



Chenunda, Ohio
May, 15th 1857.

Wm. L. O. Douglas,
Esq.

I purpose soon as practicable moving
to Minnesota, with a view to selling goods.
Should I locate in a growing town I shall in
connection with a friend of mine, who is
competent to the task, start a press, for the
advocacy of democratic principles.

The repugnance of migration to Minnesota
I find are of the Puritan kind, "Honesty" being
hence the necessity a little "Steam" in their
midst. Any assistance now rendered in
the way of documents pertaining to Minnesota
will be gratefully received, and shall be
there in time for the coming contest 1860
Keeping our Powder dry and trusting in God
we shall succeed.

Yours Truly,
Henry S. Bishop.



Wm S Bishop
Cleveland Ohio
Feb 13/57

Says he is going to
Minnesota and start
a paper

Atlanta Georgia Feb 15th 1857
Hon Stephen A. Douglass.

My Dear friend

Will you allow
me to draw upon the short but very agreeable
acquaintance I made with you when at
Washington City on my way to the Cincinnati
Convention, your recollection and dinner together
with my friend Hon Robt Toombs.

While at the Convention I made the
acquaintance of many of your western
friends, and from the manner in which
they stood up to and advocated your claims
there, together with some of our Southern
Delegates, I must conclude that there is
more than ordinary cause affecting some
where. If you had conferred with them in
reference to the fact told by me, I would
then feel free to say, to you, that I would like
to get out West some where near you.

I have written my friend Toombs on the
Subject, of my request.

It has occurred to me that there are some
fine openings in the west for making money.
Would not a land agency pay well and I could
I not make something at that, I suppose you
are acquainted, with all the openings of that.

fort. and can tell me whether or not
it will pay.

I am in very moderate circumstances
and would like some position that
would pay me if I could get it.

If there is nothing of that, but that
will pay, perhaps there is something else.

Will you please write me, fully,
on that subject, and all that I can promise
in return is that so far as my feeble
ability will enable me, you shall have
in return good measure pressed down
shaken together and running over.

I am very truly your friend.
Hon. Stephen A. Douglass - Robt. J. Howard
Washington City Atlanta
D. C. Georgia

Robt P. Cowart
Atlanta Georgia
Feb. 13/57

Political

Green Bay, Milwaukee and Chicago R. R. Co.

Superintendent's Office, Milwaukee, Wis. Feb. 13th 1857,

Hon. J. A. Douglas

Dear Sir:

Upon the principle, — which I believe is soundly Democratic — that a public man is never annoyed by being informed of a change of residence of a political adherent, provided he is assured no change takes place in the real of the adherence: And the further doctrine — equally sound — that a politician is willing to serve his friends in some things, provided they are ever ready to serve him in all; — I beg leave to hand you my enclosed Law Card, and to ask you to send me any document bearing upon the case of Judge Humbell's admission to his seat. I believe you voted to admit. I think his case is not analogous to that of Doolittle just elected(?) in this State; but I, with other Democratic friends, desire light on the subject.

If not entirely convenient, excuse me for troubling you; and accept my thanks for similar favors heretofore conferred. — I hope you will be able to meet me as a young "Douglas man", of Bensenville N. Y., from which heretical locality I removed to Dear, Milwaukee. —

Believe me, as ever, yours faithfully

Edgar M. Dennis.

Edgar W. Drums
Milwaukee Wis
Feb 13 1857

Political Case

Willards Hotel,
Feby. 13^d. 1857. } 3

Dr. Sir:

Referring to your verbal request of yesterday, I have the honor to enclose memoranda relating to title of land in "Cottage Grove", Ill. — especially referring to the alleged government lien on the premises in question.

I am supposing these memoranda will afford you a knowledge of the material points bearing upon the question of the validity of the Government lien. If however you deem it of sufficient importance to investigate the matter more thoroughly, I shall be happy to acquaint you with all the details of the information which I have acquired from an investigation of the case. Be pleased to command me.

With gr^t respt.

Yr. obt. svt.

J. V. Knapp.

Hon. S. A. Douglas. }
U. S. S. } 3



J. N. Knapp
Washington DC
Feb 23/57

About some property in
Chicago.



No 29 Wall St. Feb 13. 1857

My dear Judge.

I enclose the Tracts of the
last year and have marked the ones
to which you will repl. I send it
because it is suggestive.

I wrote to you yesterday enclosing
a copy of the Herald containing the
proceedings of our first meeting.

Always Yrs.

