

Washington May 18th 1877

My Dear Judge

I have directed to your address at Chicago a day or two ago. Tolson's work of "Growing Unmuzzled" being the only copy of his books I have as yet been able to secure. The work I hope to be able to get shortly when you shall have them. You will find them a valuable acquisition to your Political library, and not the less so for their rarity. There are probably not a dozen copies of them extant and these are in Virginia.

Since I saw you I have laid my plans in connection with the Printing, Clerk & to several of the Va Delegation and have written to Keitt our Barksdale and others.

From all except our who is absent from home I have received the most satisfactory assurances of thorough cooperation. The Virginia Delegation together with that from North and South Carolina can be relied on unanimously to carry out the arrangement.

While there have been Georgia, here have Alabama, here
have Mississippi two have Arkansas. Five have
Tennessee four have Kentucky, and three have
Missouri can be relied on with almost equal
certainty. I am very much cheered
by the letters I have received and see nothing
in the way of its North Success. provided
I can have a tolerable cooperation in the
North week by Twelve or fifteen votes.

I have communicated with and enlisted in
my friend Holland late financial clerk
in the Union office who is now on his
way to the week. I have directed him to
talk well with Sumner and Allen. I have
ample assurance in his fidelity and that
he can be trusted.

Matters are in about the condition here in
which you left them. The administration is
staggering badly on. without any distinct and
defined purpose. None others here its regard
or confidence or recognition except its
original friends. all others are labored. I got
a long letter from ^{Mr} Sumner a few days
since. He is very much dissatisfied at the
condition of things and things that ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~done~~ ^{done}
must be made outside of the
Administration.

Please present me kindly to Mrs. Douglass
and let me hear from you at some convenient

at Petersburg and believe me

Very truly your friend
A. J. B. and Ks.

John S. A. Douglass.

A. D. Banks
Washington
D. C.

Anders Bork
1187
Syracuse Unmarked

Answered
May 21st '57
S. H. O.



St. Charles Aug 1851

Hon. A. A. Phelps

Sir your letter
of the 13th came to hand a few
days ago. I was sincerely pleased
to hear you say that my friend
should have the appointment as
you would recommend him
which is just as good —
his name is Bradley L. Chamberlain
Bradley L. Chamberlain
and I there is a vacancy now
or soon will be one thing I
am certain of there ought to
be a vacancy please talk
with Am. Huntington Esq —
Send him Chamberlain a
Commission as soon as you
can for it will do us all
a great deal of good in

in this neighborhood
please write me when I can
find you when I come to
Chicago and dont for-
get the promise that you
will visit me in the course
of the summer

Yours Respectfully
J. B. Churchill

P. J. Purcell
St. Charles
Ills

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH.

CONSOLIDATION OF THE

HOUSE, MORSE, O'REILLY, WADE, SPEED AND CORNELL LINES.

Chicago,

May 18

1857.

BY TELEGRAPH

From Washington 18

1857

To Am. A. Douglass

PRINCIPAL OFFICES

OF THE
Union Telegraph

AND ITS CONNECTIONS.

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Buffalo, Milwaukee,
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Cleveland, Pittsburgh,
Columbus, Quebec,
Detroit, Toronto,
Dayton, Toledo,
Dubuque, St. Louis,
Halifax, Sandusky,
Washington, D. C.

DEPOTTERS FOR EUROPE, FORWARDED
by Steamers, from New York
Boston, or Halifax.

*Stamton says a line from you
to the Pres. immediately will
secure me at Mansfield. Please
write*

Isaac C. Siller

Capt Diller
at Washington
wants letter

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH

HOUSE, JOHN E. CAMPBELL, WARD, SERRIN AND COMPANY, LITTON

COMMUNICATIONS BY AIR

1033
Hon S A Douglas

Dear Sir

Please

accept the accompanying brandy
as a slight token of esteem
from your friends & admirers

J B Little of Va

J B Miles " Pa

1033 La Salle St

Chicago Aug 18th 1857.

