

Very Confidential

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Peoria Aug 1st 1856

My Dear Sir

When I left Vermont I obtained from my Mother ten dollars in order to proceed on to Chicago. This money I promised to refund to her with-in six weeks expecting to have been acting as agent for the "Liberator". I find it impossible for me to do so, and I know she needs it, for I think she bought it, rather than ask me for it.

I should be under great obligations to you, and relieved of much anxiety if you would please to enquire Mother that our count (\$10⁰⁰) is paid to her that it was my request. I have concluded to visit ~~the~~ Farmington, Canton & Lunenburg to stop in each place about one week & return to Chicago, on your arrival I shall not be embarrassed meeting my friends in Fulton Co. as most of them were at this place yesterday and know there was no cause for the course she has taken.

I shall be able from the sale
of your lithographs to pay my
way till your arrival in Chicago
then it is my wish to see you
and to talk with you.

I trust you will excuse me
for so often writing to you
in regard to my private troubles
but I could not refrain from writing.

This shall be my last letter
in regard to Cheahan or my
troubles. I shall do what I
can to promote the success of
the Democratic party.

I should be pleased to hear you
send mother the money if you
should feel disposed.

You have doubtless received
my letter stating to you that
Davidson's Warr. was nominated
for Congress. I should be pleased
to have you deliver this letter, if you
thought best. I should not wish that
any but yourself should know that the
relations between my mother and Mr. W.
were now such that she would

prefer to ask any one but him for
money. I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully,

Your friend

4 Oct 1846

Charles S. Burton

How L. P. Hughes
Wilmington
DE.

Indef. I will only add that it is
necessary to have another mail
agent on the Galena & Chicago RR
and it would give me much
pleasure to obtain the appointment
& to keep it till spring. Should
you feel disposed to recommend
me for the situation
C. S. B.

C. P. Burton
Pavia Ill
Aug 1/56

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South West, Warren County Va
August, 4th. 1856,

Sir,

I am anxious to promote and advance the cause of Democracy in this section of country, and under the present, appearance and excitement got up, by Fremont men, I know of no better way to counteract their influence than to freely circulate Democratic speeches, documents &c among the people, I know that it will have a beneficial influence over many and will advance the cause of Buck & Breck, more than any other means, that can be taken. - And not having very much confidence in our member Mr Barclay, I take the liberty to address you confident you will assist me in so good a cause with a stronger

Respectfully yours
J. Warner Perry.



W. P. GAMBELL,
Attorney and Counsellor at Law,
AND
SOLICITOR IN CHANCERY.
Office, No. 2 Fish's Block, South Main Street.
Special attention given to the investigation of Land and Tax Titles.
Collections made in any part of the State.

Adrian, Mich. Aug 4 - 1856

Hon. S. P. Douglass
Washington D.C.
Honored Sir -

The pro-

pose to have a grand rally at this place
of the Democracy of this State, Ohio and
Indiana, some time the fore-
part of Sept. As Pres. of the Central
Democratic Club of the district, I have
sent you an invitation to be
present on the occasion, and favor
the assembly with that speech which
the hearts of the Democracy will surely
be gladdened. I assure you that your

presence and speech would greatly
encourage the Democracy in this and
the surrounding districts, in their
contest with the abolition & disunion
wordes with which these regions
abound. We have written to several
other distinguished men of our party,
some of whom will, doubtless, respond
favorably; but all desire to hear from
the author of the Nebraska Bill, himself.
Can you not favor us in this regard?

Hoping to hear from you at your
earliest convenience & favorably.

Dear, respectful friend

W. Gambrell

West Stephentown Rev., Co. N. Y.

August 5th. 1856, —

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass,

Dear Sir,

I address you in behalf of Dorcas Holcomb, widow,
and Laura E. Brown, daughter, of James Holcomb
late a resident of Rensselaer County, deceased. Holcomb
was a soldier, in the war of 1812; and for his services
therein, Warrant No. 17, 852 was issued for him, — and (as
per letter of "May 30th. 1856" to me, from Thos. A. Hunt,
Commissioner of the General Land Office,) "pursuant to
"the act of May 6th. 1812, was patented to "James Holcomb
"on the North east quarter of Section 36, Township
"6 north, range 3 west, and is situated in Madison
"naugh county." According to a letter to me, from
J. C. Thompson, Esq., dated at "Macedon, July 28th.
"1856, — "the property lies adjoining the town of Macedon,
"and is worth, at least fifty dollars per acre,
Holcomb, in his life time and in 1850, under the act of that year
applied for bounty land for that very service. He always said
he never had bounty land — and may have been, ignorant
of the fact. — The object of this letter is, for you, if you
can find sufficient cause from your Senatorial letters,
and the unhallowed die of the political thief now
all but treasonably waved against the Constitution and
the peace of the Country, to ascertain whether Holcomb
himself ever transferred the patent which was issued
for him, and if not, to institute such proceedings,
under the various laws applicable to the premises

as will, (if any such there be) please Mrs. Brown and her mother, in the hope of an and enjoy most of their rights in said property. I suppose that a short inquiry, directed by you, to J. C. Thompson Esq., at Allamby, may & will give you the necessary information, whether Allamby disposed of his patent or not. If he die, (but this is greatly doubted here) that is an end of it; if not, there will be, doubtless, some thing for you to do that may give you a reasonable compensation, out of the property for your labours in the matter. Allow me to add, that I am not a Lawyer, but simply an Agent in recovering Patent and &c. claims; and that when I, for others, intrust business to the care of others, for them, I desire to have an entire confidence in the person; which, by reputation, I surely have in this case.

