

Executive office, W. T.
St. Paul July 27. 1857.

Dear Sir,

I trust you will allow an absent friend to trouble you again on his own matters.

I had determined to resign my office to take effect in May, and consequently several new applicants for the place have sprung up to fill the vacancy. I gave out publicly that I did not wish the office longer, or no one would have asked for it.

Now my friends come down like a flood, and insist that I shall hold on for the few months we shall be a Territory, which cannot be longer than Six or Seven Months, nor longer than Nine Months before our admission as a State.

The people are anxious that ^{no} new man shall come in just as we are throwing off Territorial and assuming State Govt. I have therefore consented to hold on if agreeable to Mr. Buchanan and his Cabinet. I was the only man here who went to the States to help our party in the last Campaign, and I suppose the new Administration would not be much disposed to make a change for so short a time. Can I ask you to see the President on the subject?

I don't think it necessary to get up a long list
of recommendations, as I am known by almost
every public man. I am far away from the field
and my friends must necessarily be asked to speak
for me, if they will. Can I presume to ask
you to see the President or write a note in relation
to the matter?

My salary is only \$1500.00 and no one can take it
for six or seven months for the salary paid.

Very truly, your friend
W. A. Gorman

How S. A. Douglass
U. S. Senate
Washington City,
D.C.

W. A. Gorman

St Paul Mo.

Feb 27/57

Your Special Attention

We published, last week, Governor Gorman's able message to the Legislature. It is spoken of by all the papers in St. Paul in high terms of commendation, as it justly deserves. If any of our fellow citizens want a healthful and fair history of Minnesota, let them get all Governor Gorman's Message and have them bound and put into their library for reference. Don't neglect this, if you want a most valuable work for reference in all future time. He has shown himself an able and efficient Statesman; his speeches in Congress, on the subject of the Texas boundary, and compromise of 1850; and on the subject of admitting California into the Union; and on the subject of the Homestead law for the poor; and on the subject of the public lands; and on the subject of fortifications, exhibit a much higher order of character and talent than the Governor's opponents have ever given him credit for. He has from the beginning of his administration shown himself a true statesman, always keeping in view the real welfare and prosperity of the people, against the grasp of heartless speculation. Who is not proud of his last message? Who would be willing to part with the services of so faithful and efficient a public servant but with regret?—We say it, to the honor of our executive head, that he has done more to advance and increase our population and wealth, and bring us to our present proud position as a Territory, than any other man; he has been on the side of the people, he has sustained an unspotted private and public character from the beginning of his career up to the present moment, through evil and through good report—in his youth he shamed older heads into truth and wisdom—in mature life, he is the popular favorite; as the people's advocate he has always sternly met the domineering codfish aristocracy of wealth in their unhallowed pretensions—the producers of wealth, the Jeffersonian aristocracy of intellect are his fast unwavering friends.

We learn he intends to resign his office soon, but we hope he will reconsider the matter—he is wanted to hand the Territory over to State dignity, and leave it as he has contributed to make it, a healthful, proud and flourishing commonwealth.

The people will again demand that he shall serve them in another field of labor. We have rights to maintain and interests to promote, that must not, cannot be left to inexperienced, inefficient hands, unless we would wantonly retard our onward course and compromise our dignity and safety—the sweet enjoyments of private life. Willis A. Gorman is not destined to enjoy—his services are wanted—he is public property, and the people will make him their servant, even if the attractions of retirement should dictate a different course.

Chicago Feb 27. 1857
Hon S. A. Douglass
S. C.