Little & Miles
Chicago





Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.
and in reply to inform you that the same
has been forwarded to the proper authorities
for their consideration.
Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. B. Smith

1864

Carrolltown Mo
May 18th 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglas

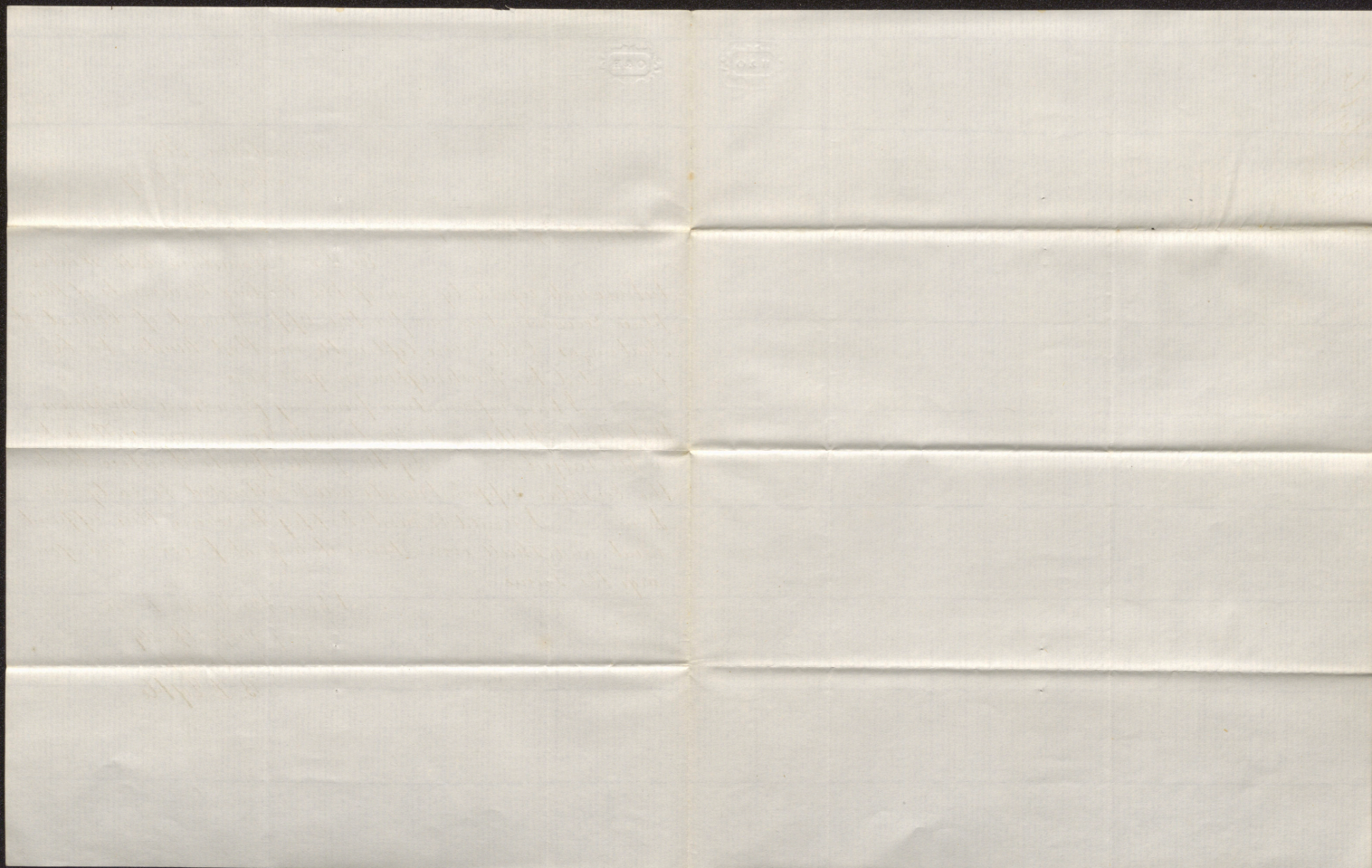
Dr. Sir Sometime last Winter testimonials signed by some of the leading Democrats of this place recommending me for the Appointment of Consul at Matanzas, Cuba, were left with our Post Master to be forwarded to Washington in your care.