And more over you are, as I understand, a Lawyer in practice in Illinois, and as such, fully understand all that is needed in the premises, — I am, dear Sir, with high regard,
Very respectfully your obedient

Wm. M. Beards



Springfield Mass Aug 3rd
Hon Stephen A Douglas

Dear Sir

I am making a
collection of Autographs, and if
it is not too much trouble, would
you favor me with yours and
oblige
Yours Respt

E Howard Lathrop





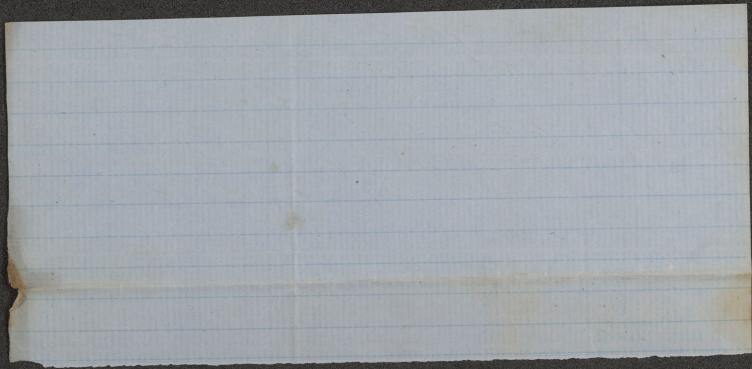
Alexandria Augt 5th 56

Hon Stephen A Douglas -

Sir, Will you be kind
enough as to honor me with your autograph
With high respect

Yours obedient Servt

Mc. P. Wharton



Beaumont, N.J. Aug 5 1846

Hon S. C. Douglas.

Dear Sir

May I ask a favor. Will
you send copies of
your Speeches made
at this Session on Kan-
sas' Affairs. By so do-
ing you will oblige
a Democrat.

Respectfully yours—

W C Woolsey

of

Please send me such docu-
ments as you may think
of service in this Campaign.

W C W

1840
The following is a list of the
names of the persons who
were present at the
meeting of the
Board of Directors
of the
City of New York
on the 1st day of
January 1840.
The names are as follows:
John A. B. Smith
John C. Jones
John D. Brown
John E. White
John F. Black
John G. Green
John H. Gray
John I. Gold
John J. Silver
John K. Copper
John L. Iron
John M. Lead
John N. Tin
John O. Zinc
John P. Nickel
John Q. Cobalt
John R. Nickel
John S. Copper
John T. Iron
John U. Lead
John V. Tin
John W. Zinc
John X. Nickel
John Y. Cobalt
John Z. Nickel
John A. B. Smith
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John Y. Cobalt
John Z. Nickel

Office of the Secretary of the Senate, U. S.,

Aug. 6th, 1856.

The Honorable S. A. Douglas

Sir:

I send to you, this day, 3 packages containing the
 "Annals of Congress" for the 15th, 16th and the
 First Session of the Eighteenth
 Congress, in two volumes, ^{each} the receipt whereof I will thank you to
 acknowledge.

The volumes now sent complete the series of the Annals of
 Congress ordered to be distributed under the act of Congress of
 the 3d of March, 1851.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Asbury Dickins

Secretary of the Senate.

(To be signed and returned to the Secretary of the Senate.)

Received of Asbury Dickins, Secretary of the Senate, the "Annals
 of Congress" for the First Session of the Eighteenth Congress, in two volumes.
 and for the 15th Cong. in 4 vols. and the 16th Cong. in
 3 vols.

Senate Clerk
wishes you
to net Journals
of Congress

My dear Mother
I have just received
your letter of the 10th inst.
and am glad to hear from
you. I am well and hope
this finds you the same.

I have not much news
to write at present. I am
still in the same place
and am engaged in the same
work. I hope to hear from
you soon.

Yours affectionately
John Smith

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you soon.

Yours affectionately
John Smith

New York August 6 1856.

Mr Stephen A. Douglas Esq.

Senator of the U. States
Dear Sir

I take the Liberty, to sent you these few lines, again
with I. hope will find you in the best Health and
Spiritt, In my last Letter I requird a shmal fever
from your Honor. in relation of Public
Documents, but having received no answer, nor did I
receive any thing of the kind, and such Documents
which where brought up, by you and other
Gentelman, to show my fellow Germans
facts. I understand the Doctrin of Self Governement
very well, but som of my Germans cant
get clair of it, and at the present time
and hard Campaign, we need more the
asistane of ther suport, allto Fremont Stock
is at present below par, but we cant be
carefull anof,; If you shall have the kindnes
and sent som. I remain in

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Francis Joseph Miller

Councilman of the 17 Ward City of New York
No 80 Avenue A

Chapter 10

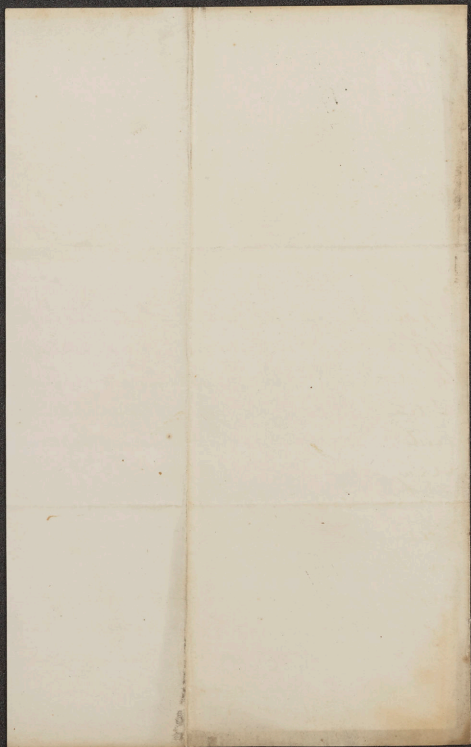
Director of M. H. H. H.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the M. H. H. H. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, &c.

Very respectfully,
J. H. H. H.

Tallwell August 6 1856.
To Hon. S. A. Douglas
Dear Sir

I take this privilege of calling
on you for some Democratic Docu^{ts}
the People want some we want
to keep ourselves posted. Question
here is is Fremont a Catholic
if he is he cannot carry a state
Fremont stock is getting below par
hear the Filmore men is
making a grand issue on Fremont
they say is a Catholic it will
make a good margin for Buick
if Filmore can get 30,000
votes in Ohio Buick will carry the
State of Ohio will you be kind
to send me some Buick documents sent
Mr. Buell the Ed of Review is from
an place yours respectfully
please answer) J. S. Williamson P. 66



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Territorial.

Treasury Department,
Comptroller's Office,
August 6th 1856.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir,

I have respectfully
to acknowledge the reference from the Depart-
ment, of the letter of the 4th instant from
the chairman of the Committee of Ways &
Means of the House, relative to the reprint
of the Statutes of Oregon of 1853-'54, in the
bound volume of the Statutes of 1854-'55,
and beg leave to submit the following
statement:

By an act of the Assembly of Oregon at
its session of 1853-'54, passed January 11, 1854
(see Statutes, page 432,) 1000 copies of the laws were
ordered to be printed.