Dr Sir

It is generally
believed that Matterson is laying pipe for the
Senate. I do not know how far you
should credit this but it is well enough
to watch him. He is all smiles and fawns
upon those that risk limb life and property
to defeat you and I cannot but judge
a man somewhat by the company he keeps.
And then again, wherever I go in the State
Black Republicans are the first to endorse
him and "bugle" his last message and
it is hard to tell which of the two is the
most popular among them Binella or
Matterson. — Gridley is just in my
room and he says that he has heard
it all before and believes it all. But says
that Matterson could not steal in the
Senate as well as he did while he was
Governor and therefore thinks that he
may try for that again

Would it not be well to pamper
him with the idea ~~that he is the~~
only man in our party that can
be elected Governor? It's time
that the party should know his real
position. If he affiliates with the
Enemy I ask him out as you did ^{Wendell}
for it will not do to let him absorb from
both parties — I do not think that
we have much to fear from this man
of sanity and low cunning, still
there is no harm in making him take
his position. — Ropes are being
laid to defeat you but they "can't come
it" be of good heart for you are right
and right will bring right. I go for
you because I know that you are right
and nothing else would make me go for
you. I want nothing from you or from
your party, and yet it cannot be denied
that I am selfish & unuseful. And you
will recollect that there some A-D
Rascals that would destroy you voted

to Confiscate my property and
God killing. I will never forgive them
for that.

I am now figuring against
Long John — our liquor men are all
right and yet I fear, as there
seems to be no party ^{side in} election
I remain quiet and only work with
Liquor men — Sumner is said
to be our man but Sumner is not
here! In fact it does not appear
to many to be an election of
much importance — Syce is
doing all he can to arouse them,
and now that I have mentioned Mr
Syce's name let me add that you
have in that man a ^{form} of strength —
a man among men, and is doing you
more good here than all the rest —
He is in my opinion the very man,
the reliable man for this post office
as he would be the best man to deal
matters with our County Post Office.

I know of no man here ~~that~~
would be so popular and so
useful to the Demo. party through
our ~~this~~ ~~nor~~ northern Illinois as
Mr. Lane a ~~friend~~ of Chicago -

Please excuse haste - also the
liberty I have taken in writing you
with so much freedom

I remain res. serv. truly

W. S. Moulton

Jeff. C.

W. S. Moulton
Chicago Ill
Feb 27/57

Chicago 27th Feb, 1857

Hon S A Douglas:

Dear Sir;

I enclose to you, for presentation to President Pierce, a Petition for the pardon of Theodore (Dennison) - a young lad in whose future welfare I feel personally interested; I was of Counsel for him; and by my advice, a plea of guilty was entered; so that none of the facts came before Judge Drummond; - whose Note I enclose for your inspection:

The gentlemen who sign the Petition, are all known to you; and I trust that, as a personal favor to me, you will personally see the President

as regards its subject matter.

I am aware, that at this particular time, there are matters of grave and deep import engaging your attention; but I hope that the Father and the Mother of this young lad, whose hopes are centred on him, may, through me, plead with you to join in the prayer of the Petition.

I remain

most respectfully yours

P. Ballingall.

J. Wallingall
Chicago, Ills
Feb 27/57

Encloses a Letter
to the President for
the Pardon of young
Arrison

Hon S. A. Douglas

To His Excellency, Franklin Pierce,
President of the United States.

The undersigned do
most respectfully represent to your Excellency,
that, in the month of August 1855, one
Theodore Dennis was sentenced, by the
United States Circuit Court for the Northern
District of Illinois, to imprisonment for
the term of ten years, upon a charge of
abstracting money from the Post Office at
Chicago—

That, pursuant to the said sentence,
the said Dennis has been incarcerated in
the Jail of Cook County; and in which, after
sentence, he was imprisoned; for the
reason that the Penitentiary of the State
was situated in the Southern District.
Under an act of Congress, passed subsequently
to the sentence, the said Dennis was
removed to, and is now, in the Penitentiary
at Alton, in this State—

The undersigned, on
account of the youth of the said

Lennison, and of all the circumstances
surrounding the case, would most respectfully
recommend him to your Excellency for a
Pardon

T. W. Ballingall
McCleary County Press
Crown Mt. of Carthage
Mt. Zion
W. L. Tucker
W. H. Higer Clerk of U. S. Court
Elisha W. Tracy

