Isaac Cullen
Springfield Ills
May 24 1857
Rec'd Same evening
Abraham Lincoln

Springfield, Illinois, May 24, 1857

Hon. Douglas.-

My very dear Sir:-

I am sorry to hear from Major Harris that you are again seriously affected with the same disease that kept you so long ill at Terre Haute. I assure you I deeply sympathize with you, and trust you may soon be restored to health.

I have had a very severe relapse, and to-day, for the first time am able to use my right hand for several days.

As it seems the Fates are against me, and that it is so ordered that I am not to be permitted to see you, I wish to say here very briefly a few words with regard to myself. It seems that the delegation, so Major Harris says, have recommended James W. Keyes, as Post-Master here, and I am therefore, as soon as my commission expires, to consider myself displaced

notwithstanding it was understood between you and I, that the Post Office was to remain undisturbed, and that I was to receive my support from that, whilst organizing the State for you benefit during the coming Session.

But it seems other counsels prevailed, and I am to consider myself out of office, so far as this State is concerned.

I cannot say that I am sorry, for I find my health so rapidly giving way in this ever-changing climate, that before I heard of this change in my office, I was just about asking you to change my position.

James C. Allen, I see is announced in all the papers for the next clerkship, and this I suppose was also agreed upon by the delegation. I am perfectly content.

You know I spoke to you some months ago in regard to an appointment abroad, in a genial clime where I might recruit the shattered energies of my constitution. I asked you then more particularly on my dear wife's account; I ask it now on my own as well as hers. There are now plenty of Pennsylvanians and it would indeed be strange if you "Secretary of War", as you were pleased to compliment me, for services I performed during the campaign just closed, should not be able to get a place worthy of the position he occupies in the State, as an active, energetic worker in the cause.

A Pennsylvania President will surely not refuse to a Pennsylvania soldier, the small boon of a healthy and lucrative position abroad to repair the damage done a constitution naturally strong, while serving with Pennsylvania troops in Mexico.

I therefore ask of you, my best and truest friend to make this application for me, and to secure for me such a position, and I beg, most earnestly beg, that you will grant me this request.

Will you permit me to briefly allude

to a few places that I should like to go to.

Change to Naples - Portugal, Switzerland, or perhaps they are called Ministers - the salaries are about $7000.

Consul to Liverpool, Havre, Glascow, London, Consul General to Alexandria in Turkey - Consul General to the British North American Colonies

In case Gregg is recalled from Honolulu as Commissioner, send me there.

