

Washn 15th March 1857

From S A Deniglap

My Dear Judge

My friend Mr. M Addison
of Baltimore, requested me to send
you the enclosed letter - he is
a noble fellow; if not inconsistent
with yr feelings or principles, please
do what you can to secure his
Reappointment -

Very Truly

Y^r Res^t &c

Phil Bunker Key

Phil Burton of Ky
Washington DC
March 15/57

Wants you to use your
influence for the
the Addition of
Baltimore

Wm Schenck & Douglass
I want



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Chicago. March 12th: 1857.

Son: S. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir;

I take it for granted
you do not intend to interfere with appoint-
ments under the present administration, on
side of your own state, unless for special reasons.
If you will allow me I would ask your aid in
behalf of one of my Maryland friends for reasons
which I think sufficient to secure it.

Wm Orville Addison Esq, the present elected
Atty, of Baltimore City is again an applicant
for the office.

The party in Baltimore is torn and divided by
factions with none of which Mr Addison is
peculiarly identified. He has about him the
most ardent set of friends recruited from the
ranks of every faction. In his office he has
firm universal satisfaction, & his efficiency
as a party man is equal to that of any man
in Maryland. The status of the Union would know
this better if his name had been attached to his

able & various contributions to that paper. I
do not think we have in the state of Maryland
so strong & effective a writer.

I do not think we have in the field for the office
a competitor whose orations would give as
much satisfaction as his own.

I have talked with him fully & candidly upon
political as well as other topics - for we are per-
sonal friends - and I know his aims. He is one
of the principal ones in Maryland (Buckson Clark
for the sake of the state in 1860. He is an adviser
and friend of yours & should be certain his present office
and again for aid in doing so, I believe you will look
to it as a most pleasant recollection.

I am Sir

Very truly

Yours friend

R. D. Meunier



Washington 15 March 1857

My dear Sir

Mr McCampbell, requested me to prepare an Analysis of the New tariff act, which you will find in the "National Intelligencer" of the 13 March 1857. As you may not have noticed it, I call your attention to it, as from a comparison of the rates under the acts of 1848 and 1857, which I prepared with great care, you will be enabled at a glance to see the New rates and how they compare with the Old ones of 1848, and also, how the articles fall under the operation of the several Duties in the several paying Schedules.

Yours respectfully

Wm G

W. Corbman.

R Cochran
Washington D.C.
March 15/87
About the Garriff

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Astor House N.Y.
March 15th 1837

Dear Sir

I am sorry to trouble
you with an additional line.
Before reaching Washington
I had heard of several charges
against John W. Cornell which
led me to doubt the propriety
of recommending him for any
appointment. Not however being
fully advised as to their truth
I signed for him. To day I have
heard enough to satisfy me that
my worst fears are more than
realized, & I therefore have to
ask that my name should be
withdrawn from his recommenda-
tion, and you will oblige me by
having it done. I have no doubt
the whole delegation including
of course yourself, will agree with
me in the step I have taken when
they are made acquainted with
the truth, and join me in it.
I met Gen. Briggleton here

and he thinks Col. Richardson
would like the appointment
of you of Nebraska. It would
be my judgment, just not
him

Very truly
S. A. Benson

Hon. S. A. Benson

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J. N. Morns of Ill
Astor House N. Y.
March 15/57

Rel to some Illinois
appointment

Willards Hotel
March 15. 1857

My Dear Sir.

I must leave for home
this P. M. This morning
I rec^d from home letters about
matters important to the Sec^y
Party, all of which, as I
cannot remain to look
after them, I beg you will
give a little attention.
I will be brief. A large
majority of our Democrats
both Frank & Hill expected &
desired the re-apptⁿ of L. B. Prek
L. Atty. (as app^r he was given a
Bureau in this City, for which
he was strongly urged in 1853,
the evidence of which is on
file in the Sec^y Dept^y) &
also of Ch^l Chapman as Min-
=shall. Both are well

qualified for the places they
have occupied, I would have
been almost unanimously
recommended for re-appoint-
ment if it had been supposed there was
any necessity for it. I presume
to be the policy of the Administra-
tion to carry out the principle
of rotation, of course they must
go overboard & others substituted.