J. W. Bentley
Collector of Customs

Genl. M. M. Thoy

W. H. Hoyer
U. S. Atty. Dist. Ct.
Frank Harris
M. W. Miller
O. H. Roe

J. L. Marsh
City Atty

P. A. Hoyer
Clerk Recorder Court
of the City of Chicago



I understand that young Dennis, or
formerly intimate to the President, for a
violation of the Post Office Laws has made
application through his friends to the Secretary
of the President. I know nothing of any
circumstances which may make it proper
for the Secretary to interfere in his case,
except his youth. It is one of those
cases which is to be determined by
the President when the facts are laid
before him, with which I do not con-
sider it is my province to interfere.

Thomas Dennison,
U.S. Judge.

Chicago. Feb. 26. 1857.







Chicago Illinois
February 27th 1857

My Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of the 22nd inst. I adopt your suggestions with pleasure, and shall remain in my present situation until I may be able to obtain a better one.

Chicago has sent two shares of patriots, anti-office seekers, on to Washington to participate in the coming inauguration. Three hundred tickets have been sold within the last three days for Washington at this point. The present municipal election will come off without excitement, and I fear Wentworth will be the next mayor of Chicago. The democracy are making no effort to ensure the election of their candidate, who is to be nominated to-morrow. There seems to be no leading spirit in our ranks to secure the democracy on to victory. In each

division of the city. are any quantity of
Circulation, for the local Office. And
I fear they will not abide the decision
of one convention. It seems strange to
me that the Democracy, should feel
so low spirited, when they feel confident
that Wentworth will be the Republican nominee,
and knowing as they do that he can
not receive the full support of that
party. Still they will not organize and
unite as they should to promulgate
the principles they so much profess to
advocate, but remain inactive, or indifferent
fighting amongst themselves. In my
opinion, permit me to say, the leaders
of the two factions (so called) are wrong
and they will yet completely break up
the democratic party, if allowed to
have their own way.

If Mr. Sumner is nominated
and will accept, and the democracy
will only work we can defeat
Wentworth. There is ^{yet} time to do something
but I fear nothing will be done

I have taken the liberty of writing to you
in regard to the present appearance of weather
and things, and giving you my opinion
but remain at all times a silent spectator
and seldom speak my mind to others in
regard to politics. When the nominations are
made I shall work hard to ensure the
election of the candidates.

The weather is quite mild, no
snow on the ground, river open, streets
in an awful condition, business dull.

Trusting I may meet you in
Heath. I remain

Very Truly

Your friend
+ Off. Servant
Charles F. Johnson

Hon. S. M. Douglas
U. S. Senator.
Washington
D. C.



Chas P. Button
Chicago, Ill
Feb 27/57

Chicago July 27, 1857
Herm S A Douglass
Washington City

Dear Sir I returned home
a few days from Springfield where I have been
attending to getting ready to pass the Legislature
among them one to form the County of
"Hodmes" as for enclose please also to see
to the passage of the R.R. bill for & I
told of it in the Paris & Chicago R.R.
Community at Paris Ill. making Decatur
& Muncie points in the line & from Muncie
in the most eligible route to Chicago that
can be taken to the mouth of the Calumet
if found most eligible

