

Washington D.C. April 17th 1857

Dear Sir:

If you have not already been
informed on the subject of the Post Office
building to be erected at Springfield, &
for the construction of which I am the
unsuccessful bidder, I hope you will
be able to make it convenient to do so
before you leave for the West.

There certainly can be no ob-
jection to a conditional contract within
the appropriation, with the understanding
that only such material (Rubble-stone,
Brick & Ashlar) as can be used in the con-
struction of the building on any plan
for which Congress may make further
provision shall be procured during
the recess. By pursuing this course
one year would be saved, which, in my
judgment, with other cogent reasons,
forcibly urge the prosecution of the
work to that extent before the sitting
of Congress. Very respectfully &c

A. H. Hussey

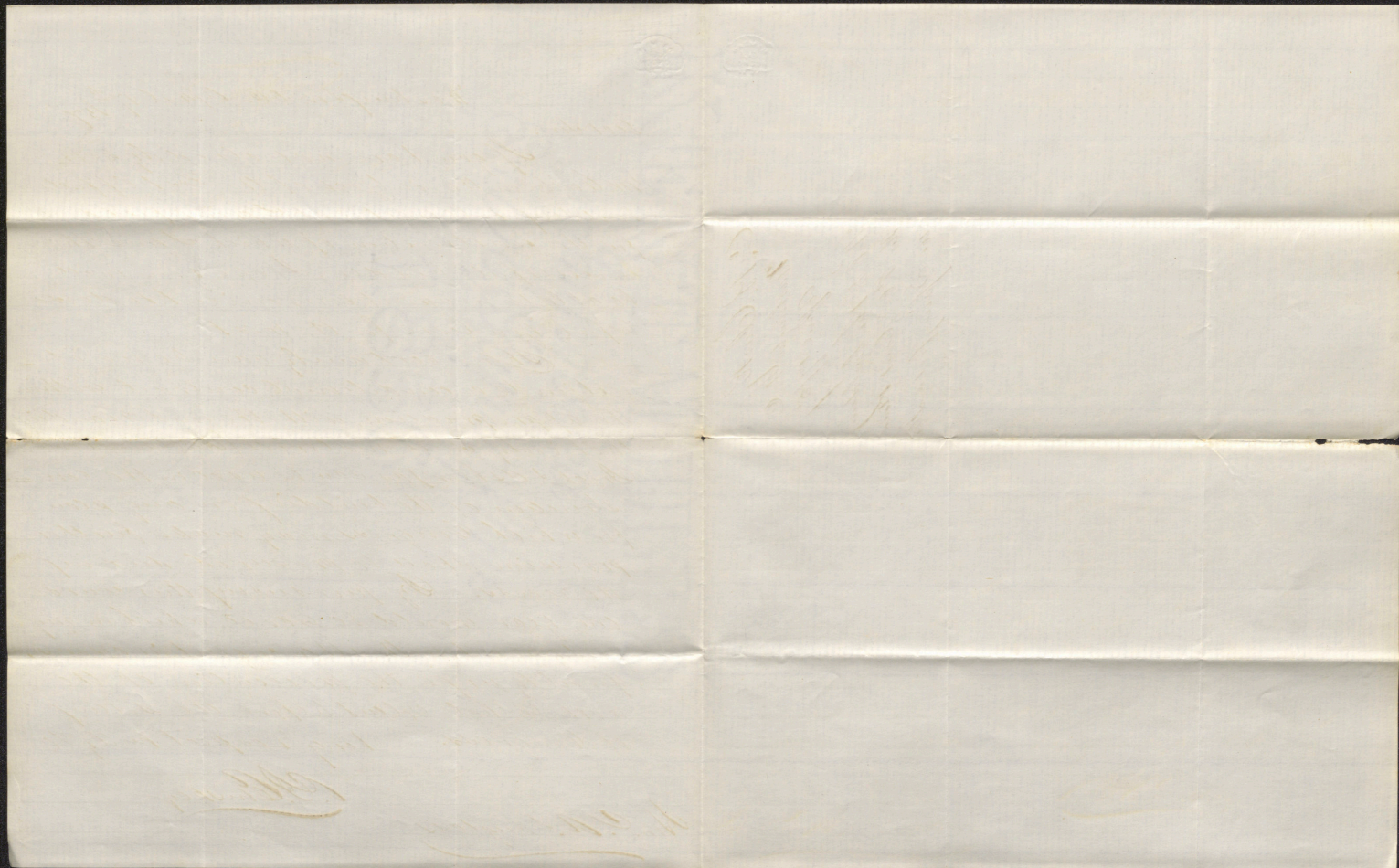
Wm. C. H. Sangloss

C. D. Cluskey

Washington D. C.

April 17/57

Del. to the building
the P. O. & Court House
in Springfield Ills



Bloomington, Illi.

April 17th, '57.

Hon. S. A. Douglass:

