



Mr. Dickey regrets
that indisposition will
deprive him the pleasure
of receiving his friends
this evening.

Monday May 20th

Mrs Dickey's
Regret,



Portland May 20th 1857

Wm S A Douglass
Esq

I understand that
a Petition is now being circulated by a set of Section
Shrinkers for the purpose of removing me from the
office of Post master at Sharon Ill. & the appointment
of a Black Republican. I am only stopping at
this place for a short time & have left the office in
charge of my Deputy. It is a hard, fast, & the duty
of the office. Should I have that location permanently
I should be glad to recommend a suitable person to
hold the office.

Yours Very Respectfully
Wm S A Douglass

Mr. Beardslee
Portland
ME

New York City May 20th 1857

Hon S A. Douglas

Sir

I have the honor and the pleasure to inform you of my appointment to the 9th Infy which is in Oregon.

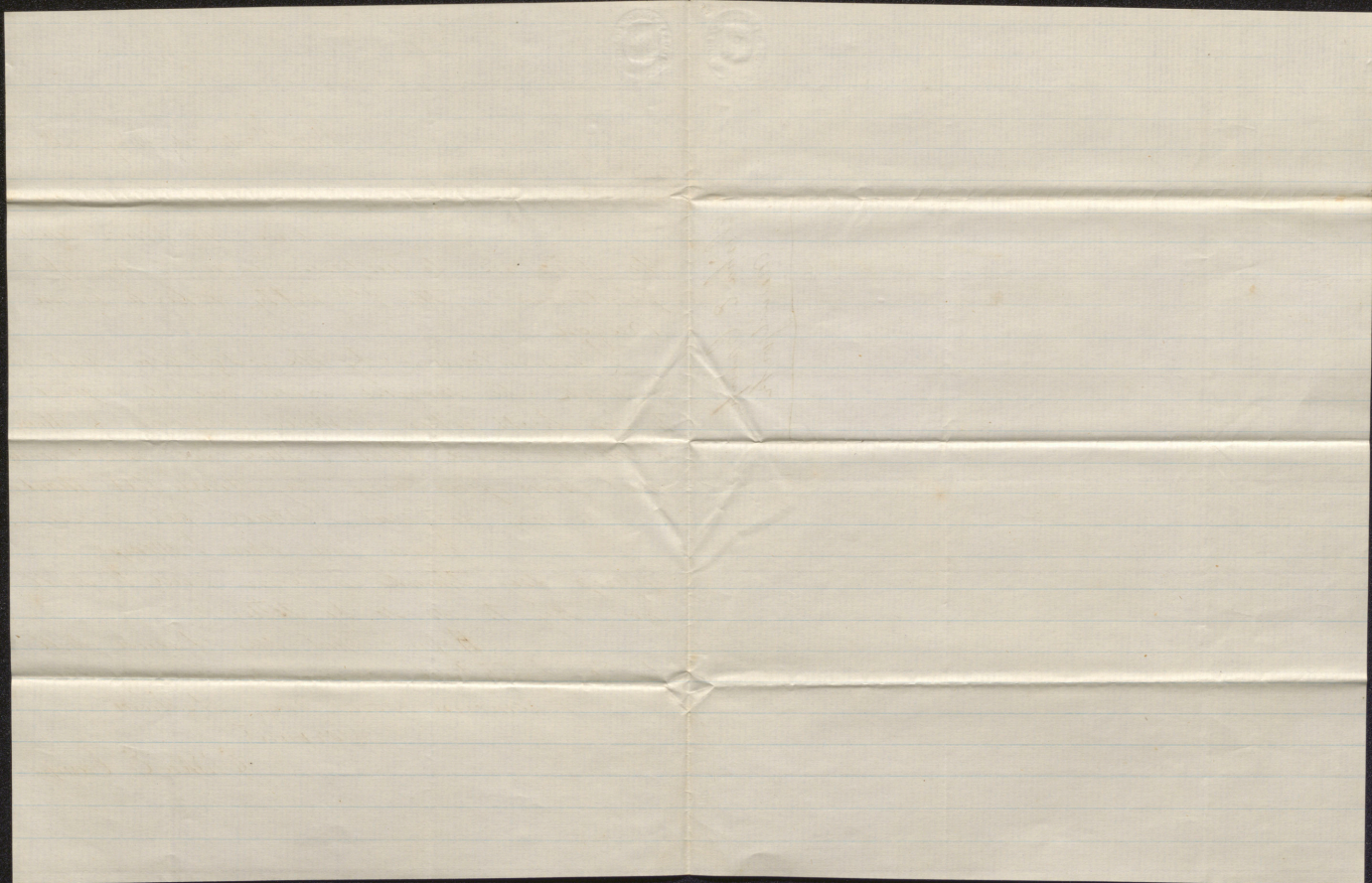
I was informed by the adjt Gen that in a week he would order me to report to Gen Scott when I shall endeavor to obtain a short leave that I may see my friends best and pay you my Heart felt thanks.

It may be that I shall not succeed. I shall fail when I attempt to express my thanks to you and I will not try to do so by letter.

Hoping that my friends will by a faithfull course reward your
Remain your ever devoted
Servant

