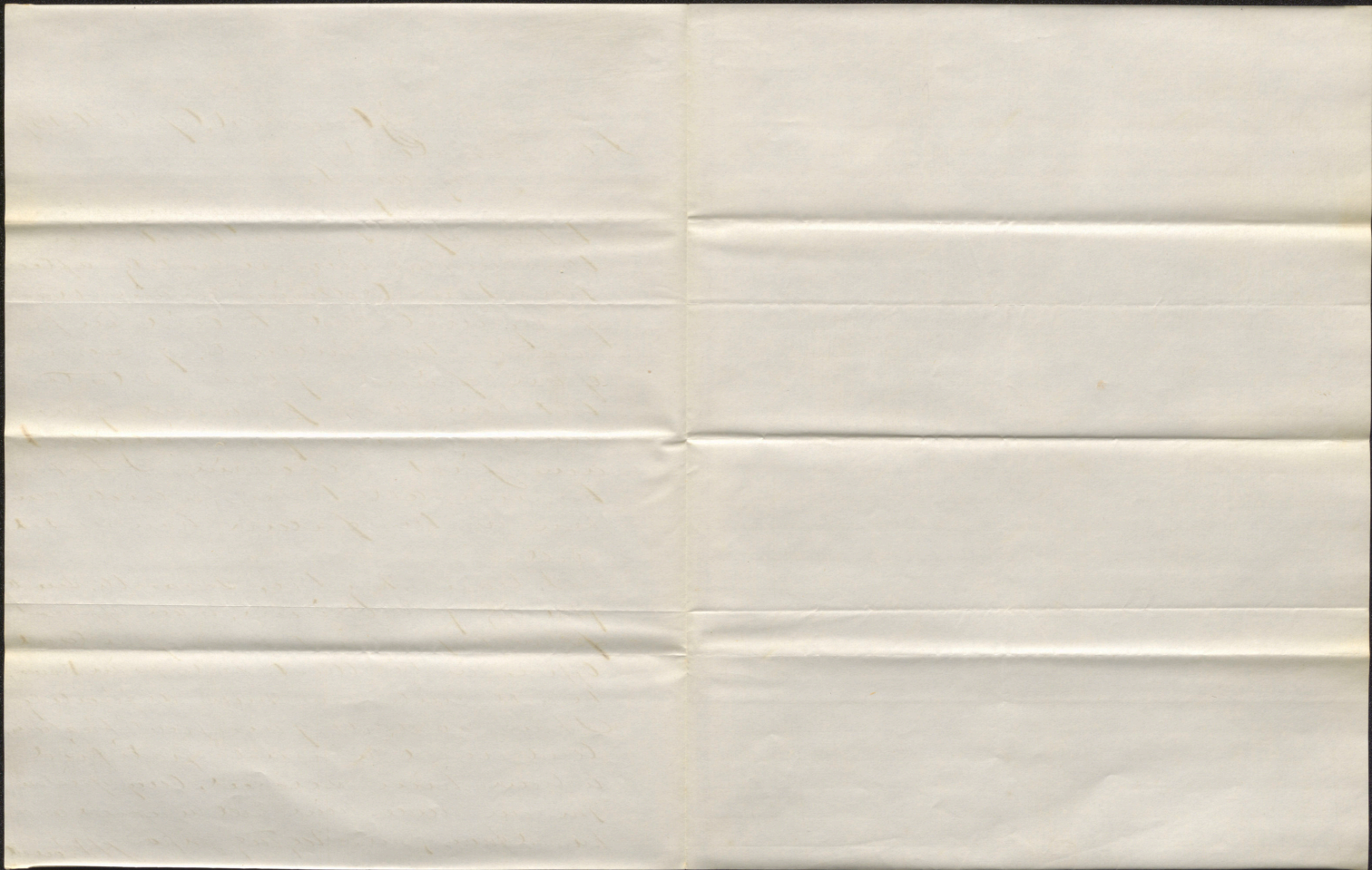


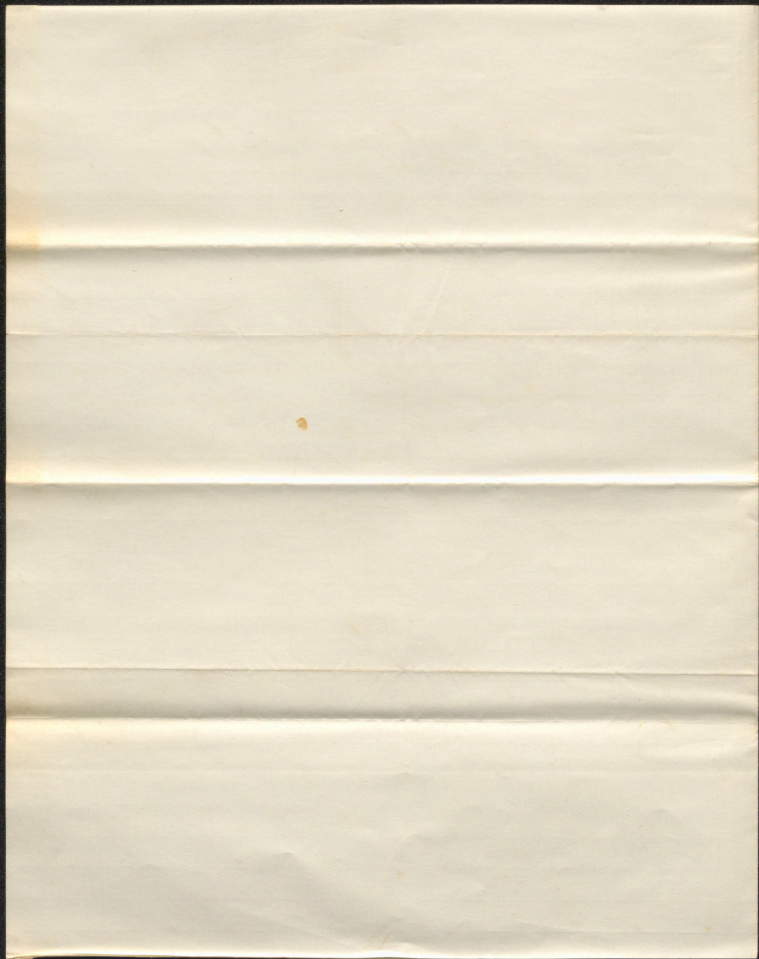
Gloucester, O. April 16, 1857
How S. A. Douglass,

My dear Sir,

It was my intention, to have spent some weeks in Washington, immediately after the new Administration was fully installed, to aid in promoting the interests of some of our friends of this State, but have been prevented by a severe illness, from which I am just recovering, I hope, however, all things, which can bear on the future, have worked well.

I learn my Bro, Isaac W. Everett of the city of Baltimore, is an Applicant for an appointment to one of the Land Offices, in the West, perhaps in Kansas, he will write you more definitely, I have no doubt of his qualifications, And would be much gratified to hear him succeed, Any opposition you can render him, will be regarded as a personal favor by me, Very respectfully
A. A. Dowd





I am truly anxious for this for my son
William the Post Office intimates
this will give us present means to live
You know I have a large family and
my affairs are in a loose condition
it will take time to look into them
which I am trying to do now but I fear
I shall not succeed here. Will you please
look into the matter of the Post Office
and give it your earliest consideration

Yours truly
Wm L. Ruglapp Wm D. L. Disney

Mrs D. T. Disney
New York

April 16/57

Encloses a letter from
Mr Carter of Cincinnati

Cincinnati Apr 7th 1857.

Dear Aunt.

I received your letter the other day, and have delayed reply that I might look around and see what I could report to you. - I have seen Groesbeck, Pugh and Pendleton, and had some conversation with them. Each told me they had seen your letter, but had not yet replied. - Pugh intimated he was not ready to reply - so did Pendleton. They both however said that they would reply. I told them to do so whether their answer was favorable or unfavorable. - Groesbeck said he