

Philad. April 25th 1857

Dear Sir

Your note of the 21st reaches me at this point & I hasten to reply

My recollection is clear that I had your papers filed in the State department, but the administration having determined not to consider the question of foreign appointments except such cases as resignations or other urgent causes for action, nothing could be done. In the midst of the pressure of other matters, regarded as necessary, you could not interpose a topic not under consideration. The foreign

appointments I now perceive
by the newspapers are to be
considered about the mid-
dle of May, when you
will have your chance with
the rest. I wish I could see
courage in the hope of suc-
cess but I do not feel war-
ranted in doing so, for our
State has already a full
portion of these stations and
it is made an argument a-
gainst us constantly. The
President it is true is from
our State but he is bound to
consider the rights of all
Sections of the Country &
hence our chances are limit-
ed. With my best wishes,
Dear Sir

Yrs. Wm. H. L.
Wm. H. L.



Free
Wm Bigler
U.S.S.

Dr Charles E. Goldsborough
Hunterstown
Adams Co Pa.





Office of the Daily and Weekly Argus,
OPPOSITE POST OFFICE.

Rock Island, Ill. Apr 25th 1857.

Dear Sir,

My friend Capt James
May, an old acquaintance
of Mr Buchanan and
Judge Black, has written
the enclosed letter and
suggests that it be sent to
you with a request to
enclose it to Judge Black.

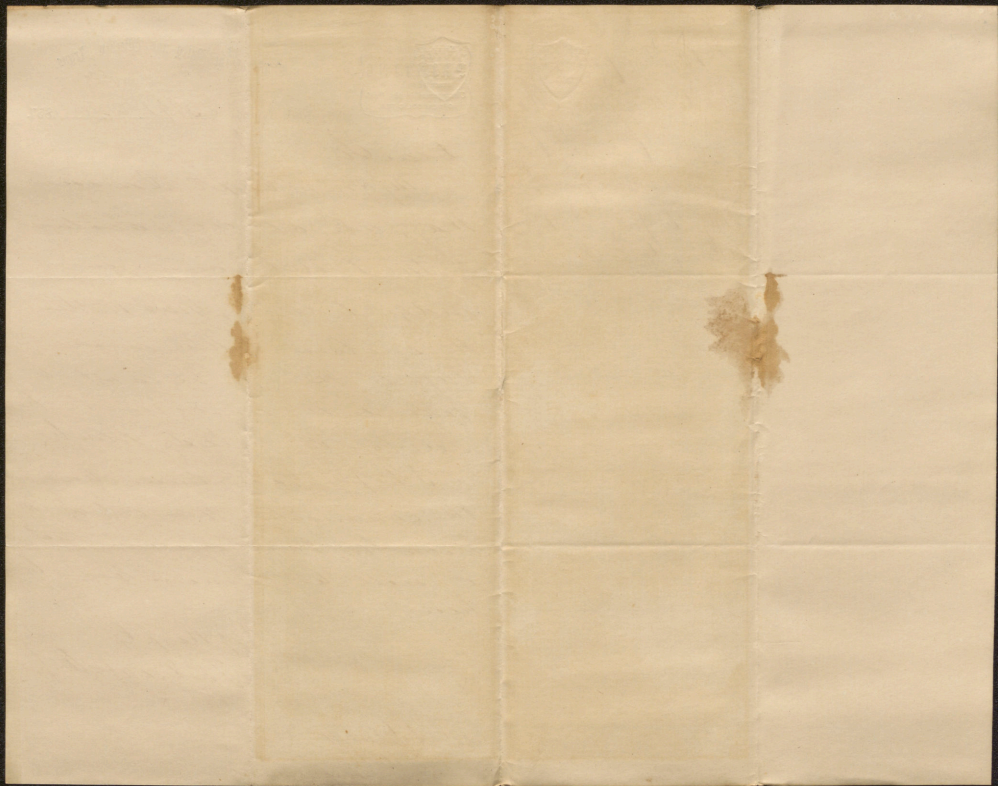
I hope you have had
the conversation you intended
with Mr Forcey and that
it will be remembered by
him.