I have information from my friends in Missouri that Doct. Phelps, and Mr. James S. Green were written to on the subject, By the public prints I notice that the Consular Appointments will be attended to early in June I would be most happy to receive this Appointment, and shall ever esteem it a great favor could you urge the same

I have the honor to be
very Respectfully
Yours &c.
B. F. Lytle

B. F. Lytle
Carrollton
Ills







Chicago May 18th 1857

I would commend to the favorable notice of the Post Office Department Mr. James E. Yost who wishes the appointment of Route Agent on Rail Road from Chicago to St. Louis

He has been about three years in the employ as Clerk in the office of the County Judge in this City, and his deportment has given general satisfaction. Mr. Yost is a reliable Democrat, and a sober trustworthy gentleman, his appointment would be very acceptable to the Democracy of this district.

Joshua Ruckey



Joshua Purcher
Chicago 18th June.
Wormsley James
& Great for Hunt
Agent.



St. Louis, May 18, '57

My dear Sir:

I have failed to answer your letter sooner, because I have been at the "Conference" at Alton, battling against one regiment of the "three thousand parsons."

The fanatics introduced their treasonable resolutions, and were led by Samuel J. May of Syracuse, Conway (formerly of Washington City and now of Cincinnati) Billings of Quincy, Ills, &c. &c. It became my duty to express my views very freely, about "political parsons," and I did not shrink from the task. The result, I suppose, you have seen. "St. Louis" withdrew

from the Conference in a
body.

My official duties will
cause me to remain in St.
Louis until the second week
in July. I presume I
shall not be absent from
the City during the next
six weeks, and shall be
very glad to see you here.

Gov. Walker has not yet
arrived; and if I know
where he comes and where
to find him, I shall call
upon him. I must con-
fess that I have less per-
sonal confidence in his
soundness than you have.
After he entered Polk's
Cabinet, he was untrue
to the friends of Texas
Annexation, especially
in Missouri where the

fiercest battle was fought -
so untrue that from that
hour I have never spoken
to him, nor thought that
he would "do to tie to."

He has, however, a difficult
task to perform in Kansas,
and if I can be of any
service in causing the per-
plexed question to be
settled on right principles,
I am willing to render
such aid as is proper.

As I ~~shall~~ expect to see
you in a short time, I
will defer what I have
to say on other matters
until your arrival.

Yours truly

Sam^l P. Cheat

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Saml. Treat
St Louis

Washington, D.C. May 18th 1857

Wm. L. A. Douglass

Dear Sir

The crowds of expectants that thronged around you from the date of my arrival in this city to that of your departure from it prevented me from occupying so much of your time as would be necessary for a proper understanding of my cause as Editor of an old and fairly democratic journal since the inauguration of President Pierce. - After his perfunctory course about the Savannah Post Office it was intimated that I could get a Foreign appointment of equal or even greater value than the former office and accordingly I determined to ascertain through some friend what Foreign appointments were then vacant, owing to your kindly attention I should have troubled you to make the inquiry for me but that I had seen by the paper that you had previously left for Illinois.

I then addressed a short letter to Mr Buchanan asking for the desired information and particularly in regard to one or two points which I proposed to which he promptly replied that there was no office vacant which I would care, and he took occasion to add that it would afford him pleasure to serve me at any time that opportunity might occur.

Now that time has arrived and in order to test his sincerity as well as to carry out the advice of my family Physician I have sought the appointment of Consul at Boston. A small affair it is true and one of less value than my friends desired but the climate was recommended to me as the most suitable to my wife's constitution which has been impaired for several years and altho I am backed by my whole delegation in Congress and by all other prominent democrats in my state, it is doubtful whether after laboring as Editor of the oldest and most prominent democratic journal in my state

for more than fifteen years, ~~that~~ I shall get over that.