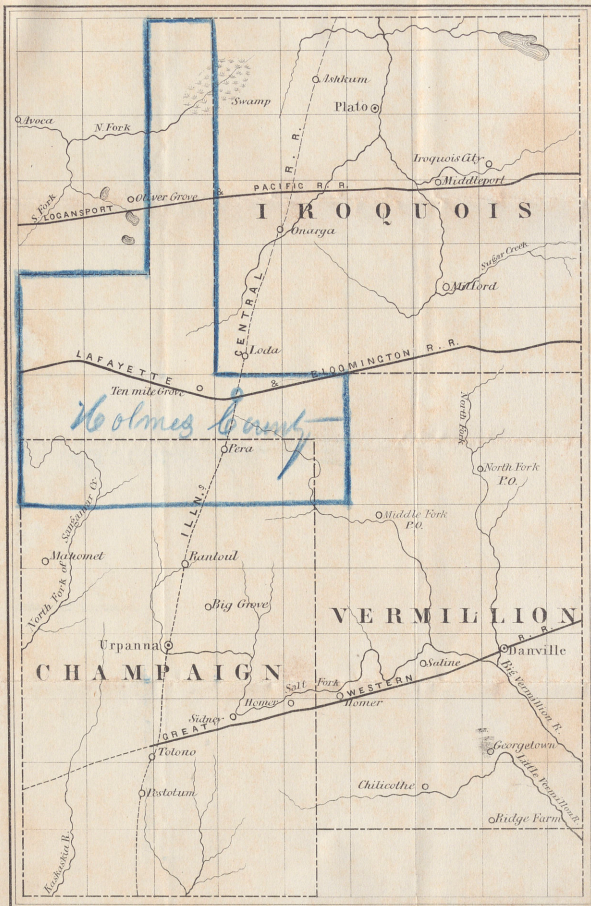
Some times I enclose for a petition from 9/60
of the Voting men ten mile gone to remove
the Post office to Prospect City where they could
get a daily mail on place of a weekly mail
See Bill the new postmaster writes me that
a McCamp & some for others was making trouble
about the removal of the Post office I am
confident that the change will accommodate nine
tenths of the people better than the old arrange

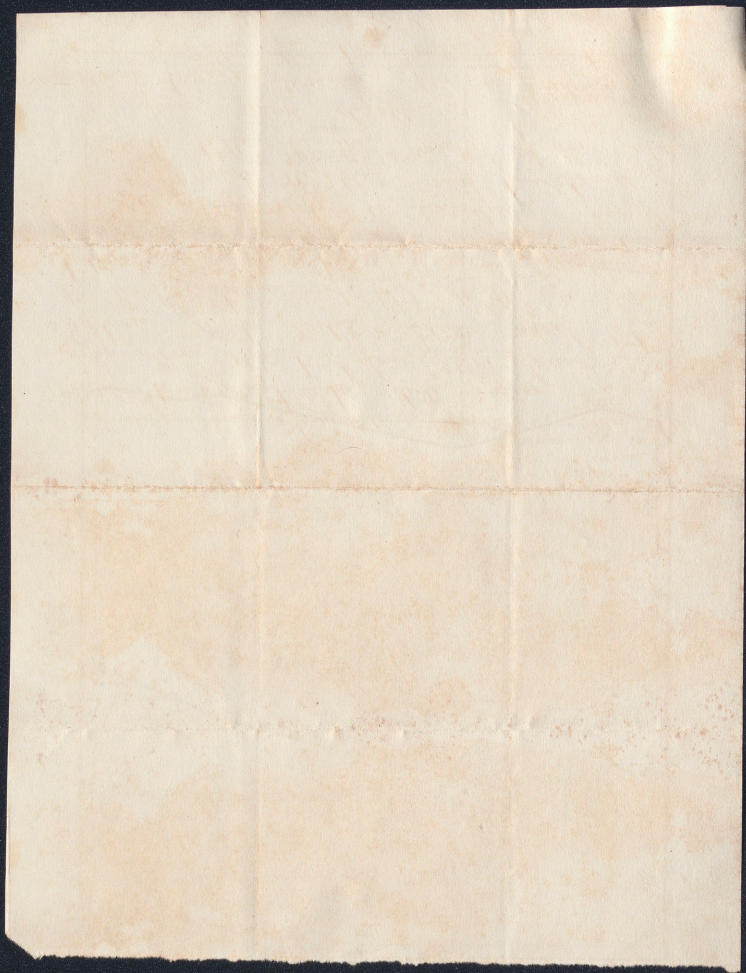
= went the new Post office will most likely
be the County town of Kenton County.
The name of Prosperity I do not like & much
rather have the name Tennier or Tinner
we have helped the Soda people out
of the new County with this deal. Short the
London State & you can take care of them
The Sales of Real estate has commenced at
a large advance on last years prices
E. H. Headwell sold his home where he lived
48 feet on Michigan some 130 feet deep to
J. B. Leob for \$32,000 this is one of the
many sales

Very Truly Yours
James M. M.