There is a small class of
professors, but ~~amenable~~ ^{amenable} class-
mates, who under pretext of
favoring that principle, press
upon the President, some of
their small number for those
offices. S. B. Colby, is I have
learned by them for S. Atty, & J. M.
Richardson for Marshall. The
first was a rabid free soiler in
1849, 50 & 51. but voted for Genl P.
in '52. I wanted there for to be App't.
S. Atty, at that time. He has since
professed to act with our Party,

but has always denounced the
Kansas Nebraska acts, & their ad-
vocates, although ^{he has} exerted power
or influence in the State. In
1858 he tried to be elected a delegate
to the Nat. Convention, - first at
large, & then in his (the 1st) district,
afterward to be our candidate
for S. Atty. Genl, & still later for Member
of Congress, but signally failed in
all, the Democracy having no con-
fidence in him. He has made
all manner of unworthy proposi-
tions to obtain aid for himself
& friend as his letters will show,
copies of which I will send
you when I get home, failing in
that, he is now I am told abso-
lutely raising. Mr Richardson
has acted with him. He is a
coarse violent tempered man,
wholly unfit for the office of
Marshall. Both I know refused
to contribute any thing toward

the late Presidential contest, though
unable & unwillingly able to do so, &
when applied to, replied that the
Nebraskaites might take care
of their own contested states, & the states
while other democrats in the con-
-tended one 4 thousand dollars,
which as one state was hopeless,
was used out of it. So these
facts I might add many others
showing the glaring impropriety
of any such appts, but say
them will not permit.

From these however, you will
readily see that the appt of either
would be a bitter pill & a heavy
blow to the indomitable democracy
of our little state. If
the Pres^{ts} thinks it expedient
to appoint new men to those
places, we will present others
of ability, integrity, eminently

qualified in all respects, Gentle-
 men who have the confidence
 of the Free Party, & are worthy of it,
 whose Oppts would give great
 satisfaction to all its true men.

The Hon Jefferson. P. Thibodeau
 of West Randolph would make
 an excellent D. Atty - He was
 the dem Secy. Gen in 1858. (the
 only one we have had in 30 years)
 was I on one electoral ticket
 but fell. He is an able & a
 popular man, a sound dem-
 ocrat & a good lawyer.

Henry C. Storyteller Esq of Orleans
 Falls would also be good Oppt

He too is a Gentleman, a reliable
 democrat, very very qualified
 for the place. Gent. Secy.

S. Partridge of Norwich would
 make an excellent & popular
 Marshal this Oppt would be
 very acceptable to the democracy of

the state. He is an accomplished
-ed. Gentleman of high character
great firmness. A graduate of
the Military Academy at Norwich.

He was many years Secretary
Genl of ^{the} State, and could not
speak, although always an unre-
-serving National Democrat; &
has often represented his town
in the Legislature with much
credit.

Both the State named
Genls constituted liberally in
pecuniary & other aid in the
West & Canada. If recom-
-mendations are desired I am
certain that more than four
fifths of the Democrats of St.
would cordially give them.

Knowing that your time
is much occupied with other
matters I request to trouble you
with this; but if you will
give it some attention, you

will confer a great favour upon
the Democracy of your Native State.
I am, Sir,

Yours friend
S. A. Doolittle.

Hon.

S. A. Doolittle.

P.S. You know in my
present position, I can have no
other interest in these Appts, ~~than~~
than the interest of the Party, and
perhaps a desire to have suitable
officers for my own interests.

I have written in great haste,
haste, & no time to revise.