It is true I have no personal claims on Mr. Buchanan, having thoroughly advocated your nomination in preference to all other persons, to the action of the Cincinnati Convention, yet having voluntarily tendered his services, it is not creditable to disregard his promises on the first test that has been applied.

You can I think do me a service by forwarding to me at this place a letter to the President or to some member of the Cabinet recommending my appointment, should I succeed I intend to return in time to be felt as Editor and heard as Speaker not only in Georgia but also in the adjoining States in the Campaign of 1860.

Accept assurances of my sincere regards and my earnest wishes for the realization of all your desires.

Philip J. Pugh.



P. J. Punch
Washington
D.C.

Chicago Illinois May 18th 1857.

Hon. Horatio King

Respected Sir

Being credibly informed that some change or changes of Route Agents on the St Louis Alton and Chicago Rail Road may be made in consequence of improper conduct on the part of some of the present employees, I am induced to make application for the office: and should the charges, which I am advised have been preferred against Messrs. Grans and Davis, be sustained, I trust that the accompanying recommendations will prove satisfactory as to fitness qualification &c.

Having always been temperate in my habits, and strictly attentive to my business, I dare hope that no complaint will ever reach the Department of unfaithfulness or dereliction of duty,

should I prove successful in securing your
favorable action in my behalf.

My step-father Joshua Rucker Esq.
of Chicago has always been a staunch
Democrat, and I trust his guarantee as
well as my own opinions and action
will not do discredit to the Administration,
which I would desire to support in the
line of my duty.

Respectfully your obedient servt.

To Hon. Horatio King

First Asst. S. M. Sec.

Washington City D. C.

James E. Post



James E. Faust
Chicago

Wants Mail
Agency,

Is recommended
to the Dept.,
Augst 8th 87,



Chicago May 12 1857

Hon. S. A. Douglas }
Chicago
Sir

After a residence of
Ten years in this city, - your home, - and
having been a somewhat careful observer of
your political career during that time, I
have in common with your other numerous
friends had much to say to me by your
opposition of the glorious principles of the
Great National Democratic Party -
whether in the Senate - on the Canvas -
or in vindication of the attacks of -
- Radical Republicans - - Municipal
Miscreants - or Rampant Persons -
and having been the past six years
a humble, but unwavering adherent of the
Party - a poor, plain man, have been
deemed to ask a favor at your hands -
Niji - My dear, good, wife has recently
presented me with our third son & seventh
child, and hoping to better my condition
by a removal farther West, have before
removing, taken the liberty to ask your agent

It gave my boy your much honored
name:— not that a Souvenir to him is
necessary; but should he be spared to reach
man's estate he may bear a name so
illustrious, which I trust may be induction
of good works in the great National Society
to which I have the honor to belong; and
of the principles of which you are the honored
and acknowledged champion and guide.

I beg you to accept my best wishes
for your health and happiness, and also
my apology for thus intruding on your
valued time, and believe me

Yours Faithfully
and Respectfully
C. Woodcock

A. O. Sep. 25. 50



C. Mootell
Chicago
ans.

Confidential

Wm. S. A. Douglass
W. S. Senator R.
Chicago,
Ill.

Leavenworth K. T. May 19. 1857

Sir,

Genl. Batham, on his return a few days since informed me, that representations were made at Washington during the late Session of Congress, to the effect, that I had been sent to Kansas & came to the Territory for the express purpose of superseding him in the office which he holds here - that Genl. L. & others pro-slavery were pursued a course in the territorial Gov^t which sat at that place, about the time of my arrival, highly detrimental to the interests of the free party of the Union & that the Gov^t treated me personally with discourtesy &c. &c. And that you believed such representations emanated from me - I assure you, Sir, nothing could be further from the truth - If you will pardon me for obstructing upon your very private affairs I will state frankly & fully the cause & objects which brought me to this country - Some few years since, I embarked heavily in a Slave Road Enterprise - The amt. paid in was insufficient for the completion of the work - To raise my ~~stock~~ stock I advanced \$20,000 - now the enterprise turned out a bad one - the company failed owing me \$20,000 - besides the amt. paid in on my stock