My Dear Sir, - The Democrats of Bloomington and vicinity are exceedingly anxious to secure the appointment of Col. Pike, of the "Hlag," to the Post Office at this place, and to that end have already forwarded letters to yourself (if I mistake not,) and to the Department. The propriety and necessity of the appointment are conceded by all who are familiar with matters here, ~~and~~ with the wants of the party, and with the deservings of Col. Pike. For twenty-five years he has been doing vigorous battle for the princ-

ples and men of the party, and has never sought or received fee or reward. He has been with us and for us ~~at~~ all times and under all circumstances, as well in disaster and defeat as in success and prosperity. He has never wavered, no matter how rude the storm or storm the trial, but has always been equal to the exigencies of the times & the demands of the party. If any man is entitled to ~~some~~ acknowledgement of long and arduous toil, to some compensation for yeoman service ~~in a~~ cause in which his whole soul is enlisted, Col. Pike may justly lay claim to not only a respectable, but lucrative appoint-

ment. Two years since he came to Bloomington, and amid a thousand discouragements, established the "Flag." Without means, ~~and~~ without wealthy and influential friends, he has kept it in existence and given it a circulation and influence not to be despised. But it has not remunerated him for his labor, - on the contrary has only afforded him a scant livelihood. Located in a strongly Republican city and county, with no extraneous aid, it is matter of astonishment that he has been able to sustain it at

all. But he has done it,
and hopes still to do it,--

Within the last year, however,
his health has failed him, and
the struggle to maintain his
ground grows harder as
he grows older. Is it not
right, then, to extend him
and his paper a helping
hand? to place the "Gleaner"
on a permanent basis by
connecting the Post Office
with it? Such is my con-
viction, and such is no
doubt your own.

I have no private or
mercenary motive for
addressing you on this
subject. I do so, because
I feel deeply anxious to

see the "Flag" sustained and
an old veteran rewarded.
I trust the intercession of
Col. Pike's friends will
not be disregarded.

It has, as you are
aware, been customary to
confer the Post Office ap-
pointments at all the prin-
cipal points throughout
the country on the Editors
of Democratic journals, as
much to sustain their pa-
pers as to reward them for
herculean labors. Gray, of
the Cleveland Plaindealer,
Austin of the Quincy Her-
ald, and scores of others,
have recently been appoint-
ed on this ground and

for this purpose? Why not
Col. Pike?

I am, my dear sir,
Yours very truly

R. W. Jones

R. W. Jones
Wilmington Ill
April 17/57

Says Col Pike ought
to be appointed PM
at Wilmington

Vincennes Indiana

April 17th 1857

Hon

Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir

A joint commission was instituted at the last session of Congress, for running the boundary line between Washington Territory, and the British possessions north - The two Commissioners first appointed - The Hon Allen Taylor of New York, formerly member of Congress; and Professor Bond of Cambridge resigned - The President (Pierce) made new appointments - Archibald Campbell first Clerk in the War Department - and Capt Wm G. Locke of the Army - who are now the Commissioners -

I have a son James Yaw - talented well educated, seventeen years of age - active - industrious, keen, a good horseman, good shot - who feels a strong desire to engage in western adventure - and frontier life, for a few years - He was promised a situation in the joint commission as an attached, and would have gone with the Commissioners, if they had not resigned - He is a "Hoosier" to the manner born - and I believe it would be of great service to him, to rough it, for a few years - before he enters the arena of life - Now what I desire of you is, to make a personal application to the Commissioners, who now dwell at Washington, to have him attached to the Commission - in any place or situation they may select - so that he goes out with them - and they will take some care of him during the expedition - I thought you might have some influence in getting him a place with the Commissioners -

Mr Taylor wrote a strong letter to them urging his appointment,
and my friend Hendricks, Commissioner of the General
Land Office, has taken a warm interest in his behalf -

Recent events have led me to believe, that I do not
stand as well with one of our Senators, or you might ask, why not
apply in that quarter?

In asking this favor at your hands - if
any apology to you, is necessary for its doing - I would say - that
if I see, I saw, was a Senator at Washington - and I see Douglas
had a room, whom he desired such an appointment for. The
former would not hesitate a moment, in rendering any
aid he could, to procure it -

With great regard

Your friend & servant

J. M. McKim

John Law
Vincennes Ind
Apr 17/87
Wants something

Monticello Mo, April 17th 1834
Hon Stephen A. Douglas

Respected friend

Enclosed I send you a Petition from
a number of citizens of Piatt County
Mo. Petitioning for a Postoffice in
the Northern part of Piatt County
where a post office is greatly needed
and for the Mail Route from Monticello
to Centerville in Piatt County ^{to extend}
on further to Chaney's Grove ^{the year or so} where it
will intersect with the Mail Route
from Bloomington

We hope you will do your best to
get the Petition as it is granted for it is
greatly needed. It takes longer to get
a letter from that section of Piatt
County than to get one from New York
We have a Printing Office in Monticello
& we could get a large number of
subscribers from that section of the
County if the mails could be carried
to them. Please help us if you can.

I remain your very affectionately
James H. Hunter

Sam Oue
Monticello Ills
April 17 1857

Encloses Petition
from Citizens Plate
Co for the Establish-
ment of a P. O. at
Shaw in the Co
Petition filed in
the Depart.
April 24 1857