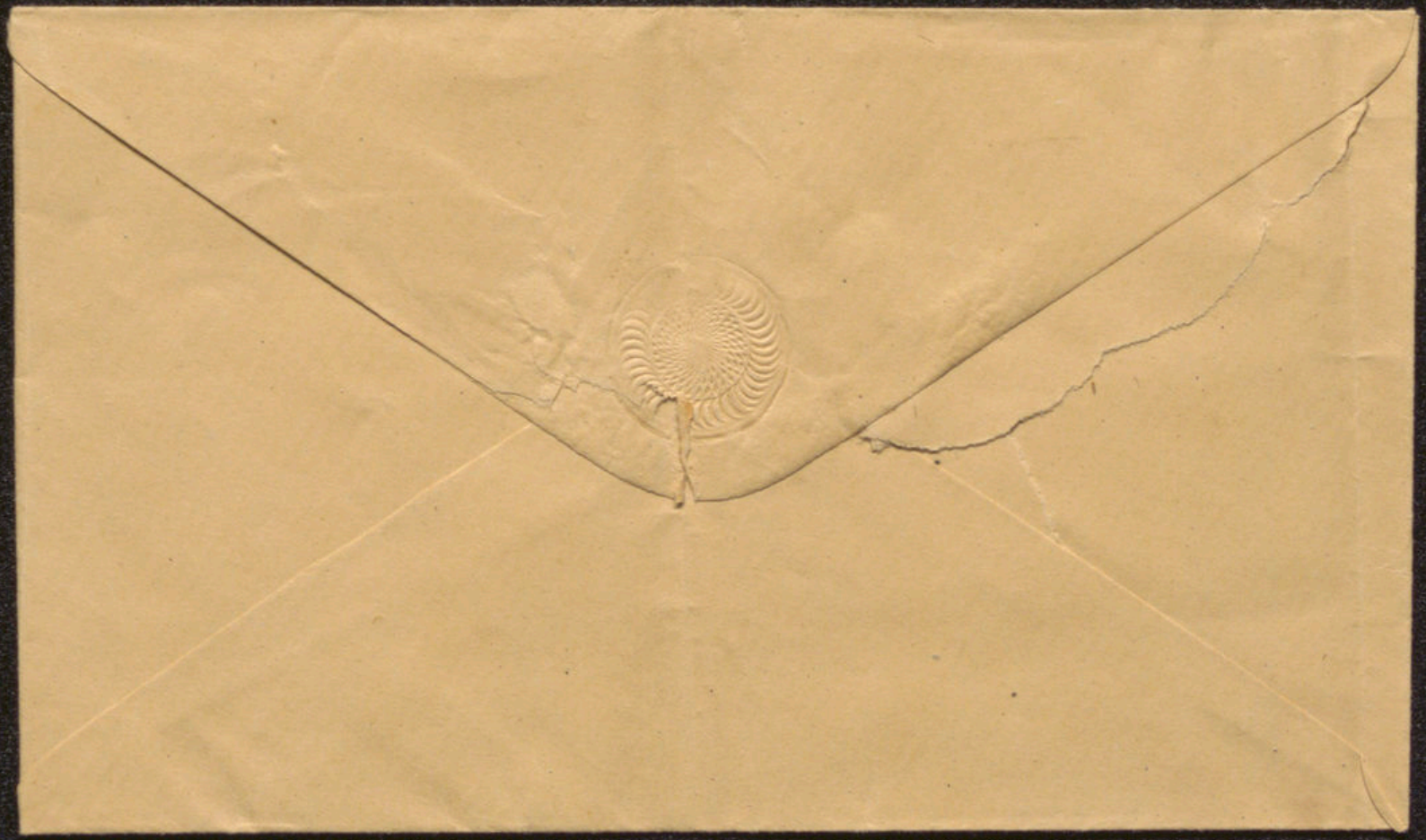
I ~~beg~~ you will not get frightened at my list, I merely put these places down because they pay tolerable well, and ~~the positions~~ are in healthy climates. Of all these places, I should prefer Naples, Portugal or Switzerland. If you desire it, I will have the whole delegation join in the recommendation. I will write more at length to-morrow. I trust you will be well enough to see the President, when you receive this. Sincerely yours

Isaac R Diller

Dr. Redder Please hand this to Judge Douglas immediately if he is well enough to read it

J. R. Miller

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



OFFICE OF THE

Daily and Weekly Chicago "Times."

Chicago, Ill., March 24 1857

Dear Sir:

Mr. Sheldon Route agent at the Milwaukee Rail Road, has resigned. I have heretofore recommended Samuel S. Kent, but the Department has made no appointment. Mr Sheldon has, at length been compelled to leave the business in the hands of a substitute; Mr Kent is now acting. I would be glad if you could have him appointed before you leave Washington.

Yours truly,

Jas. W. Sheahan

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

James M Sheahan
Chicago Ills
March 24/57

Recommends Saml S Kent
as Route Agent on Chicago
& Milwaukee R R in
the place of Shelden
Resigned

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New York 24. Mch 1857.

My Dear Sir.

I finally succeeded in getting my old claim settled with the P.O. Department and was obliged to leave, without reaching the other case at the Treasury Department, or calling to pay my respects and thanks for your kind assistance:

Referring again to the matter at the Treasury Department, relating to the proposal of Chas. Drummond, "in which I am the principal party in interest" for furnishing the site for Custom House and Post Office at Galena, I am doubly anxious to have the case reviewed on its merits, not only to avail of its advantages, but also to undo, and counteract the circumvention of our friend Washburn in the matter, who I am credibly informed managed by himself and through others, to have it represented that Drummond could give no title for the reason of a portion of the lot proposed being in Minor heirs &c, while the Davis Lot could be conveyed "free & clear" I have recently heard from Galena, that Davis is unable

to make or show perfect title to his lot. That the same is in litigation and subject to claims & counter claims that will prevent his being able to make a perfect title. In my case, in the name of Drummond. We are advised already that the title can be made free clear & perfect, in short order by Judge Drummond getting an order of Court or Probate Judge to sell the interest of the Minor heirs, at either Public or private sale, which can be done at once, so that perfect title can be given soon as wanted.