Elisha E. Camp

Elisha C. Camp
New York



Washington

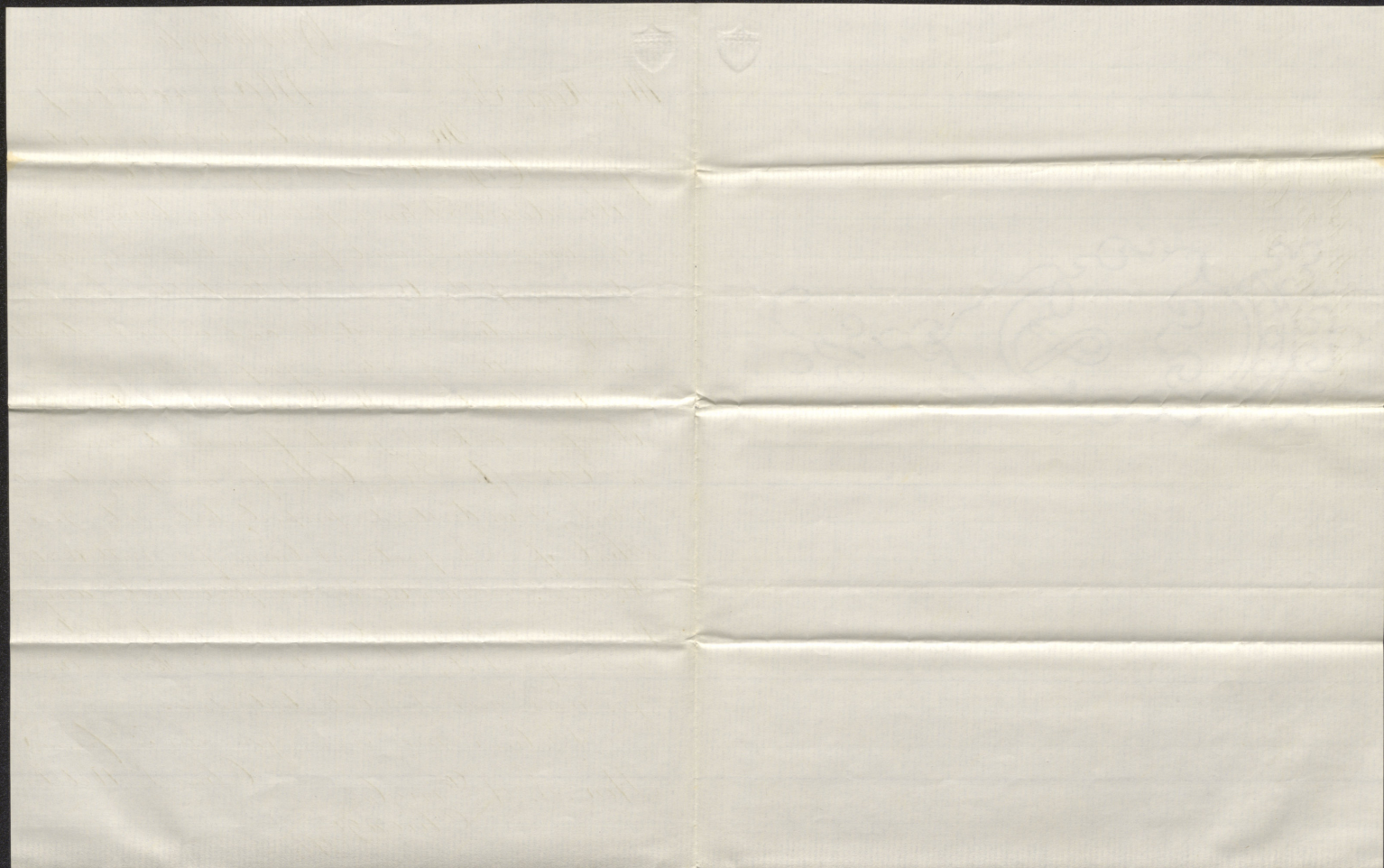
May 20th 1857

My Dear Sir,

My conversation with our mutual friend "Capt. Stiller", I expressed to him the desire I have felt (since being married) of once more and finally becoming a denizen of the West. I think the chances of promotion here, dull, and in fact do not as a matter of choice prefer remaining in Washington. At Dillens suggestion I therefore ask of you to forward to me a letter ~~to~~ Sec Cobb. for an appointment which, I understand properly belongs to you. That of Inspector at large for North Western Division. Should it conflict with any previous arrangement on your part, I do not request it, should it not, I know that you will not hesitate to do so.

Believe me ever your sincere friend
Hon. S. A. Douglas
Chas. P. Webster
Chicago Ill.

Char. P. Webster
Washington
D. C.



Oakbrook, Milwaukee
May 21 1855

Amos A. B. Douglass }
W. L. G. }
N. L. G. }

I was in attendance at the Lincolnian Convention, as the member of the National Democratic Convention for the State of Wisconsin, and urged your nomination. I thought it best as a matter of policy, considering it more certain of Illinois & Indiana with your name, than Penn with Mr. Anderson. The result last November showed that I was right, and that your election would have been certain. I thought of Feb that

the nomination belonged
to you as the embodiment
& defender of the pecassian
principles of the Democratic
Party, that would be attached
in that campaign. My
brother John O. Herrington
late Register of the Land
Office at Milton River or
London, in this State, was
in favor of your nomination
before any other. He has
been removed, after in-
forming the Department that
he was ready to resign
if any change was contemplated
before the expiration of his
commission, and being told
that no change would be
made. His removal, as
we are informed, was obtained
through your influence in

favor of my D^r Messrs
of Chicago. I have no idea
that you would interfere in
such a matter unadvised
and also feel that the feelings of
two such humble individuals
as my brother and myself
could be of no importances
to you. Yet I can not deny
myself the privilege of
telling you how they have
been both too good friends
and that it was unnecessary,
my brother being willing to
give up his office at that
time at the request of any
of his friends.

Yours the same
to be for or without
B. T. Herrington

R. S. Denning
Ashbrook
N.H.

Hon. Stephen A. Douglas

Galena May 21st 1857

Dear Sir

It is with regret that I again trouble you with a letter, but knowing the underhanded means taken by some few unprincipled men who since the Democracy is triumphant are trying to impose upon those who are not acquainted with them by representing themselves and their friends as good, sound and reliable Democrats but who ~~are~~ were before the election as mute as mice when they were watched, I nearly write to put you on your guard lest you might be imposed upon. In the first place there is a person calling himself "Col James Robinson" whose character and standing in whatever place he ever lived in can be ascertained by asking anyone there, and if he receives one word in his favour as a Democrat, as a man I will say no more. He is a man fond of notoriety so much so that he can never pass through any country place where there is a paper printed but he has inserted that "Col James Robinson has arrived here on his way to Washington on some important Government business". He of late he has gone to Dubuque and imposed on the new Editors of the North West, and had inserted in that paper that "Col James Robinson the Reliable Democrat has received the appointment

of Indian agent in Minnesota? Had Co. Corsett the
former Editor been alive no such notice would
have appeared in that paper.

A few days ago he put a notice in our little
sheet that "Col James Robinson did not vote
with the Black Republicans". Why not tell the
whole truth that he was not at home on the day
of election, that he was in Wisconsin and was not
entitled to a vote there. He worked when at home
for Washburn; he attended a Supper given to Mr
Washburn as a republican, he done all he could for
him. He now says that he has a copy of the
letter, sent to have him removed from office.

He says that it was through Mr Washburn that he
received it, so you will see that he is for Mr W.
and Mr W. is for him. He is now persecuting James
Campbell his successor in office at Duluth
Ill. by having lies reported in the Dubuque
papers upon him. He is a dangerous man,
a man of means and uses it to vilify his
successor. He has with him E. Gray, J. B.
McGinnis who tried to displace Old Mr.
Warr one of our best men. If Mr Campbell
was not worthy to represent this administration
in the post office at Duluth. I would be the first
one to be in favour of his immediate removal.