Kirchburg April 17th 1857

Dear Sir

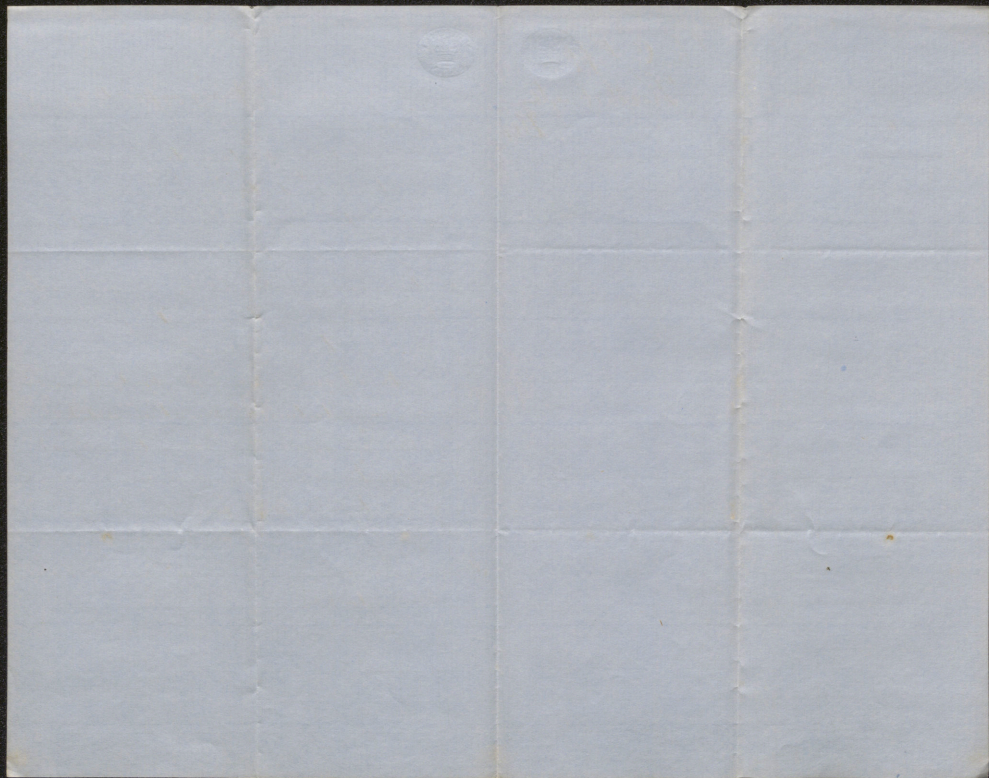
Our postmaster has resigned
or is about so to do in favor of Joseph
Hearny. The person so nominated is
every way worthy to fill the office and
is deserving of the same so far as being
a thorough going democrat & firm supporter
of Democratic principles.

The strong men of the party sign his
recommendation. If any other petitions are
in. they are from the opposition. If it
should be necessary you will confer
a favor by speaking for Mr Hearny.

Very Respectfully &
John C. Peffer

Wm D A Douglass
Washington D.C.

John C Pepper
Heathsburg
Ill





Buffalo, N. Y., April 18. 1857.

Hon. S. A. Douglass
Washington City.

Dear Sir,

Some five weeks ago I took the liberty to inform You of my contemplated trip to Europe and to request the favor of some letters of introduction to a few of Your friends on the Continent. Not having received an answer and supposing that You ~~either~~ ^{no} had ~~time~~ ^{or no} inclination to comply with my request, I concluded not to trouble You any further about the matter, till Col. Richardson & Judge Skinner told me that their letters to You had lately also remained unanswered and that probably You might be absent from Washington. Not finding You at Chicago, I determined,

and, while resting here from the fatigues of my
journey, to inform you, - hoping that you may
pardon the liberty - that I am now on my way
to Europe with 2 of my children, and that I
shall sail from New York either on the 30th
of April or 5th of May. A telegraphic
dispatch or a letter, directed to the care
of L. A. Borte 162 Mott Street, New York
City, will promptly reach me.

Knowing the value of your time, I de-
termined to be as brief as possible, which
briefly I claim as the only merit of these
lines.

Waiting to hear from you prior
to my departure, I remain with the
greatest respect

Yours

adherent most
Annie Stoddard.
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Paul Stahl
(of Lemay Ills)
Buffalo N.Y.
April 18/57

Wants some letters of
introduction is going
to Europe

Washington 18th April /57
Hon Judge Douglass
Dear Sir }

I Had an Interview with the President
and Cobb they are most judiciously
disposed. I mention your names to
them they requested me to get a
letter from you saying at same
time it would have much weight
with them you will oblige me
by giving me a letter such as you
may deem best without naming the
office at same time say so far
as I'll be concurred the appointment
would be gladly received by my
Connection who love men of High
and Hon bearing

Truly yours &c
W^m Hammond Esq

P.S

I will be in the City again on
Monday Evening and in case I am
not hear direct it to me Balt
Md

I Hammond England
Washington
April 18/57

Rel to some of past
meet

La Mesilla, April 18th 1857

Hon S. A. Douglass.