Now sir in all confidence of being able to make the title well as that our lot is by far the best and cheapest, while the location will better suit three fourths of all the Citizens of Galena, and that the partial intimation for accepting Davis lot can scarcely fail to be rescinded and reversed on merit & fair showing. You will confer a favor I shall ever be happy to reciprocate, if you will avail the Earliest convenience to call at the proper Office and see the proposals, Plats, maps &c Submitted by Davis & by Drummond

well as by Mann and Gray, and ask to have the case reviewed, solely upon merit, and the fact that Drummond can give full & perfect title, soon as wanted, = whereas the reverse has been strongly represented.

Your attention to this matter will add another to the many obligations heretofore, and which I now and ever shall be most happy to acknowledge & reciprocate.

I am dear Sir Your friend & Obt Servt

M. O. Walker

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

W. O. Walker
Chicago
New York
March 24/57

Private & Confidential

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"Confidential"

Should you succeed in opening the case and in having the proposition of Drummond accepted I will subscribe five hundred dollars to any object, use, or purpose, Political or Moral, through you or any other person you may advise, and will place the same at such disposal without further intimation, or ceremony. not as a reward, but as a charitable gratuity.

(Private & Confidential)

Indianapolis, Ind., Mar 25

Hon. S A Douglas

Dear Sir – Although a stranger to you, I beg that you will over=look any want of etiquette in my address=ing you. I am sure you will do so when you learn my reasons for so doing:

The bad faith with which Mr Bright has acted toward Gov. Wright, of this state, has created a vast amount of dissatisfac=tion and bad feeling in the Democratic ranks. This feeling is not confined to any particular locality, but extends throughout the entire state. It has un=doubtedly lost to Mr. Bright many of his heretofore earnest and hard=working friends – many instances of ~~whom~~ which I could name, were you acquainted with our polit=icians. There seems to be a determination among the people – the voters – to visit upon Bright a vengeance which will kill him politically, in Indiana. They are determined that if their will is disregard

=ed, and their wishes and expectations dis=appointed by his manouvering, that they will disappoint him, in his "towering ambition." So much for Bright.

It has been proposed by many of our leading men, among them several of the State officers, and quite a number of the County officers and members of the Legislature, that a newspaper be started at Indianapolis to advocate your claims for the Presidency in 1860. Such a paper would find supporters in every county in the State — many of them, too — and an echo in two=thirds of the democratic news=papers in the State. It could be made to weild an influence which would tell with effect in a canvass, or as the moulder of public sentiment. And, unless I am much mistaken, ~~would~~ it could be made the instru=ment of defeating all of Bright's plans.

I need not assure you of a fact of which you are already aware: that it was Bright who in=fluenced the vote of Indiana against you in the Cincinnati Convention. He will be a candidate for the nomination for the Presidency in '60. He will struggle hard to secure the vote of Indiana. But a paper here, at the State Capital, which would expose Bright's tergiversations — his dodges of every vote on the slavery question since he has been a Senator — his false promises to men to secure their influence in a canvass — his vote and bribe on the Collins Steamship bill, and many other acts which he has managed to keep hid from the people — would kill him so dead in two years that he'd never kick again.

I propose to publish such a paper, assisted in the editorial department by gentlemen of firmness, talent and abil=ity. I have for three years past, until within a few months, been one of the editors and proprietors of the Daily State Sentinel of this city; have been a regular correspon=dent for the Daily St Louis Leader, the N.Y. Day Book, Boston Post, and Louisville Democrat. I am also the publisher and com=piler of the Democratic Almanac and Political Register for 1857. I am in all respects com=petent as a newspaper man — am a practical

printer, and have been an editor for eleven years. With my party I am popular - knowing, personally, all the politicians of our State, and believe I have their confidence and esteem. I am satisfied I could make the project "go" and raise, in a few months, a list of subscribers double that of Mr. Bright's present organ, the State Sentinel. I can give you such letters, if required, as to satisfy you fully of the truth of all my statements. Indiana for you for President, would be to you a great advantage in the contest

You will please communicate to me your views of the establishment of the proposed paper

I am,

Very Truly, Yours,

C. W. Cottom

Hon S. A Douglass

C. W. Cottom
Richmond Ind.
March 29/60
Private & Confidential

Fairport Ms March 25-57

Sir

Referring to my letter to you of the 21st ult enclosing with a note from Johnson of Pecatonica I'll please find herewith the petition therein mentioned. I presumes it has been forwarded ere that date & only learned on seeing Johnson today for the first that it has not gone forward

Mr Bedder will note that in Manner & Matter it will suffer none in comparison with the petition he has on file against Johnson

Johnson is a most worthy, thorough going hardworking democrat & there would seem to be very reason in the world against his removal

Yr truly your friend

J. W. P. Brown

Hon S. A. Douglas
U S Senator
Washington City
D.C.