Very Resply
W Daulford

Hon St Dauglar
Washington

J. W. Danforth Jr
Rock Island Ill
April 25/57

Encloses a letter from James
May to Judge J. S. Black
Attorney General



Rock Island April 25th 1857

Hon J. S. Black }
Atty Gen^l U S }

Dear Sir

I am informed that my
fr^d Col^l J B Danforth (Editor of the Rock Island
Argus) will be an applicant for some office
from your Administration

I feel it my duty to assure you that
the Col^l has strong claims I have been well
acquainted with him for several years

I know he has been a bold energetic
industrious and influential democratic
Editor I know too that he has been an
active industrious and efficient supporter
from first to last of Mr Buchanan's Election

He was a member of the Cin^t Convention
and done his duty there manfully

I know too that he published some com-
munications favourable to Mr Buchanan's claim
some time before the Convention met

I know also that his Paper has been prominent
in sustaining the Supreme Court & the Adminis-
tration since the Election Therefore feel safe
in recommending him to your favourable consi-
deration He can procure (in my opinion) very strong
support in the U S Senate Whatever you may do for him
with the President or in the Cabinet I will regard as
a favour
your sincere fr^d
James May



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Godfrey Mts. April 25th 57

Hon. S. A. Douglas Esqr. U.S.S.

Dr Sir.

Excuse me for troubling you a little at this time.

I am desirous to have, Ferris' Japan Expedition. and know no better way to obtain it, than by applying to you for it. you will oblige a kind friend by sending me the works, if you have any on hand. Democracy is on the rise in this part of the Pine yard, although in the hot bed of Spumlex Democracy.

Yours Truly,

T. P. Walworth, P.M.

Hon

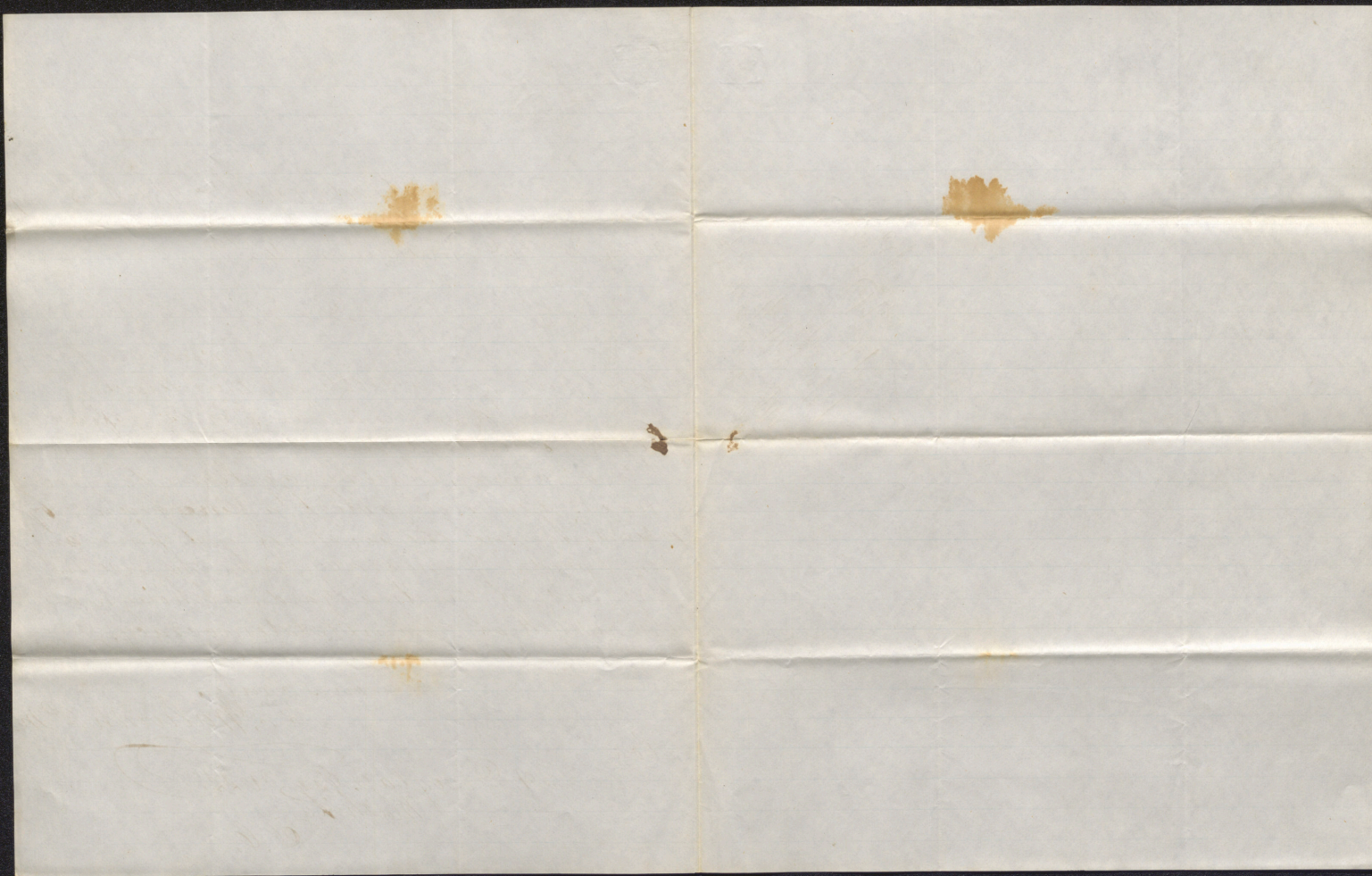
S. A. Douglas Esqr. U.S.S.
Washington
D.C.

