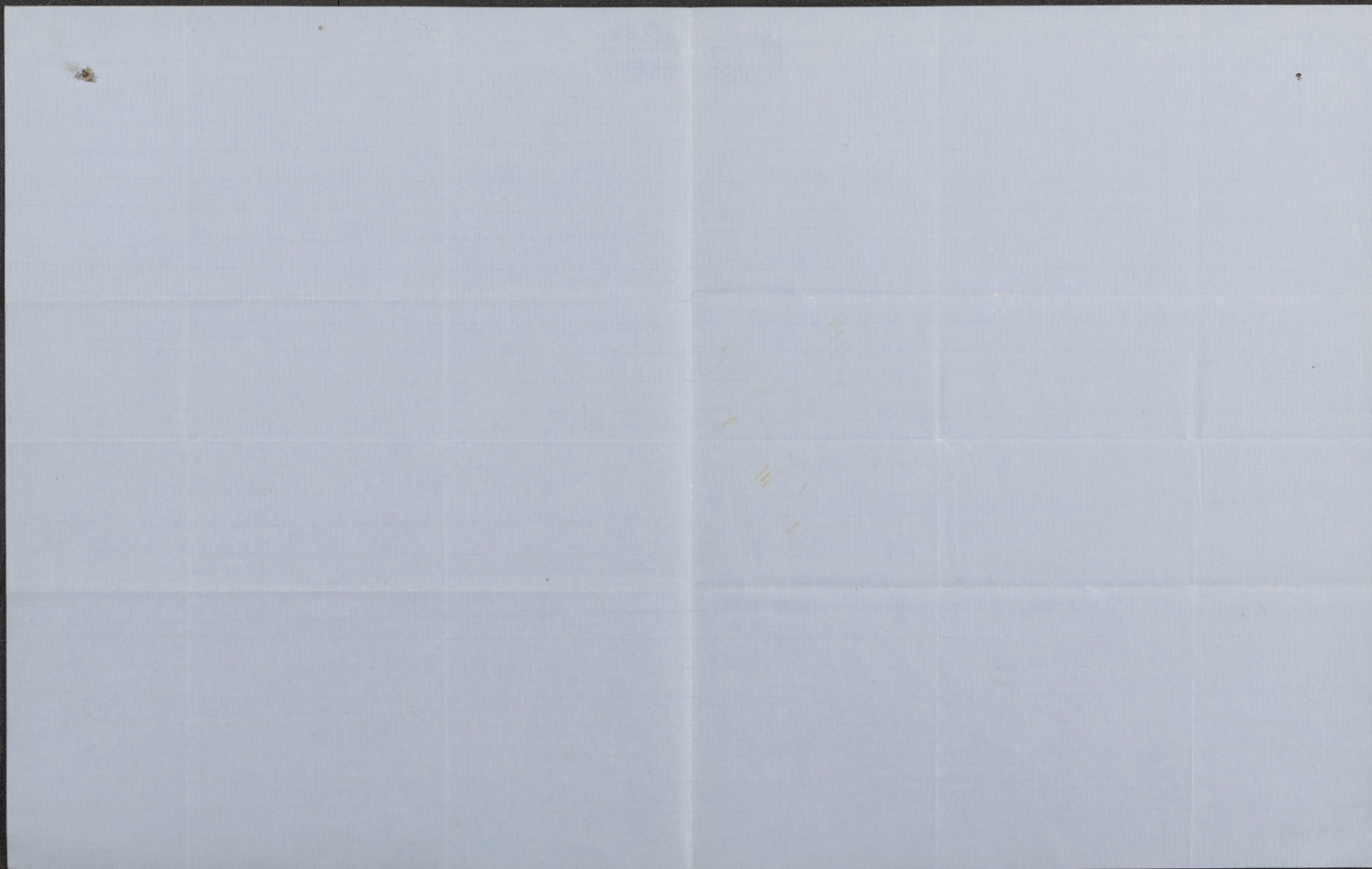
John Hogan

St Louis Mo

June 7th 1856

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W. Weston
Cincinnati Ohio
June 7 1856

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Cincinnati 7 June 1856.

My dear Sir:

Before you receive this note
you will have heard the result of the nomin-
ations by the National Convention of the Demo-
crats recently assembled at this place. I
know you too well either to indulge in the
language of complaint or regret.

From the first without informing
you of my preference, I gave voted upon it,
& found my single vote which I determined
to cast for you, swell, till you obtained
the united vote of my state. The Boy &
Buchanan interest however had
sapped it to the centre, & as Richardson
consulted with me as to the propriety of the
course your friends should adopt, & showed
me your despatches, I, knowing that
the Missouri, Kentucky, & other delegations
were demoralized by fear, determined
to make the withdrawal upon the idea
suggested by yourself, which was the true
one, & therefore withdrew you from the
contest when you were at the acme of

your strength. Another ballot would have been fatal. I thought it better that you should end by a splendid retreat than perish by reception of faithless adherents. The Vice Presidency was the bait, & many pigeons bit, but were caught instead of getting it.

In my own part I feel gratified that the South have generally awarded you their support, but I feel the folly of this division between you & Genl Pierce, & I fear they will yet deplete one of them.

I know your manly & direct temper does not require, nor does my own frame of mind allow me to say any thing more. I deemed the true point of honor with the South was to suffer not the most resolute & able champion of the Kansas bill, & not the Administration, & I acted accordingly, until further personal adherence to your interests would have been fruitless, & not only detrimental to you but treacherous to the Democracy

part of the country. As it is, I feel you occupy a position more brilliant & scarcely less powerful than the nominee with appearances of regret & sincere esteem

I remain

Very truly

your friend

Humble

Stephen A. Douglass
Washington
D.C.

W. Preston

Campfield Mechanics
Ohio June 9. 1854

Mr S A Dingley

Sir I write

Again for the purpose of assent
- aiding your position on the
subject of E Whittelsey agent
- on. It is understood in this
portion of Ohio that you favored
that measure, which fact
no doubt reduced your force in
the Cincinnati Convention
If you now have time I will
still be pleased to hear from
you as there is an 1860.
coming.

Yours

J. Lewis

J. H. Lewis
Campfield Ohio
June 9/56

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Newark O. June 9. 1856

Hon. S. J. Pugh:

Sir: I am desirous to have
copies of your Report and Speech on Kansas
affairs, and if not too much trouble,
would feel obliged to you to have them sent
to me. I write to you because I am not
personally known to Senator Pugh, and
have not been long known to my body, or
working me up to the Democratic party.