did not wish to interfere personally with things as they are, and much other such sort of words which amounted to little or nothing. I do not think that you have any reason to put any confidence in either of them in reference to your wishes. They are politicians all over, and will not take part if they can help it. I have no doubt

Groesbeck said however that he would write you -

that both Pugh and Pendleton have already pledged themselves to some of the candidates. - As to getting business men to sign petitions I am somewhat in doubt. Dr. Patton's memorials have already been circulating in great numbers about the city among the merchants and others and received much encouragement, so I am informed, though I have not seen any of them. - I will endeavor to get some of our influential citizens to certify to William's character and ability, and I think I can succeed in that, and indeed I think if the Administration mean to pay your late husband this compliment this should be sufficient. - With this you will find a letter from me addressed to the President of the United States, and you may do some good with it. I am much pleased with the energy and spirit you display in this matter, and I sincerely hope you may realize all you wish. I think it is due to the memory of Uncle Sam's services for his country, that the Administration should consider

his family a deserved tribute, and if it is to be done, they should do it without the aid of politicians, but in the way of high toned and merited compliment. - Go on as you have begun. A woman in such a cause like you, can accomplish much. I wish I were in Washington with you. - Would some if I could get clear of our Court. - I should think if you had the favor of General Cass the result could be easily accomplished. I will do whatever I can Aunt, to assist you, and sincerely desire that your most sanguine anticipations may be realized. -