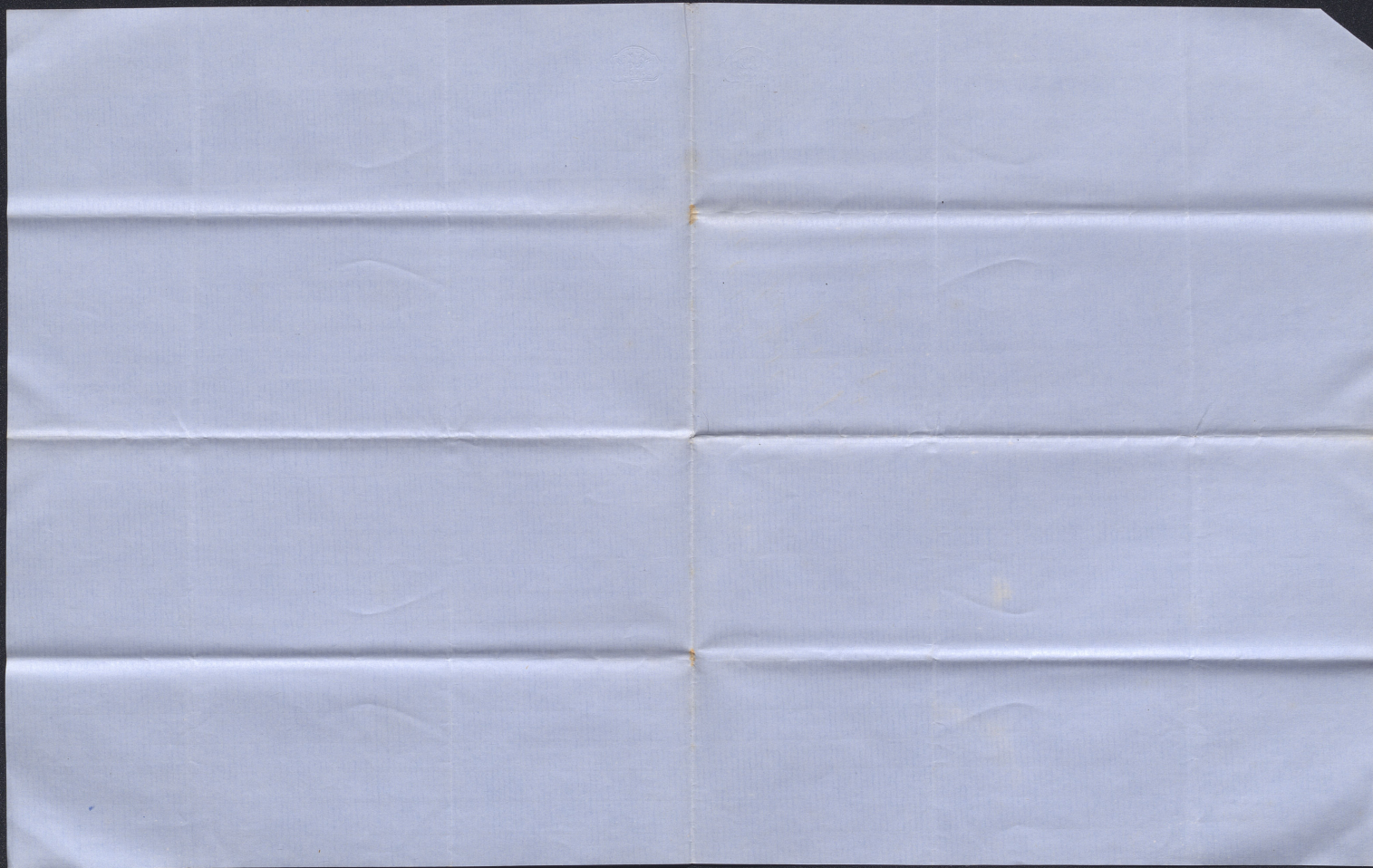
Edw. West.

Wm L. A. Daplay

P.S. Altho' I cannot be the President
of the Society I have, for
reasons prior to you, reluctantly
declined to preside - Jas. T.
Brady will be the President
in the absence

E C Ward
New York
Feb 13/37

Around the meeting to
be held this soon



Pension Office

February 13th 1857

Sir

That part of the letter of James Van Pelt, of Import, Stephenson Co. Ill. which relates to the services of his deceased father in the Revolutionary war. has been considered.

Mr Van Pelt does not give his fathers name, nor does he state where he served. He says his father died in 1838. If he left no widow no pension annas are due his children. If he left no widow no pension annas are due his children. If he left a widow, the dates of her marriage and death should be given. The other portion of the letter will receive immediate attention.

I have the honor to be, Very respectfully

Hon Stephen A. Douglass -

Your Obedt Servt

W. S. Senate

W. S. Senate
Commissioner

George C. Whiting

Cow of Pensions

Feb 13 1807

About the Van Pelt Pension

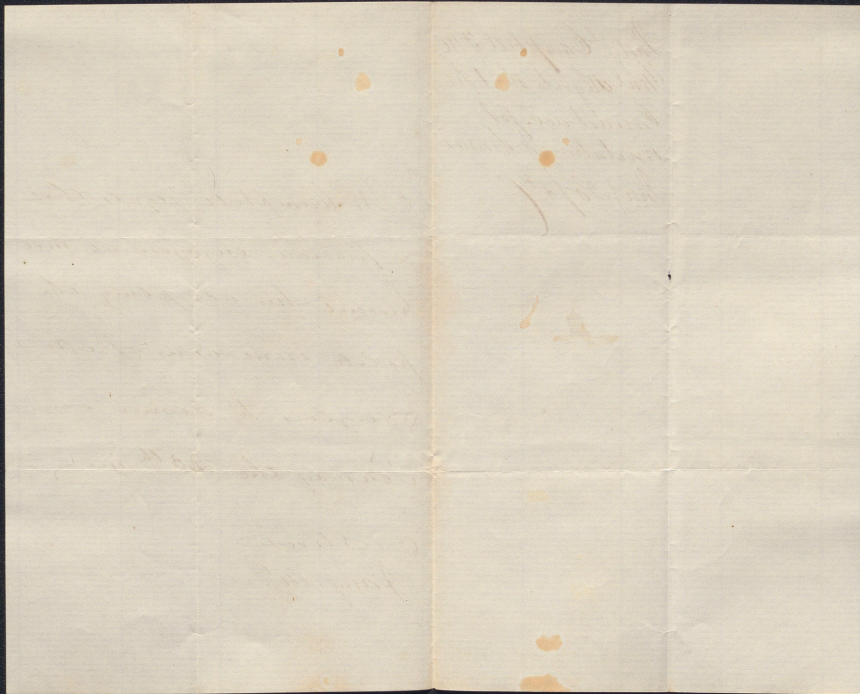


Mr Campbell regrets that
a previous engagement will
prevent his accepting the
polite invitation of Mr
Souglos to dinner on
Tuesday the 20th inst -

C. Street

Jan. 14th -

Judge Campbell Recd
Your Regrets that he
cannot accept
invitation to dinner
July 20/87



The Honble
S. H. Comstock
US Senator
Washington
D C.

Watts 14 Feb/1857

Dear Sir,

Our mutual
friend Col. May of the Army
having been kind enough to
call your attention to the case
of Ex. Simon, which may
probably have been brought
before the Senate by the honorable
Military Committee, I beg
to say that the Hon. Mr. Gullee
a Mr. Pratt or Mr. Johnson
are familiar with the merits
of it; and I should be greatly
obliged if you would con-
=sult with them on the subject.

It is a case of such injus-
=tice as I am sure will not

Fail to meet with your
honorable and valued support.

With high esteem and regard

I am Dear Sir,

very truly

your friend &c. &c.

Samuel H. Pettengill

S. N. Gettys

Baltimore Md

Feb 14 1857

Abner C. Mayo & Co.



Taguicville Ms

Feb 14th 1837

Wm L & Douglas

Dear Sir,

I am sorry to hear of the office of
Secret. Their agent in our State is not disposed. I
would be under many obligations for said operations.

Yours

Respectfully

J. P. Russell

Wm L & Douglas Christian A. Smith.

