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Hall of the Northern Liberties Fire Company. March 18. 1837.

Whereas: The Hon. Stephen A. Douglas of Illinois while efficiently attending to the interests of the State, he so well represents in the Senate of the United States, has not been remiss of the interests of this State of his official residence; and Whereas at various times by the influence of his position and by generous contributions he has conferred lasting benefits upon this, the Northern Liberties Fire Company; therefore,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Company be, and are hereby tendered to the Hon. S. A. Douglas for the kindness and courtesy which have marked his attention to its interests, for the liberal manner in which he has contributed to its material prosperity; and for the consequent enlargement of the sphere of its usefulness, which this care for our Company has enabled it to make. -

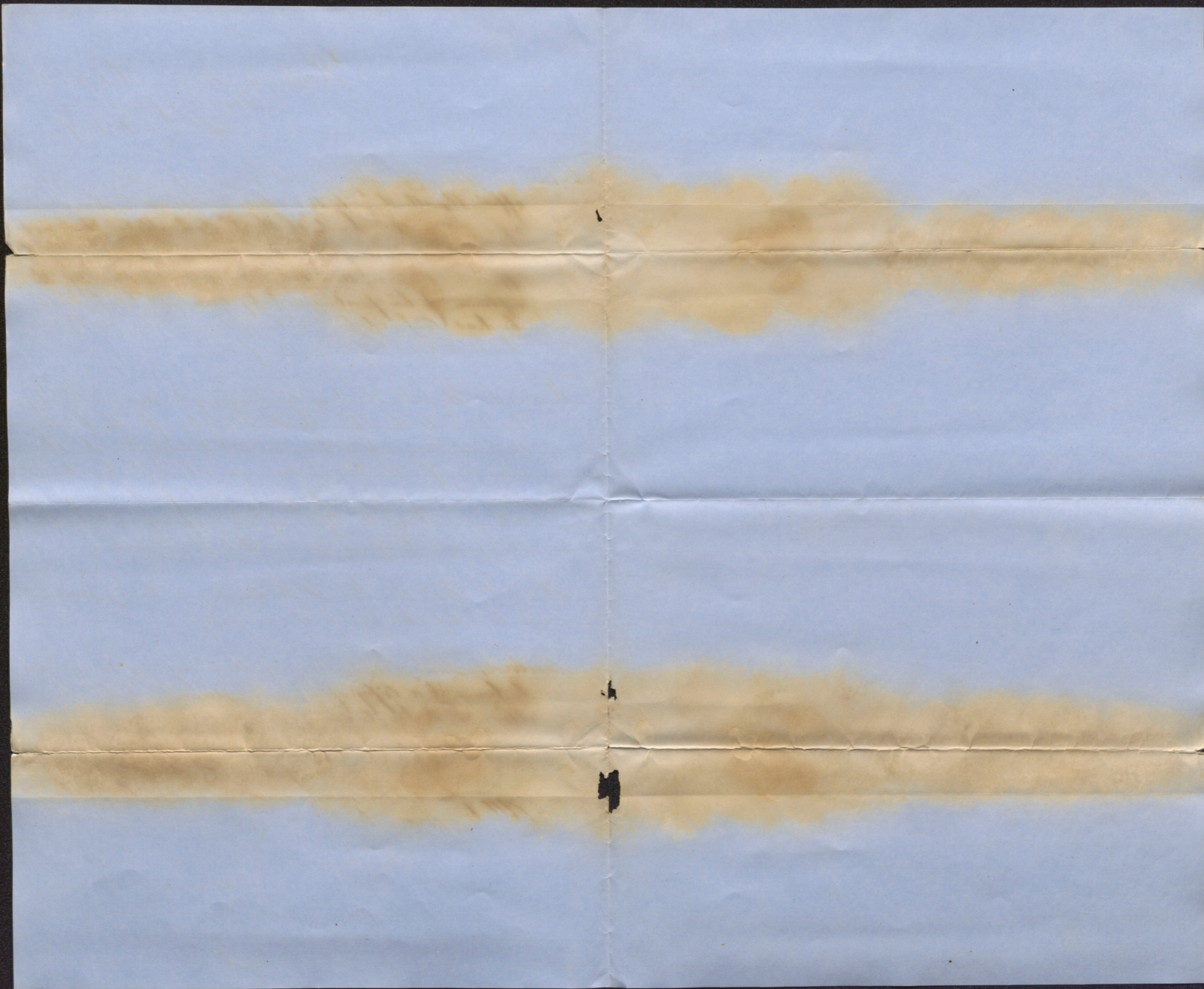
Resolved, That the Hon. S. A. Douglas is hereby declared to be a life Member of this Company.