I was at your house the other day - Sunday - saw Sallie, Cornelia, Carrie, and Jane the only ones of your family at home, they appeared well and cheerful. Last night I saw cousin Will, Beaumont, and we had a talk upon the subject of this letter. He will do all he can to assist you. He told me he would answer your letter so soon as he reached home which will be to night. I might say a great deal more to you, but

perhaps I have said enough -

As to myself I am not in very good health, - have not been for some time, but hope soon to be in good health and spirits. - I go to Dap-
ton on Friday next, and Margaretta
will return home with me. I

have every confidence that she is
a completely restored woman, and
when she comes home I want all
my friends to do their utmost to
keep her cheerful and happy. -

William Johnson wants me to take
her on a visit to Ann Eliza and
spend a week or so there. Perhaps
I will. - I had some thought
of going with her to Washington City
for a recreation, and would certainly
do so, if I were about myself and
Court. - Give my love to Will, and
Dick, and God bless you.

Your affectionate nephew

A. W. Carter

Mrs S. C. Disney.

Wash April 16. 1857

Dear Stephen A. Douglass

My Dear Sir

Dr. Oliver Cook of Washington County N.Y. is now in Washington asking for some appointment under this administration which I really hope he will obtain -

I commended him to you for aid in this matter. He has for many years been one of our most active & true democrats & is abundantly entitled to consideration. I should as a politician be sorry to lose him from our State or in the port of the Country where he resides,

he is one of our most
active & efficient men.
Yet if some agency
connected with the Post
Office could be given him
he would I think be
of great service to our
party in this region.

Very truly yours
David Heymace

P.S. I have been in-
duced to address this letter
to you by reason of having
just received a letter from
Dr. Cook in which he
says that you remarked
to him that I could be
of service to him if I
would come to Washing-
ton - which my ~~present~~ ^{present} en-
gagements prevent me from
doing at present D. H.

David L. Seymour
Troy N.Y.
April 16/57

Desires your influence
to procure for Dr Oliver
Cook now in Washington
an appointment



Chicago Ill
April 16th 1857

Sir,

Will you have the kindness to hand this
note to the publisher of the decisions of Supreme
Court, in the "Dred Scott" case. I want a copy
very much, if money will secure it.

My ignorance of publisher's name, is my
apology for this debt upon your attention

Very Respectfully
Yours Edw. Lunt
J. W. Gamewell

Wm Stephen A. Douglass M.D.
Washington
D.C.

J. T. Humez
Chicago Ill

April 16/57

Wrote a copy of
the decision in the
Dred Scott Case



Faint, illegible handwritten text, possibly a date or address, visible through the paper.

Hamport Ols
Ap. 16/57

Chas Douglass
Dear Sir

You will receive Communications
from some of our Dissenting Mem-
-bers on the subject of our P. Office
— There can be no question as to
what your action ought to be in this
matter, & I trust you will perceive it
clearly. Mr Brewster is not acceptable
to $\frac{1}{4}$, or I might say $\frac{1}{6}$ of the Mem-
-bers here, & Mr. Buff has the names
of some 230 out of the 260 Back-
-man men in our city asking
for his office, & they would be heard
— You ought not to hesitate in this
case, & as you are very true & faithful
friend I ask that you do not

Very truly Yours
James Mitford —

The Voice of the Immigrant
Party in the interested localities
must be heard & their wishes
carried out by their Representatives
Yours D.M.

Samuel Mitchell
Freeport Me
April 16/57
Recommends Yrsgs
for Renoster

Chicgo. Sep 16.57

Dear Sir.