Very respectfully
D. Markle

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Favor R Ohio

Wants Report & Speech

done June 19/86

Painesville Lake Co.
this June 9th
Hon. A. A. Douglass:

Dear Sir:-

I would thank
you for several copies of
your able Report on Kansas.
I would be thankful also
for any other documents
on the relation of the Administration
to the Affairs in Kansas.

No one can entertain
any doubt of our success
this fall. But, nevertheless,
we are bound to work. I
would stand & fight on the Demo-
cratic Platform if I had
the entire world against me.
If it be possible to enlighten
the mind of the masses in

his center of Black Republicanism
upon the real question - the
relation of the General Govt to
the Territories - the extent of the
legislative power of Congress
over the people of the Territories
- questions upon which they
are least informed - I say if
it be possible to enlighten
their mind we - few working
Democrats here - are bound
it shall be done - God speed
the right - we desire only that
virtue shall act undisturbedly -

I have the honor - dear Sir -
to be your most humble
Servt

A. J. Williams -
Hon. Secy. Leg.

A. D. Williams
Painesville Ohio

Wants Report

Sent June 19/56

Miss R. Bates
Springfield, Ill.
June 19/56

Official

Post office, Springfield, Illinois.
June 10, 1856.

My very dear Sir:-

I returned from Cincinnati on Saturday, in company with the Springfield delegation.

It is unnecessary to say that we all feel deeply disappointed at the result of the action of the Convention. It was unmistakable that there was a deep undercurrent of feeling in your favor running through the entire Convention, and had it not been for the external cry of "availability," "Pennsylvania's last chance," "safe man," "prudent political statesman," "can carry the doubtful Northern States," and all such stuff, echoed and re-echoed from ten thousand voices from the North, I firmly believe, you would have received the nomination.

The South admitted that with you as the leader every Southern State would have wheeled gallantly into line, but the pleading, wailing, womanly cry of the North, threw a wet blanket over Southern enthusiasm. I only hope and trust that Illinois may one day have it in her power to reward Indiana and Ohio for their treachery. There was a few noble souls in the Ohio delegation that should be forever honored.

Prominent among these stands, Sam McDary and Stedman. In the Indiana delegation there is no redeeming spot—not a star to light the darkness of her treachery. She basely, cowardly, deserted us at Buena Vista, she deserted you at a trying moment in 1852 at Baltimore, and at Cincinnati she closed the volume of ingratitude.

That the masses were with you I have seen the most convincing proof. On our way to the Convention, every Democrat we met among the people, was loud for you; and on our return home, at every station, ^{in Indiana} the crowd in the cars would hurra for Buchanan, the people at the station, would answer, "A—n Buchanan, hurrah for Douglas." There was not a single exception to this rule. In Illinois, among the real, Simon pure, there was a feeling of disappointment not easily described, while the fishy Democrats and Whigs were jubilant at the result.

Your true friends, the Nebraska men, are evidently deeply chagrined. We all anticipated that the justice of the Nation would have risen superior to "availability," and given you the nomination. Had the Convention possessed one-tithe of your firmness, they would have done so, and my nod for it—the Nebraska

men would have taken care of the balance. We would have had such a fight as would have gladdened the Democracy, such enthusiasm as would have brought back to the recollection of the veterans the glorious contests of Jackson.

But no matter, the nomination is made, and for your sake, we will make Pennsylvania right proud to see that her magnanimous rival is in as deep earnest at the ballot box as ~~she~~ he was before the Convention.

It would have done your heart good to ^{have} seen how gloriously you returned from that Convention—how nobly "old Dick" placed you on the record, and the almost idolatry with which your name was cheered, when it was announced that for harmony, conciliation, and brotherhood, you wished your name withdrawn.

"No power on earth said a Pennsylvanian to me, 'can prevent Douglas from being President next time.' 'His noble conduct in per-mitting' (that was the word) 'Mr Buchanan to get the nomination, will never be forgotten.' 'He has one great satisfaction, he has placed old Buck, on his (Douglas') platform.' These and many similar expressions from all sorts of people, were the prevailing topics after your withdrawal.

I have deemed it necessary to lay these

Much to you of things that transpired there, as I had a better opportunity of feeling the pulse of the outsiders, than either Harris or Richardson who were all the while among the different delegations. They both worked like beavers.

I am sorry to say that my wifes health is very delicate. I fear very much that unless I can take her to some more genial climate, she will not be with me long. My own private means will not permit me to go to Europe - a voyage which I feel satisfied would be very beneficial. Is there not some employment abroad, some consulship, where there ~~has been~~ is a vacancy, to which this Administration could send me, that would about pay expenses. If I were able to do this myself I would not ask it, but I know there are continually employments abroad coming up, where the Government requires careful, safe men, and I would be under eternal obligations if I could secure such a place through you. Will you please give your views about the chances.

Very truly, & warmly,
Frederick Douglass

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Mr John Pettit
Lafayette Ind
June 10/56

Political

Lafayette, Ind.
June 10. 1856.

My Dear Sir, This letter is not written by you every to harrow up your feelings, but by one who is sincerely your friend, admirer & well wisher, to soothe your feelings by giving you a true account of why the Delegation from Indiana voted as they did in the late Cincinnati Convention. It is no less strange than true that those who were for you four years ago & down to & after the time we had a conversation at Chicago in July last were for Mr. Buchanan at the late Convention, and that those who were against you at

the times above indicated,
near to all appearance, and
I suppose sincerely, for you at
the late convention. Why this
turning to you I shall leave to
your own conjecture, not knowing
myself, but presuming it was
from pure & proper motives,
while on the other hand I shall
plainly state the motives that
actuated your original friends
in voting against you. Among
those friends I know I mean, is
all truth, count myself.