The load was too ponderous for me, & carried me down - my business was broken up entirely - I was ruined - I appropriated every dollar of property I possessed including my family residence, which by law was exempt from levy & sale, to the pay^t of indebtedness. I struggled hard & long for extrication but without success & finally concluded it was not to emigrate to one of the territories & strive to retrieve my fallen fortunes in some degree, by the appropriation of public lands as I might acquire at low prices - My only son being involved in my losses, to the extent of all he possessed I had no one fall back upon in my declining years -

I had been more than twenty years from the War & could not return to my profession with reasonable hope of success, but I had now heard of the time when the South & had large judicial experience & hoped I might obtain a District Judgeship, when the territory should become a State - I preferred Kansas & to it determined to remove.

On the death of Judge Burrell, last fall I applied for the vacant seat & my application was fortified by the approval of Genl. C. B. Stewart, Mr. M. C. McAllister, John F. Hughes, Pratt & Williams & several others, but the President had determined to take the business of Judge B. from the same State from which he came - James & had selected the individual - Mr. M. C. McAllister & Mr. Stewart then advised me to remove immediately to the territory in which I designed to settle, saying that doubtless, in course of the winter & spring some position would be attainable, which would afford me the

means of living, but neither of them mentioned, or alluded to, Genl. B. or to the office which he held, nor indeed to any office in particular - Mr. Stewart said that probably, another South office would be created & that a vacancy might arise in some Indian Agency, in which event I might perhaps obtain one or the other of them, for the time being - I hardly did not come here with a design to displace Genl. B. for I did not know him at all, or that the office which he held was located in this territory, nor had I the slightest knowledge as to who was its incumbent - in truth, neither had any crossed my mind till I accidentally fell in with & became acquainted with Genl. B. at Norfolk Mo: when on my way here - From Norfolk to this place, Genl. C. & myself came in company, & he very kindly made us known to such persons as we fell in with on the way, & at this place after an arrival - At the meeting of the Convention the next day after I arrived here, that body, without solicitation or suggestion on my part, invited me to take a seat with them, to participate in their deliberations & to address them which I did & was exceedingly gratified by the cordial reception given me by the members - The Convention had been called as a "Pro Slavery" or "Law & Order" body, but resolutions were reported by a Committee raised for that purpose, having for their object a reorganization, as a National Dem. party, upon the basis of the "Cincinnati Platform" - Upon those resolutions Genl. B. made a very able & effective address, declaring that while he was a "pro Slavery" ~~man~~ & a "law & order"

more, he was also a national democrat, standing
firmly upon the Cincinnati platform & that he
responded to the spirit & objects of the Association with
his whole heart - He gave me the highest possible
pleasure, to be the head banner of national democracy
& of the Union, substituted for me, in some sense,
liberty & national, in my newly adopted home. I too
addressed the Convⁿ in support of the resolutions.

I stated all these facts, at the time, to many of my
dear friends in Mich. & elsewhere & some weeks later
to Mr. Mr. Kendall - Genl. Cass, Mr. Stead & several other
gentlemen gave me introductory letters to Gov. Cary.
I came to the territory, strongly prepossessed in his favor
& unfolded to him, my preliminary condition & the
medium which led me here, not, however, until I had
been here several weeks - He one of the earliest in-
terviews I had with Gov. C. he told me that changes
had been proposed against Genl. Calhoun & that he
would be removed from office - He also said Sledge
Lecroquis would be removed & advised me to apply
for one or the other of these places - I uniformly told
him that those officers especially the judicial are worth
if vacant, be very desirable, but that I could take
no step to effect the removal of any dem. in some-
but who resided in the territory & no such step can
was taken in my behalf, to my knowledge -
Late in Feb. hearing that the office of Superintendent
of Indian Affairs for Kansas & Nebraska was about to
expire, I called on Gov. C. & told him, in case the
President should decide to make territorial appointments
unlike, as in the States, from residents of other
territories in which officers were to be filled,
I should very much like the Superintendency
allotted to & requested him to write to Mr. Buchanan

recommending my appointment, as the incumbent
lived in an adjoining State - He again proposed
that I should apply for one of the other Offices, I
again declined doing so & repeated the request
I had made - He then said he would write by the
next mail & afterwards told me he had done so.