On account of lack of facilities, as alleged,
to do the full work on the laws in the
Territory, the Public Printer of Oregon
caused the statutes of 1853-'54 to be printed

at
ord
and

June 1865

James M. Smith
Care of
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

in relation to the proposed sale of the land of the late James M. Smith, and in reply to inform you that the same has been referred to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, &c.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, &c.

and bound in New York, and the 1000 copies ordered were shipped to Oregon after execution, at two different dates, (500 each time,) the first shipment of 500 copies arrived, the second shipment of 500 copies were lost on the voyage.

On account of this loss, the Legislature at its session of 1854-'55, ordered 500 copies of the laws of a general nature passed at the session of 1853-'54 to be reprinted and bound in one volume, with the laws of a general nature passed at the said session of 1854-'55 with the proviso, however in the 1st section of the act of (1854-'55) ordering the reprint of the laws of 1853-'54, "that the said Territorial Printer, shall not receive any pay except, for the 500 copies already delivered." viz. of the laws of 1853-'54, - 500 having been lost as aforesaid.

In due course of time, after correspondence with the Secretary of Oregon on the subject, the question came up for decision, and on the 18th of February last, a report in the matter was made to you. A copy of your reply of February 20th 1856 is here - with appended.

and found in the book, and the manuscript
evidence was sufficient to prove the
of the different states (see each time). The first
shipment of 100 copies arrived, the amount
of 100 copies more had in the spring.
On account of this loss, the shipment of
the amount of 100 is, evidence 100 copies of the
loss of a general number found at the amount
of 100 is to be repeated and found in the
number, with the loss of a general number
found at the next shipment of 100 is with
the previous shipment in the last action of the
not of (100 is) evidence the shipment of the last
of 100 is, that the next shipment of 100 is
shall not receive any copy except for the 100
copies already ordered, viz. of the last of
100 is, the shipment has been as follows.
On the amount of time, of the correspondence
with the shipment of 100 in the spring,
the question came up for decision, and
in the 11th of February last, a report in
the matter was made to you. It was
of your report of February 10th 1840 is now
- could be repeated.

On the principles of the decision a computation was made on 1000 copies of both editions delivered, in which was included the composition of the Statutes of 1853-'54, and the press work and paper on 1000 copies, also including the composition press work and paper of the new laws of 1854-'55, added to the volume as reprinted of the laws of 1853-'54, and excluding only the composition of the laws of 1853-'54 as reprinted in the Statutes of 1854-'55, the same matter having been computed in the Statutes of 1853-'54, &c. The Public Printer however contends, he is entitled to recomposition on the statutes of 1853-'54 as re-printed in the statutes of 1854-'55, and it was with the view to elicit the facts, that I suppose the letter of the Chairman of the Committee of Ways & Means was written.

The amount found due as mentioned, on account of 1000 copies of both editions delivered, is as follows, in aggregate, viz:

Station
paper

Statutes of 1853-'54. Composition, press work,
paper, and binding) 1000 copies. \$5.348.23

Add for new matter printed in
the Statutes of 1854-'55, viz: composition,
press work, & paper, 216.90

Total amount found & certified as due \$5.565.13

Advances having been made on this
printing from time to time, the Secretary
of Oregon was instructed, March 4th last,
to pay the net balance remaining
unpaid at that date.

If re-composition should be allowed
by Congress, on the statutes of 1853-'54 as
reprinted in 1854-'55, the additional amount,
then due the Public Printer of Oregon,
would be (as computed by this office,) as
follows:

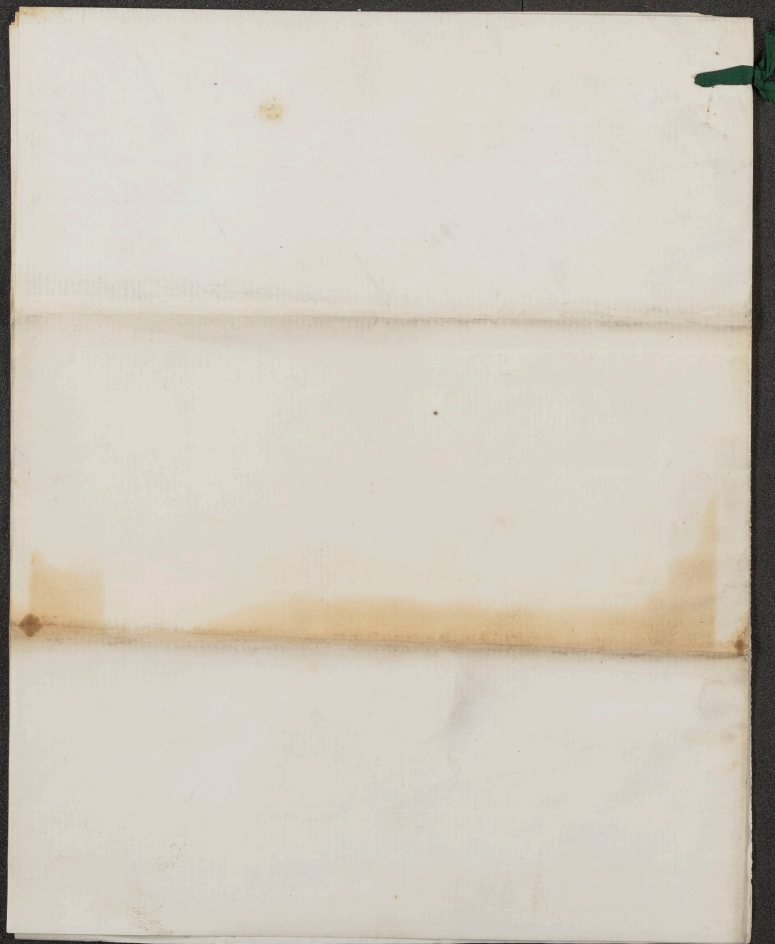
Composition (inclusive,) of the Statutes of
1853-'54, as reprinted in the statutes of
1854-'55 and new matter of the last
Statutes, \$3.803.10

From which deduct the composition
of new matter, in the statutes of

Brought forward	\$3.803.10
1854-'55 before computed	<u>164.90</u>
Making	<u><u>\$3.638.20</u></u>

Respectfully submitted.