To the Pennsylvania Delegates &
all others with whom I converse
I said my heart was with Haynes
but my head was with Buchanan,
or in other words I preferred
you for President but him
for a candidate, and I
know that this feeling was

fully shared & entertained by
a large majority of our Delegates,
& of our citizens from this state,
(not less than 10,000) in attendance
at the convention. Of this large
number I can with truth say
that I believe 39 out of every 40
~~was~~ prepared & demanded the
nomination of Mr. Buchanan for
this race. This was undoubtedly
the sentiment of our friends in
~~in~~ the state, and upon the
principle of representation I
was not at liberty to thwart it.
But added to this was my own
clear convictions of the superior
strength of Mr. Buchanan, &
which has been fully confirmed
since my return home. The
age and experience of Mr. Buch-
anan tended not a little to
produce this result, and it was

strengthened by a large infusion
of National Whigs who agree with
our platform & will vote with us,
but who beges that we should
give them a man of the olden
time - the compeer of Clay and
Webster - one in whose conservative
sentiments they had confidence
and one whom they had not been
in the habit of personally abusing
as they had you & Pierce. This
feeling was not to be disregarded,
and this vote we can now get
& must have to carry the state
against the present Kansas
excitement. Now Douglas, I
have written you frankly but I
hope not offensively, for I wish
you well & sincerely hope you
may yet reach the Presidency.

I shall be glad to hear from
you.

Truly your friend

John Pettib

Hon. S. A. Douglas,
U. S. Senator,
Washington - U. C.

Francis H. Shearman
Marshall Much
June 10/56

Political

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Manhasset June 10 1856.

Hon. Judge Dwyer.

My dear Sir

The result at Cincinnati was not just as I had hoped, but we will look to the future. We have got - if not the candid date we wanted - we have got the Platform.

This is a triumph of the real Democracy - a great triumph of yours personally & politically.

It may - will save us from an Obnoxious Sleep which might otherwise have followed the nomination of Buchanan. If we do by possibility go down on December the platform contains the principle of a glorious resurrection. With the candidate we want in 1860. If we succeed in now - we can not fail in the future afterwards.

(What does "Time & chance" which Lee Capt. says, hath wrought & all men may do, I am at your service & in your service in Michigan personally & politically to the end.

Truly with respect,
Francis H. Shearman

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Cornellville Pa
June 11th 1876

Hon S A Douglass
Sir.

Will you be kind enough
to send me copies of your several speeches
on the Kansas question? For the favor I
will be greatly obliged.

Respectfully Yours Friend

Wm L. Gail

Wm Quail
Cornellville Pa

Wrote Some Speeches

Sat June 19 1856

Wm Quail
Cornellville Pa
June 19 1856

Wrote Some Speeches
Sat June 19 1856

Paris Ill June 12th 1856.

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S. A. Douglass. After my best respects to you, and hoping you are in good health and may long enjoy that greatest of all blessings (good health). I want if it is not too much trouble to you to inform me who in or about Chicago or elsewhere are in the habit of loaning money upon real estate security. I have become somewhat embarrassed just at this time. And will be compelled to borrow about three thousand dollars if it can be had. If you can assist me in this matter so that I can obtain that amount one half payable in one and the other half in two years at ten per cent interest per annum payable annually or semiannually and secured by mortgage on unincumbered real estate of three or four times the value of the above amount. You will confer a very great favor on me and perhaps I may some time have the opportunity of conferring some favor which may be of benefit to you in return. I would not trouble you if I knew any one else in Chicago. Yours &c
Saml. Connelley

Saint Connely
Paris, 1815

John Cochrane
New York
June 13/56

Political



My Dear Sir
June 13th 56

Dear Sir
My Dear Sir

I was very
sorry to see the two - o'clock
boat just leaving the wharf
as I was hastening to see
you before you left to-day.
Business detained me at
Washington, whither I return-
ed after the convention. Other-
wise I should have had
the pleasure of seeing you
here, and of hearing your
admirable speech.

I deeply regretted that
at Cincinnati affairs were
not otherwise ordered. I regret
it still; but yet am de-
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needed, in your spirit, to
enter upon the campaign, under
the direction of a successful
chief. Had some things,
not been done & the women
from which were done, and
others undone, can be set. I
might now be writing of
other results -

Yours & cousin. Mr.

Pomeroy was appointed
to a measure place -
above what he asked - work
from 1500 to 2000 dollars
per annum. I meant to
have mentioned this to you
when I saw you at Wash-
ington, but forgot it in my
hurry. in other things -

Very truly
yours
Wm. C. Brown

Private and confidential,

Chicago. June, 14
1856,

Hon Stephen A. Douglass

Dear Sir;

Mr Shepley who is in Washington at the present time will be able to give you all the local news of this city, I fear however he is somewhat too sanguine in regard to our prospects at the present moment, Although I do not see that any very serious wounds have been made into our rank yet our divisions are dangerous, The reports of a new paper to be established are particularly injurious to the Times,

If you have not changed your views on the subject of the post office since I saw you (and I know of no reason for doing so) it is important that action should not be delayed,

Wm Price Thos Dyer or Dr M Walker would be acceptable,

We greatly need your personal presence here

for our do must to harmonize, for
Symon will speak here on his return
from Wis. There will be a great effort
in Ill & we count very possible and plan
abroad,

Very truly yours
D. Brainerd.

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Chicago Ill
June 14/36
Private & Confidential



Circleville Ohio.

June 14. 1856,

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass.

My Dear Sir,

I take this
early opportunity to express to
you personally my high respect
and appreciation of your course
in regard to the Cincinnati
convention - By your self-sacrificing
and magnanimous
conduct, you have done more
to elevate your name; and
to plant yourself in the af-
fections of the American De-
mocracy than almost any
act of your life - //

In col Richardson to whom
your interests were confided
you also had a true and
noble man, whose cautious
and honourable bearing won
for him also the highest
respect of the whole conven-
tion - I was in favour of
the nomination of Mr Bu-
chanan at this time -
& I think you will be sat-
isfied that such was our
best policy - at any rate
such was the irreversible
judgment of a majority
of the convention -

Had Gen. Pierce withdrawn
earlier I cannot say what
might have been the chances
as to your name - but my
impression is that the re-
sult could not have been
changed - Possibly you
might have chequered
Buchanan, & both of you
left the field, but that could
not have left you half as
low as now - for I wish
to say to you that hereafter
I am for you first, second,
and forever - and such
is the feeling of all my
Buchanan friends -

you will recollect me as
brother of Dr Wayne Griswold
of this place with whom I am
now staying and who is, the
greatest friend & admirer
you have in all Ohio. & ex-
cuse my familiarity -
Will you have the kindness
to send to me Pugh's Kansas
speech also Clays, & some of the
best of your own, direct to
Greenfield Massachusetts
I should also be pleased to
hear from you by letter -

I have the Honor to be
Very Truly, Yours &c

Whiting Griswold

Hon. S A Douglass,

Wm. Griswold
Hircleville Ohio
June 14/56

Political



John J. ...
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Sandusky Ohio Jan 14/50
Hon S A Douglas
Dear Sir

