

OFFICE OF

THE Pittsburgh, F. Wayne & Chicago Rail Road Co.

Superintendent Department

Pittsburgh City Feb 10 1857

Mr S A Douglass

Dear Friend

Will

you please to let your clerk
send to Mr John Fleming Esq of
Allegheny City a copy of Com
Berlys Paper. I partition Mr ^W
to an old Democrat and one
of your warmest admirers
Yours truly
D M Pass

D. W. Pass
Pittsburgh Penn
Feb 10 1857

Wants you to send copy
Japan Expedition to
John Fleming

Private.

Chicago, July. 10. 1857.

My Dear Sir:-

I have seen Mr. Greeley in relation to his house, and I think there is no doubt but you can get it from the 1st. of July to the last of October next, with his furniture. I could not say to him positively you would take it, but if you will authorize me to say so I can doubtless secure it for you.

We have not much news of importance. There are rumors in circulation here that a certain faction of the Democratic party have stated that they have certain letters and other written evidence from you in regard to the Post office here which they intend to use against you unless you comply with their wishes. It is rumour and the same faction are endeavoring to strengthen Gov. Matteson for your place in the Senate. I know nothing about the authenticity of the rumors, and give them to you as they have reached me. I also understand the same rumors are in circulation at Springfield.

Some of our friends here are in favor of an entire change of Federal officers in this City. If such a line of policy should be determined upon, the friends of Morgan L. Keith will press his claims for the Collectorship of the Port. Keith would undoubtedly make a good officer, and

in that position could render essential service to
the Democratic party. His appointment, too,
would be entirely acceptable to the mercantile
Community. It is to be hoped that nothing will

be done by way of removal or appointment until
after your return home, and a full opportunity
to satisfy yourself about things here generally.

After a week's rain we are having extremely
cold weather. Mr. Cutt is still here, but the
most homelick being you ever saw.

Very respectfully
Yours truly,

E. R. Hooper

For
Hon. S. A. Douglas.

E. R. Cooper
Chicago Ill
Feb 10 1857

Private

Chicago, Feb 10th 1857.
Hon. S. A. Douglas.
Washington

Dear Sir I write this to inform you that there seems to be some difficulty with the title to your Cottage Grove property. You will see that the whole of it is advertised for sale on the 25th of this month.

As I understand the matter, the Government got a decree in the United States Court against J. B. T. Russell, for a large amount due from him to the Government. The Cottage Grove property at that time stood in the name of Russell. who bought the property of Hubbard. gave a mortgage back. The mortgage was foreclosed and the property went back to Hubbard.

Now I understand the defect to be, that the Government was not made a party in foreclosing the mortgage. They therefore have a right to come in and redeem.

I have just heard of the matter will employ Counsel to look after the case for you until I hear.

from you on the subject

Your brother-in-law, Mr. Cutts called
on me when he ^{arrived} here. I was
much pleased with him, and consider
him a very promising young man.

Very truly yours.

W. Dyer

Thos Dyer
Chicago Ill
Feb 10/87

Shrub Cottage Grove
property

Kalamazoo Feb. 10. 1857

Hon. S. A. Doxey

My Dear Sir

When the war (of words) was raging between England & America for the possession of Oregon I occasionally addressed you letters on that subject to cheer you on, because you nobly & boldly defended the American rights to S. W. The time may yet come when the cry will be "Reannexation of Oregon to S. W."

I have now a more humble thing to write about, but yet perhaps not less national - I allude to the bridge over the Potomac river to connect the North & the South to hold the Union - My private opinions are as nothing, having no political power, but I am opposed to the spread & extension of the negro race into the West & Northwest, but I am in favor of keeping that race in subordination to the white man. I should not like to see black men rule over us; neither should I like to see an insurrection among the negroes - but such a thing may happen & what we want is a rail road bridge across the Potomac that the sons of the North may pass rapidly to the assistance of their brethren of the South if at any time there be a danger - However much they may dislike "the institution" I have faith in the young men of the North that they would be among the first to fly to the assistance of their southern fellow citizens when danger threatened - but there must be a way provided for their passage across the Potomac - A few hours delay in changing from steam cars to steam boats might be of serious consequence to the Country.