Most Sincerely Yours,
 (signed) Elisha Whittelsey.
 Mr. Campbell's letter is returned.



Clarkstown Virga: Aug. 6. 1856

Hon Stephen A Douglass

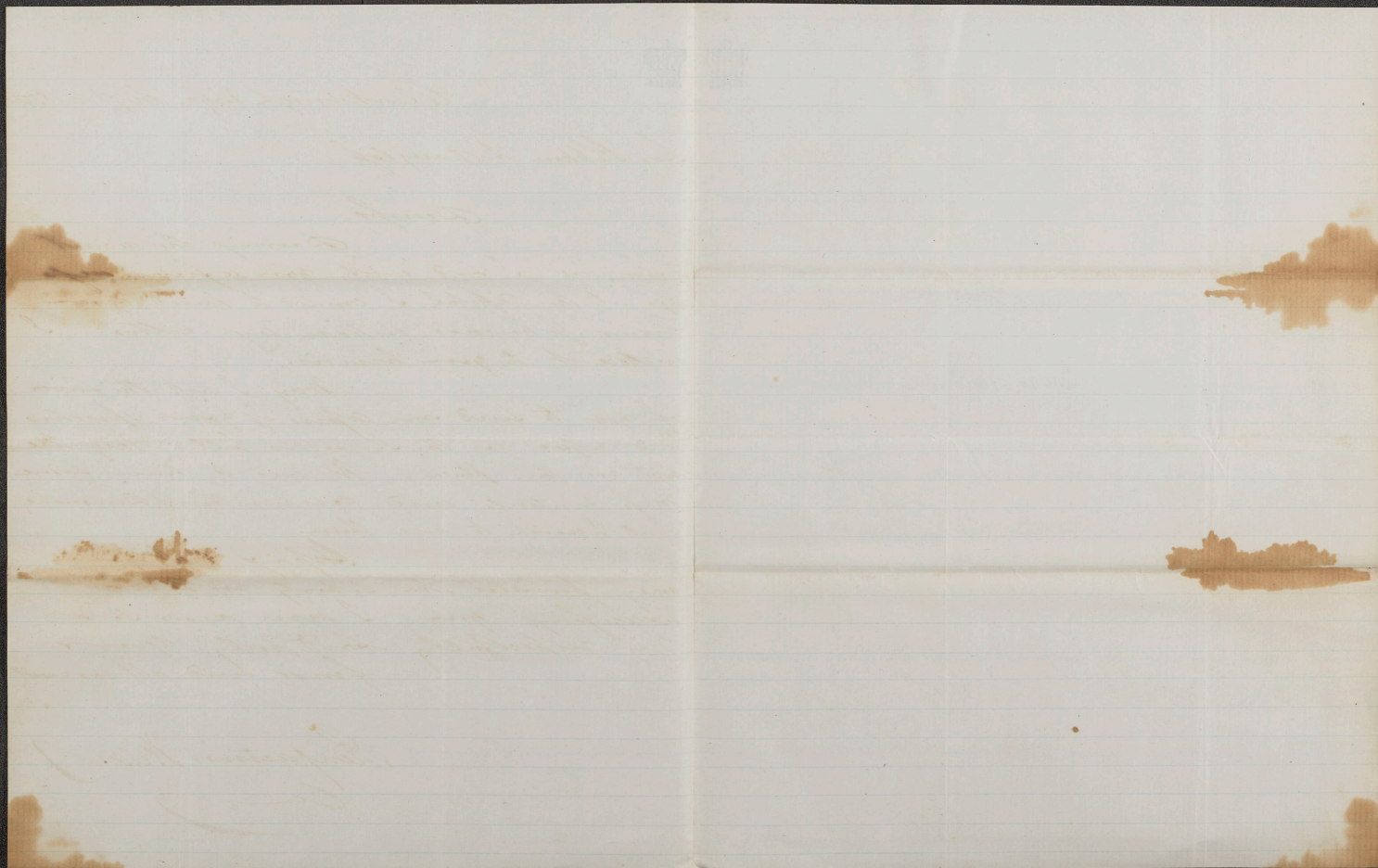
Dear Sir

During the recent interview I had with you a few days ago at the Capital, I omitted to hand you Governor Johnsons introductory letter. I inclose it to you herewith.

May I ask the favor of you to send me copies of your speeches and report on the Kansas bill. They are not in this place. We are to have some mass meetings and conventions (Democratic) and I wish to use them.

Hoping that you may pardon the liberty in thus addressing you I am dear Sir
Very respectfully and truly your
friend and obt servant

Benjamin Wilson





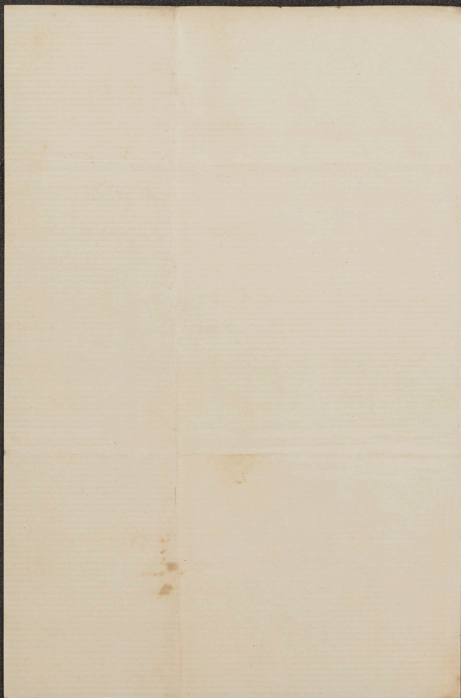
Bridgeport July 16th 1856

My dear Sir

Allow me to
introduce to your acquaintance
my friend, Col B. Wilson
of Clarkburg Va who visits
Washington with a view of
transacting business in some
of the Departments. He is a
Gentleman of high legal
attainments, respectable family
, and a consistent Democrat.