Yours with respect

Robert Brand



Robert Brand
Galena Ills

Ottawa Les. May 21. 1857

Wm. D. A. Douglass.

Chicago - I in Mr. Wood the
keeper of this note is a sterling Democrat
and is associated with prominent men of
our party whose wishes are entitled to
respect and prompt attention

I hardly can conceive how it was
that the wrong of which they complain
could have been done it was entirely
inconsiderate of those who assisted and aided

I am well acquainted with the location,
with all the inhabitants of the neighborhood
and can see no objection to say that the office
should be re-instated if nothing more
+ the one located with Brown for the
neighborhood of the new location do their
business in this place + some of them are
daily here. Will you do me the favor
to use your influence to at least reinstate
the office and obtain the appointment of
Phil & Dimmick P.^{rs} I should for some reason
be much pleased if the paper could go through
my hands. Respectfully your friend

Wm. D. A. Douglass

M. H. M. Cashman
Ottawa Ill



Dear Mr. May 1851
Richard W. Douglas

Dear Sir

Having learned
that you are now in Chicago I felt it
my duty to write you in behalf of a friend
with whom I am personally acquainted
and who is now residing in the
Springfield place. His name is
Robert W. Smith of Springfield
Conn. & Mr. Smith has been
active for his friends & sent in your
help to the American Temperance Society
in connection with Mr. C. M. Brownell (a
gentleman who is now in the
Crawford & Co. company) of the
Society & gratefully in procuring
removal. I am sure that he has now

of the Democratic Slaves of Birmingham on a public
war for the Union and Liberty. I hope you will
be engaged for my side as to show your in-
fluence in the proper direction for South's recent
conduct for which I shall gratefully remem-
ber you. I have been a firm & active sup-
porter of your cause & your paper you must re-
collect me as I was a Member of
your church the "Unitarian" Society, years ago.
I am not more of exactly the same politi-
cal opinions as Mr. Foster but being a
friend of his & knowing him to be
a perfectly genuine & pure New P.C.
I felt as if I ought to do something
to secure it for him. His name
is just now not to be embodied in our
cause.

I am, yours with
the highest respect,
Lake Kate

Luke Hale
Dundee
Ills.

Washington D.C. May 21. 1837

Sir

At the request of Commodore Stringham, late Commander of the Mediterranean Squadron - Capt Haucroft, late of the "Cumberland" and a number of other Officers who have lately served on that Station I address you to ask your active interference in behalf of Frederick W. Behn Esq. U. S. Consul at the port of Messina in Sicily -

Mr. Behn, we fear, in the changes soon to be made, may lose his office for want of a political friend, who will insure on the parts of the Administration an examination at least of the peculiar claims which we think he possesses.

We only think it necessary to remind you of the extraordinary patriotism & philanthropy exhibited by Mr. Behn in the pestilence of 1834 to insure your interest in his case. - We only fear that he may

be removed, in the great pressure
now made for appointment, with-
out a due consideration of his
Case - it is to prevent that we
take the liberty of addressing
you.

The other Officers named are
not residents of Washington, and have
deputed me to act for them. Any reply
you think proper to make, may
therefore be addressed to me.

It is proper to add that no
one of us has any other interest
in or connection with Mr. Behn
other than that arising out of the
communication occurring du-
ring a Cruise.

We are taking no part in
behalf of any other Officer-holder.

Very truly &c.

Laurensdale

P. A. Surgeon U. S. Navy



P. Lansdale
Washington
D.C.

Exchange Hill May 28th 1857

Sir -

I should be much pleased to obtain through your
influence the Superintendence of the Enclaves of the
Post Office building at Springfield in your State.
I enclose to you the recommendation of Mr.
Smith and Will, and you can have any other
Endorsement of my Mechanical ability you
may require, I have written to my friend Abbottson
and requesting his aid,

I beg leave to subscribe myself Your
Obedt Servant

Am. M. Sully

Yours assured this Indirectly

John M. Seely
Wants the Super
intendence of
Pub Buildings
at Springfield

Chicago May 31 1857

Judge Sanglaff

I am informed (not officially) but credibly that there are to be three removals of Route Agents on the Chicago Alton & St. Louis Road and that I am one. I know not what my sins are, unless it is for being too strong and rabid a Simonist. - You have known me since you first ran for Congress, when I printed a paper in Ottawa - My character, politics and standing is known by Chicago Simonists, such as Gen. Stuart, Col. Hamilton, I look, &c. &c. - I would refer you to Mr. Wynkoop, look, and any one connected with the Chicago Post Office how I have done my business

I think Mr. Sheehan has a hand in this. - I called twice yesterday to see you but you was not at home - I go to St. Louis this morning which deprives me of an interview, which I much regret. - If I am to be decapitated I don't want my gray hairs dishonored by paying attention to this you will oblige
Your Friend

Orson Smith

I will see you some time next week

Orson Smith
Chicago

about mail
agency.

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Alton May 21st 1857

Dear Judge

I returned from Minn-
-sota by Chicago early this month
I hoped to find you at home. I leave
again to day for St Paul & may
remain there two weeks & intend
to return by your City. I see by
the papers that Dr Englishes brother,
of Louisville Ky, has been super-
-seded as Collector of that Port. He
was as I suppose a Warm friend of
yours - Do you ^{know} anything of the
cause of this Change - Our friend
English here, feels bad about
his brothers removal, and does not
know but Efforts may be made
to remove him - I do not suppose
that any Change will be made
here without my knowing some-
thing about it - Dr English is
a good & true friend of yours & is

my friends also & I would be sorry
to hear that any Democrat would
make any move against him
Should you have time, I would be
pleased to have you write me
at St. Paul. Please present my
kindest regards to Mrs Douglas &
the children.

I am in haste
very truly your friend &
Obedt Servant
Robert Smith

Hon S A Douglas
Chicago
Ills

Robert Smith
Alton Ill

To Woodstock May 21st 1857

Dear Sir

Being at variance with
the black Congressmen from this state
on account of my opinion, which I
take no pains to conceal, I request you
to send me the Cong Globe for the 34th Cong
1st session. Should you be pleased to send
it I promise to peruse it faithfully,
and endeavor to use the information for
the cause of "State rights and National union"
Asking your pardon for the intrusion
I remain

Yours democratically

J P Timony
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Washington May 22. 1857

Dr Judge

The foundation of your house was laid today
from the work will progress steadily as the weather seems to
be settled. The laws to open 1st St. & 2^d & 3^d will be
passed today - They have paved one board - Mr Lynch is fencing
up his squares & they are working thro' your back yard as
fast as they can. The pavement on H Street is commenced &
Middleton is grading & grading his squares - The Church, Col-
lege & Academy are preparing to break ground & the face
of things is changed since you saw it - There is quite
a few about lots. I think if you would call the auc-
tioneer & sell all the lots on the north side of Square 5th (on Kth),
they would sell well & it would be a good time to sell your
own back square lots if you wish to do it. Lots bring the
best prices at auction. Mr Ennis is hard at work.