H. M. S. Brawley
Freeport Ills
March 25/57

Encloses Resolutions
against the removal
of Johnson as P.M.
at Pecatonica Ills

Remonstrance filed
in Department
April 9 1857

WINDSOR

Burlington
March 25. 1857

My dear Sir.

This will be handed to you by my friend & relative B. Barton Esqr. He is & for the last four years has been the Chairman of the Dem State Committee of Vt. for some years the leader of the democratic party in our Legislature. Was a delegate at large to the Cincinnati Convention, & was that wanted to vote for you in the first instance. He will tell you all about Mere matters & things in Vt & you

many have full confidence in his representations present & future. He wants no office, but goes to Washington at the request of many influential democrats from all parts of the State. I have written a letter to you which Mr B. will show you. With you I know such advice said in carrying out the wishes of the Democrats of your native State, as you consistently can. As this under all circumstances may improperly in asking the consideration of Maj Buchanan - I have given Mr Buchanan a letter to him which I hope you will deem it not as improper in giving advice. Please present to your accomplished lady the warmest regards of Mrs S. & myself

Truly yr friend
D. A. Smalley

Hon. J. A. Douglas
Washington
D.C.

D. A. Smally
Burlington Vermont
March 25/57

About Vermont matters

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Custom House, Chicago,

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

March 26th 1857.

My Dear Sir

I fear at times that you may disapprove of my writing to you as I do, in regard to individuals, who are politically and perhaps personally your friends. While at other times I have taken the liberty of writing to you my views in regard to matters and things which have come under my observation & you have not reproved me for it. Therefore I have this winter presumed to write to you and to state to you impartially my views in regard to politics, & politicians of this city. So thus I have been at all times a "non committal" altho. many no doubt consider me an "Anti Lincoln man" from the fact that I could not agree & do not at this time like Mr Sheahan While they are mistaken. I have reasons for disliking Mr Sheahan personaly, but politicaly

he is at this time my friend

I would now write to you in regard to the appointment of Mr Line as "Post Master" Line I write to you his appointment has been confirmed & those aspirants to [illegible] office who are disappointed are not [illegible] dissatisfied, but the masses, the people are satisfied and believe the [illegible] to be a good one. It is now generally believed, that no other appointments for this city will be made till you arrival in Chicago Nothing all is again quiet

Permit me to state to you that when the report came to this city that all federal officers had been removed Mr Dyer called on Mr Conley, to sympathize with him & asked him what he would do if the report was true & intimated that you were acting false to friends

I do not know how you may feel towards Mr Dyer, but I do most sincerely believe that he is playing you false. I could prove to you that his actions at the Cincinnati Convention proved him to be a double shuffler & I have no doubt that the Hon A Henry Jones would tell you as much

You late speech in the U S Senate was all. If you would send one thousand I would distribute them through the state. I would do this through the mail agents, I wish you would send me all you can spare. you should be well satisfied that they are well distributed

I trust that yourself and lady may arrive safe in Chicago

Excuse this badly written letter I have not time to copy

Very Truly

Your friends

& Obt Servant

Charles P. Bullen

Hon S. A. Douglas

U. S. Senate

Washington

D.C

P.S. We are now having a spell of warm weather!

[illegible] Butler
Chicago Ills
March 26/57

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Isaac R. Diller
Springfield Ills
March 27 1857

Springfield Ills
March 27, 1857.

My very dear Sir:-

Notwithstanding the "Register" may say "amen" to the rumored appointment of Col. McClernand to Russia, I can assure it is a perfect damper to the Democracy. Since I have been sick many of the leading Democrats of the State have been to see me, and the news is anything but gratifying to them. His great anti-Nebraska speech at Alton is not forgotten, and I am informed copies of it has been lithographized and sent to the President. He can do no harm if he ~~has~~ does not get an appointment. There is no necessity for conciliation in his case.

John McConnell it is also reported, is recommended for a foreign appointment. For the sake of the party I hope this is not true. The reasons must be as well known in Washington as here.