Dear Sir,

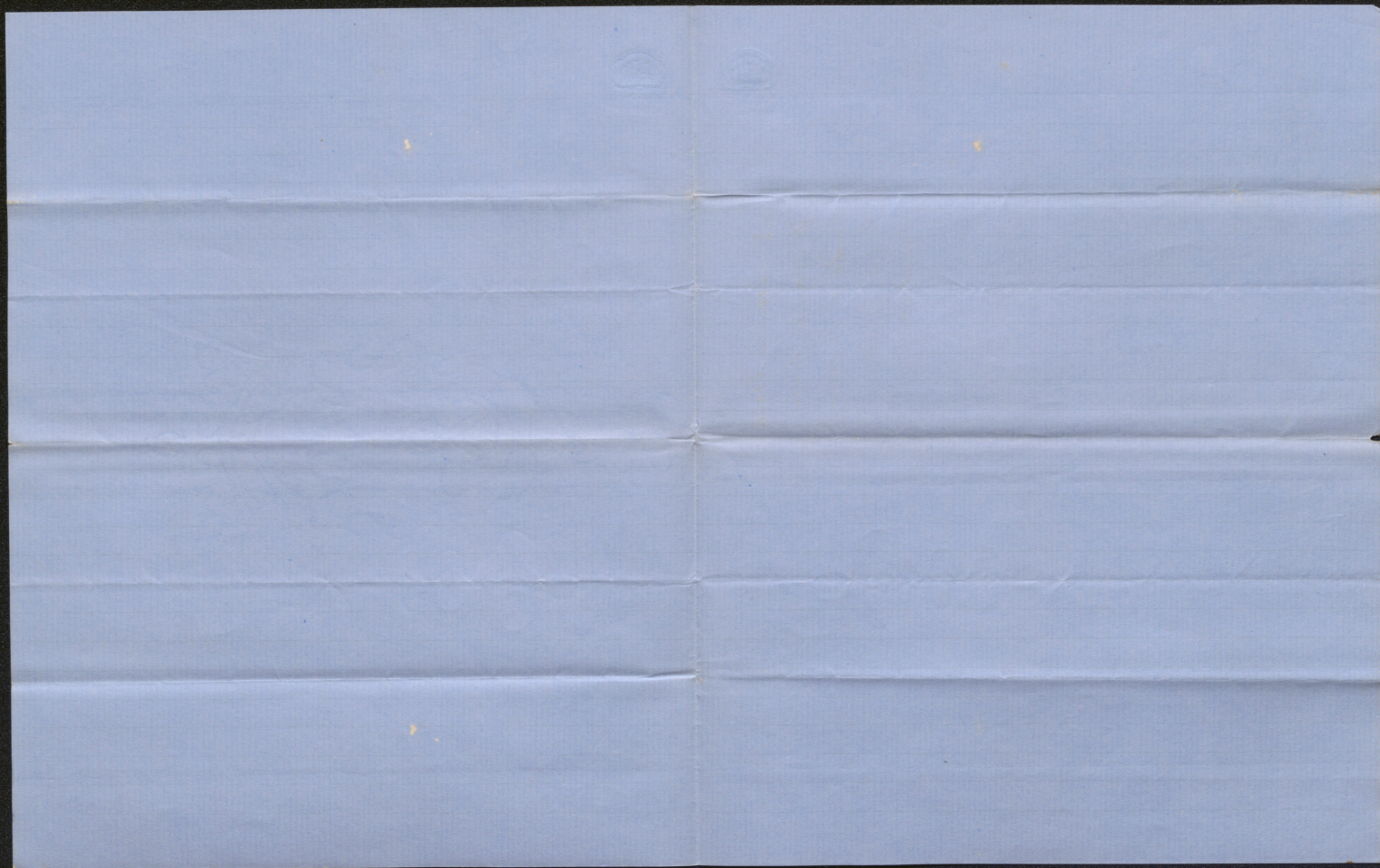
In this for off Gadsden purchase, we are late in getting intelligence from Washington. News of the L.C.O.'s organize a new judicial district here did not reach us, till we received information that it was on its passage in the Senate. It probably passed the House and is now a law.

When I wrote to you relative to the necessity of a measure of this kind, I also stated that I would like to be appointed judge of the new district. As you are aware, I have been the W.S. atty here since the administration of President Pierce, and am well acquainted with the country, the people and their customs, the Spanish language and the nature of the business.

If the appointment is not already made, will you do me the favor to see the president in my behalf? Recommendations from the people here have been forwarded.

Very truly your friend
M. C. Land Jones

La Mesilla April 18.
W Claude Jones
Wishes to be appointed
Judge of the
New District—





Boston. April 18th 1837.

Hon. Mr. Douglas.

Dear Sir,

As some of Mr. Brown's friends are about making an effort in his behalf, for the appointment of Minister at Constantinople, and believing you to be one of the number, as you are more fully acquainted with his position there, than almost any one, I take the liberty of soliciting your kind assistance, in speaking for him, to Mr. Buchanan and Sen. Cass.

Mr. Buchanan was, when Vice of State, very kind to Mr. Brown, and is I presume aware of Mr. Brown's faithful discharge of the duties committed to his care. Two other gentlemen in a similar situation, have received

promotion, and I ask it not that it is a
principal of our South, but, because Mr. Brown
has never flinched from the performance of the
duties of either of the four Offices, of Minister for
Chargé d'Affaires, of Legation or Consul, when committed
to his care; and through his long residence in the
East, and familiarity with the customs and usages,
and experience in Diplomatic Skill, a strong tie
of friendships has been formed between the two countries,
and the South of the East has been made acquainted
with the principals of this South, and led to respect it for
its superiority.

Mr. Brown's popularity is well known to
every American who has visited the East, and all
agree that he deserves the position of Minister. He
thought at the time of his decision upon the Hosta
affair, that it would either make or break him; but
it has done neither. Senator Mason said at the time,
that he ought & should be promoted, but instead of promoting
he did not even have the credit for the decision.

Knowing that your influence would have
much weight with the President, I hope you
will think favourably of my request, and begging

your kind assistance,

I remain

Yours truly,

J. H. A. Brown.



Mrs M A P Trow

(Boston Mass

April 18 1857

Abner Hubbard app
for Ministry to
Constantinople

Washington April 18th 1837

Hon S. A. Douglas
Sir

Allow me to inform you that
this morning news was received at The Adjt.
Gen^l office of two casualties in the sixth
sifty.

There is now six vacancies in the
army.

One in the 4th Artillery one in the 1st sifty
two in the 5th sifty two in the sixth
sifty.

If you can prep the Gov for an appointment
to be made out and given to you otherwise
my case may be unsuccessfull.

Believe me when I say that it will take
a life time for myself & friends to repay
your kindness to me.

Believe me to be your obt servt Chas. E. Vance

Oliver E. Camp
Washington D.C.
April 1887

About his application
for a Lieutenantcy in
the United States Army



City of Cairo Ill.

April 18th 57

Hon. S. A. Douglass

Dear Sir

I will

consider it as a very great favor
if you will use your influence
in favor of the appointment of
Dr. Willis G. Edwards to be

Commeisario of the Southern
Road to Texas. This a gentle-
man of business practical
ability, has been a resident of

California & Texas, and is well
acquainted with the Topography
of the country and the various
routes, and has been for years
a devoted member of the
Democratic party.

I hope our postoffice building
will be commenced this year.

as an expenditure of fifty thousand
dollars will be of more advantage
to us now than a much more
costly building would be a few
years hence -

The square to be donated by the
Trustees is well situated and
Central -

Yours truly
St. Edwards.