The ground back moves like a large body - slowly -

He will no news

Very truly

H. C. Allen

Hon. S. A. Douglas.

Chicago

J. F. Callan
Washington
D.C.

Washington D.C. May 22, 1857

My Dear Douglas

I have had an interview with the President, Floyd, ^{Black} Leass and Thompson on affairs of Utah, and find them ignorant beyond comparison. M. Briggsman is here & cordially agrees with me so also does Judge Williams of Iowa, but still they have the idea that less than one thousand men would be amply sufficient to enforce the laws and also coerce the Mormons into fear with this idea is so ridiculous as to call down my pity - instead of bitterness upon the authors, but certain it is that nothing of value will be done, hence it is to be a damnation question for us to smother for years to come and particularly in the next Presidential campaign. I see a desire to place some responsibilities on you because you are Chairman of Com. on So. Such shuffling and dodging will and ought to ruin my men and Party on Gods Earth. Notwithstanding the newspapers reports I most positively told the President that I was not an applicant for any office under his gift but would most assuredly & publicly make the point on his Admin as to the desperate state of affairs in Utah. I have read many letters recd here since my arrival all of which conclusively show that the most treasonable State of ~~any~~ now exists in Utah, and instead of sending men off at once to relieve and protect the men now in Utah they will dally along until it is too late to reach them this season. I think Rose will get the appointments but cannot say. I shall be at Home in a few days to compare notes. I see the Indiana Democracy is a little alarmed. I am Respectfully &c Wm. Drummond
P.S. Was at your House last evening 10/24/57

W. W. Drummond
Washington
D.C.

Post Office Department,

APPOINTMENT OFFICE,

May 22, 1857.

Sir:

Curtis Lady the Postmaster at Brimfield
County of Georgia State of Ill
is asked to be removed & Hugh
Leass & John P. Sheahan are recom-
-mended for appointment =

80 citizens representing themselves
to be members of a democratic
club protest against the removal
of Lady.

Before submitting this case to the Postmaster General, I
have to request the favor of any information you may possess, or be able
conveniently to obtain, respecting it.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully, &c.,

Hon. S. A. Douglas,

Chicago, Ill.

Horatio King
FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL.

Horatio King
Washington
D.C.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the application for a patent for an improvement in the method of cultivating cotton. I am sorry to hear that you have been unable to obtain a patent for your invention. I am, however, sure that your invention is of great value to the cotton industry, and I am sure that it will be of great benefit to the country. I am, therefore, sending you this letter to inform you that I have been unable to obtain a patent for your invention. I am, however, sure that your invention is of great value to the cotton industry, and I am sure that it will be of great benefit to the country. I am, therefore, sending you this letter to inform you that I have been unable to obtain a patent for your invention.

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Very respectfully,
J. H. Smith



Post Office Department,
Appointment Office,
May 22. 1857.

My Dear Sir:

In reply to your note of the 16th inst. I have to inform you that in order to constitute an office Presidential, it must have yielded \$1000. or upwards, compensation to the Post Master for the year preceding the 30th June. The compensation of the Post Master at Aurora, Ill., for the year ending 30th June 1856. appears by the books of the Auditor to have been \$973.34. Though the office is not now Presidential, it is presumed it will be at the close of the present quarter.

I am very respectfully

Your obt. Servt.
Rocato King

Hon. S. A. Douglass,
Chicago,
Ill



Horatio King
Washington
D.C.



Post Office Department
Washington, D.C.
April 18, 1878

My dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the proposed change in the name of the Post Office at New York, N.Y. from "New York" to "New York City". The Department has no objection to the proposed change, and it is recommended that the same be made.

Very respectfully,
John A. B. [Signature]
Postmaster General

1878
April 18
[Signature]

Delavan Walworth Co. Wis. May 22nd 1857

Hon Stephen A. Douglas

Dear Sir.

On the 9th day of March at Washington I presented you a letter of introduction from the Hon. Jackson Hadley of Milwaukee; asking you as a personal friend to get me the appointment as post-master at this place. I stayed but 2 days, as my business called me to New-York to purchase my spring goods. You said to me on leaving that you would attend to the matter. Knowing that you had a great many from your own state who were anxious to get your influence for different offices. I concluded that you had forgotten my name in your hasty departure from Washington. I would like to have you write a letter to the post-office department "if consistent"; upon the subject. The present post-master Geo. Cotton did vote the Republican ticket this spring.

Being one of the first in this County that sustained you upon the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska bill, I claim that I merit your confidence and influence. My business is such receiving my goods that I am unable to leave, or I should come and see you personally. Will you be kind enough to answer this, and Oblige

Your Obedient Servant

James H. Mansfield
Delavan Walworth Co.
Wisconsin.

Jan. H. Mansfield
Delaware Mis



Philadelphia,

22 May, 1857.

Horatio King, Esq.

First Ass. P. M. Genl. }

My dear Sir, -

The enclosed application for a change in the office of Plane, Kendall Co. Ill., was sent to me, I presume, on account of my personal acquaintance with Mr. Eldridge, who is recommended for Postmaster.

If the Department shall deem a change to be necessary, I

have no hesitation in recommending Mr. Eldridge.

I enclose you a note from the Postmaster of Sharon Springs, N. Y. to me, upon the subject; and cheerfully endorse all he says about Mr. Eldridge.

Very truly, your friend,
George Pitt.

May 23. 57.

have no hesitation in

recommending Mrs. Eldredge

I enclose you a letter

from the Rev. Mr. [unclear]

Prayer [unclear]

all [unclear]

answered.

Mr. Merriam
Please bring Cox
so that we can
see him.
A.H.

Franklin, Venango Co. Pa

May 22, 1857.

Mr. Stephen A. Douglass.