As a Democrat I have no objection to Keyes as Post-Master, but I fear Harris will find that when he calls on him for help in this City or County

or District,
he will find himself counting without his host. His first move will be to take the Post Office away up beyond the business portion of the town, and thus compel the great body of the merchants to go out of their way before a whim of his. This will ~~create~~ create strife, animosity and bitterness, and hurt the party, by destroying its harmony. The attempt of Sanphia to compel the whole town to bend to him about the location of the new Post Office, has already done much to divide the party — that however will subside after the Department shall have made the location, which ought to be done at once.

Ever since Keyes, as Justice of the Peace, allowed Delos Brown to escape on bail after murdering Glascock, he has lost all strength here, and I do not therefore consider his appointment the best that could have been made.

Capt. Connelly the Register ought not to be re-appointed. He never had any influence and he has less now. There is great complaint among persons doing business at the Office as regards his want of courtesy and accommodation, and his charging for every little service that has heretofore been done cheerfully for nothing. Again, whilst last Campaign, with a salary of about $1700 I paid out over $800 of my own money, and Curran nearly as much, Connelly and Connor with $3000 each as a salary, gave but fifty dollars, for the whole campaign, and there is still some $300 of Bills to pay, which the people are dunning me every day for. I would like to know if these are the kind of men to keep in office; yet I am displaced after all my hard work and spending money, and circulating documents, and such men as Keyes, Connelly & Connor and I suppose Dixon, retained.

William T. Barret should have been the Register, Charles R. Hurst, Receiver, R. W. Dillon, Post Master, and Tinney D. Preston of Richland, Marshal for the Southern District. Then you would have had men in office, who could help pecuniarily and influentially, and would always be willing to do it. These names have been presented and

spoken of by many Democrats in the City and County; and they could have kept Sangamon County certain for the Democracy for all time to come. as things now stand it is exceedingly uncertain.

John Connelly, I showed not, and I hope will not be appointed superintendent of the new Post office. He is not a master-builder, he is a very common carpenter - and like all his family ~~is~~ unpopular and without influence. If Thomas J. Dennis does not get the Contract to Build the house I hope you will aid in getting him the superintendency. He deserves it, and is a fine architect.

Last though I hope in your estimation not the least, myself. I trust you will do you utmost to give me a handsome position abroad. You may depend upon it the Democracy of Illinois will be gratified at anything you may do for me. My health is still quite feeble. Hope you are better

Yours sincerely

Hon. J. A. Douglas. Baack Keiller

Oroville Butte Co Cal
March the 27 / 87

Mutch Esteem Friend these
few lines wait upon your
Honor to inform you that I
am in the State of Cal,
I left your State in 53
my health has been very
delicate in this Country
Yours with respect
John K Sharp

Reference
M. M. Dill Paris Ill
S. Sutherland do
M. O'hair do
Jacob D Earley Terre haute Ind

John R Sharp
Oroville Cal
March 27/57

Informs you that he
has removed to Cal

Hon Stephen A Douglas

Dear Sir

Allow me to introduce to you my worthy friend Mr P Bromly of Rochester New York one of the Democratic Alderman Elect – any assistance you can render him will confer a great favor upon your Democratic friends here – and also will be very highly appreciated by Mr Bromly he is a Democrat of the right stamp

Respectfully yours

Sen Benedict

Rochester N.Y.
March 27/57

Levi Benedict
Rochester N.Y.
March 27/87
Introduces Wm Bromly

P.O. Galena Ills
Mar. 27th 1857

Friend Walker
Chicago
Ills

It is with great pleasure that I now return you my sincere thanks for your assistance to me while at Washington.

I had a letter from Judge Lockey at Washington giving me full details and I am satisfied had it not been for you and Lincoln I would have gone up.

I cannot imagine what Howard brought to bear on the Ills. Delegation for last summer Jackson of our City tried to have me removed and Howard remonstrated against it and signed my Petition and wrote a strong letter to Judge Douglas for me, and I do not see how he

could say any thing more after saying so much to Douglas for me some time ago. He is here now and feels disappointed as he was sure of bringing his commission home with him. Our Citizens are greatly outraged at the result and are protesting against it strongly. I had a powerful recommendation and endorsement by Wm. M. Jackson of McHenry Co. who also wrote me a strong letter to Douglas and also wrote one to the Pm. General. besides numerous letters written by our strongest Democratic Citizens in my favor.