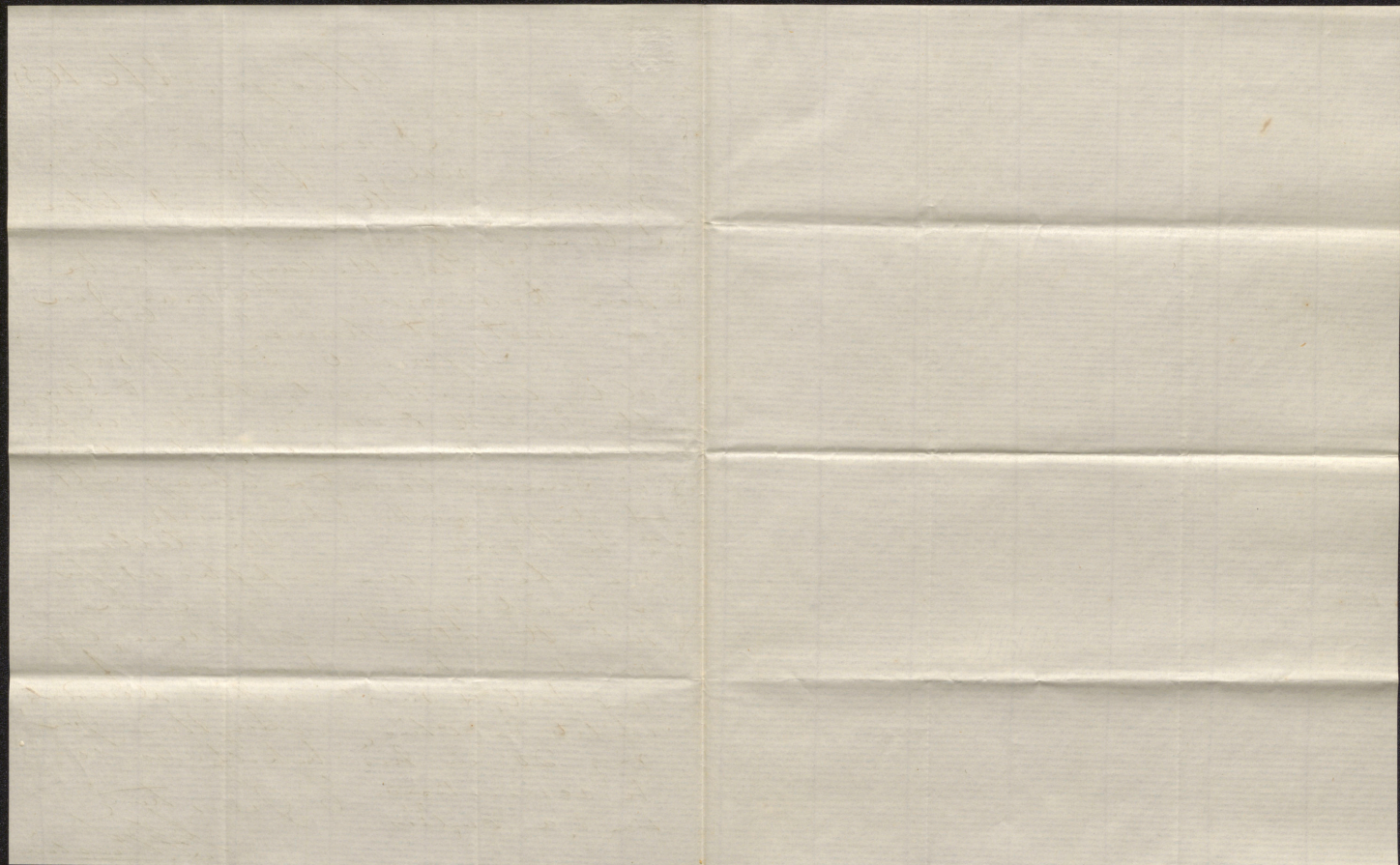
I arrived in this interesting village of Jones this morning. May buy it before I leave, if terms suit.

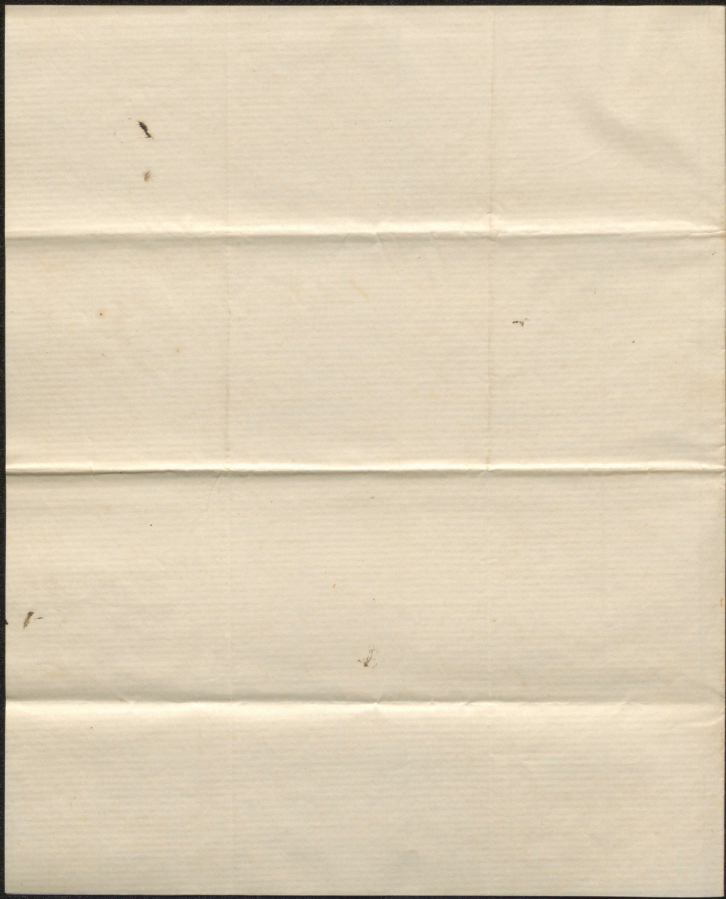
Gen. Medary will be here to-morrow. Sorry you are not "at home"

I found one of my old constituents here to-day, Mr. Paul H. Dennis. He is one of our old, reliable, stand-bys in Seneca County - always right. I drop words when worth is to be done.