My dear friend -

Write me just now to ask you to
give me a strong letter to Buchanan.
If consistent with your views please do
so - Send same to my address -

Mrs. W. returns to you her
compliments for the picture of
yourself, but insists that it will
hardly make up for the fascination
that Mrs. D. has known ^{around} her husband -
You will please present my
compliments to your amiable
lady, and say to her that her taking
up brother for me on the bears, was
not very flattering in the recollection
of your humble servant. ~

As to Politics, speaking of the next
Presidency, I think Pennsylvania
will be with you, without any doubt,
as we here care but little what
becomes of Kansas - He thinks the
free soil men have the majority,
and if they fail to vote as become
the triumph of their principles, it
is their own fault. For which no
one is chargeable, but themselves -
They are too factional by half -

Senator Allen of Ohio (a mere
fossil) is making great efforts for
a foreign mission - I am told
that he is disliked with your enemies -
if so, he must be defeated, if possi-
ble - Old Buck must be warned
against this appointment - I do
not know that the Administration
seriously contemplate using this
thing, but I think it well to hold

a little in advance

I am for Richardson going
to England - and when you become
President you can first continue
him there -

On the State Convention
that will meet in 1859 - I will
see to it that Douglass men are
in it from the Western part of this
State, so that instructions will all
be right for Delegates to the National
Convention - This is looking ahead,
but it is not too soon - I have
seen the danger of waiting until what
is called the "proper time" too often
I need not say that I will be glad to
hear from you -

Your friend & servant
Edwin C. Wilson

E. C. Wilson
Franklin
Pa

Acton House

New York May 23/57

My Dear Sir

I have heard from Mr Keen in reply to the letter I wrote from your house. He says he will see you. I trust you may make an arrangement with him.

While in Washington I joined some of my friends in recommending Genl. A. Clark of this State for the appt. of Govt of Nebraska. At the time of doing this, it was not understood by us that Genl. Cook of our State would be an applicant for said appt. Now if you are not committed to any one for the Governorship of that State, I respectfully solicit

- If you feel obliged to aid in this matter, I think you will write the President in a direct way.

your aid in behalf of Genl. Cosson. The Genl. was an original Nebraska man and has defended the "bill" with great ability. His appointment would be very gratifying to our democracy in Missouri and would reflect credit upon the appointing power and great Democratic party.

Very truly yours,
Wm. A. Burdett

Am. S. T. Douglas

Mr. Nebraska will be a State before the next Presidential Election - Com. is my friend and yours also.

Mrs. A. Barstow
Esq. of New
York

Senate Folding Room,

May 23rd 1857.

Hon. S. A. Douglas

Sir:

I send to you
by this day's mail One bag containing 112

Decisions in the Red Sea Case

which I hope may be received by you in good order.

Yours, with due respect

Jos Hedrick

Superintendent.

P.S. Your share is 300 shall
I send them all?

J. H.

Joseph Hedrick
Washington
D.C.

Seeds Doc,

My dear Mother
The morning
of the 1st
of June,

I have just received
your letter of the 28th
and am glad to hear
from you.

I am well and hope
this finds you the same.

I have not much news
to write at present.

I am, dear Mother,
your affectionate son,
John Smith



POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,

APPOINTMENT OFFICE,

POST OFFICE of

Ill State

Reno

May 23. 1857.

Kendall

County,

Gilbert D. Heming Postmaster,

Ert & Appointed Dec. 27. 53.

Proceeds, \$

Compensation, \$

Bond.

CANDIDATES.

Daniel H. Eldridge.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Citizens complain of carelessness say the P.M. is assisted by two boys respectively 6 & 8 years of age; that he permits unqualified persons to handle mail matter. Complain that he does not charge postage on newspapers state that P.M. has opened letters addressed to person within his delivery: In one case opening a letter & taking from it a certain amount of money due him from the person to whom the letter was addressed giving only the balance with the opened letter. They ask his removal in the appt. of Eldridge

P.M. Sharon Springs, New York needs Eldridge

Geo Platt, Esq. also needs Eldridge if a change is to be made as a reliable democrat

W.V.

May 23. 1857.

Plano Post Office,
Illinois State,

Kendall County,

Gilbert D. Henry Postmaster,

\$ 300 bond.

improper conduct

Appoint Daniel H. Edelman
in place of G. D. Henry
removed

A.B.

✓ 27 May 57 ✓



Furston May 23/67
S^r

It is with some reluctance
that I address You at this
time in regard to our Post
office appointment here; but
I have seen Col. I. Deunt and
Col. H. Waller and they
think it is my duty so to
do I saw Col. Waller Yesterday
and he informs me that the
re appointment of Mr. Geo. Phelps
as P. M. occurred in consequence
of his being recommended by
Col. & Charles Deunt. I afterwards
saw Col. Deunt & he says that
if his or Charles name appears
to any petition for Mr. Phelps
or other Shap for P. M. that
it is a fraud or forgery, he
says he did sometime before Election

Sign a petition for Phillips
appoint as Post agent
but nothing more. And
in view of all the circumstances
in the case and the fact that
the Man Phillips is not and
never was a Democrat it
comes rather hard to make to
set down Cushing and see
our Gov occupy places that
belong to persons who were
born Democrats and have con-
firmed him for the first hour.
and it is exceedingly annoying
to see the Blackest of Republic
chuckling and laughing at
us at the idea of our spending
our time money and influence for
them to receive the reward,
~~in the cause~~: I can only
say further that the man Mr
& A. M. who has been recommended

to Sen is & always was a sound
& thorough Democrat and was
one among only some three or
four in our town to uphold
the Kansas Nebraska act and
its author: while this very Geo
Phillips railed out against it as
strong as ever did Mr. Lord Garrison.
The facts in regard to Col. Sigbee the
petition can be obtained from him
he knows I am to write this letter
we are not so tenacious about
any particular man although
none would suit us better than Mr
Whelan but we do wish to see
the office filled with some
Democrat