You will confer
a favor if you will send me your
Speeches and your letter in Reply to
Mr Bank of N H (that is if you ^{think})
on the Kansas and Nebraska
bills the abolitionists or making any
sorts of statement, ~~that~~ is relative
to them,

Yours Respectfully

P. H. Riley

(Address Philip H Riley)

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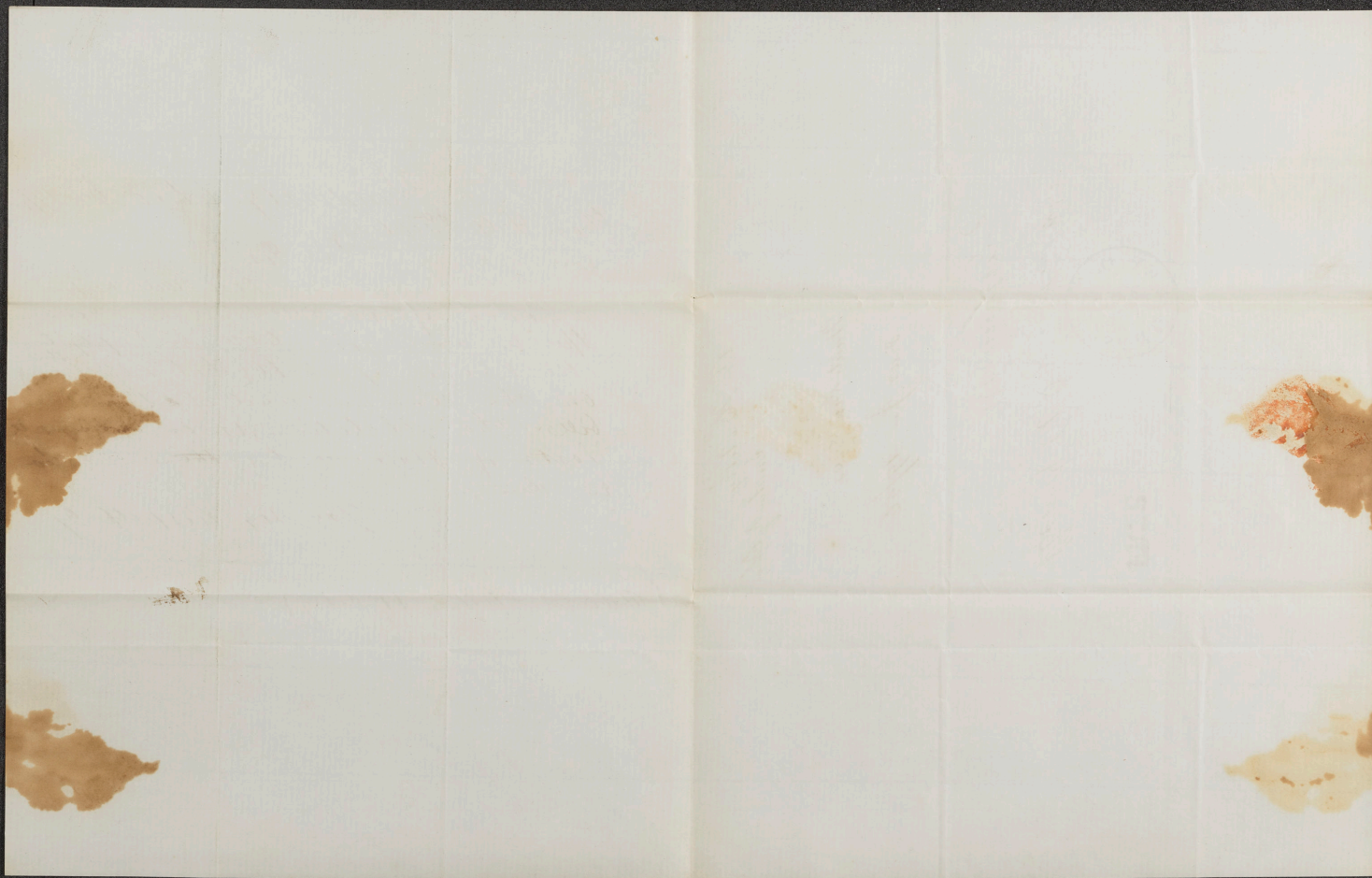


Hon J. A. Douglas W 85
Washington
D. C.

Recd June 19/56

Wm. A. Douglass

A. G. Wiley
Sandusky, N. Y.



Springfield, Ohio, June 16/56

Hon. S. A. Douglass:

Dear Sir - Can you conveniently send me one or two copies of the report of the Committee on Territories of which you are Chairman.

I have read it in my newspapers, but desire it in more convenient form. I regard the facts set forth in that report on the Kansas question, as conclusive against all the reports and slanders that have gone forth against the Kansas act and yourself individually. Any other papers bearing on that question, will be thankfully received.

Allow me to say further, that your withdrawal at the Cincinnati Convention, at the time and in the manner in which you did it, has had a happy effect on the public mind, as showing your regard for principles and the cause rather than a desire for personal advancement.

We had the pleasure of hearing you once in this place in 1852, and we very much desire that you may again address the people of this County sometime during the coming year.

Yours very Truly
S. C. Dial

E. G. Dial
Springfield Ohio

Wants 1882 Census Returns
Report

Done June 20/86

John C. Miller & others
Bloomington Ind
June 16/36

Inform you that you have
been elected a member of
this Society and send a
letter from you

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Indiana University
Bloomington Ind
June 16 - 1836