Mr. Rives the civil engineer who was appointed by the
government to make a survey, I am told has made his
report & recommended the site of the aqueduct as the
most suitable place for crossing the river by rail road -
If my opinion will be of any use I can add my testimony to
his - I have rambl'd round this district for the last ten
years in almost every direction & I have seen no place
which seemed to me so eligible in a national point of view
as this site to connect the rail road, of the N. West & N. East
with the rail road of the South - I am told that the govt.
has already paid large sums of money towards the construc-
tion of the part of that aqueduct there is now only to
be built a super structure & the bridge will be so
an ornament to the Capital & a great benefit to the Nation.
I have myself no personal interest in it - I own no land
either in Georgetown or on the Virginia side of the river
and I am in no business - The exponents of which would
be increased by this measure - I look upon it as a great
national work a benefit to all the inhabitants thereof.

I thought to have written to Mr. Brown the Chairman
of the Senate Committee, but I am not acquainted with
him, therefore I concluded to write to you - If you have
time to see him on the subject you may show him this letter
if you think proper - I am told the discussion comes on
in one of the houses on Thursday next.

I have not asked whether you are in favor or opposed to the
measure - you are one of the judges to whom I have stated
my testimony - other testimony opposed to it may have more or

Respectfully Charles T. Feltcher

Charles F. Hietolar
February 10 1887

House of Reps.

July 10 1857.

Dear Sir

Allow me, to introduce to
you, Mr. C A Foster of Maine
who desires to make your acquaintance

Mr Foster brings letters from
very prominent gentlemen in
my own state, recommending
him to my confidence

He will make known to
you, the object of his introduction

I am very truly

Yours

J D Miller

Hon S. A. Douglas
of the U. S. Senate

T. P. D. Fuller

W. of R. Feb 10/57

~~Introduces~~ C. H.
Foster of Maine

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst.
and in reply to inform you that
the same has been forwarded to
the proper authorities for their
consideration. I am, Sir, very
truly, your obedient servant,
J. M. Smith

Yours faithfully,
J. M. Smith
Per J. M. Smith

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Phil Feb 10 1857

My dear Sir,

I have just seen Mr Buchanan
There is a misunderstanding about your
recommending either Cass or Walker
- you recommended Richardson
alone. Now you must write him
condemning Walker. He wants to app^t
Walker in May in for endorsement. I
got along with the matter by taking your
views & he said "Why in the name of
God don't he write to me so" - and "Oh!
perhaps he and all the rest here because
the mails are some of them four or
five days back."

Now it is the very best
thing for you & it is right besides, that
you write W B. Eff Davis asked
clear up to the bundle.

I spent all day yesterday
with W B. I never did any one
leave another with better impressions
- than with Lewis Saunders

Yours truly

Wm L. Douglass, Sam Johnson

J. M. Johnson
Philadelphia Penn.
Feby 10/57

Private —

Terre Haute Indiana. Feb 10
1858

Hon^l and Dear Sir
I had the pleasure of an introduction
to you when you were sick at
our place. The object of writing
is to ask a favour not for myself,
but for a worthy friend of mine.
The Democrat party has always in-
cubated in this state that they were
the true friend of the Irish
people - Now I have a request
to make to the Department;
and indeed not an unreasonable
one - It is that they appoint
two of Irishmen to some office,
say give them a mail agency on
the Rail Road - I propose Mr
James O Neal of Montezuma
La 12 County - to be a gen^l

for the mail from Terre Haute
to Indianapolis as soon as the
mail will be carried by rail-
road - And Mr. A. J. Joke of
Terre Haute - on the Alton
route - I put this into your
hands and I request you to
obtain them that favour -
It will ~~be~~ positively ~~prose~~
to our people that the D party
has friendship for them. They
are often told by the other party
that all that you care for is
their votes. -

You will pardon me for the liberty
I thus take to intrude on you.
I know your good feelings
for our people and I am
convinced that you will
do your utmost to procure
my request - Yours truly -

Simon, D. Salamiere
Pastor of Terre Haute

R^o Simon Lalameire
Terra Haute Ind
Feb 10/57

Wants too of his friends
appointed as Mail
agents

Mr. Sir

"Post Office"
Cleveland, Ohio
Feb. 20. 1857.

I am a Clerk in this Office. I would like to obtain a copy of the "U. S. Naval Geographical Expedition to Chili, 7 Volumes." If you could send me one, I would be very greatly obliged. I trust you will excuse my freedom in asking the favor.