Howard has no character here and the people have not the least confidence in him. and I now think that if he does not get his commission until fall he never will get it and he now begins to think the same. My term does not expire until the first of october and I hold a second commission until the first of augt. 1858.

I dont hear any thing about the lot. Davis has been hedging old claims against it and I dont think that he can fix a title I dont know if he has sent on his Deed or not I know he never mailed it in our office, but all think here that he never can perfect a title in it, Howard done all he could for Davis in order to get his lot. I shall always feel under obligations to you for your kindness and I wish you will still do all you can with the Judge as he can fix it I have brought some strong influence to bear on him and I know that if Howard does not get it until fall he never will. Do all you can for me and depend on it I shall not forget you - write me

and let me know what are the prospects in regard to the lot.

Hoping that you are well and expecting to hear from you soon I remain your friend

B. Gray Jr.

Referring to No 14. in the foregoing and letter, endorsing the same.

Confidentially referred and submitted, by your friend & servt

M. O. Walker

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

Apl 8. 1857

Mr O. Walker
Chicago Ills
Under 27/57

Refers a letter from B. Gray Jr. at Walnut Ills

Can^a 28 March 1857

Hon S. A. Douglas
My Dear Sir
On mutual friend
George M Horton Esqr of
Geneva goes to Washington
in favor of the appointment of
Stephen H. Parker
as Post Master at Geneva
Parker is your man
nowd for 1860 — True as
steel — A word or two
from you to the Post Master
General would do the business
Please regard this letter
as private —
I hope you are well
Most sincerely Your
J M Howell

T W Howell
Canandaigua NY
March 28/57

Private

Mechanics Hall,
Washington Pa
March 28/57.

To the Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

The undersigned com. of the Mechanics Institute have the honor to inform you that at the last meeting of the Institute, you were with a highly flattering unanimity Elected an honorary of the Institute

Yours Respectfully

V. B. Brackney,
Jno. G. Ruple,
Geo. McClelland.

Corr of Mechanic's
Institute
Washington Co
Penn

Invite your attention
to your election as
a member of this
Society — S E H

OFFICE OF THE **Michigan Central** RAIL ROAD Co.

Chicago March 29 1857

Hon Stephen A Douglas

Dear Sir I was to Marshall yesterday & saw our old friend Pratt he felt about as well as he did when we were at his house the time we had the big meeting there - & I am very happy to think he got his appointment -
Dear Sir I would ask a small favour of you if it is not to late in the day - I should like to have my son Norman E Hahn appointed to the office of Post master on the cars - on some of the routs running out of Chicago - I have brought him up a thorough democrat & he wants an appointment on one of the routs & it would please me very much if he could get one - he is 24 years old & well qualified for the office. & If you think best I should like to have the appointment myself as Surgeon to the recruiting station in our city it pays but

a small salary - but it is better than
nothing - & I have pulled in the traces
a great many years & never have had
any appointment from the democratic
party - the reason I ask for it is that
the present incumbent - I understand is
rather on the republican order - so
much so that he voted for Long for Gov
If you think it is worth while for me
to try for either of the appointments I
hope you will let me know what course
to pursue whether to have a petition
drawn up with some few of our
leading men on or whether your influence
will be sufficient you can vouch for
my democracy - I suppose for my capability
as a surgeon - my son can obtain recom-
mendations from the best men in the city
and in Michigan as to his character for honesty
veracity & sobriety - I hope I may hear from
you on the subject - direct to box 1030
Bills appointment gives general satisfaction
here except with Cook - I believe: I remain
very truly your most obedt servant James A Jackson

James F. Hahn
Chicago Ills
March 29/57

Wants his Son appointed
Route Agent on one
of the Routes leading
from Chicago Ills

Attended to as
directed
Recommended
April 10/57

Mr C. E. Stewart
New York
March 29/57

Private

New York
March 29, 1857

Hon S. A. Douglas
Dear Sir

Since conversing with you at my room I have considered more carefully the Kansas affair, and while I think Walker will do all in his power to preserve, not only peace and quiet there, but the rights of all its inhabitants also, yet I am positive, that all this, does not in the least render the additional measure we talked of, any the less indispensable. The registration of voters will be completed before Walker or Stanton can get there & do anything. Were they there now they could not secure fairness. It is impossible under the law with such men to execute it, as now possess that authority. But I go further still. No matter how fairly it can be executed. It is premature, & the condition of the northern feeling is such, that the charge of unfairness raised by the republicans

though ill founded or unfounded, would prove as disastrous to us politically, as if it were true.