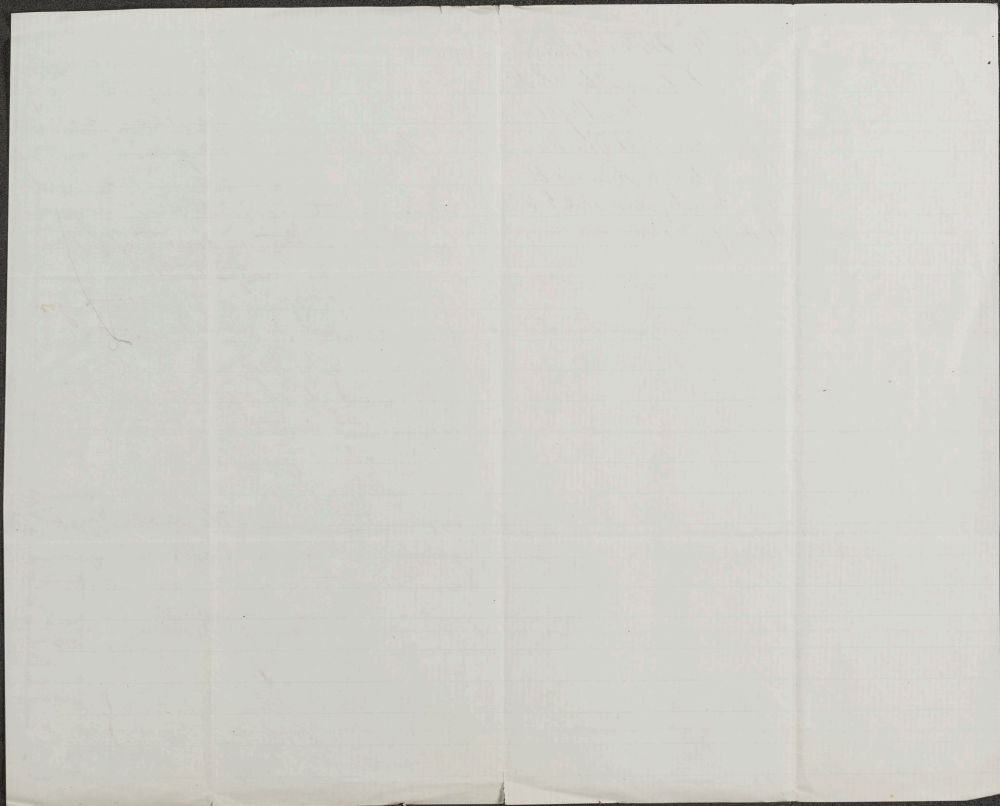
Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

Dear Sir,

We a committee appointed for that pur-
pose, by the "Athenian Society" of the
"Indiana University" - take this op-
portunity of informing you that you
have been unanimously elected an
Honorary member of our humble as-
sociation. And we hope that you will
receive this, as the only token, which
we are able to give, of the very high
estimate we place upon you, as one of
our western men - We shall, therefore
anxiously look for an answer, signifying
your acceptance of this our humble gift.
Most respectfully,

Yours &c.

John C. Miller }
Levi Hanson } Com -
Henry W. Ballentine } A. S.



Launceston, June 16th 1886

Am. S. A. Douglass

Sir, Although I am not personally acquainted with you yet I am politically enough so to have been your advocate for nomination for the Presidency twice - And also to name my youngest Boy S. A. Douglass. He came into being about the same time your doctrine was so unanimously received at Cincinnati Convention.

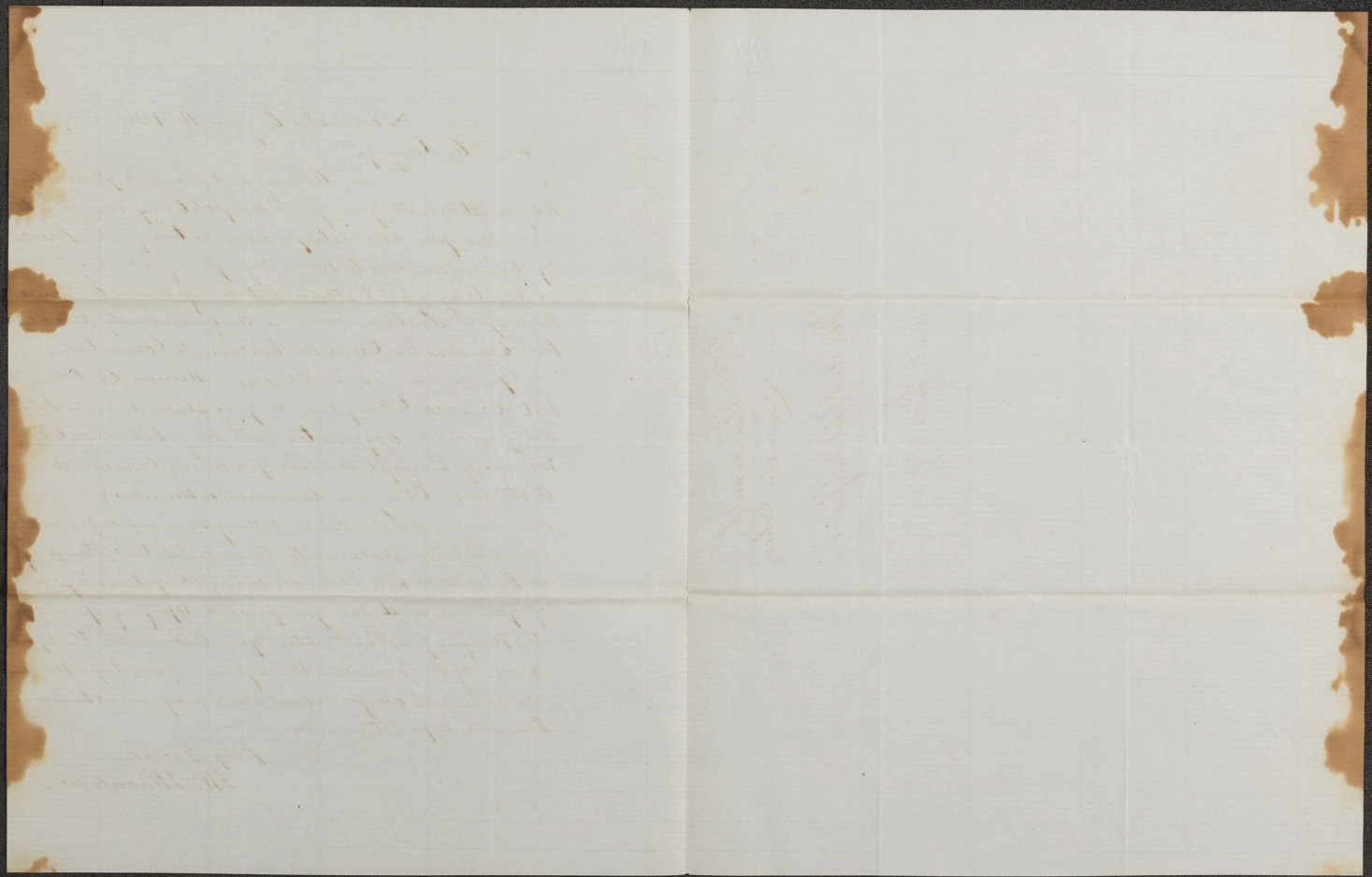
I formerly resided in Mt Gilead Monroe Co. Ohio - but moved to this place a year since and as I am not personally acquainted with any Democratic member of Congress (we live you know considerable distance in Ohio from Democratic member) but are with several Fusion known nothing members I get nothing but abolition documents - And as I intend stamping it this Fall I will be under many obligations to you if you will send me your first & replying speech upon the Kansas question & also your last with the report made by the Committee this Spring - When I left Mt Gilead my documents all got behind some way and I have not been able to find them since -

Truly Yours
W. Stinchcomb

W. Strickcomb
Lancaster Ohio

Wants Rept & Speech

Sent June 19/56



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D. P. RHODES,

DEALER IN

PIG IRON,

OFFICE

Foot of West River Street.