J. P. Walworth Esq

Godfrey Ill

April 28/57

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Expedition





Rockford Apr 26th 1847
Mr J. A. Douglas Esq
Oasis Since the
appointment of Mr Hamblight there is
Considerable Excitement. in the first
place when he got up his partition he
got freemont men to Carry it around
in the next place there was not one Buell
man to line it, and in the third place
there was a poor Buchanan man applied
to him for a clerkship a worthy good
man, and a man who has kept him up
for sometime. he gave him the grant
of the Situation. When he rec^d his Commis-
sion ^{and} he turned his back. and Employed two
freemont men who come then at least
against him the Pres. who is Mr H.
That he should be made Pres only three
years in the Country no not that long only 2
and 1/2 years. I know him a citizen of
Ill. I know him when there it is said
that the Pres gave him the office because
he a poor man and when he rec^d it
turned his back on the poor.

The party does not like it and for god
sake acquaint the president and have him
secure the poor man a clerkship in
the same office give him some
appointment let me hear from you
soon and the result of this address
Box N° 512 Rockford

Yours a Democrat

Signed
A Democrat
Box 512.
Rockford
Ills

About the apple,
of P.M.





Portland Station Delat Co. Ill.

April 26th 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

I should like much to have the Mechanical portions of the last Patent Office Report if there is any for distribution, also any new kinds of grain or seeds adapted to our climate that you may please to send. With Respect

S. W. Arnold

S. W. Arnold
Portland Station
De Kalb Co. Ills,



The writer would ask
Mr. Douglass to be so kind as
to send him his autograph.

Hoping that his over-
sight may be little thought of, & that
Mr. D. may be willing to oblige him.
He remains

Respectfully

Wm. Richardson.