J. P. Kepper
Taylornville Ill.
Febury 14/57

Wants a Mail Agency
Encloses a recommendation
to that effect





Waylawnville Ill.
Feb'y 10: 1851.

Wm. S. A. Douglas,
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir!

Herewith I enclose
a recommendation for Thompson B. Stuffer Esq. to
be appointed an Agent for the D. C. Dept.

It affords me pleasure to say that he is
an unwavering Democrat, an honest, energetic man
and partial to the success of the
Cause in this Section of the Country in the
late Election. He is the man to put in
a position that throws ^{him} among the people.
His influence would tell in the next
election.

If the office for which he is
recommended is one of his work it
would gratify his many friends to have
him appointed to same. Also, if the
Gov. might procure for him the office.

I am Sir

Sincerely Yours friend
Thos. W. Andrews.

The Recommendation is signed by many of the
Democratic members of the Legislature
H. M. D.

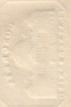


Custom House Cincinnati
February 14th 1854

My Dear Sir,

If you will send me, "Perry's
Expedition to Japan", you will greatly
oblige your friend and old servant
H. W. Lane

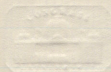
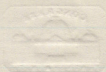
Hon. S. A. Douglas,
Washington City,
D.C.



J. B. W. McLean
Cincinnati Ohio

February 14/57

Wants Copy "Japan
Expedition"



Wm. L. & Son
No. 10 N. 2nd St.

My dear Sir,
I have just received your letter of the 29th inst. in relation to the matter of the 1st inst. and have the pleasure to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

Very respectfully,
Wm. L. & Son

My dear Sir,
I have just received your letter of the 29th inst. in relation to the matter of the 1st inst. and have the pleasure to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

Very respectfully,
Wm. L. & Son

Philadelphia, Pa
July 14. 1857

Dear Stephen A Douglass
Washington city,
D. C.

This will be
handed you by my friend
Charles W Hall of this
place,

He is a gentleman worthy
of your confidence, and
you can rely upon his devotion
to our cause,

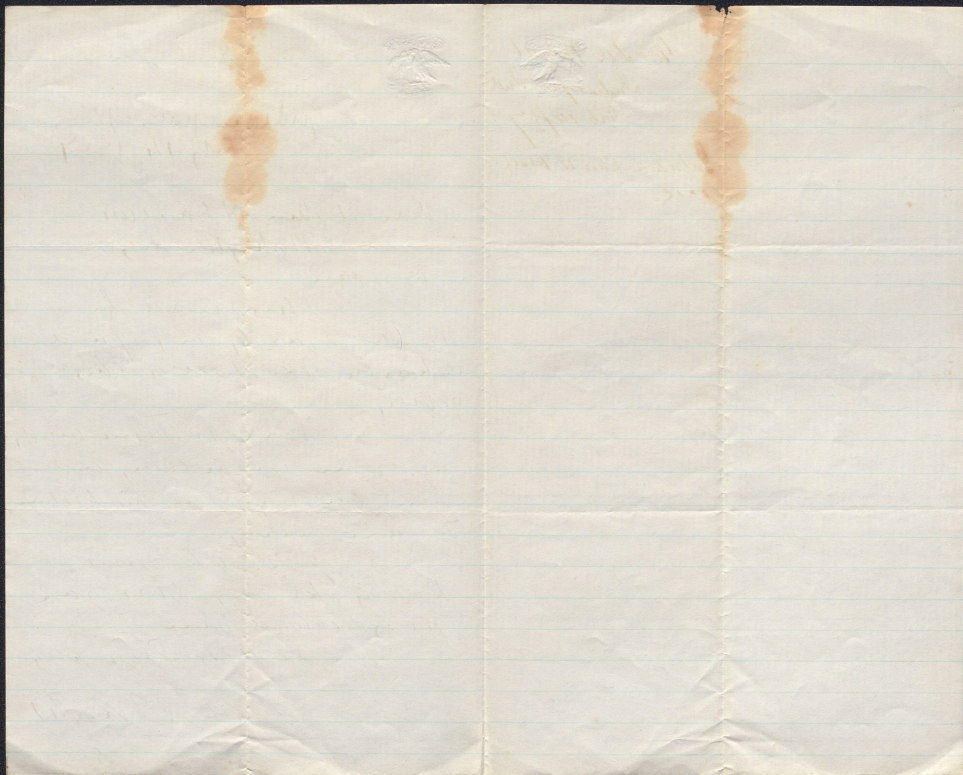
I shall be most
happy for my part your
very entire friend

Yours most respectfully,

Wm A Wright

Chas Geo P A Wright
Indianapolis Ind
Feb 14/57

Introduces Chas W Wall
see



1854

Springfield 15 Feb
Senator Douglass
Washington

My Dear Sir

I have such
trouble in getting
a bill passed for
the improvement
of the Illinois River
a a tolerable good
one at that one
I think will obtain
the means our friends
here think it
will be so late before
a copy could reach
you that you would

- not be able
to do anything
in Congress this
Spring and I suppose
your time must
be occupied
in office making
and fitting up
the Government
affairs for the
next four years
as well as preparing
the White House
for the young
lady the following
four years all of
which I hope
you may fit to
your mind and
Taste and
Believe me
Sir your friend
in haste I Chauncy

W.S.
I would like to
have you with
us in one organi-
- zation Gen. Schenck
has been here and
will take a lively
interest untill
all is underway
he proposes to visit
first in St. Louis
in order to get
that City interested
fully in some
30 Days will you
be out so as to
attend

Write me or
sketch or much
oblige you

Paul Barry

My dear friend
I have just received
your letter of the 10th
and am very glad to hear
from you. I am well and
hope this finds you the same.
I have been thinking of you
very much lately and
wondering how you are
getting on. I hope you
are happy and content.
I have been very busy
lately but I will try to
write to you more often.
I am your friend
John Smith

Madison, Wisconsin,
Feb: 13 1857.

Alex S. F. Douglas,
U. S. Senate,

Dear Sir;

Some two weeks
since I addressed you a note, the object
of which was to ask your aid in securing
for me the place of Visitor to the Military
Academy at West Pt. I addressed
letters at the same time to Messrs Dodge &
Wells. A very strong paper was
put into my hands, signed by the Central
Democratic Committee, by the Delegates to
the Em Convention and others, which I
sent directly to the Secretary of War.
The truth is, I have the confidence of
all sections of the Democratic party in
this state, but such is the state of
things that the recommendation of one
party is no recommendation or rather
the reverse with the other. I thought

it best to send the paper of which I
speak directly to the Secretary of War,
and not to Senator Dodge lest from those names
(which really constitute the strength of the Em-
party) he might suppose I was their special
man.