I know it will give you
pleasure to give him any
aid in your power in the
furtherance of his object

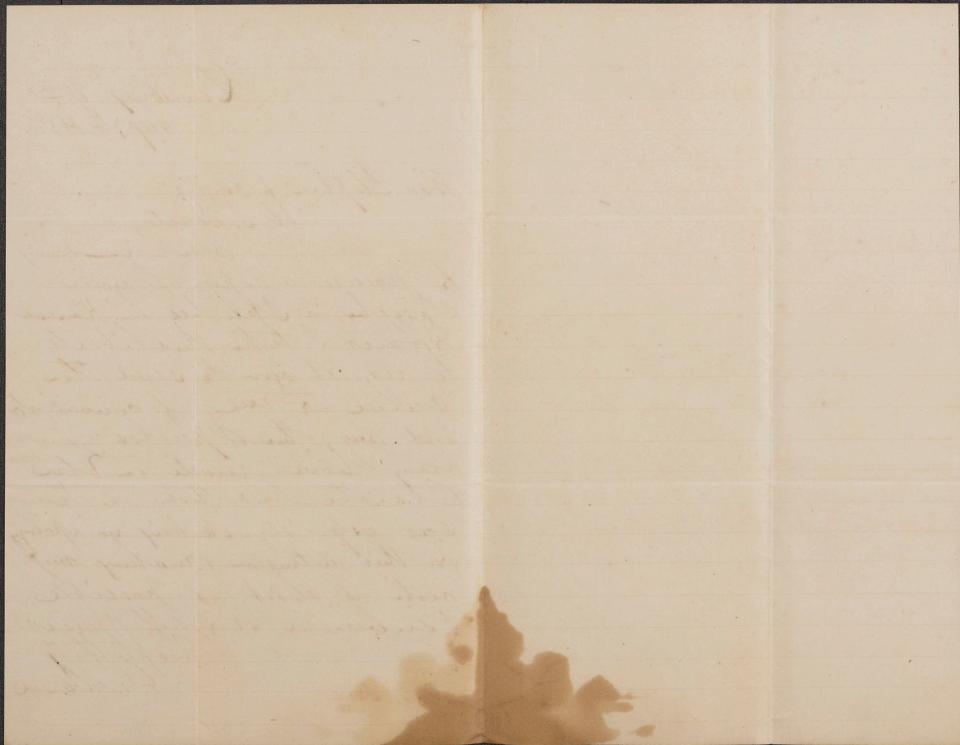
With high regard & Esteem
Yours
Hon. S. Douglas
J. P. Johnson

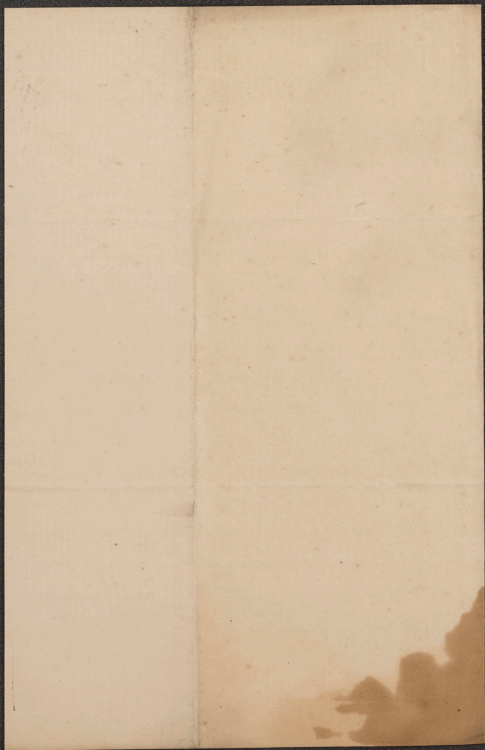


Lewisburg, Va
Aug 7th 1856.

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

Dear Sir—Desiring
to possess a copy of your
speeches, or Speeches on Kansas
Affairs, I take this liberty
to request you to send the
same to me, if convenient,
and any other Speeches you
may have made in the
Senate but those on Kan-
sas especially. Making no apology
for this intrusion & making my
note as short as possible,
I subscribe myself yours
Respectfully
J. G. Anderson





Carlyle M. Aug. 7. /58

My dear Sir -

I transmitted to my Law the letter you were so kind as to send in introducing him to Gen. Walker - I had an letter from him yesterday dated July 17th. He had just returned from the Yellow feave, but was in good spirits & wrote Walker - He says the New govt. cannot depend entirely on the South American to sustain itself and is dreadfully in want of money - I am extremely anxious about my son and wish him to be as conspicuous in Nicaragua Amalg - Now will you get through Walker

when I knew when members
of Cong. from Ohio, to write
a strong letter in his favor
to Gen. Walker recommending
him to his position and
friendship - Well you know
stands very high with
Walker - Now do not
leave the Senator until
you see him. Write and
mail the letter directed
to Henry L. Preese, Wm. A.
Secretary Central Union.
If Wells says that "Vote
home after the adjournment, and
you entreat him to call on
my son, & show him some
attention." Do not omit Congre-
men with the above -

The political friend is
bright in the State - He

will carry it for Buchanan
& Richardson beyond a
doubt. The Coldest will be
Smith - The election is over
in Missouri - It cannot be
that Blanton is elected, tho
he runs well at home - he
is doubtless beaten -

Yrs. Truly
Henry Preese,
Gen. S. A. Douglas.
H. S. Munton.

Is there a vacancy in any
respectable position abroad?

Yrs.

Mr Sidney Breese
Carlyle Ill
Aug 7 1856
About his Son & c &c

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Springfield Aug 8/56

Dear Sir

On yesterday I wrote to M. M. Cornell Esq, giving my views at some length, relative to the political position of our State. the longer I remain in this City, I become more thoroly convinced of the necessity of a thro canvass of the State, which if it is not done, we will be disgracefully beaten in Illinois. the opposition is concentrating against yourself, their object is to defeat you, they very correctly think that your Honor, your personal & political position is at stake - and if they carry the State, they think & know that they will beat you in the future. their speakers are in the field day and night. we are in the North part of the State entirely idle. You Gentlemen must come home at the earliest possible moment. every County in the State must be canvassed, the Mass Meetings now coming on, must be attended. You had better spend the Money that you are paying to the printers, in canvassing our State. our documents are not sufficiently read, they are generally too long.