A. W. Edwards

Cain Pls

Apr 1957

Desires the appointment
of Dr Mills by
Edwards as one
of the Commissioners
to Build the major
Road to California

Hon. S. A. Douglass

Fredonick, Md.
Apr. 18th 1857

Dear Sir:

On looking over my file of letters I was greatly mortified to find that one from Dr. Wm. H. Baltzell, of Chicago, was unattended to; & I shall therefore be under many obligations to you, if you will be so kind as to inform ^{me} whether or not the Surgeon to the Marine Hospital at Chicago has yet been appointed by the new Administration.

Dr. Baltzell desired me to write to you in his behalf, which I most willingly do, with this explanation, however, that I do not presume to interfere with local appointments beyond the limits of Maryland, and in this instance wish to be understood only as bearing testimony to the personal merits of Dr. Baltzell. I have known the doctor from his childhood, inasmuch as he was born & raised in this City, within a stone's throw of my residence. He is an intelligent and honorable gentleman, and would do credit to the appointment asked for.

I am most respectfully
Yours truly,
Wm. Lewis C. Lewis

Gov E Louis Lowe
Indiana Md
April 18/57

Writes in behalf
of Dr Battelle
of Chicago Ills

Chicago
April 18, 1857

Sir

Since my arrival, have examined the Bill, for Constructing Six Revenue Cutters for Lake Service and find, in Sec 3, of 34th Congress, That - The Secy of Treasury of U.S. is authorized, to if he so chooses to appoint - either a Captain or First - Lieutenant - Comd'g.

Allow me Sir to express to you my grateful acknowledgments for your courtesy and attention while in Washington.

To

Hon J A Douglass

Washington

I am Sir

Yours truly

Henry A. Mitchell

Henry Matohel
Chicago Ill
April 1857

The above is a list of the
 names of the persons who
 have been admitted to
 the office of the
 Secretary of the
 Board of Education
 since the 1st of
 January, 1874.

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At Your House
Saturday A. M.

Dear Judge. For fear that I may
not see you to-day, I wish to
state that I have seen Thompson
and think, with proper manage-
ment, that the appointment
for Surveyor Genl. of New Mexico
may be obtained for W. Cole.
Thompson is to see W. C.
and myself on Monday morning
at 9 O. C., and I pray you to
strain a point and accompany
us. Let us fix this matter
if you are delayed a day
from your home. As your
friend and partizan, one
not of yesterday, I assure
you that the recognition
of Cole will do more

than any one thing to
strengthen you in them
For K. I write warmly
But truly,

Hon. S. A. Douglas Alex. L. Morton
at home.

Alexander C. Morton
(of N. York)
April 1857

About the appointment
of Surveyor General
of New Mexico

Oswego, N. Y. April 18, 1857.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass,
City of Washington.

My dear Sir,

The enclosed letter, which explains itself, is from George C. Morgan Esq. of St. Mary's County, Maryland, a gentleman of talent and worth, and of strong influence in the politics of the State. He is one of the "Old Whigs" who refused to follow the New Whigs in their coalitions with Know Nothings and Black Republicans.

His brother-in-law Dr. Baltzell, of Chicago, as you will perceive from Mr. Morgan's letter, - wishes to be appointed Physician to the Marine Hospital (I presume it is) at that place. I knew Dr. Baltzell when

he was a school boy, and his habits and character were unexceptionable. I have not seen him since he grew into manhood, but have always received an excellent report of him for intelligence, industry, and devotion to his profession. His own family is influential in Maryland, and he married a daughter of Judge Holson, who is a leading man in the Western country.

If you be not committed as to the appointment in view, I wish you would aid young Baltzell. You will thereby promote a clever young man, and attach to you an influential social and political circle in his native State, — Maryland. Should it be, that you are not able to present the claims of his brother-in-law I would suggest that you write a civil note to Mr. Morgan on the subject. His post office is, — Leonardtown, Saint Mary's County, Md.

I hope to get as far West

as Chicago this summer, in which event I shall, of course, call upon you. But if I should not visit your residence, I shall not fail to keep you advised as to the plots and plans which may be relied on to defeat your friend Allen, for the Clerkship of the next House of Representatives.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Clay, Jr. & Co.

W Clay Mudd
Care W
April 1857

Encloses a letter from
Geo C Morgan about
Dr Taltzall of
Chicago Illinois

Post office

Stark City, Stark Co. Wis.

April 18th 1837

Hon. C. A. Douglass

Dear Sir

I was this morning informed, that John R. Stilwell of this place has sent to you a petition for my removal from the office of Post Master of this place, and asking for your influence in procuring the appointment of himself or some one else in my stead -

Having no knowledge as to the contents of the papers or the representations made (the petition having been circulated privately and not among the business community) I have taken this liberty of writing you, and to ask the favor that you take no action in the premises until you have learned the whole facts bearing upon the case -

J. R. Stilwell the Author & instigator (as I am informed) of this petition is a German and a Democrat. Yet strange to say he has few friends, and little influence among his ~~his~~ own countrymen and

were among the Americans. he
is neither responsible nor respected
I have held the office a little less
than two years, during which time
I have given it my personal atten-
tion and as a general thing have
given satisfaction. I am now build-
ing a new office the better to accom-
modate the office.

So am would dare impeach
my democracy. Hence I will
simply refer you to Hon. C. E. White
County Judge, J. H. Wells, P.M., Barbours
and any County officer as to my political
standing.