My wish is this, that you would
call the attention of the Secretary to me as
entitled to that consideration. I think
I stated to you that I formerly served
on the B. from Ohio.

I have no reason to doubt that
both our Democratic ~~Representatives~~
will recommend me. But I wish,
if I can do so, without too far troubling
my friends, to make sure of the place.

I share the place on account
of certain University matters, especially
the purchase of books for Library.

With great respect

Yours obt serv

Ulrich Road,

Daniel Reed
Madison Wis

Feb 15 1857

Wants to be a Visitor to
West Point Academy
this year

Washington

15 Feb 1857.

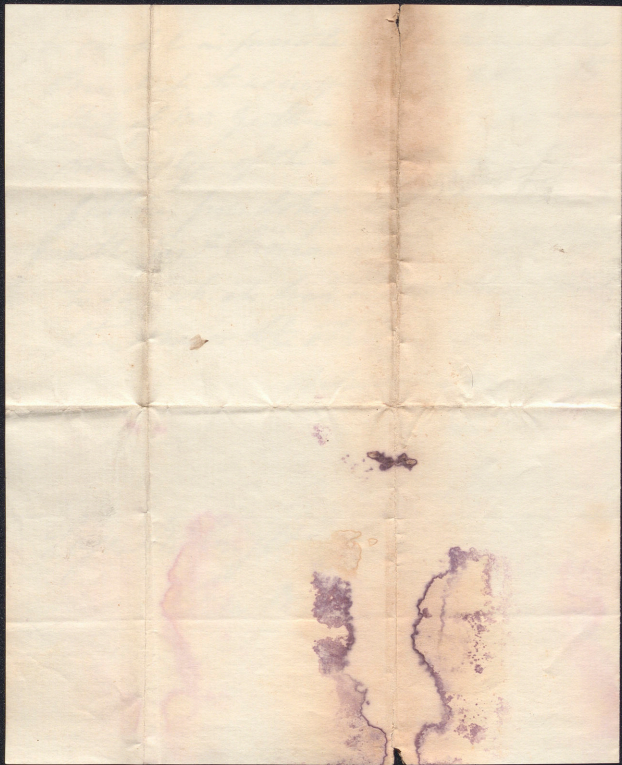
My dear Sir.

I have yours of 7 inst.
with Mr. Guthrie's letter to you. I will
take great pleasure in presenting your
name to the President in connection with
the Collectorship & shall bear most
cheerful testimony to your eminent
fitness for the office, but I owe it to
our personal ~~political~~ ^{political} relations to
state frankly that after ~~particular~~ ^{particular} exchange
of opinion with Messrs Benjamin Seabird
& Davidson, my recommendation will
be given in another direction. I shall

be careful in presenting your name to the
Pres. elect. to accompany my letter with
that of Mr. Garrison to you - You can
now judge of the sincerity of my
Garrisonian friendship or of his influence
with Genl Pierce. I will not pretend
to say which has been assisting, towards
the ~~work~~ or the other.

Believe me very truly
Your friend &
Wm. Thibault

Logan McKnight Esq.
New Orleans



Chas P Sutton

Political

Chicago Illinois
February 16th 1857

My Dear Sir

The freemasons hold
their convention on Friday
February 27th. Wm Wentworth
and Ald Halden are the
two prominent candidates
Wentworth will direct this
week the nomination,
If so. the democrats can
elect their candidate for
Mayor, providing they at once
organize and work to ensure
that result. It is generally
supposed that Lincoln is
opposed to holding a con-
vention, but proposes that
the democrats support

Walter S. Linn as an independent
Candidate. This may be policy
but I fear for the result. If
the Democrats fail to organize
and hold their Convention, there
will be any quantity of independ-
ent Candidates for that Commis-
sion and other minor office in
each division. Le Rue is doubt-
less in favor of a convention
hoping thus to receive the
nomination as Mayor. but we
can easily defeat him and
nominate Mr Linn as a
Democrat men him as such
and I have no doubt but
that we can elect him. we can
at least prevent the appearance
of an organized party. Hoffman
is talked of as a Candidate
for Mayor by many of the late

Proseminators, but "Long Whin" will
distance them all. We will receive
the nomination, but it will make
an awful fuss in the Camp. It
is strange that the Democrats
in this city do not go to work at
once, by proper management we can
elect our Candidate, for the majority
of the Germans are now with us.

There is evidently a dead enmity
existing between the rival Candidates
for government office in this city
Altho there is seemingly no fellowship
or bickering, yet the disappointed
Candidates altho now professedly
your friends, will there show the
cloven hoof and form an
alliance with your enemies to
defeat you for the U.S. Senate
I am sorry to say that many whom
I at one time thought to be your friends

are now willing to defeat you
Permit me to say to you, that Ex
Gov Matison is working hard to
take your place in the U. S. S
Carpenter's appointment has caused
much talk. I send you an article
clipped from the "democrat"

The breach between the "Times"
and "anti Times" faction is
growing wider every day. The leaders
of both (so called) factions are
fast men. Take them together,
they will yet break up what
now remains of the democratic
party. Your wife's brother Mr Guth
called on Mr Corley a few days
since. I did not have an oppor-
-tunity to see him. I am now
boarding on the west side, fifth
ward and shall do all
in my power to promote the

intents of the democratic party
in the next contest. We have
had considerable rain with-in
the last few days, no snow on
the ground at present. Ice nearly
all out of the river. I propose to
go on to Washington after the
election. I shall have saved fifty
dollars, all debts which I owe
to you of ~~one~~ paid. My wardrobe
needs replenishing. hope to be
able to obtain the clothes in time
I shall pay from my own earnings!