A. A. Smalley

Village Hotel

March 13/87

About the Situation of
the Democratic Party
in Vermont &c &c

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Dr Sir

Fort Buchanan
March 15th. 57

May I take the liberty
of asking of you as a personal
favor from you to have my
friend 1st Lt H Hastings promoted
Appointed a quartermaster he
has been a faithful Soldier &
has been doing the duty for some
years and has given satisfaction
to all no man has done his duty
better he was severely wounded
in the battles in Mexico and has
a fine wife and five children
and feeling satisfied that
such men you will like
to promote to the first vacancy
in the quartermasters Dept. as
none is more deserving

your true friend

E. Steer
Major, U.S. Army

S. A. Douglass
Springfield
Illinois

E Steer
Fort Buchanan
New Mexico

I have been thinking of you very much lately
 and wondering how you are getting on.
 I hope you are well and happy.
 I have been very busy lately
 but I will write to you again soon.
 I love you very much.
 Your affectionate friend,
 John

New York March 15 1857

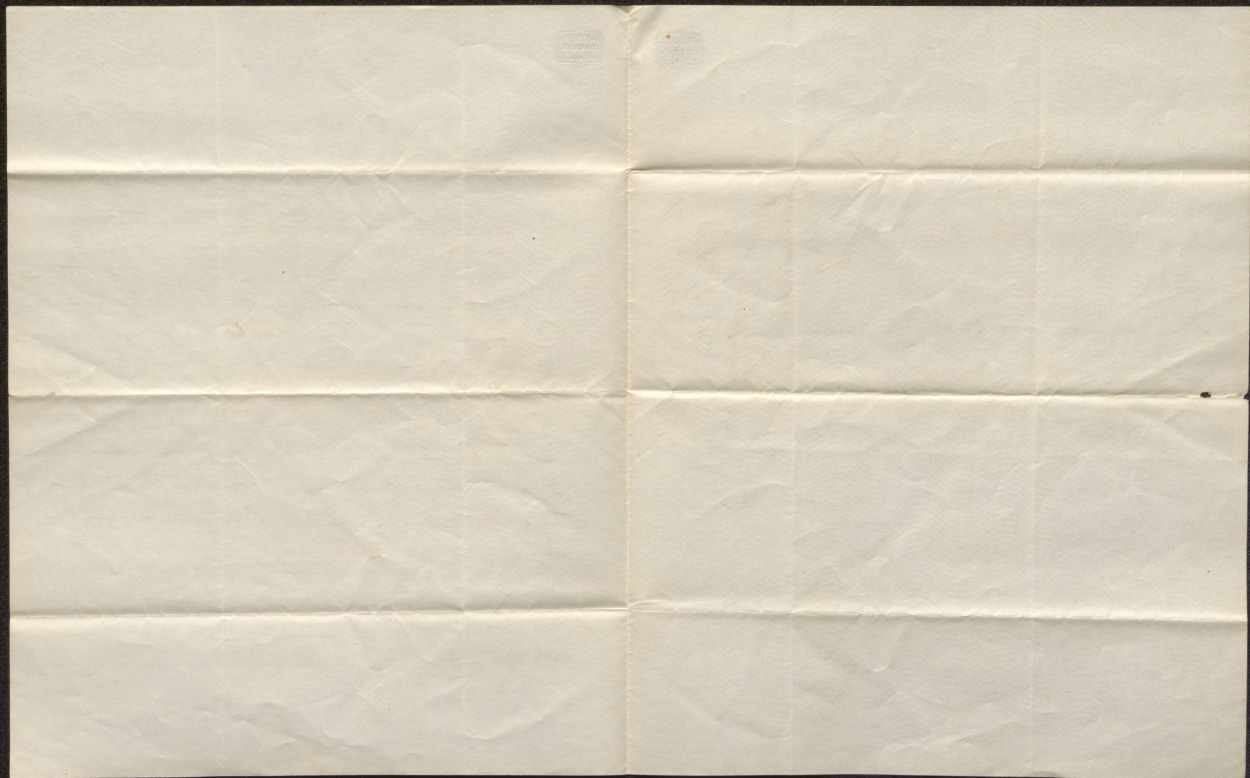
My Dear Sir

Allow me to introduce
Major Bradley the confidential
friend of Gen. Butler, and a fine
fuller of the most approved stamp.
His father was a first tier colonel
of my native town and himself a
fine fellow whom you will
soon like - He has all sorts of
business in Washington which I
hope you can help forward.
I am troubling you with letters but
thru it is a pleasure to find some
one to write them - Thank you
for all kindness to my daughter.
Yours truly
Amos Thompson

Anna J. Stephens
New York

March 18/87

Introduces Major
Bradley



Chicago. March 16th 1857.