Speakers is what we want, but this sign must be got up in our ranks or I assure you we are defeated nothing but the rank and file of the opposition keeps the leaders in the Fillmore Rank from going over to Fremont. and as I suggested in my letter to Mr McCune if a diversion cannot be made in favor of a Fillmore Candidate for Governor, Col Richardson is badly beaten - "Mark it" We will from all we hear carry the City of Chicago, but will lose the County, and with the exception of Lassar & Mill, the Majorities in the Northern Counties will average 5000. Against us, and it is my opinion we will be beaten in Lassar - now Sir, can the South with the slightest division overcome 20,000 Majority I think not. Hence the necessity of your immediate return, do not for God sake make arrangement to go into Maryland or any other State, preserve your health and strength for home - I say to you in candor and in kindness, that your future depends upon the perpetuity of your power in Illinois, let them get hold of our State Government and the House of Reps. (the Senate I fear is now gone) We have lost the State for ever.

I hope to reach Washington on Wednesday, when I will be able to give you the prospects in Logan River

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I will leave for home in the Morning. I advise you to get together and consult as to your program, or fix a day for your meeting at some point in this State and then arrange it. We ought to procure some additional help, John Brough of Indiana would be the best man that could be stirred up, if his services could be procured, he is now out for the Nominations. We want one point made clearly plain, that is, the inconsistency of a man who supports Mr Fillmore upon his Nationality, and then proposes to support Col Pierce for Gov - who sustains the "Nappy head" "Holly Horse" Ball - Cannot Stephens of Georgia be approached confidentially on this subject, and get him to send one of the Kentucky Marshalls into Ill's. who could define this inconsistency in the Lords, then all will be right in Ill's, otherwise Col R is defeated. When I am we will talk about these things in detail

Yours Truly
Daniel McCook

Hon S. A. Douglass
Washington D.C.

Daniel M^cCook
Springfield Ill
Aug 8/56

Political



Philadelphia
Aug. 8. 1856.

Si.

I venture to request, that you
will do me the favor, if convenient,
to send me such of your speeches
on the Kansas-Nebraska bill, as
comprehend your views upon
that subject. I have the honor

to be, Sir,

Very Respectfully
Yours

Henry Flanders.

Hon. S. A. Douglass.

Leur Aug 9/56



1842
Jan 21

My dear Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst. in relation to the purchase of the land for the purpose of building a new church for the congregation of the Baptist Church in this place. I have the honor to inform you that the land has been purchased and the building is now in progress. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours,
Wm. B. Brown

Wm. B. Brown

Philadelphia
Aug. 11. /56.

Sir.

I beg you to accept my
Thanks for the Bill on Kansas
affair, which you have
been so obliging as to send
me; but, it was your speech
on the original Kansas
Bill, repealing the Missouri
line, that I particularly
wished to have. If you can

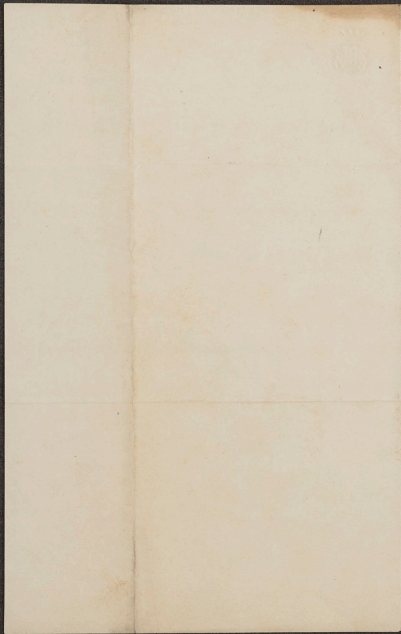
Conveniently, and me a copy.
You will confer a favor.

I am, Sir,

Respectfully Yours.

Henry Flanders.

Hon. S. A. Douglass.



Charltonham P.O. Montgomery Co.

August 10th 1856

Dear Sir

If you will favor me with a copy of your speech delivered in the United States Senate on the Kansas and Nebraska question about the time of the passage of that bill I shall feel much obliged to you. I am a political debater a democrat and a Whigless man too and wish a copy of your speech to peruse that I may the better understand the subject.

Pennsylvania is undoubtedly the battle of the present campaign and I think we can give Buchanan a respectable majority over his opponent

Yours Truly

Hon Stephen A. Douglas

A. W. Van Antwerp

Attest Charltonham P.O.
Montgomery Co.
Penn

J M Van Artsdalen

Cheltenham
Montgomery Co
Penn^a

Doe's Hunt

Sept 11/56
W. C. Coob

Aug 11. 1856
Dear Sir.

I thought a stranger should
the liberty of addressing you, on the
following subject.

There is a man calling
himself. "Mr. Leon Charles. A. Foster—
Clerk and member of the Poplar Honey
Spiritism" who is lecturing through
the South counties of this State in
favor of Black Republicanism.

And there are many
men who believe him to be an impostor
and think that he never was known
and if he did never occupied the
position which he claims. he this
as it may it answers the purpose of
the Black Republican, as well as
if he were genuine.

Now what I will know
is this (and I know of no
man more likely to know than
yourself) whether from any of
the Kansas papers or by any
other means if you have in
hand of this man Forten.
It seems to me if
his name be reported himself to
be it would appear on some
of the documents from Kansas which
must have been laid before the
National Committee on Territories.

I have feared
your report on Kansas affairs with
much pleasure and do candidly
believe that if it were read
now & truthfully it would do
much to allay the ground excitement

and that we should have
left Black Republicans amongst
us than now an early reply
is required.

Yours Truly
H. A. Sherwood
East China

To Hon Stephen A. Doyle
Washington City
D. C.

Hyannis Co
New York

P.S. This man Forten has turned
normal Old Democracy into
Promoters and if I can show
him an important they will return
to the Ally again
W.A.S.

New York Aug. 12. 1856.