I feel that I can truly
say to you that I have been
thoroughly temperate and economical
since you obtained me the place
in the "Eastern Hour". I have done
as I promised you I would and
I feel better for so doing. As I told
you when last I had the pleasure

of meeting you, I am determined
to do right, the confidence that
you may feel disposed to place
in me shall never be betrayed
what ever place you may feel dis-
posed to obtain for me, I shall
most thankfully accept, and do
my best to discharge the duties
that may devolve upon me

I trust this may find yourself
and family enjoying the blessing
of health

Very Truly your friend

& old servant

Charles J. Button

Hon. S. A. Douglas

U. S. Senate

Washington

D. C.

P. S.

~~Disaster~~ ^{Disaster} ~~appointment~~

was not anticipated by many and I fear
it may make trouble C. J. B.

to the and the Committee

DISBURSING AGENT—We learn that Col. R. B. Carpenter, late of Ky., but now of this city, has been appointed disbursing agent of the funds for the construction of the new Post Office and Custom House buildings. The salary is \$8 per day.

The Colonel, like Dr. Leib, was one of the most effective campaigners on the strictly Democratic Buchanan side during the late election. He was the man who always was ready to take the place of Judge Douglas on the stump, when the bronchitis of the latter was particularly aggravated. Like Dr. Lieb, the Colonel was the mark at which the Times faction aimed its most deadly stabs, and again like the Doctor, has the gallant Colonel risen superior to them, and his enemies to-day stand discomfited.

It really looks as if hostility to the Times faction was the passport to office at Washington.

What is the next best abused opponent of the Times to get?

ED. OF DEMOCRAT—We should like to know whether a City Sealer has a right to seal scales of

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18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 of
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FARRELL,
Guardian.

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A. D., 1857. }
Levy and W. E.

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100 Lake and River Nets;
2,400 lbs. cot Seine Twine;
10 bales hemp line Twine;
50 coils cot hauling Lines;
40 coils manilla caulking Lines;
50 doz cotton Trolling Lines.

For sale by

HUBBARD & ROBB

161 South Water street.

27 Nets and Seines, all sizes and descriptions made
to order. jals H. & R.

To Upholsterers.

WEBBING— $\frac{3}{4}$ and $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch Webbing, by the bale
ergross. Also Mattress and Spring Twines—
HUBBARD & ROBB,
161 South Water street.

500 BALES NAVY OAKUM;

200 bales superior Oakum;
20 bales cotton Caulking;
150 bbls Pitch;
150 bbls Tar;
100 bbls Rosin.

For sale by

HUBBARD & ROBB,

161 South Water street.

800 COILS MANILLA ROPE, 1 1/2 inch

100 coils cotton Rope;
75 coils fine Jute Rope;
150 coils hemp Rope;
150 doz bed Cords;
75 doz clothes Lines;
50 gross fish Lines, assorted sizes;
50 gross chalk and mason's Lines.

For sale by

HUBBARD & ROBB,

161 South Water street.

CHICAGO PAPER DEPOT

NO 48 STATE STREET.

400 REAMS OF BOOK PAPER now on hand
superior quality, of the following sizes:

28x40	27x41	24x38	24x36
26x32	25x26	22x32	23x33

BUTLER & V.

73 Driscoll
Lecompton Mo.
Feb 6/57
House Affairs

Lecompton Mo.
Feb 6th 1857

Wm. S. Douglass

Dear Sir As a member
of the Kansas Legislature I take the liberty of
introducing my self, and a feeble line upon Kansas
affairs to a casual notice

Your suggestions came to hand
too late to receive our action; and as all the
principles points referred to have already undergone
a general tearing up, altering amending and
repealing as the case might be we have not
thought it advisable to press anything further at this
late hour

We have amended the slave law Repealing
the 12th Section entire the 13th section
being only declaratory of the plain principles
of the common law I wished to repeal it
but for that very reason the opposition
maintained the point and it was not
stricken out - I am sorry but cannot help it.

That law in reference to oath of voters
officers and attornies We has all been
repealed the only qualification under the
new law - for officers and attornies is to
support the Constitution and the organic act

and for voting - A residence of three
months in the County, and shall ^{have} registered
her name with the Towns^{hip} officer
at least 30 days before the day of voting.
The register will or is to be published and
if an abolitionist can find a flaw in
the rights of any voter - why, let him
do it

The Hon Mr Orr come here
playing the fool in ~~the~~ Camp - Holding
the actions of Congress over us as a rod
of correction will hardly answer on the
border. We know our rights as well as
Mr Orr or Mr anybody else and that
threat came near causing it to be left
in the Statute Book. Congress has no
more power over our statute lands than
over those of a sovereign State - We are
children 21 years old and any interference
with our lands will be contested to the very
last - We have attempted to keep right
upon the record and will do it if we
know how - if you see any thing wrong
or have any thing to suggest, drop me a few lines
at Douglas N.Y. Yours opinion I value
very much Yours in hast. J. D. Driscoll

Dear Sir.

Providence Feb 16th 1857

I have been instructed by a committee of the Providence Literary Union, to request of you to deliver a lecture here at such time as would be practicable, before the above society

I have been apprised of your intention of delivering a lecture in New York on the 22nd inst and we have thought, that to gratify the desire of the people to hear you, and that your endeavor would be a benefit to the above named society; might induce you to extend your visit to this city.

Please advise

Charles W. Ham

Box 275

Providence, R.I.

I have beg of you to favor me with an immediate answer.