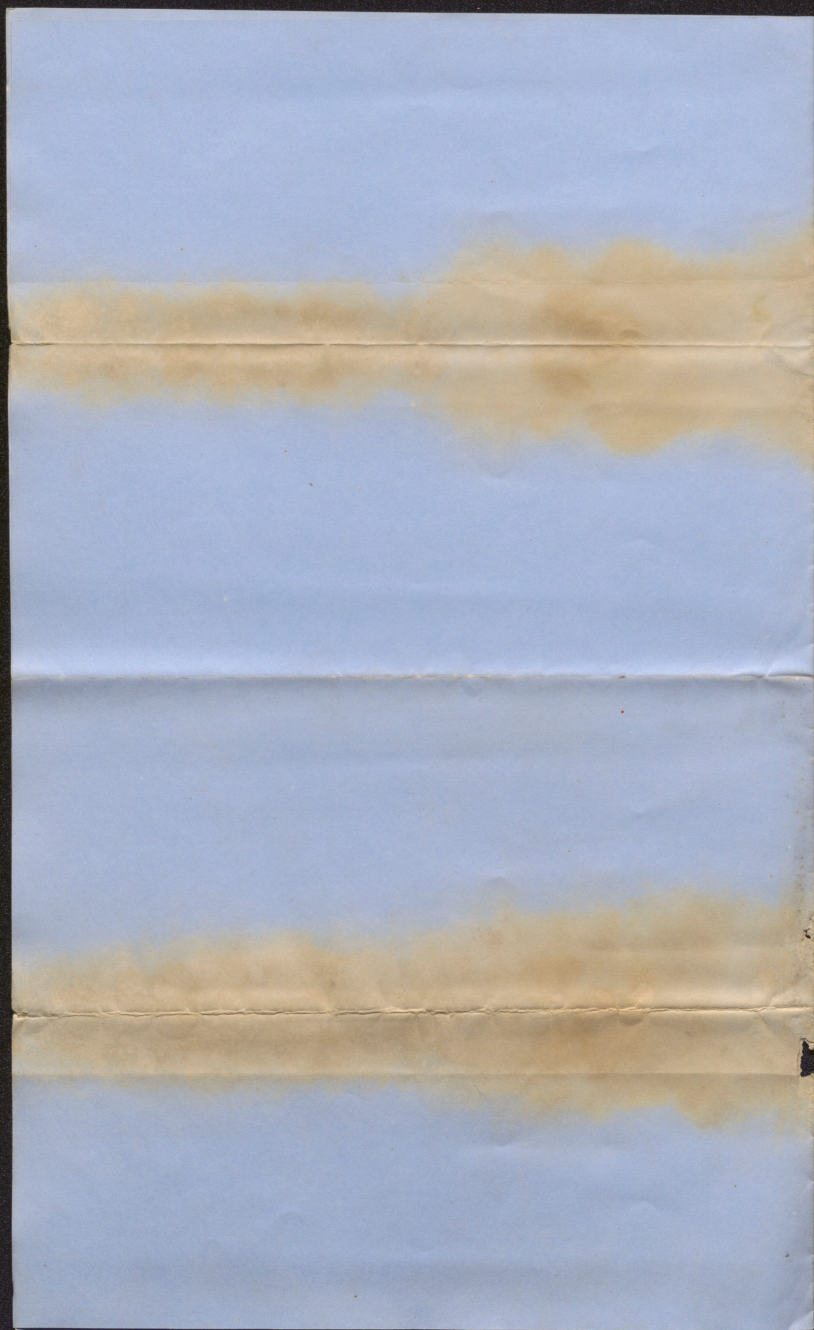
Resolved, That the Secretary of this Company be requested to transmit a copy of the above resolutions to the Hon. S. A. Douglas.

(Signed) J. T. Mallock,
 President.

Attest:
 J. C. Culverwell,
 Secretary.