James Miers
Chicago Ills
Feb 27 1857

About the the New County
of Holmes and the
P.O. at Prospect
City







Lancaster, Schuyler Co., Mo. Feb. 27/57

Dear Sir

Associations of a former and friendly character, induce me to write to you though, perhaps, you have long since forgotten me! but I can assure you, I have not forgotten you; but have ever watched your course with an eagle eye; rejoicing at your prosperity, and awaiting your adversity. — Let what will happen in the vicissitudes of life, to efface the friendly associations of life, I am certain that I shall never forget the youthful chit chat and romps we have so often enjoyed together. I am still dredging along the down hill of life without much fun in the world; while you, with a spirit more excelsior, more lofty, more elevated, have reached the highest councils of the nation, and what gives me pleasure upon pleasure, is to find you most conspicuous among the wise elect around you. It is a conceded opinion, among your friends in this State, that you will be able to attain the zenith of your ambition, as soon as an opportunity offers — I beg you to regard the following request with a degree of consideration.

I understand that Mr. Son, Don E. Roberts the boy you used to call, your little Senator and who, I believe, you learnt him his letters, has gone on to Washington from Jefferson, the Capitol of this State, he is a member of the Legislature and if he has left for Washington, you will in all probability have an introduction to him, ^{or he is, ~~now~~} if he has a request to make, think of former times and assist him — where he goes he will make Democrats. for he is one of the most effective stump speakers, I ever heard and Mr. Douglass, his theme! It may not be amiss to mention here that Don is a Graduate of St. Louis University (Medical College) and one of the most prominent young Physician in the State — so said to be by the faculty of the University

I am anxious for you to write me a
letter referring to former times. I was
making a stump speech, or rather replying
to one made by a Chadwicks, last summer
in which he saw proper to lie on, and slander
you in your first start in Illinois. I replied
and got him in a narrow place - he replied
and said that you never lived further
South than Springfield. I could not
prove it then, but did afterward. If I
had had such a letter then it would
have saved me a trouble.

In looking over my letter I
find I have been guilty of some vanity
for which I trust you will pardon me
but I have an undoubted right to claim
a share ^{of the honor} of your political start, in the
world. I was the author of Leo: Agricola:
D. S. Flint; Brazzette set to political squibs
in your favor, that were well received by the
papers and well spoken of. I had better
stop, for I am getting more vain. I
have written just as I would talk to
you if I could see you.

Do not fail to write me
letter at least. And believe me your

Sincere friend

Daniel Roberts

Wm. S. A. Douglass

M.B. So far as Don is concerned let this
be a sub rosa letter. He has no
knowledge of it and I would not
wish him to have -

D.R.

Efficient

Dear Sir
I have written to
you
Oct 27/57

Hon S. A. Douglass

My Dear Sir

Have you noticed the
receipts in the Sub Treasury in this
City. now nearly \$16.000.000 if this
Congress allows this go on without
providing for it, depletion we
shall have financially the worst
position of things that you or
any one now in position has ever
seen. Property and stock will
fall fifty per cent. - 1839 with
all its horror will be as nothing
without any way for relief -
make my kindest regards to your Lady
Have you thought any thing more of
my proposition for the paper
Very Respectfully
New York
27 Feb 1857. Richd Schenck

Richard Shell
New York
Feb 27/87

About the Sub Treasury

No 144 W. 22nd St.
Feb 27

My dear Judge

I have been asked
to write to you about
what is called in the
Senate the "Bulow claim".

A large number of my
friends here are being in one
way and another and,
I have even promised to
go to Washington if the
Bill should reach

the Senate to speak
for it. Several friendly-
our friendly - may ~~also~~
mention the matter to
you. - Remember that
(This is a Florida Sign)
I have written -

am slowly recovering
from my disappointment
of the 23^d - but it is
very slow since I have had
the fever & ague ever
since. Always Yrs

Edw. West.