He tells me he is an applicant for a mail agency. I can, with the utmost confidence, commend or having been one of our best, & most active members, whilst in Ohio. Anything you may do in his behalf will be remembered. & I am truly
Yours truly
J. H. Dennis

9 years for the race in the country







Remont House
April 17 1857

Hon Stephen A Douglas
Sir

Mr Paul St.
Dennis, for the last three years resi-
dent in Chicago, informs us that he
is desirous of being appointed to the
office of Local Mail Agent at this
place, and wishes our testimony to
his political claims. We have all
known Mr Dennis for years, during
his residence in Ohio, and we
cheerfully unite in assuring you that
he is a democrat of the straightest
set, always active and unflinching,
—and in saying that your in-
fluence in his behalf would be
most worthily bestowed.

Very Respectfully Yours

S. Maynard

E. M. Wood

Jas A Smith

Times office
Chicago, April 24th 57

Mr Dennis is who is so highly re-commended
by Col. Maynard, is the same person whom
I recommended some time ago. I hope
that he will be appointed.

J. W. Sheahan.

Jas. W. Sheahan
Chicago Ill.

Encloses a letter from
S. Maderly & others re: com-
=mending Drumm's for
local Agent at
Chicago

Office INDIANA FURNACE CO. (P. O.)

VERMILION CO. INDIANA.

E. M. BRUCE & CO. Proprietors.

Manufacturers of ROLLING MILL CAR WHEEL AND FOUNDRY PIG IRON.

Apr. 16. 1857

Hon. A. Douglas }
 Washington }
 Sir -

I have recently made application to the President, for some one of the Land Offices in Kansas (either as "Register," or "Receiver") for the furtherance of which I have forwarded unqualified endorsements and recommendations from Gov. J. A. Wright, and Hon. Geo. G. Davis of this State, and Hon. Jno. W. Stewart and James B. May of Kentucky, Supreme Senator Bright also endorsed me, as I wrote him upon the subject. - I feel however, that as these offices are so much sought after, that it is necessary for me to make extraordinary effort - hence from the agreeable social acquaintance formed with you at Springfield (where I went as a Commissioner to invite you to give thanks, & to address a Mass Meeting) through letters from our mutual friend Doct. Reid - and subsequently renewed at Chicago - I presume to request you to join with them in my behalf, after you shall have seen their unqualified endorsement as to Capacity, responsibility &c. - As I am fully aware of your great influence with the Pres. - I am exceedingly anxious for this appointment, as I desire to make Kansas my future home, where I am investing my means to a considerable

extending hence such a position would be very desirable at least for a time - and as I did as much or more there almost any other man in the State in the late triumphant Campaigns in the way of means, (and what little talent I possessed), I asked this favor with much confidence, but not having heard from the department as promptly as I hoped, I repeat your to renew my application. - You will recollect me, as the man to whom James D. May's celebrated letter was addressed, which I signed and carried the old Whig by thousands - 20,000 copies of which I had printed at my own expense and sold broad cast over the State - one of which I had the honor to present you. -

I can furnish you an unexaggerated
letter of commendation from your friends
Dr Reid if desired. —

Hoping to have favorable reply
soon. And assuring ^{me} that such
favor will be gratefully reciprocated in
any manner possible, I remain,
In very great haste,

With Great Regard

address
"Indiana Human
Indiana"