I subsequently heard that Gd. G's time had not
expired & as I heard nothing further, upon the subject
supposed that information to be correct.

I have stated these matters, thus minutely, that
you may perceive the precise position I have
occupied in relation to them -

You will not fail to perceive that this Com-
munication is designed for your eye & ear
alone - I shall however, submit it to the inspection
of Genl. Calhoun -

Most respectfully

& sincerely

Yours

Chas. R. Hudson

Chambers
LeCompton
Kansas

Argus Office
Rock Island May 19. 1857

Dear Sir,

Permit me to introduce to your favorable consideration Mr. W. Muller, a German friend who has commenced the publication of a national democratic paper here. It is the only paper of the kind in this region and we hope will be the means of doing much good among our German population. Its circulation is not small and it means quite limited, but if it can live a year we hope it will then be able to support itself.

Mr Muller meets Chicago on business, hoping to get some subscriptions and advertisements for his paper. Any attentions you may be pleased to show him will be highly appreciated by him as well as our German friend here.

Very truly Your friend
Wm Danforth Jr
C

Hon L. L. Douglas
Wash Chicago

W. J. Sanfords for
Rock Island
Ills

Introduction of
M. Muller



OFFICE OF
Ohio & Mississippi Railroad Co.

Cincinnati, May 19th 1857

My dear Sir: I send you a ticket for our grand
opening on the 4th of June.

I sincerely hope you may be
able to come to Cincinnati to join us and
if you can come here on the Saturday previous
I am confident that we can enable you to
pass the intervening time agreeably.

Many of your Washington friends will
be here - among others I hope Pratt, Bayard,
Bigler & possibly Sedell.

Yours very truly
Samuel McCallow & Co.

Wm. A. Douglass.

Daniel & Barlow
Cincinnati
& Co

John H. Thompson

Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

in relation to the matter of the proposed amendment to the constitution of the State of New York. I have carefully considered the same and am pleased to find that it is in accordance with the wishes of the people.

I have also the honor to inform you that the same has been passed by the Legislature and is now in force.

Very respectfully,
John H. Thompson

John H. Thompson

Washington May 19th 1857

Dear Judge

I wish you to read the articles in the "States" from the 18th and onwards on the Panama R. R. Co - read also the Washington letter under the telegraphic head, - the subject is becoming very interesting and as you have been so entirely identified with Central American affairs it must be interesting to you -

I have suggested a solution to the whole difficulty - viz take advantage of the 8th Art of the Gadsden treaty which gives us the right to transport mails, goods &c across the Isthmus of Tehuantepec - order a mail route to be established and that moment it comes under the protection of our Govt. - the same Art stipulates that Mexico will enter into arrangements for the transportation of troops and munitions of war. - in any negotiations with Mexico tis easier to improve on a treaty existing than to begin de novo - By ordering a mail

over the route it immediately comes under the protection of our Gov^t and whatever revolutions may occur in Mexico - our Gov^t can say - "you must not stop our mails" - never mind who the grant may belong to - whether Hayou or Sloo - or the representatives of either - but we the U.S claim that the mail shall go over this road -

The name of Sloo has been a dead weight to this great enterprise - his conduct is open to the severest censure - I have nothing to say on that, but thus are in & deserve consideration - we intend to comply with all the obligations Sloo made and we intend to put the thing through - but the great thing need now is to have the protection of our Gov^t by making it a mail route as the P.M. Gen. can do under existing law (3^d March 1855).

We have now a board of Directors who are determined to put it through - you know many of them - La Sere is Pres John M. Bell (an Irish) is V. Pres. - Ex Gov. Robert Duncan F. Kenner - Sharke, Burbridge & Penn Directors. They have gone to work in dead earnest - their labour will

be much less if Gov^t will extend a kindly help by throwing over us the Stars & Stripes.