Proctor Hotel

Washington, March 18, 1857.

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Washington

Dear Sir I have heard repeatedly since my arrival in this city of remarks you have made respecting me, that seem to evince so much personal, ^{and political} hostility towards me that it has occasioned me deep surprise. I cannot account for it except that you have been egregiously imposed upon by some one. I am not an applicant for any place from this administration and hence want nothing here - have been a political friend ^{of yours} for 18 years, and am conscious of having done ^{you} in my humble way, several acts of kindness and am not aware that I ever have upon any occasion solicited or received any favors from you other than ordinary courteous treatment. Under these circumstances I respectfully re-

grant you, verbally or otherwise, to advise
me previous to my leaving the city, which
will be in a few days - what I have done to that
has indeed no undebatable ground on your part to
oppose me.

Towards you I have none other than feelings of
kindness for your personal and political pros-
perity. - I have however no favor to ask from
you, and it may be even too humble to have
any to grant; but an understanding and expla-
nation of the cause of your hostility I feel is due
alike to you and myself. - It may possibly be
the means of preventing both of us from being im-
posed upon. - be truly, very respectfully
Yours obt. servt
J. A. Brown

Dr A. Brown
(of Melrose, Mass.)
Brown Hotel
March 18/84

About Some personal
Matters

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Confidential
Dear Sir:

Boston Mass. 18 March 1857.

The object of this letter is to present to you, George F. Emery Esqr., of Boston, Mass, now Appraiser General of the United States. I have known Mr. E. for several years past, as a good Democrat, and warm personal & political admirer of yourself. Being a New England man and an old friend of the late President, he very naturally desired his renomination, and his efficiency & sagacity in labouring to that end gave me a high idea both of the constancy & value of his friendship. His official position, calling him frequently to the different large commercial points of the Union, enabled him to be of great service in concentrating the action of those whose wishes accorded with his own, in reference to the Cincinnati nomination. His political tendencies and personal preferences all lead to a cordial cooperation with those who, like myself, consider your elevation to the Presidency indispensable for a proper vindication of the principles of our party: and his fidelity to an old friend is only a guarantee of the value which his friendship will have for your political supporters. His acknowledged excellence as an officer may prevent any attempt to induce the present administration to deprive him of his office; but I consider

his continuance in his present position of such
importance to your political friends, that I ven-
ture to ask for him, in case such an attempt
should be made, all such support as you may
feel yourself at liberty to extend to him.--

I remain, Dear Sir,

with the highest respect,

very truly yours

Thomas C. Reynolds

To

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas.--



Washington March 19th 1857
 Hon John A Douglass
 W. of Senate for

I regret that business compels me to leave for New York without an interview with You - I desire to give You a very full and correct statement of Nicaraguan affairs - I am advised by all friends of Nicaragua to advise with You before having an interview with the President or Cabinet.

I expect to return in a few days with our Ministers and wish to consult with You the propriety of his presenting his credentials - will You do me the favor to obtain the views of President Buchanan so that that on our arrival we will know what course to pursue = (99 out of 100) of the citizens of the United States are for us and the result of the next ^{American} Presidential Election depends on settling Central ^{American} affairs. //

C 42 Wall st NY Yours Respectfully M E Preaely

M. E. Bradley
(of Central American)
Washington D.C.
March 19 1857

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Bloomington Ill

March 19. 57

Hon J C Breckinridge.

Dear Sir - I hope
you will not consider me egotistical
in writing you this letter - And for fear
that you may have forgotten me permit me
to introduce my self into your notice I hail
from Madison Co Ky I was engaged in
the practice of medicine there for 8 years
and wrote to you frequently during
the political canvass for President also
during the Congressional race between
you and Seward I also met
with you in Lexington upon several
occasions - I moved to this place
in September And it is the universal
wish of the Democratic party of this
town that Carl Schurz be appointed
Rep Ind & Saxton has been
written to. We think it important
to sustain a Democratic paper in
~~the town~~ ^{the town} - We will oppose the
Administration - And we hope to be

gets the experiment the ~~officer~~ honest
informer. I hope well of necessity
be compelled to change hands. you
are aware of the services rendered
by real patriots to the Democratic party.
Please let me hear from you as
early as possible as convenient.
Success to you.