To Hon S A Douglas

Brooklyn

Yours E. F. Fisk

Julius E. Hibbard
Pulmon City
Ils,

Springfield May 23. 57

Wm S. A. Douglas

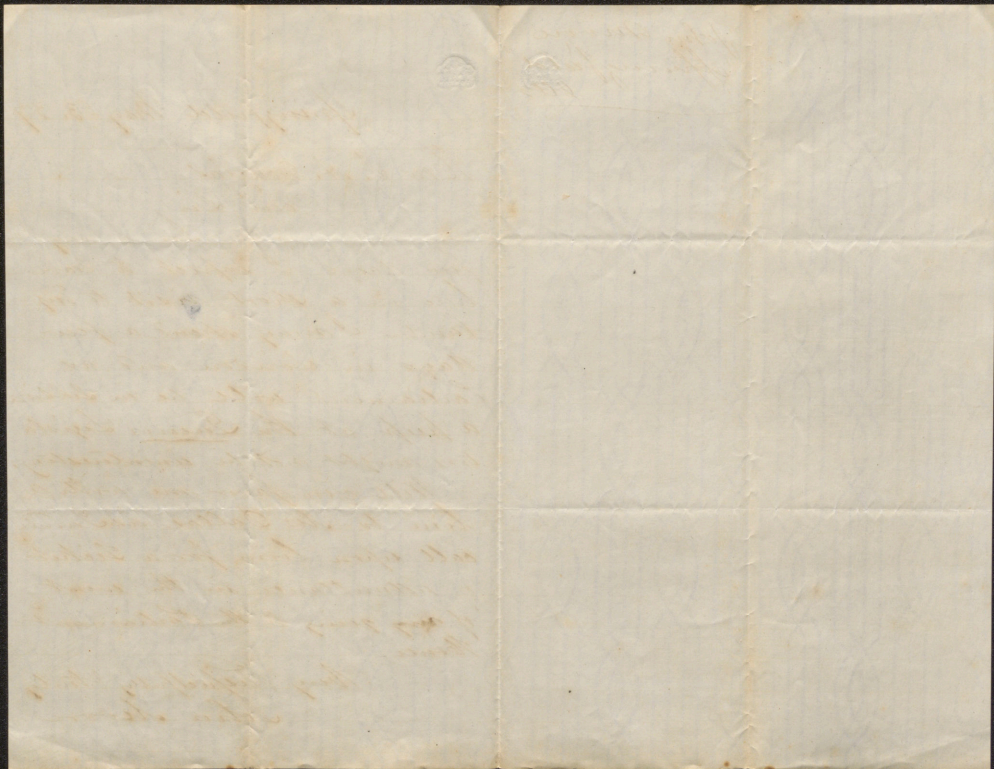
Dear Sir

In a very few days I expect to leave here on a short visit to England - I may spend a few days in London and as Parliament will be in session a peep at the Queen's Legislature might not be uninteresting.

Will you favor me with a line to Mr Dallas. as I would call upon him for a Ticket of admittance in the event of my going to the Parliament House.

Very Respectfully & Truly
John Moore

John Moore
Springfield
Ill

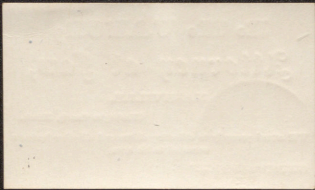


E. M. VANCE,
Attorney at Law,
NASHVILLE,

Washington County, Illinois,

Will attend promptly to collecting claims and all other business
entrusted to his care.

Charles, Pr., 67 Main st., St. Louis.



Kaskaskia, Illinois.

May 20th 1857.

Wm. L. A. Hayes

Dear Sir:

At the suggestion of the
Hon. Robert Smith, whose letter I enclose, I
have been induced to solicit your aid in pro-
curing an appointment to some position under
the present National administration. I have selected
no position, preferring to leave the choice of a po-
sition to those of my friends who may be wiser
to interest themselves in my behalf, & whose
positions are such as to enable them to exercise
an influence at Washington. If I have a preference
that preference is certainly in favor of a paying
position within the limits of our own State, if
such might be procured for me, as my
acquaintance with men & means here would
enable me to effect more for the cause of slave-
free, in the future, than I could possibly expect
to do elsewhere.

My claims upon the administration, if indeed
I have any claims, are to be found in the Gal & En-
g, with which I battled, with a stentor & in the
lectures for Democratic principles & demands
to carry out those principles during the recent

E. M. Vance
Nashville
Tenn

Alton May 18th 1857

My dear Sir

Your letter of 12th of April
had not reached Alton when I
left for Minnesota ~~on~~ the 13th of
the month, and on my return I found
it with many others demanding my
immediate attention. In relation to the
subject of your letter, I will say that
it will afford me sincere pleasure
to render you all the aid in my
power to secure an honorable ~~trans-~~
=~~fer~~ position under the new Adminis-
=tration. When at Washington in March
I learned that there would be but few
appointments or changes made until
June & I hoped to be able to go on to
Washington early in June, but I now
fear that I cannot leave Ills until
July. Should I learn of any position

that I think you would like that
I could aid you in procuring I
will act promptly in your behalf
I would however advise you to examine
into the matter of reconciles or places
to be filled and make a selection
of such as would please you best
and I will do all I can to aid
you in obtaining the Office, you
would not require any endorsement
as to qualifications for any Office you
would apply for so far as I am concerned
it might however be of service to
you at Washington, to bring to you
aid all the old political friends
you can - Your services in the late
Campaign entitled you to the favorable
consideration of the Democratic party
& of the present Administration - It would
be well for you to write a line to Judge
Douglas who will I know aid you

if he can - I will be pleased to
hear from you at all times & to serve
you when in my power to do so -
Please remember me kindly to
any of my friends you may
see -

I am (in haste) very truly
your friend Wm Lunt

Robert Smith
Orville Vance Esq
Nashville
Ill

Import May 25-57

My Dear Sir

Papers showing the action
of a majority of the Democrats
have been sent you - Two sev-
eral papers were sent to Babylon
upon your departure & one with
more than 100 names, there was
left with Mr. Shuman of the "Times"
to be handed you on your arrival
at Chicago but I am surprised
to be advised that probably not
one of the several papers has been
sent you yet - My car will be
replaced in a little time can be
had - In this matter I speak but
cautiously when I say that if
you Democrats desire a change
I have not a single word
to interpose against it
I am much mistaken
Yours

is at least 3 out of 4 of our
Democrats, including all those
prominent with but a single
exception of one man, do not
desire the matter to remain as it is
of which a fuller proof can easily
be made to you if there be an
occasion for it. That only prom-
inent men oppose to me has
no motion founded in honor
or manliness on his opposition.

My truly yours
Wm. L. Chapin
To Rev. Mr. May

Rev. J. A. Douglas
his
Obedient Servant

J. J. Bramley
Freeport Me.
about Post Office

Waukegan May 25 /57

Honorable S. A. Douglas

Dear Sir

Allow me to trouble you with
a few lines in behalf of Cpt. W. Phelps.
The Whigs of the Democracy are anxious that
there should be a change in the Light House in this
place & I think it would advance the true principles
of the party & as I have been an long resident
of Lake Co. I feel an interest in the party
still & I had in your favor in thirty eight
I have been in the Co. twenty years and
am confident the feelings of the majority of the
Democratic party here in favor of the appointment
of Said Phelps & we ask of you to use
your influence to further such appointment
and oblige your friend