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

Yours Obedt Servt

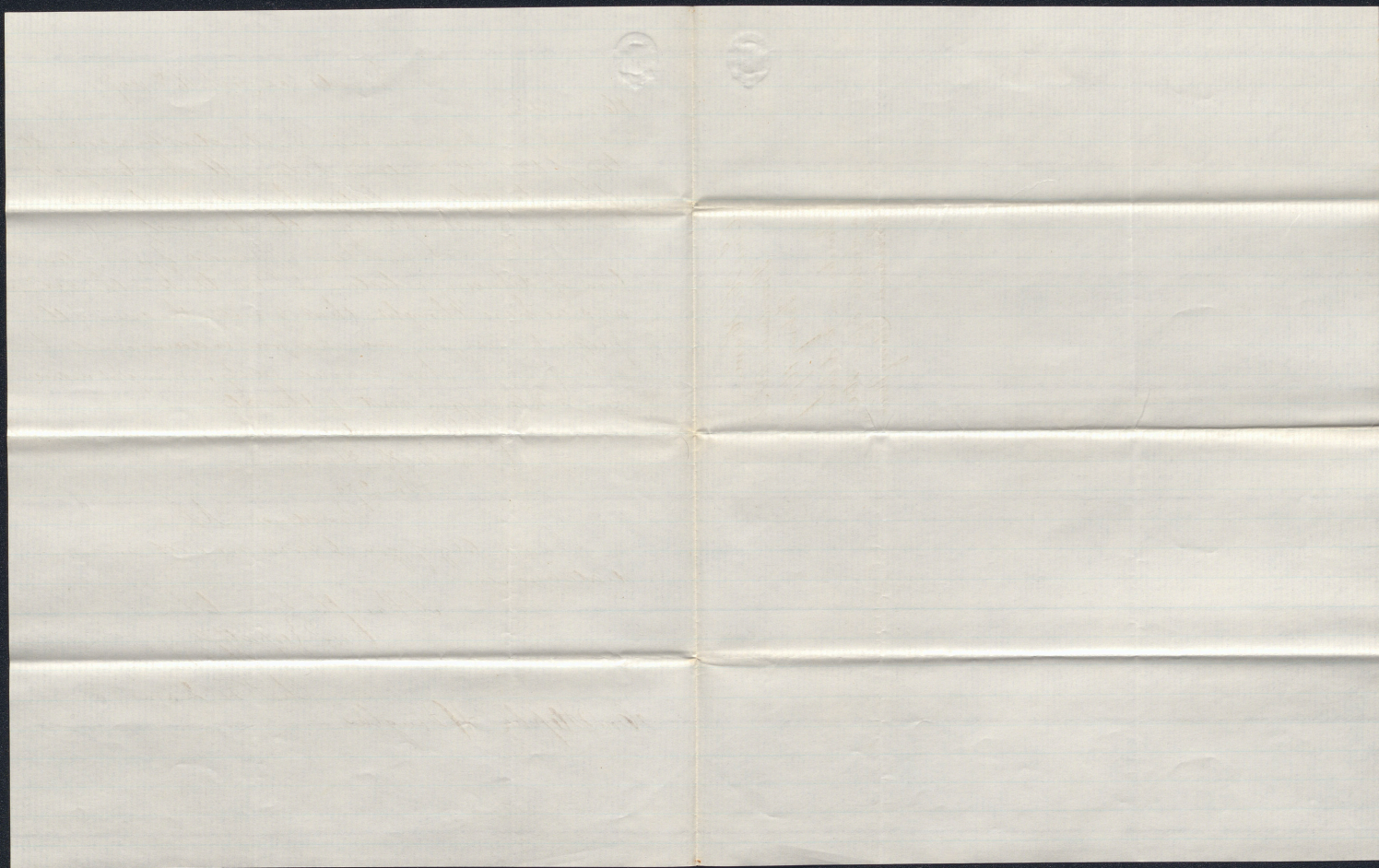
Chas W Ham

Wm Stepha A Douglas.

Chas. C. Ham
Providence R.I.

Febury 16/57

Quintis you to deliver
a Lecture before the
"Providence Literary Union"



(confidential)

Penn Yan July 16th 1857

Mr S A Douglass

My dear Sir

I take the liberty of enclosing to you an article which I cut from our Village paper, the "Pittsboro Democrat". It speaks I think the general sentiment of the Democracy of this Nation.

The election of Mr Buchanan was a most emphatic endorsement of the Kansas Nebraska Bill for which you rind so much abuse. Of the wisdom & sound policy of that measure I never had any doubt, and I now think it has most effectually settled the slavery question, and that to ~~be~~ form a basis which admits of no revival, to any serious extent in the future.

Yours

the future it seems to me has a bright look
and we are to commence a brilliant era of
progress & advance.

In 1860. it seems to me the democracy
will cast their eyes first word for a candidate
for the Presidency. Of right it will glance
to that locality, and I don't believe there will
be much hesitating as to who that candidate
should be. but it is hardly time to speculate
much on the subject. ~~now~~, yet. Your
friends cannot & ought not to. fail in
a fair presentation of the matter as time
& opportunity occurs.

I look for a peaceful & successful
administration for Mr Buchanan. He has
but firmly & fairly to carry out the policy
adverted in the Congress & avowed in the
Cincinnati Platform. all will be well. The
truth is that the Republican Party is defeated
& in 1860 we shall have an Opposing Party
on some other basis. we'll have a very victory over it.
I am Yours Truly D A Ogden

L. A. Ogden
Penn Can N.Y.

Feb 16 / 57

Confidential

J. W. Sheahan
Chicago Ill
Feb 16/57

OFFICE OF THE
Daily and Weekly Chicago "Times."

Chicago, Ill., Feb 16 1857.

Dear Judge.

I wrote to you some days ago, when we heard of the appointment of Col. Eastern as Superintendent of the Custom House. Soon after we heard of Carpenter's appointment as distasser. I have nothing to say in addition about either case; you know all that I do touching both offices and both men. As, however, Carpenter has said that he would not hold the office if he is indebted to you for it, I may say that as it would in no way interfere with my business, I would not decline it. Eight dollars a day is not to be sneezed at with impunity by a pen Editor.

With respect to the case of Stowell, who was removed from the post office at Kankakee, he has shown me documents proving that those who conspired for his removal acted most shamelessly. They have all signed ^a recommendation for him as Surveyor General of Kansas, for which office he is an applicant & for which he will in person ask your assistance.

If you make any change at Kankakee, and after seeing Stowell, you will judge whether you ought to do so or not, I recommend that Mr Fuller the Editor of the Democratic paper there be appointed. And I would urge that in all cases, where there is a

Democratic paper published in a town that the editor
be made postmaster. It keeps the paper right, and
if the office be worth anything, will prevent the
paper passing into opposition hands. Of course
Chicago is not included in this recommendation.

Wentworth has been for some time a candidate
for Mayor on the "anti Slavery" issue. I need
not say to you that it is vitally important
that he should not be elected. Once Mayor
with all the patronage, he would corrupt our
party; that is he would appoint no officers
but Irish and Democrats. It would destroy
our organization, spare the way for a triumph
in the legislature two years hence. He had no
candidate, and have none now. I at once
brought forward Sumner, but he will only be
a candidate if John is. The Republicans have
postponed a nomination till the day before
the election. You see our situation. Sumner is
the only man in Chicago who can beat John,
and yet, where positively there is no other man
who desires to be our candidate, the faction
that backed our candidature last fall, are at
work to do the same thing now, and defeat
Sumner. Who they will nominate I do not
know, but ~~sure~~ would not be surprised if
Cook or Ashmun be the man. I care nothing for

Sumner, and was Wentworth not a candidate
would prefer a defeat than a victory, but the
risk of Wentworth's election is too terrible to
quarrel over Sumner's past course. In this ex-
tremity I have opened war on Wentworth to
drive him from the field or force the Republicans
to reject him. If he be not nominated
I will claim that as a victory, I let them elect
who they please.