I am Sir, with the Very
Y^{rs}. S. Jackson

As the year runs a round
 o' this summer in the old
 I run no in to summer
 Like to your friend
 From the other side

of H. C. Pennington
 Andrews Dr Mason
 of Pennington Dr
 who states in favor of
 the R.R.

[Mar. 19 '57]

Senate Chamber

Washington 19 Mar 57

The Committee on Foreign
Relations will meet on
to morrow (Wednesday) @
10 O'clock.

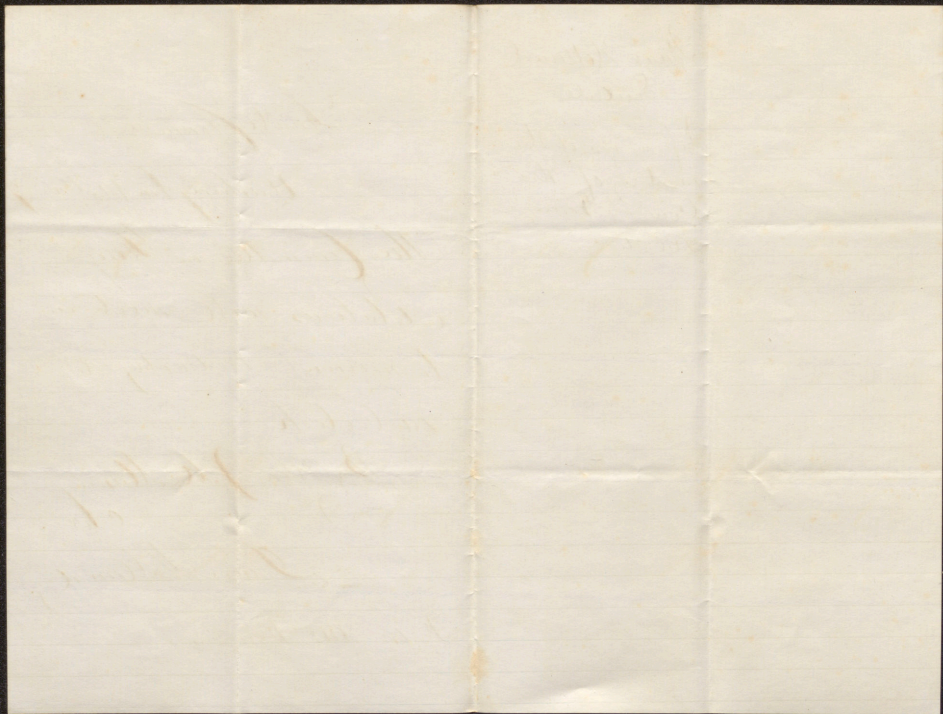
By Hon. J. M. Mason
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— Isaac Holland

Hon. Mr. Douglas

Barre Holland
Secretaire

Informes you of the
meeting of the
Com. on Foreign
Relations



Attorney General's Office
20 March 1837.

Sir:

Will you have the
kindness to furnish this
Office with the address
of William Weer the recently
appointed U.S. Atty for Kan-
sas.

Also, the address of
Elias S. Dennis, appoint-
ed Marshal for the same
Territory. I am

Hon S. A. Douglass
U. S. Senate

Very respectfully
J. S. Black

P. S. Black
Attorney Genl
Washington
March 20/57

Wants the P.C. address
of Wm Beer & E. S.
Drum's

Attorney Genl
Informed
March 21/57



Custom House, Chicago,

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

March 20th 1857.

My Dear Sir

The excitement in regard to Federal appointments is on the increase.

I thought I would enclose you an article on the subject clipped from this morning's "Times".

The appointment of Mr. Price as "Post Master" will doubtless give general satisfaction (to the masses).

Permit me now to say that Mr. P. was the only leading democrat (with the exception of Candidates for municipal offices) who used his best efforts to ensure a democratic victory in this city on the fourth of November last.

The "Custom House" seems to be "Head Quarters" for the news hounds of this city. Ex Mayor Dyer is around occasionally, secretly furious at all times to have a private conversation with Mr.

Cordly. Carpenter and others also occasion-
ally drop in, and by their constant
pestering, and direct ^{thru} questions came, him
no doubt to feel uneasy. Still I am
confident that ~~he~~ ^{he} has sense enough
to keep his own counsel. He feels that
whatever disposition may be made
of the "Custom House" will be for the
best. That you are his friend and
I know that his confidence in me is unlimited
and that he is politically and personally
your friend.