I do not believe Kansas can be admitted under a constitution formed now and in [illegible] whether admitted or not, the [illegible] alike ignominious to us. The only solution I [illegible] be found, in pursuing the course you and I agreed upon, is by insisting that in all cases an enabling act must first emanate from Congress.

I have talked with some of our wisest and most prudent men whom I have met here, and all agree, that such a course will save us and that no other can. For myself I am as confident of it, as of my own name. Utter destruction awaits the democratic party in the north [illegible] unless this course is early taken [illegible] adhered to. You and I can do this [illegible] We can bring our party in the Senate to the support of this ground, if we unflinchingly stand by it ourselves. There are two reasons why I shall do it. The first is it is right in itself. Which ought always be reason enough. And the other is, that it is the only mode, in which, what there is left of the party in the northwest, can [illegible] the success of this measure, or our [illegible] will be the certain result.

I have written you thus frankly, because my convictions are clear, and because, your fate and mine politically hang on this thread.

And because also, I feel, that there are at this time stronger political ties existing between us than between any other man & myself.

This ground fairly taken & firmly held could easily persuade the people of Kansas to forego action, till their population is sufficient, and all congress shall give them the proper authority. We can never [illegible] the people of the propriety of admitting Kansas to an equal voice with them in the Senate, (if there were nothing else in the way) when they have only 35,000 population at most. That argument in the hands & mouths of the republicans in such States as ours, & more

especially in N. Y. Penn, & Ohio, would prove too potent for us under the present excitement –

I have seen several from our section, and they all say, that the excitement is increasing both in amount and intensity, in consequence of the inaugural and the Dred Scott decision –

Every northern democratic senator would join us in taking this ground & that fact would bring in the southern men – But why hesitate, we are annihilated if we do not, and saved if we do – I know there is a strong feeling in certain quarters of the great strength of this administration – I hope it may prove so – But at the same time I am forced to the opposite conclusion by past & passing events –

My wish is otherwise, but my opinion is, it cannot sustain itself, throughout its term –

Of course all I have said is strictly confidential and I would to God, it were unnecessary also –

But sir it will prove true as holy writ, whichever course shall be pursued – On one side there is salvation, on the other inevitable ruin –

Yours truly Chas. G. Smart

Write me at Kalamazoo –

Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 29/57

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

I have partly written to you, by the mail, of the usual monthly part, & confidently, asked your kindly attention, to a matter of much personal interest to myself. Prior of course to my reappointment, I sent to you what I supposed would be sufficient testimonials, that I had omitted in my first here nothing that was incumbent upon me — My fate, I presume, is hope this determined — though some time must elapse, before I will certainty know.

The act of August 18, last by Congress, allowing Courts to be held, at only three places in a Territory, will operate severely within my district in almost every respect so far as the inhabitants and persons are concerned, who must attend the Terms. It includes the entire region of the Rio Abajo or New Mexico, as we sometimes say the Lower Mississippi, to distinguish from the Upper portion. So Rio Abajo, distinguishes that portion of our Rio Grande, from the Rio Arriba or Upper River — being the portion above here of the same River. Rio Abajo is the most wealthy and cultivated portion, many of the owners of Mexican

same as here. We will heavy and important law suits are here. The people are more Americanized. There is no hostility here, visible, between our Mechanics - the business men here, are mostly Mexicans. Settlements lie along upon the mountains 15 - 20 - and 30 miles East of the River - There also are villages 60 & 75 miles to the north. Here are some of the well citizens, and well educated, Mexicans. Prestler. From the most northern settlements in my District they continue down including Mining towns, upon each side of the River through the Counties of Bernalillo, Valencia and Socorro. for about 130 miles. near to the mouth of the Gila. This is properly El Rio Abajo, and is the most highly cultivated portion of the Territory, in Vineyards of grapes, and in fields of wheat & corn. This Valley, is unsurpassed in healthiness & the temperature, is generally delightful. When we reach La Gila, we then turn our Teams, dayyond (desert as to timber and community water) for 90 miles to the Dona Ana County Settlements, and within about 10 miles come to the populous settlement of La Mesilla on the west side of the River. From thence we go down to Texas. and immediately out of Cerpus Christi 1844 for Rio Grande people - over the lower County of El Paso in Texas majority in my district. Here there are the settlements at Tucson 300 miles west of the River and there at Ft Stanton as much as 150 miles East all included within my district. Thus again there is perhaps double the number of cases annually in this District than in all the balance. Under the new arrangement Judge Burns has two Term of two weeks each — one month yearly - Judge Beaverpurt two terms of four weeks each two months yearly — which I have two Terms Jan, 10, and Second five months yearly - You under why a more equal distribution is not made - I answer because no portion of my people are willing to see Judge Beaverpurt &c (not Rosa Weir) come as to my city I am perfectly willing to be employed with a contented people constantly. and gradually improving in all the ways of free government.