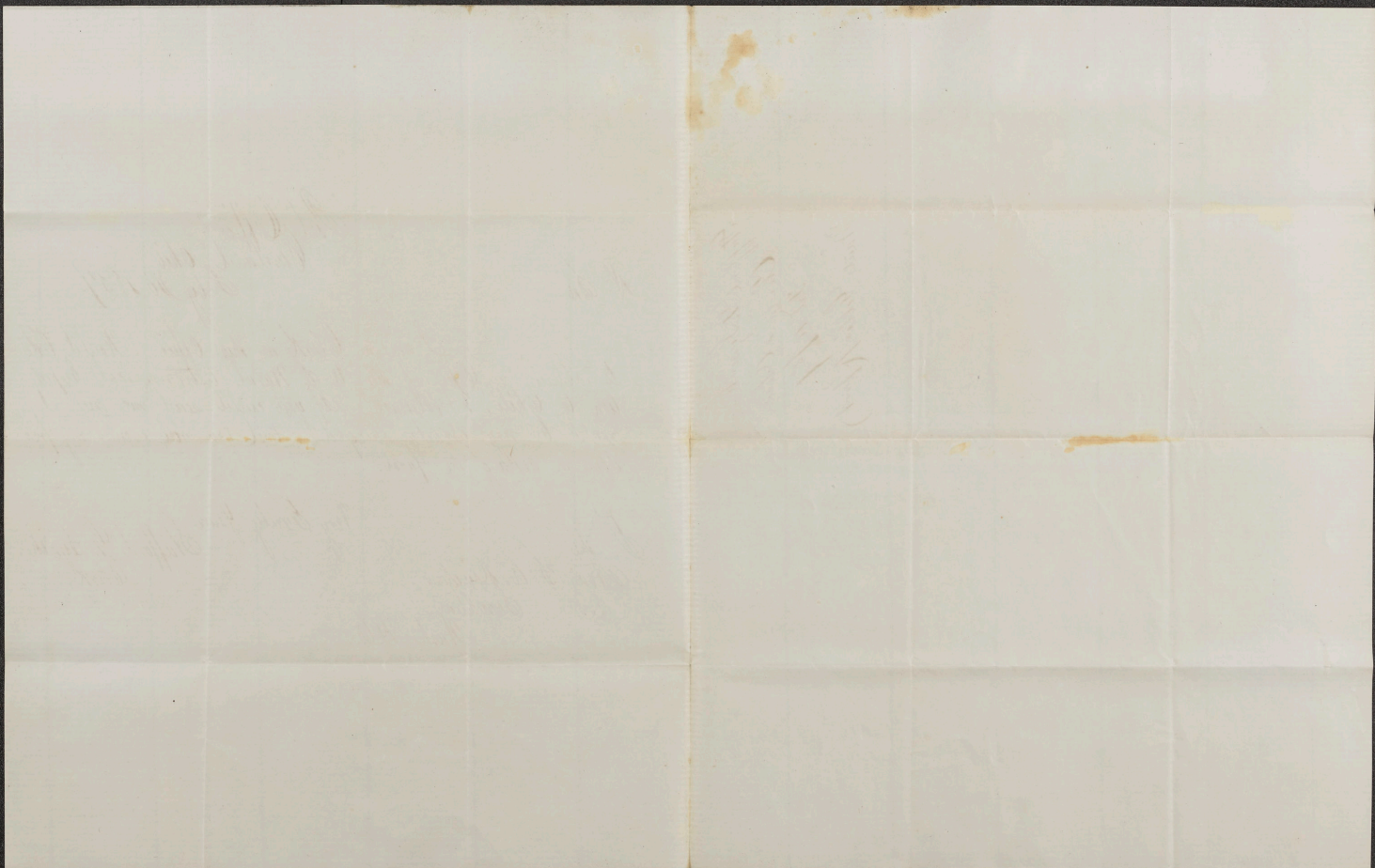
To the
Hon. S. A. Douglass,
Senator,
Wash., D.C.

Very Truly Yours
Stafford P. Lynch.
Clerk.