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir,

At some time previous to the assembling of the Cincinnati Convention, an article appeared in the Times in which allusion was made to Mr. Buchanan as a Candidate for the Presidency. The publication of that article gave offence to some of that gentleman's friends, and the course of the Times was in consequence bitterly complained of. I do not now allude to this matter so much for the purpose of explaining how that publication came to be made, as for another and more important reason, still as you have never, to my knowledge at least, been written to on this subject before, and as a disposition was imputed in some quarters to misstate or greatly distort more of the matter than it was worth. It may not be amiss to inform you of the facts.

The article appeared at a time when we were in the midst of our differences with Loftis; it was not an editorial article, but a communication, written over the signature of S. Its author is a member of the Chicago Bar,

a gentleman, who was introduced to you for the first time, a few days prior to your departure from this city in November last. Whether the article was examined or not previous to its being put in type, I cannot say, my impression is that it was not, the great confidence we reposed in the judgment of the writer, probably then as somewhat of our guests at a time when our minds were occupied with our private affairs. When the proof sheet came in, in the course of the evening the allusion to Mr. Buchanan's name was struck. Both Mr. Shadham and I talked the matter over, and concluded that there was nothing in the article, that the most sensitive and ardent friend of Mr. Buchanan could complain of, more especially as it appeared as a communication without even an editorial endorsement, there are the simple facts, facts which I am willing to verify on oath.

Some days prior to the assembling of the Cincinnati Convention, Westworth, with a view to embitter the feeling between your friends and those of Mr. Buchanan, came out in his paper charging you with the authorship of the article, and stating that the original manuscript had fallen into his possession, and that it was in your hand writing. Knowing the falsity of the statement, and the frequency of such charges, a simple denial was given to the statement, by the Times, and there the matter was left eight of. //

// I have since learned however, and yesterday, from a source that I know to be well informed, that though the matter was thus dropped by us it was not so dropped by Westworth. The Times has sent forward to Mr. Buchanan a package containing what purports to be the original manuscript in your hand writing and an affidavit made by some of his tools that it was found among waste papers that had been swept out of the Times office.

Since his election to the mayoralty he has sent ten a communication to the Council; the original document was handed to me by the City Clerk for publication and I was startled at the resemblance between your handwriting and Westworth's. It is so close that an intimate friend could scarcely distinguish between them, but hearing yesterday the facts I have before related, the conviction flashed across my mind that Westworth had himself copied the article, imitating as closely as possible your handwriting, had it dropped at the door of our office and then taken up by one of his employees, named Hornish, who swears that he found it at the door of the Times establishment. I may be wrong in these conjectures but I feel pretty confident that I am

right. I do not know Sir, that you attribute any im-
portance to this matter, or that the President can be imposed
upon by such a professional villain as Wentworth. I have
thought it my duty at all events to communicate these facts,
the knowledge of which may enable you to remove an
erroneous impression from Mr. Buchanan's friends. If you
deem it advisable I will make oath as to the autho-
rship of the article and forward direct to the President.

The removals and appointments to the fed-
eral offices cause a good deal of commotion in the
city at the present time. The removal of Conlogg with I
fear play havoc with us. The Irish look upon it
with disfavour. It will be represented to them as an
intentional rebuke and an ignoring of their claims,
and Wentworth will not be slow to take advantage of
it.

I am Sir

Yours very respectfully
C. Cameron, Jr.