Very truly yr Friend
C. M. Bruce

C. M. Pence

Indiana Turnaceed

April 16/87

Has made application
for a Land Office

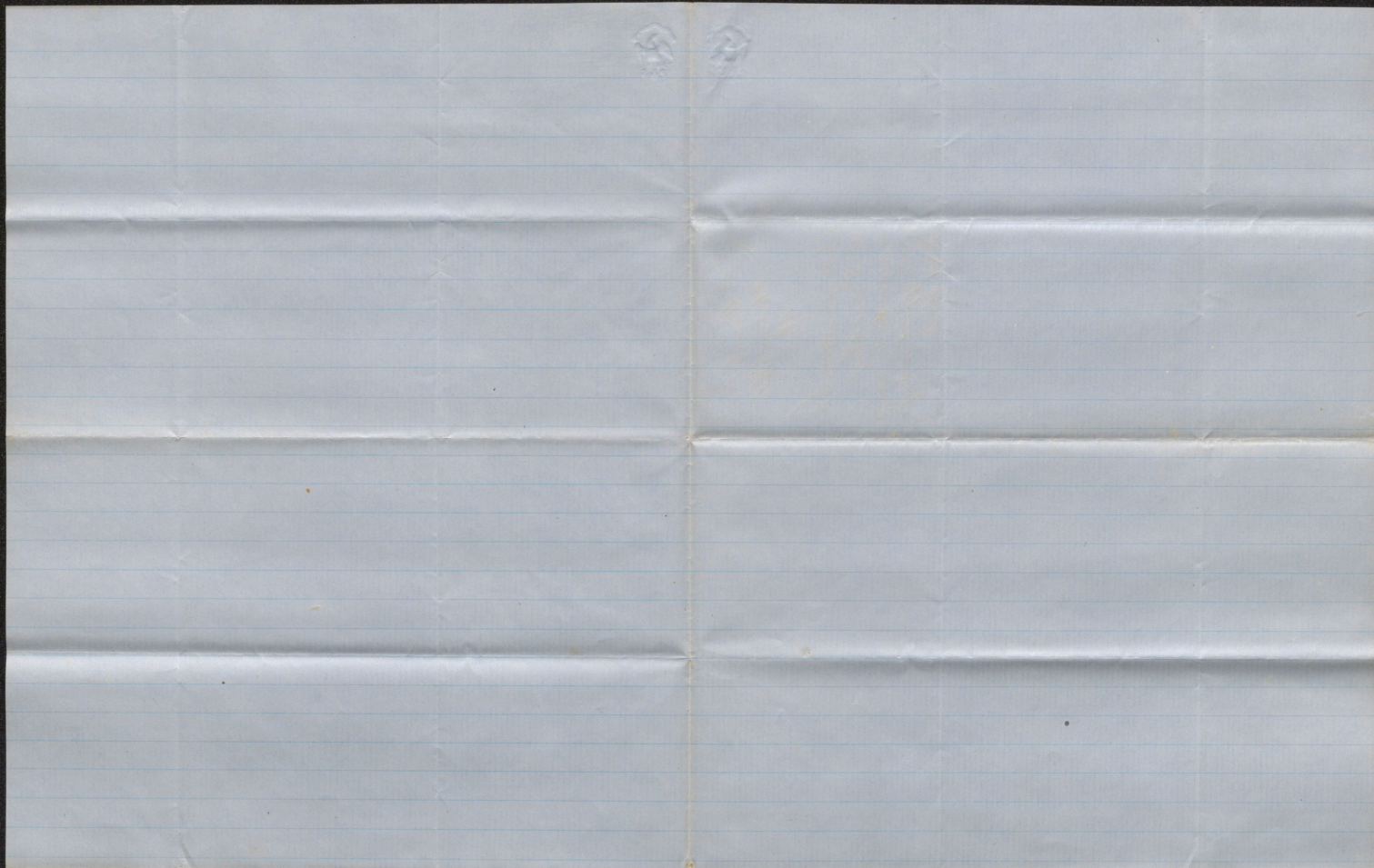
Times Office Sterling Whiteside, Co Ill April 16th 1857
Wm S. Douglas

Dear Sir

permit me to trouble you again in the matter of the Empire Post office and to ask your assistance in removing Joel Harvey the present Postmaster and appointing Nelson Hall in his stead the facts is substantially as follows Joel Harvey is and has been for the last year or more a freemont man and is rabid in his politics against the present Administration and a warm supporter of John Wentworth and his views & paper the office is kept by a Deputy at Como Station about one and a half miles from Empire on the Chicago & Galena Air line R R ever since the road was built by a know nothing and the Democrats feel that it is wrong to continue Mr Harvey & P.M. at that place. Nelson Hall is a good capable firm & consistent Democrat and always has been since my acquaintance with him for twelve years - he is a man that will give general satisfaction to the people - and by your assistance to get his appointment & retaining the same name of Empire you will confer a favor upon your friends & the present administration Truly your friend L. J. Randall

L. D. Crandall
Sterling Ill
April 16/57

Call your attention to
the Great Empire
recommends his removal
& the appointment of
John Hall



Frankfort, Illinois

April 16th / 1837

Hon. A. Douglas, Sir.

Will you please consider
the undersigned one of your constituents, and
occasionally favor him with Public Documents, Speeches
&c.

and oblige

Yours truly

S. H. Moore,

S R Moore
Kauka Ke Ile,
Apr 26/57
Wants Docs



P. O. Princeton Ill. Apr. 16. 57

Dear Sir.

I am requested, by the proper persons, to procure the removal of Emerson, freedom shrinker, from the P. O. at Buda, in this County, and the appointment of Herain Dean, - also

the removal of Caleb Merrill, Democrat, at Sheffield, and the appointment of Jos. Co. Niles.