You will remember that before New Year's,
when I was under the impression that Cook was
to be removed, I said that if you wished a good
officer ~~who would~~ to whom the salary would
be a benefit - in other words a poor man, that
McNichae was the best one who had been named.
I do not change my views. I also stated that
if you wanted a man whose means would
enable him to spend his salary, that Price
was as competent as Dyer, and that the objections
to Dyer and McNichae would not apply to him.
In short that personally he was unquestionable. I
think so still, but in order that I may not be
involved in the matter, I wish to be understood
as recommending neither one in preference to
the other. I may add that I think the selection
of either Price, Dyer, McNichae or Hamilton
would lead to no unkind feeling upon the part of either

of the others. Carpenter being out of the way, there is no probability of a storm. We have rumors that Herrington and Molmy are candidates. Dear Judge if you go out of Chicago, allow me to suggest that you go down to Egypt. Wallis allow would be a thousand times preferable to either.

How when at Springfield Snowbird told me a few hints in some secret maneuvering here, which I ~~of~~ think is the villainous contrivance of Webster. The programme is, as far as developed as follows: Immediately after your return you were to be denounced publicly as a liar, and as a man unworthy of confidence, & in proof of these allegations, Car henter was to prove, or it was to be proven by somebody that you solemnly promised Carpenter the post office, & then did not give it to him; that you promised Cook he should not be removed, and yet on your return to Washington you put on file in the Department a request for his removal, a copy of this request of yours is shown, (Snowbird says he read it;) and ~~that~~ but that Cook had a friend Mr. Matteson, who slipped in, and the Department on the President having more confidence in him than in you, refused your request. Snowbird added that he intended to furnish affidavits showing that you said he was not to be removed, when in fact you had proceeded his removal. In this request he Snowbird refused to accede. The ~~of~~ proposed exposure extended much further involving other things but I could not hear further as to the particulars. I give you all this exactly as I heard it. I know nothing of any of the facts, or henter's but put it down as part of a game on Webster's part, in which he was to use all these henter as his puppets, perhaps unknown to themselves. I thought you had better be advised even of this, which is all that I could hear, & you can place upon it your own estimate
Yours truly, J. W. Sheahan

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
February 16th 1857.

Hon^{ble} S. A. Douglass
Chairman of the Committee on Territories
Senate of the United States
Sir

A letter dated the 11th
instant, with papers enclosed, has been received at this Office from Nicholas Vedder Esq^r Clerk to the Committee, saying: "By direction of the Committee on Territories I herewith transmit the Memorial and papers of Samuel A. Lowe, asking compensation for services in copying and superintending the printing of the laws of Kansas Territory, under the direction of the Legislature thereof, for the purpose of investigation and obtaining your opinion as to his claim, and whether further legislation is necessary" also that "The information is desired for the use of the Committee at their next Session on Wednesday next."

next.

In reply thereto I beg leave to submit the following report.

The claim submitted to Congress with the memorial and other papers is as follows.

" United States

To Samuel A. Lowe D-

1856.

Jan-1st For Copying laws (marginal notes
head notes, Superintending the publi-
-cation, and correcting laws of Territory
of Kansas " " \$5.100.00

" " services as Assistant Clerk
to House Rep^s of Kansas Territory
per Account appended \$24.50
\$5.404.50.

In the first day of February 1856. Mr Lowe
called at this Office and informed me he had
a claim for services rendered in the behalf
mentioned; and which he had not then made
out in form - but which he afterwards
submitted in his note of February 6th; as
follows

follows.

United States

1856.

To Samuel A. Lowe, Dr
Jan^y 1st - For Copying laws of Kansas Legislature

per concurrent resolution 768-

1000 pages

\$2,200.00

"Head noting & Marginal noting

for 317 laws - page 768 -

700.00

"furnishing decisions of Court applicable 700.00

"Analytical & full index to laws

page 768

675.00

"Superintending the publication,

reading and correcting proof

Sheets of laws, for sections 3, 5, 6,

7, 8, of an act Concerning the Statute

and Legislative proceedings - page 471

\$25.00

\$5,100.00

It will be perceived no charge was then made
for services as Assistant, Clerk to the
Legislature, and for certain other services
and expenses amounting to \$204.50 as preferred
in his Account presented to Congress, and in
which

which he refers to his "account appended".
The items in this charge will be noticed hereafter.
The question touching the charge of \$5,000,
"For Copying laws, Marginal notes, head notes,
superintending the publication, and correcting
laws of Territory of Kansas," was examined
fully, and I came to the conclusion at the
time there was no authority conferred in
the Organic or other act, by which the payment
could with propriety be made from
the appropriation for Legislative expenses
of Kansas, and there was no other appropria-
tion applicable in any sense thereto.

My opinion was communicated to Mr.
Loane, verbally, who informed ^{me} after con-
-sultation, he would present the matter to Con-
-gress.

In reference to the appropriations for legisla-
-tive expenses, I may remark that two
appropriations of \$20,000 each, or a total of
\$40,000 have been made for Kansas; viz - one
by Act of August 4th 1854, of \$20,000 - see Vol

10 Statutes at Large II 557, and the other by act of March 3^d 1855. Same vol II 655.

The first appropriation was exhausted in paying the expenses incident to the first Session of the Assembly and the second appropriation has been advanced to the Secretary of the Territory with the exception of a balance, for which he has made a requisition. and which will be expended I don't not for the expenses incident to the Second Session which convened at Leecompton on the second Monday in January last.

I have to state however in connection with the matter of this claim, and the ground of charge. that it has been held to be the duty of the Secretary of a Territory to copy and prepare the laws and proceedings required, of a Territorial Assembly for the printer. In the present instance I refer to a clause in the 21st Section of the Organic Act. See Vol. 10 Statutes at Large II 284, defining the duties and

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ponents of the Secretary- viz. "That there shall be a Secretary of said Territory, who shall reside therein, and hold his office for five years, unless sooner removed by the President of the United States; he shall record and preserve all the laws and proceedings of the Governor in his Executive Department" &c &c. I also refer to a clause in the 2^d Section of the Act approved August 29th 1842, which is prospective, as well as retrospective, see vol 5 p 540, which is as follows, "And it shall be the duty of the Secretary of each Territory to prepare the Acts passed by the Legislature for publication, and to furnish a copy thereof to the printer of the Territory within ten days after the passage of each act." I quote another clause in said second section "And no payment shall be made or allowed, unless the Secretary of the Treasury shall have estimated therefor, and the object been approved by Congress." I apprehend

under the practice observed, and in connection with the act of August 29th 1842, it will be considered the decision given in the case, was correct.