Stafford G. Lynnah
Cleveland Ohio

Feb 10/57

Wants Gillis Report)



Feb 10

My Dear Sir:

Drigden will hand you a budget about the infirmal post office matter. I do hope you will do what is to overcome the intrigue which has brought about a result conducive certainly of no good to the democracy here. You can do so if you will, without interfering with Messrs. Horns in the matter. I do hope you will do so.

It is, and will continue to be difficult to explain to the "Nation" why the Commissioner's report was set aside, with you supporting it. True the matter has been misrepresented at the department, and some dirty work practiced, but it will be hard to make the rank & file of no side believe that such a trick cannot be remedied. We are just at the

finish here where we can save
power for the evening, and it
will not do to let the solid part
of the party here believe that our
captains are indifferent to the
interests of their friends

Have the matter reconsidered
and the report of the commission
sustained, and place me under
eternal obligation

Yours friend
Charles Joseph

Chas H Lauphere
Springfield Mass
Feb 10 1897

About his Lot &c

Union Office

July 10th 1857

Dear Judge

It appears to me from the state of the political market that Indiana, is going to have a member in Mr Buchanan's Cabinet, if so, Illinois cannot get one, presuming upon that fact, what course does your future require you to pursue, between the two aspirants from Indiana. I think your course is clearly indicated. You know Wright well, you are aware of his duplicity at Cincinnati, he not only betrayed your confidence, but contributed largely to your defeat. Gov Wright, you are aware is your personal friend, ~~and~~ is not an aspirant to the Presidency. true it is, he came to the convention the friend of Mr Buchanan, but he was driven from his past love into that position by understanding and believing that Gov Wright was your friend and pressing your claims for the Presidency. I had a long interview with one of Mr Wright's intimate friends, who knows his attachment to you, (this man is also your friend, he coincides with my opinion that you ought

to make a prompt Movement in favor of Mr Wright,
if it is clearly understood that we cannot get a man
from Illinois, which I think now clearly out of
the question — if Wright and Jones were to
go into the Cabinet you would at all times have
two substantial unwaivering friends against the
aspirations of Mr Bright —

I send you a letter from one of your old
friends from New Mexico, who would be glad
to hear from you, the East Survey, the Survey of
Rail Road to Cal, and the Japan Expedition.

Yours Truly
Samuel McCook

Wm Stephen A Douglas
Senate of the U States

David McCook
Washington DC
Feb 10/57
Political

Fort Stanton N. M.
December 30th 1856.

Dear Sir,

I received last mail a bundle of most acceptable documents, for which accept my thanks, as well as for the brief acknowledgment of my note to Judge Douglas. The Judge I never expect to hear from ~~and~~ immersed as he is in public affairs. I have followed him for twenty years with regard and interest, and regret exceedingly he was not ~~then~~ nominated at Cincinnati. His time, however, is not yet come, but come it will. We first met in Chicago when that City was a village, as young chaps, he running for Congress, I playing the savage in looks and habit in removing the Indians from the vicinity of Chicago, and from the spot where Milwaukee now stands. Now I am still a savage, or very near one, as most of our army officers are. Last July, I had the pleasure of being with your son several days, on a Court Martial, at Fort Berquin. He is fat, ruddy and hearty, always in good spirits, and a most acceptable member in our social meetings. He, with the rest of us, look with interest to ^{the} approaching

meeting of Congress in the hope that our
pay will be increased, and we given
a retired list somewhat corresponding with
the Navy. As much as the Navy grows,
the Army generally would be expected to have
such a bill. By it, our Army would be
benefited ten fold, the old officers would gladly
accept of its provisions, at the same time the
younger ones could be ^{promoted} ~~advanced~~, and occupy
positions now filled by the advanced in life,
who acknowledge themselves their inability to discharge
the varied and exposed duties. As to pay, we are
run up - run short every month. If the Army
have friends, it is to be hoped the coming session
some steps will be taken for our benefit. We
do not know yet who is the next President,
but having the utmost confidence in God's
bounty and Providence, and in the love and
sincerity, the work and trust of the Democratic
party, I have no doubt of the entire success of
their ticket. With many thanks for your
attention and civility, I am with much
Respect
Your
Obr. Sonant.

D.
Daniel McKee Esqr.
Washington City,
D.C.,
D. P. Sprague,
Major &c

Yours & Sonants are at all times
of interest and appreciated by myself
and those around me.
D.

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Feb. 10. 1837.