Just before the change of administration, I wrote Leol. Diller, respecting both the above named offices, and sent him the petitions and papers ~~in~~ touching the matter, and probably, he sent them to you,

Mr. Merrill was appointed last Summer, but has proved unworthy; he is, much of the time, intoxicated, and is extremely disagreeable - in fact, unmanageable, and the Democrats of the town ask his removal as a matter of justice to the people and as a matter of party policy.

Mr. Niles, who was once appointed but declined, now consents to take the office for the good of the party, as there is no other man fitted for it, who will take it, in that place.

The sooner the Buda black Republican is "horsted" the better.

Respectfully

Yours &c

Charles N. Pine
P.M.

Hon. S. Douglas }

C. A. Pine

Prairie City

Apr 16/57

Rel to the Removal
of Rm at Sheffield
Ill

1234

5678

Washington D. C.
Hon. S. A. Douglass,

Apr. 16th 1857

My Dear Sir,

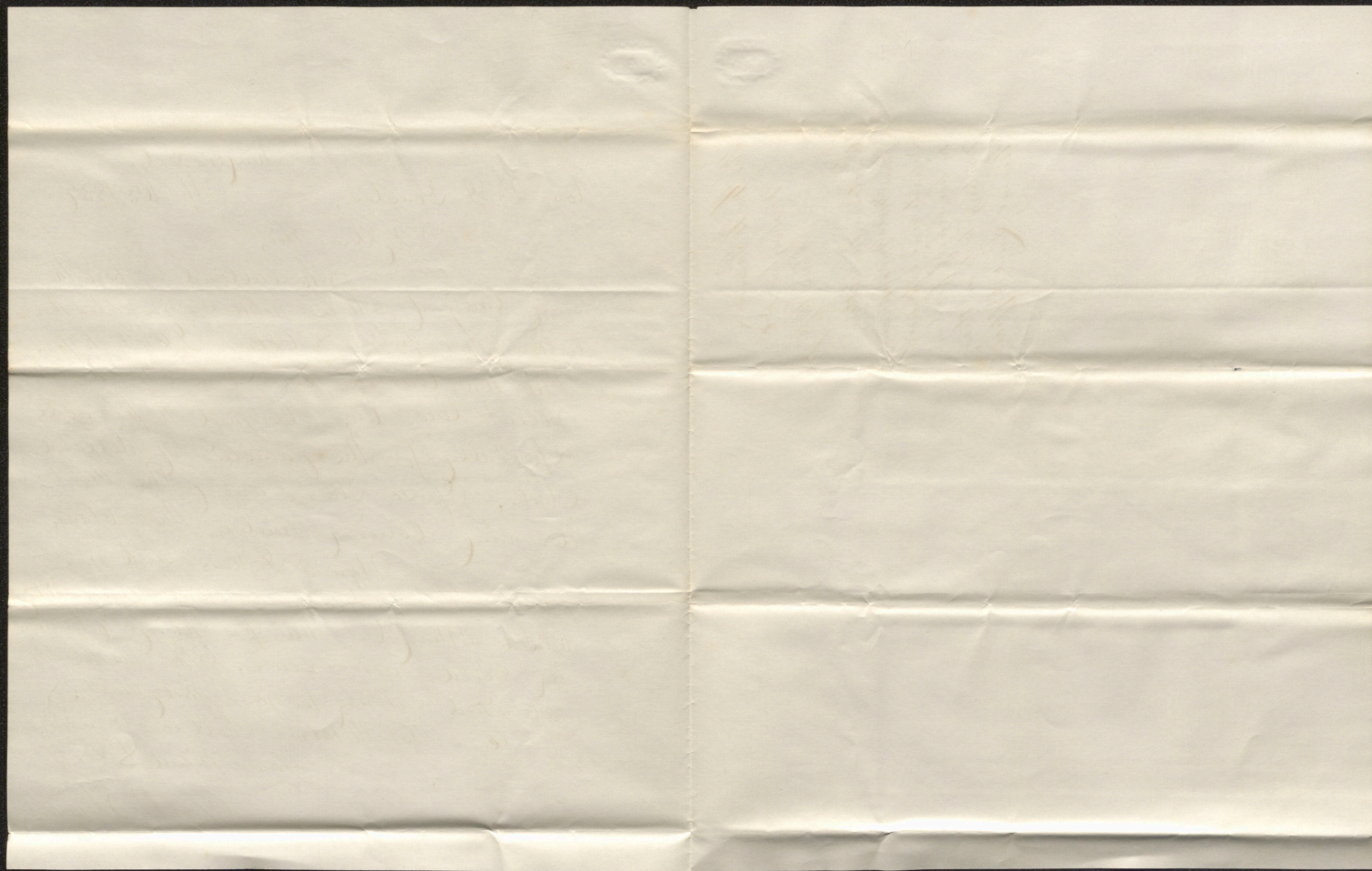
The enclosed is from the
Young Lady of whose noble spirit after the
death of her Father & Brother I wrote to you.
She has learned from some one that the
recent law was designed to provide
especially for the families of deceased
clerks. If so she is one of the most
deserving coming under that class.