Since I learned of this petition
I have spoken to nearly all the
prominent men in town - (and they are
mostly Democrats) and they all urge
me to send in a counter petition.
I could send in one signed by all
our Town officers (and this is the only
town in the County that gave a Majority
for James Buchanan) and since ten of
the men doing business at this
office. But as this will take a
little time, I thought perhaps this

would be my better course.

For the further the above I refer
you to J. H. Wells, P.M., Barbours, J. D. Evans
Rev. Prairie du Sac, Wm. H. Young, Rev. A.
Needham - the three largest offices in
the County besides this.

I would also refer you to Cyrus Leland
a brother of the Lelands at Ottawa in your
State - (who now resides at Portage, La Crosse
who was a partner of mine in business for
about two years in this place - to
the Hon. Alex. L. Collins, Madison - Judge
of the J. Judicial Circuit.

If any charges are made agt. my
character officially or otherwise I shall
like to have the opportunity of proving
them false.

Hoping that you will not act
in the premises until I have an
opportunity to ^{represent} all statements
rendering a change necessary. I prop-
I remain

Yours Most Truly
J. D. Drapp
P.M.

P. S. Tripp PM
Sank City Mo
April 1st 57

Alas his removal
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Chicago April 18th 1852

Hon^{le} S. A. Douglass

Sir,

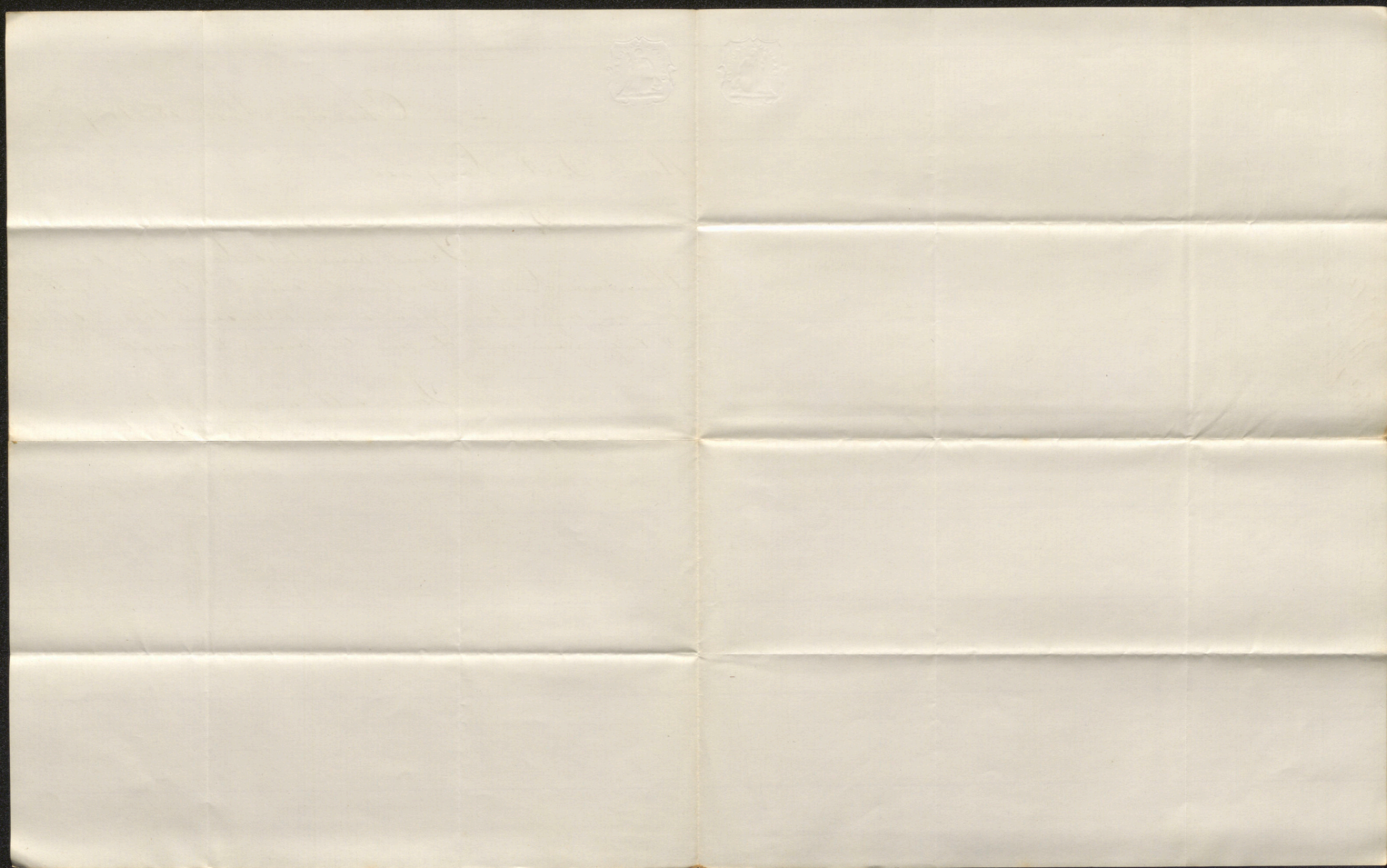
I send herewith a Dog of the real
Mountain Dew of Scotland which I brought with
me on my return from a short sojourn there - which
I beg you will do me the honor to accept.

I am, with much respect,
Your Obedt Serv^t

Alex. White

Alus. White
Chicago





Hanover Academy, Taylorsville Va.
April 9th 1857.

Honorable Sir:-

I have the honor to inform you that at a late meeting of the "Evangelical Literary Society", at Hanover Academy, you were unanimously elected an "Honorary member of that body. Be assured that we esteem it an honor to have so distinguished a name enrolled upon our records, and I feel proud to state that this testimonial of the Society's regard has resulted from a due appreciation of your invaluable services to your Country.