Dear Sir.

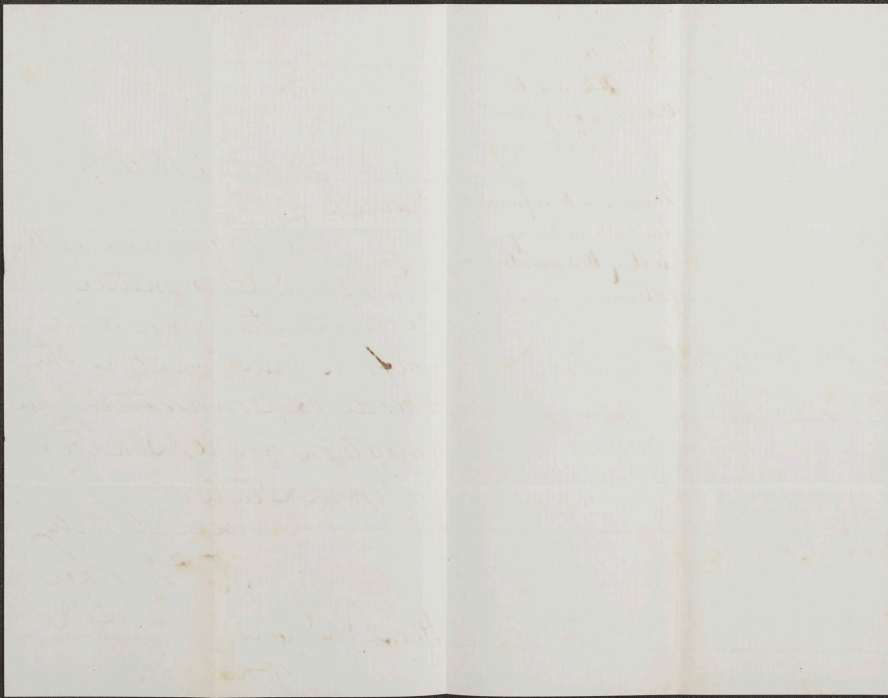
The Chairman of the
Judiciary Committee
requests that you will
inform him, what is the
mode of conducting an
election for U.S. Senator
in your State.

Respectfully
J. P. Morgan
Clerk

Hon. S. A. Douglas
of Ill.

J. P. Morgan
U.S. Senate
Clk Judiciary Com.
Feb 10. 1887

Wants you to inform
him the mode of
Electing U.S. Senators in
Illinois



Prinsep Anne Somerset County, Md.
February 10th 1857

Hon: S. A. Douglass
U. S. Senate.

Dear sir,

My Father had some land in the State of Illinois in Pike County and I am anxious for myself and the rest of his heirs at law to get some one to see after and attend to it for us— I send enclosed the list of names of practising attorneys at Griggsville in Pike County which I get from Livingston's Directory. I will esteem it as a great favour if you are acquainted with either of them or any other person there who is reliable that you would suggest the name by return mail—

Please also do me the favour to say in your letter what the effect of a sale for taxes is in Illinois and how it can be redeemed and how long before limitation bars— By so doing you will very much oblige yours &c.

Rufus M. Parsons

Nicholas Baylis }
D. F. Coffey }
John Crow }
Solomon Parsons }
Attorneys }

P. S. Hon: James A. Stuart from this District will inform you who I am—

Rufus M Parsons
Prinsep And Mel
Febury 10/57

Rel to Some Land
belonging to his father
in Illinois

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Resident Physicians Office
Blackwell Island
New York City
Feb 10 1857

Hon Stephen A. Douglas,
Dr. Sir

In the frankness of a Democratic heart, I thank you Sir, for sending me by Ed. C. West Esq. your likeness. It has the appearance of being an honest, sound, Democratic Constitutional face. I shall, when it is framed, place it where I can at any time detect the least unconstitutional wrinkle in its sensible manly proportions.

I could now go on, I suppose, almost ad infinitum, and tell you what a good Douglas man I am - have been - and intend to be - but I shall do no such thing.

I shall only say that I made up my mind in 1849 that ^{you were} the man for the Democratic party to nominate for the Presidency in 1852.