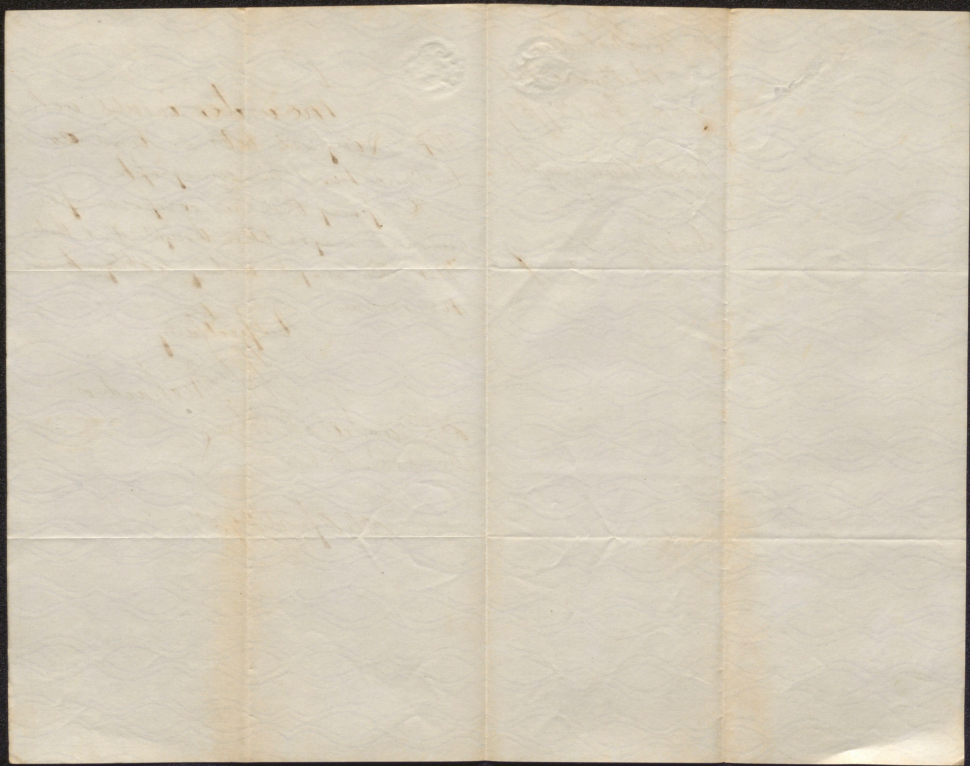
at Canfield Bros Co. }
Box. 886. P.O. }

Date April 27. 57.

Mr H Polakow
Baltimore Md
April 27/57

Want Autograph

Sent April 28/57



Buffalo April

27. 1857

Hon Stephen A Douglass
Syr

I permit me
to introduce to you
my brother Capt Master
of the Army. He is of
the Quarter Master's
Department United
States Army on business
connected with his
profession.

Any kind offices that
may be extended to him
by you will be acknowledged
by your sincere friend

Wm Master

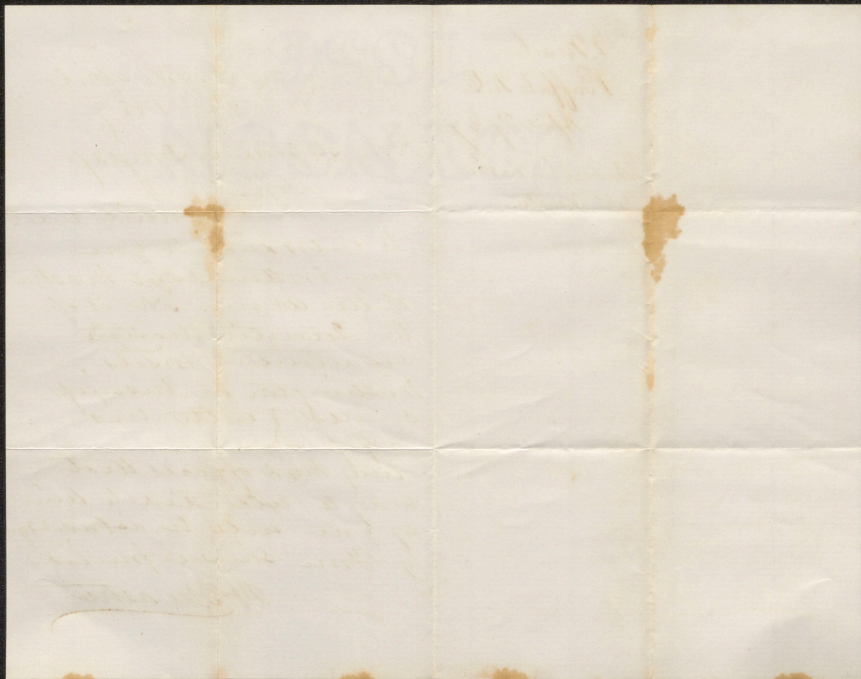
J. H. Master

Buffalo N.Y.

April 27/57

Introduce his brother

Capt Master



Chicago, April 27, 1837

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Dear Sir.

This note be handed
you by Mr Paul Dennis, who has been
so strongly recommended by Col. Medary
& others as ^{Local} ~~Special~~ mail agent in this
city. I have recommended him heretofore,
& Price will tell you all about him.

Yours, very truly,

Jas. W. Sheahan

James W. Shaban
Chicago Ill
April 27/57

Recommends Paul
H. Davis for local
Mail Agent at
Chicago Ills

Chicago Illinois
April 27, 1857

Sir

Allow me most respectfully
upon this occasion to trouble
you once more. I wish very much
that Mr John E. Kimberly Son
of Dr R. of this place may be appoi-
nted First-Serjeant with me
he has served in the Mexican
War under Gen Taylor and
had honorable mention
in his reports & for several
years navigated a vessel
on the Pacific Coast while
in California. his appointment
would meet with general appro-
bation by the commercial Marine
in this district.