Am S. Sawyer.

E. C. West
New York

Feb 27/57

Abner C. Clam

OFFICE OF THE
Daily and Weekly Chicago "Times."

Chicago, Ill., Feb'y 28th

1857

Dear brother

Yours of the 23rd in regard to "Mr William E. Myers" of Chicago, and enquiring as to his standing as a man and as to his politics with a view to his appointment as a clerk &c., - has been received.

Mr Myers is not "of Chicago" he was a dry goods dealer in ~~that~~ Washington or Springfield. ~~Subsequently, he came~~ He failed extensively & brought up here with his partner & mother. We were induced to employ him a short time as Commercial Reporter, but he was not fit for the office. He never had any politics. He subsequently was a clerk in a dry goods store here; but having got into unpleasant difficulties about his wife, she left him, & he soon departed this village. I heard he had taken up his residence again in Springfield. He has about as much right to claim an office as a Chicagonian, as I would as a Californian. I object earnestly to any such arrangement. We have enough of unquestioned Democrats in Chicago ~~also~~ & in Illinois male & fair places, without picking up outsiders. I doubt if he is qualified for a clerkship. Yours
Jas W. Graham

James W Sheahan
Chicago Ill

Oct 28/57

Private & Confidential



Walnut Hill School
Geneva N.Y. Feby 28th 1857

Hon L A Douglas.

Respected Sir

As we are procuring
the autographs of the distinguished men of
our country; we wish to have the honor of
having yours among our list. Wishing that
you would send us two we remain

Your obedient servant

Pro Bradley &

E W Longstreet

To

Hon L A Douglas

Washington D.C.

E. W. Sangstreet

Genova N. V.

Feb 28/57

Kauts Autograph



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Wm S. A. Douglass.

Dear Sir,

I take the liberty of asking
you for your autograph? I
have quite a collection, &
admiring your policy, should
like to add yours to my
list. — Hoping that this
may meet your approval
I have the honor to remain

Yours very sincerely
Robt M. Ferris.

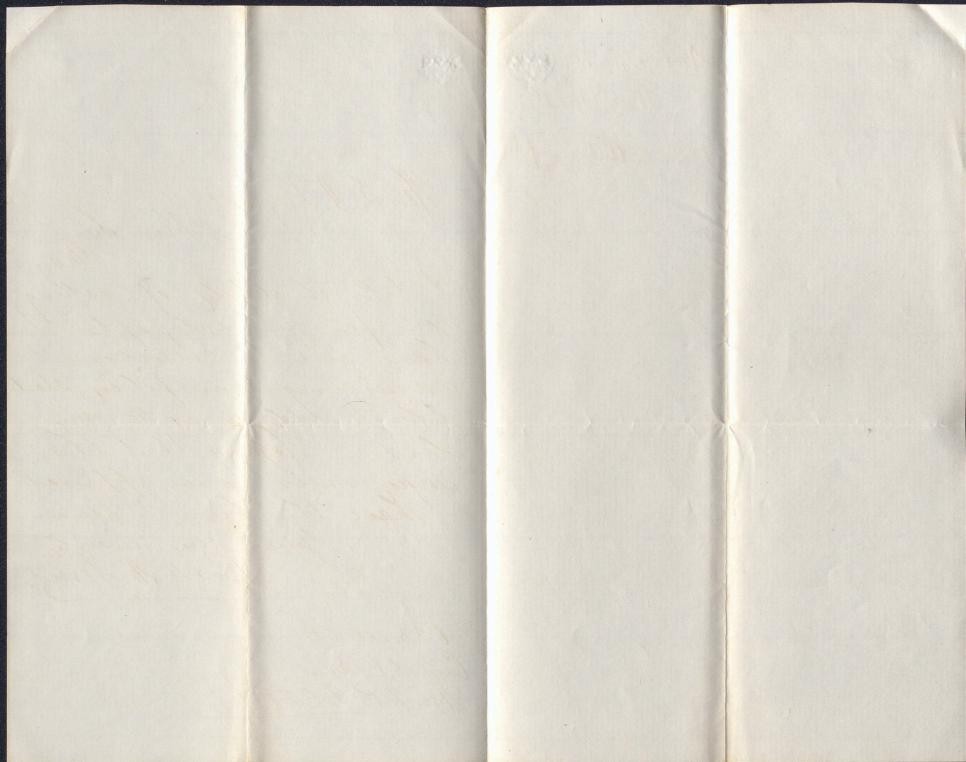
62 South St.