REFER TO

W. A. Otis,

Wicks, Otis & Brownell,

T. P. Handy,

Geo. Williams.

Cleveland, O., June 17 1856

My Sir

The convention is over & altho our principles triumphed yet we were obliged to give way to another "Parlor Politician." You will of course remember the frequent talks we had last winter upon the subject & will see I was well prepared for the result as I had predicted it frequently in the last six months to our friends. I want more than ever to see you & to asterisk you by naming a few who showed the white feather before the Battle commenced.

Thank God Douglass & as one of your friends am not at all discouraged. No not all - but on the contrary (life being spared) I will still pick the flint & be ready four years from this to make another & more vigorous effort. With a few like Stedman we could have won now but the game is young & not out untill played out -

I saw our friend Wilson yesterday.
He said there was a certain meeting
at his House all well. I had intended
to come on to Washington before
the convention but could not do
so well. How soon will any portion
of the lands in Nebraska come into
market? I have an idea that
there is money in them & when
I see you I have a scheme to
lay before you & if you agree with
me in opinion I propose that
we make a few dollars on joint
acc. for however strange it may appear
to you I should like to make a
little money & believe it can be
done. Do me the favor to write
me what your programme is for
the season. When you are coming
west & also when & where I can see
you best for you - we are all well
& desire to be kindly remembered
to Granger & family & yourself.
Ruly Yours
D P Rhodes

Hon S A Douglass
Washington D.C.

J. P. Rhodes

Cleveland Ohio

June 17/56

Political note

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Mansfield June 17th 1856

Hon S. A. Douglass

Dr Sir

Permit me though a stranger to ask of you the favour to send me a copy of your Report upon the Kansas question Made early in the session. I am here in the infested Wilmost district and desire information in regard to the origin of the difficulties in Kansas that can be fully relied upon. any documents calculated to throw light upon the subject would be thankfully received.

There are a few old line Democrats yet in this District yes there are a great many such but we are in the minority. at present even here in Old Tioga the Democratic banner is trailing in the dust but we are not discouraged we feel confident of the success of Mr Buchanan this fall and hope and believe that the sober second thought of the people will again set them right upon the all engrossing nigger question and then the Democracy will be again triumphant as heretofore ~~or rather~~ before Wilmost turned traitor

Yours Truly

J L Sherwood

P.S. please direct to Mansfield Tioga County Pa

D L Sherman & Co
Mansfield Penn
Wants Kansas Report
Sent June 20/56

Alton June 17th 1856

Dear Judge

We among others of
your friends were in the fight at
Lewinsville and though defeated
we do not feel conquered, and
look forward with great confidence
to a future battle when we believe
we will achieve a glorious victory.
We feel proud of the position you
occupy in the hearts & affections of
the people and believe the Indiana
delegation have a fearful account
to settle with their constituents, but
for their defection, you would have
been nominated. From present appear-
ance, no power on earth can defeat
you again - Some of your Illinois friends
were timid & over cautious, but all
were zealous and enthusiastic in do-
ing what they believed would best
promote your advancement to the high po-
sition we wish to see you occupy. We
wish to say that among your boldest
warmest & most zealous friends was
Judge McCook of Ills. He was always in
the thickest of the fight during battle

gallantly for Douglas & the Constitution,
his devotion to you, may perhaps create
a coldness towards him from President
Pierce & the friends of Mr Buchanan,
Should this be the case, we feel that
you have a large fund on deposit
with both of these Gentlemen, and if
necessary, can show in favor of Judge
McCook. We would be highly pleased
to see the Judge in a better position
than he is now in and would respect
for him your kind consideration.
We will be pleased to hear from you
as often as time will permit to write.
We are very truly your friends and
Obl Servts

Robert Smith

R. W. English

Saml L. Douglas
Washington
D.C.

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Robert Smith &
N W English
Attos Atty
June 17 1836

Call your attention to the
Exertions of Judge McCook
to procure your nomination
at Cincinnati and desire
to have him promoted

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Hon Stephen A. Douglas

Sir:-

Will you have the kindness
to send me a document from which I may
gleam the true history of the Missouri Com-
promise? I desire to familiarize myself with
this measure & also with the Kansas Abolition
Ka Bill. Believing your views upon the
whole subject to be correct my object is to sus-
tain them to the utmost of my humble
abilities in this campaign, & therefore feel
desirous of acquainting myself thoroughly
with the whole subject.

Yours most Respectfully

Geo. H. Gray

Pottsville, June 18th 1856

Geo H Clay
Pottsville Pa

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Sac. City, California June 18/56

Hon S. A Douglass

Dear Sir

I wrote to you by
last Mail enclosing some evidence
of the Felony of Chas. Robinson who
claims to be Governor of Kansas where
further enquiry there are many
other charges of a similar char-
acter that will be proved against
him in this State. you can make
the expose as I think it is doubtful.
If the witness Thibee would be will-
ing to criminate himself morally
by making the necessary Affidavit.
I shall have the Grand Jury of Santa
Clara investigate the charges. After
which a requisition will be sent on
by the Executive of this State.
I presume the Sen Convention has
proclaimed to the people who are the
Candidates of their Convention are this.
I think in the selection depends the
safety of our Union. The Executive
of the United States should be decided

and unswerving in his opinions upon
the great Constitutional questions.