Very truly, your obt. Servt.

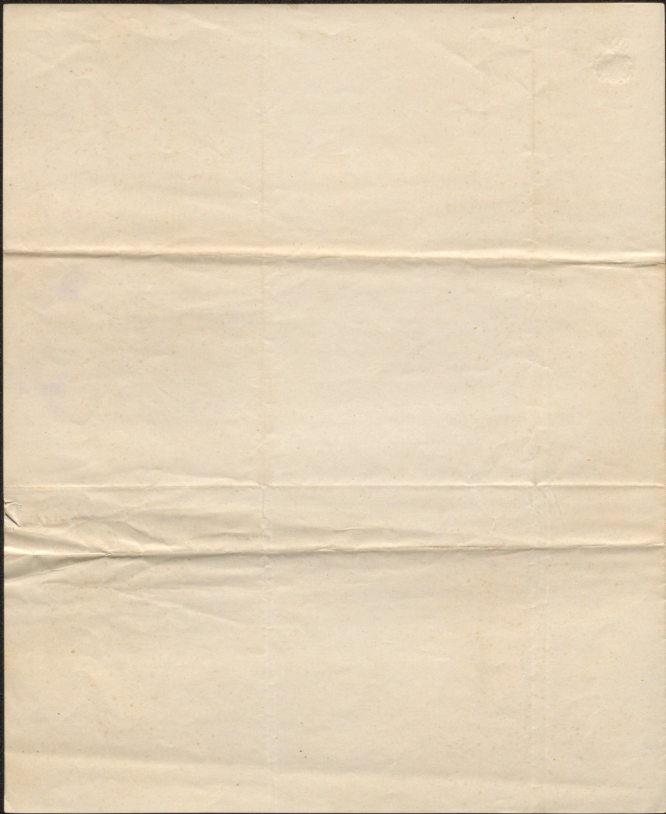
J. E. Heath.

J. E. Heath.
J. Dearing.
A. N. Fleming.
M. Heath
J. D. Hankins.

Committee.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas.





St Paul Sept 19th 1857

My Dear Madam:

Mrs Rice desires me to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter & to say that she will so far avail herself of your service, as to trouble you to get for her a Cashmere or Moussin de laine dress—dark colors for a house dress. You will also oblige her by sending it to me by Express—

Mrs R also sends much love—the boy has been very ill & has kept his mother constantly engaged—or she would write (as she says)—

We are just getting into the political Cauldron, and it is boiling hard—I am of the opinion that the Democrats will carry the day by a fair majority.

By the paper I learn that Mr Douglas is in the interior of the state, wishing him success

I am very truly Yours

Mrs J. A. Douglas
Chicago Ill

H M Rice

St Paul. N. Eng.
Sept 19th 44.
H. M. Rice
to
W^m Douglas.

Annexed.

Billings House

Krook down April 20th 57

Hon Stephen A. Douglas,

My Dear Sir

It is some time since

I have had the pleasure of seeing you on board the Steamer Buck Eye State, from Buffalo to Detroit, having become permanently located in this rapidly growing ^{town}. I take this occasion to let you know of my whereabouts, so that by my own negligence I should not become erased from your books, nor kind recollection.

The great principle of the Nebraska bill has still occasionally to be fought, and its friends receive the bitterest opposition of wandering and disordered minds, in no place have I seen it so fully carried into effect, than it is in the abuse, the scurvy attacks, made ~~upon~~ by treacherous Democrats, upon one of the truest we have in this Community, A. T. Walling Esq who has just been appointed Post Master for this place. Mr Walling is true as steel to the principles of the sound Democratic party, for his unflinching course he is represented to be any and everything but a good Democrat

by a class of men too, who will sell their Party
and its principles, for a party pecuniary consideration

The warm and true friends who have every faith
in the firmness of the Administration, look upon
the attempt to impeach him in Washington as entirely
hopeless, and we trust it may be so.

Trusting that I may not be forgotten on your
list and recollection,

I am Respectfully
& Truly Yours
J. Parker

R. Laan
Kortrijk 1807

April 20/07

Wishes to be remembered

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Lebanon April 20th 1837

Senator Douglas

Please
send me a hal a dozen ^{copies} of your
Great Speech upon the Nebraska
Bill

Yours &c

W. D. Masterson

Lebanon

Illinois

W. D. Matheron,
Lebanon Ill.
April 20/57
Wants Speech on the
Rebels Bill



Ministry of Va.
April 20th 1857

My dear Sir,

Mr Jas. Southall, of
Charlottesville, Va., expects to visit
Europe; & a letter from ^{you} would be of service
to him abroad. There is not a more
perfect gentleman in Virginia than
Mr. S.; his character, his bearing,
his abilities, would make him an
ornament of any society in any part
of the world. This is the testimony, not
of a partial friend, but of all who
know him. By giving him such a
letter as I could desire for him, you
may confer a great favor on him, as

well as on his friends, & especially
on you

Friend & Servant

A. S. Plidwoc

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas,

A. T. Bledsoe
University Va
April 20/87

Introduces Lemuel
Southall

Chicago April 20 1857

Hon S A Douglas

Dear Sir

You will pardon me for writing you again on the subject of Local Mail Agent, for this City, I am extremely anxious like all Applicants for Office, to have some action taken upon my Application, for the Position I ask for. I was defeated four Years since when an Applicant for this Place, by Long John. I then had a Letter - from Gov Matteson likewise a Letter from W J Brown of Indiana, And a Letter signed by all the Democratic Alderman of this City. I am now Backed by all the Democratic Alderman of this City, with the exception of P Connolly whom I presumed would have given ~~him~~ me his influence had I asked for it Mr Shean has given Paul H Dennis a Letter Mr Dennis has been a resident of the City about three Years, I enclose you a Letter signed by sixteen Democrats including Alderman Dunlap from the 7 Ward & Coughlin from 10 Ward, and Kennedy from the 4 Ward all Elected