My Dear Sir,

I will be under many obligations to you, if you will give me your views in regard to Nicaragua matters, and particularly as to the position of the Administration, in relation to the late movements in that Republic. I presume the President considers Walker's election premature. It is the opinion of all who have lately returned from Nicaragua, that it was a matter of necessity, and that it meets with the approbation of nearly the whole Native population. Mrs. Carey writes me from Canada, under date of July 16th, that everything is progressing finely, and that Walker's Government is firmly established. ~~Let us hope that the President & Cabinet feel bound to the present Government of Nicaragua. Marcy & Cheshire, I suppose, are as hostile as ever.~~

Will you also be so kind as to inform me how the President regards my position. I certainly consider myself as "Hazy de Affairs", and the following acknowledgment of my appointment justifies the construction, that the Government of the United States, recognize me as acting in that capacity.

Department of State
Washington July 5. 1856

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt

of your communication of the 28th, ult., announcing
the return to Nicaragua of Mr. Bijil, the Min-
ister of that State, and enclosing his letter nomi-
nating you as Chargé d'Affaires during his ab-
sence.

I am, Sir

To
Mrs. F. Needs Esq. Your Obedt Servant
J. A. Thomas
L. L. L. Assist^g Secy.

If they had not recognized me as such, I
would certainly have been notified to the contrary.
What is your opinion ^{relative} ~~relative~~ to the negotiation
in regard to the Central American question? Is it
true that Mr. Dallas is authorized to settle it on the basis
of a ^{joint} guarantee by the two Governments for the inde-
pendence of the Central American States. In making
San Juan a free port, and giving certain privileges to
Costa Rica in the navigation of the San Juan river,
is Nicaragua not to be consulted? Please push
me up.

The necessity of not making a break in the
diplomatic relations between the two countries, only in-
duced me to remain. "Padre Bijil" was determined
to leave for Nicaragua, and he would have closed
his mission entirely, if I had not consented to
act until a new minister could be sent here.

The Black Republicans are making

a desperate fight, and unfortunately, very little
enthusiasm can be gotten up by the Democracy
with the name of Elvée Rich. I was a great
error in nominating him, for his name adds no
strength to the Democratic party, but rather diminishes
it. If some extracts from Mr. Poikes diary were
placed before the public, his chances of success
would be very much jeopardized. The unpublished
history of the "backing down" from 54° 40', which
is contained in that diary, would not redound to
Elvée Rich's credit. The true democracy hope, if he
is elected, you will see the power behind the
throne. But grant it. He must be elected
or we may consider that the Republic has seen
its last days.

Write to me soon, and believe me

Yours Truly

Wm. L. A. Douglass.

John P. Apple.

U.S. Secretary.

Washington, D.C.

John P. Reid
New York

Aug 12/56

Relative to Central American
Affairs

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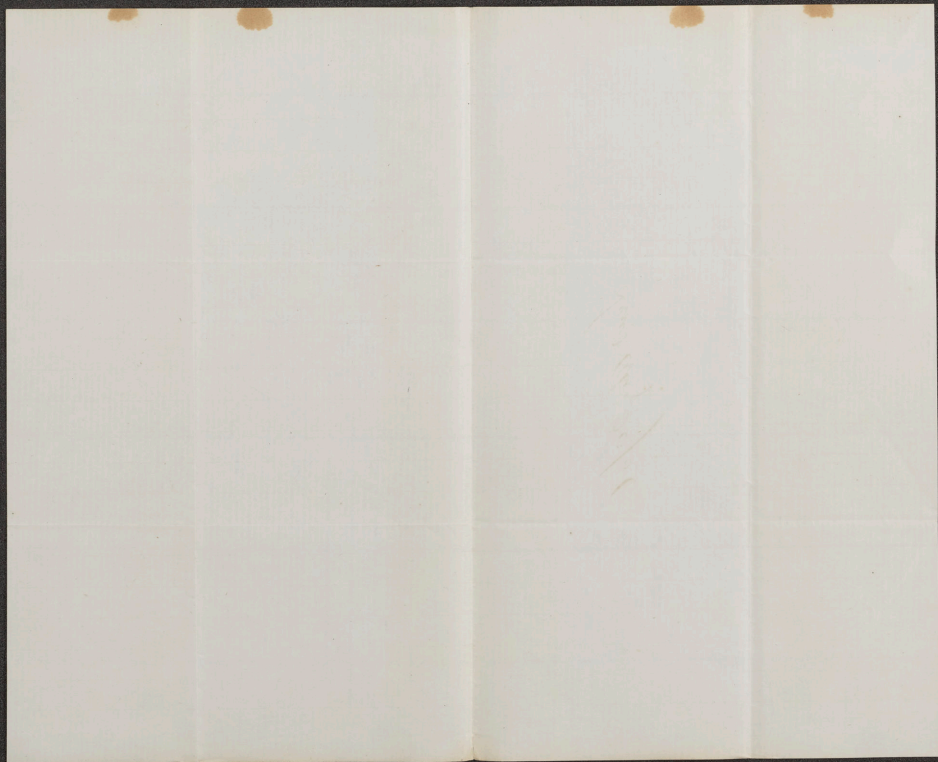
Office Campaign Committee
No 2 Nassau St. N. Y.
August 6th 1856

Very dear Sir

Please send me
a copy of your report on
the Topeka Kansas bill for
publication in the Democrat.
Everybody wants to see it.
I published 70,000 of the your
bill & report & they are all
gone.

Yours sincere friend
Samuel May Jr.

Leeds Aug 30/56

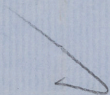


Elgin Aug 18 1856

Hon S. A. Douglas

Sir your acceptance
on Messrs Sheahan & Cameron
Draft will become due August
24 to 27 A.D. 1856

Yours with respect,
Joseph Riffle



Ravenna Postage Co. O
August 19th 1856

How S. A. Douglass
Washington D.C.
Dear Sir

Your personal friends
have long since expressed a strong desire
through the Township Democratic Clubs
of this County to have you address us
at this place some time this season.