D. Cameron Jr
Chicago Ill
March 16/57
Postpaid



Washington March 16th

Mr S A Douglass

Sir

There is a vacancy
in the 4th Artillery Capt Whellock has given in
his resignation which is to take effect on
the 31 of this month.

My authority is from the adjt. Gen^l office. The
last appointments made were from civilian
life I have seen a soldier and earned my
commission in the field.

I remain Sir

Respectfully
Edwin C. Camp

Eliza Elmer
Washington D.C.
March 16/57
Wrote promotion in
the Army

Hon S A Longfellow
Washington

For

Judge S. C. A. Douglass.

Washington City.

the city of

the city of

A. C.

It gives me infinite
pleasure, dear Judge
Douglass, to present to
you Mr. Augustus
Merriss of Mobile.
One of my most valued
and long friends.
He is a friend.

Mr. Merriss goes
to Washington with the view
of obtaining the condoleance
of Congress, for which

he is exceedingly well acquainted,
lived, as he has been, (Columbia) sends you, and
merchants, and speaks the kind French
the French language, as though it were his native
tongue. Believe me, with the warmest
sincerity, your friend

I hope, dear Judge
Dingliss, you will do
me the favour to advance
interest, if it be
in power.

present me, in the
most cordial manner,
to Mr. Dingliss. I am
truly anxious to make

Columbia Walton & Co.

at New York

March 17th 1857.



Rochester March 17. 1837

Hon. S. Douglass

Dear Sir. Allow me to in-
troduce to your favorable notice, an old
Democratic friend. W. W. Postwick Esq
of the City of Auburn. Mr B. is desir-
ous of securing an appointment from
the Gov^t of the office of Register in
some district in a western State or
Territory.

I can most cheerfully recommend
him as a good business man, of fine
acquirements, of undoubted integrity as a
man, & a national Democrat. I
should be pleased to hear of his success
in the application.

Very Resp^{tly} Yours

W. G. Harvey

H. G. Warner
Rochester N.Y.
March 7/57

Introduces H. W.
Bratton of
Auburn N.Y.



Confidential

Chelsea Nov. 17, 1887

Dear Sir,

You are probably aware that I now hold the office of Dist. Atty. The office is worth but little in this State & yet there are reasons why I should be pleased with an re-appointment. A change in the office would give some of our Black Republicans so much satisfaction that I feel unwilling that they should be gratified. I have, however, procured no recommendation from political friends for the place. There are numerous letters on file in the appropriate department recommending me for another place which has been filled by the appointment of Mr. Sweeney. Birds the some of the members of the Cabinet know me personally & I think the President may not have entirely forgotten me. If the President is not disposed to appoint me under existing circumstances, recommendations from him would not probably make

any difference in the result. Those
gentlemen here who seemed to oppose
me for the office under other
circumstances have said to me that
if I decide to retain the place they
will continue. Still health & pressing
professional engagements have
thus far prevented my visiting
Washington. I hope to be there by
middle of next week & though my
time does not permit till the
first of office there may be action
had in the matter before my
arrival. . . If you should feel
perfectly willing to say a word for
me to the President & Mr. Sumner I
should be gratified. I will not ask
you to do this if you have for any
cause any objection for I presume
you are much troubled with similar
requests.

I am your obliged friend
L. B. Park

Hon. S. A. Dexter,
Washington.

S. B. Lee
Chelsea M.
March 17/87
Confidential

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Chicago, Ill March 17. 1857

Hon. L. A. Douglas

U. S. S.

Washington. D. C.

Dear Sir

I deem it necessary to communicate to you the following from plans very important facts.

In regard to myself or rather the "National Democrat" I hope to be able by aid of Col. Dixey, who is now at present, to arrange everything in the best way.

Col. Dixey wants me to write to you about Doctor Helmuth, as he is very anxious that something should be done for the same. He himself and many other prominent Germans are perfectly convinced that the statement by some of our Doctors concerning the abilities of Dr. Helmuth, is a slanderous one.