Now, Sir, in this immense District, I am confident, as are writers and the people, to one place to hold Court. I have selected Socorro, the first suitable town on this side of the Gila as the most central as to population. distances and business to hold Court. I think, however, Congress has remedied the condition of the people between the Gila and within the Gadsden purchase. I saw a Element of your bill for a new District Judge &c. There was no mute fission and propriety in the measure I cannot doubt it now is a statute. I need the people. their new Territory Judge, and not mind, I doubt not, an outrageous misrepresentation as to number sent to Washington. The plan of a new District &c is a wise one. I hear of a New Treaty of limits with Mexico. If so, I commence you with letter - through those matters interest the Territory

I have the honor to remain as your Truly Yours &c

Kirby Benedict

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Santa Fe N M
March 29/57

NOTICE.

United States of America }
Territory of New Mexico. }

Supreme Court
January 7 1857

The Judges of the Supreme Court of the Territory of New Mexico, being now assembled at Santa Fe the place of holding said courts, do in open court at a session thereof order and fix the plan of holding the United States district courts for the third judicial district in said Territory to be until otherwise provided at the town of Socorro in the county of Socorro in said district.

The summer term of said court shall commence on the first Monday of June in each year and continue for ten weeks unless the business shall be sooner concluded.

The fall term shall commence on the second Monday of October of each year and continue for ten weeks unless the business shall be sooner concluded.

It is further order that all causes civil and criminal and all things pertaining thereto now pending in the district courts in any of the counties of said district be transferred to said court at the place above appointed and that the same be prosecuted in all respects to a full and perfect conclusion therein.

It is further ordered that these orders be translated into the Spanish language and that the clerk cause them to be published in both languages in the Santa Fe Gazette for the period of six weeks successively—and that the clerk forward copies to the Probate Judges of the several counties to be posted upon the doors of the court houses.

A true copy of the order given on the 21st day of February A. D. 1857, and now on record in my office.

AUGUSTUS DE MARLE,
Clerk of the Supreme Court
for the Territory of N. M.

AVISO.

Estados Unidos de America }
Territorio de Nuevo México. }

Corte Suprema termino de Enero 1857.

Los jueces de la Corte Suprema del Territorio de Nuevo Méjico reunidos ahora en Santa Fé, en cual lugar se tiene dicha Corte, mandan en Corte abierta en una sesion de dicha Corte y fijan el lugar en el cual se ha de tener la Corte de Distrito de los Estados Unidos por el tercer Distrito Judicial en dicho Territorio hasta de otro modoproveido en la ciudad de Socorro en el Condado de Socorro en dicho Distrito.

El termino de verano de dicha Corte comenzará el primer lúnes de junio de cada año y continuara por diez semanas a menos que los negocios sean antes concluidos.

El termino de otoño comenzarà el segundo lúnes de Octubre de cada año, y continuará por diez semanas amenos que los negocios sean antes concluidos.

Esta mandado ademas que todas causas civiles y criminales y todas las cosas pertenecientes ahora pendiente en Corte de Distrito en cualquiera de los Condados de dicho Distrito sean transferidos a la dicha Corte al lugar arriba determinado y que las mismas sean en todo respecto presentado a una conclucion entera y perfecta en esta Corte.

Esta mandado ademas que estas ordenes sean traducidas en el idioma Español y que el Secretario de la Corte tomará medidas para publicarlos en la Gaceta de Santa Fé por el termino de seis semanas consecutivamente—y que el Secretario de la Córte mandará copias a los Jueces de Pruebas de los varios Condados para que sean puestas en las puertas de las Casas de Cortes.

Copia verdadera traducida del original en Ingles, y dada el dia 21 de febrero.

AGUSTIN De MARLE.
Secretario de la Corte Suprema del Territorio de Nuevo Méjico.

Juez Benedict
Distrito