To Hon S D Douglass
Washington

Your Friend
and Obedt Servt
J A Mitchell

On account of physical
ability and as a personal
favor to myself I respectfully
request his appearance, and
am still consider myself
under immense obligations
if you will give the subject
your attention

26 A. Matchell
Chicago Ill

April 27/57

Recommends John E
Kimberly for Lieut
Regular Service



Brandon Vt. April 27. 1857.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglass.

Dear Sir, We are getting up a New Cemetery in this town, situate about about one mile north of our village. We have about nine acres, now mostly covered by a beautiful growth of young and thrifty trees and is capable of being made one of the best places of the kind in Vermont. The grounds belong to an association incorporated for the purpose, and is to be divided and sold out by convenient lots. It has been suggested that you might like to avail yourself of the privilege of taking a good lot, and cause the remains of your friends to be remaned there. You are aware that our burying ground in the village has become very much filled up, and is but little cared for and is not such a

as it should be, and many of our fellow
citizens will cause the remains of their
friends to be removed.

If you should think it best to have your
friends removed, it would be a pleasure
to our association to convey to you
one of the best lots as a matter of respect
to you and your friends.

You are also aware that we have some
of the best marble in the world for
monumental purposes.

Any aid which I can render you in
seeing that the business is properly done
would be by me very cheerfully
rendered.

I am with very great
respect your obd. servt

E. N. Briggs. Best Marble
Cemetery Association

E. N. Briggs
Brandon VT

April 27 1857

Rel to the Comtee
in Brandon propose
to convey a lot to
you do remove your
funds to see &c

Custom House, Chicago,
COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

April 27th 1857.

My Dear Sir

I am happy to hear that your little son is much better, and that you have returned to Washington.

Mr. Fry will commence his official duties in the "Custom House" on the first of May; Yesterday I had a conversation with him, and he very kindly gave me an invitation to remain in my present position. Gladly would I do so, if it were possible for me to save any thing from the salary I now receive. Still I shall be guided by your advice in this matter.

It is the opinion of Mr. Kinsella our very efficient Deputy Collector, that a Deputy traveling inspector for the Revenue Service is needed in the North Western District.

I should like to obtain this appointment very much, for many reasons, which I have heretofore mentioned. Should you

think best to obtain this situation for
me. I will faithfully attend to all
the duties which may devolve upon me,
and you shall never regret having favoured
me in this matter. I wish you would
please take this matter into consideration

Should you not believe the idea practicable
please advise me in regard to any business
and I shall follow your advice to the
letter. I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

Your friend
& opp. Servant
Charles S. Butcher

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



Chas. P. Sutton
Chicago Ill
April 27/57

Wants to be Secret &
Working Agent for
the Treasury &c

Monday Morning Apr 27/57

Dear Sir

Please give me letters of introduction
to your friends John Calhoun &
an Gier of Kansas -

I will call at your
house for them tomorrow

Very truly

A. J. Cass

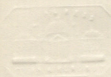
Wm L. Douglas
Present

H. J. Haas

Washington D.C.

April 27 1857

Wants letters of introduction
to Genl Calhoun and
Wm. West —



Dan'l P. Rhodes.

RHODES & CARD, Jonathan F. Card.

Dealers in all varieties of

BITUMINOUS COAL;

ALSO,

Lehigh, Lackawana and Blossburg Coal.

Particular attention paid to the sale of

PIG IRON,

both here and in Chicago, being connected with the House of DEWEY & Co., at Chicago.

Office and Dock at the foot of West River Street.

Cleveland, April 27 1857

My Dear

My object in writing

you is this - to ask the following
quicker questions viz. When will
you be here? Has Sarah gone home
if not, tell her to come this way
to see us. I hope you will come
this way and stay with us
as long as possible. (at least a
week.) as I want to see you
upon special business. Should
you go some other way to
Chicago please advise me when
you will be there - or here by
telegram or letter. Remember me
kindly to your good wife & say
to her we want very much to see
her here

Yours Truly

Henry S. A. Dwyer

D. P. Rhodes

Wm. H. D. C.