I have been requested by at
least ten or twelve Clubs to write you
on the subject. At a very large meeting
at Franklin last week the request
was renewed by over one thousand Dem-
ocratic Voices. A. Hart wrote you a few
days since, as Chairman of Ex. Com. I am
led to hope, from ^{what} you said to me last
winter, that you will favor us if possible

We can give you an audience as large as ever assembled in this County and I think as large as any other Co save perhaps two in the State,

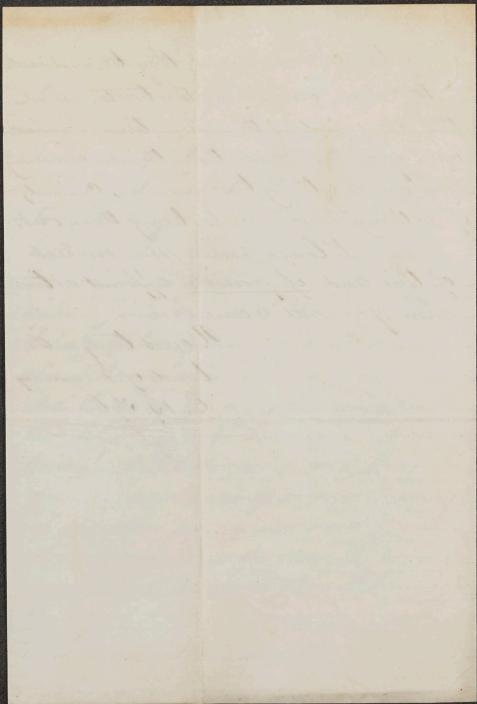
This is the Co where eighteen thousand "freemen" assembled to listen to the champion of Negro Worshipers. (S. P. Chan) and after a feeling appeal from one of "God's holy men" in behalf of two young Wenchies that were about being returned to Slavery. Contributed the sum of Eighty two and half cents that they might be saved from the awful Curse, - but to the point I will ensure you an audience of at least 5000 votes if you can come, and I certainly do not know of a place in the State where more good could be done than here!

We have many young men among the Opposition that would

be with us, could they be induced to come out & hear the truth, and the denunciations that have been heaped upon you has made them think our leaders men are anything but human, Curiosity if nothing more would bring them out.

Please write me on receipt of this and if possible appoint a time when you will come here

Yours truly in the
bonds of Democracy
E. B. Tyler



Washington

Sept 7, 1854

My dear Sir.

The Port Master
Mr. Wainwright has been ap-
-pointed - Mr. Kimball like
- wise gives place to Mr.
Breuster.

The applications for
additional Route Agents
will be promptly considered

Your friends at
Chicago have made you
proud by the number

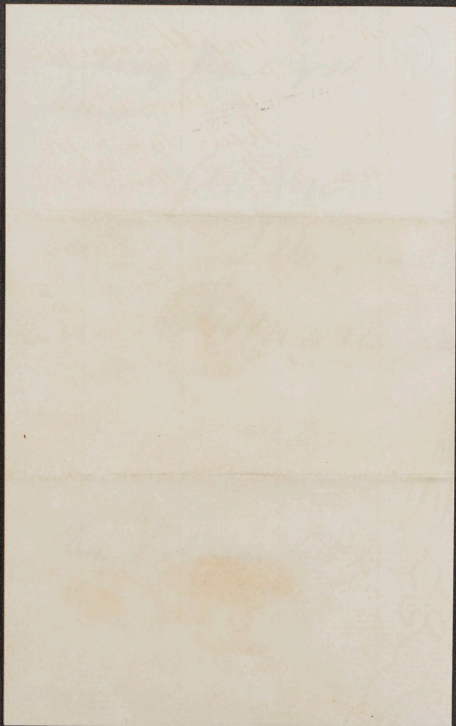
in every part of the
Union.

At En

Mr. Friend

Mr. Campbell

Rev. S. A. Loring





J. M. R. Compton

Hon. S. A. Douglass
Chicago
Illinois



Warren, Va. Sept 14, th 1836

Hon S A Douglass
Sir

I have just returned from Mississippi- looking a new home- on my return. I fell in at your plantation, on Pearl River where I found a settlement which suits me- particularly if I can buy your lower place- I am induced to believe that you would dispose of it, in as much as it is entirely cut-off from your main farm by the plantation owned by Mrs Buckley, who offers me her plantation at \$12.50¢ per Acre- and I am willing to give you the same price for your lower place- which seems to be the same character of land. I can buy a plantation of Mr Herring adjoining the Widows plantation- which would make out a very fair settlement but I do not like it as well as yours. Though it can be bought for less than half the price per Acre- you will please inform me at your earliest convenience what your lower place can be

bought at- as I desire to make a crop
in that state during the next year-
having sold out my real estate in
Virginia. I intend moving further
south- for I must confess that
I feel some serious apprehensions
growing out of this Negro Question &
intend leaving the border states with my
Negro property- Please direct your
communications to the undersigned
at Harrisonburg-Va- When I expect
to spend some time during the
present fall-

Very respectfully yours
John S. Ashton

John S. Ashton
Harrisonburg Va.

Boston Nov 17. 1856

Baile Thomas Esq

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 13th inst came duly at hand in which you remind me of the declaration you made when I last saw you respecting the majority that Buchanan would have in the Old Key Stone. There was no need of reminding me of that. I have often thought of it and have probably told your calculation more than a hundred times to the Freewinters when they were declining their confidence in the state going for Fremont. When I said from 40 to 7000 majority for Buchanan or rather plurality they would laugh at it as a most ridiculous estimate. But the figures show that you did not state it too strong. You are well, sustained by the record. You make inquiries about whether any steps, rumors &c are taken or are afloat in relation to the reorganization of the Post Office and Eastern House in reply I have to say that I have not heard a syllable in relation

to the matter. You are well aware that
it is rather a delicate matter to touch.
As they are now in the hands of the friends
of the Administration, if they were in the
hands of the foes more stern would be made
more open plans adopted and less delicacy
felt about showing their hand among
politicians. There will not probably be
much done in the way of adjusting these
affairs till after the first of March.
Please receive my thanks for your kind
note and believe me very truly yours
Friend
Charles P. Thompson

C. B. Thompson
Nov 17-1856

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Chicago 19th Nov^r 1856

To

Hon. S. W. Douglass

Dear Sir

Herewith I beg leave
respectfully to present to your notice a
Petition to the President of the U. S. asking
permission for Alex^r Robinson & his heirs to
sell, or have permission so to do. Their lands
granted them as Indians &c your kind
attention in presenting same together with
your influence will be gratefully appreciated
by Yours of A^t humble Serv^t
W. W. Davis

NB 17

Mary Ann & Lattie
Gerrard Rd 16/56