This Spring I sent you a Letter from Major Divessey
and Col Davis Hugh Magher told me he would
talk with you on subject, I never was in the
City, Washington, and consequently do my business
by writing and will now leave the matter in
your hands, and will not write any more
letters on the subject, but remain with much

Esteem
Your Friend
J. McConnet

J. M. Connett
Chicago
Ills

Vermillionville April 20th - 1854 -

Gentlemen,

Is this the way, we are to be treated, for helping to elect Mr Buchanan President - that among the first acts of his administration, we must suffer our Post Office taken from us - our democratic Post Master turned out, and a black republican appointed in his stead - a man so hostile to our government, that he even, hesitated, to take the oath of Office, because it required him to support the constitution - is this Democratic patronage - surely, it is worse than, labor for ten cents a day, as the enemy predicted - it is in fact, taking the childrens bread, and giving it to dogs - But not to censure the administration, altogether, for this signal instance of their disfavor - the application, for this removal, no doubt, had the appearance of fairness - but in truth, it was got ^{up} and presented in a clandestine manner, under false pretences, for the better securing of signatures, and the accomplishment of their object - notwithstanding I think, the movement, would have proved abortive, had it not been, that a certain leading democrat, living without the bounds of this vicinity, and therefore having no occasion to interfere, turned traitor, to some of his

best political friends, and their cause - he it was, who went to Ottawa, and by his political standing and misrepresentations, duped some of you, to believe, all was right, thereby inducing you to endorse their statements - which endorsement, no doubt was the very reason, why the department ordered the removal - now shall such duplicity go unnoticed, or such fraud, be practiced with impunity, I trust not - such conduct, affords good reason, for nullifying the whole transaction - and I hope, therefore, that you will unite by, enter your protest against it - and use your whole influence, to effect, a revocation of this decision - by having, this renegade incumbent, displaced, and the office restored to its former station, under the charge of a post master, friendly to the government - And for the good of the cause we advocate, I think, a further change should be made - that is, vacate entirely, the Lowell post office - then the Whigs, will not have it. To say, the Permillionville office, is not central, and that it is too near the Lowell office - how can there two offices in such contiguity - was it not, because they, under whig rule, first got our office, removed, to the other side of the river - and upon the return of a democratic administration, we obtained, a new office on this side, without disturbing them

and now, since they, or the same party, have succeeded, again in the removal of our office, by taking advantage this time, of this very liberty shown them - I say, then, let them, hereafter, have no such reason, to complain again, of the nearness of the two offices - but break up, that office entirely - then with our office, be central, just midway between the Louisa and South Ottawa Offices - then would all the Post Offices, on the whole line from Ottawa to Magnolia, be equidistant from each other - namely at about five miles apart - and thus would the people be well accommodated - besides, such a change of the office, would not only restore to us, our original privileges, but it would tend greatly, to diminish the circulation of the wrong, and increase the circulation of the right kind of information in the community - which last consideration, I deem of no trivial importance, to our general future welfare - I hope then, such a beneficial arrangement may be consummated - by using the liberty I take - I mean no dictation - but only speak advisory - you know, old men, are for counsel - young men for war -

To the Hon. Wm. Caddick
" Wm. Ayman
" H. H. M. Cushman
" Wm. A. Berman
" John Rice
" W. L. Gibson

very respectfully
Yours
Isaac D. Dorricks

To the Honorable

William Reddick

and others

Ottawa. Ill.

Love & Respect

New York April 20th 1857

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass

Dear Sir

I shall be an applicant for some minor position in the Custom House, when the New Collector shall assume his duties. I have never before applied for any political position. Although I have always exerted myself to advance the interest of the Democratic Party.

If you will be kind enough to give me a brief letter of introduction to Mr. Schell I will esteem it a great favour. and will seek an opportunity at some future time to repay the obligation.

With great respect I am
Yours Truly
James Keese
9. Ferry St.

James Kece
New York
April 20/87

Is an applicant for
a place in the Custom
House under the new
Collector

Am from Sept 26th 1857

The Office of the Secretary

Dear Sir

I have the honor

to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th inst. in relation to the
matter of the office of the Secretary of the State. I have been
informed that the same has been forwarded to the proper
authorities for their consideration. I have also been
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authorities for their consideration. I have also been
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authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
James K. Paulding

With great respect, I am,
Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
James K. Paulding

Very respectfully,
James K. Paulding

Received
of the
Secretary of the State
for the
Office of the Secretary
of the State
Sept 26th 1857

Springfield Mo.
April 20/57.

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Sir—

Please write

to Arch Bishop Purcell of
Cincinnati that, you have
friends who wish you to request
that Dr. Hugh Quigley of this
City, Roman Catholic Priest, may
be continued, here, and that
you hope ~~it~~ he may be
please ~~to~~ continued ~~here~~
here.

Yours obt. Servt,

John A. Mc Clelland

John A McClelland
Springfield Ill
April 20/57

Wants you to write to
Arch Bishop Purcell &
request him to Retain
Dr Hugh Quigley at
Springfield

Amey April 20th
1837.

Dear Sir

I have
written to and received
a reply from Hon Henry
McCornell. His answer
is perfectly satisfactory to
me. and I shall consequ-
-ently let my name re-
-main on John's recommen-
-dation.

Drop me a line when
you arrive at Chicago
as I wish to go there at
that time.

Very respectfully
I remain
Hon. S. Douglass.

J. A. Morris
Dunwoody, N.Y.
April 20/57