The bold and fearless course of yourself
has done more to hurt the brand
in demagogues and false friends to
the Constitution I observe they dread
encounters with you in debate.
In my letter to you by last Mail I was
somewhat deceived in informing you
that the troubles in San Francisco would
soon be over. I did so thinking others
would be governed by my feelings
but to my sorrow and regret I was
deceived. The Pres of the State with
a great desire to anticipate popular
favour increased the excitement
but the feeling is I think going
away which will place the Actors in
the recent tragedy in an unfavour-
able light. The Dem Pres of the
State with few exceptions has
sided with the Executive.
If the U.S. had another Officer but
Genl Wool in charge I think the
difficulty could have been sooner
settled. It is now become alarming

to those who raised the excitement.
Think of Barricades and Armed
patrols marching through a City
of this Republic governed by un-
known persons acting under secret
Raths. Our Executive is now without
power as the State has no means of
Arming a force to intimidate
them. Gov Johnson has shown much
firmness. The most material aid
furnished him was from the Pres
who opposed his Election. I am utterly
opposed to all secret associations
except for benevolent purposes
as in cases of Invasion by a Foreign
Enemy. The Republican Party has as
little prospects of carrying this
State as that of Missouri.
I hope the State will not refuse to send
the requisite number of Senators
in p^t Winter. It is impossible to fore-
tell who will be successful in
the coming struggle. I do not think
Ex Senator Foote has any chance of
success some new man will be more
likely to succeed. I have enclosed

a letter to the Atty Gen^r. I fear
the result of Land matters in this
State there has been much corrup-
tion in it.

I remain yours

Wm B Hood.

Wm B Hood
Sacramento City Cal
June 19th
Dear Sir
Enclosed with this I send
a book of mine

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LETTER FROM WASHINGTON.

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Mr. Buchanan's Nomination—The Causes Influencing the Same—Mr. Crampton and his Instructions—Douglas and the South—The Western Men on the Brooks Difficulty—Douglas in Reserve for 1860—The Paid Privateering Resolution.

[Special Correspondence of the Daily Delta.]

WASHINGTON, June 10, 1856.

The nomination of Mr. Buchanan is the first step in the mustering of the Democratic forces for the contest of 1856. His election may be regarded as a certainty. I doubt very much whether the Nebraska issue, upon which the battle should be fought, can be completely made up in the Northern States under any candidate. As I predicted, Mr. Buchanan's "outside" popularity carried everything before it. The Brooks and Sumner affair was in his favor, as the state of the public mind at the North incident thereto, alarmed a great many timid men who are usually influenced by the excitement of the mob. But the most singular influence in Mr. Buchanan's favor, was the Crampton affair. The dismissal of that functionary is a matter of more importance than is generally supposed; he most undoubtedly had particular instructions as to his course under such circumstances. When handed his passports, he at once demanded them for his entire legation; sent off his papers to Canada out of the way of danger, and took the train first en route for England. Mr. Crampton departed without paying his respects even to the President or Secretary of State. For the first time since the last war with England, the British Legation at Washington is closed! The dismissed Minister gave a pointed significance to every action, personal and official, and was justified in that action by the letter of his instructions. He received private assurances from leading men in the House and Senate of their disapprobation of the course of Government, and there is no doubt at all but what the Senate is opposed to war upon the enlistment question, especially after Clarendon's apology. All these things were well understood in the various foreign legations here, and from them imparted to their respective consuls at New York, and through those persons to Wall street. The nomination of General Pierce would have resulted in two things, the defeat of the Democratic party and a war with England. Mr. Buchanan's nomination was deemed a necessary and national expression of sentiment, and consequently the very course which the President's friends urged on him as the only way of heading off Buchanan really did more than anything else to secure that gentleman's nomination. If our relations with England had been amicably arranged before the meeting of the Convention at Cincinnati, Mr. Buchanan would not have received the nomination. I believe I am authorized to say that the action of the Cincinnati Convention will prevent a rupture with England in the Crampton matter. Mr. Buchanan's personal and official relations with Palmerston and Clarendon are of the most cordial and confidential character, and he certainly took occasion, while in Paris, to place himself on good terms with the French Government also.

While thousands of ardent and earnest men in the South and West, will deplore the action of the Convention in not nominating that real statesman and truly great man, Douglas, yet, we have the consolation of knowing that we have him in reserve for a not far distant day, that he is growing in popular regard day by day, and will remain like the angel of old with glorious face and gleaming sword guarding the temple of constitutional liberty. There is a great game for the young South to play for the next time, taking the union of the West and the South as the watchword, and fixing on Douglas and Quitman as our never-to-be deserted bearers. Of this, however, hereafter. But I think it would be a wise and just thing, if some public expression were now given by the Southern Rights men in regard to Douglas, an expression which would embrace the idea of political union between the great West and the South, and so altered as to make now, a sincere and effective impression on the public mind and public heart of the Western free States. Why cannot such a meeting be called in New Orleans and published in the *Delta*? The response from the interior would be cordial, and I am certain it would be appreciated by Western men. Don't overlook this in the canvass this summer. While on this subject, let me call your attention to the singular fact, that in the vote in the House on the Brooks and Sumner difficulty, the Western Democrats voted with Brooks, while the Northern Democrats, to a man, voted with Sumner. Straws show which way the wind blows.

Have you noticed particularly the privateering resolution promulgated by the Paris Peace Congress? It is an oblique movement against the United States, and though offered by the French Representatives, was dictated by England. It is a greater actual triumph for her than the taking of Sebastopol—if the Allies had really taken it. It disarms us, and places our shipping and commerce at the mercy of the fleets of Europe—unless we follow the example of other great powers, and maintain an enormous navy in time of peace. Our Government has as yet made no protest against the injustice of the action of the European naval powers in this matter, and I presume it will remain for the next Administration to make some arrangement which will place us on an equality with other maritime nations. If this is not done, and we are thus outlawed at the suggestion of a rival commercial power, let us repeal the Neutrality laws at once, enforce the Monroe doctrine, and give immediate vitality to the principles announced by Soule, Buchanan and Mason, at Ostend. In my next, I will devote some pains to that celebrated Ostend document, and to Mr. Buchanan's position in regard to the same.

ALL

, JUNE 18, 1856.

LATER FROM TEXAS.

ARRIVAL OF THE PERSEVERANCE.

The steamer Perseverance, Captain Sheppard, arrived this morning from Indianola and Galveston, having left the latter place on the 15th. It brings the following passengers:

Mrs. Florence Davenport, Mr. Floyd and lady, Mrs. Colson, Nelson, Mrs. Pool and three children, J. C. Mauldy, lady and child; H. J. Smith and lady, Mr. Shinn and family, E. A. and lady, Cox and lady, Mrs. Birdwell and two children; S. A. Low, Emerson, Blakely, Young, Harris, Bennett, H. J. Bent, Whitcomb, Kilgore, Martin, Walker, M. O. and J. Decker, H. Wendt, Fitzhenry, T. J. Poole, and B. on deck.