I had great trouble to value them, especially Dixey. So much is sure that you must try to give the Doctor one of the better Offices. He would accept either the collectorship of the custom-house or, if that is

impossible, become disbursing agent of the
Custom-house. (I believe that is the name of the Office). Col.
Diney will go bail for him to any amount necessary.
According to my own opinion is Doctor Helmutt
eminently qualified to fill any of these Offices.
Besides, the collectorship has been filled by two
Irishmen in succession. A German never has
had anything at all. The republicans try everything
to get the German over to their rank. The editor
of the "Staatszeitung" has been appointed public
administrator of Cook County, an office worth 3000
to \$4000 per year. The present City Collector is also
a German; his Office is worth \$10,000 to \$12,000 a
year. Dr. Helmutt is the only ^{German} Democrat for whom
an Office is asked. Col. Diney, especially is
especially against Messrs. Hayes, Price etc, who,
as in the late election, do nothing at all, but want
always the Office. He says that either one of them
has so little influence in the City, that he even
could not be elected to the office of a constable
by the popular vote.

I think it a matter of policy that you

provide for Doctor Helmutt. You will facilitate
my operations very much. Besides, Col. Diney
is very anxious that it should be done. Do me
the favour, dear Sir, and see what is to be done.

It may interest you perhaps to state
that I have received the commission as
Colonel in the staff of the Major-General, signed
by Gov. Bissell. I consider it ~~a~~ a matter of
importance as to my position amongst the
Germans. //

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant
Louisphade.

P.S. Except the two mentioned officers, Dr. Helmutt
will not accept any other.

Louis Schade
Chicago Ill
March 17 1857

Political about his
paper &c

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New York Mch 17 1857.

My dear Judge

Our friendly now in Boston from this City seem to be in a mail, and a departure from our original programme is contemplated and it may be for aught I know with reason, altho' I have not been ^{able} ~~able~~ to get it thro' my wool to my entire satisfaction.

Butterworth was to have been and has been put forward as our man and Townsend was to have been held in the background, the alternate. It seems however from Butterworth's statement that I had been named to the President and that even letter, have been written recommending him. ~~Who has been without~~ I thought and as you and I can well feel without his connivance.

Butterworth feels that the position in which I's name now stands, is detrimental to his prospects and an indirect support to Schell.

and he has thought it necessary
to ask Townsend absolutely to withdraw
his name as a candidate - This garrotes
our alternate and if Butler will stand
fall dead, as down stream rather faster
than would be pleasant to go - Now T.
is not an applicant, nor is he at least
of his own motion a candidate - He
has written a letter to the President
stating that the appointment of Butlerworth
would be satisfactory to the Democracy &
to himself and then stops - To decline
an appointment which he not applied
for - to refuse an office with which he
has not been threatened - I think rather
out of place - not to say ridiculous -

If the original programme was fixed upon
at your house I have written to Butlerworth
and to Bell to consult with you ^{or him} ^{not}
only in reference to the disposition of the
letter already written by Townsend but
as to future steps - If Townsend
and I are sure it is the same Butlerworth
taking the office it would more for the
cause than from any other stronger incentive
and of such vast importance does Mr.
T. esteem the matter that he wishes

to be considered entirely in your
hands and ^{ready} at any time to give his
cheerful assent to your views and to
defer without a single personal request
to what you may esteem the necessity
of the case - The Merchants here
are constantly urging by letter and
otherwise that the appointment should
be made from their own ranks and
the strongest men urge that course
even without naming candidates.!!
They say that they have ^{not} had a man
since the days of C. W. Lawrence and
that he was unexceptionable and that
they have plenty more of the same sort
left - This may go against Butlerworth -
but that is not Townsend's fault -

Now my dear Judge, you must give
our friends the benefit of your better judgment
upon this subject and I wish to direct
your mind especially to the point
whether or not we should withdraw
Townsend.

I have been confined to my
house for the last three weeks - else I should
have shown myself Always Yours
Edw. West

*I suspect our friends are to decide
in the fight about the collection that
they have before them the day of or*

E. C. Pratt
New York
March 17/57
Abner N. Dapkins

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