Michael Dubauty

Michael Dalaritz
Wankegan

Monticello Pitt Co Va

May 25th 1857-

Hon A A Douglass

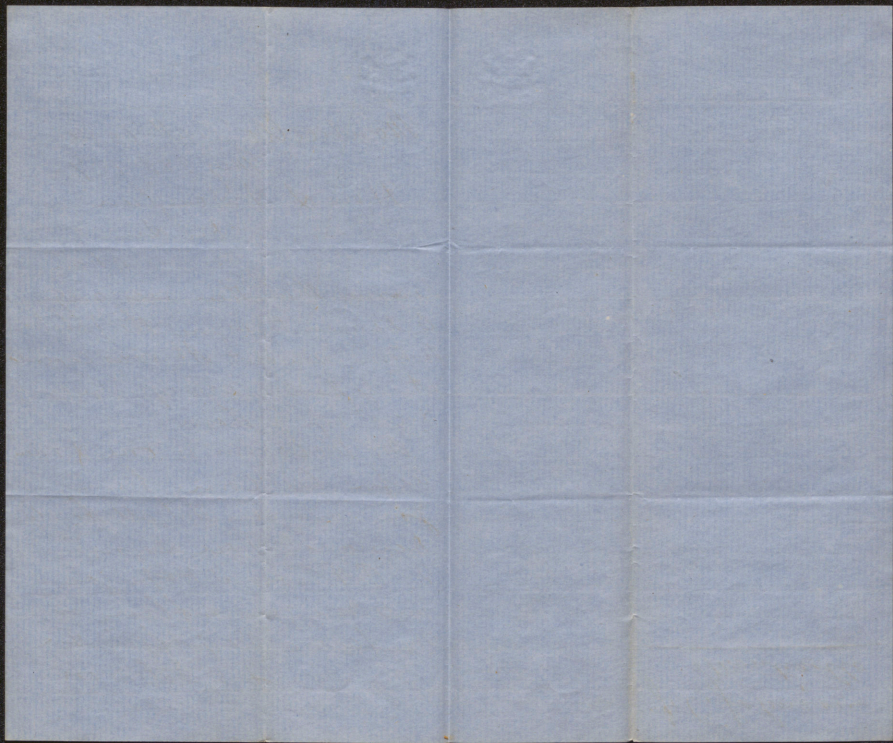
Sir Sir

I have

Learned that there was only
6 Democrats signed the petition
to turn me out. It was carried
by the no nothings & I cling
& got up of them.

Mr McCorm is one of even
before he come here
You will see that all the old
Democrats have signed
My Petition. I Hope you
will use your influence in
my favor. Respectfully &c
J E Johnson

J. C. Johnson
Monticello



Confidential

To Judge

Danville Ill May 25th 1857

My long acquaintance with you and my sincere friendship which has never been expended in bare professions, will be the only apology I have to offer in writing to you on this occasion - Your continued success has been to me a heartfelt satisfaction as a party man and one I have ever looked upon as coming near my standard of a true Democrat. Hence whatever affected your ~~own~~ ^{our} course I have these last 18 years, tried as far as my poor abilities would allow to remove and have ever been for your election to all the offices to which you aspired - It is true on one occasion before I knew of your wishes I committed myself to another but when that engagement was fulfilled I was true for you. By my tongue & pen without a great parade of my friendship I have in front of Mr Fin Cali^a for nearly two years, there never omitted any fit occasion to bring your name forward for the Presidency - though I considered you quite young for that distinguished office - But if a man's friends will not bring him forward & talk for him & talk down objections, who will? Your unparalleled success has gratified me exceedingly - I felt proud of you as an Illinoisian a Democrat and my long associate. I knew too that placed as you are - surrounded representing themselves your friends, would be clamoring around you for office. I did not wish to embarrass you - though there have been times within the last 12 years when I have

While embarrassed though having plenty of real estate -
been in a situation where some money pay in office
would have relieved me - Still I wish my feet for
the Cause and for men such as yourself has made me
Enemies where I could have avoided it by a silent
tempering course. Which I shall never do at the
Expense of principle and the friendship I bear my good
honest Democrat - For instance Gov. Mattison became
my enemy though now dropping friendship for my
advocating your position & course and Congress
which I considered reflected on your position in
Congress - It was a time when he ought to be elected
by the Democratic party have come out of the
any thing and fastained more - His promise in his
message and being a candidate of his friends was
not Democratic or honest. He wrote me a friendly
letter of late but knowing him I know he is not your
friend or mine and he knows too (This is of course is not
to be mentioned again) he has actually told me that
he could not have been Gov. had I not expected myself
for him but I did this upon the assurance to me that
in way with us on the Bank & Free Soil question but
had been instructed to do otherwise in the Legislature
I told him that during my absence to Calif. I had under-
stood he had gone against you & for Banks - & you on those
regarding resolutions - It was his positive assurance
of friendship for on his freedom from Abolition's gentlemanly
of your partiality which induced me to go readily
for him - I am afraid you will find him working

for himself & say you in 1858. I say this with pain for I once
had a real friendship for him - then believe him true as a man
and Democrat - But a man that is false or unstable in
politics is not to be trusted in matters of friendship
He is the only man you have to fear at the next Legislature -
which is of more importance to the Democracy than any
ever in Ill. I would not see you defeated for any given
sum - and which I am on that subject - let me suggest the
great necessity of trying to circulate our documents and
papers in every County - The Opposition are ahead of us in
this - They circulate lots of our lies - hence their success they
lie on out of thousands of votes - and there is some body
desirous to increase papers in every County & if the Democratic
papers would suggest that the Central Committee take
the thing in hand - they might do something - This County is
hopelessly Abolition - having at least 4000 Quaker votes but there
are other Counties where the Democrats might hope for
a member by great exertions between this & Nov. 1858 -
What time I am here or at any of the County I shall I dare
us doing any never have to get things right - I think your
nomination for 1860 will be without opposition and I am
doubtful in this by our Democrats who never I go - The
only question is your Election - which I now think will
be easier than Mr. Buchanan - but as things then stand
as Mr. Flood & Mr. B. are of our worth - they not displayed
at his nomination - then it is due to you & to our
State a Democrat to bring your name forward and
do all we could to sustain you - and your course in
that Convention & since has made you thousands of
friends & must insure your Election in 1860 - I like Mr.
Buchanan & have for years & especially since I heard him speak
and saw him in 1856 in a 3 hour speech in the Senate which