Sam. J. Rhodes

Cleveland Ohio

April 27/57

Desires to know where
you will be in
Cleveland on your
way to Chicago



Chicago April 27th 1857

Dr Sir My Son John E. Knicker
would like to be appointed
First Lieutenant in the Revenue
Service under Capt Nichols
he is 25 years old and in
every respect fitted for the place
(Maritime Knowledge & all)
He served through the Mexican
war & subsequently went to California
& from there commanded a Vessel
engaged in trade in the Pacific

I can commend to your favour
as a true man, & if his application
^{be} successful, you will be proud of
your recommendation of him
to the Station solicited

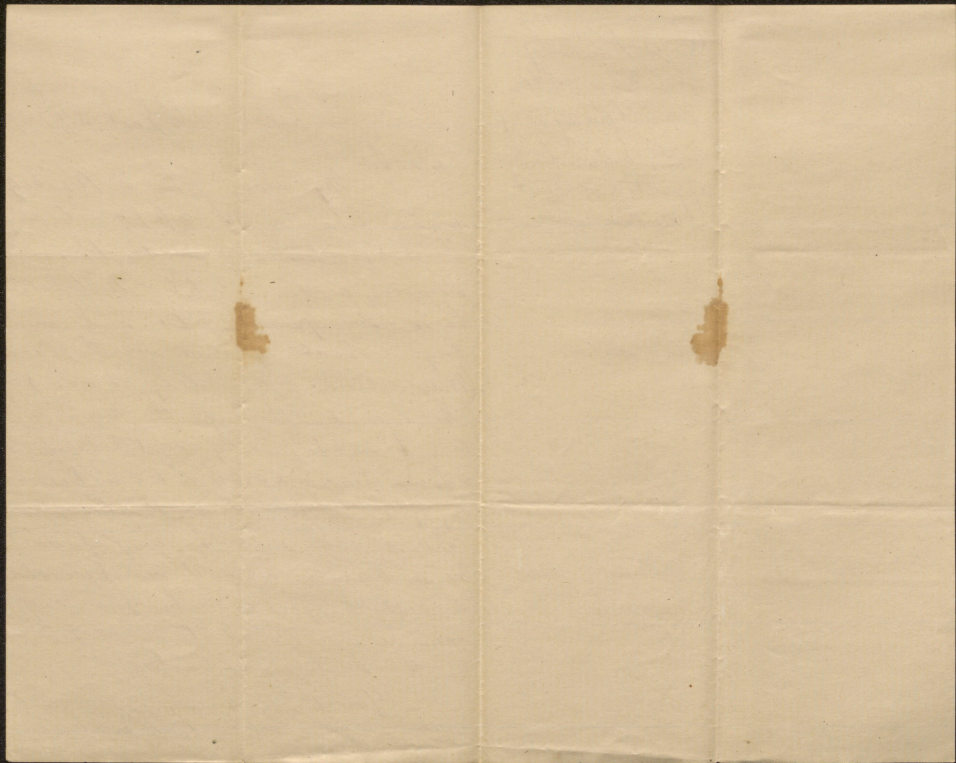
Yours

J. E. Knicker

E S Kimberley
Chicago Ill

Apr 27/57

Desires to have his Son
appointed a Justice
in the Revenue Service



Chicago April 27th, 1857

Dr Sir
Pavel H. Dennis
the bearer of this is a warm
friend of mine a democrat
of the first water,

Mr. Dennis has
been for the last year the Secret
Police officer under Mr Donnelly
the City Marshall and as such
conducted himself with marked
propriety and integrity. He desires
the position of local Mail agent
at Chicago, and as such will
perform all the duties of the Station
perfectly and to the satisfaction of
the P.O. Department. Mr Dennis
had the offer of retaining the position
at an enhanced ^{salary} that he held
under Donnelly but having voted
against Wentworth he declined
over

Now if you are not comitted
in this matter you will do a
personal favor as well as reward
a most faithful, untiring democrat
and one who I am sure will
never cause you to blush for
your recommendation of a
most worthy man to an appointment
to a responsible public station

Sincerely Yrs

E. S. Kirkely

E. J. Kimberly
Chicago Ill

April 27/57

Recommends Paul
H. Drums for local
mail agent for
Chicago Ill