Again I must ask you to
pardon this intrusion on your generosity
which nothing but the promptings of human-
ity could ever excuse. The matter is
submitted entirely to your judgment; &
whatever that dictates I shall ever remain
Your friend & serv^t

Geo. W. Thompson

Rev Geo W Larrison
Washington DC
April 16/57

Encloses two letters
from Mrs Milcox and
solicits your influence
in her behalf for some
writing to do in the
General Land Office



Washington, April 15th 1857.

Hon. Mr. Thomson.

Secretary of the Interior.

Sir;

For several years I have been trying to obtain a situation under government, which would enable me to support a dear widowed Mother, whose husband wore out in the service of the government, as a clerk. She is dependent upon my own, and an only Sister's exertions, and it would make me very happy to procure a situation, which would enable me to have her with me. For capability I can refer you to the

to Mr. Ischiffely, one of the chief clerks of
the Land Office, as I did some writing
for that office, about four years ago. I
have written this, that you may see my pen-
manship, and thus, if you should favor my
claim, judge of my qualifications.

Very Respectfully,
Mary Jane Wilson

Hon. Mr. Thomson,
Secretary of the Interior.

Washington, April 15th 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglass

Sir:

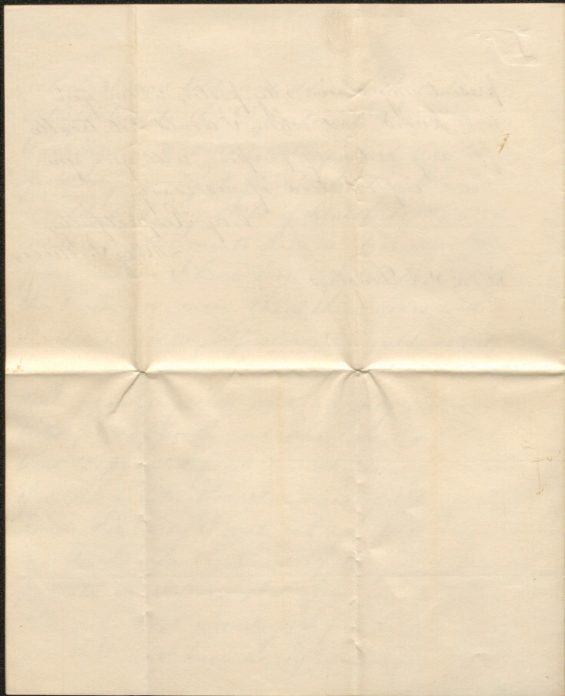
I trust you will excuse me if a stranger ventures upon your forbearance. If the case were not an urgent one, and I did not feel that I might aid my dear pastor in his application for me I would not write. I understand that in the late act of Congress, provision was made for the families of deceased clerks. My father was for many years a clerk under government, and shortly after his death, I was granted some writing from the Land Office,

which, I was told, was done with entire satisfaction to the Department. I am now teaching on a small salary, and would feel very grateful for a situation which would suit my state of health better, and would enable me to have a dear Mother, from whom I have been separated most of the time, for more than three years, with me. It is not for myself alone, I would ask it; but for that dear widowed Mother, who is dependent upon my own and an only sister's exertions for support - and who lives, most of the time separated from her children, for want of such a situation. In view of these facts, kind Sir, may I not ask you to procure me a situation in the Land Office, for writing patents? As I learn that you are to leave the city next Monday, I feel very anxious about it, as I have no influential friends to

present my claims. My pastor, whom you well know, and whom I would not trouble for any ordinary purpose, will give you more information if necessary.

Very Respectfully,
Mary J. Wilson

Hon. S. A. Douglass.



Hon. Mr. Thomson

Secretary of the Interior



Hon. S. A. Douglass
Washington

Politeness of
Rev. E. W. Garrison




The
Galesburg Ill April 26 57

Senator Douglass
Dear Sir

as i have read a great
about the china sugar
cane seed i should like to
grow some this year and don't
now how to get the seed
unless i send to the Patent
office to get it and if you
would take the trouble
to send me some i would
reward you for your trouble

and if you will send me
some of your speeches it would
oblige me very much
as there is a great deal of opinion
about Kansas here yours most
truly
Elijah Stevens

Elijah Stevens
Galesburg Ills
April 16/57

Wants Some China
Sugar Cane Seed

Sent Seed
May 4/57

Dont forget the Directions

Elijah Stevens
Galesburg Iowa
Ill