most elegant table - His brother a younger ^{one} way my
particular friend in College and his family have loved and
some of them now live neighbours in New-Town family
and all together - I always since I took any part in politics
had a favorable opinion of him - I thought he was somewhat
wrong about the tariff once and said so to him in a playful
manner - Which he laughing replied if he was - that quest-
-ion be considered getting now and he would get so none
or worth to that effect - Judge Can I do anything for
you to aid in accomplishing what I have at heart
Your Elevation in 60? Don't be backward in telling me
for you ought to know that your name is safe in my keeping
Could not there be a short biography with some anecdotes &
some of your best speeches inserted for circulation among
the Common people? I had one anecdote you & your father taken
from Jackson's life & published in the paper last year and
that fine speech ought to be copied & have a wide circulation
Only suggest - tell me what the Democracy can do for you
and it can be done without your appearing in it - there
are men of our party who could get up a good biography
and to your taste if you think it best - someone should write
it from all or who thoroughly your life history - The Common people
take an interest in a man like you or Clay or Jackson who
have made your way in life by your own energy & talent
They go along with you & feel for you say we can show - that
your energy & firmness is of the Jackson Stamp - they will
and do not feel an interest which they never feel for
moderate men - no man can be a favorite with the American
people who is suspected of friendship to England and who is
willing tamely to submit to National indignities
But I am carrying Coal to New Market - I am talking

to one that understands the popular pulse much
better than ever I did or can - I leave this & pass
to another - and will close this dissultory letter
I am glad you & Col McClernand are again friends. I
learned this from C. Guinlap who is now your friend & want
him & all demorats in Ill to remain so - some of the Tories
and traitors such as Pick-Risfel-Tennell &c & we don't
logut apain - a word - Is there any hope of working on Long
John to silence his gun against you? I wrote him a letter
some 1 1/2 year ago and he always professes to treat me with
friendship - If you think his silence or moderation
will be of any advantage to you as his pen & tongue
are always at work when he is a man's enemy I will
do anything to bring it about which I can in reason
or fairness & without compromising you or myself
If you think he is past redemption or that his paper
will do you no harm - then let him go - I will come
to Chicago & spend some time to effect anything for you -
if you think it advisable I have a clue to him that
you may not know of and as he is what? you know so I
will not say - only he is Long John says I told him in my
letter - he ought to cease his opposition or at least confine
himself to truth for and saying of me - that he ought
to remember your friend ship to him in the hours of need
that ingratitude no man politician or not should ever
have justly laid at his door - He treated me quite friendly
both before & after I had seen you at Chicago - made some
particular inquiries after you whom I told him he ought
to call and see - He replied "I would that very evening" - This is
all said - not knowing how far his hatred to you stands

I shall be in Rome about the 1st July to see my aged mother and friends & most likely go West in July - if you can come down to the Mahan region - Why not in the fore part of July. Think you might make some friends in this quarter where the Abolitionists have represented you a ~~man~~ monster with horns and four feet -

Excuse this long scribbling and read it at
your leisure after a good dinner and over
a fine flavoured Havana & then you will get
through with it - As you know we
will make no apology for its length
One thing is certain ^{never} write a long letter
I can't say much to you as you are always crowded
and no man has half chance to say anything ^{except} ^{to} his
to his office as I have no doubt they do even
not away from Washington

Adieu ever your friend
John Pearson

Hon. F. A. Douglas
U. S. Senator for
Ill



Dear Sir, that some of the papers are put in for your name
as I mention to you - but you know how hard it is to be
satisfied you to listen to it - your place is in the great matter
it is in the Court House

Woodstock N.Y. May 30th 1887

Hon. Horatio King
Postmaster Genl.

We would respectfully ask for the
reappointment of our present worthy and efficient
Post Master Dr. Orris S. Johnson of this place
Very respectfully

Geo W. Smith
J. L. Jeslyn

M L Gaslyn
Woodstock
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Tuesday, May 28th 1839
Hon. J. A. Douglas
Dear Sir -

Your note of the 28th inst. wherein you call my attention to the arrangement by which the relative claims of Messrs. Bramley and Chas. J. Bagg to the Post Office in this place should be tested and desiring information from me on the subject, has duly come to hand.

I well know, as you state in your note, that you have no other motive in this matter than to carry out the wishes of the Democratic party of this place and to get a good Post-Master for the people and the Government, and I therefore regret that I am not able at this time to furnish you with sufficient information to enable you to arrive at a positive and correct conclusion in the premises.

Both these gentlemen, Messrs. Bramley & Bagg, have their respective friends and have circulated their petitions &c.

amongst them - but as I have not had
an opportunity to examine their papers
and am not able, as you desire, to
do so now (they having been forwarded
to Washington) I cannot ascertain the
numerical strength of the respecting
party & decide, which of these gentlemen
is the choice of the majority of the Abolitionists
who attend their mail matter at this office.

My own impression is that they
would be less dissatisfied by
retaining Mr. Brewster until his Commission
expires than by removing him without
good cause. He has been an attentive,
capable and honest officer, and has
ever been a steadfast Abolitionist - You
are no doubt aware that he is now
a member of our State Com. Committee.

I shall hold myself in readiness to
give you any further information on this
subject which may be desired - and have
the honor to subscribe myself

Yours Obedt. Servant
J. Wright Smith

J. B. Smith
Freeport Me

OFFICE OF THE
American Express Company.

Manhatee May 25 1857.
Hon S A Douglas

Dear sir

I write you this to apprise
that you are about to be
visited by a couple of individuals
from this place who doubtless
will represent themselves to
be the embodiment of the Democracy
of our Town & County. The persons
alluded to are no more or less
than my very worthy successor
in the Post Office and his right
Borne Mr Fuling, some in regard
to this matter allow me to say
to you that representations of this
kind from these men are as
fabricated as their charges against
me in the Post Office affair may

These men are as far from
being influential as John
Wentworth is from being an
interested Remainder they none doubt
will impress your mind, the idea
that Mr Longfellow has been to
considerable expense in fitting
up a Post Office also that he
has augmented the List of the
Times above as I remarked to you
in Washington I assisted him
in increasing the circulation
of the Times notwithstanding
the thieving manner he got the
office from me, and in regard
to the fitting up of the office
I will give you a history of
how and why this was done
Longfellow was urged to this
by Hunting for the sole purpose

of making it an argument
in his favour to keep the office
raising to him Longfellow that
in case he could not keep
the office that he Hunting would
take the building and pay him
for it. Some could I not
build an office under the
same circumstance, it is
nothing but a poor fabulous
excuse knowing that they have
obtained the office by fraud and
deception and their only alterna-
tive was to make an outward
appearance to hide their irregu-
larity away from home but their
sincerity will not reassure them
wherever their treachery is
known. I write you this in
good faith and confidence

To caution you against the
Impositions of unprincipled men
Allow me to refer you to
R. W. Everett & John Everett
in this matter of mine they have
been with me in the Political
field for the last three years

Yours Truly

S. A. Douglas

Geo. A. Howell

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Stambridge
Mass