On this point it is proper I should refer to, and quote a clause from the 8th Section of the act of Kansas - see page 473 - which in connection with other sections in said act was referred to by Mr. Lowe in the bill filed in this office, and by which it would seem to be certain that the Legislature itself was of the opinion it was the duty of the Secretary to append his certificate to the laws: & - for by that Section - "The Secretary of the territory" "is required to certify to correctness of the" "Copies of the several Chapters of the" "Statutes, to the said person so appointed;" "and he, (the person appointed to Superin-
=tend the publication of the Laws,) shall" "certify that the printed Chapters and acts" "contained in the volume of the Statutes are" "correctly published from such certified
Copies,

copies". An exception is made in the last
clauses of the 8th Section, which is also
copied. viz- "with the exception of such
"Corrections of Clerical errors and mis-
"takes, as are by this Chapter to be made," (
"see Section 7)" which certificate shall
"be prefixed to the said Statutes to be read
"in evidence in any Court of this Territory".
Leaving out of view however the section
quoted from the act of Kansas. I have
to state, I do not doubt but that certain
services appertaining to "Copying laws
marginal notes, head notes, superintend-
-ding the publication and correcting
laws of Territory of Kansas"-were per-
formed by Mr. Lowe, for which he may
be entitled to be compensated, from
the Territorial Treasury or by enactment
from the Treasury of the United States;
but whether he should be compensated
to the full extent of the charge in any event,
it seems to me should be the subject
of

investigation. The certificates of Secretary Wood-
son, and John T. Brady, Public Printer, go
to show, that the services were performed by
Mr. Lowe; and as his services were rendered,
not in conformity to any act of Congress,
makes it clear to my mind, that there is
no authority at this time vested in the
Department, to "audit" and pay the claim,
or any part of it, from the National Treasury.
It is incumbent upon me to state, so far at least
as the Organic act of the Territory is concern-
ed, which is printed in the Statutes of Kansas,
that errors of a grave and important character,
and which in some instances, entirely change
the principles of the act, have crept into the
reprint; to whose faults these errors are char-
geable I am not able to state, I merely refer
to the fact, feeling it to be a matter of
duty. By a comparison of the reprint in
the Statutes of Kansas with the organic
act, as printed in the Statutes at Large, these
errors will be discovered. Respecting
items

Items comprising the charge of \$204.50 I have
to state them in detail as furnished per the
"account appended by Mr. Lowe.

1st "Territory of Kansas

" " To Samuel A. Lowe D^r

" For Services as 2^d Asst Clerk to the House of
Representatives from 4th July to Aug^t 30th 1855, both
days included being 58 days^t at \$4.00 - \$232.00.

" This is to certify that the above account is
" correct and ordered to be paid out of any
" monies in the Territorial Treasury unless
" paid by the United States

" Attest

John H. Stringfellow

" James M. Lyle -

Speaker of the Rep^s

" Ch. Clk. the Rep^s

It will be noticed the above charge of \$232.00
was for 58 days service as 2^d Assistant Clerk
to the House at \$4.00 per day. This service was
not authorized by the Terms of the Organic
Act. a clause in the 30th Section of which provides,
"And a Chief Clerk, one Assistant Clerk, a sen-
-ior clerk at arms, and door keeper, may be chosen
for

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Correct & paid the same
Ch. Com. Rep^s

for each house, and the Chief Clerk shall receive four dollars per day, and the said other officers three dollars per day, during the session of the Legislative Assembly, but no other Officers shall be paid by the United States" &c

Under this enactment a Chief Clerk was paid by the Secretary of Kansas for each house at \$4.00 each per day, and one Assistant Clerk for each house at \$3.00 each per day, which rates were allowed at the Treasury upon adjustment of his accounts.

2nd "Territory of Kansas

"1855 Aug^t 30. To Sam^l A. Lowe, a/c 2^d

"For mileage from Pawnee to Shawnee Manual Labor School, being 150 miles as recommended by report to House from Com or "accounts" \$22.50-

"This is to certify that the above a/c is correct "and to be paid out of any monies in the Territorial Treasury John H. Stringfellow

Attest, James M. Lyle

Speaker of House

Chf Clk Terr Reps -

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Examined & certified to be correct foral. the Clerk of the Com. a/c

It is supposed this mileage was for and on account of the removal by adjournment of the Assembly from Lawrence to the Shawnee Manual Labor School, and charged on the ground of the service claimed to have been performed as 2^d Assistant Clerk, to which he was appointed without authority of law. I may remark in reference to this charge, that mileage is not authorized to be paid by the Organic Act to officers of any grade in the Assembly and that none was paid by the Secretary.

3. "Territory of Kansas,

"1855

To Samuel A. Lowe D^r

"Augt 30th For Copying & furnishing title of

"Laws for the House of Rep^s & Council ac.

"According to Concurrent Resolution § 50.00-

"Examined and found to be correct.

"Janab Meddle Chr Com apt-

"I certify the above to be according to Concurrent

"Resolution of the House of Representatives & Council

"Attest, James M. Lyle

John H. Stringfellow

"Chf Clk Ho Reps-

Speaker Ho Reps"

I would state in reference to this item, that it is a new species of charge, it being supposed that the Committee of a Legislative Body in charge, or that the Legislature itself would prefix the titles to laws, before passage, thereof, and that the copying in that behalf would be performed by the Chief Clerk or the Authorized Assistant, during the Session, and by consequence without extra charge. If the service charged for was performed during the Session, and Congress should allow pay for the services of Mr Lorne, as Second Assistant Clerk, would he be entitled to compensation therefor?

In conclusion, I have to state it as my opinion that "further legislation is necessary" touching all the items of charge preferred by Mr Lorne; as explained in this communication.

The papers received are herewith returned. All of which is respectfully submitted.
Most Sincerely Yours,
Eliza Whittley.