I saw Mr Cook this morning
he does not like Mr Price. Yet he is
better pleased that he (Mr P) should
receive the appointment than others
who doubtless were applicants.

I do most sincerely believe that Lewis
Cook is your friend. I feel that I have
reason to know this. His antipathy to
Mr Shaker has led him into many foolish
errors. He (Mr C) has always been kind to
me and in my presence has never dared

to speak of you, other than in the highest
terms of commendation and I do not believe
that he has spoken otherwise to others. His
ambition seems to have been to keep
the Post Office until the expiration of his
commission & no longer, & now resigns with
a good grace & with the best of feelings
towards yourself. I do not believe it would
be a difficult matter for him to co-operate
with you, in any way you might propose
to unite together the different factions of
our party in this city. I fear you do not
know the bitter animosity which now exists between
the leading members of the two factions of the
Democratic party in this city. They hate each
other bitterly, and as long as this feeling prevails
Chicago is in the hands of the Republicans or
rather the opposition. Long John is bound
to make his administration popular with the
masses. His appointments are good ones
there is now a good party in this city.
He has made appointments from the German
Irish & American citizens & the people are satisfied.

One word in regard to Ex Gov Mattison
He is ^(doubtless) working to obtain a place in the
U S Senate, & is Wentworth; stranger things
have happened than these two men working
in to each others hands. I believe that
I can see the drift of things in regard
to this matter. Mattison thinks that he
can obtain the influence of Mr Corio
and his friends & hope thereby to beat
you in the next contest. Wentworth will
not show his head at present

Excuse me if I have written
ought that was offensive. I feel that
I am actuated by pure motives

Weather still quite cold

Very Truly Yr friend
& old servant

To
Hon S. A. Douglas
U. S. Senate
Washington D C

Chas. J. Patton

Chas J Patton
Chicago Ill
March 26/57

Custom House, Chicago,

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

March 21st 1857.

Wm S Douglas
U S Senator
Washington

Sir

I had the honor to receive your telegraph this evening, stating that you had placed my resignation on file, and that my successor had been agreed on.

When I sent my resignation I was under the impression that the President had come to the determination of making a change in all the offices in this City. I learn since, however, that he is willing to make no change where the Commissioners are not expired. I feel fully confident that you are unwilling that I should be removed, but I will know that circumstances were brought to bear, in order to effect my

remove which it would not be prudent
for you to oppose, and that your unwilling
consent was given solely for the benefit
of the Democratic Party, already too
much distracted. And yet, afraid, Senator
Douglas, that I would most cheerfully, sacrifice
my own personal feelings, when my so doing
would in any way tend to obviate any
difficulty with which you might be surrounded.

I am, however, most anxious to retain
my office for were I to be removed at this time
it would be very hurtful to my feelings, so
for as pecuniary benefits resulting therefrom have
-earned I can but little.

I enclose herewith a letter addressed
to the President, withdrawing my resignation, which
I will thank you to deliver to him at the ear-
liest moment you possibly can, by your so
doing you will confer a great favor on
me. I adopt this course under the impression
that it will in any way conflict with
your action in connection with the Illinois
delegation. If the President should remove
me after withdrawing my resignation, it will

not make my case any worse than if
he did so with my resignation on file.

It has I now leave my case in
your hands, hoping this letter will reach
you before any action is taken.

I am,

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedt. Servant

Simon Canby

Philip Couly
Chicago Ill
March 21 1857

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Custom House, Chicago,

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

March 21st 1857.

To His Excellency
 James Buchanan,
 Pres. of the U. S.

Sir,

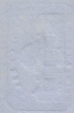
I have the honor to represent
 to your Excellency, that I have authorized Senator
 Douglas to file my resignation of the office of
 Collector of Customs for the District of Chicago, which
 I at present hold under a Commission which
 will not expire until the 9th of August 1860.

In tendering my resignation I was led to believe
 that it was the policy of the administration to
 make a change in all the Federal offices in this
 City, and although my Commission is not expiring
 I was willing to file my resignation, in order there-
 by to remove any obstacle that might embarrass
 the administration, so far as my office is concerned.