Care J. C. Murray.

New York Oct 28th 1871.

Robt M Fennis
New York

Wants Autograph



Brooklyn July 28. 1857

Dear Sir

Knowing that the appearance of your name to the list of Honorary Members of the "International Literary Institute", will enhance the association with the different literary Societies of this City, I would solicit your consent to propose your name as such. -

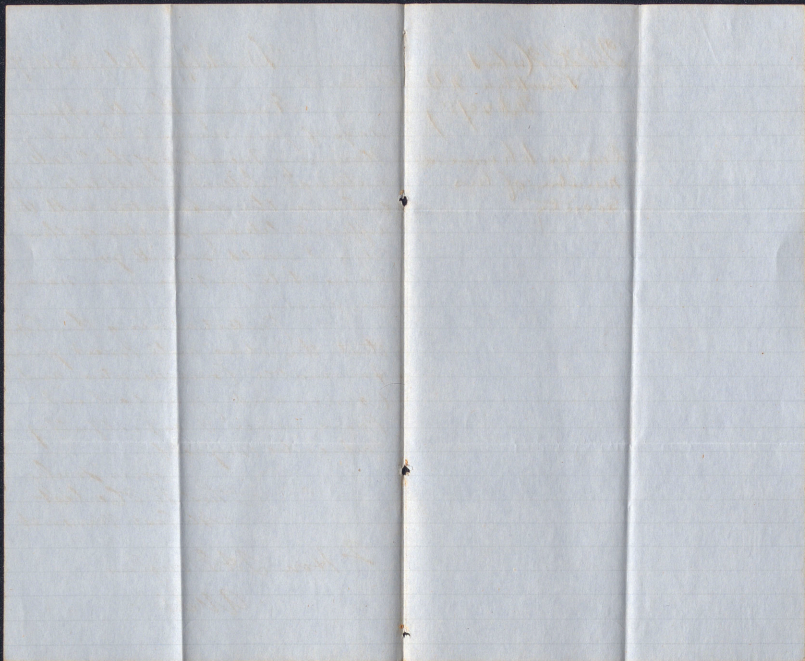
Entertaining the hope that the above will meet your favourable Consideration and Command your earliest Convergence I respectfully subscribe myself

Yours Truly
Thos R Herbert
46 East Warren st

To Hon L A Douglas
M.S.S.

Thos R Herbert
Brooklyn NY
Feb 28/57

Wish you to become a
member of his
Society

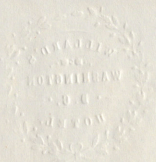


LIBRARY
OF THE
WASHINGTON
D. C.

1847

The Manufacture of the various
Products of Lead viz. Sheet & Pig Lead, Sillings,
Shot & Pipe Lead Shot &c. &c. - are that
now a Pig Lead is placed on the free list
for the following reasons -

The supply of domestic
Pig Lead is far below the demand - The greatest
product was in 1847 being 54 Millions pounds
more 3 cuts per lb which gradually fell off to
1856 when the total was but 24 Millions pounds
more 4 1/2 cuts per lb - Of the product of
1847 - 4 5/8 Millions ^{lbs} was sent to the Eastern
Ports while in 1856 but 1 1/4 Millions were supplied
to the same market - The deficiency was obtained
from abroad - Meanwhile Lead Manufacturers
suffering as at the last to such an extent
as to require almost the entire production of
the Western Mines - It will thus be seen
that not only has the Western Mines nothing
to fear from this reduction but that the E. S.
is entirely dependent upon the foreign Lead
for their supply - It is not fair to assume
that any National sacrifice of production of
the West will not more than equal the demand
of the West - We therefore ask that you



in the principle of discrimination
between the Raw & Manufactured article -

Thus seeing the object sought of Congress
to limit the reduction of the Tariff, caused
in the Raw and to be about half Million Dollars
and directed the protection to the