By opening this route we become independant of the more southern ones - tis near home & by far the best - As a great political question and national policy tis of vast importance - please think it over and if you think it worth while, write to any member of the Cabinet your views - Judge Black would no doubt like to hear from you - I have conversed with Mr. Floyd and Brown - they seem to like the idea but you can convince them in a few words -

We can then relieve our fleets at Panama & Knapwall &c - but read the "States" for a few days -

If you write to any of them please drop me a line at the time so that I can stroke at same moment -

Kind regards to Mrs Douglas & the boys -

Yours Truly
A Harris

Yours of 15th duly recd



A. Harris
Washington

Inclosing articles
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Racine, May, 19, 1857

Mrs. Stephen A. Winglass,

Ac. Sd.

The following

Democrats have signed my petition, asking the Post Master General to appoint me to an office in this State in the Postal Department. If you can aid me in this matter it will be duly appreciated. That you may fully understand the character & standing of my friends, I have noted their business & profession opposite each name:

N. H. Joy, Attorney at Law, Racine, Wis.
N. G. Winchell, Merchant & Post Democratic Club.
A. G. Wright Real Estate Broker, Racine.
H. McDonald, Ex-Mayor, Racine.
J. Bogrand, Clerk "
W. W. Carroll Justice of the Peace, Racine
O. A. Stafford, Editor Democratic paper, "
W. J. Hinson Produce Dealer, "
Isaac J. Ullmann, Custom House Collector, "
John C. Connor Hardware Merchant, "
W. W. Cary Route Agent, R. & M. R.R. "
John W. Cary, Attorney, & Mayor of Racine.
B. B. Cary, Post Master "
David Jefft, Farmer "
John S. Page Physician "
Martin Clancy Merchant "
Nelson & Harrison, Publishers Daily Journal, "
J. R. Hobb, Route Agent, Chicago & Milwaukee R.R.
Isaac B. Gate, late Light House Keeper.
M. R. Lasco, Post Master, Beloit, Wis.

John Mackett, Exchange Broker, Detroit.
 W. Carpenter, Attorney at Law, " "
 Volney Hughes, Ex. Mayor, Elmira, Wis.
 Sam. Hale, Elmira " "
 J. W. Webster, Attorney at Law, " "
 J. W. Paul, Post Master, " "
 N. W. Garrison, Sup. Custom House Building, Ind.
 J. A. Woonen, Ex. Post Master Milwaukee, Wis.
 Wm. D. Mills, Jr. Ex. Member Congress. Milwaukee
 N. C. Nobert, Attorney & Dem. Candidate for Congress
 last fall.
 J. R. Sharpstein, Post Master Milwaukee
 A. A. J. Upham, A. S. Dis. Attorney, Milwaukee
 W. Schaeffler, Custom House Collector Milwaukee
 J. Armstrong, Ed. Dem. Paper. Janesville, Wis.

Albert Shepard
 Racine, Wis.

The faithful manner in which my character, both moral & political, has been set forth to the department by these friends, ought to be a sufficient guarantee for an office. I am
 consequently, to the friends of the cause, most respectfully,

Yours Oct. 1st sent out,
 Albert Shepard.

P.S. I shall obtain the names
 of Bowers P. M. Jewell & Co
 Geo. Bantam
 and forward my last photograph
 by the middle next week
 of Shepard

^{Litnary}
Rooms National Institute
Washington D.C.
May. 19. 1857.

Honorable Sir,

At a meeting of the N. L. I.
on last evening you was unanimously elected an
honorary member, and the following Resolution passed:
"Resolved, that the Secretary inform the Honourables
"Stephen Arnold Douglas, United States Senator, that he
"has been elected an honorary member of this Institute."

It therefore becomes a duty as well as a pleasure
devolving upon me, to transmit you this resolution;
and to assure you of the high esteem in which
you are held by the members of the National
Literary Institute.

I have the honor to be,

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant

Geo. M. Towle

Sec: N. L. Institute

Hon. S. A. Douglas }
Illinois }

Geo. M. Lowle
Washington

National Institute