We compile from our papers received by the Perseverance the following items of news:

IN NICARAGUA.—As the result of the meetings in Boston, eleven able-bodied, resolute men, fully armed and equipped, and with means to transport to the patriot army in Central America, left on Charles Morgan on Thursday. Though few in number, they would do good service in the cause of freedom, and prove themselves worthy sons of the Star State.

The following are the names of the party: P. F. E. F. Russell, J. B. Smith, A. Moore, N. B. and Mrs. H. Crossman, M. Conant, James W. Oliver P. Lampton, M. R. Morrison, Henry B. and Mrs.

POSTOFFICE CASE.—In one of our Galveston papers we find the following:

DISTRICT COURT.—The case of Haynie & Co. of Laredo, vs. John B. Root, postmaster in Galveston, decided in favor of the defendant. The suit was brought to recover \$200, said to have been remitted by mail to Messrs. Dean & Cramer of Galveston. It was in evidence that the letter was registered, and a blank receipt around it, was handed by the clerk to another clerk, to be deposited in Dean Cramer's box—that said clerk was noticed to go to the box to do so. A boy came as usual, with him to D. & C. this blank receipt, but no letter containing the money. The receipt signed by Messrs. Dean & Cramer, and returned in application for the letter. This application refused, the chief clerk telling them that the letter had been placed in the box with the blank receipt, and must have been taken by some party with the key. The receipt then in possession of the postoffice, was refused to be given up, and this was brought, which resulted, as we have stated, in the case of Mr. Root.

OTHER NEW STEAMER.—Capt. Sterret, says the Gazette of the 13th, of the Eclipse, left on Charles Morgan for Pittsburgh, to build a new steamer for the Galveston and Houston trade. His design to bring a finer craft than has been in these waters—something to float like a duck. She is to be broader, with greater capacity for freight and of less draft than any of our present packets. He knows well what suits the trade and has the taste to carry out a liberal design creditably. The vessel is to be built at the Island City.

St. Fred. Smith is now in command of the steamer.

GRASSHOPPERS.—The grasshoppers or locusts have scourged the north of Texas this year, have lately made their appearance in this vicinity. They confine their depredations, however, to the grass, and to leaves of the fruit trees.

It may be well to know the method used in California to preserve fruit trees or berries from them. The species common to this country, and which we presume is identical with this, will not attack any shrub that is wet with water. To preserve a tree, then, all that is necessary is to sprinkle it with water, and cover it with a coarse cloth during the day-time.—*Galveston Express.*

GEN. HUNTSVILLE.—The Huntsville Item states that General Houston has recovered from his late attack of catarrh, and is now able to stir about with his friends. He will return to Washington shortly.

The Nacogdoches Chronicle states that General Houston is still at home. He has had a very severe attack of illness since his return, which, together with the effect of the sad bereavement he has experienced, will prevent his early return to Washington. At one time his life was despaired of, but he is now convalescent.

THE ADVOCATE.—The Advocate, speaking of the departure of the steamer Lizzie Lake, intended for the navigation of the Guadalupe, says that the Council has transferred to Captain Dycus, Montgomery's contract, and he has undertaken to carry it out. He has entered into partnership with Captain Gwartney, of New Orleans, a man of experience in the business of navigating rivers, and they are determined to put the trade as many boats as shall be required for the business.

INDIAN SKIRMISH.—A letter from Laredo, dated May 28, gives an account of the pursuit and punishment of a small party of Indian warriors, by six citizens of Laredo; they came with the Indians (fifteen in number) on the Rio Grande near Roma. Six Indians were killed and others were taken prisoners. All the stolen property was also recovered. The victors are Texans by birth, though now citizens of Texas. They had one killed (Juan Gonzales) and two badly wounded.

NEW JURY.—The following are the jurymen chosen at the late election: Henry A. Maltby; Aldermen, Floater, McMartin; First Ward, Samuel W. Pulliam, M. P. Norton; Second Ward, Cornelius

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New Orleans June 18th 1856

Fromth Stephen. A. Douglass.

Dr Sir

I regret that it was not in my power to have been at the Convention at Cincinnati but a case of the A. S. against W. G. Kendall the son of this city prevented me - I take it for granted that it is generally understood that the east and south understand that the candidate in 1860 must come from the west & if not a poet I intend to be a prophet, having as you know predicted many years ago the election of a young man from Illinois to the Presidency on the occasion of his speech on the Texas Question in reply to the Old man Eloquent -

Enclosed I send you a copy of a letter, which the 'writter' in Washington, you would not probably see except by accident. If the A. S. gives me a handsome fee for my services in the case I have mentioned I will try and look in on you before you adjourn, but I have learned that travelling without money is just as bad as travelling without brains, as the sailors said to the robber - Blow & be darned. I rather travel without brains than money. The next four years is pregnant with great

events - If the discontented N. M. & the Black
Republicans or Abolitionists unite upon Banks
Ind. W. L. G. Fremont Seward or any of that
"U. K.", they will get more votes than Fillmore
and all the States which they can vote
carry. I think they must turn to the
Democracy - Know Nothingism. Let a party
& that class of ministers ^{what} rarely meet making
* must die young - The coming administration
will never dispose of that, but the next
contest must be a sectional one & between
the east and the south on the slavery
question, the great & growing great West
must decide - Connected by ties of blood
association & so with the north, & equally
bound to the south by the great arteries
of the Mississippi & other rivers, it alone
can give peace to the country & defend
the minority against the oppressions of the
majority - Our next war must not
be for any cry of territory, neither
Cuba nor Canada - Kansas or Nebraska
but Civil & Religious Liberty - Douglas
and the Constitution - This is an instrument
of Mrs. Chase & ^{woman's testimony} ~~which are~~ ^{which are} themes better
than the judgment of men - It is wonderful
what hold Webster had upon the people
simply by the idea which his friends took
from him to depenerate - That he was
the pillar & supporter of that great
Charter of our liberties -
Excuse my homily upon notions
of which you are no doubt suspected

but to one removed from Congressional & a
political haunts, it is agreeable "Oleio-memorial
Journal" -

Remember me to Richardson and
give him my best wishes for his success
in his gubernatorial race and all our
old friends, & believe me your friend.

Isaac E. May

Isaac C. Morse
New Orleans La
June 18 1856

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