Manufacture -

We also ask that the duty
upon the Manufactured article - To wit -
Wool & Flax, Litharge, Shot & Pipe
and that we may receive it as
from as possible the present anti-slavery
protest -

Representing the interests
involved the undersigned respectfully
submit the within
Washington Dec 28. 1857

Travett, of New York

Amend -

James Brown

D. Leavitt
44 Broadway
New York



Original, July 28 1854
Hon Stephen A. Douglas
Washington DC

Dear Sir

You
will please hand the inclosed
letter to Gen Childs if in
your city & if not be kind
enough to mail it to your
next address - we would not
trouble you in the premise
but rec^d the letter from our
Iowa Correspondent, with the
above request

Yours Very Truly
O Edmund Broder

O'Connor & Brother
Cincinnati Ohio
Feb 29/57

Encloses a letter to
Wm Shields and
desires it to be
handed to him



Winnetta, N. Y.
Feb. 28. 1857.

Dear Sir;

You are respectfully requested to inform me whether the Transactions of the Agricultural Society of your State are published for general distribution and if so where can they be obtained?

Respectfully,

Your obt. Serv't

M. D. Phillips

Hon. S. A. Douglas
U. S. Senate -

W. D. Phillips
Henrietta N.Y.
Feb 29/57

Wants to know where
the proceedings of the
Agricultural Society
of Ills can be obtained

Indianapolis Ind^a. Feb 28. 1857

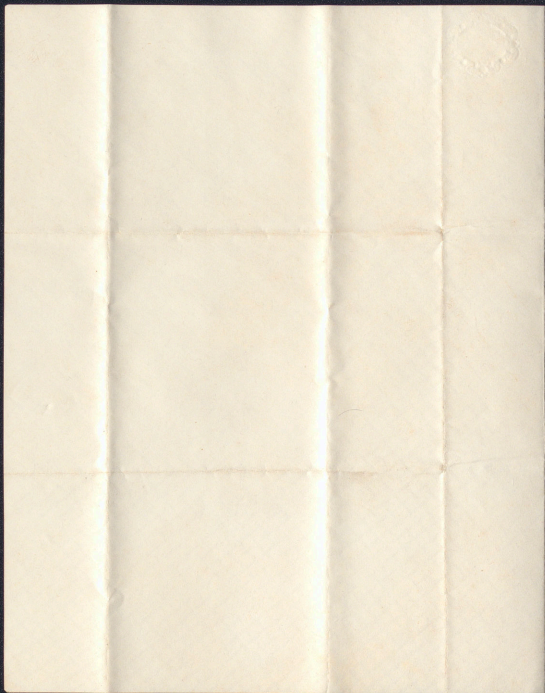
Hon S. A. Douglas.

Dear Sir.

Mr John E. Parkhurst of Coldwater Michi-
gan is anxious to receive your support for an
appointment under Mr Buchanan. I have
known Mr P. a long time. He is from my native
town. I regard him a gentleman worthy of
your assistance and should be pleased to have
him receive it.

Respectfully -
Asa W. Willard





Geneva N.Y. Feb 28th 1857

Hon S. A. Douglas

Sir

I am collecting the
Autographs of the most distinguished men
of our Country and wishing for yours I take
this opportunity of writing to you. Hoping that
you will send it,

I am Sir

Your Obt Servt

G. Shedman Williams

Care of Dr Reed

Geneva

N.Y.

G Hadrian Williams

Genoa N.Y.

Feb 28/97

Wants Autograph