When that time arrived I held the same opinion, and it sort of grew on me up to the time of the Cincinnati Convention, last June. I started for that Convention as a Delegate, but resigned and went into the fight on the outside for four, I

endeavored to bully as hard and talk as much
in favor of my Candidate, and drink as much
Whiskey (God forgive me) as did any other man
on the ground. I flatter myself that I succeeded
particularly in the latter, or Whiskey part of
my labors. I must say however that in my
opinion, Major Arnold Harris and Hon.
West drank more and heavier Whiskey than
I did. and consequently fought much more
fiercely for you than I did or could. As
in 1852 so in 1856, thus was the usual "Christing
round the board" and you were not nominated.
We did give them an awful fight, though!

Well, Sir, during the Summer Fall and
Winter I have continued to be a "Douglass
man," (they are my phantoms now, never saw so many
in all my born days!) and I am a Douglass
man still - How long I shall continue to be one
I can't say, but think that it has become
a chronic disease with me. At any
rate I have engaged board, lodging and
Whiskey (a great political institution) ad. libitum - in
Charleston S.C. for 1860. and, Deo Volente, shall
be "there".

In the meantime I hope that you
whom I have for so many years admired,
will have the good sense and pluck to take care
of your friends from the highest to the lowest and
to the fullest extent. I simply want the Power.

Stephen A. Douglass to remember how ^{those} heretofore ⁱⁿ
office have worked against him, and that ~~the~~
~~this~~ policy for the future is to smuggle as many
~~true~~ Douglass men into office under the coming
Administration, as possible. True friends of yours
do not want office merely for the sake of office, but
that they may be where they can be of future service
to you. Plant as many masked batteries as
possible. Your enemies have done so - will
do so again. Your friends have sent you forth
at this great disadvantage. Finally Sir, take
care of all the friends you can during the
next four years, that they may be enabled
to take care of you in 1860. Be pleased
to understand that I am not seeking for an
office from Washington, nor to place any
friend in one, I only desire to have informed
what I believe to be a correct general political
principle "at this stage of the game". You
may, and probably will think this an
impudent letter, I shall agree with you -
I have said to you what I believe to be
the truth, and if you will promise to forgive
my impudence, I will agree to not go to
Washington when you are President,
to "bores" you for an office. You had
better close with this offer and save
yourself a sight of trouble.

Respect me to again

thank you for the likeness, In all probability
I shall not have the honor of making some
personal acquaintance, therefore this great
kindness on your part will be doubly
appreciated.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your friend,

Wm W. Sanger

Res. Physician.

Blackwell's Island,

New York City.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas }
U. S. Senator Illinois }

Wm W. Sanger
New York
Feb 10 1857

Delivered

Jackson Mahony County Ohio Aug 11/57
Hon Stephen A Douglass

See a few of
us Democrats living up here in
this Ohio county and have got to be
represented by old Sid as he is generally
known of course do not expect to receive
any favors from ^{them} we are therefore
obliged to solicit favors from men
of our own party though ~~we~~ strangers
to us we hope therefore you will
pardon us when we solicit a favor from
your hands we would like to get
a copy of the Patent office report and
if this request is not asking too much
from your hand you would confer a
favor upon us by sending one or two
copies

Yours so
Peter Miller

if you have run of
them please send us some
other public documents
we would also be thankful for some of your speeches

Peter Walker

Sackville Ohio

Feb 10 1857

Naval Patent Office
Report

Don't know of her
Sept 10 1865
Superior Court
St. Paul

Wm. L. Garrison

Chicago Feby 10/57
Hon Y. A. Douglass.

Dear Sir - While I do
not propose to interfere
particularly in relation
to ~~any~~ appointment for
this State I will say
to you that I have been
well acquainted with
James L. Howe of ^{city} ~~this~~
for a number of years.
He has resided here for
some 20 years, has been
City Marshall and Al-
derman for a long time
in all these positions
he has sustained him-
self well, & to the satisfaction

of the public. He is
a faithful friend and
a man of Energy and
I believe if he had al-
ways been a reliable
Democrat & true to all
those who have ~~some~~
put trust in him in
every relation of life
and I believe he would
if appointed ~~and~~ make
a good U.S. Marshall
for this state and
I would be glad to see
him appointed -

Very Respy
Your Obedt Servt
R. L. Wilson

R. S. Wilson
Chicago Ill
Feb 10/97

Speaks in high terms
of James L. Howard