Subsequent events have led me to believe
 that it is your Excellency's intention to make no

removals where the Commissions are not
expired. I therefore most respectfully beg leave to
withdraw my resignation, which I am informed
has been already placed on file, and to state
I am a Candidate for this office until the
expiration of my Commission.

I have the honor to be,
Your Excellency's
Obedt. Servant
Philip Cordery
Collector



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Chicago March 22^d 1857

^{and}
Hon S. C. Douglas.
Washington City.
D.C.

Dear Sir.

I wrote you on the

15th instants. and as so many Reports are circulated in this city about you and your action, I again beg leave to call your attention to the subject of my former letter. One of the many Reports they now have in Circulation here about you, is that you do not give any correspondence your personal consideration unless marked private, it is stated that most all your correspondence unless so marked is committed to the fire without even an examination, by your Secretary. This Report is circulated here by your pretended friends and is doing you much damage. //

I Regretted that indisposition of my wife, and a pecuniary business at home prevented me from seeing you again while in Wash

-ington.

The subject of my former letter being in
Reference to a position for myself which would
take me away from here. You are well aware of
the condition of the party here at this time, and
as I find myself compelled to take an active
part either with one wing or the other of our party,
which might at times force me into the performance
of an unpleasant task. I would prefer to
be able to get away from here, provided I could see
my way through you a place as before suggested, say
the "Consulship, to Munich, in Bavaria, or Chief-
of-Las Chapelle, in Prussia, or the "Consulship
to Langiers, which is now held by a ^{new} Fill-
more man first appointed under ^{new} Fillmore,
afterwards removed and then again Reappointed
by Pierce, a man who is not entitled on any
account to the place.

It is unnecessary for me to call
your attention to the questions I have made
for you and your interests for my many
years, no man has been a truer friend to you
than I have, as well as my ^{father} and ^{brother},
I stood by you here, in trying times to you, in

portended friendship and mine like many gentlemen
in this place.

It is not my desire to embarrass you, and
this perhaps will be the last time that I shall address
you on this subject, whether I get an appointment
or not, I shall continue to be a Democrat, and give
my support to Democratic men and measures.

If you should think that
I have ever been of any service to you, and deserve
any consideration at your hands as a true and tried
friend, then I shall feel much satisfaction to know
that you appreciate my humble efforts.

Hoping to hear from you upon this subject, informing
me of your feelings towards me, and as to the chance
of success &c.

I Remain Sir,

Your true friend,

Samuel C. Weston.

P.S.

Much excitement and dissatisfaction seems
to manifest itself here in relation to the appoint-
ments at this point. Your portended friends seem
to be the loudest in their clamor, it is unnecessary
for me to mention names. S. C. W.



Samuel Ashton
Chicago Ills
March 22/57

Private

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~~Confidential~~

N. T. March 22/57

My dear Judge

I am without reply to my letter respecting the P. O. matter and in an interview I had last night with one esteemed friend George Burdett Esq. it was thought advisable I should apprise you that he & I had written you upon the subject.

I am fully aware of the delicacy of your position towards the present incumbent. I also in respect to appointments generally especially those of a local character out of your own State. But considering this a case sub generis - one of all others which would lay on your heart & affect your future interests. I have felt a compulsion that your fertile powers would be exerted.

to accomplish the object—

I am assured from very reliable
sources that the incumbent will
be rotated, if so— my friends can
by coming promptly to the rally
put me in — a consummation
desperately to be wished— see your
account as well as my own—

W. Smeloff is confident of
my success, but I do not see
it, if the "little giant," is
Prophie— I am Breakfast Le
give you no time to come to
think of me—

Kindest regards to your

Queen of a wife,

always. M. White.

S. L. F.

Har. S. L. F.

J. L. G.
New York
March 22/57

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Washington City D.C.
March 25th 1857

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,
Washington, D.C.
Sir,

At the request of
the Northern Liberties Fire Company of this City,
I herewith transmit a copy of Preamble and
Resolutions unanimously adopted at a Meeting
held by said Company on Wednesday evening
March 18th 1857.

Secretary

S. C. Culverwell
Secretary of
Northern Liberties
Company Washington
March 2nd 1841

Encloses a Series of
Preliminary Resolutions

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